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## No NOTA, but 2.83 lakh voters get to choose 584 rural reps next Friday

VISHNU NEOPANEY

GANGTOK, 27 OCT:

The "None Of The Above" choice is not available to voters in rural Sikkim for the ensuing Panchayat elections as they file into around 850 polling booths across the State next Friday to elect 584 new panchayat representatives (the remaining 563 having already been elevated to office uncontested).

When contacted, the State Election Commissioner, Nima Lhamu Yethenpa, explained that there are certain procedures and technicalities which need to be put in place to implement the Apex Court's directions to adopt the 'NOTA' option.

The concerned authority



EVMs being commissioned for the Panchayat elections [foto: IPR Deptt]

for panchayat polls, the Rural Management & Development Department needs to bring in the required amendments to

the concerned Act to begin this process.

This, clearly, is easier said than done, given that pancha-

yat election, despite slightly over 50% of wards having already gone to the Sikkim Democratic Front uncontested, is a

staggeringly large undertaking in Sikkim. Voters in rural Sikkim, for instance, will be electing nearly 600 representatives on 03 November.

That said, the Commission has reportedly discussed the matter with the RM&DD and directed it that after the current election process is completed, the required amendments be brought to Sikkim Panchayati Raj Act to have the NOTA option included from the next election onwards.

For the ongoing exercise, the State Election Commission is neck deep in work at present to hold polls for 584 Gram and Zilla Panchayat wards (out of 1,038 Panchayat wards and 111 Zilla Panchayats) which need to go to polls. The rest have been won uncontested

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## SC allows Centre to withdraw force from trouble-hit Darjeeling

NEW DELHI, OCT 27

(PTI): The Supreme

Court today permitted the Centre to withdraw seven of the 15 companies of Central Armed Paramilitary Forces (CAPF) from strife-torn Darjeeling and Kalimpong districts of West Bengal for deployment in poll-bound states of Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat.

Observing that law and order was a "state subject", a bench headed by Chief Justice Dipak Misra stayed the Calcutta High Court order restraining the Centre from relocating the paramilitary forces from the state's strife-torn districts and asked the state government to respond to the Centre's appeal

within a week.

The High Court had asked the Centre to allow all 15 companies of paramilitary forces to remain in the state.

The bench, which also comprised Justices A M Khanwilkar and D Y Chandrachud, said it would examine "under which jurisdiction, the High Court can ask central government to provide or not to provide security forces".

"We will issue notice (to West Bengal government) let them file the reply. Meanwhile, we will stay the High Court proceedings," the bench said, adding that it would examine the entire issue in a "holistic" manner.

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## No new development at Doklam: Govt

NEW DELHI, OCT 27

(PTI): India today said there are no new developments at Doklam and its vicinity and that reports to the contrary were incorrect.

"I would like to reiterate that there is no new development at the face-off site and its vicinity since the August 28 disengagement," External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Raveesh Kumar said.

He was asked about a media report about China ramping up its military presence in areas close to Doklam.

"The status quo prevails in the area and any suggestion to the contrary is incorrect and mischievous," said Kumar.

Troops of India and China were locked in a 73-day-long standoff in Doklam since June 16 after the Indian side stopped the building of a road in the disputed area by the Chinese Army. Bhutan and China have a dispute over Doklam.

The MEA on August 28 had announced that both sides were disengaging from the face-off site.

## Chamling leads SDF's panchayat campaign into South

SUMMIT REPORT

NAMCHI, 27 OCT:

The Sikkim Democratic Front campaign led by the party president, Chief Minister Pawan Chamling, for the upcoming panchayat elections reached South Sikkim today.

Mr Chamling addressed the public of Temi-Namphing and Barfung constituencies here at Lameytar in South Sikkim.

He highlighted that the SDF has already secured 52% of the panchayats uncontested by unanimous endorsement of the people and shared that the party was confident of sweeping the remaining 48% which will go to polls as well. He remarked that there was no opposition party strong enough to pose a serious challenge to the SDF in the State.

About the independent candidates contesting against SDF candidates, he said that they were all from the SDF



party and were contesting as independents because they failed to get a ticket from the party. He announced that such rebel candidates should not expect a place back in the party even if they win in the election.

He called on the public to vote for candidates who can ensure development in their respective areas and come with a track-record of public service based on which SDF has selected its candidates.

"There were many

deserving candidates in our party but many did not get the ticket because there were others who were even more deserving. It was the right thing to do. We have to follow certain discipline and ideology while giving a responsibility to a person," he said.

"SDF party always follows rotation in distribution of party tickets and for this panchayat polls, we had to follow the population wise seat distribution and there are changes in seat res-

ervation therefore many deserving candidates got left out," he added.

Mr Chamling also accused the Bharatiya Janata Party in Sikkim of misleading the people throughout their election campaign.

"BJP leaders are playing the politics of caste and religion which should have no place in Sikkim," he said.

He pointed out how the Prime Minister was constantly applauding the developmental works of the SDF Government in Sikkim and asked the people



## Sikkim's Strongest to lift their way to the title on Sunday

SAGAR CHETTRI

GANGTOK, 27 OCT:

Around 60 power-lifters from across the State will be contesting for the title of Strongest Man and Strongest Woman of Sikkim in the 2nd Strongest Man and 1st Strongest Woman Power Lifting Championship 2017 here at Mt Zion Kidzee School at Lumsey on 29 Oct. The day-long championship is being organised by the recently formed Body Building & Power Lifting Association of Sikkim [BBPLAS].

Addressing a press conference here today, BBPLAS general secretary, Pema WD Bhutia, informed that this was the first event of the association since its establishment. The Power Lifting Association, he



informed, had organised the competition last year in which Devendra Basnet emerged as the first Strongest Man of Sikkim lifting 220 kgs.

This year, the association has come forward to organ-

ise the second edition of the Strongest Man of Sikkim and the 1st Strongest Woman of Sikkim contest.

Mr Bhutia mentioned that the association has invited lifters from all gyms and

health clubs of the State and around 60 lifters in different weight categories are likely to participate in the competition. The event will have national and international references from Siliguri as judges.

He informed that the competition was also a selection trial of the State lifters for upcoming national level championships.

"Our main objective of the competition is to encourage young generation in health and fitness and to promote the game of power lifting in all corners of the State through such events," Mr Bhutia said.

He added that the association has also been trying to motivate and encourage women to come into the sport of power lifting.

Body Building & Power Lifting Association of Sikkim, led by president Sony Virdi was formed in the month of August earlier this year and is in the process of its affiliation with Indian Power Lifting

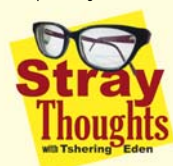
Federation.

"Sikkim has lots of potential lifters who can do better even in the international level. They just need proper guidance, training and exposure. So we have decided to promote power lifting in all corners of the State and provide better platform to them," Mr Bhutia said.

He also shared plans of the association to visit all districts after the competition to promote power lifting. He informed that the association also has plans to organise body building competitions in the near future.

The conference was also addressed by treasurer, Sailesh Sen, vice-treasurer, Sisir Subba, and publicity secretary, Devendra Basnet.

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## BJP accuses SDF of misusing Panchayati Raj system

**SUMMIT REPORT  
GANGTOK, 27 OCT:**

The panchayat election campaign of Bharatiya Janta Party is underway full swing in the State, a party release informs.

In this series, a meeting of the party was held Niya-Mangzing, Kolthang in South Sikkim today attended by the state-unit president, DB Chauhan, BJP candidate, Bhim Prasad Dahal and other leaders and workers of the party.

A BJP-Sikkim press release informs that the party candidate stressed upon the need of policies and programmes of BJP to end corruption in Sikkim. It added that BJP state-unit has been dedicated and working hard to take Sikkim to new heights.

The release further informs that the BJP-Sikkim president accused the SDF of misusing the Panchayati Raj system and of rampant corruption. He further alleged discrimination in the distribution of central schemes and benefits by SDF Panchayats.

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and two wards – one in North and one in West district – did not receive any nominations.

While 536 of panchayat wards have already been bagged by the SDF uncontested, it has also secured 27 of 111 zilla panchayats uncontested.

The panchayat polls exercise will cover 2.83 lakh electors [1,55,200 male and 1,27,850 female electors] enrolled in the latest voter list for the two-tier panchayat elections. The exercise will see voting at 849 polling booths.

The districts are also keeping busy with preparations with the election scheduled for next Friday.

Returning Officer (West), Kapil Meena, informed SummitTimes that as of now, the law and order situation in the district was under control and that the officials were in the process to identifying the sensitive and hyper-sensitive polling booths.

He reassured that the district administration was fully prepared to conduct the panchayat election in a peaceful manner.

In West Sikkim, Lower Ribdi, under the Ribdi-Bharang Gram Panchayat Unit, is remotest polling booth.

Returning Officer, South, Raj Kumar Yadav, told SummitTimes over the phone that as of now, South district has identified 16 hyper-sensitive polling booths and was keeping track of them.

Returning Officer East, Prabhakar Verma, in turn, informed that the district administration was keeping very vigilant and that surveillance for identifying the sensitive polling booths was under examination at present and that the list will be ready by Saturday.

# SHA- attending to foundational educational needs of underprivileged children

**REBYNA RANA  
GANGTOK, 27 OCT:**

Established in the year 2003 under the Human Resource Development Department, the Sikkim Himalayan Academy [SHA] in Buriakhop, West Sikkim, has been catering to the educational needs of underprivileged children of Sikkim with education since many years.

Speaking to SummitTimes, the SHA Principal, Gunam Singh, said that the academy aims at providing quality education to children who fail to avail the same due to poor economic conditions.

With 12 staff members, SHA attends to 59 students from Nursery to Class V. 28 of the students stay in the boarding facility provided by the academy. While the boarders hail from



different parts of the State, the day scholars are from the surrounding areas of Buriakhop.

