

# Kickboxing Championship gold medal winners accorded warm welcome



**Rangpo, Sep 11:** The brother-sister duo of Abhiraj Baniya and Anvi Baniya, who won gold medals in the recently concluded Kickboxing Championship held at Manchester, United Kingdom, were accorded a warm welcome upon their arrival in Sikkim today.

A huge gathering of well-wishers, fans and local public accompanied by Maya Cintury, President Rangpo Nagar Panchayat, Vice President Lal Kumar Rai, Bikash Tiwari SHO Rangpo Police welcomed the duo in Rangpo.

A short welcome programme was held at Rangpo wherein Councillor Pinku Prasad while welcoming the champion duo praised them for their success.

Rangpo SHO Bikash Tiwari in his address expressed the need of a kickboxing club in the area to foster the development of the sport in the region and also to motivate other youths to take up the sport.

Parents Santosh Baniya and Sushma Pradhan credited Chief Minister Pawan Chamling, HRDD Minister R.B. Subba and all others who had supported them of their children's success.

## Tea Board may offer garden stakes to Darjeeling workers

**Kolkata, Sep 11:** The Tea Board may consider offering stakes to workers in the tea gardens of Darjeeling, which have been shut for over 80 days due to a political disturbance in the region.

The Darjeeling Tea Association (DTA) has sought Rs 400 crore assistance from the Tea Board and the commerce ministry but the board is unlikely to provide a grant.

Sources said the board might instead offer the unpaid workers stakes in the tea gardens either as individuals or cooperative societies. The Tea Board will meet on September 18 to discuss this proposal and other alternatives before meeting tea garden owners at the end of the month.

"We have a mandate from the commerce ministry to work out a package for the Darjeeling tea estates. Protection of livelihood of the workers needs to be en-

sured," PK Bezboruah, chairman of the Tea Board, said.

Since the gardens closed in mid-June, tea garden workers have not been paid. ADTA official said if workers did not report for work they were not paid. A Tea Board official said a grant alone would not put the gardens back on track, but "some help" would be provided. Around 29 owners or companies own the 87 tea gardens in Darjeeling.

The Tea Board's idea is similar to what Tata Global Beverages, formerly Tata Tea, did with its plantation business, forming the Kanan Devan Hills Plantations in the Munnar region in 2005 and Amalgamated Plantations in Assam in 2009. Workers picked up 60 per cent of the subscribed share capital of Kanan Devan Hills Plantations and 10 per cent of the subscribed share capital of Amalgamated Plantations.

## Workshop on Youth Leadership at Pazlor Namgyal Girls School

**Gangtok, Sep 11:** The Interact Club Council, Gangtok in association with Rotary Club of Gangtok, South and Sikkim State AIDS Control Society organised a youth leadership workshop at Pazlor Namgyal Girls School today. The workshop was hosted by Interact Club of Pazlor Namgyal Girls' School.

The objective behind the workshop was to imbibe the youths with plethora of skills and values in leadership development. The workshop

was attended by resource persons Bishal Darnal (PGT Modern Sr. Sec. School), Achui (Life Skill Mentor, Promise Institute.) Subash Koirala (Sikkim State AIDS Control Society) and Rtn. Prakash Sundas, Advisor Interact Club Council, Gangtok.

The workshop reflected on diverse strategies exhibited by the resource persons in motivating and rejuvenating the youths, who in turn reciprocated with high spirit of interest and inquisitiveness.

## SBI, Canara Bank...

wait for few more days because opening school also entails provision for transportation of teachers and students to school. This will be an issue looking at the existing scenario, hence we will wait for two/three days" said the head of a reputed school. Similarly, Leslie John a senior citizen stated, "The schools cannot reopen at this juncture as there are so many things associated with it like-cars need to ply and if vehicles are to run petrol pumps need to remain open. Shops and canteens need to function unhindered. Such things should be taken into consideration. Blindly saying 'Open-Schools' won't help, the administration

should think beyond their nose," he added. Meanwhile, an NBSTC bus today ferried passengers from Siliguri to Kalimpong and vice-versa. The service remained suspended since 6th July 2017.

"Honoring the department's order and public demand we have resumed our bus service. Only one of the two NBSTC buses plied today. If we get more passengers, we will use both the buses from tomorrow," said Shekhar Khatri the NBSTC depot in-charge.

