

**Mumbai hosts India's astrobiology conference**



Mumbai, Oct 26: India's first astrobiology conference on life in Space was organised in Mumbai by Indian Astrobiology Research Centre and IARC Centre for United Nations in collaboration with Nehru Science Centre.

Astrobiology is the study of the origin, evolution and distribution of life in the universe. It also refers to the search for any kind of life elsewhere.

The maiden astrobiology conference received an overwhelming response. Pushkar Ganesh Vaidya, Scientist, Head, IARC, said.

The conference, held on Sunday, began with a talk by renowned cosmologist Prof Jayant Narlikar. He spoke about the ongoing search for micro-life in the universe and the future tests planned to conduct the isotopic analysis of the organic material retrieved from over 40 km above the earth's surface.

This analysis can show if life is indeed to come from outer space, Vaidya told PTI.

Prof. Chandra Wickramasinghe from Cambridge, UK delivered the first Arthur C Clarke memorial lecture, based on his lifelong effort to test panspermia.

The theory of panspermia suggests that life did not originate on Earth but was delivered to Earth from some other part of the universe.

On this occasion, a fund called, "Chandra Wickramasinghe Fund for Panspermia Research" was announced. This fund will encourage astrobiology research amongst students in India.

Dr Henery Throop, delivered a talk about NASA's contribution to search for life in space over the past 50 years. He suggested that instead of Mars, the future missions should target Jupiter's moon Europa which likely has a sub-surface ocean.

A panel discussion led by leading astrophysicist Prof. Shashikumar Chitre and astrobiologist, Pushkar Ganesh Vaidya, was held.

To understand life in the cosmic context is critical to our understanding of life on Earth, Vaidya said.

Prof. Chitre spoke about the need to widen the search for life and that it is imperative that the new generation must take the field of astrobiology to new heights. He reminded the students, it is up to them to answer the question are we alone in the universe.

In the presence of the gathering of space scientists, the launch of National Space Sciences Curriculum (NSSC) was announced. It is India's widest initiative that offers space sciences in the form of curriculum at school level, Vaidya said. PTI

**Philippines' Duterte makes business pitch in Japan, blasts US**

Tokyo, Oct 26

Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte had set Wednesday to persuade Japanese executives that his country is "open for business", after upending traditional alliances by insulting the US and making overtures to China.

The acid-tongued leader arrived in Tokyo Tuesday on his first visit to Japan since taking office on June 30 and immediately continued a tirade against longtime ally US.

Duterte has vehemently criticised Washington for questioning his crime crackdown, which has claimed about 3,700 lives and attracted widespread international criticism, but has also sent the 71-year-old former mayor's domestic popularity soaring high.

He insulted President Barack Obama by calling him a "son of a whore" and saying the Philippines can live without US assistance, though he walked back on a statement in Beijing last week announcing a "separation" from the US.

On Tuesday in Japan, before a cheering audience of resident Filipinos, Duterte called Americans "stupid" but went out of his way to praise his hosts.

"Japan has really been our biggest helper," he said, pointing to their assistance with an airport and road-building projects. "The fact is they are really so very kind."

Duterte told reporters before he left that he was keen to boost bilateral trade and was looking forward to meeting top Japanese executives. "I will tell them clearly that



the Philippines is open for business," he said, adding he wanted Japanese cooperation on key infrastructure projects.

"In particular, we can tap the experience and expertise of Japan in developing high quality and modern public transportation," he said.

He is set to speak to Japanese business executives on Wednesday before holding a summit with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe later in the day.

Duterte will also meet with Emperor Akihito during the trip, which follows his headline-grabbing state visit to China last week.

Duterte's harsh criticism of Washington is likely to be embarrassing for Tokyo, which depends on the US for its security. But Japan itself has so far avoided any criticism, while the US has taken a calm approach.

"We're going to take the long view," State Department spokesman John Kirby said regarding Tuesday's verbal assault. "We're not going to react and respond to every bit of rhetoric. We're going to continue to work at this relationship," he added.

Abe had worked to improve bilateral relations with Duterte's predecessor,

Benigno Aquino, and has continued that approach with Duterte.

Japan provided patrol boats to support the Philippines in its territorial row with Beijing over rival claims to the South China Sea, as it sought backing in its own maritime dispute with China.

Aquino took Beijing to an international tribunal over its extensive claims in the South China Sea -- where it has built artificial islands capable of hosting military facilities -- and the Philippines won a resounding victory in July.

But Duterte has not sought to use the verdict to anger China, instead working to improve ties and attract billions of dollars in Chinese loans and investments.

Yoshihide Suga, Japan's top government spokesman, said on Wednesday that the government will continue to aid Philippine's development, but he sidestepped whether relations with the US will be a summit topic.