It is further informed that

the academy at present is functioning from a rented accommodation and that search for land to construct a proper school

building with proper infrastructure to accommodate more children is under progress.

"If we do not find appro-

prate space here, we will approach other places of Sikkim for school construction," Mr Singh informed.

The academy receives financial help from donations provided by individuals from various parts of country and across the globe as well.

Many students, after passing out of the academy, get sponsored for further studies in reputed schools within and outside Sikkim. Around 16 students on sponsorship have continued their studies at Dr Graham's Homes in Kalimpong, for instance.

Students who do not receive any sponsorship stay back in the State and join Government Schools here.

Mr Singh, on behalf of the academy, has extended gratitude to all the well wishers for their selfless support and wishes to keep receiving support and guidance in the days to come.

## ITBP medical camp at Chatten



**SUMMIT REPORT  
GANGTOK, 27 OCT:**

The 11th Battalion of Indo Tibetan Border Police stationed at Chungthang, under the guidance of Commandant Rajesh Kumar Tomar, organized a medical camp at Chatten in North Sikkim today, a

press release informs.

Commandant Tomar urged the people and students of Chatten School to avail the medical facility being provided without fail. He distributed medicines to the local public and students.

Pipon of Chatten extended

gratitude to Commandant Tomar and his battalion for organizing the camp, the release states. On the directions of Commandant Tomar, similar camps had been organized in Munsithang and will be proceeding towards Thangu, Bansoi and Chungthang in the near future.



## CHATTH PUJA CONCLUDES AT TADONG

**GANGTOK, 27 OCT:** The four-day long Chhat Puja celebrations concluded early this morning with devotees flocking at the ghat in Tadong Durga Mandir to offer prayers to the rising Sun. [Sandeep Prasad]

## SC allows Centre to withdraw force from trouble-hit Darjeeling

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It said constitutional courts cannot remain "oblivious" to danger to lives of citizens as they are "at the zenith of pyramid" and there has to be some kind of arrangement to protect the lives of citizens.

Additional Solicitor General Maninder Singh, appearing for the Centre, said the government also takes decision in the interest of citizens to protect them.

The law officer said if all the High Courts start ordering the Centre on deployment of forces, then a difficult situation would arise.

The bench, which posted the appeal of the Centre against the High Court order for further hearing on November 27, said the interim order allowing withdrawal

of seven companies of paramilitary force would remain in force till final adjudication of the case.

The apex court, on October 25, had agreed to hear the Centre's plea challenging the High Court order on withdrawal of security forces.

The Calcutta High Court had stayed the withdrawal of Central Armed Paramilitary Forces (CAPF) from the Darjeeling hills, the scene of unrest over the statehood demand, till October 27 after the state government approached it opposing the Centre's decision.

It has been said that the Centre needed to deploy forces in the poll-bound states of Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh. Some forces also needed to be deployed along the borders of Jammu

and Kashmir and in the north-eastern states, it had said.

The high court had on July 14 directed the Centre to deploy four more companies of CAPF in addition to the 11 that were already present in the hills then.

The West Bengal government had written to the Centre seeking extended deployment of CAPF till December 25, but was told that of the 15 companies present, 10 would be withdrawn on October 15 and the rest by October 20.

The counsel for the central government had claimed that the situation in the Darjeeling hills had improved compared to July when the order on deployment of paramilitary contingents had been passed by the high court.





**Gangtok on  
Saturday,  
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**Sunrise:** 05:43 AM

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## SMU to hold its 17th Convocation on Saturday

### SUMMIT REPORT

**GANGTOK, 27 OCT:**

The 17th Convocation of Sikkim Manipal University [SMU] will be held at the auditorium hall of SMIMS in 5th Mile, Tadong, on 28 Oct.

An SMU press release informs that Governor Shrinivas Patil who is also the Chancellor of SMU will be presiding over the function along with Pro-Chancellor, Rajen Padukone. Founder/Chairman of Mu Sigma Inc, Dhiraj Rajaram, will be attending the programme as chief guest.

Mu Sigma is the world's largest pure play big data analytics and decision support company.

A total of 997 Graduates will be receiving their degrees during the convocation. They include Engineering and Management Graduates are from Sikkim Manipal Institute of Technology [SMIT], Medical Graduates and Post Graduates from Sikkim Manipal Institute of Medical Science [SMIMS], Nursing Graduates from Sikkim Manipal College of Nursing [SMCON], Physiotherapy graduates and post graduates from Sikkim Manipal College of Physiotherapy [SMCPT], Master of Hospital Administration and Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts Graduates from Department of Humanities & Social Sciences, SMU. Gold and silver medal winners will be also awarded during the convocation, the release adds.

## No need for creamy layer provision in ST quota: NCST

**BHOPAL, OCT 27 (PTI):**

The National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) today said exclusion of 'creamy layer' from the reservations for the STs is not called for.

"There is no requirement (of creamy layer provision in the reservations for the scheduled tribes), and no such subject is being discussed by the commission. A lot is yet to be done for the welfare of STs," NCST chairman Nand Kumar Sai said at a press conference here.

He was replying to a question about whether the creamy layer provision should be introduced in the ST reservations.

The NCST will be writing to the states to speed up the working of state-level screening committees which take final decision on the validity of caste certificates, he said.

"We have told officials of the Madhya Pradesh government to speed up the working of state-level screening committee. We are going to write to all the states to dispose of

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## Even drying clothes are not safe in Gangtok

### SUMMIT REPORT

**GANGTOK, 27 OCT:**

After losing many of her clothes, including some of her favourite ones, from her cloth drying space outside her room at Gairi Gaon in Tadong, the aggrieved girl has finally placed a letter for the unknown miscreant.

The letter has started drawing attention of the pedestrians walking by the area. The aggrieved girl is a tenant in a building at Gairi Gaon. Her clothes are routinely stolen from the clothesline outside

her room. This has been happening for the past many months now.

She is not the only person facing this problem. The unknown miscreant/s has been stealing the clothes of other tenants of the building too.

In case you are wondering, the letter is not helping either. Clothes still get lifted. Worryingly, this happens during broad daylight since that is when clothes are left out to dry. There have also been some break-ins in the area, but thankfully not as often as the clothes getting stolen.



## Interschool Basketball kicks off at PNGS

### SUMMIT REPORT

**GANGTOK, 27 OCT:**

A three-day long interschool basketball tournament got underway at Paljor Namgyal Girls Senior Secondary School today. Seven schools are participating in the tournament being organized by PNGS.

Six matches were played on the first day of the tournament. In the inaugural match, the

host team outplayed Holy Cross School 22-18.

In other matches, St Xavier's School defeated Kyi-de-Khang School 39-05, Holy Cross School beat Taktse International School 16-09, and West Point SSS defeated Kyi-de-Khang School 07-06.

In their second match, PNGS outplayed Taktse International School 36-26 while Holy Cross

School defeated Green Dale School 17-05.

The tournament is scheduled to wrap up on 29 Oct.

The inaugural day had Sports & Youth Affairs Department Secretary, SD Dhakal, as the chief guest.

In his short address, the Secretary informed that the ongoing renovation works of indoor gymnasium of Paljor Stadium,

which includes a basketball court, is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year.

While appreciating the initiative of PNGS in organizing the tournament, he expressed confidence that the PNGS students will achieve new heights in basketball in future. He also assured to extend all necessary help for the development of basketball in the State.

## District-level Special Olympic Bharat held up North

**MANGAN, 27 OCT [IPR]:**

Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan, Mangan organized a daylong District Level Special Olympics Bharat for children with special needs under inclusive education for secondary stage at Mangan Public Ground today.

Several differently abled students from the district participated in bocce, football, shot-put and 100-meter race.

Asian Pacific International Coach, Special Olympics Bharat, New Delhi, Ram Prasad Dhakal and his colleagues, Tashi Bhutia and Nim lhamu Sherpa successfully conducted the District Level Special Olympic Bharat.

Certificates of participation were handed away by the chief guest



to the participants. The winners of several events will now represent the district in the forthcoming State Level Special Olympic Bharat, Sikkim.

Human Resource & Development Joint Director [North], Sonam Lepcha was the chief guest on the occasion. Addressing

the gathering, Mr Lepcha expressed delight over such tournament being held in the district for the first time and said that such games help the

student to participate at National, International level and added that such attempt helps them to make the children more special.

## SDF panchayat campaign continues in North Sikkim



**WANGCHUK BHUTIA**

**MANGAN, 27 OCT:**

A GPU-level ward panchayat election meeting of the Sikkim Democratic Front was held at Upper Singhik and Lower Singhik wards of Ringhim-Nampatam GPU today and included a rally by SDF supporters through Mangan bazaar before the meeting.

The meeting was attended by the Lachen-Mangan MLA, Tshering Wangdi Lepcha, accompanied by former Upadhyaksha (North), NT Lepcha, Mangan Nagar Panchayat councillors Karma Jigdal Bhutia and Ugen Palzor, ex-panchayat Sonam Tsh Bhutia, zilla member contestants Mark Tsh Lepcha and Dorjee T Lepcha, vice convenor, ASDTF, Sachin Agarwal, president, AS-

DTF, R. Namgyal, senior citizens and all ward panchayat candidates of the SDF, party supporters and general public.

The ex-panchayat, in his address, spoke strongly in support of the SDF candidates and also informed that as a land owner, he wants Teesta Stage IV HEP project to be started soon.

The area MLA, in his address, lashed out against the opposition and enumerated the various achievements and assurances of the party and the State Government.

On Teesta Stage-IV, he said that he personally and the Lachen-Mangan constituency at large, supported for HEPs in North Sikkim, convinced that hydel projects would bring about all-round development.

