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Kanchenjunga Kalam Puraskar for Pema Wangchuk Dorjee

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 07 JUL:

Press Club of Sikkim announced today that its prestigious Kanchenjunga Kalam Puraskar for the year 2017 will be awarded to senior journalist and consulting editor of English daily, Summit Times, Pema Wangchuk Dorjee. Mr Dorjee has contributed immensely in the development of journalism in Sikkim for the last two decades through different newspapers, informs a PCS press release.

The executive body meeting of the Press Club of Sikkim today chaired by its president, Bhim Rawat, unanimously decided to confer this prestigious award to Mr Dorjee. The PCS will be conferring this award on the occasion of its 15th Foundation Day celebration on 17 Jul.

The release informs that the meeting has also decided to present the Lagansheel Yuva Patrakar Samman to young journalist, Arjun Rai, for his decade-long contributions in the field of journalism. He is the associate editor of Samay Dainik and is also working with AIR, Gangtok.

The meeting has further decided to felicitate senior journalists, Radha Pradhan and Bhanuraj Thapa, on the occasion. PCS has also requested the journalist fraternity to attend the Foundation Day celebration.

South District running out of open market and medicine supplies

NAMCHI, 07 JUL [IPR]: A meeting was conducted by the District Collector (South), Raj Yadav with the Officers of South District Administration regarding the stock of essential commodities in the district and also to review the latest situation in the market.

As per the report of the DCSO/S, there is sufficient supply of PDS which will last till 31 July. With regard to the

open market, merchant/drivers associations informed that essential commodities are not being provided by the shopkeepers due to the situation prevailing in Siliguri. Many times vehicles are being returned from Siliguri with construction materials or empty as a result there is likelihood of scarcity of essential commodities by next week.

As per the report of South District Police,

there is no inflow of vehicles with essential commodities and vegetables since last week. Only vehicles ferrying passengers and construction materials are plying along the National Highway normally.

Hence, as discussed in the meeting, the matter will be forwarded to Relief Commissioner and Food Secretary for necessary intervention.

Regarding fuel HSD/

MS, supply was normal 2-3 days ago and there is sufficient stock everywhere in the South District except Yangang. Therefore, SDM Yangang has been directed to maintain minimum 2000 ltrs of HSD/MS stock for emergency services and to continue rationing.

Other SDMs, SDPOs and SHOs have been directed to allow normal distribution to the vehicles (not in containers)

till the stock reaches 10000 ltrs, after that 10 ltrs/vehicle can be issued by the pump owners without coupons under proper supervision of the SDMs/SDPOs/SHOs till stock reaches 5,000 ltrs. After that, rationing can be started by the concerned officers.

DCSO South has been directed to contact pump owner at Yangang to get sufficient supply as soon as possible.

As per the report submitted by the Jt. Director, Agriculture/Horticulture, there is sufficient supply of vegetables except onion. Non-availability of onion in the market will reach an alarming situation after three days. Concerned officers have been directed to arrange for extra supply of vegetables in the market.

As per the report of Jt. Director, AHF&VS the situation is alarming

with regard to supply of chicken, egg and fish in the market while other meat supply is normal.

As per the report of CMO South, there is not enough medicine supply from Central Health Store Organization (CHSO) as a result the district is not getting required amount of supply from head office. However, there is sufficient supply of medicine in the open market.

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Deorali main line taxi stand down but not out

REBYNA RANA

GANGTOK, 07 JUL:

With the indefinite shutdown in the hills of Darjeeling, the Deorali main line taxi stand here in Gangtok has gone silent as well. The counters here are closed and an environment of paralysis surrounds the area.

Tourism has been hit and so the number of passengers traveling to and from Siliguri has gone down. Acts of vandalism against some Sikkim vehicles in Siliguri during the past weeks has further reduced the number of travelers as well as drivers willing to risk the journey.

However, some drivers of Main Line Taxi Driver Association, Deorali, have been taking the risk and ferrying passengers to Siliguri.

While speaking to SummitTimes, one of the drivers of the association, Abhu Bhutia, informed that passengers come insisting that they need to get to Siliguri but at their own risk.

"We have been taking only those who have got some emergency like a flight to catch. We know the highways



are not safe right now but there are important things in our day to day life that can't be missed. We cannot refuse passengers or turn our backs on them because the first priority of our job is our passengers and we should protect and value them in times of need. We are charging them only Rs 300 per head from Gangtok to Siliguri. Fifteen vehicles ply to Siliguri in a day

after 12 p.m.," added Mr Bhutia.

He has extended gratitude to the passengers for the extra tips they give for taking them to their destination at high risk. Speaking about the business going down due to the ongoing situation, he added that they are taking this time to relax and have a good time with their families.

Likewise, Nima Tamang

informed that the Main Line Taxi Driver Association and All Sikkim Truck Driver Association have appealed to the NJP Driver Association regarding Sikkim vehicles being vandalized in Siliguri.

