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Can't understand delay in sending LT formula: Bhandari



Nar Bahadur Bhandari

SE Report

GANGTOK, May 8: Former deliver the political rights of three-term Chief Minister Nar the Bahadur Bhandari has communities even though the suggested the State Union government is ready to government to prepare a resolve the matter formula on providing Assembly seats for the Limboo and Tamang communities. The formula should be accepted by all and submitted to the Union government by a strong State delegation, he said on Saturday.

Bhandari said the delegation should led by Chief Minister Pawan Chamling and should have ministers, MLAs, Minister.

MPs, leader of the opposition, senior persons from Limboo-Tamang communities and senior government officials.

If the State delegation vows not to return from Delhi till seats are fixed for the Limboo and Tamang communities, the Union government will be compelled to fulfil the demand, said Bhandari in his press statement.

Bhandari said it was unfortunate that the SDF government has failed to Limboo-Tamang

After the Limboo and Tamang communities were recognized as STs in 2003, it was the duty of the Sikkim Legislative Assembly to reserve seats for the two tribal communities, said Bhandari.

It is also difficult to understand why the State government has failed to sent a unanimous formula to the Centre, said the former Chief

Two arrested in Bagdogra bank robbery case

PRASHANTACHARYA

SILIGURI, May 8: Two persons were nabbed at separate locations in North Bengal on Sunday morning by a special police team investigating the robbery at Central Bank of India branch at Bagdogra.

Unidentified persons had broken into the bank on Wednesday night and took away unaccounted cash and valuables from the bank lockers.

Siliguri Metropolitan Police had formed a special team to investigate the bank robbery case. Police personnel travelled to South Dinajpur and neighbouring States of Bihar and Jharkhand to follow up the leads.

Finally, a breakthrough came and the two persons accused to be involved in the robbery were arrested. Siliguri police commissioner

Manoj Verma said Uttam Hazra (21) and Kamal Hussain (24) were arrested today morning. Kamal was arrested from Manikchowk Haat, Malda

while Uttam was picked up

from South Dinajpur. An amount of Rs. 12 lakh and some gold ornaments were recovered from them, said Verma He informed that the bank authorities have confirmed that cash was not missing from the bank vault though the robbers had tried to break it open.

The amount recovered today could be the money the two have received after selling gold ornaments they had stolen from the bank lockers, said

police remand. Police will be interrogating the two accused persons to find

details of other involved persons still absconding, said







THERE YOU ARE!

Darjeeling woodpecker, Eurasian wryneck and Indian peafowl sighted and captured in camera during the bird watching sessions in six areas of South Sikkim. Pics courtesy: Pempa Sherpa and Chungda Sherpa

Bird watching course sights 140 species in South Sikkim

PRABIN KHALING

GANGTOK, May 8: An impressive number of 140 species of birds including the woodpecker family were sighted during a 10-day bird watching workshop conducted by the Indian Himalayan Centre for

(IHCAE) institute. The institute, based in Chemchev in South Sikkim. had conducted bird watching trips in six different areas of rare Eurasian wryneck of the the district. The workshop, participate by ten youths, concluded on Saturday.

Course trainer Pempa Sherpa said the workshop was successful and also Adventure and Ecotourism created a good record on bird of birds during the field visits.

watching in Sikkim. The other trainer was Chungda Sherpa. Both are professional bird guides from Yuksom, west district.

Damthang areas. "We sighted 140 species

Training on bird watching

was given at Chemchey-

Reyong, Tendong, Tinkitam,

Kitam, Mainam and

"There are around 550 species of birds in Sikkim and it is an achievement to sight 140 of them within a short period," said Sherpa.

travels between three continents of Europe, Asia and Africa, has been

has immense potential to attract birders. Sikkim Tourism

Sherpa said Eurasian wryneck, a migratory bird that photographed for the first become bird guides in Sikkim. time in Sikkim.

Sherpa said south district guides in Sikkim and now we must increase the numbers, he said.

Development Corporation chairman R.N. Rai was the chief guest for the valedictory function at IHCAE institute. In his address, Rai said the training will help many to

IHCAE chief instructor

Kunzang Gyatso Bhutia said such trainings should be continued and youths should be given advance-level courses also. He said similar workshop on butterflies of Sikkim would be conducted There are only four bird in coming days.

Government monitoring social networks to combat IS threat

Simultaneously, there is an

NEW DELHI, May 8 (IANS): The government favours a "carrot and stick" approach to prevent the spread of the Islamic State. Highly placed sources in the home ministry say the security agencies are keeping a strict vigil on the social media activity of the "potential targets" of terror modules.

The two accused persons are presently in 14 days of may be setting their eyes on

activity of those who might be the target of terror propaganda. At the same time, the efforts should be made to bring them into the mainstream through welfare and employment schemes," the official said.

effort to bring youth from the terrorist minority community into the organisations have been using mainstream through various various social media platforms sops and employment to spread their propaganda and recruit more footsoldiers prospects. for their cause. There is no reason to not believe that they

"The youth who do not have anything to do, who are unemployed, may go astray We have been trying to educate India," a senior home ministry and skill them so that they earn a decent livelihood and "It's a two-pronged

approach. One is to keep an enjoy their lives," Minority eye on the social media Affairs Minister Najma Heptulla told IANS.

> For implementing this strategy, state governments and their police forces have been asked to pitch in in the effort apart from the central agencies, according to sources. As for the ministry of

minority affairs, it has been asked to implement various welfare and employment oriented schemes, especially in the "vulnerable pockets" of the country and has been allocated Rs.87 crore for this

"The ministry has been asked to implement various schemes including those under Contd. on page 2

Handwriting Olympiad winners felicitated

GANGTOK, May (IPR): The felicitation ceremony of the national and State champions from Sikkim at the Handwriting Olympiad 2015-2016 was held at B.L. House here today.

The function organised by the Handwriting Olympiad Sikkim and Daksh Educational Services, Gangtok was attended by GMC chairman Ashis Rai as the chief guest and had the presence of principals, headmasters and representatives from various

Students from the participating schools of Sikkim were given trophies and certificates for securing top positions within the State for the Handwriting Olympiad sessions of 2014-

schools.



GMC chairman Ashis Rai felicitates Kursong Lepcha at the function. Pic IPR

2015 and 2015-2016. Kursong Lepcha of North Sikkim Academy, Mangan who made Sikkim proud by emerging as the national champion in the Olympiad held at Essel World, Mumbai was also felicitated at the function.

In his address, the chief guest spoke about creating awareness about the importance of handwriting in young students' life and expressed his desire to take such olympiads to the ward and municipality levels.

New 'bribery' video stings Congress ahead of Uttarakhand floor test

NEW DELHI, May 8 (IANS): Two days ahead of the floor test in the Uttarakhand assembly, a video of a new sting operation allegedly showing a Congress legislator talking of bribe to at least a dozen party MLAs to keep them on ousted chief minister Harish Rawat's side has

The sting allegedly shows Congress MLA Madan Singh Bisht admitting to payment of Rs.25 lakh each to 12 legislators.

surfaced.

It has been done by a news channel that earlier released a

video clip allegedly showing MLAs to win their support Rawat indulging in horse-

In the latest video, Bisht is purportedly seen and heard talking with longtime colleague but now dissident MLA Harak Singh Rawat — who is not visible in the clip — about how he managed to extract money from Harish Rawat for the "poor MLAs"

Taking potshots at Harish Rawat, the Bharativa Janata Party on Sunday said he was

power hungry and could go to any extent to remain in power. in Uttarakhand. I call it a 'danavi khel' (diabolical game). This brokering of 'dev bhoomi (gods' land) should be stopped immediately," BJP MP and former Uttarakhand chief minister Bhagat Singh

official told IANS.

Koshiyari said here.

"Bribes are being given to

unhappy with him. On the other hand, the

"Can anything be more ridiculous and shameful than a former chief minister offering bribes to satisfy his own MLAs? This is murder of democracy," Koshiyari said.

Bharatiya Janata Party spokesman Anil Baluni asked for legal action against Rawat

while party general secretary Kailash Vijayvargiya took a dig at Rawat and said he must have done something wrong so that his own MLAs are

Congress called the sting operations a "BJP conspiracy" to discredit Rawat and wrest control in the state. "The BJP has been

attempting to discredit Harish Rawat and this so-called sting video, and the earlier video as well, are part of their conspiracy," state Congress chief Kishore Upadhayay told IANS.

He said the Congress is confident of proving the party government's majority in the assembly on Tuesday, as directed by the Supreme

The Harish Rawat government was dismissed by the Centre under Article 356 of the constitution on March 27 after nine Congress MLAs, led by former chief minister Vijay Bahuguna, revolted against Rawat.

The Supreme Court has fixed May 10 for Rawat to prove his majority in the

Warm welcome for Sangha MLA

SE Report

GANGTOK, May 8: Sangha MLA Sonam Lama and social worker Chewang Lama was on Sunday given a warm welcome at Rangpo by monks from

The Sangha MLA had recently organized and participated in a two-day dharna at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi urging the Centre to allow the 17th Karmapa to visit Sikkim.

various monasteries.

Appreciating his efforts, the monks gathered at Rangpo to welcome the Sangha MLA. informs a SKM release.



Sangha MLA Sonam Lama arrives at Rangpo.

Bengal polls a tale of development vs graft

KOLKATA, May 8 (IANS): The two-month-long bitter, no-holds-barred campaign for the West Bengal assembly elections turned into a slugfest between development and corruption, with the ruling Trinamool Congress tomtomming its infrastructural projects and welfare schemes and the opposition hitting back with missiles like the Narada and Saradha scams and the flyover collapse in the

Chief Minister and Trinamool supremo Mamata Banerjee, who had a headstart over her opponents by making public the party candidates list minutes after the Election

Commission announced the poll schedule on March 4, began her campaign with a bang by highlighting the development agenda.

The Trinamool manifesto, as also the party's posters, banners and flexes, widely advertised the government's schemes like distribution of foodgrain at Rs.2 a kg, doling out of scholarships to girls, bicycles and shoes to students and loans to jobless youth for

self employment. Banerjee's pet project Kanyashree - a cash-transfer programme for the education of girls - and the government's "success stories" in building roads, ensuring drinking water and arranging for street lighting played up by the party.

"The development we have ushered in will be the subject of global research in future," said Banerjee.

The opposition seemed in disarray, with the fledgling Left Front-Congress alliance battling discord over seat adjustment and seemingly confused on crucial matters like joint campaigning and platform sharing.

But then came March 14. and the script completely changed. A purported sting operation carried out by a leaders.

portal - Narada News - caught even in remote villages were on camera over a dozen Trinamool leaders including massive former union ministers, state cabinet heavyweights and MPs accepting wads of currency notes as "bribes" in return for showing favours to

a fictitious company.

A further jolt came on the last day of the 2015-16 fiscal. The under-construction Vivekananda Road flyover collapsed, taking 26 lives. Media reports claimed people with little experience in handling such projects were handed out the various contracts because of their proximity to Trinamool

There were allegations about use of substandard material, faulty drawings and poor supervision. Even the main construction company was said to have been blacklisted elsewhere.

to town pillorying the Trinamool on the issue of corruption, the ruling party appeared rudderless, constantly shifting its stand. Having initially dismissed

As the opposition went

the Narada sting as "doctored" and a "political conspiracy", Banerjee virtually ate her words, by publicly claiming she would have given "a thought to changing the candidates" caught in the

tapes, had the videotapes been Biswanath Chakraborty felt released before the the corruption issue derailed announcement of her party's Banerjee's development plank. nominees' list.

Her comments late last month "slap me if I have committed mistakes, I won't' mind. But I'm hurt when called a thief", were seen by some as an indication of her nervousness.

