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*Tomato prices soar to 60-70 per kg, govt keeping a tab*

**NEW DELHI, JUN 28 (PTI):**

Much to the discomfort of consumers, retail tomato prices in the national capital have skyrocketed by up to 65 per cent to Rs 60-70 per kg in a fortnight due to crop damage in producing states.

The prices have risen sharply in other metros as well.

Tomato is available at Rs 50 a kg in Kolkata, Rs 40-45 in Chennai and Rs 35-40 in Mumbai, trade data showed.

It is being sold at Rs 60 at Safal outlets run by Mother Dairy in the national capital and Rs 45-48 on online platforms of Grofers and Nature's Basket.

Meanwhile, the central government said the price rise in tomato is a "seasonal phenomena" and it is keeping a close watch on the price movement.

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*Army Chief to visit Sikkim tomorrow amid standoff with China*

**NEW DELHI, JUN 27 (PTI):**

Army Chief Gen. Bipin Rawat will visit Sikkim tomorrow in the backdrop of a standoff between Indian troops and Chinese army along the Sino-India border in the sensitive sector which is threatening to further strain the bilateral ties.

The Army chief will take stock of the operational matters and interact with top commanders in the formation headquarters of the force in the border state.

Gen Rawat's visit to Sikkim comes amid mounting tension between the two armies along the border in Sikkim following a scuffle between Indian troops and the personnel of China's People's Liberation Army in a remote area earlier this month.

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## HC affirms and upholds Golay's conviction in Animal Husbandry corruption case

**SUMMIT REPORT**

**GANGTOK, 28 JUN:**

The High Court of Sikkim today upheld the conviction of SKM president, PS Tamang (Golay), by the Special Court Prevention of Corruption Act in a corruption case dating back to his tenure as Animal Husbandry Minister of the first SDF Government in Sikkim in 1994-99.

Mr Tamang, it may be recalled was convicted by a lower court on 28 December, 2016, on charges of dishonest misappropriation of public property under Section 403 and criminal breach of trust under

Section 406 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. The case related to his tenure as the Animal Husbandry Minister and involved the distribution of milch cows. The covered the period 1996-97 and the misappropriation involved was to the tune of Rs. 9.50 lakhs.

Meanwhile, the High Court acquitted the co-accused, Til Bahadur Gurung, on one count, but upheld his conviction under another section of the PC Act. He was acquitted on charges framed under Section 403, but his guilt was affirmed by the High Court for charges drawn up under section 406.

However, Chief Justice Satish Kumar Agnihotri, in light of the advanced age of the co-accused, who is now 82 years old, reduced his sentence to simple imprisonment for a period of six months from the original one year awarded to him and reduced the fine component from Rs 10,000 to Rs 5,000.

While pronouncing the judgment in open court, the CJ pronounced today that the appeal preferred by Prem Singh Tamang "is dismissed".

The High Court also order also directed that the appellants be taken into custody

forthwith. Mr Tamang, it is learnt, is not in station, while the co-accused, it is informed, was taken into custody pending his bail to allow for a further appeal in the Supreme Court if they so desire.

Meanwhile, Mr Tamang in his response to the High Court decision, as per his message to SKM supporters, has called on upon them not to panic and informs that he will "further appeal in the Supreme Court and seek for justice there".

"I just received the news from the High Court of Sikkim and I honour the decision with my upmost respect to

the house of justice," he begins his message.

It may be recalled, that earlier this year, on 12 January, Mr Tamang had become the first MLA of Sikkim to be disqualified from his membership of the State Legislature following his conviction in a corruption case.

The case in question was registered by Sikkim Vigilance Directorate after the High Court of Sikkim had issued directions to it to investigate into the alleged misappropriation of government funds in the distribution of milch cows to the BPL families.

The High Court order had come after the then Sikkim Sangram Parishad leader Nar Bahadur Bhandari and Nuk Tshering Bhutia alias Melli Sonam had filed a Public Interest Litigation in the year 2003 levelling these allegations. It was then that the High Court of Sikkim had directed the Vigilance Directorate to register a case.

Finally, in 2010, Vigilance Police had filed a chargesheet against Mr Tamang and seven others, however, two were discharged while framing the charges, and three were acquitted by the designated PC Act Court.

## Bengali stakeholders of Sikkim tourism condemn targeting of Sikkimese in Siliguri

**SAGAR CHETTRI**

**GANGTOK, 28 JUN:**

Bengali businessmen engaged in the tourism sector in Sikkim have come out strongly with their condemnation of the recent incidents of attacks and vandalism of Sikkim vehicles in Siliguri.

Addressing a press conference here today, they said, "As we are safe and peacefully doing our business in Sikkim, we would like to appeal to the West Bengal government and the people there to extend the same love and safety to Sikkimese people in West Bengal."

They also stated that the present situation in North Bengal has also affected their business very badly. They inform that around 80% of the advance



booking for this tourist season have been cancelled so far in the wake of trouble in the neighbouring region.

"We would like to request the concerned authorities and our neighbors to keep the national highway open and safe for Sikkim," they said.

While condemning the recent attack on Sikkim vehicles, they appealed that vehicles and people for Sikkim should not be targeted in Siliguri.

"We have been working peacefully in Sikkim for a long time and the people here are very supportive and loving. So

we would like to request our government and the people to give the same love and safety to Sikkimese people in West Bengal," they said.

The press conference was addressed by Bijon Manna, Tilu Sarkar, Ashok Ghose and other stakeholders.

## GJM holds demonstration, hills remain tense

**DARJEELING (WB), JUNE 28 (PTI):**

The Gorkha Janmukti Morcha activists held fresh demonstrations today for 'Gorkhaland' as security forces kept a strict vigil in the hills which remained tense on the 14th day of the indefinite shutdown.

The Army, meanwhile, was withdrawn from the restive hills after the state government sought its pull-out.

The GJM supporters

had torched an office of the Gorkhaland Territorial Administration last night prompting the police to briefly detain two central committee members of the party, Samuel Gurung and RB Bhujel. Both were released after two hours.

Protesters also ransacked a panchayat office in Bijanbari area, 25 km from here early today.

The Army was withdrawn from the hills as

the state government sought its withdrawal, a defence spokesman said in Kolkata.

"Six columns of the Army were deployed in the hills on June 8 on requisition from the state government. The Army was withdrawn on June 24 as the state government sought its withdrawal," he said.

Internet services continued to remain suspended in the hills.

Hundreds of GJM supporters held demonstration at Chowkbazar with the security forces keeping a strict vigil.

Children in traditional dress were also seen in the demonstration. Some of them had "We want Gorkhaland" slogan written on their chests.

Tourism Minister and TMC leader Gautam Deb slammed the GJM for using children to serve their interests.

"Do children understand anything about Gorkhaland? It is a violation of the human rights. We condemn it," he said.

An all-party meeting is scheduled to be held in Kalimpong tomorrow to discuss the next course of action.

"We have demanded withdrawal of security forces from the hills and restoration of internet services but nothing has turn to pg02

## Bhutan issues demarche to China over PLA's road construction near Sikkim

**NEW DELHI, JUN 28 (PTI):**

Bhutan today said it has issued a demarche to China over the construction of a road towards its Army camp in Zomphri area of Doklam and asked Beijing to restore status quo by stopping the work immediately.

The demarche by Bhutan comes amidst the ongoing face-off between Indian and Chinese troops in the Doklam (also known as Donglang) area of the Sikkim sector.

"We have issued a demarche to China through its diplomatic mission here. Recently, the Chinese army (People's Liberation Army) started construction of a road towards Bhutanese Army camp at Zomphri in Doklam area which is in violation of an agreement between the two countries," Ambassador of Bhutan to India Vet-sop Namgyel told PTI.

"Doklam is a disputed territory and Bhutan has a written agreement with China that pending the final resolution of the boundary issue, peace and tranquillity should be maintained in the area," said Namgyel.

The Bhutanese envoy

also asserted that under the agreement, both Bhutan and China should refrain from unilaterally changing the status quo.

"We have asked China to stop the road construction," he said.

Meanwhile, China today virtually accused India of having a "hidden agenda" in the current military stand-off with it in the Sikkim sector where Beijing has a territorial dispute with Bhutan.

Taking a dig at India, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Lu Kang said that Bhutan is a universally recognised sovereign country.

Lu also hinted that India was objecting to China's efforts to build the road in Donglang area of the Sikkim sector on behalf of Bhutan which does not have diplomatic ties with Beijing.

"Hope countries can respect the sovereignty of the country. The China-Bhutan boundary is not delineated, no third party should interfere in this matter and make irresponsible remarks or actions," he said.

China had yesterday turn to pg02

## From Gorkhaland to GST, resistance rules

**SUDIPTA CHANDA**

**SILIGURI, 28 JUN:**

The season, it seems, is of bandhs, strikes, boycotts and denials.

The Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM) has trashed the Gorkhaland Territorial Administration (GTA) and continues with the hill bandh while its principal partner in the NDA, the BJP, has denied support to the statehood cause.

Opposing the Centre's "hurry" in implementing the Goods and Services Tax (GST), the Trinamool has decided to boycott GST's official launch 30 June midnight. Trinamool chief and West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee has made it public through social media.

Stating ground work for the GST

roll-out is incomplete; the CPI-M too has indicated it might not attend the launch function.

Also opposing the GST in its current form the country's textile sector has decided to observe a strike in protest. The West Bengal government has decided to support the strike.

When such negative mood seems to be on the rise throughout the country, the GJM fielded its most precious treasure on Wednesday to deal a blow for Gorkhaland.