## Gram Panchayat EVMs commissioned in South

**NAMCHI, 27 OCT [IPR]:**

Continuing the commissioning of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) for the upcoming panchayat elections, the election committee members of South Sikkim supervised the commissioning of EVMs for gram panchayat today.

133 EVMs were commissioned for gram panchayat elections under the supervision of District General Election Observer, Tshewang Gyachho, Panchayat Returning Officer [South], Raj Yadav, Assistant Returning Officers, Benu Gurung, B.C Rai, Sunil Mothey along with sector magistrates and election agents.

Additionally, 261 EVMs were commissioned for zilla panchayat yesterday.

After the commissioning session, the RO held a meeting with the sector magistrates and briefed them about the guidelines for conducting the elections. He un-

derlined that it will be imperative for the sector magistrates to issue reports in two hour basis especially if it's related to the replacement of EVMs. He also underscored that if there is a network problem with the reporting of elections then an alternative measure needs to be adopted by the sector magistrates.

Mr Raj informed about the sensitive polling stations and updated that the voters slip have been handed over to the concerned sector magistrates. Regarding, postal ballots Mr Raj elucidated that on 02 Nov, a postal ballot counter will be set up for the elections officials.

Additionally, the RO notified that the sector magistrates have been directed to be present on the field from 28 Oct to 02 Nov to ensure discipline and smooth functioning of the election campaigns by the political parties.

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## No Country for Women

### Repression of women remains disturbingly routine

Accepted, there is nothing new in what this piece headlines. In fact, it is disturbingly routine. And yet, every once in while we collective dredge the bottom of the barrel when it comes to realities like this and hence arrive moments when we hold up the mirror and stare at our grotesqueness. In the present instance, the trigger is not another episode of misogynist violence but another reiteration of the disgusting straight face with which repression of women has been normalized in our country.

News arrived yesterday that the government of Madhya Pradesh has directed government schools there not to insist on the name of the biological fathers when rape victims bring their children for admission. Seriously? Schools are being administered by such louts that they insist that rape victims give the name of their rapists to their children? And this has been allowed to go on? (the MP govt's directions did, after all, come only now). And this, in all probability, will be held up as a progressive development. That is how regressive we remain as a country. And these practices continue because we remain stubbornly supportive of patriarchy and all its violent denials. So, we continue to ask for father's name for all documentations. Yes, some forms also accommodate the mother's name but it is still not an either-or choice. There is still no official document or identity you can acquire in our country solely on the basis of your mother's name. This is inexcusable because it perpetuates the belief that a woman follows the religion, community and nationality of the men in her life – father first and then the husband – and has nothing to bequeath her children by way of official identity. When the idea of equal inheritance rights was mooted and passed, its essence was to end such misogyny but it has remained constricted to just a law on inheritance, not an attitude adjustment on how the identity of women is seen and treated. Political and even public discourse in our country continues to see women primarily as daughters and mothers, very rarely as wives and never as friends, colleagues or equal partners. This is clearly a manifestation of a society that accepts male domination and is comfortable only when women are dependent, subservient and controlled. Check all these boxes and then they can also be respected.

So yes, there is something called Beti-Bachao, Beti-Padhaao initiative underway across the country. But that, apart from sheer tokenism as has become routine for the present dispensation in power, also fits in well with the showboating masculinities insistence that women be subservient and dependent. Seventy years since the nation became independent, we really should not be trying to save and educate our daughters, that should have been established on 15 August 1947 itself; by now we should have ensured that they were liberated. But we didn't. And we have not even kept them safe. They remain at risk not just from the depravity that walks too free anyone's comfort, but also stand exposed to the insensitive insistence of our obsolete and offensive laws and rules.

# Fats Domino: Rock 'n Roll's quiet rebel who defied US segregation

BRIAN WARD  
*theconversation.com*

Rock'n'roll trailblazer Antoine "Fats" Domino has died, aged 89. With his beguiling smile, genial image and effervescent shuffle-boogie sound, it's hard to think of him as radical figure in American culture. Yet, in the mid-1950s, Domino was at the heart of a revolution that transformed western music and had profound social repercussions.

On May 4, 1956 Domino was headlining a rhythm and blues show at the American Legion Auditorium in Roanoke, Virginia. In keeping with the segregation laws of the day, whites and blacks were consigned to separate areas. On this occasion, African-American fans occupied the dance floor while 2,000 whites crammed into a balcony designed for about half that number. Some white fans tried to escape the crush by going downstairs to the less densely packed main floor where, as incredulous local journalists noted, they were spotted sharing seats and "actually dancing" with black rock and roll enthusiasts as Domino ran through an already extensive catalogue of hit songs.

The spectre of black and white youngsters defying southern segregation proved too much for some in the balcony, who began to hurl bottles down on the unexpectedly integrated scene below. After the show ended, an angry white crowd even pursued Domino and his fellow black performers back to the Dumas Hotel on Henry Street in the heart of Roanoke's African-American community. Like other white southerners who opposed the spread of rock and roll music, the mob sensed that somehow this music – played by black and white musicians who drew on black rhythm and blues and white country and pop influences to craft a style that was adored by young black and white fans – represented a serious threat to the racial apartheid of the Jim Crow South. But it was too late. Thanks to Fats Domino and his fellow rock and rollers the integrated musical genie was out of the segregated bottle.

In 1950, the portly Domino had enjoyed his first hit with The Fat Man, a rollicking, good-natured ode to his amorous powers penned by his longtime collaborator, band leader and producer, Dave Bartholomew. With its pulsating piano and irresistible riffing horns, the recording pointed the way forward to what would soon become known as rock and roll.

But The Fat Man was only a hit on the rhythm and blues charts, which



essentially monitored the sales of recordings by black artists to overwhelmingly black audiences. Aside from occasional crossover hits by the likes of Louis Jordan and Nat King Cole, black artists rarely made much of an impression on the nominally white pop charts.

Within a few years, however, Domino was picking up significant sales among white audiences. In 1952, his number one rhythm and blues hit Goin' Home also made the pop charts, as did the deliciously maudlin Going to the River the following year.

By mid-decade, as Chuck Berry, Bo Diddley, Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis and countless other black and white acts secured major hits on both sides of the racial divide, Domino's career was in full swing. "A lot of people seem to think I started this business. But rock 'n' roll was here a long time before I came along," Presley told reporters in 1957. "Let's face it," he conceded, "I can't sing like Fats Domino can. I know that."

Despite falling victim to the cover phenomenon, whereby white artists released versions of his new recordings hoping to capture the white pop market, many of Domino's classic tracks, among them Ain't that a Shame, Blueberry Hill, I'm Walkin' and Whole Lotta Loving, were major pop as well as huge rhythm and blues hits.

By the end of the decade Domino was the most commercially successful of all black pop stars, earning some \$700,000 annually from live performances, record sales, publishing roy-

alties (he wrote or co-wrote many of his recordings) and appearances in a string of rock and roll movies such as The Girl Can't Help It, Jamboree and Shake, Rattle and Roll.

### CROSSOVER PRODIGY

In many ways Domino was a perfect crossover artist. His life and his music brought together many different strands in American culture. He was born of French Creole parentage on February 26 1928 in New Orleans, a city he celebrated in songs such as Walking to New Orleans and where he lived the vast majority of his life. He even survived Hurricane Katrina in 2005, when he had to be rescued by helicopter from the roof of his ruined home in the Lower Ninth Ward. He lost all his possessions in the flooding, including his National Medal of Arts, which was later replaced by President George W Bush.

Domino was something of a child piano prodigy. He played local gigs from the age of 10, building up a solid local reputation before he signed to Imperial Records in late 1949 and began his incredibly productive relationship with Bartholomew. Stylistically, he was influenced by the ram-paging boogie-woogie piano stylings of Albert Ammons and Amos Milburn, but he softened his sound with more ornate flourishes borrowed from Crescent City jazz legend Professor Longhair.

Similarly, the powerful horns that drove forward many of Domino's finest tracks, often with saxophonist Lee

Allen at the helm, were set against warm, honey-dew vocals that never quite lost their supple Creole intonation. He was also adept at reworking mainstream pop idioms (listen to Valley of Tears from 1957) and an enormous fan of country music. When he took Hank Williams's Jambalaya (On The Bayou) into the pop charts in 1962, the hybrid seemed to make perfect sense.

By 1962, however, Domino's glory years were already behind him. Like many of his fellow rock and roll pioneers, he struggled to meet the challenge posed by a whole host of anodyne teen idols in the early 1960s and then with the aftermath of the British invasion spearheaded by the Beatles in 1964. Yet his influence endured. The first record George Harrison ever bought was Domino's 1956 pop and rhythm and blues crossover hit I'm In Love Again. In 1968, the Beatles's Lady Madonna was essentially Paul McCartney's homage to Domino's seminal 1950s work.

In 1975, Ain't that a Shame reappeared on John Lennon's Rock'n'Roll album, just as it had in the 1973 hit film American Graffiti, George Lucas's love letter to the teenage America of the late 1950s and early 1960s. It was an era to which Domino's music provided a joyous soundtrack, while creating a musical legacy that ultimately transcends time and place.

As Britain's poet laureate Carol Ann Duffy put it in her 2003 tribute to the singer: "Dominus, dominum, domine, Domino!"

# The world speaks the language of men, but after #MeToo women must find their voice

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It will be gratifying to many women to see the spread of the #MeToo campaign, prompted by the revelations from dozens of women who have accused Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein of acts of sexual assault since the 1980s. Millions of women across the world have joined the campaign, breaking their silence on a shared experience of sexual harassment and assault.

The fact that it took a shared, global, voice to begin talking about the sexism that still underpins our society shows how difficult it is for lone voices to stand against abuses of male power and privilege. This is not just about Weinstein or the film industry. If some of Hollywood's most influential women – among them Gwyneth Paltrow, Angelina Jolie, Ashley Judd, Reese Witherspoon – were compelled to stay silent for so long, what chance do most women have to speak truth to power?