He said Abe will seek "frank exchanges of views from the standpoint that Japan and the Philippines will continue to contribute to regional peace, stability and prosperity." AFP

**Denuclearising North Korea a 'lost cause'**

District of Columbia, Oct 26

Convincing North Korea to abandon nuclear weapons is a "lost cause," America's top intelligence official said Tuesday, causing concern in the State Department and ally South Korea over an issue of long-standing US policy.

The United States has always maintained it cannot accept North Korea as a nuclear state and, under President Barack Obama, has made any talks with the North conditional on Pyongyang first making some tangible commitment towards denuclearisation.

But in remarks to the Council on Foreign Relations think-tank, US Director of National Intelligence James Clapper suggested such a policy was based on wishful thinking. "They are under siege, and they are very paranoid. So the notion of giving up their nuclear capability, whatever it is, is a nonstarter with them," he added. His comments reflected an opinion widely held among North Korea experts but one only expressed in private by senior US administration officials who feel a policy change on North Korea is overdue.

While Clapper may have been trying to garner support for the imminent deployment of the US THAAD missile defense system in South Korea, State Department spokesman John Kirby rebuffed Clapper's position, stressing that "nothing has changed" with the Obama administration's policy of pushing the North - through a toughened sanction regime - to give up its nuclear weapons.

"We want to continue to see a verifiable denuclearisation of the (Korean) peninsula," Kirby said.

Critics of the policy say sanctions and non-engagement have done nothing to prevent the North's accelerated drive towards a credible nuclear deterrent that could directly threaten the US mainland. South Korea, which has stood shoulder-to-shoulder with the US hardline on Pyongyang, also stressed there would be no change of course.

"The determination of not only South Korea and the US but of the international community to end North Korea's nuclear program is stronger than ever," a foreign ministry official told AFP.

"We will work with the international community to impose stronger sanctions and pressure on the North so it will have no other choice but to denuclearize," the official said.

Although there is no official dialogue between Washington and Pyongyang, there are regular, so-called Track 2 discussions involving former US diplomats and North Korean officials - most recently in Malaysia last weekend.

In July, the North cut off its only remaining official channel of diplomatic communications with the United States in retaliation for American sanctions against its leader, Kim Jong-Un. North Korea has been hit by five sets of UN sanctions since it first tested a nuclear device in 2006.

After Pyongyang carried out its fourth nuclear test in January, the Security Council adopted the toughest sanctions resolution to date, targeting North Korea's trade in minerals and tightening banking restrictions.

Council members are currently debating a fresh resolution after the North's fifth nuclear test in September.

According to Security Council diplomats, the negotiations are focused on closing loopholes and zeroing in on North Korea's nuclear and ballistic missile technology industry. AFP

**'Inhumane' conditions at Haiti hurricane shelters**



Oct 26

Haitians displaced by Hurricane Matthew are living in "inhumane" conditions in government-run shelters, a United Nations expert said Tuesday.

The powerful storm crashed ashore in southwestern Haiti on October 4 packing winds of 230 kilometers per hour. At least 546 people were killed, and more than 175,000 people were displaced.

Three weeks after the storm, Gustavo Gallon, an independent UN human rights observer in Haiti, described his shock at the living conditions for storm refugees in shelters. They are surviving in "difficult conditions: no food, no access to health services, no drinking water, and without clean installations and proper toilets," Gallon said.

"These people are squeezed into 20 classrooms. They are hungry. There are two babies that were born there without help for delivery, and there are around 20 pregnant women there," said Gallon. Gallon recalled how a young woman told him "we

all became mentally ill."

"The conditions in which these people find themselves in are inhumane and should be resolved immediately," he added.

According to Haiti's Civil Protection service, the hurricane destroyed or heavily damaged more than 770 schools, and unaffected schools have been taken over by thousands of displaced families.

Given the great stress suffered by storm refugees, many of whom lost everything, Gallon was perplexed by Haitian authorities' orders to prepare to resume classes. Education officials notified the Nord Alexis school principal to prepare to restart classes in two weeks. "He doesn't see how he can meet these demands," Gallon said.

Gallon is an independent expert who is not on the UN staff and "serves voluntarily and independently of any government or organization," according to his official biography. He was appointed by the UN Human Rights Council to his post in June 2013, and has since visited Haiti six times. AFP

**National Geographic's famed "Afghan Girl" arrested in Pakistan**

Islamabad, Oct 26

National Geographic's famed 'Afghan Girl' Sharbat Bibi was arrested by the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) on Wednesday in Pakistan's Peshawar city, authorities said.

Bibi was arrested from her home for forgery of a Computerised National Identity Card (CNIC), FIA sources said. Bibi has dual Pakistani and Afghan nationality, and both ID cards have been recovered from her, Dawn online reported.