Children are the most coveted wealth of any society. On Wednesday, Darjeeling witnessed a rally by children - from toddlers to adolescents, some in ethnic wear and others bare bodied and in shackles, voicing slo-

gans for Gorkhaland.

How wise is exposing children to a tense situation is something the organizers will do well to consider. Besides exposing them to danger, for conditions in stressful situations can spill out of control anytime, such exposure often leaves an indelible mark in a child's psyche and can affect its sensitivity. It is expected the risk factor will be borne in mind in such future adventures.

Against this backdrop the hill political parties would assemble on Thursday to discuss the course of the ongoing movement. Either the movement will gather further momentum as an outcome to the meeting, or it will show signs of tripping.

Much of the movement's future post Thursday will depend on how the GJM handles the rest of the political parties that support the Gorkhaland demand. If the handling is right, which means a percentage of the other parties' views will have to be respected; the movement will get a collective push.

And if the views and conditions of the rest of parties are ignored, the onus to carry forward the movement will be on the GJM alone. And, the first condition the GJM might receive from the others on Thursday is to end violence and the protracted bandh. Demand for the GJM MLAs and civic representatives to resign would also feature among the conditions. Much

would depend on how the GJM responds to the dual conditions.

Although not violent, the foothill areas are also showing signs of stress arising out of the hill movement. Last Sunday thousands took to the streets in Siliguri opposing the demand of a separate state in the hills.

The same is scheduled to happen again on Friday and this time on a larger scale with participation from the Dooars and adjacent Jalpaiguri indicating the apolitical movement has stirred public imagination and is catching up as a line of resistance.

Careful watch should be kept over both movements. There is no alternative to peaceful co-existence as it has always been.



## One booked under POCSO

GANGTOK, 28 JUN:

A 16-year-old minor girl was reportedly sexually assaulted by a 37-year-old man at Mangan, North Sikkim, reports Mangan Police Station. Investigations revealed that the crime took place on 27 Jun at Rangrang, North Sikkim. The victim later narrated the incident to her aunt who filed a case against the accused at Mangan police station. The accused, after a medical examination was formally brought under police custody. A case under Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 has been registered against him. The victim on the other hand is currently undergoing medical examination and is under her legal guardian's custody.

## Tomato prices soar to 60-70 per kg, govt keeping a tab

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able item. We are keeping a close watch on prices. The states have also been told to be vigilant so that there is no artificial shortage of supplies and price hike," Food and Consumer Affairs Minister Ram Vilas Paswan told PTI.

Even the price data maintained by the ministry also showed a sharp increase in prices of tomato in the last one week.

Wholesale traders in Delhi attributed the rising price trend in tomato to tight supplies owing to the crop damage because of rains in Haryana and other producing states.

"More than 70 per cent of the tomato crop has been damaged due to excess rains followed by heat in Haryana, one of the key suppliers of the produce to Delhi," said Ashok Kaushik, President of the Tomato Merchants Association in Azadpur, Asia's largest wholesale market for fruits and vegetables.

The tomato crop in some parts of Haryana has rotten because of the rains. So, the price for good quality tomato is high, he said, adding that some quantities are coming in from Shimla in Himachal Pradesh.

The supply shortage and price rise are also witnessed in other parts of the country, Kaushik said, adding that the tomato crop in some parts of South India has been damaged due to rains, leading to price increase.

"Prices quoted were so high that it was unviable to bring tomato from the South. In fact, UP and Maharashtra are supplying tomato to southern states at present," he said.

At Azadpur, tomato prices have jumped to Rs 20-50 depending on the quality. Prices a fortnight ago were ruling at Rs 5-15.

The country's tomato production is estimated to be higher by 15 per cent at 187 lakh tonnes in 2016-17 crop year (July- June), as per the government estimate.

# District Administration takes stock of essential commodities in West

GYALSHING, 28 JUN (IPR):

An emergency meeting in order to take stock of the supply of essential commodities in West district was conducted under the chairmanship of District Collector (West), Kapil Meena at Rabdentse today.

The meeting was attended by Senior Superintendent of Police, K. D. Shangderpa, Additional District Collector (West), Hondala Gyaltsen, Sub Divisional Magistrates of the district, District Civil Supplies Officer, District Project Officer (Land Revenue and District Management Department), Joint Directors from Agriculture and Horticulture Department and Animal Husbandry Livestock Fisheries and Veterinary Services Department, Regional Transport Officer, area officers along with the members of taxi drivers association.

The meeting discussed the stock position of essential commodities in the district. SDMs and



DCSO were directed to regularly inspect shops and regulate the rate charts of the commodities to avoid black marketing. The meeting also decided to maintain buffer stocks and to do rationing of the High Speed Diesel (HSD) and Motor Spirit (MS) in all petrol pumps on daily basis and 50 LPG cylinders to be stocked in each LPG store

in case of emergency.

RTO, West informed that two SNT buses and five taxis were regularly plying to Siliguri every day and the frequency will be increased as per public demand. He was directed to check the taxi fares and rate board to be displayed in all taxis from next month.

Joint Director, Horticulture informed that

there is no shortage of vegetables in the market so far with regular supply of organic vegetables from local farmers. Joint Director, AH & VS furnished the current stock position of meat supply and informed the house that a directive has been issued to all the meat vendors about the rates.

Directives were also given to the Sub Engi-

neer, Roads and Bridges Department for the maintenance of roads especially Khopa and Pechrek which are vulnerable during monsoon season. Issues like land compensation rates, sanitation of bazaar areas, checking of trade licenses, conducting of legal awareness camp in different schools were also discussed in the meeting.



## South launches Employee of the Month initiative

SUMMIT REPORT

NAMCHI, 28 JUN:

Deputy Director Tourism (South), Anita Rai has been selected as the employee of the month for July, 2017. 'Employee of the Month' is a unique concept initiated under the guidance of District Collector (South), Raj Yadav to recognize and reward the efforts of employees from the South District Administration.

The selection for the employee of the month is done by the executive committee of officers club which is headed by

Mr Yadav, a press release informs.

Ms Rai has been chosen due to her efficient measures in exercising her duties and especially for recovering all the dues amounting to Rs 25,57,089 of rented properties of Tourism department pending since many years.

Additionally, the Tourism Deputy Director's photo will be displayed at the office of the South District Administrative Centre; she will also be presented with an appreciation letter, informs the release.

## SBS Yuksam gets Core Banking facilities

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 28 JUN:

State Bank of Sikkim, Yuksam has finally got Core Banking facilities which enable customers to operate their accounts, and avail banking services from any branch of the Bank, regardless of where he or she maintains the account.

The system was inaugurated by Area MLA, Sonam Dadul Bhutia & Zilla Upadhyaksha, L.P. Kafley, on 26 Jun, a press release informs.

While inaugurating the system Mr Bhutia stressed on the possibilities in linking SBS-Yuksam with other nationalized banks. Linking of the banks would help people in benefitting from centrally sponsored schemes, he stated further adding that the bank should also provide micro funding for young entrepreneurs of Yuksam-Tashiding.



## Army Chief to visit Sikkim tomorrow amid standoff with China

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latest face-off is understood to have had a link to Donglang, a narrow but strategically important tri-junction of India, China and Bhutan.

Official sources described Gen Rawat's visit as routine.

During the two-day-long visit, Gen. Rawat will travel to a number of other formation headquarters in the Northeast and review various operational matters in the region -- a strategically key region having most of the 3,488-km-long border with China.

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

China has accused Indian troops of "crossing the boundary" in the Sikkim sector.

kim section and demanded their immediate withdrawal, while asserting that it has shut down the Nathu La pass entry for Indian pilgrims travelling to Kailash Mansarovar because of the border standoff.

China also said that it has lodged diplomatic protests with India, both in New Delhi and Beijing, alleging that the Indian troops trespassed into Chinese territory in the Sikkim sector.

The Indian Army has not commented on the face-off.

Chinese defence ministry spokesman Ren Guoqiang said on Monday that recently China has begun the construction of a road in Donglang region, but was stopped by Indian troops crossing the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

## GJM holds demonstration, hills remain tense

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been done. So we will discuss how the agitation can be intensified," a top GJM leader said.

The police and security forces patrolled the streets and kept a tight vigil on all entry and exit routes.

Barring pharmacies, all shops, schools, colleges were closed.

In few areas of Dar-

jeeling GJM supporters burnt copies of the GTA accord.

The GTA agreement was signed by the Centre, the state government and the GJM in 2011 following a prolonged unrest in the hills.

The GJM said that its 45 members had resigned from the GTA last week and the administrative body had ceased to exist.

## Bhutan issues demarche to China over PLA's road construction...

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lodge a protest with India over the alleged "crossing of boundary" by its troops in the Sikkim section and demanded their immediate withdrawal.

It had also linked future visits of pilgrims to Kailash Mansarovar to India "withdrawing the troops" from the area.



## SISCO's first ATM in South district inaugurated

GANGTOK, 28 JUN (IPR):

Sikkim State Cooperative Bank Limited, Namchi inaugurated its first Automated Teller Machine (ATM) for the district at Namchi today.

District Collector (South), Raj Kumar Yadav along with Senior Superintendent of Police (South), Pratap Pradhan

inaugurated the ATM.

SISCO assistant general manager highlighted the bank's achievements in agriculture and allied sectors like Kishan Credit Card (KCC) and Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Schemes. He also said that the bank would be soon providing micro ATM to various societies.

