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## CM's Jan Sampark Abhiyan reaches Temi

**TEMI, 02 MAY [IPR]:** Chief Minister Pawan Chamling attended the 132nd International Labour Day 2018 celebration as part of his 32-day State-wide outreach tour Jan Sampark Abhiyan at Lamey Taar in South Sikkim on 01 May.

The Chief Minister was accompanied by Speaker, Sikkim Legislative Assembly, KN Rai, Area MLA cum Minister for Roads and Bridges Department, GM Gurung, Cabinet Ministers, Chairpersons, Advisors, Head of Departments, public and students at large.

Addressing the gathering, Mr Chamling spoke about the historical significance of May Day and its celebration in Sikkim. He spoke about how the day is observed globally to mark the labour movement and worker's rights and shared that it is an occasion that pays gratitude and respect to



workers and their contributions in building the society.

He spoke about labour union movement, specifically the eight-hour day movement which advocates eight hours of work, eight hours of recreation, and eight hours of rest. The CM also highlighted the Bonded Labour System which he informed has

been abolished in Sikkim.

The CM also announced that the State Government will soon be constituting laws keeping in view the welfare and educational demands of the labourers.

"The law will aim for 90% local employment in factories and industries, abolishing of labour contractors and encouraging direct employment," he

informed.

In addition, the CM also announced that ex-gratia for labourers will be increased to Rs 05 lakh. The CM informed that female labourers and workers engaged in various organizations and industries established in Sikkim will be entitled to avail maternity leave for six months with full wages.

The CM emphasized

that workers and their children should be eligible for vocational training so that they can be skilled workers

He spoke at length about Organic Farming and urged the progressive farmers and the public not to leave farmlands fallow. In five years, Sikkim will transform into a self-reliant State in terms of production of food grains, said the CM further urging the youth to tap benefits through Sikkim Organic Mission.

Speaking about education sector, the CM articulated that students should shift to concept based education rather than the traditional form of education. He also announced various vacancies being created by the State Government to provide avenues of employment for the youth.

He briefed about the establishment of Horticulture College in

Temi, construction of Temi Tarku Helipad and upgradation of roads.

Panchayats from Temi-Namthang Constituency submitted a list of public demands to the Chief Minister wherein he announced that the State Government will build quarters for workers of Temi Tea Garden.

The CM announced to begin the repair work of Whosel Choling Gumpa at the earliest and assured that the demands placed by the panchayats will be looked into and worked upon accordingly.

During the course of the program the Chief Minister along with the dignitaries felicitated registered workers and three established industries located in Sikkim. The Chief Minister was also felicitated by All Sikkim Democratic Labour Front [ASDLF] for his commitment in elevating Sikkim in various fields.



## SKM celebrates Labour Day in South, welcomes host of new members

**SUMMIT REPORT  
GANGTOK, 02 MAY:**

Sikkim Krantikari Morcha celebrated International Labour Day in grand manner at Maniram Bhanjyang in South Sikkim on 01 May. The celebration was chaired by SKM acting president, KN Lepcha, and was attended by senior leaders, party workers and supporters from across the State.

SKM chief coordinator and MLA, Sonam Lama, was felicitated by the party for pursuing the issue of the Karmapa's visit to Sikkim successfully. The acting president also launched online membership registration on the occasion. Members from different political parties, social workers, Panchayat, retired employees and intellectuals joined SKM.

Former Deputy CM, PT Lucksom, former MP, Nakul Das Rai, retired Principal Registrar, DN Tiwari, retired Joint Registrar, NL Bhandari, senior politician, Amar Lal Pradhan, and eight other individuals including

former president, Bhim Kumari Sharma, and former general secretary of BJP State women's wing, Chimi Doma Bhutia, retired police officer, Ragbey Bhutia, BJP South district general secretary, Madan Tamang, and other BJP members joined the party.

A founder member and popular leader of SDF party from Namchi-Singhitang, Ganesh Rai, along with 60 families also joined the party on the day.

It is further informed that 14 families from Rumtek, 60 families from Soreng-Chakung led by Prem Bhandari, 30 families from Martam-Rumtek led by Prashant Thapa, 24 families from Poklok-Kamrang led by Khagendra Chettri, 38 families from Maniram-Bhanjyang led by Dhiren Gurung, 48 families from West Pendam led by Raj Biswakarma, 12 families from Martam Rumtek led by Ashok Rasaily, 32 families from Rabitar, Melli led by Tenger individuals including

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## Sikkim Summit about restoring lost rights of 11 left out communities

**ARPAN PRADHAN  
GANGTOK, 02 MAY:**

The Sikkim State Commission for Backward Classes and the Department of Social Justice, Empowerment and Welfare, Government of Sikkim, in association with the Eleven Indigenous Ethnic Communities of Sikkim [EIECOS] is organising a two-day National level summit here in the capital.

Speaking to SummitTimes, one of the members of the organizing body and the chairperson of the Sikkim State Com-



mission for Backward Classes, TN Sharma, has urged everyone to attend the important event to give their individual inputs and make the event a success.

Mr. Sharma has said that the summit holds much importance as the

issue needs to be discussed with views and feedback from every level.

The demand of the 11 left out communities of Sikkim is genuine and not a new demand but it is a request for the restoration of the rights and status provided to the commu-

nities before the merger with the Indian union.

But due to a mistake made by the previous government, these communities were deprived of their rights which they were enjoying when Sikkim was an independent kingdom, said Mr. Sharma.

With the guidance of the visionary leader, Chief Minister Pawan Chamling, the concerned department and authorities have been working on these issues very seriously and pursuing the matter with the Union government.

All the related and important documents have already been submitted to the concerned authorities and are under consideration and the SDF Government is very much hopeful that the centre will very soon restore the Tribal status to all the left out communities, said Mr. Sharma.

The national level summit will have speakers from different parts of the country which includes former Union ministers, central government officials and others.

The entire event will be documented and a report will be prepared and the same will be submitted to the concerned authorities at the centre, he added.

The summit will kick off on 03 May and will conclude on 04 May. The inaugural session will have the presence of Chief Minister Pawan Chamling as the chief guest and the closing ceremony will have the Governor as the chief guest.

The summit is to be held at Manan Kendra in Gangtok.

## Tourist season, traffic snarls and need for alternatives

**NITESH R PRADHAN  
GANGTOK, 02 MAY:**

For 28-year-old Tshering Bhutia, a government employee and a mother, juggling office and managing her school-going child's daily routine is already stressful and running after taxis on Gangtok's roads only makes things worse. Time management becomes especially difficult during the tourist season, when taxis prefer tourists over locals and traffic snarls are aplenty.

"Due to bad traffic management we [commuters] are the worst sufferers," she says. With the ongoing tourist season in the State, most of the taxis are reserved for the guests with a very limited number of vehicles playing in and around Gangtok. For driver, Akash Sewa, this is a money minting month. He says in order to feed his family of five, he needs to slog hard in the "season" and often he does not take up any local service deliberately as it may adversely affect the yearly budget of his family.

Transportation has always been a challenge for Sikkim particularly in the capital.

"We definitely need alternatives now," says a stakeholder in tourism industry, Bhumi Ravi.

A college student, Rahul Rai, who is also a daily commuter, feels



that something like the monorail project proposed some years ago, is the need of the hour as monorails are cost effective and cheap but a comfortable mode of travel.

He further appeals to the government to initiate such a project. The proposed monorail planned to cover the Ranipool-Gangtok stretch, a particularly traffic heavy stretch.

"Monorail is safer, it is quick and it is cheap, let's hope this project kicks off," says another daily commuter who is an insurance agent, Renuka Pradhan. Some government employees have demanded more public transport facilities in the wake of the ongoing tourist season which has meant daily struggles for many especially in the peak office

hours of morning and evening. Another commuter, Dhiren Rai, who is a local entrepreneur in the hospitality sector, has also questioned the responsibility of all the taxi drivers' associations in delivering service to passengers, be it tourist or local.

"They should also create a mechanism which can address such problems, just leaving everything to the government is not fair," he says.

"Bad traffic also has a bad effect on the human body. Long traffic jams can cause acute stress mentally which may lead to headache and other mental or psychological effects. Time management problems arising out of traffic jams may lead to stress," states psychologist, Nitesh Shrestha.

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unforeseen costs of developing hydel

"Development" comes at a cost, which is why calls are so often made to "contribute" and "sacrifice" for the nation-building process. Not all costs are, however, tangible. There is a lot that is lost which cannot be easily quantified or compensated. And then there are costs which are not even projected. The final episode of the Spotlight series looks at some hydel costs which caught Sikkim by surprise...

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Features on Hydropower and Climate Change Issues



# Journos protest extension of traditional broadcasting rules & restrictions to the Internet

## SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 02 MAY:

A group of over 100 journalists and other professionals related to the online media today wrote to the Information & Broadcasting Minister, Smriti Irani, to register their concerns over the Ministry's proposal to extend traditional broadcasting rules and restrictions to the Internet, a press release informs.

The journalists include both veterans of the industry like Raghav Bahl, MK Venu, Madhu Trehan, Nalini Singh, Paranjoy Guha Thakurta, Shivam Vij, Sanjay Pugalia, An-

ruddha Bahal and Raman Kirpal, as well as younger generation media entrepreneurs like Dhanya Rajendran [The News Minute], Seema Mustafa [The Citizen], Ritu Kapur [The Quint], Tanmay Bhat [All India Bakchod] and Bharat Nayak [The Logical Indian].