An FIA official said the officer who had issued the ID cards to Sharbat Bibi was now working as a deputy commissioner in customs and got bail-before-arrest to avoid arrest in the case.

Last year, National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) issued three CNICs to Sharbat Bibi

and two men who claimed to be her sons. Issuance of CNICs were in violation to the rules and procedures of NADRA.



The official added that relatives present at the given address have refused to recognise two persons listed as her sons in the form. An inquiry had been

launched with NADRA officials under fire for issuing CNICs to foreign nationals without legitimate documentation, Dawn online noted.

Sharbat Bibi became famously known as the 'Afghan Girl' when National Geographic photographer Steve McCurry captured her photograph at the Nasir Bagh refugee camp situated on the edge of Peshawar in 1984 and identified her as Sharbat Gula.

She gained worldwide recognition when her image was featured on the cover of the June 1985 issue of National Geographic Magazine at a time when she was approximately 12-years-old.

She remained anonymous for years after her first photo made her an icon around the world and until she was discovered by National Geographic in 2002. LANS

**GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR**  
**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**NOTIFICATION**  
Dt. Imphal, the 25th Oct. 2016

As per letter No. 15/2016-W(P-I) dated 25-10-2016 of the Secretariat Works Department, Govt. of Manipur the Written test conducted on 23-10-2016 for recruitment of LDCs in PWD, Manipur has been cancelled owing to defects found out in the printed OMR answer sheets.

Further it is hereby notified for information of the eligible candidates that the Written test examination will again be held on 30-10-2016 at 10.00 A.M. at the following College/Schools shown as below.

Sl.No.	Name of College/School.	Allotted Roll Nos.
1	Liberal College, Luwangshangbam	Roll No. from 01 to 700
2	Kanan Devi Memorial School, Pangei, Imphal East	Roll No. from 701 to 1101
3	Sainik View Getwell School (Sainik View Pangei)	Roll No. from 1102 to 1465

Subjects for the said exam. of LDCs of PWD, Manipur as given below:  
1. General English - 100 Marks  
2. General Knowledge - 50 Marks

Instructions to Candidates:  
1. No Candidate will be allowed in the Examination Centre without Original Admit Card.  
2. Candidates must use BLACK POINT BALL PEN to darken the circles in the OMR.  
3. No candidate will be allowed in the Centre after 15 (fifteen) minutes of commencement of the examination.  
4. No mobile phone / pad / i phone is allowed.

Date of Computer/Typing test will be informed later on.

Sd/- M. Lokendro Singh  
Chief Engineer, PWD, Manipur.

Tse/7393-27,28 (E+M)

**APOLOGY**

1. In the Preface on page ii of my book, RUNGSUNG SUIISA, THE PROPHET- I, I have written some controversial statements pertaining to the authority of the booklet, LEGACY of R. SUIISA. In fact R. Suisa bequeathed them to Mr. Ngashathang A.C. Shimray (Ng. Shimray) to publish from time to time. I have no right at all to usurp the authority of the said booklet.

2. Also, in Appendix II on page 122 of the same book, I write that R. Suisa entrusted Messrs Luisom of Ukhrul, Rungma of Tuinem and Ng. Shimray of Ringu to publish his 104 songs, but they all passed away before the publication. Actually, there is no such assignment to them. It is only a hearsay; and Mr. Ng. Shimray is, by the grace of God, very much alive till date.

3. Moreover, I write in the said book on page 125 that in my dream I asked oja Suisa if he gave a constitution written for Ng. Shimray and he gave me a negative reply. Mr. Ng. Shimray also says that he has never come across a constitution of that kind. It occurred only in my dream, and a dream cannot be legally and historically interpreted.

4. Therefore, I hereby tender my heartfelt apology to Mr. Ng. Shimray. I have no malice towards him as to tarnish his character and further agree that:

i) the first publication of the book, RUNGSUNG SUIISA, THE PROPHET - I, (printed in 2016) be banned. If I am to publish the book, I will print by deleting the above points and only after thorough correction and verification obtained from the competent authority.

Yours sincerely,  
**K. Wungnao, Shakvao**  
Village, Ukhrul Dist. Manipur.

Tse/7409-27,28

**OFFICE OF THE**  
**JESSAMI VILLAGE COUNCIL,**  
Jessami Sub-Division, Ukhrul District, Manipur

**Words of gratitude**

We, the undersigned, on behalf of the public of Jessami village would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to **Dr. O. Ibomcha, Director, Health Services and NHM,** Government of Manipur for selecting PHC, Jessami as one of 24/7 services. Besides, construction of reservoir, water tanks, construction of incomplete infrastructures and providing of furniture, Medicines and other require equipments and posting of Doctors so as 24/7 is translated into practical.