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**Gangtok on Thursday, 29 June**  
**Temp:** 25°C / 19°C  
**Forecast:** Some sun, then turning cloudy with a couple of showers and a thunderstorm.  
**Sunrise:** 04:43 AM  
**Sunset:** 06:34 PM

## Not in my name, citizens say, in protests against lynching

**NEW DELHI, JUN 28 (PTI):** Dear Ma, I am home. You wanted me to buy new clothes in Delhi, but fate has landed me in heaven, where you don't have marauding mobs. I am home. Yours, Junaid.

There was not a dry eye at Delhi's Jantar Mantar when 22-year-old Mohammed Asaruddin read out from what he called his brother Junaid's "letter to his mother from heaven", at a citizens' protest here today.

Asaruddin's voice quivered as he read out the lines in Hindi from a makeshift dais, set against the backdrop of a "lynch map of India", highlighting the places where people had been lynched in the country since 2015. The letter, he said, had been penned by a journalist friend.

"Even I was called a terrorist in college. This issue is of identity and we have reached a point where we are having to conceal skull caps and other symbols that define Islam," Asaruddin said.

Hundreds of people from Delhi joined the protest, called "Not In My Name", held six days after the 17-year-old Junaid was killed by a mob on board a Mathura-bound train.

Simultaneous protests were held in several other cities, and are also slated to be held elsewhere in the world, the organisers said.

Among the protesters in Delhi were ordinary citizens, as well as leaders from the Congress, JD(U), AAP and the CPI.

Students and artistes voiced their resistance against what the organisers called a "climate of fear" in the country through poetry, plays, songs and posters which carried messages such as "Not In My Name, Not In Anyone's name" and "Muslim Lives matter, All lives matter".

Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, Congress leader Randeep Surjewala, JD(U)'s K C Tyagi and CPI's D Raja were among the politicians present there.

Singer Rabbi Shergill was also there, and was among the performers.

"We are outraged at the systematic violence. The state has done nothing; there has been a deafening silence from the powers that be," said filmmaker Saba Dewan, whose Facebook post last week triggered an outpouring of solidarity from across the country -- and elsewhere -- culminating in spontaneous country-wide demonstrations.

Congress chief spokesperson Surjewala said the "recurrence of mob lynchings" showed

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# Darj bandh causing hike in vegetable prices in Sikkim

**KESANG DOMA BHUTIA**

**GANGTOK, 28 JUN:**

In a meeting between vegetable wholesalers and the Food and Civil Supplies Department on Tuesday, new wholesale rates for essential commodities were fixed and the new rate chart was put up today. The new rates factor in the hike in prices due to the ongoing bandh in Darjeeling.

Sikkim is completely dependent on NH10 for transporting essential supplies and since it

Sl No	Vegetables	Wholesale Rate	Retail Rate
1	Potato	15 per kg	18 per kg
2	Onion	19 per kg	24 per kg
3	Tomato	17 per kg	22 per kg
4	Brinjal	28 per kg	32 per kg
5	Okra	20 per kg	25 per kg
6	Green Chilly	50 per kg	60 per kg
7	Peas	25 per kg	30 per kg
8	Butter Bean	25 per kg	30 per kg
9	Lablab	25 per kg	30 per kg
10	Cucumber	22 per kg	28 per kg

shares the highway with Darjeeling, any distur-

bance in the neighbourhooding hills inadvertently

affects the state as well. The ongoing unrest

regarding Gorkhaland has meant higher transportation costs for wholesalers here. Wholesaler at Lal Bazaar, Sunil Kumar Prasad, says that prior to the bandh he used to get supplies from Siliguri five days a week but now supply has gone down to once a week. His last delivery was the day before but as of now his shop is well stocked.

Another wholesaler, Upendra Rajrat rued about the transportation problem as well. Vehicles willing to transport sup-

plies are few and they are asking for double the normal price, he informs.

It is due to this that prices of vegetables have gone up, they inform.

"We have to pay Rs 5 more per kg of vegetables and fruits where earlier we had to pay only Rs 2 per kg," says Mr Prasad.

Mr Rajrat informs that the rate of tomatoes in the market right now is Rs 60 per kg. The supply comes from Bangalore and the rate might increase in days to come, he adds.

## HRDD not following norms in Asst Prof recruitment alleges SUSA

**NITESH R PRADHAN**

**GANGTOK, 28 JUN:**

Sikkim University Students Union (SUSA) has accused the Human Resources Development Department of not following proper norms in recruiting Assistant Professors in the Government Colleges of Sikkim.

The official notice [Memo.No. 126/Dir(HE)/HRDD, dated-24/06/2017] issued by HRDD states that interview notified in Memo. No. 93/Dir(HE)/HRDD, dated-15/06/2017 stands cancelled and it has been decided to appoint the candidates as per merit on the basis of their marks obtained in the Post Graduation (PG) level.

"By considering only the marks of PG as a sole criterion for the post of Assistant Professor (be it in ad-hoc basis), HRDD has invited criticism. It suggests that this most important educational Department gives less priority to higher degrees like M.Phil, Ph.D. and candidates with NET/SLET certificates," reads the press release issued by the students union.

It also held that the marks of PG can be considered as one of the criteria but not the sole criteri-

on to select a candidate.

It further adds that the marks in PG do not define the person's teaching ability and skills. For recruitment of Graduate Teachers in Schools, there are criteria like Bachelors in Education (B.Ed) and Teachers Eligibility Test (TET).

"Candidates with Doctorate of Philosophy (Ph.D)/ Master of Philosophy (M.Phil)/National Eligibility Test/State Level Eligibly Test must be prioritized as well as an interview," said SUSA president, Patrush Lepcha.

He also said that teaching is a noble profession and Assistant Professor is a reputed post even if it is on adhoc basis, therefore, it demands a proper recruitment system so that the students get better lecturers, otherwise the future of the young generation of Sikkim is at stake.

"This is a humble request from students to the higher authorities of HRDD to reconsider this decision and to conduct fair interview with proper criteria and guidelines for the betterment of students of different colleges of Sikkim and for the future of Sikkim as a whole," he said.



## SAATHI conducts 10th offsite training camp for students

**SUMMIT REPORT**

**GANGTOK, 28 JUN:**

Sikkim Against Addiction Towards Healthy India (SAATHI), a project initiative under Chief Minister's Youth Empowerment Mission, 2013 conducted its 10th offsite training camp for 117 students from four government schools of the state.

The participating schools were Mamring Senior Secondary School,

Namcheybong Senior Secondary School, Damthang Senior Secondary School and Dikling Senior Secondary School. The camp was held from the 24-26 Jun, a press release informs.

SAATHI has been conducting the camp to curb drug abuse issues amongst the school going students at Indian Himalayan Centre for Adventure and Eco-Tourism (IHCAE) in Chemchey, South

Sikkim. During the camp the students were accompanied by their respective teacher coordinators including members from SAATHI project team.

Various motivational and technical sessions on drugs along with informative, fun and physical activities were conducted by organizers with the students during the three-day event, says the release.



### MOBILE CANTEENS COME TO SINGTAM

**SINGTAM, 28 JUN:** Serving delicious snacks at your doorstep are these 'mobile canteens' run by women. A common sight in Gangtok, these canteens have recently popped up at Singtam as well. One of the sellers, who is popularly known as 'Bari', can be seen in this photo selling snacks at New Market, Singtam. [Yogen Thatal]

## Tribals protest manner of FRA implementation in Odisha

**BHUBANESWAR, JUN 28 (PTI):**

Hundreds of tribals and forest dwellers today staged a demonstration here protesting the manner in which the Odisha government is implementing the Forest Rights Act, 2006.

The agitators under the banner of Campaign for Survival and Dignity (CSD), raised slogan demanding empowerment of Gram Sabha (village committee), declaration of forested villages as revenue villages and stop

plantation on agricultural fields among others.

The CSD leaders said the agitation was organised to protest against the forest department for allegedly doing plantation over the occupied forest lands in different districts and for launching anti-FRA 'Ama Jungle Yojana', 'Banayana' and JICA Project."

They alleged that while the state government had been saying that it was the number

one state in terms of settling claims, the administration had undermined the authority of the 'Gram Sabha' and haphazardly issued titles without demarcation and even application and approval of the Gram Sabhas.

They also alleged that most of the CFR (Community Forest Rights) claims filed by Gram Sabhas were mostly pending for disposal since years together in all districts.

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## Not in my name, citizens say, in protests against lynching

**NEW DELHI, JUN 28 (PTI):** Dear Ma, I am home. You wanted me to buy new clothes in Delhi, but fate has landed me in heaven, where you don't have marauding mobs. I am home. Yours, Junaid.

There was not a dry eye at Delhi's Jantar Mantar when 22-year-old Mohammed Asaruddin read out from what he called his brother Junaid's "letter to his mother from heaven", at a citizens' protest here today.

Asaruddin's voice quivered as he read out the lines in Hindi from a makeshift dais, set against the backdrop of a "lynch map of India", highlighting the places where people had been lynched in the country since 2015. The letter, he said, had been penned by a journalist friend.

"Even I was called a terrorist in college. This issue is of identity and we have reached a point where we are having to conceal skull caps and other symbols that define Islam," Asaruddin said.

Hundreds of people from Delhi joined the protest, called "Not In My Name", held six days after the 17-year-old Junaid was killed by a mob on board a Mathura-bound train.

Simultaneous protests were held in several other cities, and are also slated to be held elsewhere in the world, the organisers said.

Among the protesters in Delhi were ordinary citizens, as well as leaders from the Congress, JD(U), AAP and the CPI.

