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## DC East visits Dikchu project site, inspects warning systems in place

WANGCHUK BHUTIA  
MANGAN, 01 JUN:

Following complaints made by the people living downstream of 96 MW Dikchu Hydel Power Project dam that water from the reservoir was being released randomly without issuing prior warning, District Collector-East, Prabhakar Verma, today inspected the project site along with the officials to check if the sirens are being installed.

The DC made his first inspection at the power house site where he was also assisted by the Panchayat President, BB Gurung, SDM Gangtok and other officials from the company. Later, the DC visited the



dam site at Lingdok.

It may be recalled that people of the area had complained after four youth who were at the

riverside below 12th Mile were nearly washed away when water was suddenly released from the dam without any warning.

The DC inquired about whether the company had followed the necessary safety norms. He also checked whether

warning boards had been placed at different locations of the project site. It was found that one siren was being installed

at the power house site while no siren is being installed in the area that falls between the dam and the power house since there is no electricity in the area. The sirens are being installed only at the power house site at Dikchu and the dam site at Lingdok. However, the project developers, Sneha Kinetic Power Projects Limited have informed that they will be installing new model of siren which runs on batter in the area falling between the dam and the power site.

During the visit it was found that the project developers were not following many of the safety norms.



## Sikkim girl Henuka Rai cracks UPSC 2017

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GANGTOK, 01 JUN:

"It is a result of my hard work and dedication. My mother always taught me to stay focussed. She believed in me and has always been confident about me succeeding in the Indian Administrative Service exams," says Henuka Rai, the Sikkim girl who has successfully cracked the UPSC 2017 examination.

One of the few from the state to crack the toughest exam of the country, Henuka secured a national ranking of 931 in UPSC results declared on 31 May. To get a sense of the kind of competition she has waded through, sample this: slightly over 11.35 lakh candidates applied for preliminary exam of whom 4.60 lakh took the exams in Au-

gust last year. Of these, 15,452 candidates qualified for appearance in the written (main) examination that was held in December, 2016. Only 2,961 candidates qualified for the personality test, of whom 1,099 have been selected -846 males and 253 females.

Speaking to Summit-Times over the phone, Henuka who is presently pursuing her PhD from Indian Institute of Agricultural Research in New Delhi said that it was hard to believe at first that she had cracked the exam so she requested one of her juniors to re-check the UPSC result to confirm her selection.

She informs that her parents were very supportive while she was preparing for the UPSC

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## Special drive to enrol young electors from 01 July

SUMMIT REPORT  
GANGTOK, 01 JUN:

The Election Commission of India has decided to utilise the period of continuous updation for maximisation of enrolment of young electors particularly 18-19 age group and for removing the impurities in the electoral roll by launching a special drive throughout the state from 01-31 July, 2017, informs a press release received from the Election Department.

In tune with the special drive, special campaigns are being organised in all the polling stations on 09 July and 23 July especially for motivating young voters to come forward to get their names registered in the electoral roll. Therefore, newly eligible young voters attaining the age of 18 years as on 01/01/2017 and all those whose electoral roll needs updation are requested to participate in the special drive.



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## South admn confirms illegal dumping into Teesta by pharma cos, directs clean up

NAMCHI, 01 JUN [IPR]: A team led by Additional District Collector, South, visited Samardung area in South Sikkim today with regard to the complaint made by Director of Sikkim Manipal Institute of Technology about illegal dumping of earth in the Teesta by various pharma companies of the area.

Colonel (ret'd) Balwant Singh, representing SMIT and General Manager and HR of Aishwarya Healthcare, Merck Life Science Pvt Ltd, Arti, Intas and Himgange, and Panchayat-Lower Maneydara were present during the visit.

The complainant had informed that due to dumping of earth by private companies in the river bed, there was the possibility of the river getting diverted towards SMIT which had happened earlier in the year 2010 wherein LANCO had also constructed protection wall to safeguard the other end of river bed along the SMIT compound.

It was quite evident that dumping had taken place in the river bed. Therefore, all the five



companies have been directed to remove the earth dumped in the river bed immediately as the river bed can change its course and affect the low lying belts culminating in a serious disaster.

The field inspection started at Merck Life Science. The ADC-S directed the Revenue Supervisor-Namthang to conduct survey of Merck Life Science. After the survey,

it was found that Merck Life Science had illegally dumped plastics and other materials in the forest reserved portion of the river. They have been directed to clear the area by 02 June without fail.

The Forest Guard present also informed that he had intercepted one truck carrying earth to be dumped in the same area but was unclear as to whom the

vehicle belonged to. After the incident, dumping has not been allowed in the area.

Additionally, there are many electric poles at the river bed supplying electricity to various companies. The poles were precariously positioned posing threat to people going for fishing in the river bed which would also lead to a disaster.

Merck Life Science is

also using the road belonging to the Forest Reserve and has constructed a gate in the path of that road. They have been directed to shift it to another location and dismantle the gate for open passage of vehicles. The plastic bags and other items dumped by Merck Life Science were within the Forest Reserve. The RS has reported that

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## Political movements on questionable issues can be tricky

SUDIPTA CHANDA  
SILIGURI, 01 JUN:

A whiff of political disturbance breaking anew in the Darjeeling hills can be sensed.

Resisting the West Bengal government's perceived decision to make the Bengali language compulsory in the educational institutions of the hills, the Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM) advised all hill institutions to remain closed on June 1 and June 2. All institutions, including those in Mirik, which is significant, complied.

The Darjeeling district administration has rejected the GJM's apprehension and stated it had not

received any such instruction from the government. But, there was no stopping the GJM from executing its agenda, which reveals, the GJM is in reality spoiling for a showdown since the loss of the Mirik civic body. The current conditions may have provided it with just the opportunity.

Looking for a window to rekindle the Gorkha sentiment against the burgeoning Trinamool, the GJM seized the opportunity to grow confrontational ever since the ticklish issue of 'Bengali to be compulsory in all schools of the state' policy hit the headlines.

And to prove that it has chosen

the conflict route against the Trinamool-run state government, the GJM has also decided to demonstrate on the issue from June 4-June 8 when chief minister Mamata Banerjee intends to hold her cabinet meeting in Darjeeling.

The state government has hinted of a stern response if the GJM upsets normal life in the hills through its political programmes. That for the GJM could be welcome news. Chaos in the hills now could serve the GJM's purpose of reviving the Gorkhaland call and bring the deserting flock back home. Fishing in troubled waters is what it is known as.

There might be one major prob-

lem for the GJM, however. Launching a movement and sustaining it are two different things. Gone are the days when responding to the call of the principal political party in the hills, the hills remained closed for days at end. These days voices of dissent are heard from different corners against such acts.

There is potential for a revived movement in the hills and areas adjoining the hills on the issue picked by the GJM, provided it is genuine. Even hill Trinamool activists will back off from supporting the state government's decision if what the GJM claims is true.

But, a movement on the issue

could conversely go against the GJM if it is finally proved that the state government has no such intention as is being projected by the GJM.

In that event the GJM will have fired blank shots by launching a movement on a non-issue and lose face. The situation therefore is tricky for the GJM.

Whether the GJM intensifies the current stir or not is for all to see, but what is incomprehensible is its decision to force all education institutions in the hills shut for two days when the issue it is fighting for is education oriented. Painting it with the identity brush is probably an excess.

## No Tobacco Day at Lingmoo School

**NAMCHI, 01 JUNE:**

Government Senior Secondary School, Lingmoo, in South Sikkim observed the World No Tobacco Day at the school premises on 31 May in order to create awareness about the harmful effects of tobacco and substance abuse.

Members of Sikkim against Addiction and Towards Healthy India [SAATHI] club of the school delivered speeches highlighting how tobacco threatens the development of the nation. Students and staff members of the school took an oath against tobacco use during the programme.

The active members of SAATHI club along with two teachers from Lingmoo SSS visited different shops of the area with the aim to convince them to stop selling harmful products like tobacco and guthkas especially to students.

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## FM radio reaches...

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broadcast from Seemana studio in Kaakarbhita border Nepal from 12 pm to 3 pm yesterday.

Programme Coordinator of Radio Salesian 90.8 FM, the first college radio in West Bengal, and RJ Samir Chhetri led the Indian delegation, while director of popular commercial Radio Seemana RJ Rakesh Thapa led the Nepal team.

Among Seemana RJs in the programme were Saroj Tamang, Mamta Adhikari, Radhika Karki, Rajan Thatal, Srijana Rai and Rakesh Thapa.

The Indian team included RJs Samir Chhetri, Sagar Rai, Regina Rai, Smriti Rai, Diskhit Tamang and Moses Tamang. Seemana Station Director Rakesh Thapa says, "The friendship programme should continue. We need to share common topics between Radio Seemana and Radio Salesian."

To begin with, Mr Thapa suggested that each station share for broadcast a one hour program each week.

RJ Kendra Prashad Bhattarai of Seemana FM who hosts Farkera Herda [Down Memory Lane] a primetime show each Wednesday says, "We should continue this Indo-Nepal friendship program. Our people's language and culture are one. We are not different. We are brothers and sisters in the same human family." The anti-tobacco day program drew attention to the widespread prevalence of tobacco use and its negative health effects.

*[With inputs from*  
**SUSHMITA PAKHRIN]**

## South admn confirms illegal dumping...

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there was encroachment of 25 ft.

