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## Sikkim rallies for Sikkim Subjects

SAGAR CHETTRI

GANGTOK, 20 AUG:

People from different parts of the State congregated in Gangtok today to join the rally called by Concerned Sikkimese in pursuit of its demand for re-verification of Sikkim Subject Certificates/ Certificates of Identification and the institution of proper checks and balances to guard against issuance of these documents to bogus claimants.

The rally started from Titanic Park and ended at Bhanu Park and was joined by leaders and representatives from different political parties and social organizations and general public.

Speaking on the occasion, Concerned Sikkimese chief coordinator, Tshering Wangchuk Lepcha, reiterated that this was an apolitical rally which was above party politics. The rally was solely in the interest of Sikkim and Sikkimese, he stressed.

He stated that Sikkim Subject Certificates were a unique identity of the Sikkimese people and hence needed to be protected. He added that Sikkimese people need to be protected well to protect others in the State. He also thanked people for showing up in such strong numbers for the rally.

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## Banks stare at union strike on Tuesday, services may be hit

NEW DELHI, AUG 20 (PTI):

Services at public sector banks may take a hit on Tuesday as all unions under the aegis of UFBU have threatened to go on strike against the government's proposed consolidation move besides raising a host of other demands.

Most banks have already informed their customers that functioning of branches and offices will be impacted if the strike takes off.

Operations at private lenders like ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank, Axis Bank and Kotak Mahindra Bank are expected to be normal except delay in cheque clearances.

The United Forum of Bank Officers' (UFBU) is an umbrella body of nine unions, including All India Bank Officers' Confederation (AIBOC), All India Bank Employees Association (AIBEA) and National Organisation of Bank Workers (NOBW).

"As the conciliation meeting before the Chief Labour Commissioner failed, unions are left

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## Bhasa Manyata Diwas in Gyalshing

GYALSHING, 20 AUG (IPR): The 25th Bhasa Manyata Diwas was celebrated here at the community hall today with a special function organized by the Paschim Sikkim Sahitya Prakashan, a literary organization of the district.

The highlight of the event was the presentation of the Lal Man Sancharani literary award, conferred this year on Snehalata Rai of Darjeeling. The Shrastra literary awards meanwhile were conferred on Kamala Rai and DB Ghising. The organizers inform that while the latter awards were to be conferred on Bhanu Jayanti, since the recipients could not make the journey at the time



due to the situation in Darjeeling, the awards ceremony was shifted to today.

The function had Minister NK Subba present as the chief guest accompanied by DC (West)

Kapil Meena, SDM (Dentam) RB Bhandari, Gyalshing Municipal chairperson IK Neupaney, principals of different schools of the district, students and litterateurs from West Sikkim.

The day's events included a colourful shova-yatra from the Kyongsa playground to the community hall.

Snehalata Rai thanked the organizing committee for the award and shared that this recognition has made her more aware of the responsibility towards literature that now sits on her shoulders.

The event included a seminar on literature, poetry recitals, story readings and a cultural programme.

## Bimal Gurung booked under UAPA in connection with twin blasts: Police

DARJEELING (WB), AUG 20 (PTI): GJM chief Bimal Gurung has been booked under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) in connection with a grenade blast at the Kalimpong police station and an explosion in Darjeeling town, the police said today.

A hand grenade was hurled at the Kalimpong police station at around 11 pm last night, killing a civic volunteer and injuring two others. The injured were subsequently hospitalised.

An initial probe has revealed that bike-borne miscreants had hurled the grenade at the police station, the police said, adding that they were going through the CCTV



footage to get more clues.

In another incident, a high-intensity explosion rocked the Chowkbazar area of Darjeeling town in the early hours yesterday.

Additional Director General of Police (law and order) Anuj Sharma said Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM) supremo Gurung and others had been booked under the UAPA in connection with the two blasts.

"We have also

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## Flood situation improves in West Bengal

KOLKATA, AUG 20 (PTI): The overall situation today improved further in the flood-hit six districts of north West Bengal as no major rainfall was recorded in the past three days in the region.

There was no report of any death in the last 24 hours, a senior official of the West Bengal Disaster Management department said, adding authorities were closely monitoring the situation as the water was receding in several areas, putting them at risk of water-borne diseases.

So far 55 people have died in the floods since July 21.

Nearly 55 lakh people

have been hit by the floods in the districts of Cooch Behar, South Dinajpur, North Dinajpur, Jalpaiguri, Alipurduar and Malda.

Around 75,202 houses have been destroyed and 2,15,762 damaged in the flood, officials said.

"Water has receded in several areas following which people are returning home from relief shelters. We are trying to help them with relief materials like food, rice, cooked food, medicines, drinking water in pouches," the officer said.

Shops and markets are slowly opening and people are trying to re-

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## Blue Whale: Underground, unknown and dangerous

NEW DELHI, AUG 20 (PTI): Despite demands for a ban on a game that is believed to have pushed a 14-year-old Mumbai boy to suicide, it may not be possible to bar the Blue Whale Challenge, an Internet expert said.

The ban issue was recently raised in the Maharashtra assembly and in the Rajya Sabha by members who called for provisions to remove such games from websites.

But the Challenge is not a game that can be downloaded on a phone or a website and therefore banned, Udbhav Tiwari from Centre of Internet and Society here said.

"Since there is no application or one specific website for the challenge, it can't really be banned - not unless you completely ban the internet," Tiwari told PTI.

Efforts by PTI to locate the game - on Play Store and a series of websites - yielded no results. The challenge can only be undertaken when its creators get in touch with would-be users.

All downloads for Blue Whale led to children's games that require an animated whale to cross various barriers.

Another Blue Whale challenge game, the link for which was provided

ed to PTI by a cyber security expert, turned out to be a positive alternative for the notorious challenge, with players being asked to take part in motivational tasks such as doing push ups. The game ends with a message telling players that their life is precious.

But the deadly Blue Whale is a 50-day-challenge, which is believed to have originated in Russia and claimed over 130 lives across Russia and the Central Asian countries of Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, where it is said to be trending.

Mumbai boy Manpreet Sahani, who allegedly jumped from the terrace of his seven-storey building on July 30, could be the challenge's first victim in India.

The game gives a task a day - each one potentially fatal - to the player for 50 days.

The tasks range from "carve with a razor 'f57' on your hand", and "wake up at 4.20 am and watch psychodelic and scary videos that the curator sends" in the initial days, to going to the "rail tracks at 4.20 am", "not talking to anyone else", and finally "jumping off a high building to take your own life" on the 50th day.

Driven by a series of hashtags

connected to the game, the curators apparently spot their victims based on their posts on different online forums.

"The administrators of the challenge use different online forums to reach out to their victims.

It can be Instagram, Facebook, WhatsApp or any other online forum," Tiwari said.

For instance, a journalist from NB Bishkek news (Kyrgystan) writes in a personal account on the website about registering on Instagram as a teenage girl, and then making "a couple of naive posts, depressive photos" and specific tags.

"After a day, they knocked on my face. - Are you in Game? - Yes," the journalist writes on NB Bishkek news.

What would make a teenager seek out this challenge in the first place? Psychiatrist Sameer Malhotra explained that they were at an "impressionable" age, where "validation from the world around" seemed imperative to them.

"For them, the external environment becomes a source of inspiration, which is why they are willing to do anything to prove/justify/live up to a certain image," he said.

There was also an increase in

risk taking behaviour during adolescence, Dr Malhotra from the Department of Mental Health and Behavioural Sciences at Max Super Speciality Hospital here said.

"People in such situations and with such vulnerable behavioural patterns often lose control, resulting in self harm," he said.

Those participants who might have expressed a desire to quit the "game" midway were apparently threatened.

A February report by Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, a US government-funded broadcasting organisation, said one of their correspondents who had signed up for the challenge as a 15-year old asked what would happen if she wanted to get out.

The curator replied, "I have all your information. They will come after you."

Tiwari advised parents to use online tools to regulate surfing to keep an eye on children's Internet activities.

"It's not possible to keep children away from the internet today. The best thing to do is keep an eye on the websites they surf, the content they are looking up on Google," he said.

Mumbai-based psychologist Har-

ish Shetty called for "gadget hygiene".

"There should be rationing of the gadget time by keeping a watch on what children do and don't. Parents should ask the children to play with their hands and legs and not with their fingers," he said.

Instagram and Facebook have come up with measures where a user is directed to a help page when they search for hashtags related to the blue whale challenge.

"Posts with words or tags you're searching for often encourage behavior that can cause harm and even lead to death. If you're going through something difficult, we'd like to help," reads the page on Instagram.

It gives a user three options - "Talk to a friend", "Contact a helpline" and "Get tips and support".

Investigators in the West are hoping to zero in on the people behind the game.

One of its founders is believed to be a 22-year-old Russian, Filipp Budeikin, who was arrested last November for allegedly inciting teenagers to take their lives.

He had reportedly said the challenge aimed at "cleansing society" by eliminating "people who are worthless".

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## POCSO charges against 40 yr old

**SUMMIT REPORT**  
**GANGTOK, 20 AUG:**

A 40 year old man from Rongli, East Sikkim has been accused of sexually assaulting a 14 year old girl.

The incident was reported at the police by the Principal of a school on 19 Aug when she learned that one of her students had been sexually assaulted by the accused.