Students and artistes voiced their resistance against what the organisers called a "climate of fear" in the country through poetry, plays, songs and posters which carried messages such as "Not In My Name, Not In Anyone's name" and "Muslim Lives matter, All lives matter".

Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, Congress leader Randeep Surjewala, JD(U)'s K C Tyagi and CPI's D Raja were among the politicians present there.

Singer Rabbi Shergill was also there, and was among the performers.

"We are outraged at the systematic violence. The state has done nothing; there has been a deafening silence from the powers that be," said filmmaker Saba Dewan, whose Facebook post

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## Adventurous Future

*Schools in Sikkim could experiment with one more subject*

One of the more interesting enterprises of the skill development programme of the State Government was the adventure course the Sports & Youth Affairs Department took to different corners of the State and then handpicked some for onwards advanced training. The products of that initiative one gets to occasionally see bobbing across the Gangtok horizon on their paragliding runs. The original initiative was interesting since even youth in places still not on the tourism map were trained in adventure sports. And it was interesting not just for the skills imparted and the potential self-employment opportunities but also for the healthy adrenaline rush that the course introduced the young to. The skill development initiative appears to be dulling, and one has not really heard of future engagements on this line, but it would be worthwhile for the Human Resource Development Department to pick up from where the Sports & Youth Affairs Department left off – seriously consider introducing adventure sports as part of the regular curriculum of schools in Sikkim.

For one, such an experiment will not only involve the already trained youth gainfully, but could also contribute more to the future generations than half-baked computer classes or poorly defined environment sciences. The youth already trained in adventure sports should be invited to form clubs which could then open memberships to schools, essentially rural schools. They can charge a nominal membership fees and the students who sign up can be taken through the ropes of adventure options every fortnight. On longer breaks and vacations, these clubs could take students on proper treks or adventure sports excursions. Sounds simple enough and all it requires is for the HRDD to allow the trained youth to enter schools. It would have been wonderful if they also could be employed, but just access should do for now.

How does this help?

To begin with, the students get to do something exciting in school for once. That's a fine achievement in itself. The more important contribution would be the boost that confidence levels can receive with adventure sports. It is now an established fact and even management courses advise adventure sports to increase the confidence levels of trainees. The other advantage would be involvement. The students, when they trek through forests or climb rock faces or white water down the Teesta (wherever hydel projects still allow the river such a rush any more) will receive an intimate introduction to what Sikkim is. They will then learn to appreciate the environment more, care for it more, become more responsible towards it. Few textbooks can deliver these enhancements; it just might be worthwhile to make adventure sports an optional activity in schools here.

V GANGADHARAN

CHENNAI, JUN 28 (PTI): None would believe Mohammed Yusuf and Abdul Shakoor are rag pickers.

They are among 94 Rohingya Muslim refugees from Myanmar living near here after fleeing their home land in 2012 amid deadly sectarian violence that had displaced tens of thousands of their community members.

Neatly dressed and, clean shaven, the duo present a picture of contrast to the squalor all around their dwelling unit, a ramshackle government-run cyclone shelter at Kelambakkam on the city outskirts.

The refugees belong to 19 families comprising 47 children, 25 women and 22 men.

Thankful to the government for providing them shelter, the refugees, many of whom are doing odd jobs including rag picking for livelihood, are looking for better accommodation and gainful employment.

Besides, the men folk say they could get job as truck drivers if the government granted them driving licence.

The refugees live in a ground plus one shelter known as 'round building' locally indicating its circular shape.

They have apportioned the space in the shelter for each of the family by turning clothes as "walls," albeit in a messy fashion with things strewn around with flies swarming everywhere.

Each family has a traditional earthen kitchen on the open ground where they use twigs and fire wood.

While six families live on ground floor, eight are on the first floor and five have put up shacks on open ground around the building. Electricity bill is borne by the government and water is available too.

Mild-dark complexioned and several of them wheatish, one would believe they are local Tamils but for their distinctive language 'Rohingya', with a liberal mix of Urdu and Hindi.

Yusuf recounts the pain of leaving their homeland when violence and rioting escalated in 2012.

"My sister was arrested and is still in jail there and several were dead in clashes and we decided to flee to Bangladesh, fearing for our lives," he told PTI.

Recalling the arduous journey to Bangladesh by boat and from there to a West Bengal border hamlet, he says their group of 94 moved on to Kolkata, later boarded a train to Chennai.

All along their journey, they had

## Rohingyas in TN: Picking up pieces, rebuilding lives



to give handsome money to 'dalals, (brokers), he says.

"We arrived in Tamil Nadu in 2012 and were roaming here and there, doing odd jobs," he says, adding their "tryst with nomadic life" ended when police caught them by the end of 2014.

"Police and local officials brought us here. The only condition that was imposed on us was we should not associate ourselves with local politics or political parties," he says.

Before they arrived at the cyclone shelter, they had stayed put at several neighbourhoods in coastal Kanchipuram like Tiruppur.

Profusely thanking the government for giving them a 'pucca building,' Syed Alam, a butcher in a local meat outlet says we request the government to give us better accommodation, since this place has just two toilets and cramped."

While Syed Alam is seconded by all others, Shakoor says several men have one more request, which is a driving licence.

He says if they get a driving licence they could find employment as truck drivers, "a job which has good demand."

On the requests of Rohingyas, a senior State government official told PTI that it may take some time to respond in view of norms involved in respect of refugees.

Interestingly, several of the menfolk were fishers back in Myanmar.

Yusuf and Shakoor had to take to rag picking as they had little else to do when they arrived here. They and others do several odd jobs apart from rag picking.

Pointing to fish carts known locally as meen body vandi parked around the building, they say they ferry construction material, rubble or whatever 'cargo,' comes their way.

Located right on the arterial Vandalur-Kelambakkam Road, close to the Information Technology corridor on the OMR (Old Mahabalipuram Road), the shelter is bang opposite the local Government Primary Health Centre where the refugees go in case they were ill.

"If needed, the hospital sends the patients in ambulances to district hospital for better care, there is worry on the healthcare front," Yusuf and others say.

On what vocation they had pursued while back in Myanmar, Yusuf says he used to do 'trading of wares,' while several were labourers, small traders, and others were fishermen.

Praising the local Tamils as a very helpful and caring lot, he says 'we are also able to do Namaaz here properly unlike back home' and points to a makeshift hut abutting the shelter which is 'our mosque.'

The local masjid and Muslims are

lending a helping hand to them.

Hafiz Usman, a 23-year old youth is the 'Maulvi,' who teaches the Koran, besides Arabic and Urdu to the children. He stays put in the shelter and also takes care of our children whenever needed. We pay him a honorarium plus grocery, Shakoor says.

On communicating in the local language Usman says, we are picking up words like Akka (sister), Anna (brother) and trying to learn Tamil."

Yusuf and others pitch in saying 'our children who go to balwadi and local school are quite conversant in Tamil.'

Womenfolk, too shy to talk and busy with daily chores thanked local officials and UNHCR for helping them get Aadhar' cards.

However, a section of them are yet to get Aadhar though they have registered seeking it.

The refugees who hail from regions including Maungdan in Myanmar, have registered with the Foreigners Registration Office (Police Superintendent), in Kancheepuram and have a Residential Permit issued by the authorities.

M Ponnusamy, among a local 'Anna (brother),' who helps the refugees says they are good people who work hard to make a living.

He said "some NGOs, and philanthropists are also helping them. Years ago there used to be Sri Lankan Tamils, now Rohingyas are here.

## Cash is falling out of fashion will it disappear forever?

BHASKAR CHAKRAVORTI

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On June 27, the ATM turned 50. Former U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker once described it as the "only useful innovation in banking." But today, the cash that ATMs dispense may be on the endangered list.

Cash is being displaced in so many ways that it's hard to keep track. There are credit cards and electronic payments; apps such as Venmo, PayPal and Square Cash; mobile payments services; cryptocurrencies that operate outside the purview of central banks; and localized offerings such as Kenya's mPesa, India's Paytm and Bangladesh's bKash. These innovations are encouraging cashlessness across communities worldwide.

It's reasonable to expect cash to follow the path of other goods that have been replaced by digital alternatives, such as photos, music and movies. Will cash – and the ATMs that dispense it – experience a "Blockbuster" moment and disappear from our neighborhoods?

Not so fast. Cash will likely become less popular, thanks to the high cost of using cash and the growing array of alternatives. But I expect it will remain with us forever. The future will be "less cash," rather than cashless.

### THE COST OF CASH

As of 2013, approximately 85 percent of the world's transactions involved cash.

Reliance on cash is quite uneven across the world. While Singapore, the Netherlands, France, Sweden and Switzerland are among the least cash-reliant countries, in Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Peru and Egypt, only 1 percent of transactions are cashless. Even some highly advanced countries, such as Japan, are still highly reliant on cash.

Cash usage in the U.S. is still high relative to EU countries. In 2015, cash usage in



the U.S. represented 13.1 percent of its GDP, whereas it represented just 7.1 percent in France and 4.5 percent in Switzerland.

Concerns about social equity offer one motivation for lawmakers to push for cashless alternatives. My colleague Benjamin Mazzotta and I have studied the costs of cash across a wide range of countries, with a particular focus on the U.S., Mexico, Egypt and India. Our research shows that the poor and those with less access to institutions bear a disproportionate share of these costs of using cash.

In the U.S., for example, cash usage imposes a regressive tax on consumers, with the highest impact on people who do not have an account with a bank. We found that the unbanked pay four times more in fees to access their money than those with bank accounts. They also pay US\$4 higher fees per month for cash access on average than those with formal financial services. Such fees include those charged for payday lending, buy-here-pay-here auto loans and check cashing. The unbanked have a five times higher

risk of paying cash access fees on payroll and EBT cards.