The recent murder of the Maltese journalist and blogger Daphne Caruana Galizia, killed by a car bomb near her home, is another example of the difficulty and danger involved in pursuing the truth. Caruana Galizia was an outspoken critic on her native island of Malta, using her blog to expose what she saw as the corruption all around her.

Caruana Galizia also often drew attention to the problematic representation of women in Malta and the government's inability to endorse positive female role models, levelling criticism at a society in which women should be seen and not heard. In 2014 she drew attention to how

Malta had slipped to 99th place out of 142 in global rankings on gender equality, placing it below Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Zimbabwe and Kazakhstan. Now Malta has lost the one woman, and according to many, the only person, who dared to speak truth to power.

### SHARED PAIN, SHARED SILENCE

Should we be surprised by the murder of a leading journalist, described by her family as the outcome of a "long witch hunt"? Or to learn that dozens of Hollywood celebrities, and those they confided in, felt compelled to keep secret the sexual predations of a Hollywood producer?

Female voice has long been seen as dangerous, deviant, and untrustworthy. My own work is often concerned with the careers of the first women in Britain who made writing their profession, and who sought to make their voices heard in a male-dominated world.

Women like Aphra Behn, Eliza Haywood, Susannah Centlivre and Delarivier Manley wrote some of the first novels in England, Britain's first journalism, and the most popular plays of the century. Their work was widely read and hugely influential. But they were sneered at in their age on account of their gender. Women, many claimed, shouldn't write, and certainly shouldn't write for the public.

Virginia Woolf famously wrote that "all

women together ought to let flowers fall upon the tomb of Aphra Behn, for it was she who earned them the right to speak their minds". But Behn herself conceded that the voice of professional writers was gendered male.

In the preface to her play, The Lucky Chance (1687), she requested "the Privilege for my Masculine Part the Poet in me ... to tread in those successful Paths my



Predecessors have so long thriv'd in", before going on to note that: "If I must not, because of my Sex, have this Freedom, ... I lay down my Quill, and you shall hear no more of me ... because I will be kinder to my brothers of the Pen, than they have been to a defenceless Woman." Behn's words speak clearly to the gendered inequalities of the professional literary marketplace.

In almost every work written by a woman that I read, the author is forced to publicly negotiate her relationship to ideas of truth. This is especially the case when that woman writes about her life,

and comments directly on the effects of the society in which she lives. One example is found in the memoirs written by the Duchess of Mazarin in the 1670s. Even though she was a powerfully-connected aristocrat, Mazarin addresses her reader directly to acknowledge the expectation that women remain silent: "I know the chief Glory of a Woman ought to consist in not making herself to be publicly talked of. And those that know me, know like-wise, that I never too much pleasure in things that make too much Noise. But it is not always in our choice to live our own way."

Do women have any more public credibility now than when Mazarin wrote these words? A survey of US university undergraduates by Benjamin Schmidt suggests not. Schmidt's database of responses draws upon 14m reviews from the Rate My Professors website to show the differing usage of words according to the gender of the academic reviewed. Positive terms like "smart", "intellect", "genius" are far more widely used to describe male academics, while negative terms like "bossy", "shrill", "strict" and "demanding" are far more often applied to those that are women.

### TACKLING THE CAUSE, NOT THE SYMPTOM

Earlier this year the UN launched a major campaign, #stoptherobbery, to address

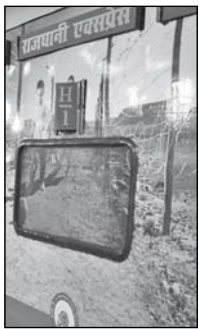
the issue of gender inequality expressed in the pay gap that leads women to be underpaid – robbed – on average 23% of their income compared to men performing the same work. It was an inequality that was also exposed with the recent publication of the salaries of the BBC's highest earners. Inequality is most visible when it can be measured in easily quantifiable ways, like the pay cheques people take home. Yet while the UN's campaign is laudable, it addresses a symptom of gender inequality rather than its cause.

The pioneering work of Australian feminist Dale Spender in the 1970s and 80s showed how the world we live in is one described and negotiated through a male-centred language. This is a language in which "man comes to stand in for humanity", "words reserved for women are derivations/deviations from the word for men (actress, woman)" and in which we can immediately perceive sexual double standards in attitudes towards the same behaviour across the genders (for example in the linguistic equivalence of "stud" and "slut").

How do women find equality in a world governed by a male-centred language, and the male-centred structures it upholds? Equal pay would help, but that won't change the root of the problem. The most important step is to find a voice. But that, it seems, is still proving hard, and history is set against us. How many more women will lose jobs, reputations, and even their lives in the struggle to make themselves heard?

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## Agartala Rajdhani Express inaugural run tomorrow

**AGARTALA, OCT 27 (PTI):** The much awaited Rajdhani Express would be formally flagged off from Agartala railway station by Minister of State for Railways Rajen Gohain tomorrow, official sources said.

Agartala-Anand Vihar Rajdhani Express train would be flagged off from Agartala railway station on October 28 by Union Minister of State for Railways, Rajen Gohain. Tripura Governor Tathagata Roy would be the Chief Guest of the programme, Chief Public Relation Officer (CPRO), Pranabjyoti Sharma said.

Though the train would be flagged off tomorrow, it would formally start running from November 6. It will run once a week on Mondays from Agartala and Wednesdays from Anand Vihar in New Delhi.

The total journey time will be 40 hours and 50 minutes and the train will stop at 16 stations.

The train will have 14 coaches, including one AC first class, two AC two tiers, eight AC three tiers and one pantry car and two power cum luggage vans.

After Guwahati and Dibrugarh in Assam, Agartala would be the third city in the North East to get a Rajdhani.

Tripura came to country's broad gauge railway map in 2008.

Tripura Transport Minister Manik Dey, State PWD Minister Badal Chowdhury, two Lok Sabha MPs from Tripura-Jitendra Chowdhury and Sankar Datta- will also be present in the inaugural function tomorrow.

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# Protests over Chakma applicants in APPSC prelims exam

**ITANAGAR, OCT 27 (PTI):** The All Arunachal Pradesh Students Union (AAPSU) has criticized the move of Arunachal Pradesh Public Service Commission (APPSC) for including four Chakma candidates for APPSC (Prelims) examination scheduled for November 26.

The Chakmas have been categorized under the ST and general enrolled list.

Reportedly, there are three Chakma applicants for the preliminary examinations through the general category, two of whom are from Namsai and one from Changlang district.

The fourth candidate has applied through the Scheduled Tribe category from Papum Pare district.

This is a gross violation of

rules since Chakmas and Hajongs are not indigenous natives of the state and they are not citizens of the country, AAPSU president Hawa Bagang said.

The apex students body of the state also met APPSC chairman Tajom Talohon yesterday for clarification on the issue.

There is a conspiracy in the APPSC and the officers are spies of the Chakma people. We are students and will fight against the Chakma-Hajong issue till death for better future of our children and the people.

AAPSU condemns the mischief and the officers involved should be suspended as per the laid down rules, Bagang said.

No matter if the Chakma-Hajongs are from any state of the country, we will never allow

their presence in our state.

Since the issue is with the Supreme Court, how can the officers be partial to the four candidates? he asked.

APPSC chairman Tajom Taloh assured that if any mistake was committed by the department, it would be reviewed as early as possible.

When there is mistake the commission can rectify it.

ST-certified Chakma from other states like Mizoram can't apply for the APPSC exams in Arunachal as per my knowledge but other STs can apply in general category, he said.

Taloh said that the supporting documents which include ST certificate are sought when the candidate appears for the mains and personality test.

A particular candidate can be rejected in the second and third stage of examination and the act was not intentional, he said.

The AAPSU submitted a memorandum to Chief Minister Pema Khandu stating immediate deletion of the Chakma candidates from ensuing APPSC prelim exam list within seven days.

The union also demanded disciplinary action against the erring scrutiny committee officers of APPSC who enlisted the name of the candidates.

Addressing reporters, AAPSU general secretary Tabom Dai said: This is not the first time APPSC has made a mistake. This mistake of enlisting Chakma candidates will be never accepted. We want immediate action against the scrutiny team."



## Myanmar Consul General in Kolkata killed in road accident

**GIRIDIH (J'KHAND), OCT 27 (PTI):** The Myanmar Consul General in Kolkata, Pyl Soe, was killed and three others, including his wife, were injured when their vehicle collided with a truck in Giridih district today, Superintendent of Police (SP) Akhilesh Beriar said.

Soe (49), was returning to Kolkata from Gaya in Bihar when the accident took place on GT Road, near Galagi, within the Nimiahat police station limits, about 61 km from Giridih town, Beriar said.

His vehicle, while trying to avoid hitting a motorbike, collided with a truck coming from the opposite direction, the SP said, adding that Soe died on the spot.

The three injured persons -- Soe's wife

Nayo, personal adviser Tingung and driver Vipin Sing -- were admitted to a hospital in Ranchi.

Civil Surgeon Kameshwar Prasad said all the injured persons were out of danger.

The driver and the helper of the truck were arrested, the SP said.

Jharkhand Chief Minister Raghuraj Das expressed grief at the demise of Soe.

In his condolence message, Das said he prayed to god to give strength to the family at this sorrowful hour.

The chief minister also issued directions for a proper treatment of the injured.

Soe was appointed the Consul General in Kolkata on December 6 last year.