The accused had reportedly lured the victim by offering her sweets and money. The police have arrested the accused and booked a case under Protection Of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012.

## Banks stare at union strike on Tuesday...

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with no other option but to go on strike. There was no assurance from the government and the management of banks," AIBOC General Secretary D T Franco said.

All attempts to hammer out solutions to the demands raised by the unions bore no fruit and hence, UFBU decided to proceed with the proposed strike on August 22, he said.

Other demands include no write-off policy for non-performing assets (NPAs) of corporate loans, declaring wilful default of loans as criminal offence and implementation of recommendations of Parliamentary Committee on recovery of NPAs, AIBEA General Secretary C H Venkatchalam said.

He also suggested that banks should not pass on the burden of corporate NPAs on bank customers by hiking charges.

Venkatchalam said the government should abolish the Banks Board Bureau and ensure stringent measures to recover bad loans and accountability of top executives.

UFBU, which claims membership of nearly 10 lakh across banks, also requested the government for cost reimbursement of demonetisation to banks. As many as 21 public sector banks control 75 per cent of the total business.



## Gyalshing college celebrates Bhasa Manyata anniversary

Summit Report  
Gangtok, 20 Aug: Sikkim Government College, Gyalshing, West Sikkim, today organized a programme to observe the silver jubilee of Nepali Bhasa Manyata Diwas at Zilla Panchayat Bhawan, a press release informs.

Yangthang MLA Chandra Maya Subba

attended the function as the chief guest while Padmashree BB Muringla was present as the guest of honor. The programme was also attended by the constituency dignitaries along with the students, staff and members of Yangthang Gram Panchayat Unit.

The programme featured poetry recitals,

debate, essay-writing as well as quiz competitions organized by the college students, along with several cultural presentations.

On the occasion, the area MLA and the Padmashree awardee were also felicitated by the college.

Ms Subba in her address expressed her

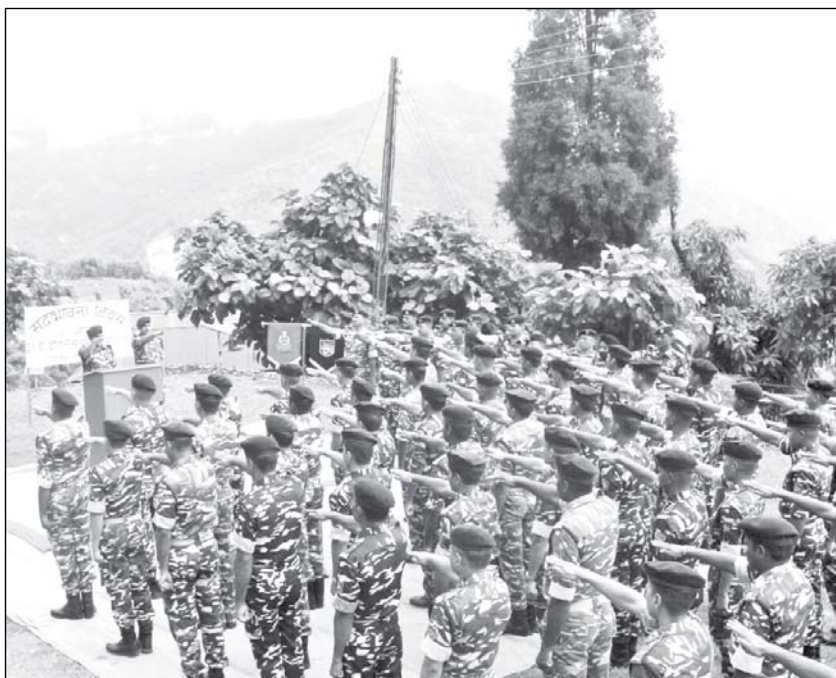
admiration for all the people who worked for the constitutional recognition of Nepali language.

"Celebrations should not be limited to the observation of this day but sincere efforts to develop Nepali language further should also be part of the celebration," she added.

Mr Muringla on the other hand shared his

personal experiences about his contribution towards the development of language and literature in the region.

In his speech, he gave the social-political context under which this movement emerged and gave exhaustive historical details related to Bhasa Andolan in India, informs the release.



## SSB observes Sadbhavana Diwas in Gyalshing

**SUMMIT REPORT**  
**GANGTOK, 20 AUG:**

Sashastra Seema Bal 36 Battalion, Gyalshing, West Sikkim observed Sadbhavana Diwas today.

The Sadbhavana Diwas (Harmony Day) is observed to commemorate the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister of India,

Rajiv Gandhi. Having good feelings for others was the only mission of the government of Rajiv Gandhi, an official press release shares.

The programme was attended by battalion officers along with the jawans and commanding officers.

The officers talked about living together in harmony and passed

necessary directions to the jawans to perform their duties for the emotional oneness and harmony of all the people of India regardless of caste, region, religion or language and to resolve all differences among us through dialogue

ns constitutional means without resorting to violence.

## Sikkim rallies..

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Thukchuk Lachungpa, who also addressed the gathering, underlined that the rally was not planned against anyone or section and that it should be seen as solely in the interest of Sikkim and its people.

Similarly, SIBLAC convener, Tseten Tashi Bhutia, appealed to the young to study and understand Article 371F of the Constitution of India so that they could ensure its sanctity. He also echoed that the rally was organized to protect the future generations of Sikkim.

He added that the rally was also to register gratitude and support for the PIL filed by Biraj Adhikari and Delay Namgyal Barfungpa against fake SSC/COI in the interest of all Sikkimese people.

SNPP leader, Biraj Adhikari, who has taken the matter to Court, expressed his gratitude to the people for their display of support for the issue taken up by him and stressed that the presence of fake and fraudulently acquired SSC/COI was a genuine and serious issue.

The gathering was also addressed by TN Dhakal, Deo Kumar Pradhan, Passang Sherpa and Dewakar Basnet.

## BJP meets in South Sikkim

**GANGTOK, 20 AUG:** A meeting of Bharatiya Janta Party's south Sikkim nit was held at Temi-Tarku today.

The meeting was attended by the state-unit president, DB Chauhan, south district president, Amar Singh Sunuwar, Pradesh mantra and east district incharge, GS

Poudyel and other party workers, a BJP press release informs.

The meeting discussed plans to expand the organizational set-up of the party and decided to form different committees at ward and constituency levels and then at the district level.

## Flood situation worsens in Bihar, death toll rises to 253

**PATNA, AUG 20 (PTI):** The death toll in Bihar floods rose to 253 today as the already grim situation worsened with more areas getting affected and around 1.26 crore people facing the deluge.

Yesterday, the toll was 202 and the number of affected people was 1.21 crore in 18 districts.

No new district was added to the list of the affected districts today.

Araria district accounted for 57 deaths alone, followed by Sitamarhi (31), West Champaran (29), Katihar (23), East Champaran (19) while 13 each have died in Madhubani, Supaul and Madhepura, a Disaster Management Department release said.

While 11 deaths were reported in Kishanganj, Darbhanga accounted for 10 deaths, Purnea 9, Gopalganj 8, Sheohar, Muzaffarpur and Saharsa registered 4 deaths each while Khagaria and Saran accounted for 3 and 2 deaths each respectively, it said.

A total of 4.21 lakh people have been shift-

ed to 1,358 relief camps in different parts of the state, it said.

Twenty-eight National Disaster Response Force teams comprising 1,152 personnel with 118 boats are involved in rescue and relief operations, an official release said.

Besides, 16 teams of the State Disaster Response Force comprising 466 personnel are helping people in the flood-hit areas with 92 boats, it said, adding 630 Army personnel are also assisting in relief and rescue operations with 70 boats.

The release said the number of community kitchens have been raised to 2,569 from yesterday's 1,879. The number of flood-affected people who are being served at these kitchens have also increased from yesterday's 3.72 lakh to 4.92 lakh, it said.

The MeT office said Patna, Gaya, Bhagalpur and Purnea are likely to witness generally cloudy sky with the possibility of rain or thundershower tomorrow.

## Flood situation improves in West Bengal

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sume normal life, he said.

"This is a very crucial stage where we need to be very cautious. When water recedes, it leads to the outbreak of water-borne diseases. Our department is keeping an eye on the situation," the officer said.

Meanwhile, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee left for Malda to take stock of the flood situation.

Train services to north Bengal beyond Malda from Howrah and Sealdah stations remained suspended for

the eighth consecutive day today, an Eastern Railway spokesman said.

Train service to Asam from West Bengal has also been affected due to the flood in north Bengal.

Since Saturday, the state government has been plying 41 pairs of buses to and from various destinations in the six districts of north Bengal.

Trucks carrying both perishable and non-perishable items were stranded between Faraka and Omarpur on the NH-34 because of the floods.

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**Sunrise:** 05:06 AM  
**Sunset:** 06:14 PM

Bank cashier arrested for pilferage

**SUMMIT REPORT**  
**GANGTOK, 20 AUG:** Singtam police on 19 Aug arrested a 28 year old Singtam resident who has been accused in a funds misappropriation case at the branch here of Citizen's Urban Co Operative Bank. The accused was reportedly working as a cashier at the branch office. The fraud first came to light when a fellow colleague reported unexplained transactions from his User ID. Thereafter, many customers also complained of unauthorized transactions in their bank accounts. After investigation, the bank officials detected that the accused had transferred Rs 15,14,757 to some unknown accounts. The bank accordingly filed a police complaint and terminated his service. The accused was then taken into custody.