Mr Tamang added that NJP Driver Association has extended their support and will look into the matter. However, support from a distance will not work which is

why Main Line Taxi Driver Association and All Sikkim Truck Driver Association have requested the NJP association to send a representative to Gangtok. A meeting will be conducted at the earliest, he informed.

He further informed that although main line taxi vehicles are plying to Siliguri at their own risk, the counter has remain closed since the day of Darjeeling shutdown.



J&K adopting GST big success for nation's democracy: Mehbooba

SRINAGAR, JUL 7 (PTI): The passage of the GST Bill by the Jammu and Kashmir legislature would be scripted in "golden letters" as it is a big success for the country's democracy, Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti said today.

She also sought to allay apprehensions over the new tax regime, saying what is good for the country cannot be bad for Jammu and Kashmir and underlined the Centre didn't change any word in the state's Cabinet note on "how we protect our special status while implementing GST".

"I am happy that without changing any

word or character they sent it (Cabinet note) back to us in Presidential Order," she said the state Legislative Council.

Earlier in the day, the Jammu and Kashmir Goods and Services Tax Bill 2017, moved by Finance Minister Haseeb Drabu, was adopted by a voice vote.

The bill was moved in the Assembly after the Presidential Order which gave an assurance on preservation of the special status of the state guaranteed by Article 370 of the Constitution.

Mehbooba recalled that her father and ex-chief minister Mufti Mohammad Sayeed

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Man jumps off bridge

GANGTOK, 07 JUL:

One unknown person reportedly jumped from Akar Bridge in Jorethang, South Sikkim, on 06 Jul.

The rapid flow of Rangepet swept him away even as he tried to save himself from drowning as per witnesses. Accordingly, Melli PS and Nayabazaar PS have been alerted to find the body of the person.



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CM on how Gorkhaland agitation continues to affect Sikkim

On 06 July, Chief Minister Pawan Chamling issued an official statement on the adverse impacts of the Gorkhaland agitation on Sikkim. Here is the full text of the CM's statement:

"I have been touring villages in the South and West districts of Sikkim presently for Janta Mela programs. In the foundation laying ceremony of an engineering college in Chisopani on 05 July 2017, I expressed my deep concern over the adverse impact of the Gorkhaland agitation in Sikkim, which has become the direct victim of the chaotic law and order situation in Siliguri, West Bengal. I emphasized that law and order being a government of West Bengal matter, the loss and misery that Sikkim has been made to suffer could have been avoided. This is not a new story. The Gorkhaland agitation related anguish of Sikkim, is as old as the agitation itself. Sikkim bound vehicles have been targeted by fringe groups in Siliguri.

Trucks carrying essential goods, commodities and petroleum products are being ransacked right in the presence of the West Bengal police. In some cases it has been learnt that West Bengal police itself is overseeing unloading of petroleum products and other goods meant for Sikkim.

We have already borne the loss of over Rs 60,000 crore rupees due to the three decade old agitation in the neighbouring state. In the agitation related violence on NH10, Sikkim's only road link with the rest of the nation, over 5000 vehicles have been vandalized and more than 50 people [drivers and passengers] have been killed. The persistent unrest, consequential uncertainty and constant threat to life have been faced by the Sikkimese people all these years.



I have highlighted that this callousness towards the people

of Sikkim is a huge insult to their human dignity and national pride. Sikkim's allegiance to the Nation is unexampled and unquestionable, as the Sikkimese people chose to become Indians through a resoundingly pro-India verdict in a historic referendum and thereafter Sikkim became 22nd State of the Union of India. I recalled my own involvement in the merger movement as a youth leader. I said that the people of Sikkim are proud to be Indian citizens and they have proven their loyalty to their beloved country through unquestionable commitment towards nation building ever since the merger. I am proud to be an Indian citizen today.

Presently I am visiting remote areas in Sikkim and I am virtually

out of touch with the media. I have not seen any newspaper. I strongly condemn any attempt by irresponsible individuals, media groups, political or apolitical outfits to tarnish Sikkim's patriotism towards India. Any conspiracy to misquote me so as to imply any anti-national comment is utterly abominable and strongly condemned.

Lastly, I add that given the inter-state ramifications of the Gorkhaland agitation and treating it as merely a West Bengal issue is not adequate. Its direct impact on life of the people of Sikkim must be looked into with utmost seriousness. Given Sikkim's geographical location having international boundaries with three countries - China in the North, Bhutan in the East and Nepal in the West,

the potential threat to national security is a matter of supreme importance. The only access to the rest of the country is through the state of West Bengal. Due to the agitation and prevailing law and order situation, Sikkim is sandwiched due to all these constraints for the need and requirement of Sikkimese people and the State's economic development. Therefore Government of India and all the concerned authorities should safeguard the interest of Sikkim from these hazards and constraints. As far as the national security is concerned, Government of India is appropriately handling the matter. We fully support Government of India's efforts, which is addressing the national security concerns in the best interest of our country."

J&K adopting GST big success for nation's...

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hammd Sayeed used to say the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly was the most empowered House in the whole country.