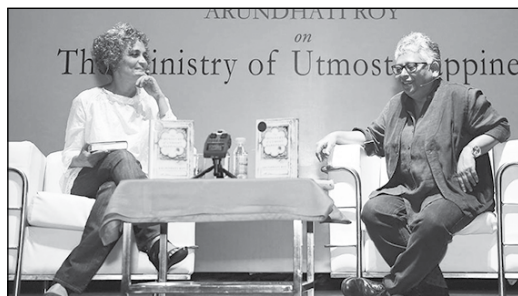
# 'The Ministry...' accumulated in me like a 'sedimentary rock': Arundhati Roy

**NEW DELHI, OCT 27 (PTI):** After shooting to global fame following the success of "The God of Small Things", the second novel grew gradually inside like "a sedimentary rock" over 20 years, says author Arundhati Roy.

Events over two decades, starting with the nuclear tests, accumulated like layers before reaching a critical point, Roy said at 'Penguin Fever', organised by Penguin Random House India at the India Habitat Centre yesterday.

"Right after 'The God of Small Things', the nuclear tests happened. I felt I didn't have the choice of keeping quiet and I wrote 'The End of Imagination', which further led me on a journey that really expanded my understanding of what was happening around me," she said.

"The End of Imagination" is a collection of essays that followed her blockbuster debut book.



Her political essays, non-fictional writing and involvement in protests, including the Sardar Sarovar Project, after her first fiction book gave Roy the status of an activist and, according to her, set the grounds for her second fictional work.

"It was like everything was getting layered in me like a sedimentary rock. It was much of what I was learning that was getting accumulated in me... It was separate from the non-fiction argument. And at some point it reached a critical point and I started writing 'The Ministry of Utmost Happiness,'" the author said.

While her first novel won Roy the Man Booker 1997 award, the second was long-listed for the prize but could not make the final cut.

Discussing the possibility of her books being made into films, the author said she had written "The Ministry..." to be "un-

filmable".

"When 'The God of Small Things' was published, somewhere in my mind I set out to write an unfilmable book. I, of course, wanted it to be stubbornly visual."

During one of her visits to Los Angeles after "The God of Small Things", her agent had informed her about many Hollywood filmmakers showing interest in the book.

"When he asked me why don't I just meet them once. I told him I just want them to grovel and then say no," she said.

Roy's session was part of Penguin Random House's ongoing 'Penguin Fever' event to mark 30 years of the publishing house.

The six-day event, which began yesterday, will also see interactive sessions by eminent authors, environmentalists and economists, including Shobhaa De, Ruskin Bond, Perumal Murugan and Shashi Tharoor.

# Govt for separate cadre to look after management of lower courts

**NEW DELHI, OCT 27 (PTI):** The government is planning to create a separate cadre of officers in states to look after management of lower courts so that the judges can concentrate on judicial work and are not bogged down with daily administrative chores.

The Centre feels the earlier plan to have court managers to assist judges in managing court administration and finances has not worked well.

The 13th Finance Commission had allocated Rs 300 crore between 2010-15 for the lower courts to appoint court managers. They were tasked with assisting judges in streamlining court administration.

"However, it has failed to achieve its de-

sired results.

Only one-third of the sanctioned amount was released and one-seventh utilised.

"Recruitment on contract basis, low remuneration package, reluctance on the part of the judiciary to accept court managers to participate in judicial process have been identified as some of the reasons for failure to attract suitable candidates," Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said in a letter addressed to all chief justices of high courts.

The lower courts function under high courts of states.

There are 24 high courts in the country. Prasad said, in order to keep judges free from administrative and financial issues to

allow them more time for adjudicating cases, "it has been felt a separate permanent cadre of administrators for court administration, court management and court financing... may be created at state level.

In his letter written earlier this month, he has sought views of chief justices before taking the issue further with respective state governments.

The Centre's move to set up the new cadre comes at a time when lower judiciary is burdened with over 2.70 crore cases.

While the total approved strength of lower court judges is nearly 22,000, it faces a shortage of 4,937 judges and judicial officers.

## No need for creamy layer...

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pending cases of doubtful caste certificates," he said.

NCST deputy chairperson Anusuiya Uikey said the commission is going to file a petition in the apex court, seeking early disposal of cases related to fake caste certificates which land in high courts.

"(Often) Accused persons seek stay orders from the high court in cases of fake caste certificates. We will file a petition in the Supreme Court seeking a directive for high courts that such cases be disposed of at the earliest," Uikey said.

To a question, Uikey alleged that there is "rampant corruption" in the implementation of welfare schemes in Madhya Pradesh's tribal areas.

"A huge amount of money has been spent for the welfare and development of tribal areas. But there are no water, school, health facilities for them. There are no teachers in tribal schools. Where is this money go-

ing?" she asked.

"There is rampant corruption in the implementation of schemes for the tribal community. (Guilty) Officials at the lower level should be removed," she said.

Earlier in the day, the NCST heard complaints of members of tribal communities from across the state.

Sai said the NCST has received several complaints from the state about lands owned by members of tribal communities being sold illegally. There are also complaints that general category candidates were appointed to posts reserved for the STs, he said.

"We have forwarded all these complaints to the state government and directed officials to sort out these issues at the earliest," he added.

To a question, the NCST chairman said that "tribals are Hindus".

"There is no controversy. The tribals are Hindus. They worship nature as depicted in the Rigveda. So tribals are true Hindus," he said.

# Guwahati Int'l Film Fest to open Oscar winner 'The Salesman'



**GUWAHATI, OCT 27 (PTI):** The first Guwahati International Film Festival would begin here tomorrow with the screening of Oscar winner 'The Salesman', directed by Asghar Farhadi and a joint collaboration of Iran and France.

The Iranian director's 2016 movie, that won the Academy Award for best foreign language film, would be one of the 75 films from 35 countries to be shown in the 6-day event.

Cine lovers would get to watch five films from Turkey, the focus country, and six from Farhadi's country in the Contemporary Iranian Cinema section, Festival Director Monita Borgohain said.

The five films of Turkey are 'Ember' directed by Zeki Demirkubuz, 'Yarim' by Cagil Nurhak Aydogdu, 'Toz Bezi' by Ahu Ozturk, 'Rauf' by Baris Kayer and Soner Caner, and 'Kalander Sogugu' by Mustafa Kaner.

Six Iranian movies to be screened in the GIFF are 'Dokhtar' by Reza Mirkarimi,

'Rokha Divaneh' by Abolhassan Davoodi, 'Malaria' by Parviz Shahbazi, 'Raftan' by Navid Mahmoudi, 'Valderama' by Abbas Amini and 'Inja Kassi Nemimirad' by Hossein Kondo.

Besides Focus Country and 'Contemporary Iranian Cinema, Borgohain said, the GIFF would have sections on World Cinema, Indian Panorama, Retrospectives, Cinema of Northeast, Cinema of Assam and the Tribute.

Besides, several Assamese films made by young filmmakers, four movies by Jahnu Baruah -- 'Hkhagoroloi Bohu door' (Its a long way to the sea), 'Ajeyo' (Invisible), 'Halodhiya Choraye Baodhan Khai' (The Catastrophe) and 'Konikar Ramdhenu' (Ride on the Rainbow) would be screened.

Films by pioneering filmmakers of Assam -- Dr Bhupen Hazarika ('Shakuntala'), Abdul Mazid ('Chameli Memsahib') and Dr Bhabendranath Saikia ('Sandhya Raag') would also be shown.

The closing film will be 'Perekonna-valled' of Estonia directed by Valentinknik and Manfred Vainokivi.

Film personalities such as Adoor Gopalakrishnan, Shaji N Karun, Jahnu Barua, Resul Pookutty and A K Bir were associated with GIFF in various capacities, Borgohain said.

An important feature of the festival shall be Open Forum sessions on topics related to films and the region as well as Master Classes by masters in their respective fields, Chairman of Jyoti Chitraban (Film Studio) Society Pabitra Margherita said.

Jyoti Chitraban is one of the organisers of the festival, besides the state government and the Dr Bhupen Hazarika Regional Government Film and Television Institute.

The films will be shown on the three screens at Srimanta Sankardev Kalakshetra and one at the Jyoti Chitraban Society.



# New champion on cards as England, Spain clash in U-17 final

**PHILEM DIPAK SINGH**

**KOLKATA, OCT 27 (PTI):** A riveting contest is on the cards when England and Spain lock horns in the first-ever all-European summit clash of the FIFA Under-17 World Cup which will have a new champion Saturday after a record-breaking tournament.

After three weeks of high intensity and top quality football, only England and Spain remain in contention for the top honour. And both sides will be seeking their maiden title when they come out in front of the full-capacity 66,000-odd crowd at the Salt Lake Stadium tomorrow.

A goal feast can be expected from two of the most aggressive sides in the tournament. While England have scored 18 goals so far, Spain have 15 to their credit.

England are playing in their maiden final in their fourth appearance while Spain have featured as losing finalists on three earlier occasions in 1991, 2003 and 2007.

It will be a repeat of the European U-17 Championship match in Croatia in May when Spain had emerged winners on a penalty shootout after a 2-2 stalemate in the regulation time and the Three Lions will be looking for revenge tomorrow.

A win for England will also herald an unprecedented year for their colts as their Under-20 team had won the World Cup in Korea earlier this year while their Under-19 side were the European champions.

In its bid to wake up a "sleeping giant", the FIFA had allotted this U-17 World Cup to India in December 2013, but this edition is turning out to be record-breaking one in terms of most spectator attendance and number of goals.

With two matches -- the third place playoff and the final -- remaining, the total number of spectators for the 50 matches so far has already logged 1,224,027 which



is a mere 6949 less than the earlier record attendance of 1,230,976 in the first edition of the tournament in China in 1985.

With the Kolkata crowd expected to turn up in large numbers in the third place match between Brazil and Mali as well, this tournament is set to become the most attended of any FIFA U-17 or U-20 tournament.

It is likely to go past the 13,09,929 spectator mark that turned up in the 2011 Colombia edition of the FIFA U-20 World Cup.