Bimal Gurung booked under UAPA...

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slapped charges under the Explosive Substances Act, the West Bengal Maintenance of Public Order Act, section 302, IPC (punishment for murder) and other sections against Gurung and others," he added. Meanwhile, a Gorkhaland Territorial Administration (GTA) office was set on fire in Kalimpong last night. The situation in Darjeeling remained tense as the indefinite strike called by the GJM, demanding a separate state of Gorkhaland, entered its 67th day today. The grenade attack on the Kalimpong police station and the blast in Darjeeling town were the first such incidents since the indefinite strike began over two months ago. "We are monitoring each and every entry and exit point. A forensic team will visit the police station," a senior police officer said. The GJM leadership, however, condemned the attack on the police station. "We condemn the grenade blast at the police station. It is the handiwork of those who do not want Gorkhaland to be formed," a senior leader of the party said. After yesterday's blast at Chowkbazar, Gurung had written a letter to Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh, demanding a high-level inquiry by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) into it. West Bengal Tourism Minister Gautam Deb said those behind the blasts would not be spared and the law would take its own course. As the police conducted an area domination march in the hills today, none of the political parties took out any rally.



Musical celebration of STNM Hospital's centenary

**YOUGAN TAMANG**  
**GANGTOK, 20 AUG:** A musical extravaganza was organized here on Saturday evening as part of Sir Thutob Namgyal Memorial Hospital's celebration of 100 years of service to Sikkim. The event featured spectacular performances by various artists from Sikkim and Darjeeling. The five-member band of Eklavya Residential Modern School, Gangyap, West Sikkim gave a vibrant performance on the stage. The band 'Bamboo Groove' from Darjeeling also played few numbers which were thoroughly enjoyed by the crowd. The star of the Centenary Celebration however was Abhishek Lemo Gurung from Darjeeling, who was one of the top-three finalists of the English singing reality show 'The Stage 2' who made the audience groove to his mesmerizing vocals. He was also joined by the two popular female singers of Sikkim Neha Pradhan from Half Past 12 band and a solo artist Smryna Samten Sherpa.

however, Singtam Bihari Jagran Manch has already started collecting funds to help the victims of the flood. The members of Bihari Jagran Manch, Singtam Branch

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Bihari Jagran Manch collects aid and relief for flood victims

**YOGEN THATAL**  
**SINGTAM, 20 AUG:** The number of deaths in flood in Bihar rose to 153 today while those marooned in 17 districts of the state crossed the one crore mark even as the Army was called in for relief and rescue operations in deluge-hit eastern Uttar Pradesh districts adjoining Nepal. The state governments are yet to fully utilize funds meant for relief and rehabilitation,



however, Singtam Bihari Jagran Manch has already started collecting funds to help the victims of the flood. The members of Bihari Jagran Manch, Singtam Branch

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B-Division Sikkim League kicks off

**SUMMIT REPORT**  
**GANGTOK, 20 AUG:** Sikkim Football Association's B-Division Sikkim League 2017 kicked off here at Paljor Stadium on Sunday. In the opening match of the league, Unicorn Football Club came up from behind to beat Brotherhood Football Club 2-1. With the help of Sanjay Rai's goal in the 28th minute, Brotherhood FC finished the



first half with 1-0 lead. In the second half, Bikash Pradhan scored the

equaliser for Unicorn FC in the 56th minute and in the 61st minute, his teammate Yogyal Lepcha extended the lead to 2-1. With no more goals further in the match, Unicorn FC started with a win in the league. On Monday, SAI Namchi will take on Pendam Football Academy in the second match of the league. Five teams are in the fray in the second division this year.

Auditions for Sikkim Dancing Icon held in Singtam

**SUMMIT REPORT**  
**SINGTAM, 20 AUG:** Sikkim's very own dance talent show, Sikkim Dancing Icon-Season 01 has officially kicked off with its auditions being held all over the State. Today, the show stopped at Singtam to handpick some of the dancers along the way before its finale at Gangtok on 27 Aug. From hundreds of dancers in Singtam, 49 performers were selected for the quarter final round. From these, 27 dancers were selected for the semi final round which will be held in the coming days. Out of 27 dancers,

only 10 participants will be selected for the finale scheduled to be held at Sikkim Government College, Tadong on 27 Aug with Mingma D Lepcha as one of the jury members. A part of the proceeds from Sikkim Dancing Icon will be donated towards the treatment of a cancer patient in Bojoghari, Gangtok, the organizers inform. Deo Dorjee Yolmo and Stalleence Lama from Kurseong, Sushma Yonzon from Sombarey accompanied by Srishruti Pariyar (founder cum dance director of Creative Illusion dexterity) were the jury members today.

Reeyaz Sangeetalaya gifts to Tadong



**ARPAN PRADHAN**  
**GANGTOK, 20 AUG:** One of the most renowned music academies in Sikkim, Reeyaz Sangeetalaya, has shifted to Daragoan, Tadong in Gangtok. The inauguration of the new address was done today by Sikkim University Music Professor, Sanjay Banerjee, along with Assistant Professor, Dr Kumar Santosh. It may be mentioned here that the Reeyaz Sangeetalaya was earlier functioning from Deorali. Reeyaz Sangeetalaya is a music institution

started by singer, composer and music director Manoj Rai of Gangtok. The institution was started in the year 2012 with the aim to teach pure classical and other musical forms to the interested music lovers of the state. The Reeyaz Sangeetalaya is affiliated to Sarabharatiya Sangeet-o-Sanskriti Parishad for Indian Classical Music and also affiliated to Trinity College of London for western classical music. The institute presently offers various courses on piano, violin, guitar, vocal, tabla and sitar.

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## Objects in the Rearview Mirror

*About history lessons, again... because history tends to repeat itself*

History, they say is written by the victor who decides which aspects of the vanquished history suits his greater plans and which bits are best left untold or nudged into the domain of myths and fantasy. The same has held true for the history taught in schools in India. The curriculum is embarrassingly North India-centric, so much so that even though students learn by rote the names of all those who made it emperor in the Slave Dynasty, ask them about what the northeast was up to in the meantime and they draw a blank. It is accepted that prior to the advent of the East India Company, there was no concept called India as a single country. The region was a collection of empires, kingdoms and princely states; each with its own intrigues and their own histories.

So, the history we learn in school is actually the composite histories of the areas which came together to form the Union of India in 1947 and later? Well, not really. The focus is too limited to the areas which either the British researched well or were studied in detail by later day historians. Only the histories of areas which were on the ascendent in the 19th century and since are taught. Take a close look at the number of MPs each state has and the number of pages devoted to those areas in books teaching Indian History in schools will be directly proportional to that number. But that's not history. In fact, in the hands of the Right Wingers, history is even being distorted into fiction and chauvinistic re-imaginings. Unfortunately, even these distortions are limited to a region which is only one part of the country.

Before moving further, it is important to make clear why we study history at all. The main reason is to get a better understanding of where we belong - where we fit into the larger scheme of things. There has been much talk about making Sikkim join the mainstream which is why it is not enough to just study Sikkimese history in schools in Sikkim. Sikkim needs to figure in the history books studied elsewhere in the country. In junior school (even in Sikkim), students learn of what Confucius meant to China even before they are taught when and how Sikkim joined India. Ask a child, even in Sikkim, which dynasty ruled Sikkim and chances are that you will get the wrong answer. One is not suggesting going parochial here, but Sikkim does have a history that's worth learning. Few dynasties have ruled for the three hundred years that the Namgyal dynasty has to its credit. The British rule which hogs the history books lasted less than a hundred years and stretched 200 years if we include the East India Company's real interference in affairs of kingdoms here. Surely the British intrigues with Tibet should make for interesting reading as should the Gorkha adventures in Sikkim under those who followed after Prithvi Narayan Shah. If kids can learn of the distant Great Wall of China, why can't the story of the Lepcha tower of pots be told to them? There are some who might argue that most of what is passed off as Sikkimese history is actually myth. Well, it will remain so till some keener study is conducted on it and shared more widely at all levels of comprehension.

## When Raghu Rai convinced Mother Teresa to allow taking prayer pics

**NEW DELHI, AUG 20 (PTI):** Raghu Rai has captured various aspects of Mother Teresa's work through his lens but she was once unwilling to allow him shoot the prayer sessions at the Missionaries of Charity but the ace photographer finally convinced her invoking Jesus Christ.

Mother Teresa did not want photographs to be taken during prayers as she felt this disturbs the sisters and takes away the seriousness of the moment.

Rai was shattered but undeterred.

He went on to say: "Mother, you often say that you nurse the poorest of the poor because you were not there when Jesus was suffering, and thus while nursing the poor, you actually nurse Jesus. This is one of the two routes through which one can establish direct connection with Him. The other is prayer."

Rai said that he can see Jesus only when Mother does her prayers.

"If I can't photograph this, then how can I establish this connection and share it with others? My story will remain incomplete," he told her.

Mother Teresa then in her magnanimous way asked Rai to come the next morning, a little before six o'clock, to take her pictures on that condition that he sits in one place and take the photographs.

On another occasion, while taking pictures in the house where all the sisters lived, Rai saw one of them making a confession and he did not want to miss this photograph.