Banerjee tried to counter the flyover issue by pointing out the contract was given out when the Left Front was in power, but drew sharp ripostes from BJP and the CPI-M on why the project was not completed during her five years in office.

Political scientist

"She went on harping on development till the end. But somehow it lost its sheen after the skeletons of corruption tumbled out from the Trinamool wardrobe,' Chakraborty told IANS.

CPI-M politburo member Mohammed Salim spoke on similar lines.

"Initially they started campaigning about development. But people soon called their bluff. All infrastructure projects were started or planned during the LF rule. Some of them are still Contd. on page 3

New teachers association formed

Our Correspondent

KALIMPONG, May 7: Members who have resigned from GJM-affiliated Janmukti Teachers Secondary Organisation (JSTO) have formed another association -Madhyamik Shikshak

Sangathan (MSS). A group of 20 teachers met on Saturday here to form MSS

after resigning from JSTO. MSS coordinator Bindhya Singh said they had supported JAP candidate Harka Bahadur Chettri during

the Assembly election. The Contd. on page 2

Sikkim University hosts first annual fest

NAWINTA CHETTRI

GANGTOK, May 8: For the first time, an annual fest is being held in Sikkim University here at

Tadong. The three-week long fest, SU-Khim', 'Ramailo organized by Sikkim Students' University (SUSA) Association commenced Saturday.

The event is a conglomeration of sports, academic, social service and cultural activities.

The opening ceremony of the fest was attended by vicechancellor Prof. T. B. Subba, dean of students' welfare, faculty members, research scholars and students of the university.

The vice-chancellor, in his inaugural address, mentioned that the lack of university campus has become a major hurdle for conducting this kind of events.

The fest commenced with an exhibition table tennis match between the vicechancellor and the sports incharge of the university.

The table tennis competitions for boys and girls were conducted on the inaugural day. Students, teaching and non-teaching staff of the university took part in the competitions.

SU scholar Raksha Mukhia won the women's gold. Neema Choden and Lakila Sherpa won silver and bronze medal respectively.

In the men's category, Manish Pradhan won gold, Anup Sharma won silver and Navnit Pradhan won bronze medal.

New teachers ...

MSS will be a frontal organization of JAP in near future, he said.

We will support JAP with an aim to solve problems faced by the education system in the hills, said Singh.

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GANGTOK, May 8: The

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Justice Boards, informs a

press release. It was

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also the president of SJA.

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Michella Mendonca,

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and further motivated them towards becoming diligent. adaptable, hard-working and dedicated. They also informed about the various competitive examinations conducted in the State under Sikkim students to appear for these

During the programme, Ashish Chettri was felicitated by the district officials for successfully cracking the entrance exam for entry to Indian Naval Academy.

Ashish, 18 years, was ranked 14th in the national level test. He hails from Namphok in south district and is the son of H.B. Chettri and Bina Chettri.

Mothers' Day celebrated at Central Pendam school

Our Correspondent

RANGPO, May 7: Tikalal Nirola government senior secondary school, Central Pendam celebrated Mothers' Day at the school on Saturday.

students honoured their teachers, especially female teachers, who are motherly figures for them.

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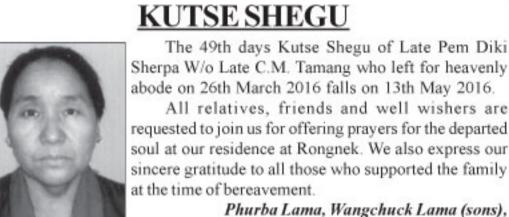
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Passang Doma, Phurba Lhamu (daughters) Susma Gurung (daughter-in-law) Contact: 9635406785



OM MANI PADMA HUNG The Kutse Shegu (49th Day Puja) of our beloved father Late Pema

Wangchen Bhutia (Wangla) Who left for heavenly abode on 24 March 2016 falls on 12th May 2016

The entire family expresses sincere gratitude to all those who were present to support the grieving family at the time of bereavement.

All friends, relatives and well-wishers are requested to join us for offering prayer to the parted soul on 12th May 2016 at our resident Hotel Silver Fir, Kazi Road, Gangtok.

For Contact Mr. Gompo Thendup Bhutia: 8768488858 Mr. Ngawang Rapgyal Bhutia: 8101798587 Resident: 03592 204714

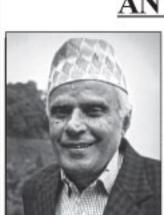
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oul at our residence Machong, Menchu, East Sikkim We also express our sincere gratitude to all those who apported the family at the time of bereavement. Karma Denka Bhutia (wife)

quested to join us for offering prayers for the departed

Pintso Wongyal Bhutia & Lakpa Tsh. Bhutia Dikki Denka Bhutia, Cheong Lhamu Bhutia & Passang Lhamu Bhutia (daughters) Pema Doma Bhutia (daughter-in-law) Contact: 9593375015, 9564277995, 973408007

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The Anthyesthi Kriya of Late Shri Shivara Sharma who left for heavenly abode on 28,4,2016 falls on 9.5.2016 All relatives, friends and well wishers are

requested to join us for offering prayers for the departed soul at Charally, Japa District, Nepal. We also express our sincere gratitude to all those who upported the family at the time of our bereavement Ambika Devi Sharma (wife), Khemraj Sharma & Semanta Sharma (sons)

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Government monitoring...

the Skill India mission in officials say, with cases of various parts of the country, Indian Muslims going to with a special focus on madrasas," a senior ministry official, who did not wish to be named, told IANS.

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Polls over, Bengal celeb candidates turn to pets, complete film shoots

KOLKATA, May 8 (IANS): Spending quality time with pets, hitting the gym or catching up with friends and dear ones, celeb candidates for the West Bengal assembly polls are now busy unwinding or attending to personal engagements after weeks of hectic campaign in the heat

and dust wooing the voters. With the six-phased poll jamboree ending and their fates sealed in EVMs, star nominees, many of whom are not familiar with the din of political battles, are now steadily getting back to their Trinamool Congress

normal lives. blazing sun and energy- power in the state. sapping conditions, entrepreneur-turnedpolitician and daughter of late cricket administrator Jagmohan Dalmiya, Baishali is now busy catching up with her pets and spending quality

time with her son. "It's almost like a farmhouse", Baishali, busy playing with her pet dogs and birds, told IANS.

business from the plush office of M.L. Dalmiya and Co on Shakespeare Sarani. "And, yes, I am busy enjoying the IPL. I am a big supporter of Kolkata Knight

started looking after the family

Riders," she said. Making her electoral foray from Bally - a suburb nominee is confident not only After weeks of hectic of her own victory but also

> "It will be 'go green', not only in Bally but everywhere in Bengal," Baishali said,

For Trinamool's soccer

trio of former India captain

Bhaichung Bhutia, Syed Rahim Nabi and Dipendu sportperson came in handy in campaign.

The 47-year-old has again "I have played under the scorching sun, so campaigning in the heat hasn't troubled me," Biswas told IANS.

Contesting from Basirhat South in North 24 Parganas, the footballer canvassed throughout his constituency mostly on foot, going door in neighbouring Howrah - the to door to reach out to the

Having dribbled throughout his constituency canvassing braving the of her party returning to Pandua wooing his voters, Nabi is relieved to be back doing what he does best playing football.

> "I have started to practise. referring to her party's Iamalso hitting the gym," Nabi said, exuding confidence of scoring a goal on May 19 when

> > the results will be declared.

Former Asian Games gold Chatterjee, in the poll race medallist and CPI-M candidate Biswas, the stamina of a Jyotirmoyee Sikdar, who is a stranger neither to politics nor absorbing the rigours of the to the rigours of a poll campaign, says the hardships are inescapable.

> "Elections generally happen in the summer months. That is the rule. Everyone has to follow it," the former parliamentarian, in the fray from Sonarpur North constituency in South 24-Parganas district, told IANS.

After going through the rough and tumble of politics, BJP's actress nominee Locket Chatterjee is keen to complete her shooting North constituency.

star is anxious about the results but asserts she is taking things lightly. "I am new to politics.

have very little idea about it.

Probably that is why I am less

tense about the result,"

The famed film and TV

Her colleague in both the political and professional arena, Roopa Ganguly, who has been highly active during the election, says her urge to work for the

form Birbhum district'

Mayureshwar, told IANS.

masses is her driving force. "My dream and my ambition to work for the people is the secret of my energy," the national award winner told

The BJP candidate and

"Draupadi" of the 1980s mega serial "Mahabharat", was also assertive of emerging victorious from her Howrah Roopa's rival from the

Trinamool and ex-India

cricketer Laxmi Ratan Shukla was hopeful his hard work will pay off. "I have always believed

in hard work. Here too I have worked hard. Now let the public take its call."



Members of Manay Utthan Sewa Samiti (MUSS) Gangtok branch Sunday spruced up Tibet Road in the capital as part of their support to Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. They cleaned the stretch from Sadar police station up to legislators' hostel.

Meet discusses 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' implementation in north district

MANGAN, May 8 (IPR): The district level task force on Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao scheme anganwadi centres, PHCs collector's chamber here on chaired by DC Karma R. Bonpo Kabi, Dzongu and Chungthang, officials from Social Welfare, Health and Police departments

and representative from NGOs. In the meeting, the DC informed that Social Welfare, Health and Education and other departments must collaborate with each other to ensure that objectives of the scheme are realised to the fullest. He asked SDMs to form block-level task force in their respective subdivisions which will be headed by SDMs and have members from HRDD, Health and Social Welfare departments.

linkages with panchayats,

The DC also asked HRD officials to identify and felicitate meritorious girls who excel in the field of education, art, sports and social work so that they will be awarded with cash to encourage moving forward. He also asked them to create district level annual calendar in schools which will have different cocurricular activities like debate,

"At the district level, quiz, extempore, essay, painting and sports activities on them of

"We need to organize sensitization programme in school level on the Protection of Children from Sexual Offenses and attended by SDMs from organised for public and Act and Child Labour Act. So functionaries of different the teachers and students will know about the Act," the DC

The meet also decided to

helpline in north district.

As per Centre government guidelines, the district administration will give best award to ASHA workers as per their performance.

Organic Festival underway at Dentam

Our Correspondent

GEYZING, May 8: A three-minister S.B. Subedi attended day long Organic Festival is the second day of the festival currently underway at Dentam BDO office premises under Maneybong-Dentam constituency, West Sikkim. West zilla adhyakshya Devika Subba had declared the festival open on Saturday. The inaugural programme was also attended by DC (west) Aishvarya Singh, Dentam SDM and BDO, panchayats, farmers and students of different schools.

part of the State government's Organic Mission initiatives under the patronage of area MLA and minister N.K.

State Rural Development as the chief guest on Sunday Minister Subba and other dignitaries were also present.

The chief guest visited the stalls that had organic products displayed by farmers of the constituency. Addressing the gathering,

the minister appreciated the initiative as an encouraging step towards promotion of organic farming. He said Maneybung-Dentam The festival is organised as constituency is thriving well under the MLA who has been instrumental in execution of developmental and constructive

Eswaramma Day observed at Namchi



Our Correspondent

NAMCHI, May 8: Sri Satya Sai Samiti of Namchi organised a spiritual programme to observe initiatives in the constituency. Eswaramma Day here today.

and environment in schools. It

was also to orient them on the

importance of bringing

CWSNs to the mainstream of

education system for ensuring

education for them on par with

secretary stressed on the need

discipline in the schools. He

dedication in the interest of

schools and society at large,

The HRD principal

other general students.

