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Dr Shova Kanti Thegim Smriti Puraskar for Rita Thakuri

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GANGTOK, 12 JUN:

Rita Thakuri, a Darjeeling-based writer, has been named for the Dr Shova Kanti Thegim [Lepcha] Smriti Puraskar 2019 for her collection of short stories, "Kolahlbhitrako Spandan."

Ms Thakuri's name was decided at a meeting of the Dr Shova Kanti Thegim [Lepcha] Memorial Trust held on 09 June. Her name had been recommended by a two-tier selection committee constituted by the Trust, a press release informs.

The award is presented on 04 July every year on the birth anniversary of Dr Thegim and carries a cash award of Rs 25,000, a Tamra Patra and a certificate. The awards ceremony will be held at the TNSSS auditorium on 04 July.

This year, the Trust will also be felicitating 12 personalities from the world of Nepali music. The names were finalized by a 3-member committee.

The 12 to be felicitated this year are: the late Dr Ratna Kamal Dewan, Sanu Lama, Lain Singh Yonzon, Dharni Kumar Pradhan, BB Muringla, PT Dong, Deoki Rai, Sant Maya Limboo, Jigme Tenzing Gyaltzen, Thalaram Khanal and Dawa Lama.

HC Registry puts brakes on too many adjournments

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The High Court Registry has made it clear that cases pending for a long time will not be granted further time and directed counsels appearing for such cases not to seek adjournments after being listed by the Registry.

As per the HC Registry Notice, 34 such cases have been listed to be decided after hearing within the next two months. These are cases which have been pending since 2014 on till 2016.

The Supreme Court has directed courts across the country to clear back logged cases.

As of now, 186 civil cases and 87 criminal side cases are pending in the Sikkim High Court.

In the month of May, the High Court registered 24 civil cases and eight criminal cases including appeals and has disposed of 13 civil cases and six criminal cases.

SKM begins prepping for Martam-Rumtek by-election

SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 12 JUN:

A joint meeting of the working committees of zone 1 and constituency level committee of Martam-Rumtek of Sikkim Krantikari Morcha was held here at the party head-office on Wednesday.

The meeting discussed various issues related to the upcoming by-election at Martam Rumtek and decided to constitute a campaign committee immediately and submit the list to the party president for approval, informs an SKM press release.

The release adds that the meeting also decided to hold a constituency-level meeting on Thursday and increase the pace of the party programme in the constituency for the by-elections.

The meeting was attended by Zone 1 vice-president in-charge, Anand Lama, general secretary Nilu Chettri, CLC president DR Giri, general secretary Prince David Rai, Nari Shakti convener Maya Pradhan and other leaders and workers of the party.

CM calls on Modi, seeks Rs 4000 cr one time grant

NEW DELHI, 12 JUN (IPR):

Chief Minister, Prem Singh Tamang (Golay) accompanied by RMD Minister, Sonam Lama made a courtesy call on Prime Minister, Narendra Modi on Tuesday and congratulated him for leading the BJP to a spectacular majority for second consecutive term. He submitted that this phenomenal victory is reflective of the unanimous endorsement of the people of India towards the Prime Minister's far-sighted social-economic and political policies that was initiated and instituted in 2014.

The Chief Minister updated the Prime Minister on various pending issues of Sikkim and sought his intervention in ensuring their early resolution. He elaborated on Article 371F of the Constitution and said that Article 371F of the Constitution of India is the greatest gift to the Sikkimese people which needs to be preserved, protected and implemented, both in letter



and spirit. He further expressed his confidence that Prime Minister, Narendra Modi's second term shall definitely ensure ways and means to further strengthen and stabilize this glaring feature of the Constitution which in turn is to strengthen our Constitutional frameworks.

He further made it clear that the political rights of the Sikkimese Limboo - Tamang tribes must be ensured at the earliest. He reiterated that despite the passing of so many years, Limboo and Tamang still remain deprived from accomplishing their political rights vis-à-

vis- Limboo Tamang seat reservation in the Sikkim Legislative Assembly.

