

# Kailash Mansarovar Yatra through Nathu La cancelled for this season

**NEW DELHI, JUN 30 (PTI):** The Kailash Mansarovar yatra through Nathu La in Sikkim has been cancelled, an official said today.

The decision comes in the wake of a face-off between Indian and Chinese troops over a disputed area along the Sino-Indian border.

The move will come as a disappointment to the 400 devotees who were hoping to visit the high altitude area, be-

lieved to be the abode of Lord Shiva, following an arduous trek along the Nathu La route.

Though the yatra through Nathu La in Sikkim will not take place this year, pilgrims travelling through the Lipulekh Pass in Uttarakhand will continue as scheduled, the government official said.

Eight batches, each comprising around 50 pilgrims, were scheduled to have taken the Nathu

La route to Mansarovar in Tibet.

The first batch was to have crossed over to China through Nathu La on June 20 and the last batch on July 31. It would have taken a batch 21 days to complete the pilgrimage.

China had issued visas for first two batches and applications for the other pilgrims were put on hold because of the tension along the border.

The first batch of

Kailash Mansarovar pilgrims had to return from the Nathu La border post as the stand-off between India and China showed no signs of easing.

The pilgrims returned to Gangtok on June 23 after staying in Nathu La for three days awaiting permission from the Chinese side for the onward journey.

The second batch of pilgrims did not move from Gangtok and was eventually told to return home.

The Sikkim route to Mansarovar was opened to the public in 2015.

The pilgrimage to Kailash Mansarovar, located at an altitude of 15,160 feet, takes place from June to September each year through the two routes.

The Kailash Mansarovar yatra is considered holy by Hindus, Buddhists and Jains and is undertaken by hundreds of pilgrims every year.

Meanwhile, pilgrims

to Kailash Mansarovar denied entry by China through Nathu La in Sikkim may be allowed to join the yatra that takes the Uttarakhand route, but only if there are any dropouts in the new batches, a government official said today.

“Seven or eight pilgrims who were denied entry through Nathu La by Chinese authorities have expressed their desire to take this route,”

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## High-level meeting reviews situation in Sikkim sector

**NEW DELHI, JUNE 30 (PTI):** A high-level meeting today reviewed the situation in the Sikkim sector where tensions have flared up between Indian troops and Chinese military over construction of a road by China in a strategically key area near the Sino-India border.

The meeting was attended by Army Chief Gen. Bipin Rawat, National Security Adviser Ajit Doval and Foreign Secretary S Jaishankar among others and it carried out detailed analysis of the overall situation in the sensitive areas.

Gen Rawat, who returned from Sikkim this morning, presented a detailed account of ground realities in the wake of the stand-off between the two armies triggered by China's attempts to build a road at Donglong which Bhutan says belonged to it.

The situation was reviewed in the meeting, sources said.

Gen. Rawat had yesterday visited the Army's formation headquarters in North Sikkim and was

briefed by top commanders about the face-off as well as the current situation.

The flashpoint was China's attempts to build a road in the strategically key area of Donglong as its link to the Sikkim-Bhutan-Tibet tri-junction could give China a major military advantage over India.

The Indian Army had blocked construction of the road.

Commenting on the issue, the External Affairs Ministry today said India was “deeply concerned at the recent Chinese actions and has conveyed to Beijing that such construction would represent a significant change of status quo with serious security implications for India”.

A 220-km section of the 3,488-km India-China border from Jammu and Kashmir to Arunachal Pradesh falls in Sikkim.

Yesterday, China had asked India to withdraw its troops from the Donglong as a precondition for a “meaningful dialogue” to settle the

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## Pay more for bank services, premium, CC bills from Saturday

**NEW DELHI, JUN 30 (PTI):** Consumers will have to shell out more for banking services, insurance premium payments and credit card bills with the GST rollout from tomorrow.

Under the Goods and Services Tax, effective midnight tonight, most of the financial services would attract a higher tax of 18 per cent as against 15 per cent as of now.

Banks and insurance companies have been already sending messages and mails to their customers about the new tax rates which would be charged.

“Dear policyholder, revision of service tax on account of GST will come to effect from July 1, 2017,” said a Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) message.

Punjab National Bank (PNB) informed its customers that “with effect from July 1, 2017, the existing service tax of 15 per cent levied on all the banking services will be replaced by a GST of 18 per cent.”

Common banking services that would attract higher service tax include debit card, fund transfer, ATM withdrawal beyond the number of free services, home loan processing fee, locker rentals, issuance of cheque books/drafts/duplicate passbooks, collection of bills, collection of outstation cheques, cash handling charges and SMS alerts.

Besides, life and non-life premiums would see an increase from 15 per cent to 18 per cent.

Canara HSBC Oriental Bank of Commerce Life Insurance Company Chief Financial Officer Gaurav Seth said the premium amount on a term insurance policy will be

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## South Collectorate inspects NHPC's Legship project site, flags safety hiccups, prescribes remedies

**SUMMIT REPORT**

**GANGTOK, 30 JUN:** As part of the South District Collectorate's “Each Friday, Field Day” initiative, a team, jointly led by District Collector-South and Senior Superintendent of Police-South and comprising of Sub Divisional Magistrate-Ravangla, Sub Divisional Police Officer-Ravangla, District Panchayat Officer-West, Police Inspector-Ravangla & Geyzing, Training Officer and Sub Inspector-Jorethang along with other field staff from Land Revenue & Disaster Management Department, visited the NHPC project site at Rangit Nagar today to inspect and assess the safety measures adopted there.

The hydel project was represented by Chief Engineer and other staffs.

A press release issued by DC-South informs that the Chief Engineer on site was directed to maintain a register to record the timings of Sirens and Water discharge simultaneously. The register was to be duly signed by the concerned staff sounding the siren.

The Chief Engineer was further directed to construct a proper fencing at the site to avoid any mishap. The company will be directed to procure all the necessary life preservers like boats, life jackets and swim-



mers, it is informed.

It was also observe by the inspection team that there was no warning sign near the Dam, hence, instruction was given to install Warning Sign and Do's and Don'ts board near the site which will be visible even from a distance of 300ft.

The DC South has also directed the Chief Engineer to sync all the sirens located at the Spillways.

Since it was learnt that the Siren was not run through power back up, the company was directed to install power back up to run the siren so that it may be functional even during power failure. He further directed them to install beacon above the spillways.

The dam site had an

Accelerograph installed at the site to measure earthquakes. The DC has, thus, requested the staff to provide details of any earthquake measurement via whatsapp so that the administration is well aware about the magnitude of earthquakes.

It is informed that about 60 IRB personnel have been hired for security purpose and that in order to visit the dam site, a special permission had to be obtained from HR Section of NHPC.

The SSP-South directed the security staff to keep the Walk Metal Detector functional all the time. He further advised the company to procure hand-held metal detectors to be given to IRB personnel.

The DC South has requested SSP-South to further request the Deputy Commandant of IRB-Pipalay to train the security personnel with regards to security and safety measures before deploying them on NHPC detail.

A mock drill was conducted during the inspection to check the functioning of the sirens. The siren near the Legship Bridge did not have power back up, hence, the company has been directed to install battery back-up for activating the siren continuously. They were also directed to install Warning Board along with Do's and Don'ts board visible from a distance of 300ft.

One Siren near the

Shiv Mandir was found to be non functional which is why the company staff were blowing the hand held siren manually. The DC South instructed NHPC to connect both sirens so that they can be sounded together.

It was informed that the company has been holding awareness programmes on safety and preparedness for any Hydel Project disaster on a monthly basis which was commendable. The DC South has requested the Chief Engineer to provide details of the awareness programmes conducted and also inform about such awareness in future prior to conducting such programmes.

A small fire drill was conducted at the Rangit Nagar power house. The fire extinguishers were checked. It was, however, observed that the staffs were not well adapted to using Fire tenders and Fire extinguishers. Hence, the company was directed to request for training from Fire & Emergency Services.

The company was also directed to maintain a record register for recording timing of water discharge and blowing of siren. The company has been directed to install Do's and Don'ts in the Power house premises.

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## Road construction on Sikkim border has serious implications, India tells China

**NEW DELHI, JUN 30 (PTI):** The government today expressed deep concern over China constructing a road in the disputed Doklam area near Sikkim, and said it had conveyed to Beijing that such an action would represent a significant change of status quo with “serious” security implications for India.

India's reaction follows a face-off between Indian and Chinese troops in the area, prompting Beijing to take a tough stance and demand withdrawal of Indian troops from the Sikkim sector as a precondition for “meaning-

ful dialogue” to resolve the situation.

Beijing had also accused India of being a “third-party” to the China-Bhutan dispute.

Reacting to China's contention, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said it was essential that all parties concerned display utmost restraint and abide by their respective bilateral understandings not to change the status quo unilaterally.

It was also important that the consensus reached between India and China through the Special Representatives process was scrupulously

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## Chinese activity at Sikkim-Bhutan border could affect Gorkhaland stir

**SUDIPTA CHANDA**

**SILIGURI, 30 JUN:** The Gorkhaland movement in the Darjeeling hills may have stumbled against an unforeseen problem - China.

Chinese interference at the Doklam Plateau in the Sikkim-Bhutan-Tibet tri-junction of late has turned the region sensitive. With Nathu La barely 15 KM from the Doklam Plateau, the Centre on Friday scrapped the Kailash-Mansarovar yatra through the pass indicating the situation was tentative.

There is no official confirmation to it, but with national security under threat just a stone's throw away,

it might not be surprising if the Gorkhaland protagonists are asked to stand down the movement till tension at the border eases.

The Indian Army has reinforced troop strength in Sikkim in preparation for any exigency and so has China in its territory. Moreover, the Indian Army chief General Bipin Rawat reconnoitered the sensitive region the past two days highlighting the seriousness of the standoff.

Doklam Plateau is a disputed territory in western Bhutan adjacent to China's Chumbi Valley. China of late was constructing a motorable road up to the tri-junction to extend strategic width to Chumbi Valley, which is

wedged between Bhutan and Sikkim.