The celebrations in reverence of divine mother of Sri Sathva Sai began with a spiritual procession participated by Bal Vikas students, gurus and Central Park.

devotees. They chanted prayers and bhajans during the procession from Kazitar to the Sai Samiti unit after covering

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Training on dairy farming

GANGTOK, May 8: The valedictory function of the six-day long dairy farming training organized by State Bank of India Rural Self **Employment Training Institute** (SBI-RSETI) was held at the

institute on Saturday. The function was attended by Daramdin MLA and parliamentary secretary D.N. Sherpa, SBI regional manager Samten Lama, lead district manager Soumen Ghosh and RSETI director Gopal Lama,

Addressing the trainees, the MLA termed the training as skill development training for the capacity building of the unemployed rural youth. He mentioned that the knowledge gained from this training would be utilized to maximize the milk production in the State resulting in increase in

The SBI regional

Soumen Ghosh apprised government schemes like

saving bank account. The trainees were handed over the certificate by the guests and were further informed that this certificate will help them in getting loans

concludes

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informs a press release.

income of the individual.

manager made the trainees aware of the different loan facilities available with the bank for the rural people.

the trainess on different Jandhan Yojana, insurance, linkage of Aadhar Card with

RMSA orientation on IEDSS held

HRD principal secretary

guest of the programme, also

education) and State project

director of RMSA M.T.

Sherpa, JD (east) Sonam

Denzongpa, JD RMSA T.T.

IEDSS, a centrally sponsored

that they could be provided

attended by director (school

SE Report

GANGTOK, May 8: The G.P. Upadhyaya was the chief District Project Office, RMSA, HRDD, east district in collaboration with State Project Office, Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) organized a day long orientation programme on Inclusive Education of the Disabled at Secondary Stage (IEDSS) at TNSS school recently.

A press release informs and all stakeholders about the hard with all sincerity and that the programme was attended by principals, headmasters and teachers of 61 secondary and senior the CWSNs scientifically so need of CWSNs especially in secondary schools and other stakeholders under east

Bengal polls... incomplete. Funds were

diverted, corruption crept in. Quality was compromised. State Congress president Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury said the fight was against

Trinamool's reign of terror and its unbridled corruption. "Under the Trinamool there is complete anarchy everywhere. There is no democracy, there is no law and order in the state. Our fight is to re-establish democracy,"

Chowdhury told IANS. BJP state president Dilip Ghosh said the biggest issue was "complete lack of development and the all-round corruption."

"The chief minister keeps making tall claims about development, about jobs and industry, but on the ground it's only bomb making factories

Disaster management training at Rangpo

with much needed assistance the release mentions.

Bhutia and other HRD of maintaining overall

programme was to sensitize and headmasters present on the

the principals, headmasters occasion to continue working

scheme of MHRD and educate State. He also appealed

them to identify and reach out everyone to be sensitive to the

The main objective of the impressed upon the principals



The programme underway at Rangpo. SE Pic

Satya Sai Sewa Organisation Fire officials. Ravi Pradhan organised a daylong disaster and Rajendra Dhakal management training at provided training and Rangpo Chanataar today. demonstration on emergency The programme was rescue methods and disaster

RANGPO, May 8: Sri Lions Club and Police and

Our Correspondent

members from all parts of east district, civil defence,

that exist," Ghosh told IANS. attended by organisation preparedness. from nationalized banks.

TISS Guwahati team on study tour to Pakyong villages Our Correspondent

PAKYONG, May 8: A 52member delegation comprising students and faculty members of Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Guwahati campus visited villages in Pakyong during a three-day experiential learning trip from May 6 to 8. The tour programme was held in collaboration with Ashirwad NGO Namcheybong.

The delegation divided into two groups of 26 members each stayed and interacted with the local people at Karthok and Middle Namcheypong villages.

The students were accompanied by TISS faculty members Dr. Rajdeep Singha, Avinadan Taron, Dr. Yasir Hamid and Dr. Shalini Sharma.

In Karthok, the students



Students and faculty members from TISS, Guwahati at Pakyong.

visited Karthok monastery and discussed a range of issues with lamas such as the history of the monastery, the practice of Buddhism, issues and challenges faced particularly by young monks in context of

contemporary social changes. In Middle Namcheypong, students undertook transect walk to understand the local terrain, demography and socioeconomic conditions of communities living in ward

No. 2. The students also visited the local schools and the church to understand the role played by cultural institutions in local development. They also explored ethnic origins of the residents.

was held at North district should be strengthened and more and more awareness Saturday. The meeting was camps and sensitization programme should be departments to sensitize and train them on the issue of Child Sex Ratio (CSR) and value of girl child and her education," added

girl and women.

install digital data display at Mangan bazaar where monthly child birth rate will be displayed

and boards in all public places. DC further informed that very soon the district administration will launch child



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Roll Numbers	Date of viva-voce	Time	Venue
1653001, 1653002, 1653004, 1653005, 1653006, 1653007, 1653008, 1653010, 1653011, 1653013, 1653014, 1653015	30 th May , 2016	10.30 am	The venue of the Interview will be
1653016, 1653017, 1653018, 1653019, 1653020, 1653021, 1653023, 1653025, 1653027, 1653028, 1653031, 1653035, 1653036	31 st May, 2016	10.30 am	informed to the candidates on the day of scrutiny.

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Local valid employment card	Any Gazetted Officer authorized	
Class X passed mark sheet & certificate		
Class XII passed mark sheet & certificate		
Degree Certificate & mark sheet		
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(Bimla Rai)SES CONTROLLER OF EXAMINATIONS

SIKKIM EXPRESS

End this apathy

he Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has gone into damage-control mode. The negative feedback to its decision to appoint Salman Khan as the Indian Olympic contingent's goodwill ambassador must have come as a nasty surprise. It's played the percentages well now by asking Sachin Tendulkar and A.R. Rahman to be ambassadors as well. Are there two more widely admired, inoffensive celebrities in India today? But it's all a storm in a teacup. IOA thinks that India needs more Goodwill Ambassadors. Until a couple of years back, India didn't even have a recognised Olympic association. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) had banned the IOA for tainted officials and government interference. If not for power-hungry officials trying to wrest control of the association, this international embarrassment could have been avoided. Having nonsporting public figures lend their celebrity to a sporting event is nothing new. If it boosts interest, so much the better. Appointing ambassadors 100 days before the Olympics is just an example of how indifferent the IOA is. Where was this idea in the three years and 265 days in between London 2012 and Rio 2016?

Seriously, what good are goodwill ambassadors apart from creating a buzz about the Olympics. Indian Olympics doesn't need buzz - that's for the broadcasters of the Games - what the country needs are champions. There is no doubt that India has sporting talent, so why does it fail to translate this into Olympic success? The real problem is that athletes are often poorly served by IOA. Ensuring a corruption-free IOA that works effectively with and for athletes, and is not merely a sinecure for politicians—India's three representatives being unable to play under the national flag at the Sochi winter Olympics in 2014 was perhaps the lowest point—is what truly matters.

And it is these sportspersons who need to be encouraged, helped, supported - not made to wait for jobs when they've devoted their entire lives in the pursuit of glory for the nation. Not made to compete in the heat and dust of Delhi and segregated into different training centres like they did for the male and female wrestlers - world class for the former and crass for the latter. These sportspersons don't need an ambassador. They don't need Sachin or Salman They need an association, a group of people, who are committed to their cause. They need people who care.

Expansion of town infrastructure welcomed move

Dear Editor,

Apropos news article published on your esteemed daily on Sunday, May 1, 2016 under the heading "MG Marg model planned at Indira Bye Pass." At the outset I must as a permanent resident of Indira



Bye Pass Road show my upmost appreciation towards the Government of Sikkim and in particular to Mr N.K. Subba Hon'ble Minister for the Urban Development and Housin Department for taking a commendable, though belated initiative to develop and promote an alternative commercia hub/ market place to the sole existing one at M.G.Marg.

As the State of Sikkim is rapidly increasing in terms of population and in flow of tourists, both domestic as well a International, it is only apt that the infrastructure of the State too needs to be at par with such rapid growth Therefore, the decision of the State Government to develo Indira Bye Pass into a commercial hub is in my humble view, a step towards the right direction. The entire stretc of Indira Bye Pass road and in particular the stretch startin from Amdo Golai to the bridge as has been rightfully pointed out in your news report, is feasible since Indira Bye Pass the only suitable area, in my knowledge, in the capital region where such infrastructures can be developed with its wide

and open roads with ample parking spaces. The workshops presently operating in the vicinity car definitely and should be rightfully relocated to the outskirts as suggested by the Hon'ble Minister, not only for the reaso that Bye Pass is being developed as a new business hub bu also due to the fact that Workshops of such nature in residential area should not be permitted as it poses a gray hazardous threat to the health and well being of the resident of that area. Moreover, the sheer noise and pollution generated due to the repair of all kinds of vehicles that continues till late night in addition to the air pollution exhumed by the car paint fumes which are believed to be carcinogenic and known to have an adverse effect on

humans, especially the children and the elders. The workshops have sprung in the vicinity like wild weeds due to the sheer carelessness and apathy of the licensing authority and also due to the 'greed' on the part of some of the building owners who have allowed and let out their property to such workshops only for financial gains. Majority of the workshops operate without any planning or structural organisation and dump their toxic wastes like engine oils, coolants carelessly on the road side, The sheer public nuisance that such workshop create goes against the laws of the land, thereby, denying the residents of that area the right to live without any disturbances and the right to

live in a healthy and safe environment It is therefore, requested that all and every such workshops and its units should be relocated to a particular designated area somewhere on the outskirts identified by the government and not just in every nook and corner of residential locality with strict rules and norms that the workshop owners has to adhere so that they don't disturb or create any sort of disturbance or harm the environment i any way whatsoever and those found flouting the rules should be strictly and severally fined and their licenses cancelled.

Lastly, the Government should also find a solution to develop a satellite town or a State Capital Region in places like Ranka, Luing, Lumsey etc with proper planning to ease out the burden on the existing infrastructure of Gangtok this will in a long way help in moving towards the right path of development.

Now the only thing is decisions taken should be pu into practice, expeditiously and diligently.