Prime Minister Modi remarked that it was owing to the faulty and unstable stand of the hitherto State government that this long pending demand remained unsettled. He however assured to work on it in

coordination with the new SKM government.

The Prime Minister was quick to respond positively on Chief Minister's presentation towards inclusion of the eleven left out communities of Sikkim namely, Rai, Gurung, Mangar, Bhujel, Sunwar-Mukhia, Thami, Yakha(Dewan),

Khas, Newar, Jogi and Sanyasi in the list of Scheduled Tribes.

The Chief Minister has sought necessary amendments in the existing legislations to pave way for inclusion of these eleven left out communities in the list of Scheduled Tribes given Sikkim's peculiar position in the country which is primarily governed by Article 371F.

The Prime Minister was most sympathetic on the Chief Minister's elaboration on the State's dwindling financial status which is virtually bankrupt and drowned in debt. He further informed the Prime Minister that the circumstances turned from bad to worse owing to the huge loans acquired by a large number of hydro power projects against the State's guarantee from various financial institutions.

Interestingly, Teesta Urja Hydro Project obtained a loan of Rs 11,020 crore from a financial institution against State guarantee. Pertinent to

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CCCT achieves 100% placement

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GANGTOK, 12 JUN:

CCCT has recorded 100% placement for the academic year 2018-19, securing job offers for all students applying for placement at various private industries and institutions.

The placements followed in-campus and off-campus approaches.

For the 57 students seeking placement this session, over 72 offer letters have been issued to the students with many students bagging multiple job offers.

Bhim Prakash Sharma and Nitish Kumar of Electronics and Communication (ECE) bagged four offers each, while Pranish Poudyal of Electrical & Electronics (EEE) received three offers, Chumpila Bhutia and Ritika Sharma of Computer Science (CST) and

Chedem Bhitia (EEE) bagged two each.

CCCT has congratulated and wished them well. The highest salary package offered was Rs 2.16 lakh pa by TransAsia Bio Medicals Ltd, Samardung, South Sikkim. CCCT has thanked all the industries for showing faith in the students and helping them get associated with them.

Some of the other major industries that recruited the students are Cipla Pharmaceuticals, East Sikkim, Titan, East Sikkim, TeamLease, Chennai, Visteon, Chennai, Mphasis, Bangalore and SMIT, Majhitar.

The Placement Cell of CCCT headed by Senior Lecturer Arun Pradhan delivered well this year after a yearlong effort with contact and coordination of many individuals and institutions.

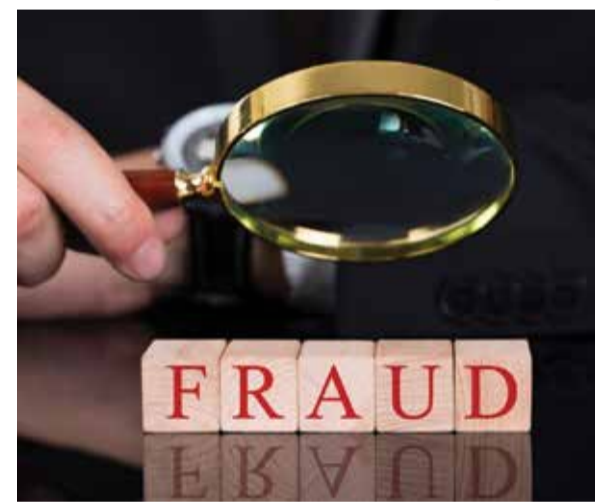
Over Rs 2.05 lakh cr frauds in 11 years: ICICI Bank, SBI and HDFC among top victims

ASHWINI SHRIVASTAVA
NEW DELHI, JUN 12 (PTI):

Of over 50,000 frauds that hit banks in India in the last 11 fiscal years, the ICICI Bank, State Bank of India (SBI) and HDFC Bank reported highest number of cases, according to an RBI data.