In their letter, the journalists and media professionals expressed concerns that bringing legacy media structures -- such as licensing and content regulation -- could have a drastic impact on a medium that is widely credited with making the media and information landscape more open and

democratic across the world.

"Internet based media, by its very nature, promotes broader democratic values globally and cannot be dealt with in the way national governments try to regulate or control traditional media," said founding Editor at The Wire, a new-generation, online-only publication, MK Venu.

"Internet based media and global media aggregators like Facebook, Google have changed the content and distribution landscape in ways that national governments cannot easily control. Nor should they try to. It is a free democrat-

ic space and must remain as such," he added.

Journalist and media analyst, Geeta Seshu, too called on the government to embrace the change the spirit of freedom brought about by the Internet in media and communication sectors.

She expressed disappointment at the government's attempt to 'regulate' online media by setting up a committee comprising mostly of government officials.

Founder editor of The Citizen, Seema Mustafa, warned that chances of 'online content regulation' being used for sup-

pression of opinions critical of the government remain very high.

It may be mentioned here, the journalists organized themselves using social media, particularly WhatsApp, spontaneously after news broke that the government had set up a committee to come up with a regulatory structure for online media "on the lines applicable to print and electronic media".

A website, <https://onlinefreedomfoundation.org>, has also been set up to allow ordinary citizens to oppose the move to regulate online content.



## Landslide warning system vandalized in Chandmari, again

## SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 02 MAY:

The landslide warning system installed at Chandmari here by researchers from Kerala-based research institute, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, has been severely vandalized with cut wires and broken equipment strewn at the site, a press release informs.

The release informed that the landslide warning system has been 'damaged beyond repair' and has destroyed two years of field work by the Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham team. The network of sensors installed at the site were equipped to reportedly help provide early warning to villagers if a rainfall-induced landslide was deemed imminent.

Project Lead and Director of Amrita Center for Wireless Networks and Applications, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Dr Maneesha Sudheer, informs that because of the vandalism, the institute has lost more than Rs 40 lakh of project funds, along with non-reproducible meteorological data, geological and hydrological data, and all the equipment integrated with their scientific and engineering outputs

"Our team's goal here is only to save the lives of Chandmari residents, as this area is prone to rainfall-induced landslides. However, vandalism is affecting the project's on-time delivery to those who need it the most—the residents of the community," Dr Sudheer has said.

The vandalism reportedly came to light when researchers visited Chandmari for the final deployment of the complete system.

"The system represented years of research work, continuous long-distance travel and time spent away from family, months of data collected and now lost, funding gone to waste, and over 7,000 hours of man-

ual fieldwork carried out by the team, which faced challenges with varying climate patterns, treacherous terrain, and even attacks by local wildlife to make the system operational. Despite facing and overcoming these seemingly insurmountable obstacles, the biggest impediment to our success seems to be man-made," Dr Sudheer rues.

According to Dr Sudheer this is the second time in the last one year that the system has been vandalized in Chandmari.

# State Govt not sincere towards tribal status to left-out communities: SKM

## SAGAR CHETTRI

GANGTOK, 02 MAY:

Sikkim Krantikari Morcha has asserted that the State government has not been sincere towards the issue of the securing Scheduled Tribe status for the 11 left-out communities of Sikkim. The party has further alleged that the State government has failed repeatedly to provide the correct argument and documents to the Centre on this issue.

Referring to information received from Ministry of Tribal Affairs through a recent RTI, SKM senior vice-president, TN Dhakal, while addressing a press conference here today, mentioned that the Office of Registrar General, India [ORGI] has not supported the proposal of the State government on tribal status for the left out communities. The RTI was filed by Navin Kumar Chhetri of Chhamgaon, Upper Mamley, Namchi in South Sikkim that received a reply on 13 Mar 2018.

Mr Dhakal argued that it was important for a community to be included in the Central OBC list



before getting the tribal status. On the same, he alleged that Chettri, Bahun and Newar have still not been included in the Central OBC list as the State government has not been sincere towards the issue.

He further alleged that the matter of the inclusion of Chettri, Bahun and Newar was not even passed in the Cabinet or in the Assembly.

Mr Dhakal stated that the RGI has repeatedly written to the State government to send the right argument and documents on the matter to provide tribal status to left out communities but the government has failed to send the correct documents.

He mentioned that the State government has been asking for tribal status on the basis of the Burman Report. On the same, he alleged that Burman report has

not provided the right information on different communities of the State. He added that the Burman report was the main reason for the repeated cancellation of the proposal sent by the State on tribal status.

Mr Dhakal added that in a letter to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs dated 21 Feb 2018, the Deputy Registrar General [SS] of ORGI has written, "The ORGI reiterated its earlier comments of not supporting the said proposal as it is not bound to examine the same proposal afresh again".

Responding to media queries, he mentioned that the door for the issue has not been closed yet but it needs dedicated intention and effort. He asserted that SKM has the formula to provide tribal status to the left out communities of the State.

He also alleged that Sikkim Summit for Tribal Status scheduled to begin on 03 May in Gangtok was just eyewash. The government does not have the clear intension to provide tribal status to left out communities, he reiterated.

# Annual training camp of 04th Sikkim Btn NCC kicks-off at Kamrang

## NAMCHI, 02 MAY [IPR]:

Minister for Human Resource and Development Department, RB Subba, attended the annual training camp of 04th Sikkim Battalion National Cadet Corps at NCC Training Centre in Kamrang as chief guest today.

The program, organized under the aegis of the 04th Sikkim NCC Battalion, was also attended by Commanding Officer DS Dahiya and Lieutenant Colonel Gulshan Chadha along with officials and trainers from NCC, HRDD officials, principals from different schools and colleges and students from schools in South and West Sikkim.

This is the first ever camp for the cadets of South and West Sikkim



and is scheduled to conclude on 11 May.

The chief guest along with the officials inspected the training facility and oversaw various cadet activities.

Addressing the gathering, Mr Subba extended his best wishes to the students and highlighted that the training will provide opportunities for the cadets to experience camp

life, outdoor activities and community living. He added that the camp will also assist them to develop teamwork, self-confidence, self-reliance and dignity of labour which will help them in the long-run.

The Minister also informed the students that they will further get the opportunity to hone their skills in the National Trekking Camp that will take

place in November. He also urged them to prepare diligently for the National Defense Academy examinations and called on them to have an ambitious approach towards enhancing their life skills further.

Mr Subba also underlined the numerous opportunities in the field of education available in Sikkim in educational institutions such as CCCT Chiso-

pani and ATTC Bardang.

Lt Col Gulshan Chadha spoke in brief about the training discipline and motto of the camp. He underlined that during the course of the training the cadets will be imparted with valuable training which will prepare the NCC cadets to do well in certificate examinations as well as inculcate leadership qualities.

Additionally, he mentioned that the participating cadets are the youngest battalion that NCC Kamrang has ever had. He shared that lectures and demonstrations will be organized as part of the training camp and that the cadets will also participate in various community development programmes.



## CCCT conducts awareness prog on digital village, cyber security, and E-banking

## SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 02 MAY:

Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering [DECE] of the Centre for Computers and Communication Technology [CCCT], Government Polytechnic at Chisopani in South Sikkim, organized a daylong awareness campaign on digital village, cyber security, and E-banking at the Village Administrative Centre of Denchung-Poklok GPU in Nandugaon, South Sikkim on 28 Apr, a press release informs.

Twelve 2nd year DECE students conducted the event in association with Gram Panchyat members of Denchung-Poklok which had the participation of 40 students from Nandugaon Senior Secondary School and Gram Panchyat members along with the general public.

Donal Rai and Prerna Rana from CCCT presented the concept of digital village wherein connectivity, ease of access, app based office and paperless documentation were the focus area of the presentation while Nitish Kumar and Bhim Sharma presented various know-how on "Cyber Security".

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03 May**

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**Sunrise:** 04:56 AM  
**Sunset:** 6:10 PM

## CCCT conducts awareness prog on...

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arna Sharma presented awareness on E-banking while faculty members, Deependra Adhikari and Kabita Nepal, summarized all the presentation and delivered the objective of the campaign.

Denchung-Poklok Gram Panchayat and Nandugaon SSS students acknowledged the initiative of the department and provided feedback, suggestion and good wishes to the CCCT students.

## SKM celebrates Labour Day in South...

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zing Lepcha and 12 families from Yangthang led by Sancha Raj Limboo officially joined SKM.

The celebration was addressed by senior leaders of SKM and new joining leaders who lashed out on the failure of the State government in different areas and for misleading the people of Sikkim.

Speaking to this correspondent, founder member of SDF from Singithang who joined SKM yesterday, Ganesh Rai, said, "I had served SDF throughout my life and helped Pawan Chamling bring in his government and run it. I believed him. I believed in his principles and his attachment with grass-roots and his dream of development for our society. I myself and my fellow friends of Singithang followed his dream and principles and always worked for the SDF party and for Pawan Chamling but after these long years of our sincere work and dedication for the party, I have no belief left in him and in his party so I decided to leave SDF and join SKM."

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# Nathula trade opens for 2018

**SUMMIT REPORT  
GANGTOK, 02 MAY:**

The 12th edition of the bilateral border trade between India and China from Nathula border resumed on 01 May for the scheduled period of 01 May to 30 Nov, 2018. The opening function was organized at Nathula to mark the resumption of trade and was attended by officials from Commerce and Industries Department, Government of Sikkim, Customs, ITBP, Immigration and Traders.

However, traders have decided to start transactions from 07 May.