> Your's etc. Rinchen O. Shangdharpa Indira Bye Pass Road,

A Labour intensive approach

DR. PK CHHETRI

rior to independence Gandhiji had nurtured a vision of a republic of self-sufficient villages, which only employed indigenous technologies, locally available materials and talents. He was impelled by an ideology of self-reliance in terms of food, clothing and shelter - the three basic needs of a common man. He felt this would automatically restrict mass migration to the cities, with the concomitant problems of homelessness, unemployment and crime. However, Nehru thought, Gandhi's visions were only idealistic and far from real life situations, in the

cities there are opportunities galore, and nobody is shelterless, though he agreed with him on the concept of rural development. Therefore, he conceived the programme of community development in the 1950s, funded partly with American aid. When the community development was launched, Nehru was highly euphoric and enthusiastic, but the programme slowly lost its lustre due to bureaucratic lackadaisical attitude, because programme. Therefore, the programme miserably failed without leaving any impact on the village life, since it ignored the Gandhian tenet of "bottom up"; rather it was a "top down" programme. Nehru had the vision, but he did not have the required skill to translate the same into action. The approach has not changed a bit, it is still top down. Therefore, MNREGA has also failed so far to leave any impact on village life, rather it has further triggered corruption, because here also the same "top down" approach is operational, and the bureaucracy has the final implementation. Even decision on the 40% of MNREGA fund earmarked

displayed their absolute faith in Nehru's centralised approach to planning. They thought that market forces trade approach of the British Raj had only brought woes years had benefitted them. High tariffs imposed on import since 1920s had development, such as power, buildings, water, transport etc. During the last decade of the Raj, the governmental control over the economy was more

large in the horizon, which made rationing, price control over consumer items and bureaucratic interventions absolutely necessary, because the government had to fight the war and, therefore, army was the priority and production of defence goods received prime importance. The arrangement once mooted continued even independence, which provided the politicians and bureaucrats ample scope to control India's economy, though in other countries the

gradually relaxed.

industrialisation, but only through the control of the agency of the state. Other underdeveloped countries also followed India's example, but relating to the approach there was marked difference, because it was only India, which wanted to introduce the changes through democratic means. Therefore, the 'democratic socialism' was played a conspicuous role in 1950s to construct the entire did he understand Indian it was an exclusively framework of the country's economy was agriculture India started lagging behind. These unemployed people are long gestation period to Prasanta Mahalanobis. Though he had developed a cordial relation of scientists, technocrats and level of decision making are mainly the generalists. These are the major causes of woes of our countrymen. I doubt the people who take the top say on the nature of its level decisions whether they recently the government has economics. Throughout the donning 'khadi'. Although empowered the district to take 1950s the Planning his idea on development of for material purchase. government and Professor Unfortunately the Mahalanobis was its Indian economy. Nehru and

could never bring rapid lament that India's caste- business community found development in the country. ridden society could not their business being The laissez-faire and free encourage a rational enquiry. However, his scientific appeal in the country; rather highly tempted Nehru. He with the heavy public are only the generalists. interventionist policy of the suggested to Nehru that enterprises. But this sudden government during inter-war clubbing statistics with change in the trend in Indian immensely helped them to he was not an economist, yet now going to be the real like 'Stand-up India', 'Make augment their profits, though he quickly mastered the managers of the real estates. they did not like the neglect subject and began to collect infrastructural statistical data on national was swayed by a belief that burgeoning unemployment Mahalanobis held no official

Second World War loomed known as "Honorary Statistical Advisor to the Government of India"

The entire draft of the Second Five Year Plan was his brain child. It reflected to some extent Nehru's concept of socialistic tenet, large scale investment in public sector was emphasised ignoring investment in private sector. concentrated on development of heavy industries at the expense of the consumer goods, which has shifted the economic balance towards import. Agriculture which augmented the governmental control was country's income through exports was relegated to the India also wanted secondary position, consequently the balance of payment position felt serious jolt. India's foreign exchange debt gradually accumulated, which trend is still being continuing. Cottage and small scale industries were gradually thrown out of gear, for example handloom industries could hardly compete with power looms. Unemployment problem gradually soared high. Mahalanobis tried to emulate the USSR and China, but little

studied physics and same mistake is repeatedly mathematics at Cambridge, he being committed by the was also a Sanskrit scholar, a consecutive governments literary critic and a gradually throwing the Nehru country's economy into veritable debt trap and poverty with this man, because of his by simultaneously creating an rationalistic approach to army of starving unemployed. everything. It was he who I tried to bring all these facts wanted to draft the services before the NITI Aayog and the RBI, but hardy did I receive any economists in decision convincing reply, because, I making. At present at the top feel, these institutions have no solution either. Gandhiji emphasised on development of cottage and small scale industries to tackle the problem of unemployment, therefore he understand the nitty-gritty of repeatedly stressed on Commission carried immense cottage and small industries prestige in the eyes of the was not that elaborate, yet he understood the pulse of business class of people eminence grise. He wanted to Mahalanobis received wide place men and women of applause from the socialists

scientific inclination in for giving weightage on the same time he used to enterprises. The native suddenly thrown on the road side, because they realised to the concept of planning hardly could they compete economic planning will economy had also highly development process. Though servants, because they are

income in 1949. It is a fact, steel was central to the economic revolution of the position, even then he was the country, as is being pursued central figure at decision till this day. He placed his making of the planning argument thus, "The process and exerted a production of steel probably profound influence on the highest correlation with

countries, we shall ... use the capital. In the given scenario steel to produce more machinery to produce more steel and tools; and also to produce machinery to make more consumer goods." There he went wrong, India

could not afford such a huge

investment at a time,

therefore, and it had to rely on import of foreign investment and technology. But here he chose a different path to execute import, because he had no faith in private investment, therefore, he approached the foreign governments for this purpose in the form of loan. Since heavy industries are highly capital based, India's debt also simultaneously mounted up. Had the indigenous private entrepreneurs been allowed to operate freely, the scenario would have been different, because they would have arranged their own capital and searched out their own markets to sell their finished products, because the country all of a sudden could not create such a great demand to assimilate the sudden rush of government steel into the market. Since the Second Five Year Plan, economy was Professor based, which provided easy in competition with the Chandra means of sustenance to foreign countries in terms of unemployed and needy. The its exports, because a budding manufacturer, in this case was the government, whose production cost was high due to clubbing of loan amount with the production cost. So the option was to trim

the price of the products to

make it more competitive in

foreign markets, which

even the production cost could

exports. come to prevail in the country today with slight change; in this case the investors are not primarily the foreign multinationals, India is heavily indebted to the multinationals and IMF and the World Bank. The government boasts that India could attract more FDI than China, but sadly it is blind to the fact that India's foreign debt ratio had already exceeded 350 billion dollars, whereas in responsible positions, but at heavy public sector respect of China, it has very low foreign debt ratio, which can be called almost negligible compared to India. But who will apprise the government with this fact? Manning the high posts in the government Therefore, it is better for the government to try to analyse the ground reality on its own, rationalise the country's entire pleased a section of civil before it is too late, than simply resorting to rhetoric in India' etc., instead it should Professor Mahalanobis try to explore ways to solve problem and poverty. Simply announcing high sounding

> result oriented. The government must giv up its glamour for foreign

> names of big schemes will no

remove poverty from the

country, schemes should be

easily dismayed, defeated and disappear in the love spell of a Mother - for her pure and unconditional love is enormous

to empower and equip us in defending her and her gender. Coming to the empirical ground, the sex ratio of Sikkim is rising up from 87.5 per cen in 2011 to almost 89 per cent in 2011. The growth rate is a representation towards a gender equal society and of course, a positive sign indicative of more prosperity and harmony in the state. Let us continue to embrace our Mothers and our female counterparts and help them live their life in equality with dignity, free from all forms of gender domination. Let us continue to rejoice and accept our baby girls for she is natured to nurture - a new family in future and to bless it with the pure values of human morality. On this Mother's Day, let us take a pledge to respect and support our Mothers and womanhood at large and thank them for showing the way forward for the society. - Thank You and A Very Happy sacrifices, the greatest compromises and yet they keep

of 40% of starving population and another 40% leading a hand to mouth existence, India cannot be called a developing country. Introduction of smart cities and bullet railway and hifi cannot be the criteria of development, when at present around 330 millions of people have no access to drinking water, because the government lacks any concrete plan to mitigate these problems permanently. Simply the government wants people to dig water tanks under MNREGA to conserve water, but it does not know without any concrete plan such haphazard activities will simply prove a wasteful exercise in course of time. Then what is the solution? The power of India lies in its 1250 million people. We have plenty of cheap labour, which

world. Moreover, there is disguised unemployment in the countryside away from the notice of the government's economic advisors; I don't think the government has any concrete statistics in this connection at its disposal. to be engaged in some a limit to absorption of building with low capital. The government can easily raise enough capital by introducing middle-class oriented resulted in heavy loss to the country. These cheap labours country's exchequer, because production of consumer items not be realised through such as electronic goods, clothes, toys, shoes, TV sets, The same situation has computers, bicycles, small motor parts, and other essentials of daily necessities. These are definitely low-risks business with low capital governments, but the investment, which could economic growth is only a returns. Since these are multi-national companies. the government must adopt country. protectionist attitude and

is nowhere available in the

consumer items into the country from outside. Allowing multinationals to enter into Indian markets through unrestricted FDI and asking small entrepreneurs to start business simultaneously is a double edged sword, if on the one hand it prospers the multinationals then on the other it will impoverish these small entrepreneurs gradually, because they will not be able to compete with well-established multinational companies.

Not unlikely the labour intensive economic policy will also help inflate investment in agricultural sector, because this sector promises quick returns. With improvement in agriculture, agro-industries may get a boost, and there is bound to be improvement in rural infrastructure. In the Mogul period with the stress in agriculture new towns cropped up because rural infrastructure had to be developed invariably. This way India can quickly capture export market with its agricultural based products. Whereas development of heavy industries requires a India's assets and are required establish, moreover there is productive works by skill labours in such heavy industries and about returns these is no surety, because in this age of competition, when the new brands will replace attractive bank deposit the old ones, nobody can schemes, its pro-capitalist predict anything with any fiscal policies have to be certainty. I don't know why modified immediately in the the government doesn't greater interests of the understand the basic principles of economics. can be engaged in the Because of its faulty fiscal priorities, the country has been pushed to the brink of economic disaster almost; even the unprecedented fall in the international crude oil price had helped least to improve Indian economy. The claim of 7-8% annual easily attract young sham, because the major entrepreneurs, because such share of economic growth investment produces quick will be appropriated by the consumer items, they could Whereas labour-oriented be easily consumed with the economic devices will wages earned through quickly ensure high producing goods. Even the employment, low labour production of car parts can unrest as is common in big be easily decentralised. But industries, rising exports, in order to facilitate these high economic growth, and small businesses to flourish, finally prosperity of the

gradually restrict inflow of (drpkchhetri@rediffmail.com)

A PAGE FROM MY DIARY - IX

(...and life goes on....)

TARZAN SUBBA

osing one's father is one

of the most difficult moments of life and the I was happy to see her doing pain and shock is tremendous normal things and the thought suddenly....all unexpectedly. It was a difficult phase for all of us when my father-in-law passed away and to my wife it was a devastating tragedy – a father and fulfil her tragedy we all were not prepared for. She fought back with all her strength. I was just next to her all throughout to support her, console her and help her cope up with the tragedy. She could not withstand the storm, the tornado the first day. She wept her heart out with tears rolling down uncontrollably the whole day. I let her go that way for sometime so that she feels little lighter. Time is really the greatest healer. Soon she reassimilated herself and from the next day onwards she conducted herself in such a way that she, consciously or unconsciously, became a source of strength, a source of hope for the rest of the family. She was soon helping her sisters in monitoring and coordinating the entire household affair for the next thirteen days. As everyone was busy with their respective assigned works I paused for a moment to look at her and introspect. A woman's life is torn between her parents (family) and her husband (family) but they are gifted with that enormous energy and wisdom to strike a perfect balance between the two. They are the ones who always make the greatest

a family intact so that the life

goes on. When I saw her working in the kitchen this morning I had a feeling full of mixed emotions. On one hand that she has moved on, while on the other hand I was deeply moved by the thought of how a woman has to forget and suppress the pain of losing her commitments as a wife, as a mother and keep the life going. It's perhaps qualities like these that make them women....without whom this world would not last even for a single day. It's perhaps because of such supreme sacrifices they make and the enormous endurance that they have and need to bear the pain and hurts that that make them women which no men on earth can equal. It's because of all these reasons I have always loved, respected and admired women and I am blessed with three such gifted women in my life...my mother, my wife and my angel daughter and I can never thank the Almighty enough for bestowing me with such great souls in my life. This note is a tribute to my wife for what she is and what she stands for. She is the one who taught me to see the world from a different perspective. Looking at her it becomes so easy to respect woman and womanhood. I hadn't felt it so strongly before how greater was she a part of me, my life and MY WORLD.