The team also visited Catchet Pharma. The company is constructing a retaining wall. However, there was an apprehension that the Forest Reserve would be encroached in doing so. Therefore, a joint decision was made that there would be resurvey of the entire company area to check if they have

encroached the Forest Reserve. The encroachment due to dumping shall also be verified during the survey.

The team of Disaster Management, WR & RD, Revenue officials and Forest Department would conduct joint survey with due presence of the company staff. The company has also been informed to stay on high alert during the

monsoon season as the Mantam Lake had become a potential threat and could cause severe damage in case of heavy rainfall.

They have been directed to help the DDMA [South] to spread the message across to villagers living in the belt. They were also directed to submit their SOP for any Disaster which they have been already asked and have not submitted.

# Three-day Shakti Anushtan organized at Barang

**SUMMIT REPORT**  
**MANGAN, 01 JUN:**

Three-day long Shakti Anushtan organized at the premises of Omkareshwar Shivalaya Mandir in Barang, Lower Tumin, East Sikkim concluded amidst prayer recitations and a Maha Hawan today in the presence of area MLA-cum-Minister of Tourism & Civil Aviation Department, Ugen T Gyatso Bhutia, Secretary-Tourism Department, C Zangpo, Secretary-Rural Management & Development Department, DR Nepal, and senior officers of Tourism Department.

It may be mentioned here that Minister Ugen T Gyatso Bhutia during his visit to the temple earlier had advised that a Yagya be performed to ward off any unwanted obstruction towards construction of Ramayan Village at Barang in Lower Tumin. He had also floated the idea of construc-



tion of a life size statue of Baba Parshuram which will subsequently become an integral component of the envisioned Ramayan Village.

Shakti Anushtan was started with the noble belief that only Dharma can ward off any obstacle. Twenty three pun-

ditions and purohits performed various hawans and recited from Holy Scriptures during the programme. The unique feature of the Anushtan was the 'Nawarna Matra Jap' [1 lakh 25 thousand mantra recitation] along with Srimad Devi Bhagat Path, Rudri Path, Bedh

Path and Khadanga Path carried out by the pundits and purohits.

The Anushtan had the unconditional support of the villagers of Tumin Seley ward and was participated by people from surrounding villages under Tumin-Lingee constituency. Senior

citizen, Pandit Dharmananda Nepal, attended the prayers on all the three days and motivated the villagers.

President of the puja committee, SK Nepal, made sure that all arrangements for smooth conduct of the Anushtan were made. Likewise,

the Maha Yagya had the presence and support of president of Adhyatmik Chintan Sangh, Indira Sharma.

The concluding day also had the presence of Zilla and Gram Panchayat members from Tumin-Seley and adjoining wards, Block Development Officer-Tintek, Uttam Chettri, senior citizens and a huge gathering of people from around the constituency.

Addressing the gathering, Minister Ugen T Gyatso Bhutia appreciated the involvement of the concerned in making the three-day long Anushtan a grand success.

"We are confident that this Mandir and the Anushtan will make our vision a reality. In spite of the government's vision and willingness to create Ramayan Village, some negative forces have become an obstruction.

My heart tells me that today we can lay the

foundation of the statue of Baba Parshuram. All the obstructions have been warded off with this collective Yagya in the presence of senior officers of the Government of Sikkim.

I urge you to work collectively with one vision to safeguard our religion and culture. Let us rise above narrow mindedness and work towards developing the village and the constituency.

I am happy that this holy programme has completed successfully and no force can come in our way. In two years, we will complete the statue. We will need your support and enthusiasm and constant blessing of Omkareshwar Bhagwan," the Minister expressed.

On behalf of the government and the Chief Minister, Mr Bhutia announced that Rs 10 crore has been sanctioned for the construction of the life-size statue of Baba Parshuram.

## Sensitization programme on heifer calf management

**SUMMIT REPORT**  
**NAMCHI, 01 JUN:**

A day long sensitization programme on heifer calf management and technical demonstration of Ecto-parasiticide for livestock was organised by Agriculture Technology Management Agency-South [ATMA] in coordination with Department of Animal Husbandry, Livestock Fisheries & Veterinary Sciences-South here at Kitchidumra in Lower Kamrang, South Sikkim today.

It may be mentioned here that Kitchidumra in Lower Kamrang is a District Administration's Adopted Village [DAAV] declared area by South District Administration.

Resource person of the day, Veterinary Offi-



cer, Dr Kinchokla Bhutia, enlightened the dairy farmers of the area about ways to improve herd production through cross breeding with best jer-

sey bulls or by Artificial Insemination Technology, feeding, housing and management practices so as to reach their true potential in an optimal

time period.

She also presented technical demonstration on Ecto-parasiticide application on dairy cow for control and prevention of

ectoparasites like ticks, mites, lice and flies. She also spoke about regular treatments with various ectoparasiticide to reduce or eliminate ectoparasite which also acts as vectors of disease agents for animals and humans, thereby, maintaining health.

Around 50 dairy farmers of the area attended the programme.

Also on the day, a training cum distribution programme on heifer cows under livestock of Rainfed Area Development Component 2015-16 under National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture [NMSA] for 19 beneficiaries of Kamrang Kitchidumra cluster was carried out today under Mamley-Kamrang Gram Panchayat Unit in South Sikkim.

## Sports Minister to address MOD Fest meet in Gangtok

**SUMMIT REPORT**

**GANGTOK, 01 JUNE:** Due to the tight schedule of the Union Sports Minister, Vijay Goyal, Bharatiya Janta Party has made changes in the date and venue of its meeting earlier scheduled for 03 June at Singtam in East Sikkim.

The Union Minister is arriving in Sikkim on a three-day visit to highlight achievements of the NDA government on the successful completion of three years of the government in the Centre. This as part of the nationwide MODI (Making Of Developed India) Fest being undertaken by BJP.

A BJP state-unit press release issued by its president, DB Chauhan, informs that the said meeting will now be held on 04 June at TNA school auditorium hall.

The party has appealed to its central committee, district committee and all workers along with its supporters and people to attend the meeting.

While requesting sportsperson to also attend the meeting, the release informs the Union Minister will also explain various schemes and programmes of the Centre for sportspersons.

## 29 lakh children got married between 10-14 years of age in 10 yrs: Report

**NEW DELHI, JUN 1 (PTI):** About 29 lakh children in the age group of 10-14 years were reported married between 2001 and 2011, according to a report released by the country's apex child rights body today.

The report by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), based on Census 2011, is a statistical analysis of prevalence of such marriages, their genesis and geographical spread.

It was released by Supreme Court judge Justice A K Sikri.

It states that despite the decline in child marriage, particularly in the age group of 10-14 years, there are 1.1 million boys and 1.8 million girls who were reported married in this age group between 2001-2011.

"Child marriage violates the dignity of the child and is a major human rights violation. There are incongruities

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ment started the construction in 2010-11.

Mr Tamang demanded that the department immediately resume construction of the project. He further demanded an investigation into the cause for delay in completing the said work.

The release adds that Mr Tamang covered seven constituencies on the 26th day of his Jan Jagaran Padhyatra and will now start touring Daramdin in a few days.



irregularity in the state. He alleged that the Centre started schemes like National Health Mission to provide latest service and facilities to people in rural and remote places and the Centre provided lots of funds to the State but it has not reached the people due to misuse of these

funds. He alleged that NHM employees have not been getting salaries for two months now and demanded that the state government immediately release the salaries.

He also expressed disappointment on the incomplete construction of way-side cafeteria at

Chakung. It is informed that Tourism Depart-

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exams. She expressed her happiness over clearing the examination and extended gratitude to her parents, brother, sisters, other family members, juniors, friends and other well wishers for their constant support.

"UPSC exams are tough and challenging. It, however, isn't an impossible task to achieve success. All you need is hard work and dedication," said Henuka.

28-year-old Henuka hails from Upper Sichey in Gangtok. Born to retired government em-

ployee, Ran Bahadur Rai, and Hari Maya Rai, Henuka has five brothers and two sisters.

"I am happy and elated after getting the news on Wednesday. I feel my hard work, dedication and commitment has paid off. Although it was a challenging journey, nevertheless it was not impossible. I would like to thank my family and all those who supported me," said Henuka while speaking to Summit-Times from New Delhi.

She did her schooling from Sichey Government Secondary School

and Deorali Girls Senior Secondary School and went on to pursue BSc degree from the College of Horticulture & Forestry in Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh. She completed her MSc from the same institution. Topper of her college, she has bagged two gold medals during her graduation and post graduation courses.

It may be mentioned here that this was her second attempt after she failed to qualify in the UPSC Mains last year.

"It is a wrong notion that only people who take up coaching cours-

es for UPSC exams can crack it. I could not afford the highly expensive coaching so I chose to do self study. I did crack the exam in the end. It also does not matter whether you studied in a government or a private school. What is important is that you should be focused about what you want to achieve in life. My message to all the UPSC aspirants is to never give up and keep trying until you succeed. Inculcate the feeling 'yes I can do it' instead of just trying. Success will find its way towards you," she added.

# Star Hall complex to make way for grander infrastructure

**ARPAN PRADHAN**  
**GANGTOK, 31 MAY:**

“We are hopeful that we will start construction work this year at the Star Hall site where the government has plans to develop beautiful amenities with modern facility,” said Secretary of Urban Development & Housing Department, GT Bhutia.

