

DNA test to clear up Confucius confusion

Chinese Academy of Science, as saying.

How the scientists had obtained a sample of Confucius's DNA was not explained.

"One of the most difficult things in the project is to confirm the blood connections of these numerous claimants," said Kong Dewei, one of the editors of the new family tree, who has the same Chinese surname of Confucius, "Kong" in Chinese.

Association with Confucianism was fatal during the tumult of the Cultural Revolution, when "old China" and its traditions were condemned as reactionary by fervent Communist Red Guards.

But since the 1990s, Beijing has been encouraging Confucianism as part of celebrating traditional Chinese culture -- and of pushing a message of obedience to those in power.

Eating less may cut Alzheimer's symptoms

Researchers have found the protein can also enhance the function of a patient's metabolism, kidneys and liver.

"The real message is that, in an animal model of Alzheimer's disease, caloric restriction led to the elevation of molecules that are associated with longevity and good health," said Dr Giulio Pasinetti, a professor of psychiatry and neuroscience who led the study.

"This may be the reason why caloric restriction may work to prevent Alzheimer's disease."

According to the National Institute of Aging, about 4.5 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease, the most common cause of elderly dementia.

Its first symptom is often a mild forgetfulness that escalates into an inability to care for oneself and, eventually, death. There is no cure, and treatments merely delay the progression of the disease for a short time.

Indian army sees first suicide of lady officer

REUTERS, Jammu, India

The Indian army saw the first suicide of a female officer, who shot herself at her camp in the troubled region of Kashmir, police and army officers said yesterday.

Lieutenant Susmita Chakraborty, 25, had asked her sentry to hand over his rifle on Thursday, saying she wanted to be photographed with it at the Northern Command headquarters near Udhampur, northeast of Jammu city.

"She was found in a pool of blood when security personnel heard a gunshot from inside the room and rushed in," a police officer told Reuters. Chakraborty had been posted to Kashmir six months ago.

The Indian army began recruiting women 14 years ago, although no women are deployed for combat. There are 2,000 female officers now compared to 40,000 male officers in a force of 1.1 million troops.

Army officers said they were unaware of the reasons behind the suicide, but some suggested Chakraborty was depressed.

"May be she had some personal tension. Otherwise, she was a very good officer and had an excellent rapport with her colleagues," a senior officer told Reuters.

Scientists create hybrid butterfly species in lab

REUTERS, London

Scientists said on Wednesday they have created a distinctive red and yellow butterfly in the laboratory by interbreeding two different species in a way similar to what they believe has occurred in nature.

The laboratory hybrid is nearly identical to a wild species of butterfly in Colombia known as *Heliconius heurippa*.

"We recreated the evolutionary steps that may have given rise to *Heliconius heurippa*, a hybrid butterfly species, in the lab," said Jesus Mavarez, of the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute in Panama City, Panama.

Animal hybrids are thought to be very rare because they are less able to survive. The mule for example, a hybrid between a donkey and a horse, is sterile so it is an evolutionary dead end. But some hybrids survive and establish new species.

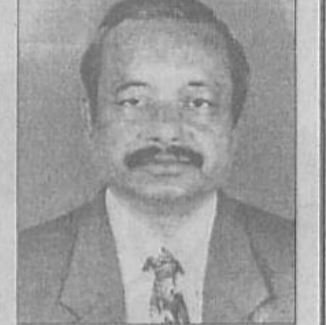
The achievement by Mavarez and researchers in Colombia and Britain, which is reported in the journal *Nature*, suggests animal hybrids could be more common than previously thought.

The scientists began their experiments after noticing that *Heliconius heurippa*'s distinct wing pattern was similar to two other species of butterfly.

After interbreeding the two types, they found the laboratory hybrid was very similar to the wild species.

The scientists said the colour pattern on the wing of *Heliconius heurippa*, which is a mating cue, makes it unattractive to members of their parents' species but attractive to each other.

Obtains Ph.D.



Prof. Parimal Chandra Datta (PC Datta) has recently obtained the degree of Ph.D. in Accounting and Finance from Preston University, USA. His dissertation was "Fund Management of the Nationalized Commercial Banks and Private Commercial Banks in Bangladesh -- An Econometric Analysis." His supervisor was Professor Dr. Abhinaya Chandra Saha of Rajshahi University. He is the eldest son of late Parballi Charan Datta and Mrs. Parul Rani Datta of village Barai in the district of Manikganj.

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