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On Mother and Her Gender

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ANIMESH RAI (Research Student

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Sikkim University) uropean Sociologist Robert Briffault in his three volume book "The Mothers" claims that in the early phase of human civilisation the institution of family was constituted by only a woman and her children. Human race was characterised by social promiscuity and marriage as an institution did not exist. The matured males were mostly engaged outside for hunting and collecting food. Many times, they had to spend weeks and months far away from their community. It was only when women consented their trust on men for security and socio-economic reasons that man was included into the household. It gave birth to a complete family which was characterised by unity, love and harmony. Mothers have been credited for institutionalising this vital human social

institution – the Family In modern times the notion of Mother has been used to symbolise other things as well.

India, worship 'Cow' as a Mother, of late the conception has also penetrated and spread into the political structure of West Bengal. The political spells like "liberating the captive Ama"

 Mother in case of Gorkhaland movement in Darjeeling hills and Trinamool's ear splitting "Ma-Mati-Manush" Paribortan – The "Mother-Earth-People" for Change, whatever the expressions are meant to represent it does contain the gracious term Mother. Unfortunately, the contemporary political conceptualisation of 'Mother' at times tends to shake the political fabric of our nation-

The terminology Mother is constantly being used in the modern society to mean many good things and condone bad equally. The linking of political vices and defaming the pure character of the birth giver has brought a pitiful shame and pain to her, whom Briffault had allusively referred to as the developers and designers of a family. Patriarchs and chauvinist males have already

of the Mother – the Women, to whom the majority of mankind worships, admires and adores in our nation. The growth of hatred, exploitation, cases of female child molestations to abuses of various kinds on women is increasing in the nation and within the local circles as well. The painful Delhi rape case of December 2013 to the recent ruthless rape of a Gorkha girl in Assam, the saffron Member of the Parliament asking a young girl to unfasten her jeans zip in Uttar Pradesh along with heightening problems of women trafficking are all affirmative of the growing brutalities against women in our

started to attack on the gender

country and region. If the number of such patriarchs and chauvinists are on rise, let us also not forget and underestimate the number and strength of that the worshippers and lovers of Mothers too. The civil society at large has the capacity and power to unify the intensity of guarding our Mothers and protecting our co-gender groups from those limited lousy crooks. These negative forces would be

Mother's Day to All the

Mothers of Sikkim!

Clinton set to assemble 'Republicans for Hillary'

WASHINGTON, May 8 David Petraeus, and former US Democrat frontrunner Hillary Clinton is planning to form "Republicans for Hillary" group in an attempt to win votes over Donald Trump. The movement will involve influential Republicans disillusioned by Trump as presidential candidate, US media reports.

Clinton was also surging relations with outstanding Republican figures and mega donors she met during her term as US secretary of state from 2009 to 2013, The New York Times reported.

These are people like Mark Salter, a top adviser to John McCain, the defeated Republican candidate in 2008 election. He has already supported Clinton after Trump became the Republican candidate earlier this week.

Among other supporters, are ex-CIA director General

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

"I invite a lot of Republicans and independents who I've been seeing on the campaign trail, who've been reaching out to me, I invite them to join with Democrats. Let's get off the red [Republican] or the blue [Democrat] team. Let's get on the American team,' 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.

Another specific group the Democratic presidential candidate could win over are working-class women, who lean towards Republicans, but have been put off by Trump's



Republicans have been renouncing Trump as candidate, saying they can't vote for Clinton either. Among them, are George W Bush and his father George HW Bush, both former presidents, Mitt Romney, the party's 2012 presidential

candidate, and Paul Ryan, the All in all other key Republican speaker of the House of Representatives.

On the whole, Americans seem to be gearing for a vote to block a candidate, rather than in favour of someone, according to a recent poll conducted by Ipsos market research company from April

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

29 to May 5.

candidate. Likewise, 46 percent of Clinton's supporters said they would be voting to stop Trump getting to the Oval Office, while another 40 percent agreed with Clinton's declared political program, and 11 percent said they loved Hillary personally.

Some are actually very scared about the possible Trump's win: a US citizen sent a letter to Queen Elizabeth II,

asking to "take America back". The letter's author has become "frustrated with the current field of presidential candidates (particularly on the GOP side)", and he wraps the letter up with "God Save The

5 missing in China landslide



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

Rescue operations are ınderway, Xinhua news agency

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.

The landslide occurred at

The local tourism

administration ordered all scenic spots to suspend business. The mountainous county boasts rich scenic lakes and canyons.

The landslide was triggered by heavy downpours that lashed down 191.6 mm of rainwater since Saturday.

Iraqi forces shut down Baghdad amid political crisis

BAGHDAD, (IANS): Apprehending and sectarian factions. their differences through possible clashes during fresh The protestors started to d i a l o g u e protests, Iraqi security forces withdraw from the Green Zone Observers said it threatens to on Sunday blocked major on May 1 after Iraq's top deepen the division among the roads and bridges across leaders called on them to leave political factions as the Baghdad to prevent followers the government buildings. country was fighting the of prominent Shia cleric "I call on the demonstrators to Islamic State militant group Moqtada al-Sadr from reaching the Green Zone they stormed a week earlier. Thousands of protestors properties, which are the stormed the heavily fortified government district in central Baghdad on April 30 shortly after Sadr delivered a televised speech from the holy Shia city of Najaf, in which he rejected the latest approval of partial cabinet members presented by Prime Minister Haider al-

Abadi. The protestors on Friday took control of the parliament building and surrounding areas, while dozens of lawmakers, officials and employees tried to escape the A statement issued by a district. government The demonstration is aimed at pressuring Abadi to replace those party-affiliated ministers with independent technocrats.

"Any minister in the Iraqi government is not our candidate and represents only his government," Sadr said, confirming that he and his followers "will not participate in any political process that includes quota system". Sadr referred to the political system created following the US-led invasion in 2003, according to which Iraq's The protest has raised rules in the political process. resources and control would concerns in the region as Iran Otherwise, chaos will destroy

May 8 parties representing its ethnic all the political factions solve upon the public and private property of all Iraqis," Haider al-Abadi said in a statement. Meanwhile, President Fuad Masoum urged the protestors

> (parliament) building". minister, speaker and leaders up with the desired reshuffle and implement the reforms to committee of Sadr aides, he said responsible for organising the

parliament fail to meet their demand, there would be a call people would take all lawful minister and speaker) and

withdraw and protest which has seized swathes of peacefully, and not to encroach territories in northern and "The power-sharing system was seen as a compromise to

the deeply divided Iraqi sectarian and ethnic factions. said Ibrahim al-Ameri, a "not to harm the lawmakers lecturer of politics in a and employees, not to touch Baghdad college. the public and private However, it has also been properties, and to evacuate the criticised for prompting unqualified candidates and "We also call on prime encouraging corruption. "Abadi's most difficult task is of parliament blocs to come that none of those political parties and blocs is willing to lose its gains. Abadi cannot fight corruption," Masoum said. confront those parties, let alone, his own Islamic Dawa Party,'

protest, announced the on politics based in Baghdad, said the Iraqi people, in It also warned that if the particular Sadr's followers, government and the were outraged after the legislators failed three times to vote on Abadi's candidates that for early elections, while the were aimed at replacing a cabinet with independent means, like entering the technocrats headquarters of the three "The parliament and the presidencies (president, prime political parties have no choice but to vote for a announcing civil disobedience comprehensive reshuffle, and be held on July 2. public strike. then to start again with new

Najib al-Jubouri, an expert

Turkey kills 55 IS members in Syria



(IANS): Turkish military of Syria, the armed forces said

Turkish army on Saturday destroyed three vehicles and three rocket installations, Xinhua news agency cited an armed forces statement as saying.

the coalition forces on Saturday, 48 IS members were killed in northern Syria, the battling the IS as part of a US-Turkish army said in a separate statement on Sunday.

settlement areas of Syrian Turkey's capital and Istanbul, opposition ended and the group leaving hundreds killed.

ANKARA, May 8 has retreated, said the military. Turkish military destroyed killed 55 Islamic State (IS) a total of 2,144 IS positions in members in Aleppo province northern Syria and killed 807 militants, the Turkish army said

Rockets fired from Syria have been landing in Kilis since mid-January, killing a total of 21 people including seven Syrians refugees and injured In a separate operation with over 66 people, according to military figures.

While Ankara said it was led coalition, the extremist group also orchestrated a The IS attacks on number of suicide bombings in

Strike against Jammat chief's death sentence hits Bangladesh



(IANS): A the Jamaat-e-Islami began on almost no impact on people's of 1971 war to book Sunday in Bangladesh against routine a Supreme Court verdict Businesses in Dhaka and upholding the death penalty for its chief for the 1971 war

Hours after the court on Thursday dismissed the review petition of the party's Ameer (president) Motiur Rahman Nizami, the party called a 48hour nationwide strike. not given justice. But the Nizami, the Jamaat chief since November 2000, now only has the option of seeking the Nizami is among the top Jamaat President's mercy to stall his imminent execution.

8 around Dhaka was almost Hasian's Bangladesh Awami

Nizami, 72, served as the agriculture and industries minister in Khaleda Zia's 2001-

elsewhere in the country

opened as per schedule on

06 cabinet. Nizami's party said he was

Despite the strike, traffic in and Prime Minister Sheikh Bangladesh.

two-day regular. In other parts of the League-led government formed nationwide shutdown called by country too, the shutdown had in 2010 to bring the perpetrators Nizami was indicted in 2012 on 16 charges of crimes against humanity, including looting, mass killings, arson, rape and forcefully converting people to

The indictment order said

Nizami was a key organiser standards.

of the Al-Badr, an auxiliary force of the Pakistani Army which planned and executed government says the trail met the killing of Bengali intellectuals during the war that led to the breaking away leaders who have been tried in of East Pakistan and two war crimes tribunals which formation of an independent

Turnbull announces double dissolution election in Australia

on Sunday announced a reported. double dissolution election to

Turnbull paid a visit to Governor General Peter Cosgrove who has accepted

(IANS): Australian Prime dissolution of the parliament, the course, maintain the tracks," Turnbull said. Minister Malcolm Turnbull Xinhua news agency commitment to our national

campaign.

CANBERRA, May 8 of having a double very clear choice -- to keep economy dead in its legislation to re-establish Turnbull said he called Construction Commission.

economic plan for growth the dissolution because the This decision and jobs, or go back to Senate has twice refused to election will see both officially kick-started the Labour, with its higher pass legislation relating to houses of parliament eight-week-long election taxing, higher spending, the accountability of dissolved and all of the 150 debt and deficit agenda, unions and employer House of Representatives "At this election, which will stop our nation's organisations, and has seats and 76 Senate seats up said on Monday it would help the political process," he added. the prime minister's request Australians will have a transition to the new twice refused to pass for grab.

the Australian Building and

A double dissolution

REGIONAL Assam CM

questions BJP's funding source in state polls



while campaigning. "The amount of money involved in the BJP poll campaigning raises strong doubt on its source of funding. The party spent money like water and such a lavish campaign is unimaginable without strong corporate backing," Gogoi said in a statement here.

The chief minister said it was for the first time in Assam that the union finance minister and external affairs minister visited the state and held meetings with businessmen. Gogoi said the huge

amount spent on campaigning must have come from black money pumped in by sources best known to the Bharatiya

Janata Party. "Will someone give so much money without benefits in return? The reason behind (this largesse) is anybody's guess...."

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



Neiphiu Rio said on Sunday. "This new trend is definitely encouraging. We appreciate that members from other parties in various parts of the country are taking keen interest in the region," Rio, who is the lone Nagaland MP in Lok Sabha, said.

particular to the Lok Sabha debate on April 27 on demand for grants for the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) in which several members from across the country

participated. Those who spoke their heart out were Tatagatha Sathpathy of Biju Janata Dal (Odisha), Arvind Sawant of Shiv Sena (Maharashtra), Ram Mohan Naidu Kinjarapu of Telugu Desam Party (Andhra Pradesh), and Saugata Roy of Trinamool Congress (West Bengal).