The State Government is planning to bring down the existing structure and develop a more robust and better-planned facility replacing the Star Hall situated here at the New Market in Gangtok.

Speaking to SummitTimes, the UD&HD Secretary said that the government is coming up with a “beautiful, practical and useful” infrastructure there.

He details that plan is to construct a multi-storey mul-



tipurpose complex which will include parking space, a cinema hall, shopping mall and other amenities.

The department has taken up the project in earnest as it will benefit the general public of Sikkim, especially Gangtok, and will solve the parking problem to some extent as well, he added.

He informed that after various hurdles and complications, the state government has now acquired the property making it possible to utilise it more effectively.

The 25 families which have lived in the Star Hall complex as tenants for many years now, are being relocated and the Government has pro-

vided them with alternate arrangements. While 18 households have been provided accommodation in Arithang, similar arrangements have been made for the remaining seven families at Lingding in Tadong.

On the business setups that has been established at the premises, the Secretary said that the permission had been granted on purely temporary basis and the business owners will have to vacate the premises upon completion of the provided term.

The Secretary further added that if the construction is delayed due to unavoidable situations and the authority feels to extend the permission, the business owner may get a relaxation of one month or so. However, ultimately they will have to vacate the

premises, he stressed.

He has informed that the department has invited Expressions of Interest [EPI] through various means of advertisements from the companies which are interested in the construction works.

The department has received many EPIs and the evaluation of various offers is under process, he added.

The department has formed an Evaluation Committee which has been notified by the department. The committee will evaluate different companies who have submitted their EPIs and will prepare a report on the same. It will be further submitted to the state government for approval, he informed.

Speaking to SummitTimes, Bijay Subba and Gyurmila Bhutia who run a restaurant in the

Star Hall complex said that they are ready to vacate the premises and hand it over to the concerned department as it is for the betterment of the people.

“We are thankful enough to the government and the department that they have provided us with the opportunity to do business and earn a livelihood even if it was for a limited period. We have no plans of requesting for an extension as it was clearly mentioned in the permission letter that the permission in purely on temporary basis,” said Ms Bhutia.

“The state government is coming up with such a good project and infrastructure and amenities with modern facility so it becomes our duty to support the department and the government as the new complex is also for all of us,” Mr Subba added.

**Gangtok on Friday, 02 June**

**Temp:** 26°C / 16°C  
**Forecast:** Periods of clouds and sun with a couple of showers and a thunderstorm.  
**Sunrise:** 04:41 AM  
**Sunset:** 06:26 PM

## Chiya Kavita criticizes Bengal government's language policy for schools

**SUMMIT REPORT**

**GANGTOK, 01 JUN:**

Chiya Kavita group of Sikkim has also criticized the decision of West Bengal government to make Bengali language mandatory from Class 1 to X in educational institutions in the Hills, Terai and Dooars area.

A press release issued by the group's founder, Prabin Khaling states that it is injustice meted out to minority communities of the Hills and alleges that it is an attempt to undermine the Nepali language. He has also demanded that the government should not implement this decision at any cost.

The release further adds that in the movement led by Sikkim, Nepali language got recognition and this decision undermines the belief and love of Indian Nepalese for the language.

Chiya Kavita group is a Sikkim based collective which has been working in Nepali literature for the last three years.

## Take kids to ancestral villages, post selfies: Rawat to people

**Dehradun, Jun 1 (PTI):**

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat today had a message for people of the state to combat migration from the hills: take children to ancestral villages to familiarise them with their roots, take selfies there and post those on social media.

In posts on social media site Twitter, he said visiting their ancestral places will kindle a feeling of attachment in children while the selfies would present a unique picture of the state through social media.

Reiterating his government's commitment to combat the problem of migration from the hills, Rawat said those who are parents could do their bit to contribute to the cause.

“All parents who have their homes in the hills but live elsewhere should take their children to their ancestral villages this summer to revive in them a sense of attachment for their roots.

“Do share pictures of you and your kids using a hashtag #SelfieFromMyVillage - every pic will help bring out a completely different aspect of Uttarakhand,” the Chief Minister said. He also urged people to invite their friends & families to accompany them on these bonding trips which will also help the state.



## Karnataka College Group of Institutions admission centre opens in Gangtok

**SUMMIT REPORT**  
**GANGTOK, 01 JUN:**

A centre of the Karnataka College Group of Institutions was inaugurated by Advisor-Human Resource Development Department, OT Lepcha, in the capital today.

This group of institutions is empanelled with Social Justice, Empowerment & Welfare Department along with HRD Department of the state government.

Director-Administration

Department of the Karnataka College Group of Institutions, Sebastian Thomas, informed reporters that around 155 students from Sikkim have joined since 2014, the year the programme was first started.

He further informed that scholarship up to 100% is provided for students excelling in various fields. He added that seats are reserved for Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe, Other Backward Classes [central and state] along with Economically

Backward Communities [from this year].

While speaking at the function, Advisor OT Lepcha said that one of the main objectives of the department is to guide students in getting into good colleges.

He also said that there are many such initiatives in the pipeline including in the field of medicine.

Mr Lepcha further informed that this year counseling will be held district wise including

some subdivisions.

On 04 June and 05 June, counseling sessions will be held in Rabongla and Namchi, respectively.

Similarly on 12-13 June, counseling programmes will be held at Janata Bhawan in the capital while on 18 June and 19 June, these programmes will be held at Soreng and Gyalshing, respectively.

The courses offered from this centre are in Management, Pharmacy and Nursing.

## Latest GDP numbers have exposed 'lies' of NDA govt: Cong

**NEW DELHI, JUN 1 (PTI):**

The Congress today said the latest GDP numbers have exposed the “lies” of the BJP-led NDA government which tried to deflect public attention from its failures and needs to answer as to why the Indian economy is facing a “serious slowdown”.

Congress vice president Rahul Gandhi while criticising the government for the GDP decline accused it of manufacturing other issues to deflect the country's attention from failures.

“Falling GDP. Rising unemployment. Every other issue is manufactured to distract us from this fundamental failure,” Gandhi tweeted.

Former finance minister P Chidambaram, who had criticised the note ban and said it would lead to a fall in GDP, said he has been proved right and the government wrong as he warned that the economy will further slide if corrective steps are not taken.

“I had said demonetisation will affect growth by 1-1.5 per cent. Spot on. GVA down by 1.3 per

cent,” he said on Twitter.

“The economy began slowing down in July 2016.

Demonetisation made it worse,” Chidambaram said.

He said “as we had predicted, the economy has taken a big hit”.

He claimed what the Congress has been saying has proven true. He said the economy was slowing down since the middle of 2016 and instead of taking corrective measures, the government came up with this “extraordinarily foolish measure” of demonetisation and that has set back the economy even further.

“In the meanwhile, millions of people plunged into misery,” he said. He said the three indicators of a vibrant economy are down - the investment to GDP ratio, credit growth and number of jobs that were created, and the government has totally failed.

“The CSO has proved us correct and has proved the government wrong. I don't know how the government will go forward. How long can the government fool it-

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## 29 lakh children got married between 10-14 years of age in 10 yrs: Report

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in different laws of the country dealing with child marriage and I urge lawmakers to address these disparities so that the social evil of child marriage is curbed. The NCPDR should tie up with the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) to conduct seminars in the target states with the help of paralegal volunteers,” Justice Sikri said.

The analysis of the Census 2011 data identified 70 districts spread across 13 states with high rate of child marriages.

These states are Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

Though 13 districts

in Rajasthan continue to figure prominently amongst the highest incidence districts with respect to child marriage, all these districts other than Banswara show a positive declining trend in child marriage over the decade.

Urban districts such as Ghaziabad in Uttar Pradesh, Rangareddy and Hyderabad in Andhra Pradesh and Davangere in Karnataka reveal an increase in marriage of girls below the legal age during the period.

Anand in Gujarat, Davangere in Karnataka and Dakshin Dinajpur in West Bengal are the districts where despite decrease in population between 2001 and 2011, incidence of child marriage among boys increased.

Women and child development ministry se-

cretary Rakesh Srivastava said that the National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-4 reported a decline in child marriage to 26 per cent from 47 per cent in NFHS-3, and hoped that NFHS-5 will find further decline in such marriages.

“Recently Karnataka has amended the Prevention of Child Marriage Act, 2005 to make child marriage void and hoped that other states will follow suit. The NCPDR should conduct seminars and workshops in collaboration with the governments in the 13 states where child marriage is markedly prevalent,” said Srivastava.

Analysing the reason behind child marriages, the NCPDR report states that girls in particular are married off because they are considered as ‘paraya dhan’ or somebody else's wealth, and

is often used by families to ensure that the girls is protected from premarital sex, pregnancy outside of marriage and the need to preserve ‘family honour’.

“Girl children from poor households are at higher risk of becoming child brides. Where resources are limited, gendered social risks become more acute and opportunities more constrained, forcing parents to make decisions which disadvantage girls,” the report states.

The report has also made a slew of recommendations to combat child marriages. Promoting free and compulsory secondary education, compulsory registration of marriages, mobilisation of religious leaders and community elders are some of the interventions proposed in the report.



### HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM

#### ONLINE REGISTRATION OF STUDENTS FOR ADMISSION TO UG COURSES IN ELEVEN GOVERNMENT COLLEGES OF SIKKIM

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## Ban Ki Baat

*Banning things should be the nuclear option, not routine*

How messed was our country for the past seventy years that when it finally got itself a Pradhan Sevak it had to ban so many things?

Someone should take the current dispensation in Delhi aside, sit them down and tell them that just because they hold the reins of power for now does not mean that history will never get around to judging them. Irrespective of the applause from their echo-chambers or what their tom-toms are messaging out on social-media, there will come a time when the adrenaline rush will subside and testosterone will calm down and the inanity (insanity for some) of things will slam home. That will not be a pretty moment. They should realize that banning notes is not the same as banning women from wearing jeans to college – one requires planning and data while the other requires just some goons at one end and pliant administrations at the other to be pulled off. These instincts might be born from the same patriarchal insecurities and inadequacies reinforced by narrow worldviews, but play out at entirely different levels when, instead of being the obsessions of fringe groups, become the passion of elected governments.

We can dismiss, even ignore and scoff at such expressions when the neighbourhood fundamentalists go about trying to stare it down into people's lives, but that is not really possible when the government for a billion people does the same. So, when the Planning Commission is "banned", every single of the 29 states and seven union territories suffers a budgetary setback, and after they have memorized what Niti in NITI Aayog stands for, have to begin finding their way around this new wrap of red tape. They are still running circles. When gangs of single men roam the streets looking for couples to terrorise, we can work around that problem by avoiding those territories, but there is no escaping the government when it bans notes and won't do enough either by way of replacing them or explaining why it was done and what it achieved. When our government places embarrassments to head institutions of finer and higher learning, it is effectively banning learning from the campuses. And then it also tries to ban free thought by making the nationalism ke thappad ki goonj reverberate into every ear which has a mind of its own. Then we blunder into liquor being banned out of highways but ended up suddenly losing many highways themselves so that we could have our booze and we still don't know whether instances of drunk-driving have come down.

And while all this was happening, a militia was on security detail in the service of Gau-Mata, humiliating people who might look like that they were beef-eaters and targeting groups because they appeared to mean ill to the cow. They lynched, mobbed and terrorized people even as cows placed under their care died of starvation in gaushalas. Now, they have been rewarded, with an order as scatter-brained and potentially much more damaging than demonetization – the ban on sale of cattle for slaughter at animal fairs. This one has the potential to upend the entire rural economy without differentiating between vegetarian farmers or meat-eating leather traders. The worst hit will be the caste segment and religious group which has already been at the receiving end of much violence in our country.

The bhakts can see no wrong, but the rest better find their eyes and apply their minds.

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Most of us are aware of the existing community of the transgender in India, commonly referred to as hijras. But how many of us are aware of the exploitation and abuse faced by them almost every day in our country?

The word hijra is an Urdu word derived from the semi-Arabic root hjir which means leaving one's tribe and has been borrowed into the Hindi language.

When we glance at the history of the transgender community in India, it is intertwined largely with religion. It is interesting to learn that in ancient India they were considered mystical beings, revered and an integral part of society for over 4,000 years, finding mention in most Ancient Hindu texts. For instance, in the epic Ramayana, Ram, impressed by the devotion and loyalty of the transgenders grants them the boon to confer blessings on people during auspicious occasions like child birth, weddings etc. This is the origin of badhai in which the people of the Transgender community till date sing, dance and give blessings to the members of the family of the new born or the newly wed.

Sadly, with the coming of the British in India, the transgenders were criminalised under the Criminal Tribes Act 1871. The British saw the transgender community as a breach of public decency. This was the beginning of the change in the outlook of the Indian society towards the transgender community which began regarding them primarily as criminals and as objects and not human beings. Even though the Act was repealed after India's Independence, the stigma surrounding the transgenders established by the law of 1871 continues.

They face discrimination in all walks of life not only in India but also in most parts of the South Asian countries in terms of employment, healthcare, ostracism from society, extortion by authorities and many get pushed into the flesh trade either by choice or misfortune. They are physically, mentally and sexually abused by people, criminal elements and delinquents.

When we take a look at Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, which came into existence 156 years ago (during the time of the colonial rule in India), the Code criminalises Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community (herein referred to as the LGBT community). In 2009, there was a ray of hope for the LGBT community when the Delhi High Court in the Naz Foundation case decriminalised the same sex Act and declared Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code as violative of the Fundamental

# The Third Gender



Rights. But, in 2013, this judgment was overturned by the Supreme Court which opined that amending or repealing Section 377 was a matter to be left to Parliament and not the judiciary and that Section 377 of the IPC does not violate the Constitution and is therefore valid. The Supreme Court is yet to hear a curative petition on this matter.

A year later, in 2014, the Apex Court took a step to redress the depressing conditions of the transgender community by recognising the transgender community as the "third gender" in the landmark case of National Legal Services Authority v. Union of India. The Apex court further declared that non recognition of the third gender in both criminal and civil statutes such as those relating to marriage, adoption, divorce etc would amount to discrimination against the third gender and ordered that they be categorised as "socially and economically backward" This ruling was celebrated by the transgender community as public acceptance that they would no longer face discrimination, that there would be a paradigm shift in how society viewed them, but unfortunately this was not to be as the ruling is yet to be implemented. A token step was taken when the Election Commission introduced the choice "other" in the voter's registration form in 2014 to give the transgenders an option concerning their gender but which went largely unheeded due to the choice of word.

Apart from the judiciary's steps to redress the desolate condition of the transgender community,

many transgender activists and corporate houses have taken steps to make the public aware of the rights of the transgender community such as adoptive rights. The Procter and Gamble owned cold and cough brand 'Vicks' has produced a 3 minute video clip titled 'Touch of Care' which highlights why family and motherhood should go beyond the biological ties and covers the adoptive rights of the transgender community. This video, which went viral as soon as it was uploaded with 9,507,414 views on YouTube, tells the story of a young girl adopted by a transgender mother - a Mumbai-based transgender rights activist Gauri Sawant.

So, let us ponder as to how, we, as a society, can help create awareness regarding the Constitutional rights of the transgender community. We need to do away with our prejudice towards them and end the stigma which surrounds them. We need to learn to embrace their unconventional exotic ways, as India is a country united with all its exquisite diversity of culture, languages and traditions. We need to understand that they, with their society induced complexities, are human beings too. It is time we try and empathise with their situation and circumstances and try and look at the world from their perspective and help them in every little way possible. We should not forget that their lives are as precious as any other life existing in this world. We need to learn to live and let live.

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## Lipstick Under My Burkha: When real women take over Indian screens

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"We see many films on male bonding, but hardly any on female bonding," award-winning Indian filmmaker Aparna Sen told Indian television news channel NDTV at Cannes, just after the screening of her latest film, Sonata.

Sonata, which has already been released in India, explores the lives of three middle-aged women and their friendships, a rare narrative in Indian cinema.

Sen's statement comes a few weeks after another film on women bonding, Lipstick Under My Burkha, by the young director Alankrita Shrivastava, got the green light for release after a struggle with India's film censors, owing to its feminist positioning and "risque" storyline.

Shrivastava's first film has already featured in festivals in Canada, France, UK and Japan, and won several awards. It was also screened at the Golden Globes.

But in its "motherland", the release date is yet to be announced.

**CENSORED FOR BEING "LADY-ORIENTED"**

The film has been stalled as the Central Board of Film Certification, (CBFC) refused to give it clearance. On February 23, the government institution stated:

"The story is lady oriented, their fantasy above life. There are cantanious [sic] sexual scenes, abusive words, audio pornography and a bit sensitive touch about one particular section of society."

Lipstick Under My Burkha explores the life of four Indian women living in small-town India: a burkha-clad college girl, a young beautician, a mother of three and an ageing widow. The film follows these women as they recognise their desires and negotiate their sexuality within the claustrophobia of controlling familial relationships and invasive small-town life.

The stories of the four women are interspersed with each other's as they carve out small windows of freedom for themselves within which they discover their "other" selves.

The arguments issued by CBFC foreground deeper issues. They exhibit the organisation's complete inability to understand a film that questions the deeply patriarchal nature of storytelling in Indian cinema.

**NO REAL WOMEN**

For many decades now, commercial cinema has robbed Indian film audiences of countless women's stories. Over the years, real women characters have existed mainly in non-commercial, art-house films with limited funding and audiences. These include titles such as Ankur (1974), directed by Shyam Benegal, Arth (1982) by Mahesh Bhatt, Mirch Ma-



sala by Ketan Mehta (1987), Fire by Deepa Mehta (1996), and Astiva by Mahesh Manjrekar (2000).

Like most cinematic cultures including mainstream Hollywood, Indian cinema, and especially Hindi films – largely produced from Mumbai – discriminate against women in front and behind the camera. So much so that misogyny is routinised and normalised.

The film censor board regularly clears sexist and misogynistic films such as Indra Kumar's Masti series. The poster of 2016 release in the series, Great Grand Masti, is itself evidence of how they "use" women in the filmic text. The film includes vulgar and sexist comments, ageism, rape jokes and it objectifies women throughout.

In fact, the ease with which these films get censor clearance shows the obtuse and inverted definitions the board uses to determine what is objectionable.