India has, however, made it clear that it will not allow China to build a motorable road to the tri-junction through the Bhutanese territory of Doklam Plateau and Indian soldiers have had to jostle with Chinese forces to desist them from continuing with the construction.

Chumbi Valley is a strategic position China enjoys. Extending the vantage point to the Doklam Plateau in Bhutan, which acts as a buffer from the Indian point of view, would give China a militarily favourable position overlooking the strategically vulnerable Siliguri Corridor.

The sensitive ‘Chicken's Neck

or the Siliguri Corridor is a narrow strip of land that connects the North-eastern states with the rest of India. Although India has strengthened its military might in the Siliguri Corridor over the years, the stretch, which is barely a 100 Km from the Chumbi Valley, continues to remain geographically sensitive.

Military presence at the Doklam Plateau is therefore important for China's strategic calculus. Control over the area would make it easier for its army to conduct military manoeuvres aimed at blocking the Siliguri Corridor.

The Indian Army therefore must be on amber alert following the past

few days' developments in the remote terrain between Sikkim and Bhutan. With the military of a neighbouring country wanting to surreptitiously creep up to India's borders trampling on a friendly country like Bhutan's territorial claims, a political movement at close quarters would be the last thing the Army would want to confront at this sensitive hour.

The advocates of the Gorkhaland movement have formed a common platform to take forward the agitation, but theoretically speaking, all initiatives can come to a grinding halt if the Army puts its foot down. Again, there is no official confirmation to this conjecture.



## SDF reiterates condemnation of attacks on Sikkim vehicles, wants Bengal Govt to ensure security

SUMMIT TIMES

GANGTOK, 30 JUN:

Sikkim Democratic Front has reiterated its demand that incidents of vandalism and harassment of Sikkim vehicles in New Jalpaiguri and Siliguri areas of West Bengal be stopped immediately and that the Bengal Government provide full security to Sikkim people and vehicles there.

The party points out

An SDF press release issued by its spokesperson, Bhim Dahal, highlights that India is a secular and civilised nation, thus any attack, vandalism or threat to Sikkim vehicles, its drivers and passengers was totally unacceptable.

That such handiworks of antisocial elements were now being reported on a daily basis on social media platforms and newspapers.

The release adds that attacks on trucks, petrol and diesel tankers, SNT passenger buses, taxis and private vehicles by a group of anti-social elements continue in the

NJP area.

The party has further contended that it has been receiving reports that the Police there has not been taking any action and have been looking on as mere spectators even when such attacks are carried out in front of it.

Siliguri being the centre for business,

treatment and travel for Sikkim, North Bengal, Darjeeling, North-Eastern Region and neighbouring nations, such tragic, anti-social and undemocratic incidents could trigger fear psychosis and unrest among Indian citizens in other parts of the country as well, the release states.

## North MVD begins processing online driving license applications

WANGCHUK BHUTIA

MANGAN, 30 JUN:

The Motor Vehicles Department of Mangan, North Sikkim, has started accepting applications for new driving licenses online. The service got underway from 29 June.

Any client can visit the website [www.parivahan.gov.in](http://www.parivahan.gov.in) and click on Sarati Services 4.0 to access the online service. After authentication, the applicant must take documents and a Bank Receipt for Rs 400 from State Bank of Sikkim and visit the license issuing authority at the Regional Transport Office.



Some applicants were handed over new driving

licenses with QR barcodes on 29 June. Anyone can download the QR Barcode

scanner application and confirm the authenticity of the driving licenses,

informed Regional Transport Officer-North, KS Gurung, while speaking to the media in the presence of Motor Vehicle Inspector-Mangan, Sonam Bhutia, and other staff.

They also informed that the department will also introduce advance SMS alerts sent to drivers whose driving licenses are expiring in a month's time.

The online barcode driving licenses are issued for prompt system for public under the assistance of National Informatics Centre, North district.



### SHORT-CIRCUIT CLAIMS HOME IN MIDDLE SEGYANG

**GANGTOK, 30 JUN [IPR]:** The house of one Chakra Bahadur Subba was burned down in a fire sparked by a short circuit on 29 June at Middle Segyang, under Salghari Zoom constituency.

Area MLA, Arjun Kumar Ghatani, visited the spot today and handed over ex-gratia to the family members.

Mr Ghatani was accompanied by the Block Development Officer and officials from line departments. He instructed the officials to provide immediate relief to the affected family and assured to depute a team to assess the property lost in the fire for onward submission of the assessment report to the government.

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ly respected by both sides, the ministry added.

"India is deeply concerned at the recent Chinese actions and has conveyed to the Chinese government that such construction would represent a significant change of status quo with serious security implications for India," MEA asserted in a press release.

The ministry also narrated the sequence of events since June 16 when a People's Liberation Army (PLA) construction party entered the Doklam area and attempted to construct a road.

"In coordination with the Royal Government of Bhutan, Indian personnel, who were present at general area Doka La, approached the Chinese construction party and urged them to desist from changing the status quo. These efforts continue," the ministry said.

In keeping with their tradition of maintaining close consultation on matters of mutual interest, Bhutan and India had been in continuous contact through the unfolding of these developments, it said.

As far as the boundary in the Sikkim sector was concerned, India and China had reached an understanding in 2012 reconfirming their mutual agreement on the "basis of the alignment", the ministry said.

Further discussions regarding finalisation of

the boundary had been taking place under the Special Representatives framework, it added.

While India referred to the June 26 statement by the Chinese foreign ministry -- that Indian border troops crossed the boundary line in the Sikkim sector of the China-India boundary and entered Chinese territory -- it did not react to the allegations directly.

On June 16, the ministry said, a PLA construction party entered the Doklam area and attempted to construct a road.

"It is our understanding that a Royal Bhutan Army patrol attempted to dissuade them from this unilateral activity," it said, adding that Bhutan's ambassador had publicly stated that it lodged a protest with the Chinese government through their embassy in New Delhi on June 20.

The MEA also noted

that the Bhutan foreign ministry had yesterday issued a statement underlining that the construction of the road inside Bhutanese territory was a direct violation of the 1988 and 1998 agreements between Bhutan and China and affected the process of demarcating the boundary between the two countries.

Bhutan has also urged China to return to the status quo as before 16 June 2017, MEA said.

India underlined that the two governments had in 2012 reached an agreement that tri-junction boundary points between India, China and third countries would be finalised in consultation with the concerned countries.

"Any attempt, therefore, to unilaterally determine tri-junction points is in violation of this understanding," it said.



### Cleanliness drive in Phodong

**GANGTOK, 30 JUN:** A cleanliness drive was carried out by Sikkim State Pollution Control Board in collaboration with the Forest Department at Phodong in North Sikkim today. A team of Police personnel, youth and people of the area participated in the programme with a goal to keep Phodong town neat and clean and disease free, a press release informs.

## MLA inspects Mabong Jr High School woes

**GANGTOK, 30 JUN [IPR]:** Salghari-Zoom MLA, Minister Arjun Kumar Ghatani, led an inspection visit to Government Junior Secondary School Mabong in West Sikkim today.

The Minister instructed all the concerned officials to address the long-pending demands

of the school pertaining to renovation and maintenance of the existing infrastructure.

He also instructed that the mud slide in the campus be cleared and a protective wall be erected and further directed that a solution be worked out so that the school

could reopen after the summer vacation.

Mr Ghatani was accompanied by Deputy Director, Paljor Bhutia, Assistant Education Officer-Human Resource Development Department, Robin Dong, Managing Committee of the school and local people.

### Pipalee plants for 10 Minutes



**JORETHANG, 30 JUN**

**[IPR]:** To give impetus to the environmental initiative, "Ten Minutes to Earth", a plantation drive, organised by Samajik Sadhavana Samiti in collaboration with the Forest Department, was carried out in Pipalee, West Sikkim today.

The drive, led by area

MLA, AK Ghatani, had the participation of forest officials, police & fire department personnel, senior citizens and public of the area.

Eighty saplings of various species of flowering and non-flowering plants and trees were planted in the designated areas during the plantation drive.

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It was learnt that company has been practicing evacuation drill with its staffs. It has been jointly decided that a proper mock drill involving District Administration will be conducted during July-August.

It was further informed by the company that NHPC will be constructing community toilet for Ravangla and Yan-

gang Sub Division Office.

The team also inspected the SDM Office in Ravangla and found it to be in a deplorable condition and required repairing. Thus, funds were sanctioned on the spot. The construction of toilet site was also inspected. The Civil Engineer of NHPC has surveyed the area and will be submitting the estimate within few days, informs the press release.

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**PRESS NOTIFICATION**

Sikkim University is holding its 4th Convocation on **22nd July 2017 at Chintan Bhawan, Nam Nang Road, Gangtok at 11:00 am.** The UG and PG students who have passed their examinations from Sikkim University in 2015 and 2016 and M.Phil and Ph.D students who have been awarded till date may apply for permission to attend the Convocation in person by downloading the form from the University website and paying the fee. Only those students who deposit the requisite fee will be allowed for registration and admission to the Convocation.

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High-level meeting reviews situation in Sikkim sector

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boundary issue, warning that the Indian Army should learn “historical lessons”, in a reference to the 1962 war.  
Reacting to it, defence minister Arun Jaitley said India of 2017 is different from what it was in 1962.  
“If they are trying to remind us, the situation in 1962 was different and India of 2017 is different,” Jaitley said when asked about China’s warning yesterday.  
The defence minister said the Bhutan government had made its stance clear and China was trying to alter the status quo in the area.

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said DK Sharma, regional tourism officer in the Kumaon Mandal Vikas Nigam (KMVN), the nodal agency for the yatra.  
They could be accommodated in the yatra from Lipulekh if any vacancies arise, he said.  
Vacancies usually occur if a would-be pilgrim is found to be medically unfit for the arduous trek to Kailash Mansarovar, located at an altitude of 15,160 feet, in Tibet.  
The pilgrimage to Kailash from Lipulekh had been moving “smoothly”, officials said, with five batches having been flagged off since the yatra began.  
The first batch of pilgrims has already returned to India from Mansarovar.