What they said was a far cry from the parochialism that MPs, especially from the regional parties, are often accused of

Sawant, for instance, 13 big monasteries in the the region. All of that provides the



government should set up a sports university in the northeast and Kinjrapu called Rio was referring in for immediate restoration of the northeast industrial and investment promotion policy which, he said, greatly helped the people of the region.

> Sawant told IANS: "Shiv Sena is Maharashtra-based. That does not mean we are not concerned about the rest of India. Northeast is an important constituent of India, but it did not get its due."

"Though not neglected always, it definitely deserved better attention. That was our point in the Lok Sabha," said the MP from Mumbai South.

Sawant said he had also suggested developing the tourism potential of the

flora and fauna. There are also

tourism," he said.

contrasted sharply with the acrimonious discussion over Agusta Westland VVIP chopper scam in the ongoing budget session, but did not lack the boldness required to deal with the sensitive security situation of the troubled region.

Biju Janata Dal's Pradesh

"The Armed Forces India," he said.

honouring Manipur's Irom with a Padma award.

"The region has scenic beauty, rivers and diverse The April 27 debate

government in Arunachal

Sathpathy even claimed that Indian armed forces have killed over "50,000 civilians in the region".

Special Power Act (AFSPA) said. has been the biggest deterrent to integrating the youth of the North-east with the rest of Sathpathy also called for

Sharmila, a long-time campaigner against AFSPA, Delhi" TDP's Kinjarapu said: "The North-east region has

been a huge victim of lot of different things, starting from bad governance, bad policy making and bad political

what he saw as a renewed commitment shown by Prime Minister Narendra Modi towards the region. The government should immediately increase funding

He appreciated, however,

leverage for boosting for the North-eastern states, especially to promote organic farming, Kinjarapu said. Sikkim has officially become the first state in India

> to have 100 percent organic cultivation, he noted. Trinamool Congress MP Saugata Roy took a critical stand in the April 27 debate against the Centre for dismissing the Congress

"All you have done is to topple the government in Arunachal Pradesh. Northeast is not the place for political manipulation," he

Roy said the region ought to be dealt with "in a sensitive way" so that the people of the North-east "feel that they are not ruled from Delhi and they have some say in what is happening in

"The money you give for the Ministry of DoNER is not sufficient. Last year, the budget estimate was Rs.2,334 crore and the revised estimate was Rs.1,973 crore. That means you could not spend the full plan estimates," he said.

Neiphiu Rio said: "Much has been said, but we have to be very serious on the implementation of the government programmes and

supporters ransack party HQ AGARTALA, May 8 soon. I have asked police to take understanding of the CPI-M's

(IANS): Congress on Saturday suspended its senior Tripura leader Sudip Roy Barman and 14 youth leaders for anti-party activities and openly criticising central leaders.

announcement of the suspension, their angry supporters ransacked the party headquarters and vandalised furniture, computers and other property. Protesting against the

Congress' electoral tie-up with the Left in West Bengal, many top Congress leaders, including Barman, who is the legislature party leader and leader of opposition in the assembly, quit their posts last month. "AICC (All India Congress

Committee) has suspended Barman and the All India Youth Congress president Amarinder Singh Raja Brar has suspended the 14 youth Congress leaders from the party for an indefinite period," state Congress chief Birajit Sinha told reporters.

"The AICC has authorised many student leaders. me to suspend several other disgruntled party legislators and

legal actions against those who ransacked the party office.'

Congress general secretary

V. Narayanasamy has issued a

Tripura Congress leaders suspended,

separate letter to Barman suspending him from the party Immediately after the for indefinite period. At least four Congress workers and two journalists were injured when the agitated party members ransacked the party

office here even as a huge police contingent led by senior police officials have rushed to the spot and controlled the situation. A large number of security personnel were deployed in front

of the Congress Bhavan to foil any further violence.

Other senior leaders who have also earlier quit the party on the same issue include state unit's working president Ashish Saha, women's front state chief Kalyani Roy, state Youth Congress chief Sushanta Chowdhury and scheduled caste front head Prakash Chandra Das, besides 32 block presidents and

Barman, in his resignation letter to party chief Sonia Gandhi, unpredictable character, its treacherous role in the past, antinational thinking and activities and the immense barbaric atrocities upon Congressmen in West Bengal, Tripura and Kerala,

you have given the nod to this

so-called alliance/seat

adjustments. He said the party's alliance with the Left Front led by Communist Party of India-Marxist in Bengal would have a far-reaching political impact at the national level. Barman's father and former

Tripura chief minister Samir Ranjan Barman, who was also the state Congress president, has also openly criticised the party's central leaders for the pact. A show cause notice earlier

issued by Congress general secretary in-charge of northeastern states Narayansamy also failed to deter Barman as he stood by his position. Local media reports said that

Barman and other dissident Congress leaders might join the Trinmool Congress or the Bharatiya Janata Party or to form

leaders and that would be done said: "In spite of your a local party. Four poachers nabbed near Kaziranga Park

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

The arrests were made by the forest department and the Special Task Force (STF) set up to check wildlife crimes in

An official said the poachers, Miraj Ali, Bhaiti Ingty, Gyas Uddin and Abu Siddeque, were involved

in a case of poaching of an onehorned rhino in the park in 2015. A .303 rifle, some ammunition and a silencer were

recovered from them. Four park staffers were recently arrested for their involvement in the poaching -

Poachers have so far killed eight one-horned rhinos at the 🛫 Kaziranga National Park this year.

movie review

'One Night Stand': Not hard hitting enough

Cast: SunnylLeone, Tanuj Virwani, Nyra Banerjee, Khalid Siddiqui. Rating: 0 **

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Nargis Fakhri wants to work in Pakistani entertainment industry

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Bankruptcy Code positive reform for financial sector: Report

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

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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. The good news is that matters regarding love and romance should be stabilizing at this time, giving you the opportunity to face this area of your life from a rational perspec-

TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21) Matters of the heart are likely to get a bit sticky, Taurus. Perhaps you feel as if

someone is shutting off from you and being very stubborn about it. Perhaps this person is giving you the cold shoulder and refusing to acknowledge you until you crawl back with an apology. The problem is that your pride is stubborn, and your view on the matter is equally so, making any resolution difficult. GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Matters of the heart are likely to get a bit sticky, Taurus. Perhaps you feel as if

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When it comes to romance in your life, Cancer, there may be a great deal of talk out not enough action. Perhaps you're a terrific flirt who can keep things moving at a quick pace intellectually, but nothing really comes of it when you have to take concrete action and manifest those words in a romantic setting. This is one day when this conflict of interests makes itself known more blatantly than

LEO (July 24-Aug 23) hings are coming to a dramatic climax for you in matters of love and romance, Leo. Perhaps you've been nurturing a relationship. You've put a lot of passion and soul into building a strong connection. This is a time of reckoning in which you take a step back and see what you've gained from it all. Do you have a partner for life or someone who doesn't appreciate you as much as you think

For you, Virgo, love is like an adventure, crazy sport, or some sort of video arcade game. Lately, you may have been too caught up in the fantasy aspect of it without taking into account the practical nature and nitty-gritty of what it takes to keep a relationship afloat. You might need to take a more realistic view of it now. Be more sensitive to your emotions and honor them accordingly.

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23) Love and romance should be going well for you now, Libra. However, today you could find that things get a bit uneasy when either you or your partner suspects something isn't true or is suspicious about the situation at hand. Someone may get caught in a difficult predicament when the veil of deception is suddenly lifted and the truth revealed. There could be some difficult explaining to do.

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

The notion of truth could get shot down today due to someone who knows you better than most, Scorpio. It won't take a long, drawn-out conversation or deep explanation to reveal the fact that there is a bit of deception that has been covering the truth. Don't try to hide from loved ones who are only trying to do what's best for you. Be open and honest with those who really care. SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 22)

Do what you can to stabilize your emotions, Sagittarius. Romance should be on a slow, steady path as long as you're honest with yourself and others about how you feel. Perhaps you're so caught up in your fantasy world that you fail to see that things are actually moving in your favor. Conflict that arises today may be uncomfortable, but ultimately it will shed more light on the truth of the

CAPRICORN (Dec 23-Jan 20)

You need to slow down in matters of love and romance, Capricorn. You're likely acting on the assumption that things are fine and you can continue moving at lightning speed even though you long ago lost your road map. There's a degree of fantasy in your world. It doesn't take into account the fact that there are areas where you need to be more sensitive to your partner and perhaps take things more slowly and methodically.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19) Issues of love and romance should be going well for you, Aquarius, and you'll find that regardless of where you are in your relationships, you're right where you need to be. There's an element of fantasy at work today that's making you much more susceptible to romantic dreams and ideas. The good news is that you have the power to put these dreams into motion. Manifest your wildest

fantasies with a loved one tonight.

PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20) Things are coming to a difficult stalemate regarding the love in your life, Pisces. Perhaps you've felt like everything was going fine and you had nothing to worry about. In reality, this notion of "fine" was just your self-denial hard at work making you think that you could continue on your path without really considering how your actions affected others. Be prepared for a reality check that you didn't see coming.

SEBI plans training module for police on financial crimes

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Marathon runner Amar Subba, Everester Kunzang Gyatso and strength-lifter Pempa Bhutia felicitated on Sunday at Martam, East Sikkim. The event was organized by Kanchenjunga Youth Club. SE Pics

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at this year's event.

The top seeded Serbian dominated the majority of the match and was on the verge of victory when he blew a 40-0 lead when serving at 5-4 here on

Nerves played a part as Djokovic double-faulted twice in that game and squandered four match points en route to dropping serve for the first time in the

Nishikori suddenly had all the momentum, winning 13 of 18 points to go ahead 6-5 on the scoreboard. But Djokovic regained his composure to send the second set to a tie-breaker and then finish the match off in just

under two hours. The Japanese No.6 seed gave Djokovic his toughest battle of the tournament but the Serbian's superior first serve gave him the edge as he put more first balls in play (73 percent to 61 percent) and also won more first-serve

With the win, the Serbian improved his career head-to-head

record against Nishikori to 8-2. Next up for Djokovic in Sunday's final of this claycourt event will be British No.2 seed and defending champion Andy Murray, who defeated Spanish No.5 seed and four-time winner Rafael Nadal 7-5, 6-4 in Saturday's other semi-final.

Leicester City Celebrates Title, Then Goes Back to Work

LONDON, May 8: The Leicester we have known and not always loved pulled off an entire season of tenacious victories as it blew away the established order of English soccer. After clinching the title last week, the club arranged a homecoming celebration to be remembered.

There was sunshine in Leicester on Saturday, then a downpour. King Power Stadium was packed, and outside, thousands of ticketless fans simply got as close as they could.

Inside, the Italian opera singer Andrea Bocelli was serenading the team and its Italian coach, Claudio Ranieri with "Nessun Dorma," the Puccini aria sung before the World Cup final in Rome in 1990 by the Three Tenors — Plácido Domingo, José Carreras and Luciano Pavarotti.

After that, Bocelli entertained the crowd with "Time to Say Goodbye" but with his own spin, changing it to "Time to Win Again."

The smile on the singer's face gave the surprise away before the words came out. Grown men celebrated by wearing flat hats in the shape of pizzas, while kids on the shoulders of their dads wore the same shirt declaring "Leicester City, Champions!" that Bocelli wore underneath

his gray jacket. When play finally started Saturday, Leicester ran Everton into the ground. The final score was 3-1. Jamie Vardy, the rags-to-riches star, scored twice and mis-hit a penalty kick so high that he joked he must have been

Liverpool coach Klopp urges



helicopter in the sky.