He wanted the picture as not only it would portray the sanctity of confession, it would also show that the nuns were humans, prone to err and willing to accept their mistakes.

A senior sister saw him and objected and then took him to the Mother, who asked him what was he doing in the sisters area.

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## Study finds women in gender-equal countries have better cognitive skills- here's how to understand it

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Let's try you. Read the title above once, then cover it and write down word for word what you remember. Having difficulties? How well you do may be down to which country you live in.

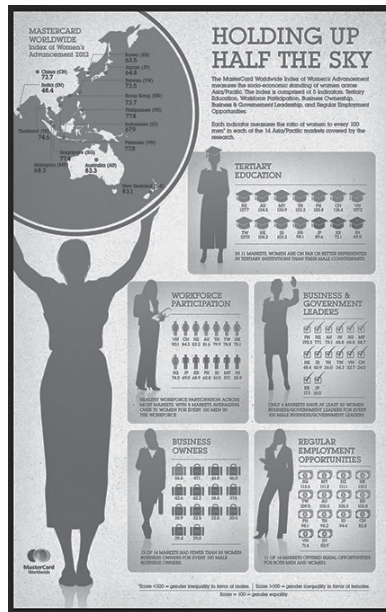
That's according to a new study, published in Psychological Science, involving an impressive 200,000 women and men from 27 countries across five continents. It revealed that women from more conservative countries performed worse on memory tests than those from more egalitarian countries.

Demographics expert Eric Bonsang and his colleagues analysed national survey data from individuals above the age of 50. They used existing data on cognitive performance tests measuring episodic memory (memory of autobiographical events). These involved recalling as many of ten words read out by a researcher as possible in one minute either immediately or after a short delay. The team rated each country's level of gender equality by looking at the proportion of people agreeing with the statement: "When jobs are scarce, men should have more right to a job than women."

Women outperformed men on memory in gender-egalitarian countries such as Sweden, Denmark, The Netherlands, the US and most European countries. However, in Ghana, India, China, South Africa and some more gender-traditional European countries (such as Russia, Portugal, Greece and Spain) the pattern reversed. Women in these countries performed worse than men - which was exactly what the researchers had predicted. Interestingly, men in egalitarian countries also scored better than men in conservative countries (but not by as much).

The findings did not depend on world region or the countries' economic development (gross domestic product per capita in 2010). A factor that may be at play, however, is that modern countries (such as many of the gender-equal ones above) have better health benefits. Older adults may simply be healthier. But that doesn't necessary explain the observed gender differences - the study after all found that the effect was stronger for women than for men.

The authors instead argue that a society's attitudes to gender roles determine which behaviours and characteristics are deemed appropriate for men and women. In turn, these social expectations influence women's (and men's) life goals, occupational choices and experiences. As a result, women in more gender-traditional countries may have less exposure to cognitively stimulating activities such as those involved in education and work. Participation in education and work indeed explained 30%



India is one of the countries where women over 50 tend to do worse on memory tests

of the findings.

### DAMAGING STEREOTYPES

While the study provides some evidence that attitudes based on stereotypes do shape our abilities, a full test of this theory would require a study of aptitudes which are stereotypically considered feminine - such as social sensitivity or linguistic ability.

For example, would men in gender-traditional nations underperform on tests measuring social sensitivity, compared to women? A study conducted on American students showed just that. It may indeed be that this effect is even larger in more conservative countries.

The results of this study were explained in terms of "stereotype threat", a fear of doing something that would confirm or reinforce the negative traits typically associated with members of stigmatised groups. Say you are a woman sitting a maths test. The common perception that women are not good at maths may play on your mind and your score may suffer as you struggle to concentrate. The fear takes away our cognitive resources and leads to underperformance on tasks deemed challenging for the stereotyped group.

This effect is very powerful and has been shown in a wealth of studies. When reminded of negative

## Striking in al-Ándalus: why Islamic State attacked Spain

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Despite its (relatively) low body count and primitive execution, Thursday's terrorist attack in Barcelona shocked many local and international onlookers. The Islamic State (IS) group was quick to claim responsibility for the attack, in which a van was deliberately driven into pedestrians on Barcelona's famed Las Ramblas strip. At least 13 people are dead, and around 100 have been left injured.

The location and targeting of the attack deviates from IS's previous efforts. These have typically focused on punishing countries directly involved in military operations against it in Syria and Iraq.

But how reliable are its claims of responsibility? And why was Spain chosen, given its relatively inconsequential role in the fight against IS?

### THE VALIDITY OF IS'S CLAIMS

Verifying the culpability of terror attacks can traditionally be a tricky affair. Given that organisations that engage in terrorism are doing so from a position of weakness, there is always an incentive to lie in order to bolster mystique and inflate the image of threat.

But in this regard, IS seems to differ from previous groups. It has typically been reliably truthful in what it claims to have been its actions.

One Australian example of this can be found in the 2014 Lindt Cafe siege. The perpetrator, Man Haron Monis, proclaimed he was acting under IS auspices. But despite this declaration, and the potential propaganda victory it could bring, IS resisted such advances and distanced itself from the incident.

While IS would go on to posthumously praise Monis' actions, it never made any explicit claims to having organised or directed them. No pre-existing relationship was found in the



subsequent inquest.

This incident, along with many others, seems to indicate that while IS claims a butcher's bill of heinous activities, it doesn't tend to overtly lie about them.

Such a policy, while initially appearing counter-intuitive, maintains IS's perception as a trustworthy source of information. This is particularly important in recruitment efforts, and makes it difficult for governments to challenge the IS's claims in counter-propaganda.

For IS, maintaining a twisted sense of chivalrous virtue remains paramount.

### SPAIN AND THE CLASH OF CIVILISATIONS

The Barcelona attack also reflects IS's view of the world as a civilisational clash.

Described as a "reluctant partner" in the anti-IS coalition, Spain has resisted entreaties to join military efforts. Instead, it has opted for what it sees as a less risky role - providing logistical aid and training to local

Iraqi forces, as well as preventing homegrown attempts to support IS abroad.

Spain's limited role in the fight, particularly in contrast to other terror victims such as France and the US, might lead one to expect it to be relatively low on IS's hit list.

But in terms of IS's conflict narrative, Spain represents just another manifestation of a hostile Western civilisation in a state of war against the Islamic community. This leaves it more than open for reprisals.

At a spiritual level, Spain also holds a special place in IS's mythology. Once a part of the Islamic empire, al-Ándalus, as it is known in Arabic, is seen by many IS ideologues as a natural territorial part of the end-state caliphate and currently under direct occupation by infidels.

### SHOCK AND BORE

Terrorist reprisals like this attack are likely to intensify temporarily against Western targets throughout Europe and further abroad over the coming months and years, as the IS is system-

stereotypes, women have been shown to underperform on maths tests, or African Americans on tests measuring intellectual ability. Indeed the new study could be interpreted in terms of stereotype threat theory.

We've even seen the neurological underpinnings of this effect. Our new study, published in Frontiers' Aging Neuroscience, asked a group of older participants to read an article about memory fading with age (age stereotype). We showed that, as a result, their reaction times in a cognitive task were delayed. What's more, brain wave activity in these individuals indicated that their thoughts about themselves were more negative. This was seen in data from electroencephalography (EEG), which uses electrodes to track and record brain-wave patterns.

Our study shows that short-term exposure to negative stereotypes has detrimental effects on cognitive functioning. Similar processes may have taken place in women continually exposed to negative gender and age stereotypes in gender-conservative countries - explaining their underperformance on the memory test.

### WHAT MAKES A COUNTRY SEXIST?

Another consideration which future studies should take into account is the countries' wider political system - not just the gender attitudes themselves. One theory suggests modernisation leads progressively to democratisation and liberalisation - including that of attitudes to gender roles. The society's heritage, whether political or religious, influences the society's values.

Indeed, our studies on cross-cultural attitudes to women and men show that they are more liberal in longstanding democracies such as the UK than in countries transitioning to democracy (such as Poland and South Africa). We found that gender attitudes were also affected by the preceding political systems: they were more conservative in the post-apartheid South Africa and less conservative in a post-communist Poland. So national histories of institutionalised inequality (apartheid) vs forced emancipation (communism) have left a long lasting impact on national levels of sexism.

Perhaps not coincidentally, some of the longest standing democracies in the new study happen to be the ones which are more gender-egalitarian. As my research suggests, both democratisation and the reduction of stereotype threat - especially through the mass media, such as advertising involving non-traditional gender roles - are important. These efforts should be our focus in bringing greater equality across a range of skills for women and men across the globe.

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atically deconstructed on its home turf in Iraq and Syria.

IS remains heavily dependant on an image of defiant dynamism and a commitment to challenge the international status quo, which it claims subjugates the chosen community. As its ability to function as a "state" continues to decline, it will increasingly seek to maintain such a mystique through acts of spite against those that have prevented it from achieving its goal of a "caliphate".

Despite a likely future increase in terrorist attacks, IS also risks a growing public disinterest and apathy toward its activities.

As one commentator has written, the banality and nontheatrical nature of IS's approach to terrorism - particularly in contrast to al-Qaeda's keen eye for spectacular symbolism - has left many onlookers less than impressed and far from terrified.

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## Gurgaon police to intensify night patrolling

**GURGAON, AUG 19 (PTI):** The Gurgaon police has decided to intensify night patrolling to prevent crime against women and other criminal activities in the city, an official said.