Two batches are in Tibet and another two other are on their way to Kailash.  
We have not received any complaints from pilgrims indicating bad or unusual behaviour by Chinese authorities through this route, Sharma said.

West Pendam Panchayat President takes initiative, solves garbage disposal problem

**YOGEN THATAL SINGTAM, 30 JUN:**  
Panchayat president of West Pendam GPU, East Sikkim, Pratap Singh Rai, in collaboration with Divya Jyoti Samiti, Bardang, and villagers of West Pendam, has deployed a truck for garbage collection in the area as a self-initiative to tackle the issue of dumping of waste along the highway and on private lands in the area.  
“The reason for deploying the truck is to control dumping activities near the highway and on private lands. Usually people working in private institutions and in Pharma companies around the area are accountable for the same, but they are least bothered about the cleanliness here since they are not permanent



residents of Bardang. It hence falls on us to check and control these activities which can create health related problems,” said Panchayat president, Pratap Singh Rai, while speaking to Summit-Times.  
The deployment of the truck seems to be doing well in the area

SDF’s Panchayat Cell conducts consultation meeting

**SUMMIT REPORT GYALSHING, 30 JUN:** The Panchayat Cell of the Sikkim Democratic Front started its series of consultation meetings today from West Pendam constituency.  
The programme was chaired by SDF vice president (East) DB Thapa.  
The objective of the consultation meetings is to build a stronger support base of the SDF party at the grassroots, which the Cell intends to ensure by assisting the party in fielding dedicated and deserving candidates in the upcoming Panchayat elections, a press release informs.  
Former Panchayat, SDF leader Ganesh K. Rai, in his address, stressed that making the SDF party stronger at the grass-



roots required good and dedicated Panchayats who will work effectively for the development of their wards.  
He added that Panchayat Cell SDF party was working to bring awareness among the people about the Chief Minister’s commitment to power decentralization and devolution which can tremendously empower the people at the grassroots.  
DB Thapa, in his address, informed the gathering about numerous initiatives towards Panchayati Raj taken by the present government which has propelled the state to the 2nd spot in Panchayati Raj in the country, which he stressed, was a matter of immense pride.  
The programme was attended by various party workers, members of the Panchayat Cell and the people of West Pendam Constituency.



Gangtok dedicates Ten Minutes to Earth

**ARPAN PRADHAN GANGTOK, 30 JUN:** To mark the State Government’s “10 Minutes to Earth” initiative, a plantation drive was organised here at the Urban Development & Housing Department and STNM Hospital premises and along the highway.  
The plantation drive had the presence of Departmental Parliamentary Secretary, Pintso Chopel Lepcha, who started the drive by planting a sapling.  
The programme also had the presence of Secretary-UD&HD, GT Bhutia, Special Secretary, TW Khangsarpa, Principal

Chief Engineer, Mohammad Sahid, along with other departmental officers and staff.  
More than 50 saplings were planted during the drive which will continue for few more days at regular intervals, it is informed.  
Speaking on the occasion, the Parliamentary Secretary said that the 10 Minutes to Earth was a very important and visionary initiative of the Government and Chief Minister Pawan Chamling, providing an opportunity to everyone to dedicate ten minutes of their time for Mother Earth.  
He further said that people should come forward and register participation as public participation was a must for government projects and initiatives to succeed on ground.  
He thanked the participants for their time and the forest department for the provision of saplings.  
The plantation drive was spread over along the highway till Zero Point covering the Millennium Park as well.  
Sapling of a variety of flowering and non-flowering plant and trees were planted today during the programme.

PLANTATION DRIVE IN HC COMPLEX

**GANGTOK, 30 JUN [IPR]:** The High Court of Sikkim undertook a plantation drive at the Court premises here today.  
Saplings were planted by Yogmaya Agnihotri, wife of Justice Satish K Agnihotri [Chief Justice-High Court of Sikkim], Judge-High Court of Sikkim, Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, and spouse of Justice Bhaskar Raj Pradhan [Judge-High Court of Sikkim], Manasa Priyadarshana Pradhan.  
The plantation drive was undertaken as a gesture to appreciate the role of spouses who have



Paryavaran Mahotsav concludes with Pakyong event

**GANGTOK, 30 JUN:** The 15-day long Paryavaran Mahotsav which had started on 15 June, concluded today at Pakyong Bazaar in East Sikkim. The programme was organised by the Forest Department.  
Rhenock MLA, Parliamentary Secretary Hemendra Adhikari, attended the programme as chief guest accompanied by the Forest Secretary, Thomas Chandy, Tourism-Special Secretary, CP Dhakal, Additional Director-Forests, BB Gurung, Additional Director-Forests, Suraj Thatal, Sub Divisional Magistrate-Pakyong, Yadav Krishna Sharma, and other officials.



Paryavaran Mahotsav at Naga

**MANGAN, 30 JUN:** Paryavaran Mahotsav, under the “10 Minutes to Earth” initiative, was observed today at Naga in Mangan, North Sikkim in the presence of Upadhyaksh-North, NT Lepcha, along with Forest official, Joint Forest Management Committee members, Panchayats and public of Toong-Naga. During the programme, activities like cleanliness and plantation drives along with awareness campaigns were conducted.

Pay more for bank services, premium...

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18 per cent from 15 per cent currently.  
“In case of endowment policy, the first year premium is liable to be taxed at 4.50 per cent with effect from the mid- night today from existing 3.75 per cent and on subsequent year premium, it will rise by 0.38 per cent to 2.25

per cent,” Seth said.  
Bank of Maharashtra CEO and MD Ravindra P Marathe said with GST will result in increased cost of almost all services offered to customers.  
The nation will witness the official rollout of GST in a live telecast tonight from the Parliament’s Central Hall.  
The rollout is to be graced by President Pranab Mukherjee and Prime Minister Modi. Prime Minister Modi’s Cabinet colleagues including Finance Minister Arun Jaitley and others as well as eminent dignitaries from the industry and acclaimed fields will also be present.

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1. The last date of submission of Bid is extended till **12:30 PM** of the **18th July, 2017**.  
2. The revised time for opening of bids by the Committee is **1:30 PM** of **18th July, 2017**.  
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## Cultures Live

...provided we don't stifle them

Because some things need reiteration from time to time, we return here to arguments that have been tabled often and worries that have been raised frequently because the deliberations continue remain open, and will for some more time.

Turn to any corner of the world and one comes across voices of protest or groans of concern from a culture under threat, a way of life nearing extinction, a lifestyle on the brink. While there are always external elements like the influence of globalisation and the pressure to homogenise which eat away at the edifice of cultural uniqueness, the biggest threat comes from those who refuse to let cultures breathe - those who view it as a relic which needs to be preserved in the purest form as imagined or decided by them. Unfortunately for such groups, cultures are living systems which need to be nurtured, not pickled. But 'preserving' is easier since nurturing would entail allowing a culture to grow and that would go against ill-informed beliefs that cultures are perfect on which any growth is a blemish. Such mindsets refuse to accept that culture is not something that can be pickled and preserved as a museum piece for posterity. Culture, because it is about a people, is vibrant, alive and contemporary. It is spontaneous, almost instinctive, and not something that is learnt; it is imbibed. Since culture forms a part of evolution, it is also subject to fresh interpretations, nuances and relevance.

Because culture is about people, it cannot survive on state patronage alone - that would be relegating it to the status of a museum display. Some years ago, members of the Museums Association of India conferred in Gangtok. The focus of that conference was "Intangible Heritage - Preservation & Portrayal." In layman's terms, they were speaking of ecomuseology, the science, or rather the attempt, to allow cultures to breathe and thrive unencumbered in their natural habitats. But even this comes with its pitfalls. In the Journal of Indian Museums released at the conference, the editorial spoke of the "very amateurish and vulgar commercialisation" of culture that one sees in the tourism sector of Rajasthan. What was true of Rajasthan is true for Sikkim as well. The message - preservation of cultures should not come at the cost of reducing vibrant lifestyles into caricatures. This can happen only if the people to whom the culture belongs want to nurture it. For the same reason, if a people reject their Culture as ripe for extinction, no amount of preservation helps. Yet, a culture should not be dismissed even before one has understood it. It is important that the repository of culture is passed on to the next generation to nurture and craft as it feels right. And yes, people can discard a culture if they want to, but only after they have understood it and decided that it does not serve their purpose any more. What the current holders of culture can do is pass it on to the next generation in an as unadulterated a form as possible. What the younger generation, equipped with its better education, can do is research deeper into their roots. Then, even if the physical form of cultures dwindles away, at least the records will survive for future generations, if it feels so inclined, to revive.

What is required of the establishment is to provide the support which allows these aspirations to manifest.

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# A legislative reform is needed to push corporate social responsibility

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The corporate social responsibility (CSR) movement began as a response to advocacy for corporations to play a role in ameliorating social problems due to their economic power and overarching presence in daily life.

Now, the movement is transitioning from its reliance on purely voluntary activity to the greater use of laws. The push for legalisation came because voluntary CSR presented problems such as free-riding (companies taking advantage of benefits without actually spending), greenwashing posing as CSR, and false disclosures.

Governments are now modifying their laissez faire approach and considering legal rules.

The US Securities and Exchange Commission, for instance, has moved beyond its mandate as a market regulator to issue rules on conflict minerals, resource extraction payments, and gender diversity. And, in 2014, the European Union issued a directive on disclosure of non-financial and diversity information.

Similarly, Australian companies are required to disclose how they will manage their environmental and social sustainability risks.

## INDIA AT THE FOREFRONT

India has gone further than any other country. In 2013, it enacted Section 135 of the Indian Companies Act prescribing a mandatory "CSR spend of 2% of average net profits ... during the three immediately preceding financial years" for all companies meeting specified financial thresholds. In other words, companies "having net worth of rupees five billion or more, or turnover of rupees ten billion or more or a net profit of rupees fifty million or more during any financial year" have to ensure that they spend 2% of average net profits made during the three preceding years on CSR activities.