Of the total 53,334 cases of frauds reported during 2008-09 and 2018-19 fiscal years, involving a whopping Rs 2.05 lakh crore, a highest of 6,811 were reported by the ICICI Bank involving Rs 5,033.81 crore.

The state-run State Bank of India (SBI) reported 6,793 fraud cases involving Rs 23,734.74 crore followed by HDFC Banks which recorded 2,497 such cases involving Rs 1,200.79 crore, according to the data given by the central bank in response



to an RTI query filed by this correspondent.

The Bank of Baroda reported 2,160 fraud cases (involving Rs 12,962.96 crore), Punjab National Bank 2,047 frauds (Rs 28,700.74 crore) and Axis Bank had 1,944 fraud cases involving Rs 5,301.69 crore public money.

As many as 1,872

frauds involving Rs 12,358.2 crore was reported by Bank of India, 1,783 by Syndicate Bank (Rs 5830.85 crore) and Central Bank of India's 1,613 cases involving Rs 9041.98 crore, the data shows.

IDBI Bank Ltd reported 1,264 fraud cases involving Rs 5978.96 crore, Standard Chartered Bank

1,263 cases involving Rs 1221.41 crore, Canara Bank 1,254 cases of Rs 5553.38 crore, Union Bank of India 1,244 frauds of Rs 11,830.74 crore and Kotak Mahindra 1,213 cases involving Rs 430.46 crore.

In that period, Indian Overseas Bank reported 1,115 frauds involving Rs 12,644.7 crore, while Oriental Bank of Commerce 1040 cases of Rs 5,598.23 crore.

The United Bank of India reported 944 cases of frauds involving Rs 3052.34 crore, State Bank of Mysore 395 cases of Rs 742.31 crore, State Bank of Patiala 386 cases (Rs 1178.77 crore), Punjab and Sind Bank 276 cases (Rs 1154.89 crore), UCO Bank 1081 frauds (Rs 7104.77 crore), Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Ltd 261 cases

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Children's lit fest Bookaroo coming to Gangtok

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GANGTOK, 12 JUN:

Bookaroo, the Children's Literature festival is set to debut in Gangtok, Sikkim on June 28 and 29 June, 2019. This festival is organised by Delhi-based Bookaroo Trust - it is India's first literature festival of its kind, a press release informs. The festival, which began in November 2008 as a solo in New Delhi has travelled to 12 cities across India and has completed 32 editions.

The venue for Bookaroo Children's Literature Festival in Gangtok is Taktse International School. Bookaroo is travelling with 18

speakers to Gangtok, and these include storytellers, authors, illustrators and poets along with 3 local speakers from Sikkim, will be conducting 59 sessions - Storytelling, Drama, Workshops and Art & Craft, the release informs.

"This is a fabulous opportunity for 4-14-year-olds to come and meet, interact with them over art workshops, storytelling, puppetry, writing and more," the release states.

According to Festival Director, Venkatesh M, Bookaroo, "Stories from Sikkim will have a special place in Bookaroo in Gangtok this year. Indira Gandhi National Cen-

tre for the Arts (IGNCA) North East Regional Centre, Guwahati is also collaborating with Bookaroo in this project."

Director, Sonam Paljor Denjongpa, Taktse International School, has said, "Taktse teachers and students have made a pilgrimage every November to Delhi, to attend Bookaroo, since 2009. The impact of this event on Taktse students and teachers has been tremendous. We are truly grateful to the organisers for this wonderful opportunity that they are bringing for the children in the hills. We hope that Bookaroo will inspire us to do something similar in the future."

Bookaroo Gangtok will feature Reshma Thapa Gurung, author of The Very Wiggly Tooth, who lives in the city. She will team up with the illustrator of the book, Canato Jimo to tell the story.