## No rallies since two days...

Meanwhile, Trinamool Congress (TMC) party workers today cleaned up their district party office at Judge Bazar in Darjeeling which was vandalized by miscreants a couple of week back. Lalit Gurung, the district TMC town committee secretary said that properties worth around Rs. 5 Lakh was destroyed by the vandals and many files were also missing from the party office. The TMC office here will start functioning from Tuesday, Gurung added.

## ICFAI University hosts national seminar on GST

**Gangtok, Sep 11:** ICAFI University, Sikkim organized an interactive national seminar on "GST: Economic, Legal and Technological dimensions" at its campus here today.

A large number of students and faculty members of different departments participated in the seminar organized at the college auditorium.

The chief guest of the event was Registrar, ICAFI

S.T. Venchunnga who shared his views over the topic with the nobility of the purpose. Further, he provided some insight into different dimensions as worded in the theme.

Nyima Tenzing, convenor of the seminar sensitized the audience to meet the psychological and educational needs of GST. He shared his views on formal and informal economy and issues pertaining to transformation and

productivity. He further laid an attempt to reveal an obtained social-economic reality.

The dignitaries released the souvenir of the event followed by verbal recital by Registrar S.T. Venchunnga.

The event commenced with a welcome address by IUSRG (ICFAI University Sikkim Research Group). The vote of thanks was proposed by Panita Lama (Lecturer, IUS).

## SKM Panchayat Election Parliamentary Committee meeting convened

**Gangtok, Sep 11:** The first meeting of the Panchayat Election Parliamentary Committee of Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM) was held at Gangtok under the Chairmanship of Acting President cum Chairman Panchayat Election Parliamentary Committee, Kunga Nima Lepcha today. The meeting was attended by MLA cum Chief Coordinator Ven. Sonam Lama, Working President M.P. Subba and Navin Karki, Committee Member Sharmila Tamang and Member Secretary of the Committee Jacob Khaling. Extensive details regarding the upcoming panchayat elections were discussed during the

meeting. The meeting noted that the party was fully prepared and ready to participate in the upcoming election in its full strength.

Further, the meeting resolved to voice people's grievances against the alleged dictatorial attitude of the present government at the panchayat level and to fight against corruption and misuse of funds. The party also passed a resolution stating that the Reservation Roster should be released two months before the election so that any party or individual participating in the election gets ample of time to prepare before going to the election process.

The formation of the District Level Panchayat Committee was also executed during the meeting which will be headed Neelu Chettri, East District (Zone 1); Nima Wanchuk Bhutia and P.R. Subba, East District (Zone 2); L.N. Nepal, West District; Lalit Adhikari, South District; Chunki Saring and Kado Lepcha, North District.

Under the guidance and directives of the above-mentioned in-charges, district, constituency and block level committees will be formed with the consultation of the parliamentary body. Furthermore, the meeting decided to conduct the next round of meeting at Pakyong on September 16.

## Narada sting case: CBI and ED questions senior TMC leaders Mukul Roy and Suvendu Adhikari

**Kolkata, Sep 11:** The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Monday interrogated Trinamool Congress (TMC) MP Mukul Roy and West Bengal Transport Minister Suvendu Adhikari respectively in connection with Narada sting operation, officials said.

According to reports, Mukul Roy and Suvendu Adhikari appeared respectively at the CBI office in south Kolkata's Nizam Palace and the ED office at CGO Complex in Salt Lake area in the morning.

Sources said that Adhikari was questioned by ED officials for nearly four hours while CBI investigators are currently interrogating senior TMC lawmaker Mukul Roy.

Since Mar 14 last year, news portal-Narada News released several sting operation footage, in which TMC's leaders, ministers, MPs and MLAs were allegedly seen accepting from a reporter, who masqueraded as a businessman.

From the beginning, TMC leadership had claimed that the sting footage was doctored and it was a conspiracy of the opposition.

After getting direction from the Calcutta High Court and Supreme Court, the CBI has started a probe into the case.

On April 17, the investigation agency registered an FIR in connection with the case under several non-bailable sections against 12 influential leaders, cabinet ministers, MLAs and MPs of TMC and one senior IPS officer, who were seen allegedly taking bribes in the sting footage, reports said.

Besides CBI, the Enforcement Directorate (ED), has registered a money laundering case is currently investigating the case.