The initiative was taken in a meeting headed by Gurgaon Police Commissioner Sandeep Khairwar with all DCP and ACP-rank officials following a directive of Haryana Police Director General of Police (DGP), B S Sandhu in this regard, Gurgaon Police PRO Ravinder Kumar said.

"During the meetings officers have been selected for night patrol duties in eastern, western and southern parts of Gurgaon. SHOs of respective areas will also be directed to coordinate with senior officials in this job throughout the week," Kumar said.

He said that this initiative will prevent many interstate criminals to commit crime who approach Gurgaon during night hours.

Local beat officers will make residents and local RWA's representatives aware about the contact numbers and details of night duty officers in their respective areas so that they can easily approach them in case of distress, the officer said.

## Two Chinese cricketers to play in Pakistan Super league

**BEIJING, AUG 20 (PTI):** Two Chinese cricketers have been drafted to play in the Pakistan Super League (PSL) next year, giving a boost to the fledgling sport in China.

The two players of China national cricket team will represent Peshawar Zalmi in the next edition PSL, Pakistan's official news agency APP reported on Sunday.

China has both men and women cricket teams, which took part in some international tournaments but have so far failed to make a mark.

The players have already been selected from the Chinese national team and a formal contract will be signed by the head of Peshawar Zalmi, Javed Afridi during his visit to Beijing next month, the report said.

Also a proposal has been made to the Pakistan Cricket Board to make China a neutral venue for Pakistan cricket team matches instead of UAE and other countries, the report said.

A number of international cricket teams refused to play in Pakistan due to concerns over security.

However, Sri Lanka is expected to play a T20 match in Pakistan in September, eight years after its national team was attacked by terrorists in 2009 Lahore.

## N-E Centre for Ethno Medicinal Research inaugurated in Manipur

**IMPHAL, AUG 20 (PTI):** A North East Centre for Ethno Medicinal Research has been inaugurated at Hengbung village in Kangpokpi district of Manipur.

Speaking at the inaugural function yesterday, Deputy Chief Minister Yumnam Joykumar Singh said, inauguration of such a centre will be a milestone for the region, especially Manipur, as the state has plenty medicinal plants.

He said, "We have so many traditional ways of healing ailments by using various medicinal plants, though proper codification for treatment of diseases by using medicinal



plants is yet to be done."

"If we have the knowledge of its medicinal value by analysing its ingredients and chemicals, it will be more helpful to

undergo treatment. The newly opened research centre would play an important role in this regard," he added.

He urged the centre

to co-ordinate with institutes like ICAR, IBSD & Central Agricultural University to undertake research work in various fields that are productive

and useful for the people as a whole.

Inaugurating the centre along with the deputy chief minister, state Commerce and Industries Minister Th Bishwajit Singh said, ethno-medicinal treatment has been a long tradition for healing ailments in our society.

Dr HB Singh, principal scientist, North East Institute of Science and Technology, Ministry of Science & Technology also spoke on the importance of utilising local resources and manpower to create certain products, as part of Prime Minister's Make in India Campaign.

## Rohingyas say compulsions drove them to take shelter in J&K

**TARIQ A SOFI JAMMU, AUG 20 (PTI):**

Amid calls for their deportation from India, Rohingya Muslims of Myanmar say they have settled in Jammu and Kashmir because of compulsions, and not out of choice, and that they will return to their country once the situation becomes favourable.

More than 13,700 foreigners, including Rohingya Muslims and Bangladesh nationals, are settled in Jammu and Samba districts, where their population has increased by over 6,000 between 2008 and 2016, according to data available with the state government.

"We are in India because of some compulsions, and not out of choice. We know this is not our land. We will leave on our own once those compulsions are addressed by the global community and we get justice," 35-year-old Mohammad Yusuf, the head of a camp for Rohingya refugees, told PTI.

The Rohingyas are a Bangali-dialect speaking Muslim minority in Myanmar. Following persecution in their country, many of them entered India illegally through Bangladesh and took shelter here.

"We were boarded into a train and asked to embark at the last station



when the whole train gets empty. We were not aware that it is Jammu. We came to know at the railway station that some Rohingyas were living here and met them. This is how we reached here," he said, explaining why they landed in Jammu and Kashmir, several thousand miles from their homes.

The Rohingya refugees are aware of reports about New Delhi's plan to deport them and the 'Quit Jammu' campaign by certain social and political organisations that see their presence as a "conspiracy to alter the demographic character and a threat to the peace in the region".

Fear of deportation writ large on the faces of the refugees at their temporary cluster in Narwal on the Jammu-Pathankot highway.

Yusuf, originally a resident of the worst-hit Arakan in Myanmar, has been living in one of the 75 shanties, along with his wife and four minor children. The settlement is considered the largest on the outskirts of the city.

Such camps have also been set up at a number of other places including Bhagwati Nagar, Ban Talab, Channi and Bari Brahmana in Samba district.

"We are not involved in any criminal activity and are doing odd jobs to make our living. Most of us work as wage labourers, rag-pickers, scrap-dealers and a few are working at railway stations as sweepers," he said.

Rohingyas are facing a battle for survival, he says. "We are paying Rs 800 per month as rent to the land owner for each shanty and electricity connection," said Yusuf,

surrounded by a group of men and children who nodded in agreement.

On August 18, the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) issued a notice to the Centre over the plan to deport Rohingya refugees.

The NHRC notice came just days after UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres expressed concern over India's plan, and said the refugees should not be returned to the countries where they fear persecution.

The Human Rights Watch's South Asia also asked India to abide by its international legal obligations and not forcibly return Rohingya refugees to Myanmar.

According to the Human Rights Watch, about 16,500 Rohingya Muslims living in India are registered with the United Nations High Com-

missioner for Refugees (UNHCR), while the government contends that around 40,000 illegal immigrants from Myanmar are unregistered.

Yusuf, who had arrived in Jammu in 2012 and got registration card from the UNHCR the next year, said there are around 8,000 Rohingyas in Jammu and none of them had ever been arrested for terror links.

The state government had said only 17 FIRs were lodged against 38 Rohingyas for various offences, including illegal border-crossing.

Yusuf, who is also the prayer leader and runs a madrasa within the settlement for the children of their community, said their religious belief is the same as of 'Deobandi' thought and "we believe in non-violence".

"Back home, we cooperated with local government and implemented its orders fully, whether of seeking permission for marriage and depositing Rs five lakh for various services.

Despite that, we faced the wrath and forced to migrate to save our faith and lives," he said.

"We have people here who have seen worst and their stories can send shivers down the spine. They are targeting us because of our religion otherwise we had done nothing wrong," he said.

## Concerns over stalled hydel projects despite bailout plan

**KOLKATA, AUG 20 (PTI):** Despite a proposed bailout plan for the hydro power sector, concerns remain on the roll-out of the stalled hydro power projects, an official of the Central Electricity Authority said.

"Uncertainty remains about success even with the proposed bailout package due to various factors. So, we are currently targeting at projects which are in advanced stage say 70-80 per cent complete," the Central Electricity Authority official told PTI.

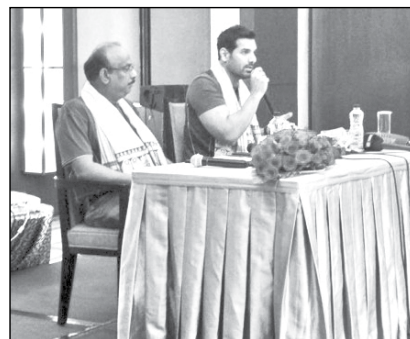
There had been decline in interest from private investors in the hydro power projects given environmental hurdles, better alternatives like solar power, tariff of which has plummeted drastically to below Rs 3 a unit, sources said.

RP Sanjiv Goenka group chairman Sanjiv Goenka had recently said they will not pursue new hydro projects and will review their existing hydro projects highlighting numerous hurdles.

There are some 14 stalled hydro power projects in the country involving 10,000 MW with around Rs 26,000 crore in these projects.

Beside offering fiscal benefits, the government was contemplating to offer 'renewable' status to all hydro power projects irrespective of their size in the proposed bailout plan.

The percentage of hydro power has come down from 45 per cent in 1970 to 14 per cent in 2016 which is too less to have an efficient and balanced grid for operation, the sources added.



## John Abraham may hold fund raiser for Assam flood victims

**GUWAHATI, AUG 20 (PTI):** Bollywood actor and ISL franchise North-East United FC owner John Abraham today said he is willing to hold a fund raising event to help the flood victims of Assam in association with the state government.

"We would like to have a fund raising event for flood victims. But this has to be a government bona fide event. We would like to have this in association with the government," Abraham said at a press conference here.

Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal and Finance Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma have been informed about this, he said.

"The latest flood has

been very devastating. Over 50 persons have been killed. More than 200 animals died in Kaziranga National Park. Today morning I saw a picture of a carcass of a tiger, and it just killed me.

"Our heart is for Assam flood. Our solidarity is with the victims of Assam flood. NEUFC will always be with flood victims whenever there is any necessity," Abraham said.

The third wave of devastating flood has so far claimed the lives of 67 persons across Assam.

With these, the total number of persons losing their lives in this year's flood related incidents in Assam went up to 151, including eight in Guwahati.