**ITEM NUMBERS**

Real women have been rendered invisible at the cost of their bodies. The omniscient presence of a certain kind of song (to which women actors dance), often called "item number", is the most obvious sign of their objectification.

The "item number" exists largely to titillate audiences. It can be dropped anywhere in the film with no narrative justification. A scantily-clad woman appears, dances to a cheesy song, often with double meaning, and is never seen again.

It is, at best, product placement to get the cash registers flowing at the box office. And the product, in this case, is the female body. Rarely does the censor board touch these songs.

In this environment, Lipstick Under My Burkha not only challenges the status quo within the Indian film culture but also questions CBFC definitions of "good" and "watchable".

**CHANGING INDIAN CINEMA**

Several factors have, however, been changing trends in Indian cinema for over a decade now. Demographics show an increasing number of women with buying power in urban India and they have different expectations of cultural representation.

New business models, such as the entry of corporations into the film business, are appearing. Previously, production was dominated by families or independent producers.

Small cinema halls can also now showcase independent films as well as a big commercial movies. And young filmmakers such as Shrivastava are challenging older ways of storytelling.

A few Indian films have recently portrayed strong women as protagonists. We can think of No One Killed Jessica (2011), Kahaani (2011), Queen (2013), Mary Kom (2014), Bobby Jasoos (2014), Piku (2015) and Neerja (2016).

The fact that top women stars choose to play lead roles in these films demonstrates the need for such narratives in popular culture.

The steady rise of films such as Angry Indian Goddesses (2015) by Pan Nalin, Parched by Leena Yadav (2016), Pink (2016) by Aniruddha Roy Chowdhury and Sen's recent Sonata (2017) is palpable.

These films explore the complexity of women's lives, their fears and yearning through the idiom of friendship and camaraderie. Their portrayal of "sisterhood" is somewhat akin to the male-buddy genre, which has a number of cult classics, such as Dil Chahta Hai, Three Idiots and Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara.

It is noteworthy that many of these "sisterhood" films have been directed by women and are sidestepping the old ways of seeing women and men – be it through the use of camera or the way they use song and dance.

They are questioning traditional ideas to invent a new women-friendly gaze, as opposed to the male gaze. First identified by the feminist theorist Laura Mulvey, the male gaze is being wholeheartedly inverted and rejected in these films.

Sen's Sonata and Shrivastava's Lipstick Under my Burkha may lead to a sustained change in mainstream Indian cinema so women's stories don't get labelled and pushed to the limited category of "Women's cinema". Like all films, women's stories also need to be tested against the same yardstick of good cinema or bad.

This genre would surely also gain colour and strength from its diversity. Women's stories can surely get more fun, adventurous and innovative as they show the various sides of their complex existence.

It's time India's censors enable this change by modernising, so it can keep up with the evolving needs of audiences and the film community, and not make themselves completely redundant.

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## Flash flood in Nagaland district, 2 persons killed, 2 missing

**KOHIMA, JUN 1 (PTI):** Incessant rains during the past few days have caused flash flood in Phek district of Nagaland killing two persons.

A search was on for two others who were reported missing in the flash flood that struck the district on the midnight of May 30, Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority said in a press release.

Paddy fields near Meluri village in Phek district were washed away in which four persons were swept away and one person was injured.

The five persons were sleeping in their house when the rising water of the flash flood gushed in.

While two bodies have been retrieved, a search was on for tracing the two others.

Two bridges in Phonkuri village under Meluri sub-division have also been washed away in the flash flood.

Meanwhile, heavy winds have caused damages to public utility services in Mokokchung district.

## In Garo Hills, Congress protests Centre's cattle ban

**TURA (MEGHALAYA), JUNE 1 (PTI):** The Congress party today held a "beef protest" in the Garo Hills area of the state against the Centre's ban on sale and purchase of cattle from animal markets for slaughter.

The "beef protest" was led by Sports and Youth Affairs minister Zenith Sangma, parliamentary secretaries Noverfield Marak, Cherak Momin and Winnerson D. Sangma, amongst others.

The Congress leaders alleged that the Centre's ban on sale and purchase of cattle from animal markets for slaughter was an attempt to target minorities especially the Muslims and Christians and feared the same would fuel communal tensions amongst the majority and the minority communities residing peacefully in Garo Hills.

A crowd of over 3000 people attended the rally at Congress Bhavan and chanted anti-Modi slogans saying that at no cost the Centre will be able to impose ban and restriction on cattle trade in Garo hills.

After the protest meeting, a rally was taken out in the town, which passed through the Deputy Commissioner's office.

"The action of the BJP led government will impact the farming community. The restriction on cattle trade will hamper our farmers, who have to depend on cattle to plough their cultivable land. It is our bountiful duty as public representative to send a message to the Centre that such restriction is not acceptable to the people of Garo Hills," said Youth Affairs minister, Zenith Sangma.

# FIR filed against attendees of meeting called by GJM Chief

### SUMMIT REPORT

**DARJEELING, 01 JUN:** The Darjeeling Police has initiated a suo moto case against key Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM) leaders including its president Bimal Gurung along with representatives of education institutions and organizations who were present in the 30 May meeting called by Mr Gurung in Darjeeling.

The FIR includes names of GJM key lead-

ers Bimal Gurung, Roshan Giri, Binoy Tamang, Ramesh Allay, along with Rev. Joy Haldar of St. Paul's School; Father Peter Lingdam of St. Robert's School; Pravat Mukhia of St Joseph's College; Derrick Pradhan of Vidya Vikash Academy and others.

They have been charged under sections 120 B, 153 A(b), 505 of the IPC.

When contacted Rev J Haldar of St Paul's stated,

"I am surprised." Meanwhile the Gorkha Janmukti Morcha has threatened that it will not sit quiet while the stalwarts of the Nepali society including literary heads are arrested.

"It was a democratic protest. The Hills have to come forward and protest against the suppression policy of the State Government. Even the intellectuals are not safe under the Bengal Government. We request all

to protest against such measured," stated GJM leader, Binay Tamang.

All education institutions in the Hills remained closed on Thursday, the first day of the two-day bandh call in institutes by the GJM.

"We thank all the education institutions in the Hills for shutting down their institutions," stated vice president, Gorkha Janmukti Vidhyarthi Morcha, Bhaskar Rai.

Meanwhile, the TMC

has claimed that Bengali language is not being imposed in the Hills.

"We have spoken to Education Minister Partha Chatterjee. The Minister has assured us that Bengali will not be imposed in the Hills and will be an optional language. We will take up the issue with Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee during her visit to the Hills," stated TMC president, Darjeeling district (Hills), Rajen Mukhia.

# Nepal Prez asks political parties to form majority government

### SHIRISH B PRADHAN

**KATHMANDU, JUN 1 (PTI):** Nepal's political parties have failed to meet a seven-day deadline to pick a consensus candidate for the post of Prime Minister, prompting President Bidya Devi Bhandari to issue another appeal to them today to initiate the process quickly.

According to Article 298 (3) of the Constitution, the Prime Minister shall be elected by a majority of all the members of the Legislature-Parliament, if parties fail to pick a consensus candidate for the post of Prime Minister within a week.

The president issued the call as per Article 298 (3) of the Constitution after the seven-day deadline given to form a consensus government ended today without any result, the Office of the President said.

Last week, President Bhandari had issued a call to the parties to form a consensus government within a week to choose a new Prime Minister on the basis of political understanding as per Article 298 (2) of the Constitution of Nepal.

President Bhandari initiated the Constitutional process to form the new government after Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' resigned on May 24 after a brief stint of nine months, honouring a power sharing understanding with the ruling coalition partner Nepali Congress to hand over the country's leadership to the largest



party in Parliament.

Prachanda resigned as per a deal reached in July-August last year with Nepali Congress President Sher Bahadur Deuba, who is expected to take over as the prime minister.

The deal was to run the government on a rotational basis until elections to the parliament are held in February 2018.

Prachanda is the only Communist leader to become the Prime Minister of Nepal twice.

During his first tenure as the prime minister from 2008 to 2009, Prachanda was not on good terms with India.

However, during his second tenure, he had chosen India as his first overseas destination rather than China.

Indo-Nepal ties, which were strained during Prachanda's predecessor K P Oli's regime, also improved under the Maoist leader's second stint.

Prachanda was to hold office till local polls were held and remaining two elections provincial and central - were to be conducted under Deuba.

Millions of Nepalese on May 14 voted in the first local-level polls in two decades as the Himalayan nation took a crucial

step towards cementing democracy amid political turmoil.

Local-level elections could not be held after 1997 largely as a result of the decade-long Maoist insurgency that claimed more than 16,000 lives in Nepal.

The elections should be held in every five years but due to the political instability, they were halted since May 1997.

Prachanda, who led the Maoists during the armed struggle from 1996 to 2006, is credited with transforming the rebel movement into a political party after a 2006 peace deal.

## 1-yr jail for 3 policemen in Assam for character assassination of couple

**MORIGAON (ASSAM), JUN 1 (PTI):** A court here today sentenced three policemen including an officer-in-charge to one year rigorous imprisonment in a case of character assassination of a couple and infringement on their private lives.

The chief judicial magistrate of Morigaon also directed the trio - the then officer-in-charge of Morigaon police station Devajit Mahanta, Sub Inspector Anup Saikia and Assistant Sub Inspector Krishna Saikia to pay a fine of Rs 5000 each to the couple.

