

University of California, Berkeley to adopt 100 villages in Meghalaya

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The U.S.-based University of California, Berkeley will adopt 100 villages in Meghalaya to start a concept of smart villages and address the issue of urban migration due to environmental issues, Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma said on Friday. The Chief Minister was addressing a gathering at Montreux (Switzerland), who converged for the Caux Forum, which aims to inspire, equip and connect people, groups and organisations to build a just, sustainable and peaceful world. The State government will sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the University of California, Berkeley in September to adopt 100 villages to start the concept of smart villages in Meghalaya. Mr. Conrad said, according to an official release issued here. Our cities are already choking and having smart villages will prevent urban migration and related environmental issues, he said. The Chief Minister spoke



highly of the States' uniqueness in terms of land ownership, forest conservation techniques as he deliberated at the Forum. He said, "We as a government are proud of our society and the idea of our sacred groves and living root bridges should be known to the rest of the world. My government has given importance to these indigenous knowledge and have stressed on community participation in the implementation of government programmes, he said. With a population of about 3.3 million people, the Chief Minister said the State is known worldwide for receiving

the heaviest rainfall in the world. Another great aspect of the State is the discovery by Geologists in 2018 about the Meghalayan Age which put the State in the global spotlight, he said. Informing that about 6,500 villages are there in Meghalaya, he said the government will ensure that the National Resource Management Plans are made through full community participation. He also informed that there is also a special emphasis on restoration of land in more than 400 villages of the State and added that the government has

linked all livelihood programmes to natural resources and are encouraging people to protect these natural resources. I am happy to inform that this year on World Environment Day we have planted 1.2 million trees and every citizen is encouraged to plant and adopt one tree, he said. On water scarcity, the Chief Minister said Meghalaya is one of the first States in the country to be ready with the State water policy to face the issue of water conservation and water use. There are problems we have to address and there are also solutions, we just need to come together to talk, discuss and share and need to create goals that must permeate down to the individual level so that every individual has a goal for the development and good of the society, the nation and the world, he said. At the 2019 Dialogue at Caux, global thought leaders and practitioners will explore how community and individual actions can reverse degradation leading to peace and stability.

Safety in hospitals is every one's concern. Say No to violence'

From a Correspondent
New Delhi June 29,

Doctors day is observed every year in India on 1st July. It happens to be the birth and death anniversary of doyen of Medical Profession Dr B C Roy. It is the day to emphasise the value of doctors in the society and to recognize their contribution in individual lives and communities. Doctor patient relationship is based on trust, loyalty and respect. We have seen unprecedented violence against medical professionals in last few years, resulting in mistrust and ultimately more suffering for innocent patient. Doctors do their best to end the suffering of patient but end result is not in their hands. But for any unfavourable outcome people take law into their hands and resort to violence. This ultimately hampers the treatment to other patients as well. It should not be tolerated in any civilized society. To highlight the concern and

steps required to end violence against doctors, Indian Medical Association (IMA) is organizing mass awareness program on the occasion of Doctors day on July 1st, 2019 through its 1700 branches across the country involving different sections of the society. IMA's theme for this year doctors day is "Safety in hospitals is every one's concern. Say No to violence". Dr. Santanu Sen, the National President of IMA will inaugurate the programme at IMA hq in Delhi. He will also unveil a mosaic mural of Dr BC Roy. IMA expects Government of India to declare hospitals as safe zones which includes 3 Layer security, CCTV cameras, restriction of visitors etc. The fear of violence is still present in all medical colleges and other major hospitals. All the local branches and individual members of Indian Medical Association have sent an appeal to the Prime Minister and Union Home Minister, demanding a central

Act on violence against the doctors and hospital staff. Healthcare violence has its origin in lack of infrastructure and inadequate human resources. Issues of medical profession involving doctor-patient relationship and effective communication also play an important role. Exemplary punishment for the perpetrators of violence should be a component of the central law and suitable amendments should be brought into the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and code of criminal procedure (CrPc). Said Dr Narendra Saini, Past Hony. Secretary General, IMA. IMA's movement against violence will continue till achieving safety in our hospitals. Doctors Day across India will be marked by a blood donation movement. IMA has also will conduct a blood donation camp in its building in I.P. Marg, New Delhi. A formal commemoration meeting will start at 6 PM. All are invited.

Monsoon rains to lash the city for next 3 days, says IMD

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Mumbai June 29,

Several areas of Mumbai woke up to heavy downpour on Saturday with the weather department predicting heavy rains for the next three days. Today, the minimum and maximum temperatures will hover around 24 degree Celsius and 31 degree Celsius with relative humidity at 89 per cent. According to the Skymet, a private weather forecasting agency, so far Mumbai has



recorded 404 mm of rains against the average of 493 mm. "The off-shore trough along the West Coast and the cyclonic circulation over

east-central Arabian Sea have kept the Monsoon active to vigorous over Mumbai and nearby coastal areas of Konkan region," the

Skymet stated. **46-year-old man electrocuted in Thane** A 46-year-old man was electrocuted to death after the branch of a tree which hit an electric cable fell on him on Saturday. The incident took place near Hanuman temple in Kolbad area of Thane, officials said.

Mumbai's water stock rises, courtesy heavy downpour After heavy rainfall in the catchment area, Mumbai's water stock increased from 4.9% on Friday morning to 5.3% on Saturday morning. **Matheran, Mumbai, Dahanu register highest rainfall on Saturday morning** The top six locations to receive highest rain across Maharashtra between 8.30 am on Friday and 8.30 am on Saturday are Matheran which has recorded 347 mm, Mumbai at 234.8 mm, Dahanu at 213 mm, Mahabaleswar at 195.1 mm, Ratnagiri at 92.7 mm and Alibaug at 79.8 mm, data released by IMD shows.