This India edition is also set to become the highest scoring tournament with 170 goals from 50 matches so far, just two goals behind the earlier highest of 172 during the 2013 edition in the United Arab Emirates.

With three more goals from the remaining two matches, this edition will have the best goal average since the format was changed in 2007 to a 24-team affair from the earlier 16-team participation.

On form, there is very little to differentiate between the two though England

may start slight favourites having shocked pre-tournament favourites Brazil in the semifinals while also having played all but one of their six earlier matches at the same stadium.

England also is the only unbeaten side in the tournament while Spain had lost to Brazil in their campaign-opener.

England's only blemish so far had been their inability to beat Japan in the regulation time in the pre-quarterfinals though they won through penalty shootout.

Spain and England have now met three times in the final of European U-17 Championships. The 'La Rojita' were triumphant in 2007, before the Three Lions took their revenge three years later. The Spaniards once more emerged victorious in May, but only after a nail-biting climax.

In the European final, England had almost won the title but Spain grabbed an equaliser from the last kick of the match in the injury-added time before prevailing over their opponents in the penalty shootout 4-1.

Both sides enjoy possessing the ball for



long but Spain, famous for their tika-taka style, will no doubt have more possession as they have been doing all through the tournament.

There will also be some individual battles to fight between star England striker Rhian Brewster and his Spain counterpart and captain Abel Ruiz both of who have single-handedly taken their sides to the final.

Brewster, who sent Brazil packing with his second hat-trick of the tournament, and Ruiz, whose double strike against Mali sealed a summit clash spot for Spain, have scored seven and six goals respectively and they are in the running for the Golden Boot Award.

England are expected to play their tried and tested 4-2-3-1 formation with Curtis Anderson between the sticks behind the back four ably marshaled by captain Joel Latibeaudiere, Marc Guehi, Jonathan Panzo and Steven Sessegnon.

Coach Steve Cooper is expected to start with Tashan Oakley Boothe and George McEachran at the central midfield

while putting Callum Hudson Odoi and Philip Foden at the flanks. Morgan Gibbs White should be behind center forward Brewster.

Spain, packed with players from famous academies of FC Barcelona and Real Madrid, started with 4-3-3 formation against Brazil and continued it till the pre-quarterfinal match against France. But coach Santiago Deni later changed it to 4-2-3-1 formation the same as England -- in the quarterfinals and semifinals.

Juan Miranda, Hugo Guillamon, Victor Chust and Mateu Jaume Morey have been the preferred back four for coach Deni while Cesar Gelabert, Antonio Blanco and Mohamed Moukhliss would be at the midfield to support center forward Ruiz and wingers Sergio Gomez and Ferran Torres.

Valencia starlet Torres has been in great form with his mesmerizing runs down on the right flank while Real Madrid youth team player Gelabert has been the assist master of his side. Ruiz scored both his goals against Mali in the semifinals from assists by Gelabert.

## Rijju inaugurates centre for disaster research at JNU

**NEW DELHI, OCT 26 (PTI):**

Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Kiren Rijju today inaugurated the Special Centre for Disaster Research (SCDR) at JNU and said the country should equip itself to face "severe" disasters.

The Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) had signed an MoU in 2015 with the National Institute of Disaster Management to setup the SCDR.

"We are going to face severe disasters in future and if we are unable to handle it effectively we are going to neutralise our growth," Rijju said, adding that there was need to reach out to different communities at the grass root and sensitise them.

"We are now talking about disaster risk management and how to prevent them or mitigate the effect," he said. The centre aims at taking a trans-disciplinary approach for its research without confining it to just social sciences or natural sciences.



## Neymar gets one match ban for Marseille red

**PARIS, OCT 27 (AFP):**

Neymar was handed a one-match ban after being sent off in PSG's explosive 2-2 draw at bitter rivals Marseille at the weekend.

The Brazilian forward will miss Friday's Ligue 1 visit from Mario Balotelli's Nice.

Neymar grabbed a brilliant equaliser in a fiery encounter at Mar-

seille Sunday before his side went down 2-1 with ten minutes to go.

Leading the chase for another equaliser, Neymar appeared to lose his cool, picking up two yellows in quick succession for retaliation.

His teammate Edinson Cavani levelled with a dramatic injury-time free-kick to save a point for the Ligue 1 leaders.

PSG coach Unai Emery has told his 25-year-old star to wise up to provocation tactics.

"He is intelligent. He is also aware that he must learn from what happened on Sunday," said Emery yesterday.

"I spoke to him about it before the match and we said not to get involved in any provocation. But on the pitch,

with the intensity and the aggression, the players are people

The 222 million-euro (264 million) Brazilian has scored 10 goals in 11 games since his move from Barcelona.

Neymar was also given a further one-match suspended ban that will be activated should he be sent off again this season.

## Amanpreet Singh wins bronze in maiden outing, Jitu seventh



**NEW DELHI, OCT 27**

**(PTI):** India's Amanpreet Singh clinched a bronze medal in his maiden appearance in an ISSF World Cup Final, but the fancied Jitu Rai fizzled out to finish a poor seventh on the fourth day of competition here today.

World Cup silver medalist Amanpreet shot 202.2 to win the bronze in the final of men's 50m pistol at the Dr Karni Singh Shooting Ranges.

Rai could manage only 123.2 to finish last in the seven-man final.

Earlier, both cleared the qualification hurdle without much fuss.

Serbia's Damir Mikec won the gold medal with 229.3, while Ukrainian

Oleh Omelchuk finished with silver after scoring 228.0 in a low-scoring but thrilling final.

Amanpreet pipped Turkey's Yusuf Dikec and Dimitrije Grgic of Serbia to the bronze medal, while also getting the better of Iran's Vahid Golkhandan.

Earlier in the year, Amanpreet had clinched a silver medal in the same event of ISSF World Cup Stage 1 in a 1-2 finish for India, with Rai winning the top prize then.

"Considering that this is a World Cup Final with the best shooters in the fray, you can call this as my finest performance in shooting. I'm happy but score wise it's not great,

so I need to improve on that," a pleased Amanpreet said.

The shooter, though, managed to pull off good scores when he really needed them.

As luck would have it, an 8.1 in the 22nd shot for the bronze medal proved good enough for Amanpreet. In total, he shot 10 and above five times in the final.

This was India's first individual medal in the ongoing edition of the prestigious tournament.

Overall, this was the host nation's second medal in the tournament following Jitu Rai and Heena Sidhu's gold in 10m mixed air pistol on the opening day.

# When an airport shuts runway and halts flights for God!

**LEKSHMI GOPALAKRISHNAN**

**THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, OCT 27 (PTI):** Is there any airport in the world which closes its runway and reschedules flight operations for a centuries-old temple procession to pass?

The international airport in Kerala's capital may be the only one of its kind which has been stopping flight operations and rearranging flight schedules twice every year for several decades as part of the annual festivals of the famed Sree Padmanabha Swamy Temple here.

The flight operations to and from the airport here would come to a halt for five hours when 'Aarattu', the ritual bath procession of temple idols, passes through its runway on the final day of the 10-day 'Painkuni' and 'Alpassi' festivals (celebrated during the Tamil months of Painkuni and

Alpassi months respectively) of the shrine.

The airport issues a NOTAM (Notice to Airmen), a notice containing information concerning the establishment, condition or change in any facility, service or procedure, among others, in airspace management, in this regard a week ahead of the procession, airport sources here said.

Armed CISF personnel stand guard on both sides of the runway when the idols pass to take a ritualistic bath in the nearby Shangumugham Beach crossing the airport premises.

After the 'holy bath', the procession goes back to the temple through the same route in the night with an escort of people carrying burning 'theevettis' (traditional fire lamps).

As this year's 'Aarattu' procession, marking the culmination of the ongoing

'Alpassi' festival at the Lord Padmanabha Temple, would be held tomorrow evening, flight operations at the airport were scheduled to be cancelled between 4 and 9 p.m., airport authorities said.

According to the temple management, the procession moves through the airport runway as the area is part of the traditional 'aarattu route' through which it has been passing for several centuries to reach the beach.

The procession used to pass through the same route even before the airport was established in the year 1932, they said.

The temple issues special passes to participants in the 'aarattu' as it passes through the high security airport area, they added.

Thiruvananthapuram Airport Director

George G Tharakan said NOTAM is usually issued a week before the procession date, so that flight operators worldwide are aware of the need to change the schedule.

"I do not think, such a practise is followed anywhere in the world...The runway will be closed completely and all flight operations, both domestic and international, will be halted for five hours. It is time when modernity meets tradition," he told PTI.

Detailing the security arrangements, the director said, people are allowed inside during the procession based on the special passes issued by the temple management.

"They give us a list of participants, to whom they issue passes. Only such persons are permitted inside airport premises. Strict security checks, both by CISF and Kerala police personnel will be carried out at the

entrance. CISF personnel guard the runway when the procession passes," he said.

Temple authorities would be requested to clear the airport premises completely by 8.45 pm after the procession returns and the NOTAM would be withdrawn and flight operations would resume by 9 pm, Tharakan added.

The procession carrying temple idols on decorated vehicles escorted by priests, members of the erstwhile Travancore Royal family, caparisoned elephants, police band and armed and mounted police personnel besides large number of devotees, is a grand spectacle for onlookers.

The present head of Travancore Royal family, Moolam Tirunal Rama Varma would lead the procession carrying the ceremonial sword and wearing the traditional green cap, the royal symbols.



Pak govt  
revives plan  
to shift Army  
headquarters  
to Islamabad

ISLAMABAD, Oct 27 (PTI): The Pakistan government has revived plans to shift the General Headquarters (GHQ) of the country's powerful Army from Rawalpindi to Islamabad and the military would provide Rs 100 billion for the ambitious project, according to a top defence official.