Chewang Dorjee Bhutia also from Sikkim, now a teacher at National Institute of Design in Amaravati, will tell the story of the Cloud Eater of Sikkim. An additional treat for the children of Sikkim will be stories from neighbouring countries, Nepal and Bhutan, brought to them by Bandana Tulachan and Chador Wangmo respectively.

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Pandey, singer-cum-marathoner-cum-storyteller-cum-signage creator and Bhagirathy, a first-time storyteller in Bookaroo from Chennai will add a sprinkling of shadow puppetry in her storytelling sessions.

Author, Shruthi Rao, based in the US, will be at the festival to hold a session on 20 Indians who changed the world, apart from storytelling and writing workshops. Award-winning illustrator Priya Kuriyan will hold art workshops on monsters, jungles and egg children to imagine what they would do if they had superpowers.

Those interested in the world

of wildlife can go on an adventure with Deepak Dalal, the author who loves wildlife, nature, mountains, seas and forests. Deepak writes adventure stories for older children and bird stories for younger ones.

Other speakers are Deeptha Vivekanand (storyteller), Kavita Singh Kale (Transmedia artist), Neetu Sharma (award winning activity and picture book author - illustrator), Praba Ram (author), the Bhuli Art duo - Tanya Kotnala (illustrator & crafts fashion designer) & Tanya (nutritionist), Vinita Srimal Garg (Fantasy-Fiction

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Gangtok to host Bookaroo children's literature festival on June 28-29

SANJAYAGARWAL

RANGPO, June 13: Bookaroo, a children's literature festival is set to debut in Gangtok on June 28 and 29. Organised by Delhi-based Bookaroo Trust, it is India's first literature festival of its kind. The festival, which began in November 2008 as a solo in New Delhi has since travelled to 12 cities across India and has completed 32 editions.

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Taktse International School director Sonam Paljor Denjongpa said Taktse teachers and students have made a pilgrimage every November to Delhi, to attend Bookaroo, since 2009. "The impact of this event on Taktse students and teachers has been tremendous. They have returned more confident in speaking in public, in asking questions, in making conversations with adults and more importantly inspired to read more and write their own book."

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this year. Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) North East Regional Centre, Guwahati is also collaborating with Bookaroo in this project.

"One of the main objectives of IGNCA is to promote and popularise education among children through culture. The North East Regional Centre of IGNCA joins hands with Bookaroo Trust to fulfil this objective through the festival of children's literature. It is their unstinting support to culture and children's literature that has made Bookaroo Gangtok a reality. Taktse, which has kindly agreed to offer us its resources, has been a major factor in Bookaroo's decision to come to Sikkim," he said.

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Feel the magic unfold as the speakers - Deeptha Vivekanand (storyteller), Kavita Singh Kaie (Transmedia artist), Neetu Sharma (award winning activity and picture book author - illustrator), Praba Ram (author), the Bhuli Art duo - Tanya Kotnala (illustrator & crafts fashion designer) & Tanya (nutritionist), Vinita Srimal Garg (Fantasy-Fiction writer), Asha Nehemiah (author of action-packed mysteries and funny stories for all ages) and Simrin Tamhane (creative writer/poet) - share their

delightful stories and art.

Swati Roy, festival director, Bookaroo says, "In 2019-20, apart from taking Bookaroo to Sikkim we will travel to six other cities, most of which are new ones. Delhi and Srinagar will be repeats from last year. We are additionally planning an Urdu festival in Srinagar this year in the month of September. Bookaroo will also visit Banaras and Baroda for the first time this year. The encouragement we received from Taktse in those early days reinforced our belief in our mission - to bring children and books together. Thanks to that support we feel privileged that we have been able to widen our reach to yet another new city and add more children to our family of readers. We are also thankful to the community of writers, illustrators, storytellers and publishers who have so much faith with us and travel to new and sometimes uncharted areas of the country."