In order to assess the effectiveness of this unique experiment in mandating CSR spending and disclosure, we studied the reporting practices of the four largest banks by market capitalisation in India compared with banks from Australia, China, and Japan where there is no such law. In order to do so, we assessed annual and CSR reports of our sample of companies from 2012, one year before the law was passed.

Indian banks did not have CSR reports before 2012. The CSR committees formed by the banks function in the spirit of the law within defined targets, monitoring CSR spend, and reporting reasons for shortfalls in spending.

Of the Indian banks evaluated, only the State Bank of India (SBI) disclosed its CSR spend prior to the promulgation of the new Companies Act; all banks disclosed this spend from 2013.

Despite the new law mandating a CSR spend of 2% of pre-tax profit for corporations of this size, only ICICI Bank met the target in 2014. But it fell to 1.9% in 2016. Kotak Mahindra Bank reported a CSR spend of less than 0.69% of pre-tax profits in 2016.

In spite of not meeting the targeted CSR spend, none of the banks reported any fines or proceedings for breaching the law.



During this period (2012-2016), Australian banks had the highest disclosures, followed by Japan, China and India.

There's a marginal difference in Indian bank disclosures after the new law was passed in 2013. But these differences may well be due to the different cultures and other non-market factors at play.

## DIFFERENT PROGRAMS

Indian banks spend on educational and health promotional CSR activities, as prescribed by the new law. Additionally, all Indian banks use in-house foundations and centres, and promote staff volunteering at high-profile events. All these activities are designed to obtain maximum positive media coverage.

Less popular CSR activities, such as programs for eradicating malaria or combating other major communicable diseases - also defined in the Act as designated CSR activity - do not get any attention.

Another popular CSR activity is contributing to natural disaster relief funds, which is probably aimed at scoring brownie points with the political party in power. Then there's lip service to environmental sustainability by the development of "ideal" bank branches with small environmental footprints. But the vast majority of offices languish with old energy-hungry, environmentally dated structures and activities.

In contrast - and despite the absence of a legislative mandate - Australian banks have been disclosing their CSR expenditure since at least 2010. CBA and Westpac spend more on CSR as a percentage of pre-tax profits than the other two major Australian banks.

Chinese and Japanese banks report on targets and achievements to meet their respective environmental laws, albeit not in as much detail as Australian banks. As there's no legal requirement to report on their actual CSR spends, Japanese banks did not disclose this in their reporting media till 2015.

In 2016, Japanese banks Nomura and Mizuho started reporting their CSR spend. Similarly, Chinese banks started voluntarily reporting their CSR spend in 2016.

But all fall below 0.25% of post-tax profits.

# Why do so many gay and bisexual men die from suicide?

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Gay and bisexual men are four times more likely to attempt suicide in their lifetime than heterosexual men. Researchers now estimate that suicide kills more gay and bisexual men than AIDS. Despite this well-documented inequity, there are no targeted suicide prevention programs in Canada. Gay and bisexual men are rarely mentioned in mental health policies.

Homophobia - within families, schools, communities and even in doctors and counsellors offices - is a key cause, according to the Still Here project within the Men's Health Research Program at the University of British Columbia.

As a postdoctoral research fellow in nursing at the University of British Columbia, I work on the Still Here project to engage gay and bisexual men who have previously struggled with suicide (or who have lost another gay or bisexual man to suicide) to tell their stories through photographs.

Twenty-nine gay and bisexual men have participated in Still Here thus far, contributing more than 300 photographs. Each participant met with a research team member to describe his photographs and to share his story. Together, these photos and stories are helping us better understand the multiple factors that lead gay and bisexual men to consider suicide.

Homophobia a common theme Each story is unique and we are finding that the reasons gay and bisexual research participants consider suicide are varied. Homophobia is,



A photo entitled "Apprehension" is part of the Still Here project at the University of British Columbia's Men's Health Research Program. The project uses photos to engage gay and bisexual men who have previously struggled with suicide.

however, a common theme uniting all the stories and photos.

Most of the men in our study spoke of experiences of violence, bullying and family rejection because of their sexuality. Others learned to internalize society's negative view of gay and bisexual people.

Many Still Here participants also described how they were confronted with homophobia and stigmatizing attitudes when they opened up to talk about their feelings to their doctor or counsellor.

Because of homophobia, men described feeling isolated, lonely and invisible. These feelings often led to depression, sentiments of helplessness and thoughts of suicide.

Homophobia is not the only reason these men contemplated suicide. It was often coupled with mental illness, financial problems or losing a job. For some, it was an abusive relationship, or the end of a relationship, that contributed to their thoughts of

suicide.

## Breaking the silence

We need to break the silence around suicide. There is a pervasive myth that talking about suicide encourages it. But not talking about it perpetuates shame and stigma. Many Still Here participants described how they felt very alone with their suicidal thoughts because it is not something that people openly talk about. This silence made it harder for them to ask for help.

To spark a conversation on suicide, the Still Here participants worked with the research team to host several exhibits of their photographs. These exhibits have had a powerful impact on those who viewed them, and provided space and inspiration for people to share their own stories and discuss prevention.

To extend the reach of these photographs, the Still Here project launched an online gallery at [www.stillhereproject.ca](http://www.stillhereproject.ca) that has now been

visited by thousands of individuals worldwide.

## Prevention strategies

The first prevention strategy is to improve mental health services for gay and bisexual men. Accessing mental health services is difficult. The barriers are numerous and include cost, long wait lists and the fact that many health professionals have difficulty discussing suicide. Also, men are often offered pills to deal with their depression when they would rather talk to someone.

Mental-health professionals and doctors also need better training to address the complex needs of gay and bisexual men, and to reduce homophobic and stigmatizing attitudes.

As a society we need to work harder to resist stigma. Legal progress has been made in Canada for sexual minorities but homophobia continues to impact the lives of many gay and bisexual men. A study published in 2015 found that half of gay and bisexual men have been harassed or bullied because of their sexuality. One in 10 has been gay-bashed.

If we do not eliminate homophobia and if we fail to change perceptions of mental illness, gay and bisexual men will continue to endure high rates of suicide.

(If you are feeling distressed or are concerned about a friend, family member or work colleague, visit [www.suicideprevention.ca](http://www.suicideprevention.ca) to find a crisis centre near you.)

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## Five security personnel injured in Darj violence

**DARJEELING (WB), JUN 30 (PTI):** Five police and CRPF personnel were seriously injured when suspected Gorkha Janamukti Morcha (GJM) activists attacked a patrol party in Teesta Valley area here, police said today.

The attack took place last night when the security personnel had gone to a village near Teesta Valley, 40 km from Darjeeling, to conduct a search operation.

A mob attacked the security personnel with stones and traditional Nepali khukri, injuring five of them seriously.

They were later rescued and admitted to a hospital, police said.

The police had launched a search operation in the area after a community hall, that served as a temporary CRPF camp, was set afire by some protesters on Tuesday.

In another incident, the house of Mirik municipality vice-chairman M Zimba was set afire by the protesters early this morning.

The supporters also ransacked Rangli Rangliat police outpost and snatched an SLR and a pistol. Two police vehicles were set ablaze in the incident, police said.

The building of Tung Gram panchayat was set on fire last night, they said.

The indefinite shutdown continued to cripple normal life in Darjeeling and its adjoining areas for the 16th day today.

All-party meeting had yesterday decided to carry on with the indefinite shutdown. The next all-party meeting will be held on July 6.

## 31st anniv of Mizo peace accord celebrated in Mizoram

**AIZAWL, JUN 30 (PTI):** The 31st anniversary of the signing of the historic Mizo peace accord between the Union government and the erstwhile underground Mizo National Front (MNF) was celebrated today in Mizoram.

All government offices and educational institutions remained close as the day was declared as a public holiday.

Though no official function was organised by the state government, the opposition MNF organised meetings in different parts of the state.

A press statement issued by the Peace Accord MNF Returnee Association (PAMRA) said that of the 572 MNF cadres who came overground due to the accord, 150 people have died since 1986 till date.

The Mizo Accord was signed on June 30, 1986 ushering in an era of peace after 20 years of violence and disturbance in the state.

# Doklam has historically been Chinese territory: China

**KJM VARMA**

**BEIJING, JUN 30 (PTI):** Rejecting Bhutan's claims, China today said the Doklam area in the Sikkim sector has been a traditional pasture for Chinese cattle grazers over which it has historically exercised "complete and comprehensive" control.

The Chinese assertion came amid stand-off between Indian and Chinese troops after the Indian Army blocked construction of a road by China in Doklam, a disputed territory between China and Bhutan.

"From historical evidence we can see that Doklam has been a traditional pasture for the Tibetan resi-

dents and we have exercised good administration over the area," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Lu Kang told reporters here.

He said that before the 1960s, if the Bhutan residents around the border wanted to graze their cattle they had to get the approval from China.

He claimed that the Doklam area was under Chinese administration since emperor Qing's dynasty, the last imperial dynasty of China established in 1636.

"The Tibetan dynasty and Qing dynasty also set a clear boundary along the border," he said.

"In addition to the jurispruden-

tial evidence, the historical convention in 1890 (the Sino-British treaty) has clearly defined it as the crossing point between China, Bhutan and Indian boundary," Lu said.

"The Doklam area belongs to Chinese territory and we are exercising complete and comprehensive administration over the region and our border troops and the residents around the border are herding their cattle along this," he said.

He claimed that the evidence is recognised by the Bhutan side.

Lu said the area where Chinese side undertook road construction "totally belongs to the Chinese ter-

ritory" and offered to release details on this on foreign ministry's website.

He refuted Bhutan's allegation that Chinese troops' attempts to construct the road violated the 1988 and 1999 agreements to maintain peace and tranquilly.

"Even though China and Bhutan have not established diplomatic relationship we always maintain traditional friendship. We can tell you that Chinese people are friendly and want good relations with Bhutan people," he said.

"But our determination to uphold our territorial integrity and sovereignty is unwavering," he said.