Andy King, 27, scored the other goal for Leicester. A player who is not often in the starting lineup, King moved to Leicester at 15 after he was released by Chelsea's youth academy. In over 300 games since, King has scored in three different leagues as Leicester rose from the third tier to the

top of English soccer. Watching over all this was Vichai Srivaddhanaprabha, the Thai billionaire who saved Leicester from insolvency and whose son chose Ranieri as coach a year ago. Vichai stood with his arms folded, impassive as a statue.

There really are elements to this story that no fiction writer could make up. Ranieri, the 64-year-old coach, was unemployment to win a league title for the first time in his life. At 29, Vardy is fighting to be

League this season, four years after he was a part-time player, eking out a living as a factory

LEICESTER CITY

The essence of this past vear has come down to team effort for Leicester. On Tuesday, the morning after the league title was secured, a notice was pinned to the trainer's room at the club: Closed due to unforeseen circumstances.

After an all-night party at Vardy's home, the players were feted all week long. Yet at game time on Saturday, they knuckled down to the hardrunning and hard-tackling style that Everton, sadly, had no appetite to resist.

— washed over Everton, as it has most opponents. Ranieri, the deceptively avuncular Rome last Monday to have

the team last July. "I watched them," Ranieri said. "They were real friends and hard workers. I said, eh, 'Believe me, you are better than you think. Trust me, I can make you play good Italian football, hard, clever football in

lunch with his mother,

explained on the field Saturday

what he said when he first met

England.' " What we learned most from the past week came from Ranieri's mother, Renata. She might be 96, but in her own engaging interview she told La Repubblica newspaper, "We talked a bit about Leicester, but he wanted to feel

group of players who trained like true professionals," Mrs. Ranieri said. "And finally aiming for the club chairman's the top scorer in the Premier Italian who had flown home to everything has fallen into place.

My son has found himself." On Saturday, the ground was festooned in ticker tape, the players and the owner cradled the trophy, and Ranieri was doing the endless rounds of interviews. "We know very well that next season will be different," he conceded. "The fans are dreaming. I say to them, 'Hey, don't wake up, keep dreaming, keep pushing

Next season, Leicester will be stretched, as everyone tries to shoot it down off its unlikely perch, and playing in the Champions League will tax its resources, too. The owners will spend, but not extravagantly, and both they and Coach Ranieri have already acknowledged that holding on to the players who emerged as stars this season will come down to negotiations.

"I tell the players to stay with me one year more,' Ranieri said. "But if somebody comes to me and says he wants to go, I say go! I want only happy players."

He, the club and countless fans around the globe who have seen this group of men grow together have witnessed that it is their unity, the sum of their parts, that brought the unlikely and shocking triumph.

Together, they are champions. Apart, they might not be. The temptation of higher salaries in more exalted places will come. But Leicester's message is never give up, never sell yourself

Unforeseen circumstances, indeed.

(The New York Times)

DETAILS ELLING RECEIVING OPENING OF

 Date of issue of tender locument: hours of 14.06.2016

submission of Tender 07-06-2016 and upto 14.30 hours

Date & Time o opening of Tender: 17.06.2016 at 11-00 hours in the office o Deputy Chief Engineer Con/N.F. Railway Alipurduar Junction.

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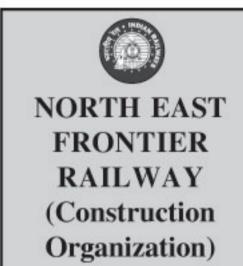
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Kompany ruled out of Euro 2016 due to injury

MANCHESTER, May 8 (IANS): Belgium national football team captain Vincent Kompany has revealed that he won't take part in the forthcoming European Championship due to injury.

The defender has made just 14 English Premier League appearances for Manchester City this season due a persistent calf injury that he picked up in September.

The centre-back has now revealed on his official Facebook page that he will not feature again this term and will miss the summer showpiece in France.



ANNEXURE TENDER OFFICE NO: CON/APDJ/ 2016/May/01 dated:02.05.2016

Sealed open tenders are invited from experienced and reputed contractor(s) firm(s) for the following works:-

Tender No.: Dy CE/CON/APDJ/NCB GUZ/RRI Building NCB/ 2016/159

Name of Work: At NCB Construction of RR Building Circulating area and other connected ancillary works in connection with NCB GUZBG Doubling work Approx, Cost of work Tender Value): Rs.3,20,93,109.00 Earnest Money Rs. 3,10,470.00

iii. Completion period of the work: 6 months iv. Cost of Tender Document: Rs. 10,000.00

ABOVE TENDER IS GIVEN BELOW:

From 31.05.2016 upto 11.00 Date & Time of

14.06.2016.

4. Validity of offers:

OSD/CON. N.F.Railway, Koilaghat Street, 1s Floor Kolklata-01 Notice is also displayed Notice Board Details of Tender Notice may be seen in N.F.Railway (Construction) website

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ticketless fans to head to Basel

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Liverpool and Sevilla governing body UEFA has which made me win this will each receive only 10,236 advised the Liverpool fans who would be there without a ticket to stay away from Leela Maya Sharma who

"We advise anyone without tickets not to approach the stadium on the day of the final since safety "What I learned in life is and security measures will what I can't change I don't be very tight," said a





Winner Suman Sharma receiving the prize. SE Pic

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addressed by marathon runner

Amar Subba and BDO Deepak

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NORTH EAST FRONTIER RAILWAY (CONSTRUCTION ORGANIZATION) CORRIGENDUM NO:1

TENDER NOTICE NO: CON/2016/ MARCH/01 DATED 22.03.2016

The following changes have been made in column of Schedule at page no. 91,92,&93 against Tender No. CON/NMZ-CBD/P. Way maintenance/2015-16/16 as published. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

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Dy.Chief Engineer/Con N.F.Railway, New Jalpaiguri For & on behalf of the President of India **NORTHEAST FRONTIER**

RAILWAY (CONSTRUCTION ORGANIZATION Tender Notice No. DY.CEF/CON/NJP/ 03/2016

Open tender is sealed cover is invited for following works from the reputed Contractors/Firms.

TENDER NO.EL/CON/ JAG/NJP/03/2016-17/ DMUCARSHED/SGUJ Name of Work: At Siliguri Shed-Electrification for construction of extension of Service building for DMU

(1) Tender No. EL/CON/ JAG/NJP/03/MDU Car

Shed/SGUJ; (2) Tender Value : Rs.

car shed.

39,63,246/-; (3) Earnest Money Rs.79,270/-;

(4) Cost of Tender (Non document Refundable): Rs 5,000/-(5) Completion Period: 90 day from the date of issue of acceptance letter;

(6) Address of the office from where the tender from can be obtained: (i Electrical Dy.Chief engineer/Con/New Jalpaiguri, (ii) Divisional Electrical Engineer/Con/ N.F.Railway, Alipurduwar Jn., (iii) Sr. Section Engineer/ Con/MLDT Office

Complex..; (7) Date & Time for obataining tender form: with effect from 03.05.2016 on any working day upto 13.00 hrs. of **03.06.2016**; (8) Address of the effect where tender to be dropped; Office of the (i) Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/ Construction, N.F.Railway, New Jalpaiguri, PO Dist: Bhaktinagar, Jalpaiguri, PIN 734007 (WB), (ii) Divisional Electrical Engineer/ Construction, N.F.Railway, Alipurduar Jn.DRM Building, PIN-736123, PO-Alipurduar Dist:Alipurduar Sr.Section Engineer/ Construction, Malda/ N.F.Railway in Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/ Construction N.F.Railway/ Malda's Office Complex; (9) Tender Opening place: Office of the Dy.Chief Engineer/Construction. N.F,Railways, New Jalpaiguri, PO Bhaktinagar, Dist: Bhaktinagar, Dist: Jalpaiguri, 734007(WB)

(10) Last Date and Time for receipt of tender document time 13:30 hrs.. Date:04.06.2016.

(11) date and time for closing of tender box/boxs: Time 13:30 hrs. 04.06.2016 (12) Date and time for Opening for tender documents box/boxs-Time-11:30., Date-06.06.2016, Validity of the offer: 120 days from the opening; (14) Website particulars; www.nfrlyconstruction.org; (15) Similar nature of works means: As in main tender notice. In case any of the days herein mentioned above is declared a Bandh of Holiday on any account, the tender paper will be received/opened on the following working days as per same timing and at same place/places/

Dy.Chief Engineer/Con

N.F.Railway, New Jalpaiguri, Bhaktinagar-07 For & on behalf of president of India.

Djokovic reaches Madrid Open dropping set

MADRID, May 8 (IANS) World No.1 Novak Djokovic advanced to the Madrid Open final for the second time in his career with a 6-3, 7-6 (7-4) victory over Japan's Kei Nishikori, his fourth consecutive straight-set victory

Saturday night, reports Efe.

tournament.

points (75 percent to 69 percent).

LIVERPOOL, May 7 a ticket, to enjoy the city,' (IANS): Liverpool head Klopp was quoted as saying coach Jurgen Klopp on by the Guardian. Saturday said fans should not complain about the football club's meagre ticket

the ticketless fans to travel chance. It's like this." to Basel on May 18. tickets for the final at the St Jakob-Park, having qualified with triumphs over Villarreal and Shakhtar Donetsk respectively on Thursday. The stadium has a capacity

League final and has asked

of 35,000. think about. It's a wonderful opportunity and we can't going even if you don't have holders."

boxer Saul 'Canelo' Alvarez

knocked out Britain's Amir

Khan in the sixth round in Las

Until the brutal ending,

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appeared to be well ahead on

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Alvarez and was attempting to become only the third former

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Khan, 29, jumped two

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"The stadium perimeter wonderful stadium and to guarantee safe and secure

Boxer Amir Khan knocked out in world title bout

although Alvarez did land

round two, landing with

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Khan's blinding hand-speed

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with a flashing left hook.

Vegas to retain his WBC champion look clumsy in

year-old boy from Lower Lingdong village who won a marathon at Martam village today dedicated his prize money to his mother. Suman Sharma, who

bagged the 21 km marathon cash prize of Rs. 15,000 said, But European football | "It is my mother's blessing competition. I would hand over the prize money to my mother means the world to me."

> Sichey secondary school, is awaiting his class X board exam results. He has also bagged sixth position in the national athletics organised at Gujarat under PYKKA. The marathon organized

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LAS VEGAS, May 8 a couple of flurries and one flashy combinations in the (IANS) Mexican professional well-aimed right cross, fourth and while none of his punches appeared to be hurting Alvarez, the Khan repeatedly made the Englishman appeared to be well ahead on points a third

of the way through the contest.

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canvas. Khan was counted out

There were signs in the

Khan had used his superior before darting out of range. fifth that Alvarez was beginning speed and movement to And when Alvarez landed to find his range and at the start of the sixth he connected with a with a juddering left hook, hurtful left-right combination. Khan stood up to it and And when Khan left his left hand dangling soon after, It was more of the same Alvarez exploded an overhand in the third, with Alvarez, 25, right on his chin, rendering him stalking his prey and finding

> with 23 seconds remaining in and volume of punches. At this stage, Khan's the round. prediction that speed and Khan later congratulated Alvarez on his Twitter movement would trump power looked like it might

> come true - he was certainly "I am okay everyone, that's boxing for you. confounding those critics who said a year of inactivity would Congrats to Canelo monster punch. Much love to all the Khan unleashed more fans," he tweeted.