On behalf of the Government of Sikkim, Secretary, Commerce and Industries Department,



SK Pradhan, formally declared the trade open for this season of the year 2018 in the pres-

ence of Joint Secretary, N Jaswant, officials and traders from both the sides. The trading days

are from Monday to Thursday and the trade will continue till 30 Nov, 2018.

Despite inclement weather in the last few days, the trade opening day was blessed with sunny weather and officers and traders of both sides reached Nathula for the resumption of trade.

Officials and traders from India and China wished each other and assured to extend the best possible help to each other for smooth and peaceful trade.

It may be mentioned that trade across the Nathula border had been stalled last year after the Doklam standoff between the Chinese and Indian army. 2017 saw only two weeks of trade take place across the border.



## Nima and Ong Tshering help India Bank win Chennai FA senior division tournament

**REBYNA RANA  
GANGTOK, 02 MAY:**

Two footballers from Gangtok, Nima Rongkup and Ong Tshering Lepcha, have helped the India Bank team win the Chennai Football Association [CFA] Senior Division 2018 tournament held at Nehru Stadium there recently.

Nima, who plays as a striker and scored a goal in the tournament, shares that the tournament was a great learning experience for him and helped him understand the game better.

"It was my first time playing in a big tournament. I was nervous at first but to be able to represent my State in the team and on top of that win the whole thing was

pretty awesome," he said while speaking to SummitTimes.

Chennai Football Association [CFA] Senior Division 2018 tournament was played over 45 days and was participated in by 12 teams, two of which are I-League regulars.

Nima hails from Kongri, West Sikkim, and used to earlier play for Gangtok Himalayan FC. The 24-year-old considers Sunil Chettri, Bikash Jaiu and Nirmal Chettri as inspirations.

At present, Nima is in Kolkata trying for the Kolkata League which is scheduled to kick off in July.

Ong Tshering Lepcha had also played for Gangtok Himalayan FC.

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## Holy Cross students receive certificates of appreciation from ECI



**SUMMIT REPORT**

**GANGTOK, 02 MAY:** Two Standard X students of Holy Cross School, Tadong, Rishal Pandey Chettri and Aditya Chettri, have received certificates and other prizes from the Election Commission of India for being among the first-50

respondents to correctly answer audience questions asked during the episode 04-05 of the National Elections Quiz 2018 conducted by ECI earlier this year and which was also broadcasted on Rajya Sabha TV, a press release informs.



## Review meet held for 'transforming' West Sikkim by 2022

**GYALSHING, 02 MAY [IPR]:** A review meeting regarding NITI Aayog's initiative of transforming "aspirational district" was chaired by Additional Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, Upma Srivastava, at Mount Pandim Hotel in Pelling, West Sikkim on 01 May.

It may be mentioned here, West district is among the 115 "aspirational districts" of the country identified by the NITI Aayog for

time bound transformation within 2022. The plan covers 5 sectors viz Health & Nutrition, Education, Agriculture & Allied Areas, Basic Infrastructure, Skill Development & Financial inclusion. The district has come up with various indicators prevalent

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## Governor confers Rajya Puraskar to 16 Bharat Scouts & Guides contingents

**SUMMIT REPORT  
GANGTOK, 02 MAY:**

In a special function held at Raj Bhavan today, Governor Shrinivas Patil conferred the "Rajya Puraskar" on 16 Bharat Scouts & Guides contingents from five schools of East district.

The Governor also handed over National Level Trainer certificate to Dhan Raj Gurung and National Level Himalayan Wood Batch certificate to Khem Raj Sharma on the occasion, a press communiqué received from Raj Bhavan informs.

First Lady Rajanidevi Patil, State Chief Commissioner, Bharat Scouts & Guides, Sikkim, Dr HP Chettri, State Secretary and Treasurer of the organisation, Assistant State Training Commissioner of Guides were present for the event.

Dr Chettri briefed the Governor who is also the Patron of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, Sikkim, about the activities and camps of the Bharat Scouts & Guides and the competition from which the selected contingents are being awarded Rajya

Purashkar.

The Governor urged the organisation to remain consistent in grooming the youth to be self reliant and continue to be a platform to motivate and encourage the student to aim big in life. The organisation should train the scouts and guides in leadership and selfless service in society, he added.

The awardees will now compete for the next year's Rashtrapati Award through National Level Testing Camp, the release adds.

## Entrepreneurs Hub and Consultation Centre begins ideating

**SUMMIT REPORT**

**GANGTOK, 02 MAY:** Entrepreneurs Hub and Consultation Centre organized a session on entrepreneurship 'Ideation Sikkim' at Samman Bhawan in Gangtok on 01 May, a press release informs.

The session was attended by the students of Sikkim Government College, Tadong particularly of Commerce and Economics Department along with faculty members.

Coordinated by researcher and Co-Founder of Sikkim Chronicle, Yougan Tamang the session was addressed by Founder, Fidgety Fingers, Devika Gurung, and Founder, NE Taxi, Rewaj Chettri.

Ms Gurung highlighted various aspects of entrepreneurship in the state. She stressed on the differences between business and entrepreneurship. She further highlighted on how one can realize a dream and passion of turning to entrepreneurship and create avenues for self-reliance and employment opportunities for others. She also spoke on how one can use traditional knowledge and crafts and create an enterprise.

Rewaj Chettri, the honoree of Forbes 30 under 30 Asia list enlightened the students on how Sikkim is proving to be a land of opportunities for young en-

trepreneurs. He highlighted on how the Entrepreneurs Hub and Consultation Centre is an initiative taken by the Government to help and guide young entrepreneurs in the state. He further talked about creating an entrepreneurship ecosystem in Sikkim and working together to grow entrepreneurship environment in the State. He also shared about his entrepreneurship journey as a motivation and encouragement to the students.

Yougan Tamang spoke on how the Government

is serious about entrepreneurship in the State. He further stressed on inculcating the ideas of being an entrepreneur and create employment opportunities not just for oneself but for many in the state. He also stressed on Chief Minister Startup Scheme and how the scheme has been initiated with the prime motive to help entrepreneurs in the state. He stressed on how young people should explore entrepreneurship and not just limit oneself to Government jobs, reads the release.



**ANTHEYESTI  
KRIYA**

The Antheyesti Kriya of **Bikash Prasad** falls on **05 May, 2018, Saturday**, and will be held at the **Nepali D h a r m a s a l a , Singtam.**

**Uncle  
(9932963921)  
Brother  
(8670689403)**



## RURAL MANAGEMENT & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM GANGTOK

Memo No. 301/RM&DD/MGNREGA/18-19

Dated: 30/04/2018

### SHORT NOTICE FOR RE-TENDER

NIT Reference No: - 124/RM&DD/MGNREGA/17-18 dated 01/03/2018

The re-tender for supply materials for MGNREGA works for Rhenock B.A.C. and date of submission of tender documents is on **11/05/2018 till 12.00 Noon**. The tender shall be opened on same day at **2 pm** at BDO office, B.A.C. Rhenock, East Sikkim. All other terms and conditions shall remain un-altered.

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**Sr. Accounts Officer-MGNREGA  
RM&DD, Gangtok**

R.O. No: 60/IPR/PUB/Classi/18-19 Date: 30/04/2018



**Ghewa**

The 49<sup>th</sup> Day Ghewa of our mother Late Indra Maya Lama w/o Harka Singh Lama who left her heavenly abode on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018 falls on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2018. We request all friends, relatives and well wishers to join us in offering prayers for the departed soul at our residence at Chongey Busty (below POC, School), Gangtok, East Sikkim. We also like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to all those who stood by us during our time of bereavement.

**Harka Singh Lama (husband), Urmilla Lama & Passang Pakhrin, Sharmila Lama & Samden Dorji Lama (daughters & sons in law). Ph 9733029453, 9933733062, 8945812246.**

## GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM FINANCE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE DEPARTMENT GANGTOK

No. 19/Fin/Adm

Dated 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018

### NOTICE

This is for general information to the candidates who have qualified for appointment to the post of Accounts Clerk/Junior Storekeeper under Sikkim Sub-ordinate Accounts Service vide notice no 15/EXAM/SPSC/2018 dated 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018, to collect their Memorandum for appointment from Finance Revenue and Expenditure Department, Mannan Kendra, Gangtok. Memorandum for appointment shall be issued only to the candidates on production of Admit Card or any other proof of identification. The memorandum shall be issued during working hour w.e.f. 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

Sd/-

**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY,  
FINANCE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE DEPARTMENT  
GANGTOK.**

R.O. No. 64/ipr/pub/classi/18-19 dt. 1.5.18



## Feel Free to Disagree ...but don't deny yourself access to free voices

May 3rd is observed the world over as the Press Freedom Day. It is a day when the fourth estate, forever reporting on others, indulges in some vanity. But the day is much more than just an exercise in mutual back-slapping. It is more about remembering and recording the continuing struggle of those in the media to keep people informed.

The fact that in every continent, journalists, editors and publishers are murdered, assaulted, detained or harassed is proof that constant efforts are always underway to curtail free speech. And now, as governments around the world turn increasingly insular and restrictive, the responsibilities on the media to help the saner voices reach a wider audience has grown even heavier. The UN has recognized this situation and hence themed Press Freedom Day this year as, "Keeping Power in Check: Media, Justice and The Rule of Law". While keeping power in check as the society's watchdog was always part of the media's role, it has grown in significance in these, well, "critical" times. In times when insecurities have become political vote-banks, agencies are always at work to tease out paranoia and the only defence against such propaganda is free flow of factual information. A better informed people, better informed even about the threats facing them, is a more secure population because they can prepare better instead of just jumping at shadows. They are also less paranoid because they have access to factual updates instead of fake news curated to reinforce their fears. Access to factual and professional information also builds trust in institutions because it also enforces accountability; the crisis of the times then get resolved through informed decision-making instead of growing worse due to neurotic fear-mongering. These are also times when the powers-that-be are increasingly indulging in dangerous mechanizations to seed distrust, paint imaginary enemies and threats and corralling people into scared groups so that they remain distracted and also vote en bloc. These powers need to be kept in check because allowing them a free run also compromises justice and mocks rule of law. The agenda for today is simple; as the United Nations Secretary-General, António Guterres, appeals in his message: "On World Press Freedom Day 2018, I call on governments to strengthen press freedom, and to protect journalists. Promoting a free press is standing up for our right to truth."