3 people injured in Mumbai wall collapse Three people were injured after part of a wall collapsed in Meenai flower market in Dadar area on Friday. The injured have been admitted to hospital.

Mumbai records its second highest 24-hour June rain in a decade Continuous overnight downpour in the Mumbai suburbs helped the city record its second highest 24-hour rainfall for June in 10 years and highest since 2015. Over the past 10 years, the highest 24-hour June rain was recorded on June 19, 2015, at 283.4mm while the all-time high June rainfall was on June 10, 1991, at 399mm.

15 including 4 children crushed in midnight wall collapse in Pune

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At least 15 people including four children and one woman were killed after a wall of Alcon Stylus housing society in Kondhwa area of Pune city collapsed post midnight, following heavy rains. An NDRF team said it recovered 2 bodies while the remaining were recovered by the fire brigade.

The wall collapsed on a slum where labourers were sleeping. Pune guardian minister Chandrakant Dada Patil said most of the victims were labourers from Bihar and Orissa. "The workers were living in a camp of an under construction site," said Pune district collector Naval

Kishore Ram. "Wall collapsed due to heavy rains. Prima facie, builder seems to be at fault as he set labour camp right adjacent to the wall," he added. At least 15 killed in wall collapse following heavy rains in Pune At least 15 people were killed after a housing society wall collapsed following heavy rains. The wall collapsed on a slum in Kondhwa area where labourers were sleeping. Current Time 0:04 Mayor of Pune, Mukta Tilak said her administration was giving a 'work stop' order so that no work can be continued at the construction site. Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnis in a

tweet, said he had directed Pune collector to conduct an in-depth inquiry. Minister Patil said he had sought details to ascertain if legal procedure were followed in setting up the labourers' camp. City police commissioner K Venkatesh confirmed that the authorities were "checking if proper building permissions had been taken." "If required, FIR will be filed against those at fault," he said. Both the injured—19-yr-old Ajay Kumar Dilip Sharma and 25-yr-old Pooja Rajesh Sharma, who were admitted to Sassoon hospital - are now stable. Pune received over 73.1 millimetres of rain in the past 24 hours, the second highest rainfall in June since 2010.

Ayurvedic doctors to conduct media OPD clinic

From a Correspondent
Guwahati June 29,

Two practicing Ayurvedic physicians namely Dr Binod Kalita MS (Ayu, Anorectal specialist) and Dr Jayanta Sarmah MD (ayur, Panchakarma) will conduct tomorrow's (Saturday, 29 June, between 4 and 6 pm) media OPD clinic at Guwahati Press Club. Interested member-

journalists of the press club along with their family members are requested to participate in the program, where they (more precisely those who are suffering from piles related ailments) will get free consultations from the physicians. Gold Rush screened: Charlie Chaplin's evergreen film-work 'The Gold Rush' was screened at Guwahati Press Club on 28 June last. Written,

directed and produced by Chaplin, the 1925 American comedy film has cinematography by Roland Totheroh. Starring Chaplin, the B&W film has other casts including Georgia Hale, Mack Swain, Tom Murray, Malcolm Waite etc. One of Chaplin's most celebrated film-works as Charlie himself declared several times that it was the film for which he wanted to be remembered.

Assam Rifles Organises Medical Camp In Remote Villages Of Manipur

IGAR (South)
Imphal June 29,

A medical camp was organised at village Anthi and Anal Khullen of Chandel district, Manipur by Chandel Battalion of 26 Sector Assam Rifles, IGAR (South) on 28th June 2019. The camp was organised on the request of the villagers as there is no medical facility available in the vicinity. A total of 126 villagers (71 from Anthi village and 55 from Anal Khullen village) including men, women and children attended the camp and were provided with a free health check up and medicines. The Regimental Medical Officer and Assam Rifles Medical Officer of the Chandel Battalion carried out



preliminary health check up of villagers and referred few villagers for further treatment who have been diagnosed for any ailment. The villagers were contented with the medical camp and shown their gratitude towards the Assam

Rifles for organising it. Also, villagers have been assured regarding full support from Assam Rifles through such outreach programs and they can approach battalion in case medical assistance is required during any emergency.

'Stoked' Modi responds to mate Australia PM's 'Kithana ache he Modi' praise

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New Delhi June 29,

Moments after Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison on Saturday tweeted a selfie with his Indian counterpart and praised him in Hindi, saying "Kithana acha he Modi", a 'stoked' PM Modi took the bonhomie a step further with his reply. The two leaders are in Osaka, Japan for the G20 Summit.

The newly-elected Australian Prime Minister met his Indian counterpart in the morning and had shared some light moments with him. Morrison clicked a selfie with Modi and posted it on Twitter with a caption "Kithana acha he Modi!" (How good is Modi). To which, PM Modi had a very unique response for his mate, signifying his adeptness of aching the

bilateral ties and social media presence in one go. Last month, the two leaders congratulated each other on their respective election victories and pledged to work together. The G20 (Group of Twenty) is an international leaders' forum comprising 19 countries and the European Union. The 14th edition of the G20 Summit is being held here from June 28-29.

HRD Ministry releases 5-year vision plan on Quality Education

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New Delhi June 29,

The Higher Education Department of the Ministry of Human Resource Development has finalized and released a five-year vision plan named Education Quality Upgradation and Inclusion Programme (EQUIP). This is in accordance with the Prime Minister's direction for finalizing a five-year vision plan for each Ministry. According to an official release, the report has been



prepared after a detailed exercise done by the experts from various areas, including promoting excellence, employability and entrepreneurship among others. The Expert Groups

drawn from senior academicians, administrators and industrialists, have suggested more than 50 initiatives that would transform the higher education sector completely.