Poorer consumers also have to spend far more time getting cash. On average, Americans spend 28 minutes a month traveling to get cash, but that time isn't evenly distributed. People who don't use a bank spend about five minutes longer getting to the place where they can get cash, and unemployed people spent nearly nine minutes more.

In the meantime, other scholars have argued for the benefits of a "less cash" society. Ken Rogoff at Harvard has argued that eliminating higher-denomination banknotes can prevent currency from being used to fund illegal activities.

### A WORLD WITHOUT CASH

A combination of public and private initiatives are currently chipping away at the global predominance of cash, with some countries moving more quickly than others.

Sweden, already high on the cashlessness scale, may become the first country to come close to a truly cashless state. Sweden's history in banks promoting cash

alternatives dates back to the 1960s, with digital bank transfers used to pay wages. Cards also become more popular in the 1990s, when banks also started charging a fee for checks. The app, Swish, developed by the major banks, is widely used today for digital money transfers by nearly half the population. Many businesses discourage use of cash, and retailers are legally allowed to refuse cash.

In several other countries, governments are experimenting with innovative digital alternatives. In 2012, the Royal Canadian Mint launched the MintChip project, recently handed over to the private sector. The plan is to store cash on computer chips, enabling the transfer of money between chips through encrypted messages.

In some countries, the private sector has led the way, creating "less cash" societies in the unlikeliest of places. Consider Somaliland, one of the poorest countries in the world. It stands at the forefront of a mobile payment revolution with its ZAAD platform. At over 30 mobile payment transactions a month on average, the average citizen of Somaliland is far ahead of the rest of the world's average of 8.5 such transactions per capita per month.

Perhaps the most dramatic nudge toward "less cash" was experienced recently in India. Last November, the Indian government made a high-risk, high-stakes move by demonetizing the 500 and 1,000 rupee banknotes, in effect voiding 86 percent of cash in circulation. Their initial aim was to root out corruption and illegal activity funded by cash. New 500 and 2,000 rupee banknotes were issued, so consumers had to go to a bank and exchange their demonetized currency.

In a country that is almost 90 percent reliant on cash, this move led to disrupted enterprises, unpaid wages and long lines at banks. Mobile wallet players were the unqualified

winners of the decision, with market leader Paytm claiming a 435 percent increase in traffic and a 250 percent increase in overall transactions and transaction value.

However, despite the surge in mobile payments after demonetization, cash in India remains resilient. In March, five months after demonetization, cash withdrawals were actually 0.6 percent higher than a year earlier.

### THE FUTURE OF CASH

What explains the resilience of cash, despite its costs and a growing array of alternatives? Cash is unique among payment instruments in that anyone can transact, any time, any place, with no third parties involved. With this freedom comes strong privacy protection. Currency neither knows nor cares who holds it or when and where a transaction occurred. People have a visceral sense of security when they have cash with them. Much of this sentiment was uncovered in our Cost of Cash studies spanning multiple countries.

These thresholds will, of course, evolve as our societies become more digitally native. However, old habits and perceptions take a long time to turn over. Some merchants will resist the costs of new equipment or fees that accompany cash alternatives. Cash is also considered more convenient and versatile, while with digital transactions there's always concerns about hacking and fraud.

So, no matter where we are in the world, let us celebrate the ATM's half-century of service. The human connection with cash will be hard to break. Though cash may become less popular, rest assured that there will always be someone who will stop you in the street asking for directions to the nearest ATM.

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There is only one agenda, Gorkhaland: Neeraj Zimba

**REBYNA RANA**  
**GANGTOK, 28 JUN:** It has been several days since the Gorkha Janmukti Morcha called for an indefinite strike demanding a separate state of Gorkhaland. There has been the occasional collapse into violence and several incidents of arson, but the people have, by and large, participated in passionate by peaceful protest rallies. The bandh, however continues, and it is now more than a fortnight since the shops have remained closed, hotels shut, businesses stalled, and ATMs cashless.

SummitTimes had a telephonic conversation with Gorkha National Liberation Front [GNLF] spokesperson,

Neeraj Zimba about the issue. Excerpts:

**How long can we expect the bandh to continue? With pressure from Siliguri protestors and now the shortage of daily commodities, how much longer can Darjeeling endure?**  
**NEERAJ ZIMBA:** It is not a big pressure as we have a long history of surviving tough situations. This is nothing compared to when GNLF called a 40-day strike in 1986 and the people supported it. I think that was tough, but we managed to survive somehow, didn't we?

**What role can the other parties play towards the**



movement even though it is led by Bimal Gurung?

It was 2007 when he [Gurung] floated Gorkha Janmukti Morcha and led the movement but now it has become a people's movement and the movement is led by the people, not him. People will choose their leader. All political and non-political organizations have a very decisive and major role to play.

**What can be done apart from strike and rallies only?**  
There are lots of things that can be done. First, we all need to come together in a concrete shape and for that we must attend the all-party meeting scheduled to be held on 29 June. After that we can all work towards the movement in a more cohesive manner.

**Will the agitation go on for more months?**  
It depends upon the central government and how they respond to our call. If they reciprocate our feelings then it is good otherwise the movement will continue.

**What is the next plan of action?**  
Discussing and chartering the formation of an all-Gorkha party which will be decided on 29 June hopefully.

**What about the agenda?**  
There's only one agenda which is "Gorkhaland", within the parameters of the Constitution of India.

TMC not to attend GST rollout programme: Mamata

**KOLKATA, JUN 28 (PTI):** West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee today said her party TMC will not attend the GST roll-out programme on June 30 midnight as she flayed the "unnecessary hurry" to roll it out.

The TMC supremo termed the GST roll-out as another "epic blunder" by the Centre.

"Our Parliamentary Party has decided not to attend the 30th June, 2017 midnight programme at Parliament House to celebrate GST, as a mark of protest," she said.

"We are deeply concerned about GST implementation. After #demonetisation, this unnecessary disastrous hurry is another epic blunder of the Centre", she said on Facebook.

"We have been for GST from the beginning but are very worried now with the way the Central Government is going ahead with the implementation", she said.

"Our repeated suggestions to take some more time to properly implement GST have fallen on deaf ears. The entire business community, especially the small and medium ones, are scared and confused.

"Only 60 hours are left before this ill-planned launch and no one knows for sure what's happening!", she said.

"Essential commodities such as medicines are not available in many places and prices of various commodities are rising for lack of clarity and mismanagement", she said.

Banerjee said, "We have always been fighting for maintaining the federal structure of the country, even if Bengal at times was the lone voice and conscience of the GST Council".

She said, "There are almost 20 different taxes in the present tax regime and we felt that one single tax and integration of all markets across the country will provide big relief to all".

Having a dig at the BJP, she said, "The current ruling party at the Centre had initially strongly opposed GST for over 7 years and suddenly did a somersault on coming to office as a champion of GST".

Banerjee said that the economy is not yet ready to face the GST from July 1. The 3-day strike declared by the textile industries in the country was the evidence of "our deep concerns on the lack of preparedness".

"Small business entities are not yet ready with basic requirements like invoice, accounting system, IT system, etc.

Another piece of evidence of unpreparedness comes from the fact that the 'Return Form' had to be simplified for the first 6 months as all systems are not in place.

"It is shocking that the e-Waybill System is not yet designed and states are being asked to run their own systems as a stopgap arrangement", she said.

"We feel, at least six months will further be necessary to notify all rules and procedures and give enough time to the stakeholders, particularly the small and medium enterprises to successfully implement the GST.

"Otherwise, a chaotic situation may arise in our vast economy for which the Government of India will be primarily responsible", she said.

The West Bengal chief minister expressed hope that the voices of the people and businesses will be heard by the Centre.



Demand for integration of whole Naga-inhabited areas difficult at present: Liezietsu

**KOHIMA, JUN 28 (PTI):** Nagaland Chief Minister Sh rhozelie Liezietsu today said the demand for integration of the whole Naga-inhabited areas may be difficult at present.

The demand for integration of the whole Naga-inhabited areas may be difficult at present but coming together under the umbrella of the Naga People's Front (NPF) could be the first step to integrate the people emotionally and politically, Liezietsu said addressing a meeting of NPF Arunachal Pradesh state unit here.

The Chief Minister also said that the NPF party should be introduced not only to all the Naga inhabited areas but to all tribal areas in the region stating that this will be the first step towards integrating the tribal people of the region.

Liezietsu cited that after introducing NPF party to Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh, Naga people living in the two states can now feel a sense of belongingness as one Naga family.

Advising the party leaders from Arunachal Pradesh to work hard, the CM said that the NPF must participate in the next Arunachal Pradesh government so as to address the developmental issues faced by the Naga people in that state.

He urged the Arunachal Pradesh NPF party leaders present at the meeting to take the torch of leadership and spread the good news of the NPF party to their state that only through NPF the voice of the Naga people can be heard in the government.

In Manipur, the NPF has four MLAs, he said and appealed that the Naga people of Arunachal must send their representative in the next formation of Arunachal government.

He reminded the gathering that in the event of the NPF party succeeding to gain entry in three Assemblies, the party would be

Odisha develops flood forecasting model, drought monitoring

**BHUBANESWAR, JUN 28 (PTI):** The Odisha government has developed a Real Time Flood Forecasting Model for the entire Mahanadi river basin and set up a State Drought Monitoring Centre (SDMC).