In case they failed to pay the fine they would have to further undergo another three months of rigorous imprisonment, the judge said.

According to the prosecution, Mazarihul Islam and his fiancée were staying in a house at Phulbar in Morigaon

town and on August 17, 2011 a complaint was lodged with the local police station alleging that the couple was involved in anti-social activities.

Mahanta had sent Anup Saikia and Krishna Saikia along with a police team to the spot, it said adding the police team along with some "anti-social elements" called a TV news channel cameramen and forced the couple to undress to make a news item in the electronic media.

Islam claimed that the telecast of news item along with the visuals amounted to the couple's character assassination and infringement on their private life.

The judge held that Mahanta had played a criminal negligence role as his team helped in framing a fabricated news carried by the media.

## Latest GDP numbers have exposed...

self and fool the people of India...

"All is not well. We are not on the right course.

Investments are declining. Credit growth is negative in most sectors and there are no jobs," he said.

Chidambaram said the economy is going down very rapidly and unless corrective measures are taken, it will go down even further.

"We have warned the government. We are forewarning the people of India and let us see how the government responds to the CSO figures," he said referring to the Central Statistics Office.

The former finance minister also said that between Q4 of 2015-16 and Q4 of 2016-17, growth declined by 3.1 per cent.

Congress senior spokesperson Anand Sharma dared the gov-

ernment to come out with a white paper on the state of the Indian economy and the GDP numbers under the old and new methodology for the last 10 years which he claimed will "expose" the government's "false claims".

"The latest numbers on the economy expose the lies of the BJP government. First unemployment rises, now GDP growth falls," he said.

Sharma said the fall in GDP numbers have confirmed the worst fears that despite tall claims made by this government the Indian economy is going down and GDP growth is flat.

The Congress leader said the prime minister and the finance minister have created a "false perception" that the country's economy is growing whereas the growth is flat.

# Meghalaya CM inaugurates Ac East Business Show

**SHILLONG, JUNE 1 (PTI):** Meghalaya Chief Minister Mukul Sangma today inaugurated the Ac East Business Show here highlighting the existing potentialities in the North East region and their opportunities for mutual benefits.

"The purpose of such dialogues is to aggregate the potentialities that exist in the region and to leverage upon these potentialities and open up opportunities for mutual benefits of all," the chief minister said in his opening remark.

He said the business shows held in Shillong in previous years have been successful in highlighting the potential of the North East region as a gateway to India's South Eastern neighbourhood.

Admitting that it is a challenge for any government to change the mindset of the people to take up risks outside the security of government jobs, he said that through



such engagements, the large number of educated youth in the state will be provided with an opportunity to look at spaces outside the government sector.

He said the presence of successful businessmen and their experience and sharing of testimony will inspire many to take up risks and become successful businessmen and entrepreneurs.

Informing that the state is blessed with natural resources of both flora and fauna, he also mentioned of the human resources that is required to attract investments in Tourism, Ag-

riculture, Horticulture, Information Technology, Education, Handloom and Handicrafts.

Earlier, NEC member C K Das said earlier people were reluctant to go outside the region for business but that times have changed since then and we have people expanding their business to South East Asian countries.

He said that there is a need to have clear guidelines and policy to implement Act East Policy.

He also informed that there is a need for research analysis in business prospects between the North East region

and South East Asia and added there is also a need for import and export of high value and low value commodities as well as human resources and technology.

This year's event is also part of the commemorative programmes conducted by the Government of India to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the India-ASEAN Dialogue Relations.

In the audience were also Ambassador of Philippines to India, Ma Teresa C. Daza, Ambassador of Thailand to India, Chutintorn Gongsakdi, Ambassador of Lao PDR to India, Southam Sakonhinnhom, Asst High Commissioner of Bangladesh to India, Kazi Muntashir Mursheed, Li Baijun, Economic & Commercial Counselor, Embassy of Peoples Republic of China to India and Habib Md Choudhury, Chairman, ASEAN India Business Council (AIBC), Lao PDR Chapter.



Jadhav will not be executed until mercy pleas exhausted: Pak

ISLAMABAD, JUN 1 (PTI): Days after the International Court of Justice (ICJ) stayed Kulbhushan Jadhav's death sentence, Pakistan said today that the Indian national would not be executed until he has exhausted his mercy appeals.

Foreign Office spokesman Nafees Zakaria released a statement which he claimed was aimed at addressing "certain misrepresentations/false statements/allegations" made in the Indian media following the ICJ's provisional measures order of May 18 in the Jadhav case. Zakaria asserted that irrespective of the ICJ's stay, Jadhav would remain alive, until he has exhausted the right to request for clemency, initially with the Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) and later with the Pakistan President.

He accused the Indian government of misusing the media to create a "false impression of winning" Jadhav's case in the ICJ.

"Indian media, backed by the official quarters, misled people in the two countries by propagating that India has won" in Jadhav's case, he said.

"The discussions that ensued in the two countries showed a complete lack of understanding of the matter," Zakaria said.

He said the Indian media, based on the reported briefing by official quarters, called ICJ's letter dated May 8, 2017, the day India filed its petition, to the Pakistan government as a "stay on Jadhav's execution".

"This is a lie. The ICJ noted that lie," he claimed.

Jadhav, 46, was in April sentenced to death by a Pakistani military court on charges of "involvement in espionage and sabotage activities" against the country.

The ICJ on May 18 stayed the execution of Jadhav.

Zakaria said that the ICJ stated clearly that its decision on provisional measures was not concerned with "jurisdiction/ merits" and it considered that Jadhav would not be executed until the full hearing.

"This is nothing unusual," Zakaria asserted.

He said that a full hearing will take place after the court sets down a timetable on June 8 at the Hague.

"We have given the court our arguments on merits and jurisdiction. It has not ruled on any of these arguments," he said.

Zakaria said that the case at the ICJ concerns whether Jadhav is entitled to consular access.

Asserting that Pakistan's position in this matter has been made clear, Zakaria said, "We had sought information from India" on January 23, 2017, on the basis of Jadhav's confession and statements. "India has not responded despite reminders," he said.

Focus on captains as Australia take on New Zealand

BIRMINGHAM, JUN 1 (PTI): Australia and New Zealand will look up to their inspirational skippers Steve Smith and Kane Williamson to straightaway set the tone when they lock horns in the ICC Champions Trophy here on Friday.

An intriguing battle is on the cards between the trans-Tasman rivals, led by two technically sound captains.

Both are world-class performers with the bat, but they go about their task in a very different manner.

Busy and always energetic on the field, Australia's Smith is a far cry from the usually calm and calculated New Zealander. As has been the case in recent years, the



two consistent performers will be expected to lead from the front on Friday also.

While multiple-time world champions and Champions Trophy win-

ners Australia are always a tough nut to crack, New Zealand will enter the game at Edgbaston with renewed confidence after their six-wicket warm-up win over Sri Lanka at the

same venue.

The Black Caps chased down a mammoth 357-run target with a good 23 balls to spare.

Opener Martin Gup-till found his form with

a blazing century after a scrappy showing in the rain-affected warm-up against India.

Considering the cut-throat nature of the competition, it is important for any team to get off to a winning start and both Australia and New Zealand know it too well.

Australia have an explosive opening pair in Aaron Finch and David Warner, followed by Chris Lynn, one of the most powerful hitters in the world.

The trio would look to go hard at the bowlers and put them on the back foot. Smith will spearhead the middle-order, expected to be supported by the likes of Glenn Maxwell and Moises Henriques.

The Australian cap-

tain will have plenty of options in the pace bowling department, with Mitchell Starc, Pat Cummins, Josh Hazlewood and James Pattinson all charged up and raring to have a go at the batsmen.

Keeping the English conditions in mind, it is important that the Australian pacers don't lose control, as the batsmen can easily use the lightning quick outfield to their advantage by using the pace of the ball.

Having fully recovered from a foot injury, the widely-respected Starc will be the leader of the attack, and his ability to swing the new ball and get the old ball to reverse will be a huge asset for the 2006 and 2009 win-

ners.

Guptill and Williamson will be the key to New Zealand, and also crucial to the side's fortunes will be the form of the experienced Ross Taylor, Corey Anderson and Luke Ronchi.

As far as their attack is concerned, New Zealand will expect swing bowlers Tim Southee and Trent Boult, who can get the ball to move around in the air and off the seam, to do the bulk of the damage.

The last time the two teams met in a major tournament was at the 2015 World Cup final, when Australia emerged triumphant days after losing to New Zealand in the league stage.

Indian hockey eves to train in Shillaroo ahead of HWL semis

NEW DELHI, JUN 1 (PTI): The Indian eves will assemble at the SAI centre in Shillaroo for a 24-day camp starting June 1 to kick start its preparations for the Women's Hockey World League (HWL) Semi-Finals to be held in Johannesburg next month.

The camp will feature all 33 core probables which includes fresh faces selected based on their performance at the recently-concluded Hockey India seventh Senior Women National Hockey Championship.

Hockey Madhya Pradesh's Swati will be the third goalkeeper in the camp besides regulars Savita and Rajani Etimarpur, while Navdeep Kaur, Hlunte Lalhlunmawii of Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy, Ritu of Hockey Haryana and Jyoti Dahiya of Association of Indian Universities will join defenders Deep Grace Ekka, P Sushila Chanu, Sunita Lakra, Gurjit Kaur, Rashmita Minz and Nikki Pradhan.