"The Doklam area belongs to Chinese territory and we are exercising complete and comprehensive administration over the the region and our border troops and the residents around the border are herding their cattle along this," the Chinese spokesman said.

Bhutan foreign ministry had yesterday issued a statement underlining that the construction of the road inside Bhutanese territory was a direct violation of the 1988 and 1998 agreements between Bhutan and China and affected the process of demarcating the boundary between the two countries.

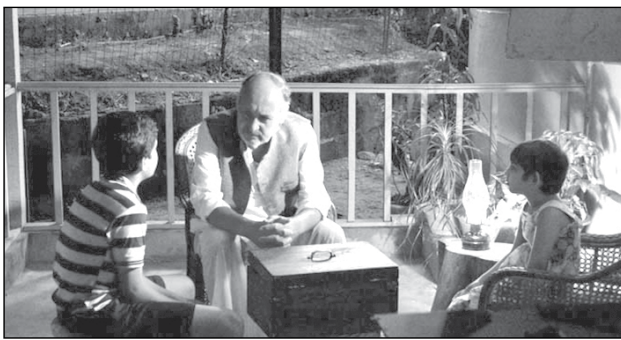
## Assamese film on kids raised amid violence tops Hollywood fest

**NEW DELHI, JUN 30 (PTI):** An Assamese film about children growing up in violence-hit places and witnessing brutality around them has won a top prize at the Hollywood International Cinefest for its sensitive portrayal and a striking narrative style.

Bidyut Kotoky's "Khoixoboite Dhemalite" (Rainbow Fields) was named the Best Foreign Film for "art truly transcending geographical limits".

The festival, held in Los Angeles from June 24-25, received over 400 submissions and films from the US, the UK, France, China, South Korea, Cambodia and Hong Kong besides India.

"After Ever After", made by another Indian director Rakesh Kumar and which is about a man struggling with his nine-year-old daughter's terminal sickness, won the Best Feature award



(English).

"While very different from each other, there are some striking similarities between 'After Ever After' and 'Rainbow Fields'. Both films have a particular emotional appeal, both have a child as one of the leads and both use colours in a very cinematic way. We are very proud of these two film-makers whose art truly transcends geographical limits," said festival director Zack

Zublena.

Other winners include "Nothing Like the Sun" (Best Short, English) and "Maintenance Required" (Best Short, Foreign).

Mumbai-based Kotoky said this award is a sort of validation of his cry for peace in the long troubled Northeast.

"In this film, I'm talking about Assam as I know my state better than any other place. But the story of 'Khoihobote Dhemalite' could very

well have been a story of children in conflict zones from any part of this world," he said.

Multiple award-winning sound engineer Amrit Pritam, who was recently made a member of the Oscar governing body, has designed the sound for this film. He said the "beautiful movie beautifully connected to his heart and soul".

The unique feature about the Hollywood Cinefest is its focus

to take the films to the people across the world by securing their distribution.

"Rainbow Fields" is semi-autobiographical in nature, being inspired by true incidents from the director's life. It stars Victor Banerjee, Nakul Vaid, Naved Aslam, Nipon Goswami and Nikumoni Barua besides supermodel Dipannita Sharma.

It is produced by India Stories, a Mumbai-based production house, and co-produced by Kotoky's Dhruv Creative Productions and Kurmasana Creates, a US-based production house.

On the win, Banerjee said, "To share in Bidyut's overdue international recognition and also participate in an artistic accomplishment related to my beloved land of Assam, makes this one of the proudest moments of my life and career."

## Pachnanda takes over as ITBP DG

**NEW DELHI, JUN 30 (PTI):** Senior IPS officer R K Pachnanda took charge as the chief of the Indo-China border guarding force ITBP today.

Pachnanda, a 1983-batch police officer of the West Bengal cadre, was handed over the baton of the about 90,000-personnel strong, mountain warfare-trained force by outgoing Director General Krishna Chaudhary.

The Indian Police Service (IPS) officer will head the paramilitary force, raised in 1962, for over a year till he retires in October next year.

Pachnanda comes to the Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) with the rare distinction of serving in all the major central paramilitary forces and organisations including the CRPF, the CISF, the BSF, the Special Protection Group (SPG), the CBI and the NDRF.

Prior to his appointment as the ITBP chief, he was serving as the DG of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF).

He will also hold the charge of the NDRF DG as the government has not appointed his successor till now.

Son of an army officer, Pachnanda has also



served in various capacities in his cadre state of West Bengal.

He takes charge of the ITBP in the backdrop of a face-off between Indian and Chinese troops over a disputed area along the Sino-Indian border in Sikkim.

The paramilitary force, however, is not present in this area as the Army is deployed there.

Soon after Pachnanda took over charge at the force headquarters here, senior ITBP officials briefed him about the status of its current deployment along the border and other theatres.

The ITBP is also witnessing a major enhancement and development of its border posts and frontier roads along the Sino-Indian border, a number of which are in the Himalayan ranges.

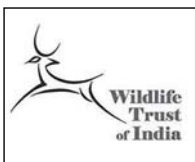
## WTI constructs guest house at Pangti

**GUWAHATI, JUN 30 (PTI):** Wildlife Trust of India (WTI) has constructed a guest house to be used as an eco-tourism resource in Pangti area of Nagaland's Wokha district to ensure long term conservation of the Amur Falcons which migrate to this area in winter.

WTI Manager and Project Leader Dilip Deori formally handed over the keys of the guest house to Pangti Village Council Chairman Jenithung N Shitiri in the presence of village headmen of three villages of Pangti, Asha and Sungro recently.

He briefed the locals about the significance of the guest house and how it could benefit them.

"On behalf of the



Pangti people I would like to thank WTI for constructing this beautiful guest house. It will bring more visitors to Pangti and benefit people in the area in due course of time", Shitiri said.

"The people of Pangti have played a pivotal role in ensuring safe passage for the marauding migrants, the Amur falcons," said Wokha Divisional Forest Officer Zuthunglo Ezang.

"The guest house will cater to the needs of tourists who visit

the village during the great migration season and I am glad that WTI has supported the local community in this way", she said.

The Village Council Members (VCM) provided the land for the construction in Pangti, which is a nodal village and the building's blueprint was finalised in consultation with the villagers an attempt was made to incorporate elements of the local Lotha architecture in the design.

The Wokha district of Nagaland is ground zero for the Amur Falcons who on their 15,000-mile migration from the Amur region of Russia, China and Mongolia to southern Africa, make a pit stop in Indian territory.

## Bengal government tells HC it needs additional CAPF for Darj

**KOLKATA, JUNE 30 (PTI):** The West Bengal government today told the Calcutta High Court that it urgently needed additional Central Armed Police Force to tackle disturbances in Darjeeling.

"We had made a requisition for 30 companies of CAPF, but have got only 11 companies from the Centre," state Advocate General Kishore Dutta told a division bench of Acting Chief Justice Nishita Mhatre and Justice T Chakraborty.

"We urgently need at least 15 to 20 companies (an addition of four to nine companies to the present deployment) in Darjeeling and Kalimpong," Dutta told the bench which is hearing petitions seeking restoration of normalcy in the Darjeeling hills.

Observing that the issue has to be resolved, the bench directed the state government to make a fresh requisition to the Centre seeking additional forces.

The court also direct-

ed additional solicitor general, representing the Union Government, to take instructions from the Centre on its position over deployment of more CAPF in Darjeeling, which has been witnessing large-scale violence since June eight over demands for a separate state, named 'Gorkhaland'.

The ASG was asked to apprise the court of the Centre's stand on July four, when the matter would be taken up for hearing again.

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## MISSING CHILDREN FROM SIKKIM



MISS UMILA  
AGE: 16 YRS  
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SINCE: 08/10/2015



MISS PROTIMA  
AGE: 18 YRS  
MISSING FROM SICHY  
SINCE: 08/10/2015



MASTER INDIR  
AGE: 15 YRS  
MISSING FROM GANGTOK  
SINCE: 23/12/2015



PINKY URAW  
AGE: 13 YRS  
MISSING SINCE: 24/11/2013



BIKASH URAO  
AGE: 15 YRS  
MISSING FROM ANTRANG, GTH  
SINCE: 18/01/2016



NITESH DARJEE  
AGE: 18 YRS  
MISSING FROM SICHY, GTH  
SINCE: 21/03/2016



ALKA SUREHI  
AGE: 14 YRS  
MISSING SINCE: 20/06/2013



NITESH SURRA  
AGE: 13 YRS  
MISSING SINCE: 12/12/2014



RIYA SUTRADHAR  
AGE: 16 YRS  
MISSING SINCE: 21/04/2013



RADHIKA RANI  
AGE: 16 YRS  
MISSING SINCE: 23/05/2016



POONAM (2) GATA  
AGE: 15 YRS  
MISSING SINCE: 31/03/2015



SUK MAYA RAI  
AGE: 13 YRS  
MISSING SINCE: 19/12/2013



SHAMER RAI  
AGE: 18 YRS  
MISSING SINCE: 04/05/2016



DASU TOPU  
AGE: 16 YRS  
MISSING FROM BYE PASS, GTH  
SINCE: 18/12/2016



BITTUPAN MAHAPATRA  
AGE: 15/16 YRS  
MISSING FROM CHILDREN PARK  
GANGTOK SINCE: 18/02/2017



ASHISH TRIWA  
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## SCA trials on 08-09 July

### SUMMIT REPORT

**GANGTOK, 30 JUN:** Sikkim Cricket Association (SCA) is conducting a trial camp for U-16 and U-19 boys on 08 and 09 July at Mining Cricket Ground in Rangpo, East Sikkim.

An SCA press release issued by its PRO, Mukesh Agarwal, informs that trials for U-16 will be held on 08 July and trials for U-19 will be conducted on 09 July. Trials will begin at 9 AM on both days.

It is informed that original birth certificate and a latest school ID were a must for interested candidates in both categories.