"This flood forecasting model will help us in accomplishing better flood control and its management through early warning systems in the Mahanadi basin which has special relevance and greater significance in the context of climate change," Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik said at a function today.

The model is sup-

ported by the State Climate Change Innovation programme, Patnaik said adding that Odisha is vulnerable to multiple types of disasters due to its topography, river networks, sub-tropical littoral location.

The state has 11 river basins and Mahanadi basin is the largest inter-state river basin.

Stating that Odisha was the first state in the country to implement Climate Change Action plan, Patnaik said the water resources department should continue to work on improving the efficiency of the model and train its staff in a better way so

that its outcome can be utilised in planning and support system.

Patnaik also thanked the DFID for providing full support to the state for developing this Real Time Flood Forecasting Model.

Chief Secretary A P Padhi last night announced the setting up of the State Drought Monitoring Centre. The SDMC will operate at Odisha State Disaster Management Authority (OSDMA) office here with the aim of accomplishing flawless assessment and management of drought situation in the State.

An expert committee,

under the chairmanship of OSDMA Managing Director P K Mohapatra, has been formed for the purpose. Weather experts, hydrologists, agriculture scientists, soil experts are members of this committee.

On the functioning of the State Drought Monitoring Centre, the OSDMA MD Mohapatra said that the state government has signed an agreement with Karnataka State Disaster Management Centre for technical support on monitoring drought in Odisha.

As per the plan, data on weather condition, rainfall and humidity of

soil at field level would be recorded every week of the year. Weekly report on the condition of paddy fields would also be collected, Mohapatra said.

This apart, damage caused due to drought would be assessed after analysing these reports, Mohapatra said adding that telemetric automated odometers will be installed at several locations across the state.

Once this system is implemented, there would be qualitative improvement in drought assessment, assistance to farmers, crop insurance and drought management, Mohapatra said.

SBM Gold office inaugurated in Siliguri

**SUMMIT REPORT**  
**GANGTOK, 28 JUN:** Praveen Agarwal and Manoj Sarawgi inaugurated SBM Gold office which deals in High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) and Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) pipes at Gem House, Sevoke Road, Siliguri on Tuesday, a press release informs.

Currently, the unit is manufacturing HDPE Pipes ranging from 20-315 millimeters , PVC pipes ranging from 40-200 millimeters , garden pipes in all sizes and water tanks with 200-5000 liters capacity.

"Our main motto is to provide high quality products to consumers and best the benchmarks put by international brands," the duo said.



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SLIPS START AMBUSHING NH10

**KALIMPONG, 28 JUN:** Many small landslides were reported today between Setijhora and Sevoke along National Highway-10. Massive jams came up on either side of these slides disrupting traffic.

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last week triggered an outpouring of solidarity from across the country -- and elsewhere -- culminating in spontaneous countrywide demonstrations.

Congress chief spokesperson Surjewala said the “recurrence of mob lynchings” showed the “intent” of the BJP-led government at the Centre.

“The prime minister should speak out. If the government is competent enough then it should punish the perpetrators.

Instead it is protecting them by staying mute,” Surjewala said.

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Among the many students in the protest meet in Delhi was 25-year-old Vishnu.

“I am against mob lynchings, whether they are in Haryana or Kashmir. Incidents like these will destroy the secular fabric of our country. Such protests help build solidarities,” he said.

# FIFA discloses damaging Qatar World Cup bid report

LAUSANNE, JUN 28 (AFP): FIFA has released a long-withheld report on alleged corruption in awarding the 2022 World Cup to Qatar after more leaks deepened the controversy surrounding the vote.

World football’s governing body had previously declined to publish in full the 400-page report into awarding the 2018 World Cup to Russia and the 2022 edition to Qatar drawn up by US independent investigator Michael Garcia.

But FIFA’s hand was forced when German tabloid newspaper Bild said it had obtained the full report and released extracts on Monday, including revelations that a 10-year-old daughter of one FIFA member had received USD 2 million in her bank account.

FIFA said it was already considering releasing in full Garcia’s findings prior to the latest disclosures.

“However, as the document has been illegally leaked to a German newspaper, the new chairpersons (of the committee) have requested the immediate publication of the full report...in order to avoid the dissemination of any misleading information,” FIFA explained in a statement on its website yesterday.

“For the sake of transpar-



ency, FIFA welcomes the news that this report has now been finally published.”

Garcia had resigned as head of FIFA’s investigatory body in December 2014 in protest after FIFA released a 40-page sanitised summary of his report which he disowned, describing it as “incomplete and erroneous.”

The full report referred to an array of suspect financial dealings including the sum of 2 million allegedly sent by a consultant for Qatar, Sandro Rosell, to the 10-year-old daughter of a FIFA official.

The payment was described

by an associate as the proceeds from a real estate deal.

But Garcia concluded that “no proof exists linking Qatar and this 2 million to the daughter of executive committee member (former Brazil football chief Ricardo Teixeira).”

Rosell is the ex-Barcelona president who is in prison under investigation for money laundering related to the sale of the Brazilian national football team’s television rights.

Garcia’s investigation also revealed that one former FIFA executive committee member thanked Qatar by mail for a transfer of several hundred

thousand euros just after Qatar was awarded the 2022 tournament.

The report also documents that three executive members of FIFA were flown to Rio de Janeiro for a private party ahead of the vote to decide who would host the 2022 World Cup.

Qatar won the right to host the 2022 World Cup in late 2010 and the result of the vote has been the source of enormous controversy ever since.

Following Garcia’s investigation, the adjudicatory chamber of FIFA’s ethics com-

mittee noted that there had been suspicious behaviour during the bidding process but not enough to call into question the decision to give Qatar the 2022 finals or Russia the 2018 tournament.

Hours before FIFA made the decision to go public former FIFA boss Sepp Blatter had denounced the report’s leaking to Bild.

Blatter, who announced Qatar as the 2022 hosts in December 2010, told AFP: “The only comment that I can make is that there was a leak as only the ethics commission had the power to publish the Garcia report.”

He added: “I stand by the statements made at the time by Hans-Joachim Eckert, the Ethics Committee chairman, to the executive committee.

“For him the Garcia report did not contain any elements to call into question the attribution of the 2018 World Cup to Russia and 2022 to Qatar.”

Blatter, replaced as FIFA boss in 2016 by Gianni Infantino, concluded: “I’ve always pointed out and I’ll repeat it now, it was Michel Platini’s vote in favour of Qatar which influenced the executive committee’s vote whereas there was initially an agreement to award 2018 to Russia and

2022 to the United States.”

Platini, then head of European football body UEFA, attended a dinner in Paris with Nicolas Sarkozy, president of France at the time, and future Qatari ruler Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani, on November 23, nine days before the crucial vote.

But Garcia stated that “no proof had been discovered tying Mr Platini’s vote” in favour of Doha with Qatar’s subsequent investment in France, notably the purchase of Paris Saint-Germain.

Eckert was ousted along with investigator Cornel Borbely in May and the former ethics committee chairmen defended the decision not to release the report sooner.

“The decision to not publish the report so far was completely in line with the federation’s previous decisions and the applicable FIFA rules,” they said in a statement sent to AFP.

They said the report “only is a working document” and added that in December 2014, during a FIFA Executive Committee meeting, it was decided that only Eckert “was to decide on the publication of the report as soon as all procedures, including potential appeals to the CAS (Court of Arbitration for Sport), have been closed.

## 62 per cent votes cast in 2nd phase of local polls in Nepal

SHIRISH B PRADHAN

KATHMANDU, JUN 28 (PTI): Millions of Nepalese people today voted in the second phase of the local-level polls which are being held after a gap of two decades -- an election crucial for cementing democracy in the Himalayan nation.

The Joint Election Operation Centre at the Election Commission announced that around 62 per cent votes have been cast as of 4.30 PM (local time).

In the first round of polls held on May 14, voter turn out was recorded at 71 per cent. The first phase of the local polls was held on May 14 in Provinces 3, 4 and 6.

The voting started peacefully at 7:00 AM for all the 334 positions.

In ward number 9 of Rolpa Municipality of western Nepal, the voting was halted after a voter poured acid into a ballot box.

According to police, the acid destroyed 10 ballot papers.

Deputy Superintendent of Police Ram Prasad Gharti Magar said they are investigating the case.

Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba cast his vote at the Asigram Higher Secondary School, the polling station in Ruwakhola in Dadelधुरa district of far-east Nepal.

He said the local villagers were excited to participate as the second phase of local-level elections were held in peaceful, free and fair manner.

Deuba assured that the Constitution’s full-fledged implementation would take its course once the local government was established, and that the development works would move forward efficiently, rapidly and transparently.

In a brief statement, Deuba said the elections were held so that the villages’ governments are established by the villagers themselves.

Meanwhile, Nepal media reported

that at least three persons died, apparently due to natural causes, while casting their votes.

More than 6.4 million people are eligible voters in the 35 districts of Provinces 1, 5 and 7 that have gone to polls in the second phase of the local-level polls to elect more than 15,000 local representatives.

Though the local polls were earlier scheduled for two phases, the second phase had to be postponed twice -- and a third phase had to be declared -- in a bid to accommodate the dissenting parties, including the Madhesis, that are yet to commit to the polls to be held in Province 2 on September 18.

All the political parties including the Madhesi parties are taking part in the elections.

The Nepal government had earlier this month postponed the date of local-level elections in the disputed Madhesi- stronghold Province 2 by nearly three months, adding a third phase in the polls that will take place in September.

The Rastriya Janta Party Nepal, the key Madhesi party, have fielded their candidates as independents in the election.