Briefing the Senate Standing Committee on Defence yesterday, Defence Secretary Lt Gen (ret'd) Zamirul Hassan said that 2,450 acres of land has been allocated for building a defence complex in Islamabad, the Express Tribune reported.

He also said that for this purpose 5,000 families would be relocated to a different place. Hassan said the defence complex would be built at a cost of Rs 100 billion and the money would be provided by the Army.

The plan to relocate the GHQ had been under study since 1970. However, the plan was shelved around October 2008 to 2009, at the instructions of then Army chief Gen Ashfaq Pervez Kayani, due to financial constraints.

In 2009, six terrorists wearing Army uniforms launched a brazen assault on the General Headquarters, sparking an hour-long battle. Pakistani troops repelled the assault. Six soldiers and four terrorists were killed during the fighting.

The powerful Army, which enjoys considerable influence over policy decisions in Pakistan, has ruled the country for much of its life since it gained independence 70 years ago. Briefing the panel on the eastern border, Lt Gen (ret'd) Hassan alleged that India has violated ceasefire along the Working Boundary and Line of Control 1,299 times in 2017.

Speaking about the security of Pak-Afghan porous border, he said the two neighbours share 2,611-kilometre long border.

"Pakistani military has 975 posts along the border, while Afghan security forces have only 218 posts," he said. "On the other hand, there is no military post along the 650-kilometre-long border between the two countries in Balochistan."

The defence secretary told the lawmakers that 73 wings of the Frontier Constabulary were being raised for the management of the Pak-Afghan border.

LALIT K JHA

WASHINGTON, Oct 27 (PTI): The Trump administration has firmly told Pakistan that if it fails to take "decisive" actions against terror groups, the US will "adjust" its tactics and strategies to achieve the objective in a "different way", a State Department official today said.

Secretary of State Rex Tillerson has told Pakistan that it must take action against terrorist groups and dismantle their safe havens on its soil, State Department spokesperson Heather Nauert told PTI, a day after Tillerson concluded his maiden trip to Afghanistan, Pakistan and India.

"We have communicated our expectations to Pakistan numerous times that they must take decisive action against terrorist groups based within their own borders, Nauert said.

At a news conference in Geneva, his last stop on the current foreign travel, Tillerson said the US had "a very healthy exchange of information on terrorists, which is what we really hope to achieve with Pakistan."

Tillerson said the message to Pa-



kistan was: "Here's what we need for Pakistan to do. We're asking you to do this; we're not demanding anything. You're a sovereign country. You'll decide what you want to do, but understand this is what we think is necessary. And if you don't want to do that, don't feel you can do it, we'll adjust our tactics and our strategies to achieve the same objective a different way."

Tillerson said that he would not characterise his direct discussions with the Pakistani leadership as lec-

turing at all.

"It was a very good and open exchange. In fact, we probably listened 80 per cent of the time and we talked 20 per cent. And it was important to me, because I have not engaged with Pakistani leadership previously. And, so my objective was to listen a lot, to hear their perspective," he said.

"We put our points forward. We put our expectations forward in no uncertain terms. There has been significant engagement prior to my

visit, and there will be further engagement in the future, as we work through how we want to exchange information and achieve the objective of eliminating these terrorist organisations, wherever they may be located, Tillerson said.

Tillerson described his communication with the Pakistani leadership as very frank and very candid.

"We had the joint meeting with Prime Minister Abbasi and the full leadership team. And then I had a second meeting with Army General Bajwa and a couple of his close advisers, so we could have a more thorough discussion about some of the specifics," he said, adding that he thinks that it was a very open, candid and frank exchange.

"There's nothing to be achieved by lecturing, but we should be very clear about expectations and what we're asking.

And either people will step up and meet those expectations or they won't. We are going to chart our course consistent with what Pakistan not just says they do but what

they actually do," Tillerson said.

Noting that the future course of action would be based on conditions on the ground, he said the entire South Asia strategy is a conditions-based strategy.

Pakistan Foreign Minister Khawaja Asif in a meeting yesterday with National Assembly Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs said that Pakistan will neither surrender to the US nor compromise on its sovereignty. Asif claimed that no specific "wish list" has been given to Pakistan by the US.

The US has given a list of 75 wanted terrorists and pressed Islamabad for going tough on Haqqani network.

Responding to a question on Asif's comments, the State Department spokesperson said that Tillerson on his trip has put the US "expectations" in front of the leadership of Pakistan. The spokesperson said that Tillerson during his visit to Pakistan told its leadership that America wants to work with Pakistan in a "positive way" because it is also in Islamabad's interest in long-term.



Relations between Spain and Catalonia are set to be tested further today as the Spanish government prepares to take away Catalan regional powers. The Spanish Senate in Madrid is to approve Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy's plan to use Article 155 of the country's constitution to remove or limit Catalonia's self-rule. But some expect the move will motivate Catalan lawmakers to unilaterally declare its independence from Spain, in what is seen by separatists as mandated by the independence referendum on 1 October. In the weeks since the referendum, which was labelled as illegal by Spain, tensions between the two sides have grown.

US releases nearly 3000 Kennedy  
assassination files

WASHINGTON, Oct 27 (PTI): The US has released nearly 3,000 secret files related to the assassination of former president John F Kennedy which divulged details of attempts of the CIA to kill Cuban President Fidel Castro besides other revelations.

The files comprise almost the final one per cent of records held by the federal government and their publication follows a release in July when the record-keepers, the National Archives, posted nearly 3,000 documents online, mostly formerly released documents with previously redacted portions.

The documents re-

vealed the CIA's role in foreign assassinations said plans to assassinate Castro were undertaken in the early days of the Kennedy administration, CNN reported.

The report said Attorney General Robert Kennedy, the President's brother, told the FBI he learned the CIA hired an intermediary "to approach Sam Giancana with a proposition of paying USD 150,000 to hire

some gunman to go into Cuba and kill Castro."

The documents also revealed that the FBI had got a death threat on assassin Lee Harvey Oswald the day before his murder it said.

The files also revealed a national security council document from 1962 -- before Kennedy's murder -- referenced 'Operation Mongoose', a covert attempt to topple communism in Cuba.

India-NKorea ties could act as conduit  
for communications: Tillerson

GENEVA/NEW DELHI, Oct 27 (PTI): India's diplomatic ties with North Korea could act as a "conduit for communications", US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson has said amidst tensions between Washington and Pyongyang over the latter's nuclear missile tests.

India had informed the US that it has "minimal" trade with North Korea, and that there was a small Indian embassy in Pyongyang which should stay there so that some channels of communication remain open.

The issue figured during talks between External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj and Tillerson during his visit to India on Wednesday. Answering a question about India's refusal to close its embassy in Pyongyang, Tillerson said: "I think they just



indicated they think that office has a value as a conduit for communications".

Asked if he agreed with that assessment, he replied: "It could. It might", according to the transcription of Tillerson's interview in Geneva.

Trade between India and North Korea amounted to USD

130 million in 2016-17 but in the current fiscal year it stands at USD 10.95 million, according to official data. India banned all trade with North Korea, except food and medicine, from April, in line with UN sanctions over North Korea's nuclear tests.

Tillerson said the US wants to find new ways to partner with India and other likeminded countries in Asia.

"I had a very comprehensive discussion on economic and security links with Prime Minister (Narendra) Modi, National Security Advisor (Ajit) Doval, and Foreign Affairs Minister (Sushma) Swaraj. It is essential that our two democracies work together to address the challenges facing our people.

"The US has had positive relations with India for 70 years

but it is never quite moved to that next level, and I think that is in part due to on both sides," he added.

President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong-un have traded increasingly threatening and personal insults as Pyongyang races towards its goal of developing a nuclear-tipped missile capable of reaching the US.

Tensions have dramatically risen on the Korean peninsula after North Korea, early in September, conducted its biggest nuclear test, which its state-run KCNA news agency described as a hydrogen bomb.

Nuclear-armed North Korea in August fired a ballistic missile over Japan in a major escalation by Pyongyang amid tensions over its nuclear ambitions.

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## TAYLOR SWIFT GOES FULL CYBORG IN “...READY FOR IT?” MUSIC VIDEO

Taylor Swift and Joseph Khan released another mini-movie today.

The duo, who previously collaborated on “Blank Space,” “Bad Blood,” “Wildest Dreams,” “Out of the Woods” and “Look What You Made Me Do,” teamed up to create “...Ready for It?,” the second music video from Swift’s forthcoming sixth studio album, Reputation (available Nov. 10).

Kahn has directed music videos for some of the biggest musicians in the world, including Christina Aguilera, Blink-182, Mariah Carey, Eminem, Maroon 5, Shakira and Britney Spears.

Swift teased the first footage from her “...Ready for It?” music video via Instagram Monday. Kahn later tweeted it featuring some “homages” to anime: “Some obvious, some not so obvious.”

The video, rumored to be inspired by sci-fi movies like Blade Runner 2049 and Ghost in the Shell, features a scene in which Swift stands on a platform that reads: “They’re Burning All the Witches.” In that moment, she strikes a pose—as if nailed to a cross—and then emits lightning.

After Swift shared three stills on Instagram, the director re-grammed one of them and added, “Such a pleasure to collaborate with both a powerful creative artist and fantastic human being.”

Per usual, Swift’s video is littered with se-



cret messages (and multiple references to her boyfriend, Joe Alwyn)—which fans wasted no time finding and posting about on social media. Swift’s latest music video premiere comes as anticipation grows for her new album.

While the Grammy winner continues to hold secret sessions for deserting fans across the country, her good friend Selena Gomez recently shared her honest reviews on the finished product.

“I obviously love her so much and want her to do what she does and she’s killing it,” she gushed to Zane Lowe on Apple Music. “It’s everything you would want and more so very proud and obviously a major fan.”