## Migrant labourers get health card in Kerala capital

**THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, AUG 20 (PTI):** Migrant labourers, working in various sectors in Kerala capital, will soon have a health card of their own.

With an aim to reach out to the migrant labour population here, the city corporation today launched the distribution of health cards to address the increasing health concerns among them.

The health cards, which would also act as an authentic registry of each individual migrant labour, was launched under the 'Shehar Ke dost' (Friend of the city) project of the government, Corporation Mayor V K Prashanth said.

Around 200 migrants, working in various fields, especially in the construction sector, were made to attend a medical camp here and health cards were distributed to them, he said.

Follow-up of their health conditions would also be ensured, he said.

Dr Annie Twinkle Thomas, the project implementation officer, said a suspected case of malaria and tuberculosis and precancerous lesions were found among the migrants.

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## Vailankanni gears up for annual church festival

**NAGAPATTINAM, AUG 20 (PTI):** All arrangements are in place for the 11-day annual festival of famous shrine Basilica of Our Lady of Health at Vailankanni near here beginning on August 29, a top official said today.

With more than 20 lakh pilgrims expected to throng the town during the festival, measures had been put in place to provide drinking water, sanitation, lighting and transport for their convenience, Nagapattinam Collector Dr C Suresh Kumar said.

"We have taken additional precautions to prevent the spread of water-borne diseases. As pilgrims from various states would be visiting in large numbers, we have taken all steps to prevent the outbreak or spread of any type of disease," he said.

The collector also said inspections were carried out at lodges in the town for hygiene and they had been instructed to fully adhere to the guidelines prescribed by the health department.

The church administration had spruced up the buildings, which have been illuminated with multi-colour lamps.

Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (TNSTC) has announced operation of special buses from various places including Chennai, Madurai, Chidambaram and Puducherry in view of the festival, which attracts pilgrims across the country, especially from Goa.

Southern Railway is operating trains from Chennai, Vasco-da-gama(Goa), Ernakulam, Nagercoil, Bandra and Tirunelveli.



## Pendam Football Academy felicitates Nirmal and Sanju

**REBYNA RANA GANGTOK, 20 AUG:** Pendam Football Academy (PFA) felicitated Sikkim born footballers Nirmal Chettri and Sanju Pradhan for their achieve-

ments and their contribution towards development of the game in Sikkim.

The felicitation programme was held on 19 Aug at Central Pendam Senior Secondary

School and was chaired by Social Welfare Minister, Tulshi Devi Rai along with area MLA, Gopal Baraily as the guest of honour.

Nirmal Chettri and San-

ju Pradhan were presented with a shawl and appreciation letter.

Several dignitaries, PFA supporters, students and teachers of CPSSS were also present.

## Atletico defy Griezmann red card to salvage Girona draw

**Madrid, Aug 20 (AFP):** Atletico Madrid battled back from 2-0 down after a red card for Antoine Griezmann to salvage a 2-2 draw at newly-promoted Girona to start their La Liga campaign.

Tight security measures oversaw the first top-flight match in Catalonia since two terror attacks in the region left 14 dead and hundreds injured in Barcelona and the nearby seaside town of Cambrils on Thursday and the early hours of Friday morning.

Concrete road blocks were mounted outside the Estadi Montilivi as in both attacks vans had been used to mow down pedestrians.

However, a near capacity 13,500 crowd weren't dissuaded from attending and thought the hosts were headed for a dream start to their



first ever La Liga campaign.

Christian Stuani took advantage of some slack marking at the heart of an Atletico defence shorn of the suspended Diego Godin to head home

twice in three first-half minutes.

Atletico's hopes seemed to have gone when Griezmann was controversially dismissed 23 minutes from time.

The French international appeared to have been clipped by Gorka Iraizoz as he rounded the goalkeeper, but was instead booked for diving and then shown a straight red card for his

protests towards referee Juan Martinez Manuera. Despite their numerical disadvantage, Atletico responded heroically to salvage an unlikely point as Angel Correa blasted into the top corner from

outside the box 12 minutes from time.

Jose Maria Gimenez completed the comeback when his header from Koke's free-kick caught Iraizoz in no man's land.

"Many at 2-0 down in the first-half would have thought the game was over," said Atletico boss Diego Simeone.

"When we went down to 10 men that thought would have been doubled, but the team kept going in the same way they have the past few years with effort, a never say die attitude and kept going until the end."

The visitors still had their own goalkeeper Jan Oblak to thank as the Slovenian produced an outstanding reflex save to prevent Manchester City loanee Ola Arnesen Kayode from netting a last-minute winner.

Atletico didn't lose

any ground on their likely challengers to once again be Spanish football's third force behind Real Madrid and Barcelona as Sevilla were held 1-1 at home by Espanyol.

Clement Lenglet bundled the hosts in front from a corner midway through the half, but Leo Baptistao levelled 10 minutes before half-time.

Sevilla also ended with 10 men as Ever Banega was sent off following an angry exchange with the referee.

Earlier, Real Sociedad also came twice from behind to beat Celta Vigo 3-2 at Balaidos.

Maxi Gomez had put Celta in front early in both halves, but goals from Mikel Oyarzabal, Juanmi and William Jose's penalty two minutes from time handed the Basques all three points.

## Train derailment: Negligence appears to be the cause

**MUZAFFARNAGAR/NEW DELHI, AUG 20 (PTI):** Negligence at the local level appeared to have caused the derailment of Utkal Express here, one of the deadliest train accidents in the recent times in which 22 people were killed and over 150 injured, 26 of them grievously, officials indicated today.

A probe has been ordered to ascertain the exact cause of last evening's derailment, with Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu today directing Railway Board Chairman to fix responsibility on "prima facie evidence by the end of day".

The train, which was

on its way from Puri in Odisha to Haridwar in Uttarakhnad, had 23 coaches, of which 13 derailed, said Divisional Railway Manager, Delhi Division, R N Singh.

Six coaches of the train, which was running at a speed of over 100 kmph, were severely damaged, he added. One coach crashed into a house.

The railways have deployed high-tech cranes and scores of workers to clear the tracks near Khatauli.

Two 140-tonne cranes were being used since early this morning to clear the derailed coaches, from which sur-

vivors had been rescued and bodies pulled out till late last night.

Rescue operation by the National Disaster Response Force got over at around 3 AM.

The death toll in the accident today went up to 22, with one more person identified as Sushil Kumar succumbing to his injuries in a hospital in Ghaziabad, according to District Magistrate of Muzaaffarnagar G S Priyadarshi. Of them, 15 bodies have been identified.

Principal Secretary (Information) to the UP government Awanish Kumar Awasthi said 156 people were injured in the derailment and many among

them remain critical.

A preliminary probe has found that maintenance work was being carried out on the tracks which might have caused the derailment, said Mohd Jamshed, Member Traffic, Railway Board, at a news briefing in New Delhi today. The senior official, who rushed to the spot in Khatauli in Uttar Pradesh where the accident occurred, said he had seen maintenance tools on the tracks.

"Prime facie, it seems maintenance work was being carried out on the tracks.... Some maintenance work was going on, which might have caused the derailment of Utkal

Express," Jamshed said.

He said a probe would reveal if any maintenance work was being done on the tracks without permission.

"Prima facie, the information is that there is divisional responsibility involved if work was being done without seeking permission. By this evening we will know if any of our staff was responsible for this," he said.

It was not "clear" what kind of work was going on at the site, the official said.

"However, any work on tracks has to follow a manual. We have maintenance manuals which lay down guidelines for work

on any kind of railway infrastructure," Jamshed said, adding the probe will reveal if the procedures were followed.

The probe, which will begin tomorrow, will be conducted by the Commissioner of Railway Safety, Shailesh Kumar Pathak, who will look into "every angle, be it sabotage, technical lapse or manual fault".

"There is some audio clip of some conversation that we will probe. Also, when we did the site inspection, we saw some equipment the railways use for track repair present there," he said.

"Whenever this kind of a big accident

happens, coaches get smashed, toppled, capsize and derailed. In this case, a 200-metre track has been damaged completely. It has to be investigated in detail. All measurements are being taken and every lapse is being taken into account," Jamshed said.

The senior officer also said the Railway Police had lodged an FIR in the case at Khatauli under sections that included mischief causing destruction of railway property, causing death by negligence, causing grievous hurt, endangering life and personal safety.

Explaining the procedure for maintenance

followed by the railways, Jamshed wondered if it was followed in this case.

"Fixed infrastructure on which the rail network runs like tracks, overhead equipment and signals are regularly maintained as per schedule. Maintenance of tracks is done during operations by blocking them as per requirement, according to fixed time and schedule. Written permission needs to be taken for this work," he said.

He also said sometimes repair needs to be done on an emergency basis, but even then, if the next station is informed, the consequent trains are stopped.

## 586 train accidents in last 5 years; 53 due to derailments

**NEW DELHI, AUG 20 (PTI):** Nearly 53 per cent of the 586 train accidents in the last five years were due to derailments with the Utkal Express derailment being the latest.

Notwithstanding the railways' attempts to upgrade the safety apparatus, many such accidents continue to occur.

Over 20 people died and 97 were injured after 14 coaches of the Utkal Express derailed near Muzaffarnagar in western Uttar Pradesh on Saturday evening.

According to official figures, of a total of 586 rail accidents in the last five years, nearly 53 per cent



were due to derailments.