A total of 8,364 polling centres have been designated for today’s voting, the Himalayan Times reported.

In the first phase of polls, the voter turnout was estimated to be 74 per cent.

The Election Commission said 62,408 candidates were contesting the second phase of elections.

Votes will be cast secretly under the first-past-the-post electoral system on the basis of one post, one vote pattern.

The Ministry of Home Affairs said yesterday that the government had made fool-proof security arrangements to ensure that the second phase of local level elections took place in a free, fair and peaceful environment.



## SFA C Division S-League

SAGAR CHHETRI

GANGTOK, 28 JUN:

Gangtok Sporting Club held Tathangchen Football Club for a 1-1 draw today in the ongoing Sikkim Football Association C Division Sikkim-League here at Paljor Stadium.

With the help of Karma T’s goal in the 27th minute, Tathangchen

FC finished the first half with a 1-0 lead. Soon in the second half, Ripen Rai scored the equalizer for Gangtok SC in the 55th minute.

In the second match of the day, Kumar Sporting Club thrashed Tadong Yargay Football Club 5-0. Sairash Tamang scored a brace for Kumar SC in the 57th and 67th minute, while his teammates

Changchup [29th], Sajan Khawas [44th] and Bikram [52nd] contributed one goal each.

On Thursday, Helipad Football Club will take on North Hill United in the first match, which will be followed by another match between United Nandok Football Club and Korinthain Football Club.

## Demand for integration of whole Naga-inhabited...

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ognised as a national party.

Democratic Alliance of Nagaland (DAN) chairman and former chief minister, TR Zeliang addressing the gathering said NPF party is the only platform which can speak and address the needs and aspirations of the Naga people.

He said that other Naga regional party such as recently-launched Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) has been formed to confuse the Naga people, but it is only the NPF that recognised the whole of Naga-inhabited areas and work for the people.

Zeliang also stressed the need to learn the Nagamese language by

fellow Nagas living outside Nagaland stating that it will be the first step towards integrating our people. He expressed happiness that today’s meeting could be conducted through the medium of Nagamese and said language is a great factor which unifies people.

He also urged upon the party leaders not to

be afraid to reveal their identity as Nagas but to work tirelessly for the uplift of the party.

Minister for School Education Minister, Yitachu Minister for Rural Development CL John and Advisor to Chief Minister for DUDA and legislator in-charge of Arunachal Pradesh, N Thongwang also addressed the gathering.



ed out, which end up misleading motorists.

Similarly, it was also found that most of the primary and sec-

ondary traffic signals at intersections were not functioning as per the prescribed standards or are wrongly installed.

“One of the major deficiencies was short blinking green signals used instead of an amber signal. The duration of amber clearance before the red light appears is so short that in present conditions a large percentage of drivers are being caught without any fault,” IRTE president Rohit Baluja said.

The IRTE said the proposed Motor Vehicles Amendment Bill, 2016, which has been passed by the Lok

Sabha, stipulates penalties such as imprisonment of up to one year and fine extending up to Rs 5,000 for violating certain signages.

“Motorists will be liable to be prosecuted due to such faulty road signs and signals, which will defeat the very purpose of the provisions of the new legislation,” Baluja said.

The IRTE said the faulty signs did not meet the laid out requirements of the Indian Road Congress (IRC) codes and the United Nations Convention of Road Signs and Signals, 1968, of which India is a contracting party.

Out of the 1,514 signs, 801, which comes to 54 per cent, were inserted within rectangular boards of either blue or yellow colours.

“Blue colour is only permitted for compulsory regulatory signs as well as facility information signs. Yellow colours are not prescribed by IRC except in construction zones,” it said.

It pointed out that the Public Works Department used blue outer boards while NDMC has taken the liberty of using yellow as insertion boards, making the signage “more of fashion and show rather than for regulation and warning.”

# In Delhi, following road signs may land you in jail

NEW DELHI, JUN 28 (PTI): Across the world, a motorist is expected to diligently follow road signages, but in Delhi, doing so may actually land you in jail.

A study, conducted on 14 major stretches of the national capital measuring around 85 km, has shown that these faulty signages may actually be behind traffic violations and the resulting accidents.

Nearly 70 per cent of such signs are wrongly designed and placed, the study says.

Conducted by the the Delhi-based Institute of Road Traffic Education (IRTE), the study has

found that of around 1,514 regulatory, warning and information signages on the surveyed stretch, 1,098 (75 per cent) do not meet the prescribed norms.

Regulatory signages, like STOP signs, are to be mandatorily followed while warnings signs are used to alert a driver of potential dangers ahead. Information signages provide information about distance, landmarks etc.

Depending on the category they fall in, these signages differ in terms of shape, size and colour. But in Delhi, they have been interchangeably used, the report point-



# Sikkim standoff: China says road construction ‘legitimate’

**KJM VARMA**  
**Beijing, Jun 28 (PTI):** China today termed the construction of a road in the Sikkim sector as "legitimate", asserting that it was being built on Chinese territory that neither belongs to India nor Bhutan and no other country had the right to interfere.

China also hinted that India was objecting to its efforts to build the road in Donglang area of the Sikkim sector on behalf of Bhutan which does not have any diplomatic ties with Beijing.

"Donglang is part of China's territory. This is indisputable. The Donglang area belonged to China since ancient times and it doesn't belong to Bhutan," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Lu Kang told the media here.

"India wants to raise

an issue with this part. I should say it doesn't belong to Bhutan, nor it belongs to India. So we have complete legal basis for this. Chinese construction of the road project is legitimate and normal action on its territory. No other country has the right to interfere," he said while replying to a question.

Taking a dig at India, Lu said Bhutan is a universally recognised sovereign country.

"Hope countries can respect the sovereignty of the country. The China-Bhutan boundary is not delineated, no third party should interfere in this matter and make irresponsible remarks or actions," he said.

"If any third party, out of hidden agenda, interferes it is disrespect of the sovereignty of Bhutan. We don't want to see this as Bhutan is a country entitled to sovereignty by the international community," Lu said.

Donglang is located in a tri-junction close to the strategic area called Chicken's Neck.

China says that the Sikkim part of the India-China boundary is settled and therefore India has no right to object over the road construction.

Lu said China opened the Nathu La pass in the Sikkim sector in 2015 for Indian pilgrims to visit Kailash because of this.

Lu defended China's decision to shut the Nathu La pass in Sikkim for Indian pilgrims to enter Tibet, saying that China has agreed to open the route as the boundary there has been delineated with the consent of both the countries.

"For a long time in the interest of India-China relations, China provided great conveniences to the Indian pilgrims. Based on the consensus between the two country leaders, and on the fact that the Sikkim sectors boundary is delineated and recognised by two countries, the Chinese side in 2015 opened the Nathu La pass for Indian pilgrims," he said.

For two years it worked well and in fact this year also the Chinese authorities had prepared for the reception of Indian pilgrims and informed the Indian side about it.

"Now the suspension of the same is an emergency response to the situation there. I want to stress that the resumption of pilgrims pass requires necessary atmosphere and conditions.

So the liability of the same totally lies on Indian side and when it will be reopened depends on the when or whether the Indian side will correct its errors," he said.

Asked about whether there was any progress in the talks between India and Chinese officials over the issue, Lu said, "the Indian troops crossed the boundary at the Sikkim side to the Chinese territory."

"This is different to what was before in India-China boundary. China has made solemn representations against the same. India should respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of China," he said.

Meanwhile, Chinese think tanks speculated that India stopped the road construction on behalf of Bhutan.

Lu last night also had justified the move to construct a road in the Sikkim sector, saying that the area is "undoubtedly" located on its side of the border as per the 1890 Sino-British Treaty on Sikkim.

"According to the treaty, 'zhe' is the ancient name of Sikkim," Lu said.

"As per this treaty, the area over which the Indian Army has raised objection is undoubtedly located on the Chinese side of the border," he said yesterday.

China had yesterday lodged a protest with India over the alleged "crossing of boundary" by its troops in the Sikkim section and demanded their immediate withdrawal.

It had also linked future visits of pilgrims to Kailash Mansarovar to India "withdrawing the troops" from the area.

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

## Two men hurl paper missiles inside House, thrashed by AAP MLAs

**NEW DELHI, JUN 28 (PTI):** Two men today hurled paper missiles inside the Delhi Assembly House while a session was underway, leading to a scuffle in which the duo were allegedly thrashed by some of the AAP legislators in its premises.

The two men, wearing headgear were sitting in the Visitors' Gallery when suddenly they threw paper missiles inside the House and raised 'Inquilab Zindabad' slogans.

Soon after the interruption, the security whisked them away even as AAP lawmakers demanded strict action against the two men for violating the sanctity of the House.

They were later identified as Rajan Kumar and Jagdeep Rana. In the note found printed inside the paper missiles, the duo have claimed that they were AAP workers and took the step as they were unhappy with the Arvind Kejriwal-led party and the alleged "corruption cases" against Delhi Minister Satyendra Jain.

As the duo were being taken away, some of the AAP MLAs including Nitin Tyagi, Amanatullah Khan and Jarnail Singh stepped out of the House amid scenes of uproar and chaos.

As the duo were being taken away by security personnel, some of the AAP MLAs then jumped on to these men and allegedly thrashed them.

The police personnel present in the Legislative Assembly premises then sought to bring the scuffle to an end, which lasted for nearly 30 minutes.

The House was briefly adjourned after the incident and the proceedings were later resumed.

Delhi Assembly Speaker Ram Niwas Goel later ordered one month jail for the two protesters who created ruckus inside the House.