Press Freedom Day also exists to recognise the sacrifices made in the struggle to keep press free and to exert pressure on the numerous countries that continue to deny their citizens this basic human right. The 2018 World Press Freedom Index, compiled by Reporters Sans Frontiers (RSF), reflects growing animosity towards journalists. Hostility towards the media, openly encouraged by political leaders, and the efforts of authoritarian regimes to export their vision of journalism pose a threat to democracies. The theme for the year becomes relevant because hostility towards the media from political leaders is no longer limited to authoritarian countries but is also infecting democracies where leaders are increasingly fanning a "media-phobia." More and more democratically-elected leaders no longer see the media as part of democracy's essential underpinning, but as an adversary to which they openly display their aversion. So yes, reporting from ground comes at a cost, and there can be no better homage for those who still persevere than to inculcate a genuine respect and support for press freedom.

Freedom of speech is a tricky issue and perhaps this is the right time to debate it. While it is easy to guarantee freedom of speech, since only censorship can deny it, it takes much more resolve to tolerate and respect it. Given the democracy we live in, freedom to report cannot be denied, it is the reaction to free voice which can leave a bad aftertaste. Threats and attacks are the physical reactions and economic restraints the more subtle forms of clamping free voice and while these are deplorable, little can be done to contain them unless the society matures some more. As journalists, such pressures, not always from the outside, have to be accepted as unpleasant weeds which come with the territory. Just as the media's right to report cannot be curtailed, the reaction to what it reports cannot be denied either. All that remains to be worked out is the limit within which such reactions should be vented. As the society grows more tolerant of its image that the Press reflects, this will automatically tone down to acceptable limits and till then the Press will have to run the proverbial gauntlet in its attempt to remain free. Since the world we live in spans various shades of grey, reporting in black and white will have its limitations and there will always be those with a different recollection of what newspapers report.

At the end of the day, it also needs to be accepted that pressure keeps journalists sharp and their copy tight. It is in the absence of such pressures that newspapers lose accountability and few things can be more dangerous than a Press that misleads.

# India's holiest city tried 'pro-poor' tourism – but for young people, it's still a struggle for survival

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Anmol, 17, slips 500 rupees into his pocket as he swaggers down the stairs on bowed legs, after escorting American tourists to the pizzeria in Assi. Anmol reads faces to survive. If a tourist has a good face, he approaches, tests the waters in his broken English, and buys them a chai. "Trust is most important because tourists don't trust you fast," explains Anmol.

In Assi, a neighbourhood of bustling cafes and temples in Varanasi – India's most holy city – most people depend on tourism to make a living: building up that trust allows them to eat. According to the Uttar Pradesh Department of Tourism in 2017, over 300,000 foreign and 5m domestic travellers visited Varanasi. During the peak tourist season between October and March, Anmol earns between 2,000 to 7,000 rupees as a guide (that's £22 to £77). In the low season, he earns little or nothing.

"I also know how to do ceremony," says Anmol, pulling out his smartphone to show shots of himself waving a lamp in front of a goddess. For a few hours, he helps his father, a priest, at a shrine, earning 50 rupees a day. Now, he has hatched another plan with advice from his Peruvian friend on Facebook – to learn how to play traditional tabla drums, so that he can make a little money teaching tourists keen on Indian culture. If all else fails, he will get a driver's license.

#### WHO BENEFITS?

Like many others his age, Anmol is struggling to claw his way out of poverty. The average monthly income he cobbles together is just above the World Bank's poverty line of US\$1.90 a day. Anmol is trying to acquire valued skills, and he is not among the "abject poor", nor accounted for in government statistics about poverty. Yet he remains vulnerable, at constant risk of slipping backwards.

When Anmol moved to Varanasi



nine years ago from Bihar, his family circumstances were so strained that he had to choose between education and food. The locals have a cautionary saying about Biharis like him: "Ek bihari sau pe bari" – one Bihari is shrewder than hundred local people. Largely disdained by locals for corrupting their culture, most Bihari migrants in Assi work in the informal economy.

When I ask Anmol who benefits from economic development, he replies, "Everybody benefits, but especially the hotel-wallah, restaurant-wallah, boat-wallah." Those who own prime real estate, or are directly tied to the tourist industry – such as the boatmen who ferry visitors to watch the sunrise – have gained the most. But there has been no systematic effort to document who benefits from tourism, and in what ways.

#### PRO-POOR TOURISM

Across India, tourism accounts for nearly 10% of the GDP, and is the third largest foreign exchange earner. One advantage of the tourism industry is that it can absorb even unskilled workers. The UN World Tourism Organisation has long held that tourism can be a key agent in the fight against poverty. But some experts are more sceptical, arguing that tourism's value is overstated: it creates menial, seasonal jobs and mainly benefits the

skilled elite.

Inclusive "pro-poor" tourism, which creates employment for vulnerable residents is a priority in the government of Uttar Pradesh's 2016 tourism policy and India's 12th five-year plan. Yet there is a lack of clarity around what "pro-poor" tourism should actually achieve. For Avinash Mishra, joint director of Uttar Pradesh Tourism, it means building skills for those in the sector. For others, tourism is only "pro-poor" if it reduces absolute poverty or inequality.

The local government has not thoroughly mapped how much money from tourism goes to the poor in Varanasi, or other areas. Nor has it identified the bottlenecks preventing the poor from earning a greater share, which vary from one destination to another. A "value chain analysis" – which describes the full range of activities required to bring goods or services from conception to completion – could help the government decide whether to invest in skills development or marketing, strengthen local food supply chains or reform local laws.

#### DREAMING BIG

Research by the Overseas Development Institute, an international development think tank based in the UK, suggests that there are many

ways to help spread benefits of tourism. In general, the poor do better when tourists spend on local products, rather than "big ticket" items such as accommodation and tour operators. They also benefit when tourist establishments buy supplies locally, and when they can get jobs where the wages are set relatively high. Enforcing a minimum wage can ensure the benefits are more widespread.

According to Mishra, in Varanasi nearly half of foreign tourists come through package tours, so much of the profit will never reach local communities. Foreigners travelling independently are more helpful to locals. It is hard to regulate private sector development, says Mishra, but government intervention comes with its own issues.

"Once the government comes in, there's corruption. So we have the principle of the survival of the fittest," he told me. A family of upper-caste priests, who own much of the local land, are well-equipped for competition. But young people such as Anmol must fend for themselves; if they survive, it's because of their own ingenuity, resilience and risk-taking.

Many of the young men who came of age in the wake of India's economic liberalisation now find that the opportunities and lifestyles represented on the internet and television linger just beyond their reach. They are often more educated than their parents, yet they lack the connections and money which could enable them to fulfil their aspirations.

Globalisation and tourism has opened up their imaginations to a world beyond Assi. One day Anmol hopes to go Australia. "I like Australia because the weather is good there. They also play cricket. I can survive there, but it will take a little time to adjust. I used to be scared when I first moved here too."

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# Nike's #MeToo moment shows how 'legal' harassment can lead to illegal discrimination

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Nike's having its #MeToo moment – and it illustrates plainly what's still missing from our discussion of sexual harassment in the workplace.

Women at Nike, fed up with the status quo, recently undertook a covert survey asking about sexual harassment and gender discrimination, which eventually reached the CEO of the world's largest sports brand. Six top executives have resigned or announced their departure.

Nike employees interviewed by The New York Times described being marginalized and passed over for promotion. One recounted a supervisor that called her "stupid bitch." Another reported an email from a manager about an employee's breasts. There was the manager who bragged about condoms in his bag and racy magazines on his desk. Oh, and of course there were trips to strip clubs, tacked on to the end of staff outings.

This happened over a period of years. All the while, human resources sat on its hands. The managers kept their jobs. The complaints piled on.

In some ways, it's the familiar story of how companies have long turned a blind eye to harassment. But it also illustrates, perhaps better than any other example from the #MeToo era, how harassment can be a symptom – and precursor – of workplace discrimination.

And, as I explain in a forthcoming article in the Minnesota Law Review, understanding that link is critical for companies hoping to improve upon past mistakes.

#### EASY VS. HARD

The #MeToo movement has rightly brought attention to questions of sexual harassment and assault. The types of cases that result could be divided into two buckets – what in law school we would label "easy cases" and "hard cases."

One of the first thing students learn in law school is that "easy cases" refer to those in which the facts are really extreme – where a rule clearly applies or it doesn't. Here, that would mean egregious examples of sexual harassment, such as allegations of Matt Lauer's lewd and aggressive behavior toward subordinates.

"Hard cases" refer to situations where it's harder to figure out whether the parties involved have violated the rule. There might be arguments on both sides, and it might be hard to predict how a court would rule. Or – a favored trap on the bar exam – the conduct might seem really bad as a mat-

ter of common sense but doesn't meet the technical requirements of the legal rule.