Karishma Yadav of Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy, Nilanjali Rai of Hockey Madhya Pradesh, K Ngaihpuri of Hockey Mizoram and Neha of Railway Sports Promotion Board will be the new inclusions among the existing midfielders.

India is grouped in Pool B along with USA, South Africa, Chile and Argentina in the Hockey World League Semi-Final to be held from July 8 to 23.

Pool A features England, Germany, Japan, Poland and Ireland.

"The idea of having the National Camp in Shillaroo was to get used to playing in a high altitude environment.

Johannesburg will be at 1750 meters and Shillaroo is at 2500 meters so hosting our camp in



Shillaroo will help us prepare better," said women's team chief coach Sjoerd Marijine.

"For now we train with a core group of 33 women and the 18 member team will be selected after the selection trials."

The Indian women's team started the new Olympic season on a high note with a series of wins starting with the Asian Champions Trophy last year. They also beat Belarus 5-0 in a series earlier this year and won the World League Round 2 in Canada.

However, the Indian girls also suffered a morale-shattering 0-5 defeat against New Zealand who are ranked fifth in the world.

"Learning from the mistakes

we made in New Zealand, we will need to work on handling higher speed, be stronger in our man-to-man marking and we also need to improve on ball possession," Marijine said.

"Though we lost matches in New Zealand, it gives us confidence for the way we played some of the matches. New Zealand is one of the best teams in the world at the moment and we needed this match experience to see what level we need to be at in order to win matches against higher-ranked teams," he added.

In Shillaroo, the team will be focusing on improving their defence structure, speed and fitness.

"Besides, the emphasis will be on converting penalty cor-

ners, working on different goal scoring variations and also practice shoot outs," the coach said.

Core Group:

Goal keepers: Savita, Rajani Etimarpur and Swati.

Defenders: Deep Grace Ekka, P Sushila Chanu, Sunita Lakra, Gurjit Kaur, Rashmita Minz, Navdeep Kaur, Hlunte Lalhlunmawii, Ritu, Nikki Pradhan and Jyoti Dahiya.

Midfielders: Monika, Namita Toppo, Karishma Yadav, Udita, Nilanjali Rai, K Ngaihpuri, Neha, Ritu Rani, Lilima Minz and Renuka Yadav.

Forwards: Rani, Navjot Kaur, Sonika, Preeti Dubey, Poonam Rani, Vandana Katariya, Anupa Barla, Reena Khokhar, Jyoti Gupta and Navneet Kaur.

Bheem Army chief's brother briefly detained by police

SAHARANPUR (UP), JUN 1 (PTI): Kamal Kishore, the brother of Bheem Army founder Chandrashekhar, was today detained by the police here while he was on his way to meet the press.

Kamal Kishore, along with his mother Samlesh, was on his way to meet the press at Budhvihar in Bamiyan area.

He was held by the police midway, but later released, senior superintendent of police Prabal Pratap Singh said.

The police was informed that Chandrashekhar's mother and brother were about to meet mediapersons, the SSP said, adding Kamal Kishore has not been taken into custody and he was at his home.

Singh said Chandrashekhar's mother and brother were not allowed to meet the press at Budhvihar in Bamiyan.

Tickets of concert for Manchester victims sold out in minutes

ADITI KHANNA

LONDON, JUN 1 (PTI): Tickets of a tribute concert by US pop star Ariana Grande for the Manchester bombing victims were sold out within 20 minutes of their release today.

The "One Love Manchester" concert is being organised by Grande, who was performing at the iconic Manchester Arena when a 22-year-old Libyan-origin bomber, Salman Abedi, blew himself up, killing 22 people and injuring over 100 others.

The concert will take place on Sunday at the Emirates Old Trafford cricket ground near Manchester Arena, with proceeds going to the Red Cross Manchester Emergency Fund.

Grande will be joined by a long line-up of high-profile acts, including Robbie Williams, Take That and Justin Bieber.

Fans who were present at her concert on May 22 are eligible to register for free tickets, while the tickets on general

sale were snapped up within minutes.

Ticketmaster, in-charge of the tickets for the show, said its website experienced "remarkable demand" when tickets went on sale this morning.

The company said it was aware that some fans, who were at the original show, have not yet been able to claim their places for the Sunday's event, and extended the registration period until afternoon.

Ticketmaster said: "We understand that there are a number of fans who didn't receive an email this morning with regards to free tickets for 'One Love Manchester'. We worked through the night and verified thousands of original bookings although there were some we could not verify.

"We want to give all fans who were at the show regardless of where they bought their tickets, every opportunity to register for 'One Love Manchester'".

The concert will be broadcast on BBC

and is expected to raise more than two million pounds for the Red Cross fund.

The Black Eyed Peas, Coldplay, Usher and Pharrell are among some of the stars confirmed to perform.

Fans have been asked not to bring bags to avoid delays going through security. Meanwhile, Greater Manchester Police have released six persons arrested in connection with the bombing in the city last month without charge and continue to question 10 remaining suspects.

"As it stands, 16 people in total have been arrested in connection with the investigation, of which six people have since been released without charge. A total of 10 men remain in custody for questioning," a police statement said.

They have also released CCTV images of suicide bomber Abedi who was seen hours before the blast at Manchester Arena as part of their public appeal for information.

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Syria activists say ISIS founder Aamaq killed in airstrike

BEIRUT, JUN 1 (AP): The founder of the Islamic State group news agency was reportedly killed in an airstrike in eastern Syria, activists and his brother said.

The militant group itself has not reported the death of the founder of Aamaq news agency, Baraa Kadek.

But his brother, Hozaifa, posted on his Facebook that Kadek and his young daughter were killed in an airstrike in Mayadeen town in Deir el-Zour province.

Other Syrian opposition news outlets, including Halab News Network and Qasious news agency, reported Kadek's death late yesterday. But it was not immediately clear where Kadek was killed or when. His brother said he was killed in his home.

Halab News Network, an activist-run media platform where Kadek previously worked, said he was killed with his daughter in his car. All said he was killed yes-



terday in a suspected airstrike by the US-led international coalition fighting IS in Syria and Iraq.

There was no immediate comment from the coalition. Last week, the coalition told The Associated Press it had carried out a series of airstrikes on May 25 and 26 targeting IS media infrastructure and "propaganda facilities." It said at the time that targeting such facilities "degrades" the group's abilities and inspiration of foreign attacks.

Aamaq news agency has become the group's fastest and most reliable source of information, using it to post videos and claims of attacks. It

has remained online despite bans from social media platforms.

Mayadeen has become a refuge for IS leaders as the group comes under attack in Mosul in Iraq and their de-facto capital Raqqa. Some Syria watchers said the group's media operations have moved to Mayadeen as the US-led coalition and allied Syrian Kurdish-led forces close in on Raqqa.

Kadek became known as a media activist covering the outbreak of protests in 2011 then rebel fronts. Originally from Aleppo province, he later joined IS in 2013 and set up the group's flagship media arm.

HRW criticises Army rewarding officer who used civilian as 'human shield'

YOSHITA SINGH

NEW YORK, JUN 1 (PTI): A human rights organisation has criticised the Indian Army for awarding a commendation to one of its officers who used a civilian as a human shield in Kashmir, saying support for such "lawless action" will lead to future lawlessness by security forces and protesters.

"The Indian Army's rewarding of an officer for actions that included serious human rights violations undermines accountability and the stature of the military," Human Rights Watch (HRW) said in a statement yesterday.

It was referring to Maj Nitin Leetul Gogoi being commended for evacuating security personnel and election staff who were threatened by a mob in Jammu and Kashmir, in which he used a bystander unlawfully as a "human shield."

The Indian Army has defended Gogoi's action.

In a recent interview to PTI, Army chief Gen Bipin Rawat, defending the episode, said the Army was facing a "dirty war" in Kashmir which has to be fought through "innovative" ways.

HRW's South Asia director Meenakshi Ganguly, however, said,

"Soldiers have a difficult task in Kashmir and should be rewarded for saving lives, but not by deliberately placing others at risk and violating their rights."

"Support by senior army and government officials for a lawless action merely fans the flames of future lawlessness by security forces and protesters," Ganguly said.

"Public praise by senior officials for an act of outrageous cruelty should put to rest any belief that the government is serious about holding security force personnel to account for serious abuses."

Nirupama Rao appointed public policy fellow at US thinktank

LALIT K JHA

WASHINGTON, JUN 1 (PTI): Former Foreign Secretary Nirupama Rao, who also served as the Indian envoy to China, has been appointed a public policy fellow at a think-tank in the US where she will work on a project on the Sino-India ties.

Rao will be affiliated with the Wilson Centre's



Asia programme and spend three months in residence at the Wilson Centre, a key non-partisan policy forum for tackling global issues, beginning in June.

"She will be working on a book project on the India-China relationship and will be contributing to the Wilson Centre's activities on India, including its India in Asia Initiative," the Wilson Centre said.

The 66-year-old for-

mer Indian diplomat was India's first woman ambassador to China and its first woman spokesperson for the Ministry of External Affairs.

She also served as India's foreign secretary from 2009 to 2011. Following her retirement from public service, Rao received an appointment as Meera and Vikram Gandhi fellow at the India Initiative at the Brown University.