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## Bikers from Tyremark Explore Life, Pune meet Guv Patil

**Gangtok, Sep 11:** Governor of Sikkim, Shrinivas Patil today granted audience to a team of 38 bikers of Tyremark Explore Life from Pune,

Maharashtra. The team was led by Nitin Joshi which arrived in Gangtok on September 10. The Governor welcomed

the team to Sikkim. The members will be touring interior parts of North and East Sikkim in the next five days.

## Canara Bank reopens in Kurseong

**Kurseong Sep 11:** The Canara Bank of India, Kurseong branch today reopened after the SBI branch here reopened on Saturday amid tight security. However, the blanket ban on inter-

net connectivity remains a pressing issue for the banks to operate. DIG Humayun Kabir had convened a meeting last Friday with representatives from business community and heads of financial and educational institutions. The banks re-

opened after the DIG assured them of providing adequate security cover. However, shops and other business establishments continue to remain shut although movement of vehicles is witnessing a surge these days.



## Sikkim participates in NGT conference at Guwahati

**Gangtok, Sep 11:** The National Green Tribunal (NGT) Eastern Zone regional conference was held on September 9 and 10 at Guwahati on the theme of 'Waste Disposal and Management'.

Eminent academicians and experts in the field, judges, Chief Secretary of Assam, Chairman of Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) and those involved in the management of waste converged at the venue to deliberate on the given theme. Chief Justice of Sikkim High Court, Justice Satish Kumar Agnihotri chaired the plenary session held on Sunday.

Addressing the session, Justice Agnihotri spoke on waste management in Indus Valley Civilization, which dates back to 2500 BC. It has come to notice on discovery the Mohan-Jo-Daro and Harappa towns, presently situated in Pakistan and

Lothal in Gujarat had developed very good drainage and sanitary system, he mentioned. He highlighted the common forms of managing wastes in present period which includes destruction through burning or incineration, dumping, burying, transportation from one place to another place, recycling, reusing and composting. He mentioned the pros and cons of each form of waste management and the recent tragedy of garbage crash at east Delhi's Ghazipur landfill site in a deadly 'avalanche' that swept away the public properties, killed people and injured many.

Coming to e-waste management, Agnihotri told the gathering that the E-Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2011 apply to every producer, consumer or bulk consumer involved in the manufacture, sale, purchase and processing of

electrical and electronic equipment or components as specified in the list of schedule. The pollution control boards are to implement the rules with positive spirit and authorize or grant the permission, handling, dismantling etc of the e-waste, he mentioned.

Regarding Sikkim, the Chief Justice highlighted about the cleanliness of the urban centres and rural areas of the State. Waste management is being implemented in a proper manner by all the stakeholders, he said.

He praised the initiatives taken by the State government in garbage collection and management despite of land scarcity, executing the ban on use of plastic bags and prohibition on agriculture waste burning.

The co-chairman of the session was Justice Dr. P. Jyothimani (HJM, NGT, SZE).

## Mahila-E-Haat, a unique direct marketing platform

**Gangtok, Sep 11:** The Ministry of Women and Child Development launched 'MAHILA-E-HAAT', a unique direct online marketing platform to meet the aspirations and needs of women entrepreneurs/SHGs/NGOs on March 7, 2016.

The USP of this online marketing platform is facilitating direct contact between vendor and buyer.

The platform is easy to access as the entire business of E-haat can be handled through mobile. The vendor can be

approached by the buyer physically, telephonic ally or by email etc. It aims at empowering and ensuring financial inclusion of women in the economy by providing continued sustenance and support to their creativity through the marketing platform.

On the portal, bulk, repeat and customised orders can also be undertaken.

The online marketing platform displays the products/services of the vendors with their contact number, address, and also the basic cost. The URL of

the portal is <http://mahilaehaat-mk.gov.in>. The hyper link to this is also available in the website of Social Justice, Empowerment and Welfare Department [www.sikkimsocialwelfare.nic.in](http://www.sikkimsocialwelfare.nic.in).

The women entrepreneurs/SHGs/NGOs are requested to take maximum advantage of the facility. For any clarifications the nodal contact person for the initiative Dr. Manju Kalra Prakash, Senior Consultant and Head, MAHILA-E-HAAT may be contacted at +919811116846, email - manju.14@gov.in

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