The stories coming out of Nike are the hard cases. They do not clearly meet the legal standard for workplace harassment.

#### THE PROBLEM OF NOT-QUITE HARASSMENT

The law governing workplace harassment is quite unforgiving. The offensive conduct must be so severe or frequent that it creates an abusive working environment. The conduct must also be motivated by the victim's membership in a protected category, like their gender or race.

Some legal scholars have argued courts have been too unforgiving in applying this test and that it should be brought closer to commonsense understandings of harassment.

Lawyers and human resources experts have long known that the legal standard for harassment is incredibly high. So companies worked around it by defining harassment very broadly in their policies. This gave companies the power (but not the obligation) to punish employees for violations of the policy. But pre-#MeToo, it seemed companies chose not to act, even when they had the power to do so.

As we now know, this just-do-nothing ethos was a terrible judgment from a moral and public relations standpoint. And while companies may have been correct that a claim may not have been harassment, legally speaking, they completely overlooked their potential liability for future discrimination claims.

Here's why. A supervisor's derogatory comments about an employee's gender, race or religion may not amount to a harassment claim. But they are a smoking gun in a later discrimination claim.

#### THE DISCRIMINATION BLIND SPOT

Discrimination claims are all about the supervisor's frame of mind when he or she made a decision about an employee promotion, compensation or firing. But since we can't read someone's mind, the only thing we have to go on is their comments and behavior.

If a supervisor makes objectifying comments about a woman's body and then later denies her a promotion, those comments may later be used to show his decision was biased.

The Nike story offers a great illustration of this principle. A manager who views women primarily in terms of condom consumption is probably not also thinking of them as a potential vice president candidate. Nevertheless, it is unsurprising to me

that Nike's human resources department seemingly failed to identify the problem as discrimination when employees complained.

And that's because, in all likelihood, the discrimination had not yet happened. When the woman complained, it probably wasn't yet about a lost promotion, unfair compensation or a termination. It was "just" a comment.

Of course, to the employee, it was never just a comment. She would have been keenly aware that her career was in her supervisor's hands. And that he could no longer be trusted.

This is not really a rare occurrence for women in the U.S. In representative samples, around 25 percent to 40 percent of women report having experienced unwanted sexually based behaviors at work, and 60 percent said they encountered hostile behaviors or comments based on their gender.

It's as though the employee can see the gun and anticipates the bullet to come. But all human resources sees is a weak harassment complaint unworthy of intervention.

#### A BETTER WAY

The #MeToo movement has generated discussion around "zero tolerance" harassment policies, containing perhaps the implied threat that even minor transgressions of the policy will be met with strong punishment.

But because harassment policies already cover the waterfront, they don't really provide meaningful behavioral guidance. A Pew Research study published in March found that half of all adults surveyed thought that #MeToo made it harder for "men to know how to interact with women in the workplace."

I actually think a more sustainable approach – which actually better aligns with a company's true legal risks – would be to beef up anti-discrimination policies.

These policies would explain that supervisors are placed in a special position of trust regarding their subordinates' careers and that supervisors act as the company's proxy in carrying out the employer's duty to provide equal employment opportunities.

When a supervisor engages in low-level harassing behaviors or makes derogatory comments based on an employee's gender, race or religion, it is a breach of that trust.

And it is the company's duty to make it right.

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How do you explain to someone that the loss of their livelihood was not factored into projections drawn up about possible impacts of a hydel project? Why are preventive measures or warning systems almost always an afterthought? Really, why are there so many surprises? Answers to these questions remain awaited even as new unforeseen situations develop on ground...

# Unforeseen costs of developing hydel

TSHERING EDEN

**A** Lepcha couple carrying dokos [bamboo baskets] on their backs leave home to gather fodder for their cattle. It is just like any other day. Today, however, they are stopped by guards from entering the land that had once been theirs, and their forefathers' before them. The land that had been passed down from generations was acquired by hydel power project developers for the 300 MW Panan hydel project in Dzongu, North Sikkim. The couple could not understand why they were being stopped from even collecting fodder on this land on which nothing had yet been constructed. It had not dawned upon them that when they sold the land to the developers, they had given up their rights to whatever grew on that land as well; even something growing wild like fodder.

This, amongst many others, is a telling example of the difficulties involved in comprehending the costs at which hydel projects are built.

Before construction of a hydel power project begins, the power developers, stakeholders, government and other agencies involved draw up all possible impacts the project can have on the environment and the lives of the people of the area. More often than not, benefits trump the possible harm to environment. So, all negative impacts are accounted for and measures put in place to counteract them. Even so, the effects can never be foreseen in their entirety.

Take the case of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Reports which are meant to assess the likely impact on environment due to a power project, and based on which Environment Management Plans are drawn up to mitigate such impacts. The Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG), in its 2016 Performance Audit on 'Environ-

mental Clearance and Post Clearance Monitoring', stated that EIA Reports in River Valley and Hydro-electric Projects are of the 'poorest quality'. Poorly done EIAs mean surprises and in this particular context, there are no pleasant surprises.

Falling on the border of North and East districts of Sikkim is the town of Dikchu, one kilometer away from where a river by the same name meets Teesta. Dikchu means 'noisy river' in the vernacular. It is also where the reservoir of the 510 MW Teesta Stage V hydel project is located. The reservoir also backs into the Dikchu river and consequently, the river is no longer noisy. This, at least initially, meant sleepless nights for some residents of the town. People were used to the gush of the river lulling them to sleep. The river's sounds - an unforeseen cost.

Meanwhile, people in Sikkim are all too familiar with the decreasing volume of the Teesta. Every trip along National Highway 10 towards the plains of West Bengal will elicit a comment on the drying Teesta. The 510 MW Stage V dam holds back most of the Teesta's water which is why the river downstream of the dam has hardly any water running through it.

### A BRIDGE, A SCHOOL AND A TOWN

Hydel projects entail the movement of a large number of labour and construction supplies and a tragedy concerning the latter brought to light something very few had considered to be related to these projects.

On 19 Dec 2011, ten people were killed in a bridge collapse at Rangchang Khola, about 18 kms from Singtam towards Dikchu on the Singtam-Mangan highway. The incident took place when a 48-wheel heavy trailer, engaged by the Teesta Urja company, was attempting to cross the bridge. Just as the vehicle arrived in the middle of the bridge, the entire span collapsed, taking with it the vehicle and all inside it along with four pedestrians who happened to be crossing the bridge at the time.

The trailer was taking supplies to Chungthang where Teesta Urja was constructing the Teesta Stage III hydel project.

Although, the bridge had been constructed just two years ago and was thought to be sturdy, many others in the State have not been constructed for transporting such heavy loads. 48-wheeler trucks do not regularly ply on Sikkim's roads.

Soon after the incident, the State Transport Department resolved to take "strict and stringent action" against any transporter ferrying more than 10 tonnes of load which is the prescribed load limit allowed on all Sikkim roads. The ill fated trailer was carrying around 60 tonnes.

Meanwhile, on the border of South and West Sikkim is the 96 MW Jorethang Loop HEP which considers itself a smaller and harmless project.

"Jorethang Loop HEP is a run-of-river scheme with minimal storage of 0.63 MCM and no people rendered homeless or landless. The submergence area that will be created due to the construction of



One of the houses (top of page) damaged by an explosion that occurred on the night of 24 March 2018, at around 8 p.m., which rattled the villages of Laven and Lingzya in Upper Dzongu, North Sikkim. Tremors caused by the explosion damaged several houses, smashing window panes and creating cracks on the walls. It was later learnt that "expired explosives" at a Magazine house of the Himagiri Power Project at Lingzya had exploded.

(above) Homes and property damaged by the Teesta Stage-V reservoir at Dikchu and nearby Aap Dara were eventually acquired by the NHPC.

the reservoir would have on the school and did not implement any measures to protect the school," says Vice-Principal of JNV Rohtak, Parshuramaiah.

When the project began in 2015, he was the Principal In-Charge of the school and when water started collecting in the reservoir, he began speaking out against the dangers this could pose to the school. He shot off numerous letters to the project developers and the administration, but it was only after the school actually sustained damages and the High Court of Sikkim issued directions that the power developers started repair works. However, this too, Mr Parshuramaiah terms as 'eyewash' because Dans Energy is only repairing the damaged portion of the boundary wall and not investing in protective works.

"They are only working on a small area. 90% of the damages are not being addressed by the power developers," he says.

Last year, Dans Energy was also directed by the District Collector to construct a borewell for the school as an alternative to the pipeline, also damaged by the reservoir, which supplies water to the school. Work on this is yet to begin.

"With the rainy season about to begin, we fear that water supply is again going to be badly affected," the vice principal adds.

For now, around 100 boys are living in two temporary sheds constructed by the power developers after one of the hostels was rendered unsafe by toe-erosion by the reservoir last year.

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The Rangchang Bridge collapse of 19 Dec 2011. The bridge could not handle the load of a 48-wheel truck carrying 60 tonnes of load. The maximum capacity allowed on Sikkim roads at the time was 10 tonnes. Ten lives were lost in the mishap.



### SPOTLIGHT - Stories that matter

SummitTimes presents a month-long series focusing on hydel projects and climate change in Sikkim and West Bengal.

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We will be featuring two articles every week.



# UNFORESEEN COSTS OF DEVELOPING HYDEL

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Even to a layperson, it seems obvious that man-made dams holding back huge volumes of water are likely to have all kinds of impact on the river and land. However, predicting how nature will behave is not something we humans are very good at, so those behind such projects fail to foresee many such impacts and can only offer stopgap solutions later.