## Almost-30 and United SCA register easy wins in C-Div league

**SAGAR CHETTRI**

**GANGTOK, 30 JUN:**

Almost-30 and United Sporting Culture Association registered comfortable victories today in the ongoing Sikkim Football Association

C-Division Sikkim League here at Paljor Stadium.

In the first match of the day, Almost-30 outplayed Khatarnak Football Club 4-2.

Silash Lepcha scored a brace in the 24th and

26th minutes for Almost-30 while his teammates Jigme Bhutia [59th] and Mavriish Tamang [61st] contributed one goal each to the team's victory. Subham Gurung scored a brace

for Khatarnak FC in the 45th and 53rd minute of the match.

Likewise, with the help of a brace by Pempa Tamang, United Sporting CA outplayed EPL 2-0. Pempa scored in the 7th

and 35th minutes.

On 01 July, Downtown Football Club will take on Ranka Football Club in the first match and in the second match, Lal Bazaar Gangtok will play against New Moon Hostel.

## FC Pune City ride to win on Seniorita's double strike



**MUMBAI, JUN 30 (PTI):**

FC Pune City today rode on the double strikes from striker Seniorita Nongpluh to blank Tripude Sports Academy, Nagpur in a Group-B league match of the WIFA Women's Football Championship, at the Cooperage ground here.

Seniorita scored both the goals in the first half, the first in the 14th minute and second in the 27th.

In the second match of the day, Aadhar Pratisthan, Mumbai 0 drew with KSA Women's FC shared honours as they played out goal-less draw.

The Mumbai outfit Aadhar Pratisthan

topped the group with 7 points while Pune City were placed second with 6 points and both have qualified for the semi-finals, which is scheduled to be played on Sunday, July 1. The finals will be held the following day on Monday, July 3.

In the semi-finals, Aadhar Pratisthan will take on United Poona FA, while Pune City will clash with Bodyline FC.

Results Group-B: Aadhar Pratisthan, Mumbai 0 drew with KSA Women's FC, Kolhapur 0.

FC Pune City, Pune 2 (Seniorita Nongpluh 2) beat Tripude Sports Academy, Nagpur 0.

# Bengaluru FC retain Chhetri, Udanta

**BENGALURU, JUN 30 (PTI):**

Bengaluru FC have retained skipper Sunil Chhetri and Udanta Singh for the next three years till the end of 2019-20 season of the Indian Super League.

With the signings, Bengaluru FC have ticked off the ISL's rule of a maximum of two retentions for players over 21 years, the club announced on Friday.

"We are thrilled at being able to retain the present and the future of Indian football in Sunil and Udanta. The two of them have been immense for Bengaluru FC and will be vital cogs in our wheel as we take



on the challenge of rebuilding the club for what will be a tough season ahead," said club CEO, Parth Jindal.

Chhetri, 32, has been with Bengaluru for four seasons, finishing top scorer for the

Blues every year.

Udanta, meanwhile, joined Bengaluru in the 2014-15 season and has only grown from strength to strength. The 21-year-old from Manipur capped off a fantastic season

under Albert Roca last year where he played a key role in the club's Federation Cup triumph.

Udanta was also named Players' Player and Fans' Player of the Season at the club's annual awards night earlier this month.

"I've always been vocal about how Bengaluru FC is a club that is always close to my heart and I couldn't be happier to commit three years to the blue shirt of BFC. The Bengaluru FC fans have always shown me so much of love and I am glad at the prospect of playing in front of them yet again.

"With Bengaluru in the ISL,

these are exciting times at the club and I'm sure we will build the best possible squad for the season," said Chhetri, who with 54 goals is also the top scorer for the national team.

Udanta also expressed happiness at extending his stay with Bengaluru.

"I've progressed and learnt so much in the three years that I've been with Bengaluru FC and I'm looking forward to giving the club and its fans three of my best years to come.

It's also reassuring to have Sunil bhai with me here and I'm confident we will be fighting for trophies like we always do," said Udanta.

## Nearly half a million displaced Syrians return home: UN

**GENEVA, JUN 30 (AFP):** Nearly half a million displaced Syrians have returned to their homes since the beginning of the year, mainly to find family members and check on property, the UN refugee agency said today.

The agency said it had seen "a notable trend of spontaneous returns to and within Syria in 2017."

Since January, about 440,000 people who had been displaced within the war-ravaged country had returned to their homes, mainly in Aleppo, Hama, Homs and Damascus, Andrej Mahecic, a spokesman for the agency, known as the UNHCR, told reporters in Geneva.

In addition, around 31,000 refugees in neighbouring countries had also returned, he said, bringing to 260,000 the number of refugees who have returned to the country since 2015.

But Mahecic said this is a mere "fraction" of the five million Syrian refugees hosted in the region.

He said the main factors prompting the displaced to return home were "seeking out family members, checking on property, and, in some cases, a real or perceived improvement in security conditions in parts of the country."

He said it was too early to say if the returns might be directly linked to a palpable drop in violence since Turkey agreed at talks in Astana in May with Russia and Iran, allies of Syrian Presi-

dent Bashar al-Assad, to establish four safe zones across Syria to ban flights and ensure aid drops.

But this week, the UN's special envoy for Syria, Staffan de Mistura, told the Security Council that since the May 4 deal, "violence is clearly down. Hundreds of Syrian lives continue to be spared every week, and many towns have returned to some degree of normalcy."

Mahecic nonetheless cautioned that "while there is overall increased hope linked to the recent Astana and Geneva peace talks, UNHCR believes conditions for refugees to return in safety and dignity are not yet in place in Syria."

"The sustainability of security improvements in many return areas is uncertain, and there remain significant risks of protection thresholds for voluntary, safe and dignified returns not being met in parts of the country," he said.

"Access to displaced population inside Syria remains a key challenge," he added. But "given the returns witnessed so far this year and in light of a progressively increased number of returns", the agency had begun scaling up its operations inside Syria to better be able address the needs of the returnees, he said.

Syria's war has killed more than 320,000 people and forced millions from their homes since it began in March 2011.

## Ex-CIA agent convicted over imam kidnapping to face sentencing

**LISBON, JUN 30 (AFP):** A former Indian-origin CIA agent who was found guilty of kidnapping an Egyptian imam by an Italian court more than a decade ago has said she intended to return to Italy to face her sentence, but hopes to avoid prison.

Sabrina de Sousa, who holds dual American and Portuguese nationality, said yesterday she would leave Portugal to face the Italian courts over the abduction of radical preacher Abu Omar from a Milan street in 2003 in an operation allegedly led jointly by the CIA and the Italian intelligence services.

She has already gone on trial in absentia along with 22 others in what were the first legal convictions in the

world against people involved in the CIA's extraordinary renditions programme that followed the September 11, 2001 attacks.

"I'm going back to Italy next week to serve a sentence that will be determined by the Italian courts," 60-year-old de Sousa told AFP, saying she hoped to be released on parole and carry out community service.

At the end of February, Italian President Sergio Mattarella granted her "a partial pardon of one year's imprisonment", reducing her jail time to three years of a lenient form of sentence that does not necessarily need to be served behind bars and allows the convict to work

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# Talks on Sikkim sector row only after withdrawal of Indian troops: China

**KJM VARMA**  
**BEIJING, JUN 30 (PTI):** China today said the diplomatic channels with India are “unimpeded” for “meaningful talks” over the military stand-off in the Sikkim sector but maintained that Indian troops must first withdraw from the Doklam area over which Beijing has “indisputable sovereignty”.  
“The diplomatic channels for the communication between Chinese and Indian sides remained unimpeded,” Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Lu Kang told a media briefing here.  
He said the Indian troops “trespassed” the recognised delineated boundary between China and India on June 18. This is the first time China came out the with precise date about Indian troops entering the disputed Doklam area (referred by China as Donglong) near Sikkim allegedly to stop Chinese troops from constructing a road.  
“So the most pressing issue should be the withdrawal of troops into the Indian territory. So it is the pre-condition for any meaningful dialogue,” he said when asked whether any talks were going on between the two countries over the issue.

He said in additions to the photographs of alleged Indian “incursion” into Donglong area, the Chinese foreign ministry will also upload a map on its website to provide a “better understanding of the reality”.  
He also refuted Bhutan’s allegation that Chinese troops’ attempts to build the road violated the 1988 and 1999 agreements to maintain peace and tranquilly.  
Lu said China has “indisputable sovereignty over the Donklam area.”  
He claimed that the Doklam area was under Chinese administration from emperor Qing dynasty, the last imperial dynasty of China established in 1636.  
Lu said the area where Chinese side undertook road construction “totally belongs to the Chinese territory” and offered to release details on this on foreign ministry’s website.  
“From historical evidence we can see that Doklam has been a traditional pasture for the Tibetan residents and we have exercised good administration over the area,” he said.  
Before the 1960s, if the Bhutan residents around the border wanted to graze their cattle they

had to get the approval from China, he said.  
“The Tibetan dynasty and Qing dynasty also set a clear boundary along the border,” he said.  
“In addition to the jurisprudential evidence, the historical convention in 1890 (the Sino-British treaty) has clearly defined it as the crossing point between China, Bhutan and Indian boundary.  
“The Doklam area belongs to Chinese territory and we are exercising complete and comprehensive administration over the region and our border troops and the residents around the border are herding their cattle along this,” he said.  
He claimed that the evidence is recognised by the Bhutan side.  
“Even though China and Bhutan have not established diplomatic relationship we always maintain traditional friendship. We can tell you that Chinese people are friendly and want good relations with Bhutan people,” he said.  
“But our determination to uphold our territorial integrity and sovereignty is unwavering,” he said.  
A standoff erupted between the two militaries after the In-

dian Army blocked construction of the road by China in Doklam, a disputed territory between China and Bhutan also known as Donglong.  
Of the 3,488-km-long India-China border from Jammu and Kashmir to Arunachal Pradesh, a 220-km section falls in Sikkim.  
The stand-off between the Indian and Chinese troops over the disputed area along the Sino-Indian border led to the cancellation of the Kailash Mansarovar yatra through Nathu La in Sikkim.  
Meanwhile, a top Chinese scholar has suggested direct strategic communications between the leaders of India and China to forge consensus and narrow down differences in bilateral ties.  
“Strategic mutual suspicions seem to be increasing. China and India should take efforts to remove and clear the suspicions as soon as possible. Enhancing bilateral trust will greatly benefit Sino-Indian relations and bilateral cooperation in the region,” Hu Shisheng from the China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations, an official think tank, said.