Devotees and Bal Vikas students take out a rally to mark Eswaramma Day at Gangtok on Sunday. SE Pic

Uttarakhand, Enemy Property Act likely to dominate parliament proceedings

NEW DELHI, May 8 (IANS): The proposed discussion on the 2016-17 Rahman Khan, Hussain Ordinance, 2016, was Uttarakhand budget and the Enemy Property Bill are likely to generate much heat between the treasury and opposition benches in both houses of parliament during the coming

Numerically stronger in the Rajya Sabha, the opposition parties are geared up to embarrass the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government yet again as members insisted they could stall the passage of the Enemy Property (Amendment and

Validation) Bill. Congress spokesperson Manish Tewari has said the government's move to take up discussion on the Uttarakhand budget a day ahead of the vote of confidence by the Harish Rawat government — as directed by the Supreme Court — is "unconstitutional"

"The government should await the result of the floor test," Tewari said.

Uttarakhand was placed under President's Rule on March 27, necessitating parliamentary nod for the state's budget.

According to sources, the government's agenda for the ensuing week — the last week of the second budget session of parliament — also includes passage of bills pertaining to anti-hijacking. Indian trusts (amendment) and child labour (amendment).

In the Rajva Sabha, natural justice," it said. Congress members K. Dalwai and P.L. Punia have already submitted note of dissent on the Select Committee report on the Property (Amendment and Validation)

Bill, 2016. The report, prepared by a panel headed by Bharatiya Janata Party member Bhupender Yadav, was submitted on May 6.

"The provisions of the bill or the ordinance, as brought by the government, violates the very basic principle of natural justice, human rights and settled principles of law. The provisions of the present bill also disturb the balance on the subject. The new law will not sustain in a court of law,' a Congress member told IANS.

K.C. Tyagi (Janata Dal-United), D. Raja (Communist Party of India) and Javed Ali Khan (Samajwadi Party) also gave note of dissent identical to that of the Congress

The note of dissent says that this bill does not follow the lines of The Enemy Property (Amendment and Validation) Second Bill 2010, which was introduced in the Lok Sabha and referred to the standing committee.

"Further, the bill seeks to insert certain provisions which totally violate Articles 14, 19, 300A of the constitution and is also against the principles of May 10.

The Enemy Property promulgated on January 7 to seek amendments to the Enemy Property Act, 1968.

The amendments through the ordinance include one that says that once an enemy property is vested in the custodian, it shall continue to be vested in him as enemy property, irrespective of whether the enemy, enemy subject or enemy firm has ceased to be an enemy due to

reasons such as death The Lok Sabha passed the bill in March.

In the Lok Sabha, where BJP sources claim the treasury bench scored a major victory during the debate on the AgustaWestland chopper deal on Friday, discussions on the Uttarakhand budget and passing of the Uttarakhand Appropriation (vote on account) Bill are listed by the

government for Monday. President's Rule was imposed in Uttarakhand on March 27, ousting the Harish Congress Rawat-led government

It was lifted following an Uttarakhand High Court order on April 21 but was reimposed by the Supreme Court a day later. The apex court on Friday

cleared the decks for Uttarakhand's ousted chief minister Harish Rawat to take a vote of confidence on his government in the assembly on

Undertrial bolts from hospital cell **PRASHANTACHARYA**

SILIGURI, May 8: Barely few days of a murder of an undertrial prisoner at North Bengal Medical College & Hospital, another undertrial prisoner has escaped from the hospital.

The escape took place today morning bringing into focus security lapse in the

The undertrial, Binod Mahato had been brought to the hospital two days ago after he complained of chest pain. He had been arrested in connection

to a bike theft in Islampur. Hospital superintendent Nirmal Bera said that Binod was found missing from the male prisoner cell ward at around 10.30 am.

The cell is guarded by a police team.

Police have launched a hunt for the absconding prisoner. Recently, an undertrial prisoner allegedly murdered another prisoner at the hospital. Both had been placed in the same cell for medical treatment.

Struggles continue for ITFT students

of Sikkim Staff Reporter

GANGTOK, May 8: The Sikkim Students Welfare Association of Chandigarh today held a meeting with the Sikkimese students studying at Institute of Technology and Future Management Trends (ITFT) to discuss on the matter related to University Grants Commission (UGC)

The students have been complaining that the most of the degree courses of ITFT are not recognized by the UGC.

"Due to the non recognition of the courses the students are facing problems in further studies. We brough this matter in the notice of Sikkim government but nothing has been done," said association general secretary Sujendra Rai.

Rai informed that the matter would be taken up to the institute principal and the

HRD minister of Punjab. There are around 300 students from Sikkim studying in the institute under scholarships from the State Social Welfare department.

"Many of our seniors are languishing at home because they cannot apply for further studies," said the students

Cambodia to search its jungles for tigers before import from India

NEW DELHI, May 7 (IANS): Before it takes action on 'relocating' Indian tigers, Cambodia's forestry administration is on a special mission - scouting for signs of indigenous tigers in its dense jungles, where according to reports they are "functionally

"More than hundred cameras have been installed and more are being set up in the southern part of the Cardamom mountains and eastern part of the Mondulkiri Protected forests to look for the signs of tigers," Keo Omaliss, Director, Department of Wildlife and Biodiversity, Cambodia told IANS.

Omaliss said they are also searching for tigers in the north-eastern region of Cambodia, a large part of which comes under Mondulkiri and which also shares border with the neighbouring Yok Don National park in Vietnam.

He said they are doing it with the help of Wildlife Alliance, a non-profit wildlife

construction

has programmes in Cambodia. Committee to supervise

SE Report GANGTOK, May 8: The State government has notified a committee to supervise the construction work of Thakurbari temple at Gangtok. The committee is headed by Gangtok MLA Pintso Chopel

Lepcha as the chairman. Gangtok Mayor Shakti Singh Chaudhary is the vicechairman while the members are Amar Agarwal, Ram Pujan Singh and B.K. Roka.

The special secretary of Ecclesiastical department is the member secretary

Cambodia was spotted in 2007 in the Eastern Plain dry

forests landscape of Mondulkiri forests. Cambodia lost most of its tigers due to poaching and deforestation. It is now left with vast "tiger-less" biopopulation in countries where reserves, which includes the there was a low tiger count. 1,700 sq km of Mondulkiri Protected Forests, 1,500 sq km Lomphat Wildlife

Wildlife Sanctuary. "This programme would also help us with tiger prey assessment. However, the focus is to get sign of any tiger

Sanctuary, 2,000 sq km Seima

Protected Forests - a mixed

evergreen forest, and 470 sq

km of Phnom Nam Lyr

out there," Omaliss said. "Before reintroducing tigers in Cambodia over the next five years, with Indian help, we also need to prepare ourselves. We don't have intensive research on the tigers or the tiger prey," he said, adding that talks with India are on but not official yet.

The last wild tiger in relocating Indian Royal Bengal Tigers to Cambodia, in Lok

Sabha on Thursday, May 5. He however, during a conference on tiger conservation last month here reiterated India's willingness to help increase the tiger

The prime location in Cambodia to search for tigers are the Mondulkiri Protected forests and the Cardamom Mountains covering over one million hectares of area. This is also the region where Cambodia aspires to 'reintroduce' tigers from India in two separate enclosed

breeding areas. Cardamom mountains, in the western and south western region of Cambodia, would also help check illegal logging

Asked what makes him believe that some Indo-Chinese tigers that once roamed in the Cambodian jungles are still alive, Omaliss added, "I am Indian Environment optimistic that some tigers are right age and build, the Minister Prakash Javadekar has still roaming in Cambodian rehabilitation would be a denied about any proposal for jungles silently, because that's success," Omaliss said.

the nature of tiger." "There had been no report recently of hunting or poaching in the Cambodian forests. Around ten tigers were confiscated from poachers in the last five years. Besides, the area is vast and tigers are few so it's hard to spot them, but that

doesn't make them extinct." Omaliss also doesn't agree with the apprehension of some tiger experts claiming that introducing Indian tigers in

Cambodia is a "bad idea". "I dont agree that tiger introduction would not be successful. The key point is prey. If the tigers get their food then they will thrive. Indian and Cambodian jungles The camera traps in are not very different," said

A WWF report also finds tigers from India or Nepal best suited for re-introduction as

the habitats are similar. "There are tigers from different regions in the zoo of UK and USA and they are doing fine. Beside, given the right tigers and tigresses, of

SDF failed to solve unemployment problem: SPCC Thakurbari temple Our Correspondent

GEYZING, May 8: The Sikkim Pradesh Congress Committee (SPCC) held a public meeting at Dentam town on Sunday.

Addressing the gathering, SPCC president Bharat Basnett claimed that Sikkim is under heavy debts due to wrong policies of the SDF government. He maintained that the SDF government has failed to solve the unemployment problem in

The other functionaries of SPCC also addressed the

Sikkim

SPCC president Bharat Basnett addressing the Dentam meeting. SE Pic

government has not given

meeting. They said the SDF Tamang communities who are yet to receive seat reservation justice to the Limboo and in the State Assembly.

Phewa residents submit demand for road repair, sewage line

SE Report

GANGTOK, May 8: Area MLA Timothy William Basnett has assured to take all possible initiatives from his side on local infrastructural problems faced by the residents of Phewa Basti, a residential area under Daragoan ward here.

Addressing a gathering of local residents on Sunday, Basnett said he will speak up wherever required so that the demands placed before him by Phewa Basti residents are fulfilled.

The local residents under the banner of 'Phewa Development Committee' had submitted two major demands before the area MLA who is also the parliamentary secretary for PHE & Water Supply department. The demands were placed to the area MLA by committee president Sherap Bhutia.

Ward councillor Dhiraj Gurung and former Chujachen MLA Puran Gurung were also present on the occasion.

The first demand was to ensure repair and widening of the approach road from ICAR road leading towards Phewa Basti. The unmetalled road has deteriorated over the years and it must be widened and carpeted before the road becomes unfit for vehicular movement.

The second demand was to have a sewage line for Phewa Basti.



Upper Tadong MLAT.W. Basnett speaking at the meeting with Phewa Basti residents. Also seen in the picture are Daragaon councillor Dhiraj Gurung and former MLA Puran Gurung. SE Pic

It was pointed out to the area MLA that Phewa Basti was a growing residential area and falls within Gangtok Municipal Corporation, Lack of sewage system has caused problems for all residents, it

On these two demands, Basnett along with the Daragaon councillor assured to make all efforts so that the road repair and sewage line demands are fulfilled.

Regarding the road issue. the Daragoan ward councillor informed the gathering that the tender for Phewa Basti road has already been done. The Phewa Basti road carpeting and repair is part of the project to repair all link roads in Gangtok and presently works are going on at Arithang road

Basnett said he would look into the government files regarding Phewa Basti road

and mentioned that the State government is giving priority to complete all pending

On the sewage issue, Basnett said the government had sanctioned a sewage line for Phewa Basti but works could not proceed due to objections made by certain landowners. Please give us the NOC and we will ensure that the sewage line is established for Phewa Basti, he said.

Another separate demand addressed to Agriculture minister Somnath Poudyal was also submitted to the department. Upper Tadong MLA.

petitioned that a garage belonging to Agriculture department at the entry point of Phewa Basti road is dismantled. The garage is situated at a very inconvenient

location – just at the ICAR

road bend and at the starting point of the Phewa Basti road. "Entry for vehicles to

Phewa Basti has been made difficult by this garage. The garage has narrowed the road considerably while making commuting risky for the people. We fear that its obstructive presence would one day lead to accidents and we request that the garage is removed in public interest," said the local residents.

Basnett assured the gathering that he will take up the matter with the Agriculture

On his part, former MLA The local residents have Puran Gurung said the local people of Phewa Basti will support the initiatives taken

by the area MLA. The welcome address was placed by Development Committee

general Arun Gurung.



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