Sd/- ANIZOTE M.  
Chairman, Jessami Village Council

Tse/7391-27

**GRATITUDE**

It is indeed my immense pleasure to show my heartfelt gratitude to **Sir Ashok Kumar** for healing my sickness that is **SPINAL CORD COMPRESSION (L4/L5)** after only 3 days treatment. I have been suffering from it for the last four months. I had difficulty to sit, stand and could not move freely which led my life in trouble. All such physical deformities have healed and back to normality after consultation with **Sir Ashok Kumar** at his clinic, **Ashok Kumar Health Care Centre, Near E.S.U. Ground, Palace Compound, #9612988625 Imphal.** I am so happy that I am able to live a normal life again. His treatment is incredible. My sincere gratitude goes to **Mr. Ashok Kumar.**

Sd/-Khomdram Ranjit Singh  
Nambol

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--- Contact : 8730945931 ---

Tse/D-19 (E)

**CERTIFICATE AND MARKSHEET LOST**

I have lost my Class X HSLC Marksheet and Certificate bearing Roll No. 3321 of the year 1987 on 25/10/2016 between Thangal Bazar and Paona Bazar. Finders are requested to handover the same to the undersigned.

Sd/- Rajendra Sethi  
S/o Nandlal Sethi  
Thangal Bazar, Imphal  
Phone No. 9774423059

Tse/7392-27

**R.C. BOOK LOST**

I have lost my R.C. Book with all document bearing Regd. No. MN06L-5742, on the way between Game Village and M.G. Avenue on 25-10-2016.

Timothy Riamei  
Tamenglong  
# 9402985668

Tse/7416-27

**SELLING PLOT**

A plot situated near Ukhrul Mini Secretariat - Hamleikhong West is selling at a very reasonable rate/amount. Interested party can contact the following phone no.  
(1) 8731875598, (2) 9612628485

N.B# A house with 4 rooms included. Tse/7400-27

**INFORMATION**

Following to the order notification issued to the Ukhrul District Taxi Welfare Association (UDTWA), Ukhrul by Dy. Registrar of Societies, Ukhrul A.S. James. (No.127/UD/SR/2009). The taxi winger counter at Imphal (Pamreiyon Mashangang) and Ukhrul counter (Peter R. Shimray) Phungreitag, Ukhrul would be temporary suspended/ will not operate until the crisis is settle. Kindly adhere the order until further notification.

Sd/- CH. Khathing  
President, UDTWA

Tse/Mungchan-27

**COMDEMNNATION**

The Ukhrul District Teachers Welfare Association (UDTWA) strongly condemn against the "Bomb Threat" to the CEO ADC, Ukhrul D. Gangmei on 23rd Oct in his residence Langol Tarung Village Imphal. UDTWA appeal the concern group/ individual not to resort into violence /shun violent. Any misunderstanding or issues to be settle through dialogue respecting the rights of every individual.

Sd/- L.A.W. Wungnaoshang  
President UDTWA. Sd/- Songayam  
Secretary UDTWA

Tse/b(MSACS)-27 (E+M)

**OFFICE OF THE MANIPUR**  
**STATE AIDS CONTROL SOCIETY IMPHAL, MANIPUR**

**NOTICE**

Imphal, the 26th October, 2016  
No.F-23054/24/2015-16/FIN-MACS: Sealed tenders are invited from intending suppliers/manufacturers for supply of consumables. Detailed information along with the tender documents may be downloaded from the SACS website [www.manipursacs.gov.in](http://www.manipursacs.gov.in) wef 26.10.2016.

Sd/- Hungyo Worshang  
Project Director  
Manipur State AIDS Control Society, Imphal,  
Manipur

Tse/b(MSACS)-27 (E+M)

**NOTICE**  
**LITTLE BUDS' SCHOOL**  
**DEWLAHLAND IMPHAL**

**Admission form for the session 2017**

**Classes : 1. DAY CARE**  
**2. PRE - NURSERY**  
**3. NURSERY**

At school office till 29th Oct. 2016.  
Time : 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Sd/-  
Principal

Tse/7377-26,27

**OFFICE OF THE**  
**PEON-CUM-CHAWKIDAR ASSOCIATION**  
SADAR HILLS

**NOTICE**

Kangpokpi, the 25th October, 2016  
It is hereby informed to all members of the association that there will be a crucial meeting on 28th October, 2016 at District Council Hall, Kangpokpi at 11 am sharp to deliberate on various important agendas.

Therefore, all members are informed to attend the meeting without fail.

Sd/- L. Ahen,  
Secretary

Tse/KPI-26,27 Peon-cum-Chawkidar Association, Sadar Hills

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Ph. no. 9862233641/ 9089084701

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