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Chandra and Aadavan are best friends. Previously, they lived in Delhi, but Chandra relocated to Sikkim, his hometown. It is the first time that Aadavan has visited him in six years.

Aadavan: Hello My Friend Chandra! I have missed you so much. You have grown so tall!

Chandra: Oh yes my friend! I do believe your height has grown too! Welcome To Sikkim

Aadavan: Thanks! I love the snow-capped mountains and the mesmerizing landscapes of Sikkim

Chandra: Oh yeah! They are the most enjoyable part.

Aadavan: I have seen people play with shells, dice, bowls, etc on a board. What is it? Looks like a weird copy of chess or carrom. Perhaps it is new?

Chandra: Oh no my friend. It is Sho, a board game. It is played after a long day of work or school. Loved by the locals, it is one of the most popular games in Sikkim. After a long day of work, the natives can be seen sitting around a table with game accessories. Sho or Shoh comes from the Tibetan word for dice. Sho also works on the lines of many dice board games.

Aadavan: Ooh! I would love to play it! Please teach it to me someday.

Chandra: Sure!

Aadavan: By the way, there was a huge line at the airport for some festival. Which festival is approaching?

Chandra: There is an archery festival. People play archery here daily. Archery is played at harvest festivals. It is almost considered a ritual. Archery is very significant to us Sikkimese. Also, archery is a symbol of the harvesting season in Sikkim. Every year, you can see the locals celebrating a good harvest through this sport. I have booked a ticket for us too.

Aadavan: **Wow!** I like Lohri a lot... but with an archery twist, it would be better!

I would love to see those snow-capped mountains and even take a closer look at their charming figure!

Chandra: That's possible! We will go paragliding too! **You can also catch a bird's eye view of the picturesque city of Gangtok.** As most parts of the state are covered with thick forests, you can experience an unpolluted, clear route accompanied by well-trained professionals.

Aadavan: Oh wow! I love Sikkim. I am hungry.

Chandra: Let's head to a restaurant and eat some yummy delicious Thukpa.

Aadavan: Sounds scrumptious and egregious! I cannot wait to dig in!