# US travel ban takes effect, with lawyers on hand just in case

**WASHINGTON, JUN 30 (AFP):** Lawyers and rights activists took up positions at major US airports as a weakened version of President Donald Trump’s travel ban went into effect.  
But there were no signs of the chaos that erupted when the first version of the restriction, derided as discriminatory against Muslims, was abruptly imposed back in January.  
Attorneys working pro-bono set up makeshift, just-in-case legal aid stations -- some with signs in Arabic -- at airports serving New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago, Washington and other cities, news reports said.  
Protesters angry over Trump’s immigration policies also turned out, with some in Los Angeles holding black-and-white placards denouncing Trump as a fascist.  
But the first hours of the new version of the ban, as allowed by the Supreme Court, appeared to unfold calmly.  
Gone were the dramatic scenes of some people arriving from seven mainly Muslim countries being detained and questioned for hours, with some even deported on short order to where they came from.  
“We’re not really expecting any issues at the airport.  
But we’re here just in case, to monitor, to tell people what’s go-



ing on, and to report back what we’re seeing,” Camille Mackler, director of legal initiatives at the New York Immigration Coalition, told The Daily Beast.  
She was among volunteers at JFK Airport in New York awaiting flights from London, Istanbul, Doha and Abu Dhabi.  
“We think we’re going to see it abroad, because it’s really for people applying for visas,” Mackler added.  
The Trump administration says the temporary ban is necessary to keep terrorists out of the country, but immigrant advocates charge that it illegally singles out Muslims.  
Under a Supreme Court ruling this week that allowed part of the ban to take effect -- and ended, for now, five months of skirmishes in lower courts -- the 90-day ban on visitors from Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen, and a 120-day ban on

refugees, will allow exceptions for people with “close family relationships” in the United States.  
Activists said the government has defined that too narrowly, excluding relationships with grandparents and grandchildren, aunts and uncles and others.  
The Department of Homeland Security, which was heavily criticised for mishandling many arrivals when the ban was first attempted in January, promised a smooth rollout this time. The new ban took effect at 8:00 pm Thursday Eastern time.  
The department said that anyone with a valid visa issued before the ban began would still be admitted, and that all authorized refugees booked for travel before July 6 would also be allowed.  
“We expect business as usual at the ports of entry starting at 8 pm tonight,” a DHS official said.

“Our people are well prepared for this.”  
But the ban’s implementation, even with exceptions, was claimed as a political victory by Trump, after federal appeals courts twice blocked his order, saying it violated constitutional protections of religion and over-shot his presidential powers.  
Immigrant rights groups and Democrats in Congress continued to label Trump’s order illegal and said the exemptions provided in a Supreme Court ruling on Monday remained unfair.  
According to guidelines issued by the State Department, people with “close family relationships” would be exempt from the ban. It defined that to include parents, spouses, children, sons- and daughters-in-law, siblings and step- and half-siblings.  
But “close family” does not include grandparents, grandchildren, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, brothers-in-laws and sisters-in-law, fiances and any other “extended” family members, the guidelines say.  
People with formal relationships with a US entity -- who have for instance been offered a job or been accepted to study or lecture at a university -- will also qualify for visas during the ban. But a hotel reservation, even if already paid for, does not qualify.

# HC grants bail to 1984 anti-Sikh riots case convict

**NEW DELHI, JUN 30 (PTI):** The Delhi High Court today granted bail on medical grounds to an 89-year-old convict serving life term in a 1984 anti-Sikh riots case.  
A vacation bench of Justices Manmohan and Yogesh Khanna released retired naval officer Captain Bhagmal on bail till July four on the ground that he has to undergo a surgery.  
The court granted him the relief till July four instead of three months sought by the convict, so that the bench which is hearing the anti-Sikh riots cases can take a final decision on his plea.  
“A prayer is made for suspension of sentence for three months. In view of the circumstances placed before us, the sentence of the appellant is suspended till July 4,” the bench said in its interim order.  
The convict is already on

interim bail since March 24 on medical grounds.  
Bhagmal, through his counsel, had stated that he is suffering from enlarged prostate for which he has to undergo surgery which would require stay in the hospital.  
Taking note of his medical condition, the bench extended his bail on furnishing of a personal bond of Rs 25,000 with one surety of the like amount.  
It directed Bhagmal to give the address at which he would be available and the mobile number on which he can be contacted by the CBI during the interim suspension of his sentence.  
The bench asked the convict not to get in touch with any witness or the legal heirs of the deceased.  
“In case, there is a violation of this condition, it will be open to

the CBI to move an application for recall of this order,” it said, adding that Bhagmal shall not leave the National Capital Territory of Delhi without its permission.  
Bhagmal, former Congress councillor Balwan Khokhar, Girdhari Lal and two others were held guilty in a case relating to the murder of five members of a family in Raj Nagar area of Delhi Cantonment on November 1, 1984, after the assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.  
They had challenged their conviction and the sentence awarded by the trial court in May 2013.  
The trial court had acquitted Congress leader Sajjan Kumar but awarded life term to Bhagmal, Khokhar and Girdhari Lal and three-year jail term to two others former MLA Mahender Yadav and Kishan Khokhar.

The convicts have filed appeals before the High Court while CBI too has filed an appeal alleging that they were engaged in “a planned communal riot” and “religious cleansing”. The agency has also appealed against acquittal of Kumar.  
The high court had on March 29 this year issued show cause notices to 11 accused including Khokhar and Yadav in five 1984 anti-Sikh riots cases.  
The accused, who were acquitted of the charges, were asked why should the court not order reinvestigation and retrial against them as they faced allegations of “horrifying crimes against humanity”.  
The bench had issued notices on the complaints filed regarding the violent incidents on November 1 and 2, 1984 in the Delhi Cantonment area.

## Govt slashes small savings rates by 0.1%

**NEW DELHI, JUN 30 (PTI):** The government has lowered interest rate on small saving schemes like PPF, Kisan Vikas Patra and Sukanya Samridhi by 0.1 per cent for the July- September quarter, a move that will prompt banks to lower deposit rates.  
The rates have been lowered by 0.1 per cent across the board compared to the April-June quarter. However, interest on savings deposits has been retained at 4 per cent annually.  
Since April last year, interest rates of all small saving schemes have been recalibrated on a quarterly basis. A finance ministry notification said investments in the public provident fund (PPF) scheme will fetch lower annual rate of 7.8 per cent.  
Kisan Vikas Patra (KVP) investments will yield 7.5 per cent and mature in 115 months. The one for girl child savings, Sukanya Samridhi Account Scheme, will offer 8.3 per cent annually, from 8.4 per cent at present. The investment on 5-year Senior Citizens Savings Scheme will yield 8.3 per cent. The interest rate on the senior citizens scheme is paid quarterly.  
Term deposits of 1-5 years will fetch a lower 6.8-7.6 per cent that will be paid quarterly while the 5-year recurring deposit has been pegged lower at 7.1 per cent.

**GENERAL LAND FOR SALE:** An area measuring 50”x 50” ft at roadside below Yangang Bazzar at Yangang, South Sikkim is for sale. Expected Price Rs.12.50 lakhs (negotiable). Interested parties may contact: **7047558497/9593984403.**

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**FOR THE YOUNG LEADERS!** [left to right] Dame Tanni Grey-Thompson, Mo Farah, Liam Payne, Anita Rani, and Caspar Lee during the 2017 Queen's Young Leaders Awards Ceremony at Buckingham Palace in London, England. The Queen's Young Leaders Programme was launched at the time of her Diamond Jubilee and aims to discover, celebrate and support young people across the Commonwealth.

## ARJUN RAMPAL SAYS HIS FILM DADDY WAS CREATIVELY SATISFYING

National Award winning actor Arjun Rampal, who is receiving a positive feedback for the trailer of Daddy, says as an actor, producer and co-writer, he is creatively satisfied with the upcoming film. Having started his career in Bollywood in 2001 with the film "Pyaar Ishq Aur Mohabbat", Arjun has acted in many films, but this is the first time he is playing a real life character based on gangster Arun Gawli.

Asked about his experience, Arjun told IANS here: "I think as an actor I always tried to approach any character in a more realistic manner. Whether it is 'Rock On!', 'Rajneeti' or 'Kahaani 2'... As an actor, I always tried to play them as realistically as possible, but you know at times it depends on the writing and the story as a whole."

"With this film, I have got everything. So, I would say 'Daddy' makes me creatively satisfied."

He added: "The whole process of the film — narrating the story of Arun Gawli — challenged and tested me a lot. So the film is really close



to my heart."

What was the core reason for Arjun to work on a film about Gawli? "At the first place, Gawli is well known in Maharashtra and especially Dagdi Chawl, but not in the rest of the country. Secondly, the story is quite intriguing for me, because he is one of those gangsters who spent maxi-

mum time in prison and did not run away from the system or underground himself, that most of the gangsters do."

Arjun said, "The story is that every time when he came out of the prison for reformation and a normal life, did the society accept him? Or he took another criminal action in an extreme situation?"

Does the action justify because of the situation, or his past never allowed him to get back to the normal life even after his punishment in jail?"

"The story is complex and mysterious, so is Gawli, as a personality. I, as a creative person, was highly intrigued by all these... People should know this story," Arjun said.

Director Ashim Ahluwalia went to the real location of Dagdi Chawl for the filming.

Arjun says it was tedious

### CR7'S NEW BORN TWINS!

Cristiano Ronaldo stunned the world when he revealed he's become a dad to twins via a surrogate. Now we know the names of his son and daughter and he's made adorable choices.