Since November 2014, there

have been 20 rail accidents, many of them minor.

The worst accident was the November 20, 2016 derailment of the Indore-Patna Express near Kanpur which resulted in 150 deaths and over 150 injuries.

The train pulled out of Pukhrayan station, on the outskirts of Kanpur, and derailed soon after. Several causes, including overcrowding and fracture in the railway line, were attributed to the accident.

On September 12, 2015, a narrow-gauge train, the Shivalik Queen, a chartered train from Kalka to Shimla, derailed on September 12, 2015.

36 British tourists and a tour

guide were on the train.

Two of the tourists died in the accident and 15 were injured.

Nine coaches of the Secunderabad Junction Mumbai Lokmanya Tilak Terminus Durgam Cheruvu Express derailed near Karnataka's Kalburgi town on September 12, 2015, resulting in two deaths and seven injuries.

The Madhya Pradesh twin train derailments happened on August 4, 2015 when the Kamayani Express, on its way to Varanasi in UP, was the first to derail owing to flash floods in the area, followed by the Janata Express. The total casualty was 31 with

over 100 injured.

The Rourkela-Jammu Tawi Muri Express derailed in Kaushambi district of Uttar Pradesh on May 25, 2015. Eight bogies of the train derailed, leaving five dead and over 50 injured.

On March 20, 2015 the Dehradun-Varanasi Janata Express derailed in Rae Bareilly district resulting in the death of 58 passengers and injuring over 150.

On February 13, 2015, 10 people were killed and around 150 were injured when nine bogies of the Bangalore-Ernakulam Inter-city Express derailed on the outskirts of Bengaluru.

## When Raghu Rai convinced Mother Teresa to allow...

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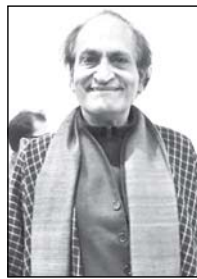
tures of sisters making confession, a moment so human," he told her. Mother Teresa only said, "All right" and the matter ended there.

Rai, who photographed her for nearly five decades from the early 1970s onwards and has taken some of the most iconic pictures of Saint Teresa that exist, has come out with a book

"Saint Teresa of Calcutta: A Celebration of Her Life and Legacy" which has mention of these incidents.

Divided into three sections, the book, published by Aleph, covers Mother Teresa's canonisation, her life and her work, and the legacy she leaves behind.

Rai brings together pictures that have never been published before as well as classical portraits and action studies.



"An unrelenting focus on carrying out the will of God through service to the poorest and least wanted of all humanity gave her a spiritual aura that was plain for everyone to see. But she was also an immensely practical person, which was why she was so very effective in the work that she and her order were able to do," he says.

And during his long association with Mother Teresa, Rai says he saw these various aspects of her up close.



## Pak must ensure its soil is not used for terror activities: US

**ISLAMABAD, AUG 20 (PTI):** Pakistan must ensure that its soil is not used for any terrorist attack against the neighbours, a top American General has said. US Central Command (CENTCOM) commander General Joseph Votel conveyed this to Islamabad during a visit last week.

This was his third visit to Pakistan as commander. During the visit, he called on Prime Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi, Defence Minister Khurram Dastgir, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee General Zubair Hayat and Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Qamar Javed Bajwa.

"In his discussions with Pakistani leaders, he emphasised that all parties must work to ensure that Pakistani soil is not used to plan or conduct terrorist attacks against its neighbours," the US Embassy here said in a statement.

General Votel also underlined the need to further strengthen US and Pakistani military-to-military relations as the two nations work together to ensure greater regional security and stability.

"This visit allowed the General to gain an increased understanding of the counter-terrorism and counter-insurgency efforts the Pakistani government has made over the years to achieve our shared objectives," the statement said.

## Ten sentenced to death for attempting to assassinate Hasina in Bangladesh

**ANISUR RAHMAN DHAKA, AUG 20 (PTI):** Ten militants were today sentenced to death and nine others jailed for 20 years each by a court in Bangladesh for attempting to assassinate Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in 2000. The convicts had hatched the plot to kill Hasina in 2000 by planting a high-powered explosive device at an open ground at her village home in southwestern Gopalganj where she was scheduled to address a public rally.

Security officials, however, detected the bomb ahead of the rally.

On further investiga-



tion, outlawed Harkatul Jihad-e-Islami Bangladesh (HuJI) chief Mufti Hannan, who was executed earlier this year in another case involving attempted assassination of the then Bangladeshi-origin British High Commissioner, was found to be the mastermind of

the plot. Twenty-five suspects had been accused in the Special Powers Act case. Nine received 20 years in prison and were fined 20,000 taka each, while four were acquitted.

"They (convicts) will be executed either by hanging or by shooting

with permission of the High Court," Dhaka's Speedy Trial Tribunal-2 judge Mamta Begum said.

Only eight of the accused faced the trial in person while the rest were sentenced in absentia. Under the Bangladesh law, the death sentences would require to be endorsed by the High Court following an automatic death reference hearing. The convicts are allowed to file an appeal as well.

The judgment came a Dhaka court nearly ended trial of another major assassination attempt on Hasina while she was

the opposition leader as the chief of the Awami League in 2004. An influential group of the then ruling Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) of ex-premier Khaleda Zia is believed to have masterminded the plot engaging HuJI to execute it.

Hasina narrowly escaped the attack that killed 23 people and injured hundreds. BNP leader and Zia's son Tarique Rahman is being tried in the case in absentia as a prime accused.

"The verdict of the case is expected by the year end," a court official familiar with the development said.



US police have arrested 27 people after thousands took to the streets of Boston to protest against a rally featuring far-right speakers. The arrests were largely for disorderly conduct including some for assault and battery. The event, which was billed as a "free speech" rally, ended early after thousands of counter-protesters overwhelmed the crowds. An estimated 40,000 people packed into the streets around the nation's oldest park, most of whom were anti-fascist demonstrators who sought to drown out the far-right.

## Spain hunts suspect over Barcelona carnage

**BARCELONA, AUG 19 (AFP):** Spanish police today hunted for a Moroccan man suspected to have carried out one of two terror attacks that killed 14 people, injured 120 more and plunged the country into shock and grief.

Interior Minister Juan Ignacio Zoido said the cell behind the carnage in the holiday cities of Barcelona and Cambrils had been "dismantled," although local authorities took a more cautious tone. Police said they had cast a dragnet for 22-year-old Younes Abouyaaqoub. Media reports said he was the driver of a van that smashed into people on Barcelona's busy Las Ramblas Boulevard on Thursday.

Just hours later, a similar at-

tack struck in the seaside town of Cambrils early yesterday. Police killed the five attackers in Cambrils, some of whom were wearing fake explosive belts.

The so-called Islamic State (IS) group claimed responsibility for the operation, as well as for a knife attack that wounded seven in Russia today.

In Finland, meanwhile, police said a stabbing spree by a Moroccan asylum-seeker yesterday that left two dead was being treated as a terrorist incident. The IS's claim in Spain is believed to be their first in the country, but the method of using vehicles as weapons follows other assaults commandeered or inspired by the group, including in Berlin, London and Paris.

The terror cell in Spain reportedly comprised at least 12 young men, some of them teenagers. Investigators have been honing in on the small town of Ripoll, at the foot of the Pyrenees, where many of the suspects - including Abouyaaqoub - lived.

Today, police raided the apartment of an imam, Abdelbaki Es Satty, according to his flatmate who gave his name only as Nourddem.

Spanish daily El Pais, quoting police sources, said the imam may have been one of those killed in an explosion in a home in Alcanar, some 200 kilometres south of Barcelona, where the alleged jihadists were believed to have been

building bombs.

"The last time I saw him was Tuesday and he told me that he was going to see his wife in Morocco," Nourddem told AFP.

A waiter at a Ripoll cafe told AFP he had served beers to some of the suspects numerous times, most recently just two days ago.

"They came to have beer at another bar in the square where I used to work" said the waiter on condition of anonymity. Most of the suspects are children of Moroccan immigrants, including Ripoll-born Moussa Oukabir, 17, one of five suspects shot dead in the Cambrils attack. His older brother, Driss, counts among the four arrested.

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### Kutse Shegu



The Kutse Shegu of **Late Jigdal Bhutia** who left for heavenly abode on 04.07.2017 falls on **21.08.2017 [Monday]**. All relatives, friends, and well wisher are requested

to join us for offering prayer to the departed soul at **Ben Thalabari, Ravangla Road, South Sikkim**. We take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude towards those who extended their support during the time of our bereavement.

*Phintso Bhutia (father), Diki Doma Bhutia (Mother), Gawala Bhutia (sister), Jeje Lhamu Bhutia (Wife).* Contact no: 9733017529, 9733042713, 9647480772, 8759013559.

### Anthyesthi Kriya



The 14th day Anthyesthi Kriya of **late Mani Kuriya** who left for her heavenly abode on 10.08.2017 falls on **23.08.2017 [Wednesday]**. All relatives, friends & well-wishers are requested

to join us in the offering prayers for the departed soul on the above mentioned date at our residence at **Middle Burtuk, Manbir Colony, Gangtok**.

*Ganga Psd. Gurung, Dil Psd. Gurung, Dhan Bdr. Gurung, Ram Bdr. Gurung [brothers-in-law], Ashib Gurung [son]*  
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**PRETTY IN PINK:** 'Sorry Not Sorry' singer, Demi Lovato wore a colorful sweatshirt when she stepped out in NYC.