Take for instance the case of Dikchu, a small town which now lives lapped by the massive Teesta Stage V reservoir. In 2011, people of the area complained that around 20 feet of private land holdings had been washed away by landslides that occurred at the base of the Dikchu New Market which sits right above the reservoir. They blamed the lack of rim treatment for the damages.

Similarly, landslides at Jang village, located on the left bank of the Teesta near Dikchu, also caused major damages to houses and other property with 24 of the 45 houses in the village being declared unsafe for habitation. All of them had suffered wide cracks induced by landslides which have been tearing away from the slope below into the Stage-V reservoir. A study conducted by Sikkim State Disaster Management Authority of landslides in Sikkim [Inventory and GIS Mapping of Landslides in Sikkim] reported that this slide "has been compounded by the lack of rim treatment at Teesta V reservoir".

The Mangan-Dikchu highway below Dikchu New Market is also now at risk of collapsing due to the instability tugging at it from the reservoir below. The affected blame improper Reservoir Rim Treatment measures adopted along the reservoir by NHPC for the landslides.

## LIVELIHOODS STOLEN

"The Teesta feeds thousands of people so she is like a mother to us," says Anit Chettri, owner of Everest River Rafting located at 7th Mile, Kirney [West Bengal] along the National Highway 10. He is referring to how river rafting and quarries [sand and stone] help people settled along the highway eke out a living. According to Anit, the rafting business employs around a 1000 people. The Teesta-V dam, however, has taken the thrill out of river rafting, or more literally, taken the white out of the white water.

"Just imagine having to push a grounded raft free from the middle of the Teesta! That's how it is. Our rafts get stuck and damaged because the river is too shallow," he says of how the dam has affected the river's flow. He says he's scared that rafting will be completely dead one day.

"We have to lie to tourists when they point out the low water levels in the river. We tell them another tributary will join the Teesta lower down and the water levels will increase. We have to do that. This is how we earn our livelihood," shares Anit.

During peak season which is from April to June when the rains have set in, one can expect 3 plus - 4 plus grade of rapids in the Teesta. At other times there are hardly any rapids at all, he says. It wasn't like this before but since the dam in Sikkim came up, the Teesta is no longer how she used to be.

"The thrill of rafting is gone. You won't even get some water on yourself during the ride. So I tell my guides to make sure that the tourists get wet a bit even if they have to swim or take a dip in the river or just splash some water on themselves," says Anit.

At 29th Mile, NH10, Bina Tamang, previously a quarry worker, now runs a tea stall.

She is among the hundreds of workers who have been forced to find an alternative source of livelihood after the quarries had to be shut down when the Teesta Low Dam IV was constructed 18.3 km downstream of Teesta Bridge near Teesta Bazaar and flooded their work-site.

Bina, along with many of her family members, worked at the quarry for 30-40 years. When the reservoir was filling up, quarry workers continued working, moving up the river until the banks got completely submerged.

When asked if they were told that the quarries would be flooded out of business after the dam came up, Bina says, "NHPC didn't tell us anything."

Two years after the quarry shut down, the workers were paid a measly Rs 48,000 each as compensation.

"The party [TMC] pursued the matter and got us Rs 48,000 in compensation eventually. That amount was nothing, we just spent it. Earlier, NHPC had said we would get Rs 4-5 lakh per person. Later, GJM had promised to get us Rs 2 lakh," says Bina.

She adds that for this too, the affected had to run from pillar to post paying for the travel from their own pockets.

Quarry workers used to take home between Rs 500-600 per week, so it looks like NHPC worked its compensation as per their wages lost for two years between when the quarries were shut till the compensation was paid out. Now, many of the quarry workers have moved to different places or collect and sell firewood. Bina sells tea.

"They didn't provide us the full details of what would happen if the dam came up. All of a sudden water levels rose, we weren't aware that would



happen," says Milan Tamang, a contractor who used to run a quarry at 29th Mile.

He adds many houses including his own have developed cracks due to the reservoir.

"We didn't know the project would have this kind of impact. They told us it is a small project. The river scares us now because it used to be down there... Now it has come up so high. It is 60 feet higher than where it used to be. I have worked on constructing the protective wall so I know. Water used to flow before and not stagnate like now."

A lot of land was also taken by the NHPC, he informs, and adds that the compensation rates were not determined following any proper process.

"It was according to their whims and fancies. Some got Rs 35,000, some Rs 50,000. We don't have proper documents of land ownership so we couldn't do anything either," says Milan.

A sidenote that begs mention here is the role of compensation money or rather the lack of a role it plays in actually compensating for the loss of the project-affected. In the case of the quarry workers, the loss of livelihood could never be compensated for by the amount they were given. Meanwhile, in Dzongu, those that had to part with their land got generous amounts as compensation, in a way due to the sustained protest against the projects there. However, villagers who are not accustomed to handling even small amounts of cash were suddenly overflowing with it and the money just bled away.

Dawa Lepcha, the torchbearer of the protest against hydel projects in North Sikkim, narrated the story of how a relative squandered more than half of his compensation money. This relative had received around Rs 27 lakh as compensation and on advice from an insurance agent put in Rs 18 lakh in insurance schemes for his three sons and a daughter. Unaware of the workings of insurance schemes, he failed to pay the premium installments and lost all the money.

## DELAYS EMPTY STATE'S COFFERS

Fiscal stress on the state exchequer is another aspect of the hydel projects in Sikkim that only manifested later. According to the CAG Report 2016, the total cost overrun on the 1200 MW Teesta III project that was commissioned last year, was Rs 8,265 crore.

What this means is that an extra Rs 8,265 crore went into building the project in addition to the original estimated cost of Rs 5,700 crore. The report says that the cost overruns were mostly due to the time overrun which in turn were due to various reasons including the 2011 earthquake, flash floods, increase in the project costs due to unforeseeable geological surprises and so on.

Time overruns automatically result in cost overruns because cost of supplies is always on the rise in the market and of course the more time it takes to complete a project the more man-days it means, so labour costs also go up. We also know that construction projects are always flush with allegations of developers deliberately causing delays to up the costs. Coming back to Teesta III, the project ran into three cost overruns and time overrun of more than four years.

Athena India, a consortium of companies, formed a Special Purpose Vehicle [SPV] by the name of Teesta Urja Limited to develop the Tees-

ta III project. The consortium, however, did not have the financial capability to fund the project. This came to light only when it refused to fund the second cost overrun forcing the state government through [SPICL] Sikkim Power Investment Corporation Limited to take over 51% equity shares [Rs 266.56 cr at the rate of Rs 8.53 per share] of Teesta Urja Limited in 2015.

The state was to contribute only 26% in TUL's

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capital with the private consortium contributing the remaining 74%.

## HUMAN COST

On 18 April 2014, sisters Chandra, Maya and Radhika Gurung were swept away by the Teesta near Bardang when water was suddenly released from the reservoir of the 510 MW Teesta V Hydropower project.

While Chandra and Maya were rescued by locals, Radhika could not be saved.

No warning sirens or alarms were sounded before the water was released from the reservoir, locals said.

This incident led to a PIL being filed in the High Court of Sikkim in the same year. In 2016, the court finally directed the National Hydroelectric Power Corporation, the developers of Teesta V to set up proper warning system and protocol, install scientific and technical instruments necessary for ensuring the safety of the Dam and the life and property of people in the area and downstream and pay the family of the victim compensation of Rs 5 lakh.

Despite this tragic incident, project developers continue to ignore safety regulations as was made evident in May last year. On 26 May 2017, four youths were nearly washed away when the 96 MW Dikchu hydel project released water from its reservoir without any warning. The four managed to escape, but their belongings like bag, camera and mobile phones were carried away by the river forced into sudden spate by those managing the dam. They were at the riverside at 12th Mile that is downstream of the dam and the reservoir of the said power project located at the confluence of Ratey Chu and Bakcha Chu below Lingdok, 9th Mile, East Sikkim.

Following the incident, the High Court stepped in with a suo moto Public Interest Litigation and directed that proper warning systems be put in place. As the respective DCs made the rounds of project sites, they discovered that none of the hydel projects had adequately functional sirens in place!

## ENDANGERING THE 'VULNERABLE'

"The river's volume has reduced because of the dam. It holds and releases water so the fish have vanished. Some old species have disappeared and the rest don't grow any more. I have caught small fish like gadela, smaller than a dot pen, lohri which is also small, buduna, phageti, chaaley is long," says Dal Bahadur Bhujel, a fisherman from Najok, Kalimpong.

It is no surprise that damming rivers will have an effect on the aquatic life it supports, but it has been treated as a sort of collateral damage that cannot be helped. However, the Teesta III project did

spare a thought for the snow trout even though it came to naught in the end.

The Environmental Impact Assessment [EIA] for the 1200 MW Teesta Stage III had said that the dam on the river would act as a barrier to the free movement of migratory fish species, especially the common snowtrout [Schizothorax richardsonii], and could lead to adverse impact on the survival and free movement of migratory fish species. The snowtrout is listed as 'vulnerable' in the IUCN Red List of threatened species.

Hence, the EIA recommended the provision of a fish ladder, which was also incorporated in the Environment Management Plan [EMP] for the project. However, the fish ladder was not found to be a suitable option and instead, a trout farm was set up at Rabum, North Sikkim. Ironically, this farm mainly facilitated breeding of other species of trout and not the endangered snow trout.

The CAG 2016 report notes that fish ladder was one of the conditions for the Environmental Clearance and the harm to migratory fish species remained unaddressed. The project was commissioned on 17 Feb 2017 which means that the snow trout has already lost at least one breeding cycle (as of April 2018).