“It’s honestly so inspiring,” Gomez added. “It’s really cool to surround yourself with people and be involved with people who are inspiring and changing the way that they dictate what they love—whether that’s acting or music—and she’s one of those people who continue to do that.”

And while Swift has yet to announce a tour, a few lucky fans will be able to see her perform before the end of the year. Yes, the “Shake It Off” singer is scheduled to perform in Los Angeles and New York as part of the iHeartRadio Jingle Ball tour.

As for other exciting announcements possibly coming in the future, we’re not sure we’re ready for it.

## what's TRENDING



**BIKER BABE:** Supermodel Gigi Hadid steps out casual in Soho, New York City.

## GOLMAAL AGAIN FILM PACKS A ‘REMARKABLE’ RS. 136.07 CRORE IN WEEK 1

Great news for Golmaal Again’s crew and its fans, who have showed their ‘surreal’ love, towards Rohit Shetty’s film. Golmaal Again made over Rs. 120 crore till Thursday but “it packs a REMARKABLE Rs. 136.07 crore in Week 1,” tweeted trade analyst Taran Adarsh.

The film starring actors like Ajay Devgn, Tusshar Kapoor, Arshad Warsi and Parineeti Chopra, is ‘all set to be the second highest grosser of 2017 on Friday (today) after Baahubali 2. In one of his tweets Taran Adarsh wrote: “Golmaal Again Fri 30.14 cr, Sat 28.37 cr, Sun 29.09 cr, Mon 16.04 cr, Tue 13.25 cr, Wed 10.05 cr, Thu 9.13

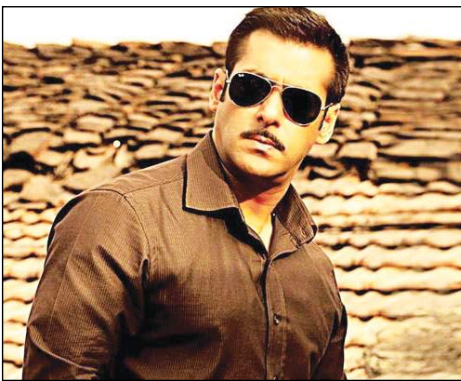
cr. Total: 136.07 cr” while his another tweet read: “OVERSEAS - Total till Thursday, 26 October 2017: \$ 4.42 million [ 28.72 cr].”

Delighted with the overwhelming response, actress Parineeti Chopra posted a video featuring the team of Golmaal Again and thanked her fans for making the film ‘Biggest ever.’

Golmaal Again, which is the fourth film in the Golmaal series of movies, joined Aamir Khan’s Secret Superstar at the theatres on Friday and easily took over while Aamir’s film was slow due to Diwali and picked up the speed later.



## SALMAN KHAN TO BEGIN SHOOTING FOR DABANGG 3 BY MID 2018



Seven years and two films later, Bollywood’s policeman Chulbul Pandey announced his return with Dabangg 3 earlier this year. National award-winning filmmaker Arbaaz Khan, the producer of the successful series announced that he has started scripting the new sequel of the franchise which will begin filming in 2018.

At the trailer launch of Tera Intezaar, Arbaaz said: “Yes, we have started scripting the film and I think we will start shooting Dabangg 3 by the middle of the next year.”

Sunny Leone, who is Arbaaz’s co-star in Tera Intezaar, also asked if he is planning to cast her to do an item number like Mun-

ni Badnaam, said, “Yes, why not? And why would she be a Munni, we can cast her for something different, but for that, we have to finalize something.”

When asked if he was planning to promote his upcoming film on his brother Salman Khan’s show, “Well, I think that is the producer to decide. If we have the opportunity, and the Colors channel allows us to do so, why not? Though I do not watch Bigg Boss every day, I like watching the show. Earlier, few seasons, I followed. I watched all episodes when Sunny Leone was in the show,” Arbaaz said.

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## THIS DAY IN HISTORY

28TH OCTOBER

**SPAIN CIVIL WAR, 1936:** As the Nationalist forces approach Madrid fears that the defense forces will quickly crumble may lead to mass slaughter by the rebel fascist forces with much bloodshed. The cause of the current government may well be lost and they will be forced to move their base to Catalonia where the loyalist support is much stronger.

**STATUE OF LIBERTY, 1886:** The Statue of Liberty is dedicated by Grover Cleveland on October 28th, 1886. The Statue was built in France and funded by the French people and was shipped in 1885 to New York and placed onto Liberty Island in New York Harbor.

**WALL STREET CRASH (BLACK MONDAY), 1929:** The Monday starting the two days of the Wall Street Crash (Often referred to as Black Monday). Following the crash on the 24th (Black Thursday) over the weekend a number of investors decided to pull out of the market on the (Monday 13% drop) and by the next day (Tuesday another 12% drop) as word spread the number of investors attempting to sell shares sent the market into a downward spiral. Although the



Wall Street Crash was not the only factor in the following decade of the Great Depression, the decisions made by government over the crash are considered to have had a major impact on how bad and how long the depression was.

**INDIA MARCH FOR LAND RIGHTS REACHES DELHI, 2007:** Tens of thousands of landless Indian farmers and tribal people reach Delhi after a three-week march of 200 miles for land rights. During the last few years as India continues progress with increased industrial production and power plants, many farmers have had land taken away for these projects and received nothing in return leaving them with no way of supporting families.

**NIGERIA SUICIDE BOMB ATTACK AGAINST CHURCH, 2012:** A truck carrying explosives drove into a Catholic church in Kaduna, Nigeria killing seven and injuring more. While no group claimed the attack it was believed that it could have been by the Boko Haram Islamic militant group that has targeted the city before.

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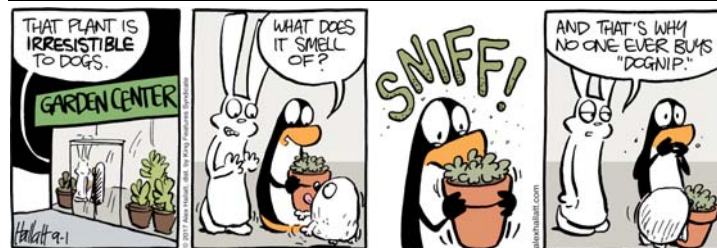
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"IT'S MY FAULT FOR GIVING A HONEY-DO LIST TO A LEMON."

ARCTIC CIRCLE

- HALLATT



BABY BLUES

- KIRKMAN & SCOTT



**ARIES:** A lot of your time today could be spent working on financial matters on the computer, phone, or other form of technology. This could have to do with your job or it could concern personal finances. Whichever it is, you’ll do a good job, as success in accomplishing whatever you work on is indicated. One way or another, career success is coming your way.

**TAURUS:** A business or romantic partner could either contact you or return from a long trip with great news. Perhaps your friend has had a lucky break of some kind that betters life in general for both of you. Success and good fortune are indicated today, as are happiness, enthusiasm,

and optimism. If you have a project you’ve wanted to start, do it now.

**GEMINI:** Work that needs to be done could center on money, investments, and other financial matters. Your mind is especially quick, and you’re likely to get everything done well. Technology is going to prove especially helpful. The possibility of significant financial gain is strong, as is career advancement. Friendship, love affairs, and family relations are also favorable.

**CANCER:** Love and romance are very much on your mind today. This is a perfect day to concentrate on this part of your life, for all signs indicate that relations with romantic partners are going to be happy,

stimulating, and passionate. If you aren’t involved, chances are you’ll meet someone. If you are, expect a wonderful evening together!

**LEO:** Matters involving work and home should be going very well. Physically, you’re feeling well and strong in spite of your recent over-indulgence. News of success in things you’ve been working on for months should make your day. You might want to spend the rest of the day celebrating. The company of friends and family brings a lot of happiness, as does a romantic encounter.

**VIRGO:** A passionate letter or call from a romantic partner could have you longing for an encounter.

You’re likely to make a night of it this evening. You’re both feeling happy, glowing in each other’s company. One or both of you will have career success to report. Relations with co-workers and superiors should be cooperative and congenial. This bodes well for your future.

**LIBRA:** Unexpected financial benefit could leave you speechless today. It could be an unanticipated bonus, gift, or even a small lottery win. This is the day to seek the improbable. If you have a project you’ve wanted to try but have hesitated because it’s too risky, start it now. Success and good fortune should follow anything begun or

completed now.

**SCORPIO:** You’re probably getting a lot of great news today. Business and personal success are coming your way. A project that you’ve hoped would turn a profit may finally be moving that way. Financial gain is imminent. Your enthusiasm, self-confidence, and optimism should be very high as a result, making you that much more apt to move forward.

**SAGITTARIUS:** Special information that comes to you either from within - your intuitive insights - or without - information received from books, TV, or the Internet - could pave the way for career advancement and financial gain. The out-

look for you is rosy, although you can expect a lot of work before you get where you want to be. A stimulating evening with friends or romantic partner is in the works.

**CAPRICORN:** You should feel happy and enthusiastic today. Whatever you strive for should be successful, whether it’s job related or creative inspiration. Your dedication and organizing talent promise advancement. If you aren’t presently involved in a relationship, you might be soon. If you have a partner, look forward to an engagement or marriage. If you’re married, expect new closeness.

**AQUARIUS:** Your personal and professional relationships should

benefit from today’s energies. This is a day to strengthen all your relationships, especially friendships. You may want to gather your closest pals and plan a party. Your optimism and generally positive nature should draw others to you like bees to nectar. Professionally, your efforts should bring success.

**PISCES:** A long journey to a distant place could be uppermost in your mind today. You may be getting ready to take off, or the trip might still be in the planning stages. Either way, this could be a very exciting day. You’re feeling happy and enthusiastic. You look forward to the future. Long-term goals might finally show promise of success.