Superdad! Portuguese soccer stud Cristiano Ronaldo, 32, dropped shocking yet joyous news on June 29 that he's become a new dad to twins!

"Happy to be able to hold the two new loves of my life," he captioned an Insta-

gram photo of a newborn son and daughter.

Now media in his home country is reporting that he's chosen the names Mateo and Eva for his bundles of joy. Those are such cute handles, we are totally feeling it! He has a namesake as his seven-year-old son is Cristiano Jr. so that was already taken. The babies were born via surrogate so there's no mama in the picture, but there is for his next child that is already on the way!



His girlfriend Georgina Rodriguez, 22, is pregnant with what will be his fourth child. Ruben Malaret, a rep for Cristiano, said "I can confirm that Cristiano Ronaldo has been blessed with twins and his current girlfriend is pregnant with his child. As for the gender of the twins, he did post an official photo where you can see a baby in a pink dress and the other baby in a blue jumper — perhaps that says it all."

He added, "Cristiano

in which insecurity may hamper your progress. The secret to success is to consider all the options and trust your instincts. Use your keen powers of observation to collect data and arrange facts in an orderly fashion.

**LEO:** Your emotions are more peaceful and easier to control today. Leo. It's almost as if you're merging with the energy around you. The one thing to be careful of is indecision. When it comes to taking action on something and you aren't sure which way to go, you'd do better to hold off. Make your big move some other day.

**VIRGO:** Go with the flow today,

Ronaldo will not share any reason as to why he chose a surrogate mother, he is simply grateful that he now has twins." Ruben also shot down the rumors that he unveiled the news of his twins to upstage his former Real Madrid teammate Lionel Messi's upcoming weekend wedding. "No, Cristiano did not make his announcement to coincide with Lionel Messi's wedding day. We wish Lionel all the best." Oh man, he has two newborns and another baby on the way. Cristiano's not going to be getting a good night's sleep for a long time to come.

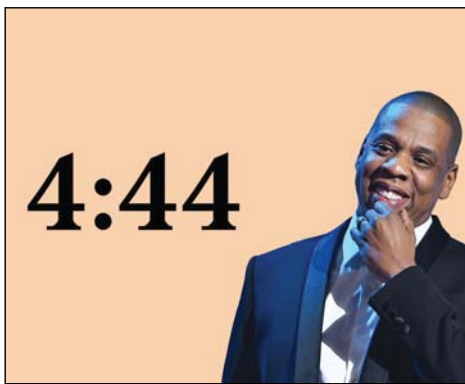
## JAY-Z's MYSTERIOUS 13th ALBUM '4:44'

JAY-Z dropped his brand new album today. Very little was known about the album before it was released, and we have to say it's more exciting that way!

JAY-Z, 47, has released his album 4:44 within weeks of announcing it, and not even the tracklist was revealed ahead of today. Well, at least we didn't have to wait too long!

Fans first suspected that JAY was up to something when "4:44" appeared one day on billboards in both Los Angeles and New York City. On Father's Day, June 18, a trailer was released featuring the song "Adnis" (named after JAY's father, Adnis Reeves) and confirmed that "4:44" was a reference to his new project. Pretty cool! We also knew that past JAY collaborator No I.D. was producing the record, so it was bound to be gold. Still, that's not a lot of intel, and we applaud JAY for keeping it all under wraps — not so easy to do in this day and age!

Of course, if there's any-



thing the Internet loves, it's a mystery. Theories as to the significance behind the 4:44 title popped up faster than people asking, "Who really is 'Becky with the good hair?'" The number 4 is an interesting choice, considering that JAY has released The Blueprint, The Blueprint 2 and The Blueprint 3. Why not call this The Blueprint 4? Perhaps it's because the number 4 has a deeper significance to Hova, according to People. Both he and Beyonce were

born on the 4th (his birthday is in December where she was born in September.) The hip-hop power couple was married on April 4, 2008

— yes, on 4/4. They have matching "IV" tattoos, which also can stand for their first-born child, Blue Ivy Carter, 5. The Beyhive is going to be buzzing over this new album, especially if it's the long-moored response to Bey's epic opus, Lemonade.

Even if 4:44 doesn't address the allegations of cheating or reveals the true identity of "Becky with the good Hair," JAY couldn't have picked a crazier time to drop a new album. He and Beyonce just welcomed twins into their family! We couldn't be more thrilled for the couple and Blue Ivy, who can't wait to exercise her duties as a big sister, according to one of our sources. Love it!



1<sup>ST</sup> JULY

**WORLD HISTORY**

**1690:** England's Protestant King William III of Orange was victorious over his father-in-law, the Catholic King James II (from Scot) in Battle of Boyne (in Ireland). This touched off three centuries of religious bloodshed.

**1798:** Napoleon Bonaparte took Alexandria, Egypt.

**1838:** Charles Darwin presented a paper on his theory of evolution to the Linnean Society in London.

**1862:** The US Congress outlawed polygamy for the 1st time. The Morrill Anti-Bigamy Act, signed by Pres. Lincoln, made polygamy illegal in American territories.

**1862:** Czar Alexander II of Russia granted Jews the right to publish books.

**1948:** New York International Airport at Idlewild, later renamed John F. Kennedy International Airport, was officially opened.

**THIS DAY IN HISTORY**

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**INDIAN HISTORY**

**1781:** British troops defeated Hyder Ali's progress. He was checked by Eyree Coote after the battle of Porto Novo and got subdued.

**1862:** Calcutta High Court was established for West Bengal and Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

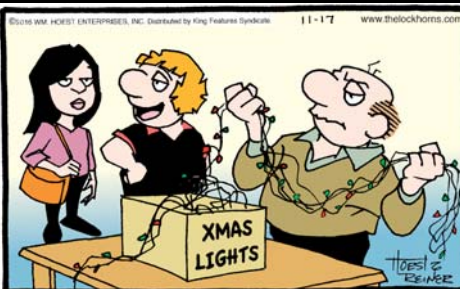
**1909:** In England Indian army officer Sir Curzon Wylie (b.1848) was shot dead on a Kensington street by Indian student revolutionary Madan Lal Dhangra. Vinayak Savarkar was suspected of encouraging Dhangra.

**1938:** The Flute Maestro Hari Prasad Chaurasia was born on this day.

**1949:** Creation of Thiru Kochi State, a short lived Indian State (1949-1956) was created with the merger of two princely kingdoms of Travancore and Cochin with Trivandrum as the Capital.

**LOCKHORNS**

**- HOEST & REINER**



"LEROY STARTS UNTANGLING THEM NOW SO HE'LL BE READY FOR CHRISTMAS."

**ARCTIC CIRCLE**

**- HALLATT**



**BABY BLUES**

**- KIRKMAN & SCOTT**



**ARIES:** Watch your back today, Aries. There's a distinct presence nearby that requires your attention. Luckily, your emotions are a lot more stable than usual, and you're more strongly connected with your feelings. In fact, you may be in the clouds. You shouldn't have any problem navigating through this part of the atmosphere. Others may look to you for advice.

**TAURUS:** You may look confused today, Taurus. It may be hard for you to stick with one subject. Your attention may jump from one thing to another. That's OK. There's a distinct advantage to seeing all sides of the story. You will have greater perception and awareness

of things today. Take this opportunity to put yourself in other people's shoes so you know how to deal with them in the future.

**GEMINI:** You may find it difficult to keep things neat and organized today, Gemini. It seems like you're trying to organize a room full of feathers buffeted by gusts of wind. Buy a paperweight. Meanwhile, you might want to give up organizing the feathers and deal with it another time. You may feel too lazy to fight the wind.

**CANCER:** Your expansive, outwardly directed plans are moving at full force, but once in a while self-doubt slows things down, Cancer. Today is one of those days

in which insecurity may hamper your progress. The secret to success is to consider all the options and trust your instincts. Use your keen powers of observation to collect data and arrange facts in an orderly fashion.

**LEO:** Your emotions are more peaceful and easier to control today. Leo. It's almost as if you're merging with the energy around you. The one thing to be careful of is indecision. When it comes to taking action on something and you aren't sure which way to go, you'd do better to hold off. Make your big move some other day.

**VIRGO:** Go with the flow today,

Virgo. Find the freedom you seek by simply following the path of least resistance. There's no reason for you to be unhappy. Life doesn't have to be difficult or complicated. Just be completely yourself. People will act the way they need to in relation to you. Don't worry about their feelings. They aren't your responsibility.

**LIBRA:** Your heightened sensitivity could get you in trouble today, Libra. The more you try to pin down a specific answer to something, the more resistance you may encounter. Don't expect a straight answer from anyone or you will be disappointed. People may be flighty or forgetful. Try not to take anything too seriously today.

**SCORPIO:** Your expansive nature is reaching out to others, Scorpio, but you may run into opposition. Keep in mind that not everyone wants your advice. Give it only if someone asks for it. It may be in your nature to want to jump into people's lives and fix things. Resist that temptation. What people may need instead is someone to listen.

**SAGITTARIUS:** Your general mood is at a peak today, although this mood is slightly off due to indecision on your part, Sagittarius. Don't let this get you down. If you find it hard to make a choice about something, the solution is simple. Put off making the choice until you feel more comfortable about it. If

you must make a decision today, go with your instincts.

**CAPRICORN:** You may be a bit confused today, Capricorn. Nothing seems to fit right. It's as if you're faced with many different roads, unsure of which one to take. All the choices seem reasonable and you may fear you will miss out on something great whichever you choose. The truth is that you can find a way that incorporates what you've learned from previous paths. Trust yourself.

**AQUARIUS:** You may be tormented by an important decision today, Aquarius. The good news is that once you make up your mind,

you will feel much better about yourself. Until then, however, you may vacillate from one side to the other. Asking others for advice may put you in even more of a quandary. The only one who can decide your path is you.

**PISCES:** You may be a little hesitant today, Pisces, and not really sure why. Just when you thought you had it all figured out, another aspect comes up with a completely different perspective. It may be hard to choose one path and stick with it. Keep in mind that your unique path may incorporate many different side paths. This is one of your many gifts.