Angling enthusiast, Dr SK Dewan, says that the Farakka dam has caused major damage in terms of the migratory pattern of fish in the Teesta and other rivers in the hills.

"Sport fishes are fresh water fishes, they take time to mature. They are migratory and the ones found here originate in the Brahmaputra and Ganga delta. When they mature they swim up towards the Himalayan foothills stretching from Nepal, right up to near Manipur, to lay eggs during monsoons. They return after laying their eggs. The inflow of such fish into Sikkim went down due to the Farakka barrage because of which fish could not migrate up. They say there are fish ladders through which they are supposed to come. And now with so many dams coming, another 5-10 years we'll have nothing," he says.

## CONCLUSION

Most of the incidents in this article are ones that made it to the headlines and there most certainly must be many which have not. Of these, the socio-cultural impacts of power projects are some that could not find space in this article. However, here is one that could perhaps illustrate what such impacts are about. Residents of 29th Mile on NH10 used to perform rituals for festivals like Chhat Puja and Maghe Sakranti on the Teesta's banks, but because of the Teesta IV Low Dam the banks have been submerged and they now perform the rituals on the road or from the protective wall. It is such intangible costs that 'development' comes at that are difficult to reconcile with, the loss being so final.

Massive construction projects are bound to have adverse impacts and it would be a difficult, almost impossible, task to predict all of them; however, what is imperative and possible is to ensure that mitigation measures already in place are implemented in earnest. Mired by politics and big money, the debate on development versus environment continues - the divide between the groups lobbying for either only growing wider with time. In the case of Sikkim, the price for development has been high but how high exactly? Only time can tell.



# FPO-Sikkim welcomes ban on non-organic veggies as being in interest of local farmers

SUMMIT REPORT

**GANGTOK, 02 MAY:** Farmer Producer Organisation [FPO], Sikkim, today stressed that the recent ban on the import of non-organic vegetables from outside the State was in the interest of the farming community of Sikkim. While welcoming the decision of the State Government (which came into effect on 31 March 2018), the organisation has appealed to all political parties and the people of Sikkim to support the organic mission.

Addressing a press conference here today, FPO-Sikkim president, Karma Dichen, said, "On not getting the right price for our organic produce, farmers of Sikkim had repeatedly requested the State Government to ban non-organic vegetables from the outside. We express our gratitude to the State government for having accepted our request and for taking this historic decision in the interest of farmers of Sikkim."

He added that farmers here have been getting the right price for their produce since the ban.

He also expressed his surprise over the protest by political parties and some indi-



viduals on the decision of the government.

"Although some sections of the people are not ready to understand the value of this decision at present, they will get convinced upon seeing the fruits of this decision in the coming years," he expressed.

Mr Dichen stated that the organic mission of Sikkim has been acknowledged in the national and international levels and to question its veracity would do to doubt the credibility of

the farmers of Sikkim.

He also demanded that the State Government provide insurance of vegetables and medical support to local farmers. He asserted that local farmers will come out on the streets if non-organic vegetables are smuggled for sale in Sikkim.

Human Life Reformation & Capacity Building Society president, Kishor Sharma also appreciated the decision of the State government today.

"Organic farming is now a movement of the farmers of Sikkim. Our society has been working to promote organic farming and to make each farmer of Sikkim an ambassador of organic farming to take this mission to every household in Sikkim," he said.

Responding to media queries, he stated that the State has the surplus production of seasonal vegetables and added that farmers have been working hard to ensure surplus pro-

duction of every vegetable.

He added that the ban was a big opportunity for farmers to do well in organic farming. He also held that middlemen were responsible for higher price of vegetables in the market and the opening of Kisan Bazaar and organic stalls in the State have been addressing this issue.

The press conference was also addressed by FPO treasurer, Dawthi Lepcha and member, Amrit Pradhan.



## South District Officers Club bids farewell to 10 officers

**NAMCHI, 02 MAY (IPR):** South District Officers Club (SDOC) organized a grand farewell for the outgoing officials and administrators of South District at SDOC, Namchi, today.

The program also saw former DC (South), Raj Yadav and former SP (South), Dr. Y Shiv Prasad handing over the charges of SDOC president and vice president to the present DC (South), P Verma and SSP (South), S Rai, respectively.

Ten outgoing South district officials were felicitated on the occasion by various departments for their contribution in effective administration and management during their course of tenure in the district.

Former president of SDOC, Raj Yadav was felicitated by executive members of SDOC, children of Mayal Lyang Children's Home and various other departments of South district for his dynamic vision and farsightedness in running the office which in turn metamorphosed the system of administration in the district. He was lauded for bringing in fresh ideas, his spirited leadership qualities and public acclaim for kick starting a slew of popular initiatives as the collector of South District.

The program also saw cultural performances.

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## Review meet held for...

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in these sectors as of today and what the district wants to achieve by 2022 through various technological, administrative, financial & infrastructural interventions.

Sub Divisional Magistrate, Tushar K Gajanan, gave a presentation on district plan for transforming West Sikkim.

District Collector, AB Karki, urged the Heads of Departments to take ownership and personal involvement so that the initiative is successfully implemented.

Additional Secretary, Ms Srivastava, asked the HODs present to pool in efforts and requested the DC to work collectively to quicken the pace of activities at district level and help the district achieve the targets well within set target time.

"The ranking of the district changes every day and to meet the target, concerned officers need to review progress on regular basis at departmental level and ensure submission of reports to the district administration timely," she added.

In a series of visits in Gyalshing, Ms Srivastava visited the District Hospital, ICDS centre at Upper Kyongsa, Tikjek Primary School and Lingchom Primary Health Sub Centre.

## ASDLF celebrates Int'l Labour Day

SUMMIT REPORT

**GANGTOK, 02 MAY:**

All Sikkim Democratic Labour Front celebrated International Labour Day in a grand manner at Lamey-Tar in Temi-Tarku, East Sikkim on Tuesday. The celebration was joined by workers from hydel projects and industrial units in the State, workers from governmental, non-governmental organisations and army cantonments, local hotels and different units of Central government along with farmers and workers of Temi Tea Estate, informs an ASDLF press release.

The release has thanked the management of different compa-

nies and governmental and non-governmental organisations for arranging transportation. ASDLF has also thanked MLA and the Minister, GM Gurung and party workers in different committees, panchayats and people of Temi-Namphing constituency for their support and active participation in the celebration. The Front has also thanked every person and groups for their participation and service in the celebration.

The release informs that the SDF party president, Chief Minister Pawan Chamling has taken all proposals seriously which were placed in the interest of workers

and farmers of Sikkim. In his message, the party president suggested that workers should take their responsibilities seriously and increase their capacity.

The proposal placed by workers to end the labour contract system was accepted by the CM and announced an end to the labour contract system and to take out a notification on the same. This decision of the government was welcomed by workers with huge round of applause and this decision will be a milestone in industrial history of Sikkim, the release adds.

The CM stated that workers are the archi-

tecs of the physical world and play a big role. He stated that workers have been given full rights to live a respectable life and the State Government has taken all required and possible initiatives and decision in the interest and welfare of workers of Sikkim.

ASDLF has expressed its gratitude to the CM for being the longest serving CM of the Country and for leading the State towards the development and for working for the protection, upliftment and welfare of workers and farmers of the State.



provisions of the Sikkim Labour Protection Act, 2005, Sikkim Labour Protection Rules, 2006, Workmen Compensation

Act, 1923 and the Sikkim Workmens Compensation Rules, 1986.

Provisions regarding registration of every

worker with the Registering Officer, number of working hours/ working days, need for payment of equal remuneration; time limit for payment of wages, need for token or receipt of registration, payment of wages in cash and the provisions regarding medical services were also brought to the notice of the participants.

The provision of NALSA [Legal Services to the workers in the Organised Sector] Scheme, 2015 and the relevant provisions of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 were also discussed during the programme.

## Hamro Sikkim forms declaration committee

SUMMIT REPORT

**GANGTOK, 02 MAY:**

A meeting of newly formed Hamro Sikkim Party was held at the residence of Bhaichung Bhutia at Pangthang in East Sikkim on Tuesday. The meeting was chaired by former Minister, RB Subba, and discussed the organisational structure of the party and constituted a declaration committee of the party under the convenership of Mr Subba, informs an HSP press release.

The release adds that the meeting also condemned the statement of a Minister that HSP was seeking to defame Sikkim by holding a press conference in New Delhi.

The release alleges that despite being in office for 24 years, the SDF party still cannot accept the existence of opposition parties in the State. On the same, the party stated that the ruling party leaders are scared by revelation of the bad governance in Sikkim at the national level.

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## VIDEO CALLS ARE COMING TO INSTAGRAM

Instagram is set to roll out a host of new features, including video chat and a redesigned Explore page.

The Explore page will now feature buttons on the top of the page in a carousel, giving users the option to swipe through subjects like animals, photography, and architecture to see more posts about that particular topic.

The new update means you'll be able to browse more content related to your interests. Instagram's Explore page is traditionally a page where Instagram compiles posts it thinks you might like, and the page is designed to let users discover new content, people, or brands to follow. Explore has been rejiggered several times in the past, including updates to show photos from people you actually know, bringing Stories onto the page, and making videos more prominent.

Instagram is also adding video chat for users, which is currently in a testing phase and will roll out globally "soon." To start a video chat, just tap the new camera icon at the top of a direct message

thread with the people you want to call.