A "powerful" cyberattack that started in Ukraine has spread across the world, hitting banks, government IT systems and energy firms. British advertising group WPP said its computer networks in several locations had been targeted. The UK's National Cyber Security Centre is investigating how many more UK firms have been hit and is "trying to get an understanding of a fast-moving situation". Companies in six other countries were also hit, after Ukraine declared it had been struck by the biggest cyberattack in its history.

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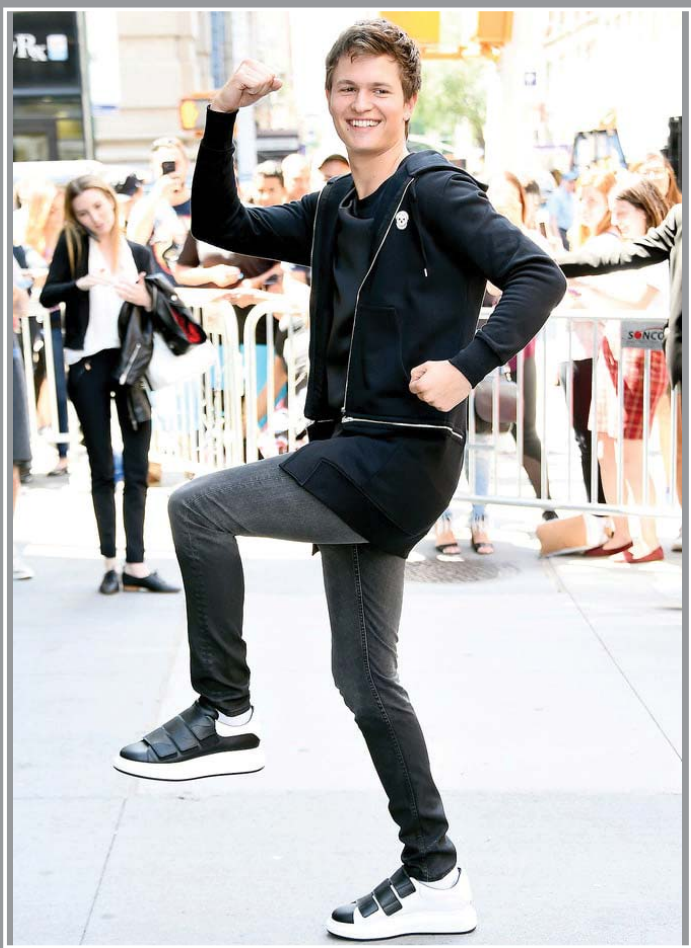
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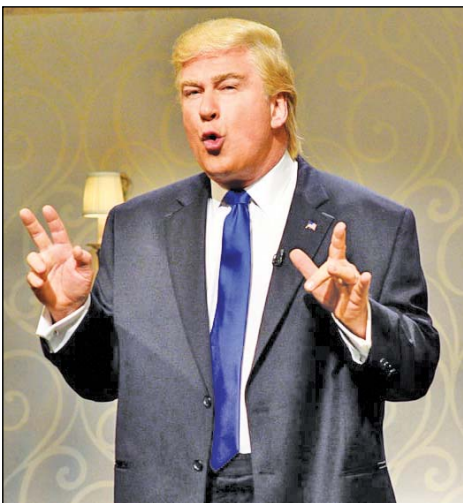
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**HE'S GOT THE MOVE:** The Fault In Our Stars Actor, Ansel Elgort struck a pose while in NYC on Tuesday, June 27.

## ALEC BALDWIN CONFIRMS HE WILL RETURN TO 'SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE' AS DONALD TRUMP: 'PEOPLE HAVE ENJOYED IT'



Alec Baldwin isn't ready to step down from his role as Donald Trump just yet. The actor, 59, confirmed to CNN that he will be bringing his impersonation of the president back to Saturday Night Live's 43rd season this fall. "We're going to fit that in," Baldwin told CNN on Monday, June 26. "I think people have enjoyed it."

However, due to his busy fall schedule, Baldwin told the news outlet that he will

be keeping his appearances on the show to a minimum.

Although his portrayal of the president has earned him critical acclaim, Baldwin had previously hinted that he wouldn't return to SNL in the role. "The maliciousness of this White House has people very worried," Baldwin said in an interview with Extra's Mario Lopez on Monday, March 6. "That's why I'm not going to do it much longer, the impersonation."

### COMEBACKS

## SHAH RUKH KHAN OPENS UP ABOUT HIS 'DWARF' FILM WITH ANAND L RAI

As we know, Shah Rukh Khan, Anushka Sharma and Katrina Kaif will be seen in Anand L Rai's much talked about next. And Shah Rukh is all set to step into the shoes of a dwarf. As interesting and demanding it sounds for an actor to portray such a role, it's as demanding on the technical team as well.

Yesterday at his annual Eid press conference, Shah Rukh shared, "For me, this film is technologically the most superior one made in India." His company Red Chillies is working hard to make exemplary VFX not only to avoid SRK kneeling through the entire film but to take film technol-

ogy to another level.

"It's quite awesome that we've created such a film in India. I am so proud that my team is involved in it. In fact, we have set up a whole new office in Goregaon for this. We have shot for around 10-15 days. Anand said he would edit it and show me (the final results)," said King Khan.

SRK shared how difficult it was to shoot the film. "For a 30-second frame, we have to work for almost a month. I am dying to see what we have done so far. We plan to finish the film in 15 months," he said.

Well, we are only getting more and more curious about the film. How excited are you?



## BRITNEY SPEARS FIRES BACK AT LIP-SYNC ACCUSATIONS: 'NOBODY EVER GIVES ME CREDIT'

If you've been guilty of calling out Britney Spears for lip-syncing, she has something to say to you: You're wrong.

Spears has dealt with several accusations that she uses a backing track instead of singing her songs during awards-show performances and in concert, and in a new Israeli interview ahead of her July 3 show in Tel Aviv, the 35-year-old singer confronted the haters to let them know what's up. "It's really funny: A lot of people think I don't sing live. ... Because I'm dancing so much, I do have a little bit of playback, but there's a mixture of my voice and the playback," Spears told the reporter. "It really pisses me off because I'm busting my ass out there and singing at the same time and nobody ever gives me credit for it, you know?"

This certainly isn't the first time rumors have surrounded the "Oops! I Did It Again" singer's performance habits. In fact, her tour manager addressed the lip-syncing rumors head-on during a 2014 interview.

"To put on the show that she puts on, it's virtually impossi-



ble to sing the entire time and do what she does," Adam Leber told Medium when Britney's residency in Las Vegas was just getting started. "She's singing on every song, basically, when she has the ability to sing. There's no way you can dance for 90 minutes straight and sing the entire time."

The rumors certainly don't seem to bother her fans who continue to flock to The AXIS at Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino. As a matter of fact, tickets are going fast for her final performances that begin September 3 and conclude on New Year's Eve.

In regards to what's next for the singer, her manager Larry Rudolph told the Las Vegas Review-Journal that the possibilities are endless.

"Anything is possible. We have made zero decisions. We expect a lot of interest from all parties. Britney basically sells out every show, and she loves Las Vegas, she loves performing in Vegas, and Vegas is a possibility going forward," he shared. "She might tour, she might work on a new album. It's too early to talk specifics about anything."

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attributed Baldwin's impression to a ratings uptick for the NBC show, Trump, 70, has expressed his distaste for it throughout the show's previous season. "Watched Saturday Night Live hit job on me," Trump tweeted on October 16, 2016. "Time to retire the boring and unfunny show. Alec Baldwin portrayal stinks." Two months later, Trump wrote that a skit with the character was "totally biased, not funny and the Baldwin impersonation just can't get any worse. Sad."



29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

### WORLD HISTORY

**1613:** Shakespeare's Globe Theater burned down in London. It was soon rebuilt on the same foundation.

**1853:** Napoleon III met with Georges-Eugene Haussmann to outline plans for the "strategic beautification" of Paris and assigned him to modernize the city. The project forced some 200,000 residents from their homes.

**1873:** China's Emperor Tongzhi held the first imperial audience with foreign diplomats in 80 years.

**1966:** The U.S. Air Force bombed fuel storage facilities near Hanoi and Haiphong, North Vietnam. Republic Aircraft's F-105 Thunder chief, better known as the 'Thud,' was the Air Force's warhorse in Vietnam.

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**1864:** Dr. Asutosh Mukherjee, great judge, educationist and lawyer was born in Calcutta.

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**ARIES:** There's a powerful force urging you to act today, Aries. Someone may be working counter to your aims and trying to rub you the wrong way. Don't let people outwit you. You have just as much right to express your opinions as anyone else. Use the power of your mind to come out on top in any situation. Freedom is a state of mind. Do something that makes you want to dance.

**TAURUS:** Put the pedal to the metal today and have confidence in all your actions, Taurus. There's a great deal of power in your words. There's a tremendous amount of information that needs to be exchanged, and you're at the hub of

this activity. What you learn may be transformative. Actively participate in the conversation.

**GEMINI:** Something about silence doesn't seem right to you today, Gemini. Keep talking. Eventually someone will say something meaningful. Latch on to lucrative ideas and keep your ears open for new opportunities. The stranger you pass on the street while going for coffee could be your new best friend. Strike up a conversation with the person standing next to you in line.

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**PISCES:** Don't waste time today, Pisces. Act with courage. Tap your primal nature and throw caution to the wind. Your wit and keen mind provide you with opportunities that you should jump on. Link with groups and contribute to projects. Nothing will escape your attention. Enjoy games of wit and puzzles that exercise your brain.