She taught at an undergraduate seminar at the Brown University called 'India in the World'. The Wilson Centre for scholars is the official memorial to US' 28th President Woodrow Wilson, created by Congress in 1968 and headquartered in Washington.

French govt sets target of 10K Indians as foreign students by 2020

NEW DELHI, JUN 1 (PTI):

The number of Indian students studying in France is steadily increasing and the French government has set a target of having 10,000 of them by 2020, a senior diplomat today said.

Deputy Chief of Mission at the French Embassy in India Claire Thuauudet was speaking at a felicitation function for five engineering students selected under a prestigious scholarship programme.

"The number of Indian students studying in France currently is about 4,600 and it is growing. We have set a target of 10,000 students by 2020. This is also a symbol of our growing bilateral partnership," she said.

The five engineering students -- two each from Bengaluru and Chandigarh and one from Chennai have been selected under ISAE-MBDA Programme of Excellence to follow a two-year Master's course at the prestigious aerospace university, Institut Supérieur de l'Aéronautique et de l'Espace (ISAE), situated in Toulouse in southern France.

MBDA is a defence major based near Paris



that is a partner in the fully-sponsored programme that has already selected over 20 Indian students since its inception in 2013.

In December 2013, MBDA had signed a sponsorship agreement with the ISAE-SUPAERO Foundation and ISAE, thereby setting up the annual Indian scholarship programme.

"We began the first scholarship in 2014 and that batch graduated in 2016. Since 2014, 23 students have been selected

in three different batches. And, now we have five this year," MBDA India Head Loic Piedevache told PTI.

"The performance of Indian students has been very good and therefore the programme has been extended to three more years till 2020," he said.

Ishaan Prakash, 22, pursuing his Bachelors degree in aerospace from SRM University in Chennai, was on cloud nine during the function held at the French

Embassy.

"I took up aerospace inspired by NASA 'Curiosity' Rover Mission. And, now I want to dig deeper with probably a PhD after my master's," he told PTI.

The other four scholarship winners are Arti Kalra and Rashika Jain from PEC University of Technology in Chandigarh; and Kartik Venkatraman and Sagar Shenoy Manikar from MS Ramaiah Institute of Technology at Bengaluru, all in early 20s.

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**TREAT YOU BETTER!** Things are heating up between Kourtney Kardashian and her new boyfriend, 24-year-old model Younes Bendjima, as the happy couple had a blast while on vacation in Cannes. Kourtney admits Younes treats her way better than her ex Scott Disick did.

# Plan A Trip With Your BFFs... Right Now!

Our besties stick with us through everything in life. From heartbreaks to hangovers - they always have our back. Planning a trip with them is always a great idea and here are 10 reasons why you should plan a trip with your besties stat!

## 1. It's always the best kind of break from everyday life

We always get tired of doing the same thing again and again right? Which is why we need a break from the usual boring routine. Trips are the best way to relax and rejuvenate yourself which is why it's good to take one every now and then.

## 2. You finally get to spend quality time together

We are all so busy in our own lives that we often tend to not talk to or meet our besties that often. A trip is a perfect time to not only spend quality time with them but to also tell them how much you love them.

## 3. You can enjoy alone time - together!

There are moments when you love to experience silence and not many people appreciate that. Only your besties will understand your need for a quiet time because they just know it all.

## 4. For the best conversations

Let's be honest - besties provide free therapy! We can go on and on, talking for hours about the nitty gritty of life. Believe it or not, but the best conversations actually happen at random places.

## 5. Because trying out new things is easier with your bestie

You can try out anything and everything with them because you are SO comfortable in their company. There is zero fear of judgement, which is why you can actually be your unabashed and unapologetic self.

## 6. You finally get to live the plans you've always made

We all have that one Goa plan that we never quite managed to execute! Well, let

us give you a tip - now is a good time as ANY! Before life takes over, it's time finalise the plans that you have been making.

## 7. For those gorgeous Insta posts

Selfies are a must, especially when it comes to vacations. We love to flaunt our best pictures with the best people at the best locations! Selfies and some social media love is all that we need, right?

## 8. Variety of clothes to flaunt

Their clothes = our clothes and vice versa right? Even when you get too bored of your outfits, you always have a new set to try on and flaunt. You can only do this on vacations because otherwise, it is a tad bit inconvenient.

## 9. A million memories to share with your kids #Best-FriendGoals

Last but not the least, you actually get to make a million memories with your friend that will last forever!

## 10. Have no FOMO

We all have the quintessential 'fear of missing out' and hence, we should get on that plane and be reunited with the love of our lives!



## WORLD HISTORY

**1917-** Canadian ace Billy Bishop undertakes a solo mission behind enemy lines, shooting down three aircrafts as they were about to take off and several more on the ground, for which he is awarded the Victoria Cross

**1953-** Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in Westminster Abbey

**1962-** During the FIFA World Cup multiple police intervention was required because of the fights between the players of Chile and Italy. This was one of the most aggressive and violent football games in the history

**1999-** Bhutan Broadcasting Service began the first television transmission in the country

**2003-** Mars Express which The European Space Agency's space mission to Mars was launched from Baikonur Space Center located in Kazakhstan

## INDIAN HISTORY

**1756-** Fort William, the English

## THIS DAY IN HISTORY

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Assistant Professor in History,  
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stronghold in Bengal, was surrendered to Siraj-ud-Daulah

**1908-** Sri Aurobindo, a freedom fighter, was arrested in Manik Tala Bomb explosion case.

**1953-** Mountaineer Edmund Hillary of New Zealand and his Nepalese Sherpa guide Tensing became the first men to conquer Mount Everest

**1975-** India's First Spunge Iron project inaugurated at Vijaywada  
**2004 -** Telangana got separated from Andhra Pradesh and became the 29th state in India

# The Fidget Revolution!



Procrastination toys are taking the world by storm, but none of them are dominating the market quite like the fidget spinner!

If you don't have eyes, children or the internet, you may not have noticed the

fidget-spinner craze that is gripping young people's attention. Spinning their way into children's hearts and hands, the toy has been lauded as

## what's TRENDING

### Why is it so addictive?



designs that eschew this template but they generally stick to the same blueprint.

While other crazes have

relied on collectability or competition, the fidget-spinner craze has taken off due to the toy's immediately addictive nature. The sensation that comes from holding a fast-spin-

ning contraption is a large part of its appeal. As you tilt it back and forth while it whirrs, you can feel the various spinning forces undulate in your hand.

### What do people do with them?

The real fun comes from trying to pull off various tricks and stunts with a spinner as these forces take hold. As it spins it can be balanced on top of fingers, toes, and if you're really daring, your nose or forehead. If you have more than one you can stack them on top of one another, and create a spinning tower that plays with your eyes. Perhaps the biggest challenge is throwing a spinner to your friend and trying to catch it, a feat even more impressive to pull off than the bottle flip.

The fidget spinner industry has also exploded over the last month, and brought a huge range of different types of the toy into existence. There is also a panoply of YouTube video threads to be found online, featuring tutorials, trick showcases, reviews and FAQs.

If you're interested in getting into the fidget spinner craze or just fancy seeing what all the fuss is about, then you'll be interested to know they're not just sold to kids. There are spinners for adults too, and they come in a variety of different colours and shapes.

visitors come to your door today. A relative or co-worker could be in a black mood, which could spill over to you, as you're feeling more intuitive than usual. Realize that this isn't coming from you, Virgo, and let it go! Misinformation could come your way by phone, email, or mail. Check out the facts before you buy into it.

**LIBRA:** Low biorhythms could have you feeling a little depressed. You may tend to doubt your goals and abilities. Don't let this send you into a fit of gloom, Libra. All is better than it seems. Realize that today you're likely to blow every little setback out of proportion. Give everything you try your very best effort. Go out tonight and have a good time!

## ARCTIC CIRCLE



## BABY BLUES



**SCORPIO:** Communication with friends or family may not come easily today, Scorpio. An unusual level of inhibition could keep you from reaching out to others. You might try to shake this off by working too hard, even if you aren't sure exactly what you want to do. This is a good day to read, study, or work on projects in solitude. A long walk during the day could clear your head and reignite your enthusiasm.

**SAGITTARIUS:** Your intuition is likely to be operating at a very high level today, Sagittarius. This isn't a good day to be around sick or depressed people. You will probably pick up their gloom and it could possibly spoil your day. This is a good

day to finish old projects that you may have postponed. Your insights and ingenuity are likelier than usual to give you the motivation you need.

**CAPRICORN:** Fear about your financial security could plague you today, Capricorn. Dissatisfaction with some of work you've been doing and delays in reaching some of your goals might have you wondering what you could do better. Doubts about a friend's motives might cause you to waver in your trust of that person. Take the time to consider everything objectively. All is probably not as it seems.

**AQUARIUS:** Have you been wondering if you're in the right profession? Disillusionment with your

field could have you feeling mildly ill from stress and considering a total career change. Perhaps this is the right course of action to take, but perhaps not. Look into the options available and see how you feel about them, Aquarius, but wait a few days before making any final decisions.

**PISCES:** Unsettling news from far away could have you somewhat upset and a little depressed. The temptation to withdraw and brood might seem too strong to resist, but this may not be the best course of action. Getting things done is likely to be the best therapy in emotional situations like this, Pisces. So if there's a new project you've been considering, this is the day to start it.