To create a group conversation or direct messaging

Video chat allows you to chat with one person or a small group, and you can minimize the video screen during



thread on Instagram, just tap on the paper airplane icon in the top right corner of your feed, tap the + sign, then select two or more people to start a group chat.

the conversation and continue to chat while browsing Instagram. Video chat has been a rumored feature for the past few months, though Instagram hasn't specified how many people can participate in a video call at a given time. These updates adds to a host of features that Instagram has been building to turn the app into a full-fledged messaging service, rather than the photo-sharing network it began as.

Instagram says video chat and the new Explore page will be rolling out to all users over the coming weeks.

## KANYE WEST SAYS SLAVERY IS 'A CHOICE' AND PEOPLE ARE 'CHOOSING TO BE ENSLAVED'

Kanye West has again courted controversy after suggesting that slavery was "a choice".

In an interview with celebrity news website TMZ he said: "When you hear about slavery for 400 years. For 400 years? That sound like a choice."

"Like, you was there for 400 years and it's all of y'all? It's like, we're mentally in prison."

"I like the word prison because slavery goes too direct to the idea of blacks."

"It's like slavery, holocaust. Holocaust - Jews, slavery is blacks. Prison is something that unites us as one race. Blacks and whites being one race."

When asked to explain, West said: "Yeah, right now we're choosing to be enslaved."

TMZ reporter Van Lathan told West he was "appalled" and "unbelievably hurt" the rapper was calling the mar-



ginalisation of "our people" over 400 years "a choice".

The rapper then apologised to Lathan, saying he was "sorry" he hurt him.

The interview caused an inevitable social media storm, particularly among his 21.8 million followers on Twitter.

Kanye after facing backlash then tweeted: "Once again I am being attacked for presenting new ideas."

"The reason why I brought up the 400 years

point is because we can't be mentally imprisoned for another 400 years."

"We need free thought now. Even the statement was an example of free thought. It was just an idea."

The 21-time Grammy Awards winner admitted that he became reliant on opioids after doctors increased his two pills a day in hospital up to seven when he was discharged after a liposuction operation.

In a video West, 40, pointing to his stomach as claimed he got the fat removal surgery because he did not want the media calling him fat.

He said Rob Kardashian, the brother of his wife Kim Kardashian, was fat shamed so much in the media he flew back to the US from Italy before their wedding in Florence took place in 2014.

West was heavily criticised last week for his support for Donald Trump, declaring the US President his

"brother" and that they share "dragon energy".

Breaking 11-months of Twitter silence, he also wrote a philosophy book "in real time" to satisfy his "innate need to be expressive" - after deleting all his previous tweets.

The tweets included advice for budding creatives as he told his followers not to "follow crowds" and "do what you feel, not what you think".

Many fans were left puzzled by the sudden outburst.

It is not clear if West was referring to those tweets in Tuesday's interview, but as he spoke of his opioid addiction, he said: "So the reason I do not want to delete those tweets is because I was drugged the f\*\*\* out, bro."

He explained that he started taking more opioids during his Pablo tour in 2016 which led to him being hospitalised and forced to cut the tour short.

## JESSICA CHASTAIN SETS A-LIST CAST FOR ALL FEMALE SPY FILM 355



Jessica Chastain is teaming up with an international cast of A-list talent on an all-female spy thriller titled 355. Chastain came up with the idea and pitched it to writer/director Simon Kinberg while they were shooting the upcoming X-Men film, X-Men: Dark Phoenix. Kinberg has since then agreed to direct the movie and will help Chastain pitch the film to buyers at this month's Cannes Film Festival.

Chastain has been actively championing gender equality in Hollywood for some time now, and not just with her film roles either. The Oscar-nominee successfully pushed for equal pay for her The Help costar Octavia Spencer on their upcoming road trip movie project and has collaborated with female directors on several occasions now (including, next month's historical drama Women Walks Ahead). While Kinberg will be calling the shots on 355, the movie is being written by Theresa Rebeck (Smash) and features a cast of women from around the world, Chastain included.

355 cast also includes Oscar-winners Lupita Nyong'o, Penélope Cruz, and Marton Côtillard, along with Bingbing Fan (X-Men: Days of Future Past) and Chastain. The plot will revolve around

a group of female agents from organizations around the world who have to work together, in order to stop a clandestine criminal group from acquiring a weapon that could create chaos on a global scale. Kinberg further confirmed to Deadline that the hope is 355 will be successful enough to launch a franchise.

Chastain says the title for 355 comes from a conversation that she had with the CIA consultant on Kathryn Bigelow's true story based thriller, Zero Dark Thirty. As they explained to her, "Agent 355" was the code name for a famous female spy back in the American Revolutionary War (one whose true identity is still unknown) and has since become the general slang for female spies. Chastain told that the plan is for 355 to be relatively grounded in its portrayal of secret government operatives, similar to Bigelow's film:

"It's a film and not a documentary, but our goal is to make this action spy thriller as authentic as we can, with as much trade craft as we can. So when people in these organizations, in the CIA or MI6 around the world see the film, my goal is they will say, 'Wow, this is pretty authentic. They got it.' That was the thing I loved the most in making

Zero Dark Thirty."

The spy genre has typically dominated by male action stars, but 355 is part of a wave of films aiming to bring some balance to the genre. Charlize Theron played an extremely deadly spy in last year's hit Atomic Blonde and is hoping to reprise the role in a sequel. Elsewhere, director Ridley Scott is circling Fox's Queen and Country - a film based on the comic books about a female British secret intelligence agent - and Marvel Studios is actively courting directors for its Black Widow movie. There's also the Charlie's Angels reboot that Nyong'o was rumored for last year; presumably, she's no longer eyeing the project.

Male-driven spy movies haven't necessarily been lacking in good female characters in recent years, but their roles have typically been supporting in nature. 355 will change that by featuring a diverse collection of women front and center, on an adventure that has the makings of good pulpy fun, based on everything that has been revealed so far. While everyone waits to see if that proposed all-female MCU superhero movie ever gets off the ground, 355 could offer a similar breath of fresh air in the meantime.

**ARIES:** This is your day to shine, Aries. Just make sure you don't do so at someone else's expense. You're feeling more self-confident than usual, which may be hard for you to believe. Nevertheless, you could be so focused on your agenda that you fail to see subtle signals put out by those around you. Other people cry out for attention, too. Make sure you shine some of your glorious light on them.

**TAURUS:** You may feel like you're being left out of the equation, Taurus. Perhaps you feel like the oddball, the fifth wheel who simply doesn't have a place. Don't worry. Just because you feel that way today doesn't mean it's your destiny. If you don't like your course, change your position. If you don't like the people you're with,

move in a different social circle. Aries. Just make sure you don't do so at someone else's expense. You're feeling more self-confident than usual, which may be hard for you to believe. Nevertheless, you could be so focused on your agenda that you fail to see subtle signals put out by those around you. Other people cry out for attention, too. Make sure you shine some of your glorious light on them.

**GEMINI:** Take your creativity to a new level, Gemini. There are many ways to express yourself creatively, so pick one and follow through. You may have a desire to be on stage, and you want to share your dreams and inner passion with the world. Your strong emotions and dreamy perspective are assets. Don't try to stuff them inside or push them away. Listening to your brain too much could deprive you of the bounty in your heart and imagination.

**CANCER:** Your feelings may deceive you, Cancer, so be careful of getting too wrapped up in your own drama. Perhaps you feel you're getting pushed and pulled in uncon-

fortable directions. You might tolerate this tension for a while without expressing your feelings about it. This is a dangerous policy because it could give others the impression that it's OK to continue treating you the way they do.

**LEO:** In some ways, you may feel like a lost soul who isn't quite in touch with your dreams, Leo. Although you feel energetic and boisterous, you might also get the sense that your energy is misdirected and you're being led in the wrong direction. The key for you now is to lead yourself. Cut through everyone else's agenda and follow your internal rainbow. The more you take charge, the happier you'll be.

**VIRGO:** The best way to create harmony among others is to first es-

tablish harmony in yourself, Virgo. Don't expect others to take care of you and attend to all your desires. At the same time, it isn't your responsibility to dote on others. The boundaries may get ambiguous at times, but do your best to maintain a healthy separation. People may pull on your heartstrings to manipulate you into doing what they want. Don't fall for it.

**LIBRA:** You might feel as if your powerful emotions are getting in the way of your dreams, Libra. Or perhaps you're finding that you're so wrapped up in a particular vision of the future that you're getting lost in your own brain. You're losing touch with the present simply because you're so focused on a nebulous idea that doesn't even exist yet. Take a step

back from your current mindset and reevaluate the situation.

**SCORPIO:** Perhaps you're stuck in a mindset you can't seem to escape, Scorpio. Be careful about taking action based on ideas rooted more in past fantasy than present reality. Your emotions could be playing tricks on you. You could be attached to a dream that has more to do with feeding your ego than fulfilling your destiny. Question your motives. You might find that you're better off redirecting your energy somewhere else.

**SAGITTARIUS:** When you talk, you want other people to listen, Sagittarius. More than likely, your thoughts will drift toward humanitarian ideas and philosophies. You're eager to share your

ideas with others, and you may not get swept away by emotion. There's a surrealistic quality to the day. It could lead you to believe a mirage is real. You might get so caught up in the drama of your feelings that your power of reason gets watered down to the point where you lose track of your objectivity altogether.

**PISCES:** Your concept of reality could be based more on your emotions than facts, Pisces. This is one of those days when this could get you into trouble. Whatever comes up, you're likely to feel very passionate about it and tend to lose any rational perspective whatsoever. Integrity, inner strength, and self-confidence will be the glue that holds your mind and heart together.

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