## LATEST POSTER OF VARUN DHAWAN'S 'JUDWAA 2' SURFACES ONLINE

Sajid Nadiadwala's *Judwaa 2* has become one of the most talked about sequels this year. After treating the audience with the second poster, the makers have unveiled another poster on the social media platforms.

This brand new poster has Varun Dhawan's twin avatars, one posing as the tapori Raja with a baseball bat giving out a bold look and the other as the geeky Prem posing in a humble manner. The poster looks very bright and colourful giving out a happy and cheerful vibe. Both are completely contrasting avatars that Varun Dhawan will be seen playing. Varun Dhawan has never been seen with long hair on screen and nor has he worn a spectacle before but in *Judwaa 2* the actor will be seen trying many of his firsts. Varun will be seen slipping into the shoes of Salman Khan who played



**BOLLYBUZZ!!!**

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many of his firsts.

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into the shoes of Salman Khan who played

the most iconic twin characters of Raja and Prem.

The two leading ladies, Jacqueline Fernandez and Taapsee Pannu will be seen playing the love interest of Varun's twin roles. The 1997 *Judwaa* was a big hit. After 20 years the duo of Sajid and David are back to recreate the magic Jodi of Raja and Prem on the big screen which has taken the excitement level of the audience towering high. The sequel will have the 90's blockbuster songs, Oonchi hai Building and Tan Tana Tan reshaped by Anu Malik. The team

also have shot in Mauritius for another song from the original titled, 'Tu Mere Dil Mein Bas Ja'. Produced by Sajid Nadiadwala, directed by David Dhawan, *Judwaa 2* is presented by Fox Star Studios and Nadiadwala Grandson Entertainment. The film is slated to release this September 29.

## JAY Z SPEAKS OUT ABOUT FEUD WITH KANYE WEST: 'YOU CAN'T BRING MY KID OR MY WIFE INTO IT'

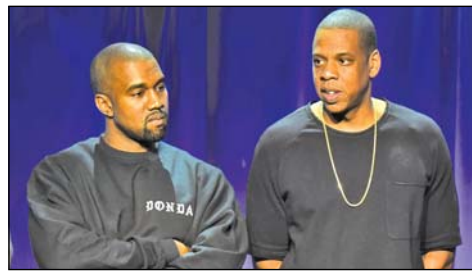
Jay Z spoke out about his feud with Kanye West in a new interview, insisting that the lyrics from his new album, 4:44, are "not a diss" but admitted that there is still bad blood between them after the rapper took aim at Jay Z and wife Beyoncé during a concert last year.

The music mogul, 47, was asked about his song "Kill Jay Z," which features the lyrics, "I know people backstab you, I feel bad too / But this 'F-k everybody' attitude ain't natural / But you ain't the same, this ain't KumbaYe / But you got hurt because you did cool by 'Ye / You gave him 20 million without blinkin' / He gave you 20 minutes on stage, f-k was he thinkin' / 'F-k every body?' is

"It's not even about a Kanye diss," Jay Z insisted. "It's not a diss, I'm talking to myself the whole time." But the Tidal found-

er admitted that some of West's comments directed at Beyoncé didn't sit well with him. He referenced West's rant at a concert in California last year, in which the "Fade" rapper slammed Jay Z, his wife, and commented that their kids never played together. (The outburst came shortly before West was hospitalized and canceled the rest of his Saint Pablo tour.)

"The whole point is, 'You got hurt because this person was talking about you on a stage,' Jay Z said. "But what really hurt me was, you can't bring my kid or my wife into it. Kanye's my little brother. He's talked about me 100 times. He made a song called 'Big Brother.' We've gotten past bigger issues. But you brought my family into it, now it's a problem with me. That's a real, real problem. And he knows it's a problem." The "99 Problems" rapper added that West "knows that he crossed



the line."

"I know he knows, because we've never let this much space go between one of our disagreements, and we've had many, because

that's who we are. That's what I like about him. He's an honest person, he's open and he'll say things and he's wrong a lot of times and he'll confront it."

## FEUDS

## MADONNA CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY WITH ALL 6 KIDS AND SHARES RARE FAMILY PHOTO



## what's TRENDING

### NOW THAT'S LOVE!

When you have children, it's hard enough to get them all to pose for a family photo even when they all live in the same house. Madonna made it happen; She posted on her Instagram page Friday a rare and sweet photo of her and all her kids—Lourdes, 20, Rocco Ritchie, 17, David Banda and Mercy James, who are both 11, and 4-year-old twin sisters Esther and Stella, at her 59th birthday party in Italy. The girls all wore near-identical floral outfits.

Madonna also posted more photos of her and her kids at her birthday party, including a sweet pic of Lourdes kissing her on the cheek.

"Best ....." she wrote.

Madonna shared the photo of her with all her kids at her 59th birthday party.



### 21<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST WORLD HISTORY

**1798:** Jules Michelet, French historian was born in Paris to a family with Huguenot traditions. He wrote the 24-volume "Histoire de France".

**1808:** Napoleon Bonaparte's General Junot was defeated by Wellington at the first Battle of the Peninsular War at Vimiero, Portugal.

**1911:** Leonardo da Vinci's "Mona Lisa" was stolen from the Louvre Museum. The painting turned up in Italy two years later.

**1940:** Leon Trotsky, exiled Communist revolutionary, died in Mexico City from wounds inflicted by an assassin the day before.

**1945:** President Harry S. Truman ended the Lend-Lease program that had



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shipped some \$50 billion in aid to America's Allies during World War II.

### INDIAN HISTORY

**1790:** Dindigul was captured by the British troops under General Meadows.

**1931:** Pandit Vishnu Digambar Paluskar died. He was a Hindustani musician. He sang the original version of the bhajan Raghupati Raghava Raja Ram, and founded the Gandharva Mahavidyalaya in 1901. He is also credited with arranging 'Vandematharam' as we hear today.

**1972:** the Wildlife Protection Act was passed. This act was later implemented on 9th September 1972.

### LOCKHORNS

- HOEST & REINER



"I JUST REALIZED THAT 90% OF MY NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS ARE LEROY-RELATED."

### ARCTIC CIRCLE

- HALLATT



### BABY BLUES

- KIRKMAN & SCOTT



**ARIES:** Today is a relatively calm day that's sure to please you, Aries. You may even receive gifts from family and friends as marks of their esteem or love for you. This is just the kind of reassurance you need. Though you have a fairly subtle influence in your relationships with others, it's nevertheless essential to you to be a good friend.

**TAURUS:** Everyone knows that nothing can stop you when you're determined to get something done. As long as other people are on your side today, you will be amazed at all the things you can accomplish. But

don't get too excited, Taurus, because it's time to take care of those thankless tasks that no one wants to deal with. You may need other people's help to get them done.

**GEMINI:** You may be considering taking a trip or planning a party with some friends, Gemini. You may find out today that it's up to you to do all the organizing. This won't bother you too much because you know you'll do it right. Why don't you think about really trying to outdo yourself and plan something special that your friends will never forget?

**CANCER:** This could be the

luckiest day of the month, Cancer. But astrology also takes your role into account. In other words, luck is something you have to work for. If you seem to have an incredible streak of luck today, it's probably because you did something earlier to make it happen!

**LEO:** If you get asked to lead a team in your personal or professional life, jump at the chance. Today you will get all the support you need, Leo. Don't be afraid that you're not good enough. Things will come together without your having to do much at all. Besides, you already know that people are on your side!

**VIRGO:** You couldn't dream of a better day to deal with all the little problems in your daily life - broken washing machine, money problems, minor health issues. If your doctor has given you a prescription, you can expect it would work like a miracle drug. Virgo, take care of the little things. It will take less time than you think!

**LIBRA:** Perhaps you can't believe it, but it's time to say goodbye to your rigid attitude. A little pleasure among all that seriousness and responsibility won't do you any harm. This day could help you change your point of view on life. This will feel great!

**SCORPIO:** Life is helping you out at the moment, Scorpio. You might chalk it up to some divine power. Whatever it is, your guardian angel is always by your side. Perhaps you'd like to begin something new in your life, like moving or changing lifestyles. At the moment you can do anything you want to do. It will all work out just fine!

**SAGITTARIUS:** Have you ever thought about writing or working for a company in which you can use your excellent communication skills, Sagittarius? The planetary alignment emphasizes writing and communication. It's time to show the

world that you have a gift and that people can count on you to do a great job. Think about the publishing business.

**CAPRICORN:** If you've been thinking of living somewhere else, Capricorn, today will push you to really want to move far away from the place you're living now. Such a move could have consequences for your work situation or family life. It may be time to think seriously about what's holding you back. Wouldn't the people closest to you be happy to go along?

**AQUARIUS:** You have a great day ahead of you, Aquarius. Everything will work out like

clockwork. By the end of the day, you'll still have the energy to do something fun with your evening. It's a wonderful day for group activities. If you aren't involved in any, why not try a sport, hobby, music, or art?

**PISCES:** You may have received some bad news concerning your finances, Pisces. This is probably the best day you could ask for out of the whole month to deal with these problems. If you want to come out of this situation a winner, it may be necessary to approach things from a different angle than usual. Rest assured that things will probably work out just fine.