"When we used to hear this, we used to think what was he saying? But today, we are seeing that the whole country was waiting when the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly will pass a law and a resolution so that the GST, which has been passed in whole of the country, would be implemented here."

Unfortunately, for the past 70 years whenever any central law was passed, it was done "secretly" and even good laws were viewed with "suspicion" by people.

"But today, for the first time, it has happened that (in) the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly, we passed a resolution and I am happy and thankful to our country's President and the Prime Minister about whom I repeatedly say that if Jammu and Kashmir has to be taken out of this morass and if anyone is holding power and courage then it is Narendra Modi. It needs a big heart," she added.

She said the coming generation would remember this session of the legislature.

"I believe, this day would be scripted with golden letters not for only our assembly but for the whole country's democracy and parliament because I believe there couldn't have been any big success for our nation's democracy than what we saw (debate and adoption of the GST resolution) over past few days in the Jammu and Kashmir's assembly," she said.

Mehbooba thanked the President and the Prime Minister for safeguarding the aspiration of the people of Jammu and Kashmir and caring for their sensitivities.

"Mufti sahab used to repeatedly say those things which we have been given to us by our country, by our parliament and if we manage to protect them then there is no bigger 'azadi' (freedom) than this.

"We didn't disappoint them. And our country, our central government, our prime minister also didn't disappoint us. We kept their dignity and they kept ours," she said.

Doesn't Centre think unrest needs to be quelled quickly: HC

KOLKATA, JULY 7 (PTI): The Calcutta High Court today sought to know if the Centre did not think the Darjeeling hills stir for a separate Gorkhaland needed to be quelled quickly, given the strategic location of the area.

"Given the geopolitical area in which it lies, doesn't the Centre think this agitation be quelled immediately?," asked acting Chief Justice Nishita Mhatre while hearing a plea for restoration of normalcy in the Darjeeling hills.

The court posed the query amid the Indian Armed forces being locked in a eyeball to eyeball standoff with the Chinese army at Dokalam at the Bhutan tri-junction, not too far from Darjeeling.

The division bench of acting Chief Justice Mhatre and Justice Tapabrata Chakraborty directed the West Bengal government officials to sit with the Ministry of Home Affairs to sort out the requirements for para-military forces on the basis of ground conditions.

Expressing displeasure at the state and the Centre sparring over requirement of Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) in the restive Darjeeling hills, the bench ob-

served, "The situation can improve only if both of you sit together and sort out the issues."

The court asked the Centre and the state government to reach a meaningful understanding over CAPF requirement before July 11, when the matter would be heard next.

Normal life has been affected severely in Darjeeling and Kalimpong due to the ongoing indefinite shutdown enforced by the Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM) and some other hill parties since June 15 over a separate statehood demand.

Incidents of arson have been going on in different parts of the hills since June eight.

Appearing for the Centre, Additional Solicitor General (ASG) Kaushik Chanda told the court that 11 companies of CAPF have been provided for Darjeeling and Kalimpong districts in the hills.

Stating that the CAPF deployment was sufficient for the two districts, Chanda said maintaining law and order was primarily the state government's responsibility.

He said eight companies of CAPF were sent to Basirhat in North 24 Parganas district of the state, which has been facing communal strife

since last Monday.

"There are requirements of CAPF in other parts of the country also for various reasons, including for the ongoing Amarnath Yatra," Chanda said.

Appearing for West Bengal government, Advocate General Kishore Dutta submitted that the state had not asked for any additional force, but only sought replacement of six CAPF companies for operational reasons.

The state government through a communique to the Centre on June 30 had sought replacement of three women companies of the CRPF with three male companies and replacement of three SSB companies with those of the CRPF or RAF.

No lawyer represented Gorkha Janmukti Morcha president Bimal Gurung or his party, which is spearheading the movement for a separate state of Gorkhaland to be carved out of West Bengal.

The bench also asked as to why the CBI has taken no steps to ensure that Gurung, his wife Asha and several others accused in the killing of All India Gorkha League leader Madan Tamang were made to stay in Kolkata from the date of framing of charge in the case till

completion of the trial, as was directed by another division bench of the high court.

While granting bail to these accused on December 19, 2016, a division bench of Justice Asim Kumar Roy had directed them to stay in Kolkata police area during the said period.

Counsel Indranil Roy submitted that Gurung had appeared before the trial court in January when hearing in the matter commenced but did not appear before it on eight dates after that.

The ASG submitted that the magistrate had allowed his plea for not appearing in person on those dates.

At this, the acting chief justice asked, "How is it that CBI did not oppose it ... this man is not available in court and CBI doesn't bother?"

The trial in the case had been transferred from Darjeeling to Kolkata by the Supreme Court on a plea by Tamang's widow that the accused persons could influence witnesses.

Hearing on framing of charges against the accused persons, who have also prayed for dismissal of charges against them, is fixed before the trial court on July 24.



SKM's Singtam Khamdong CLC meets

SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 07 JUL:

A meeting of Singtam-Khamdong constituency level committee of Sikkim Krantikari Morcha was held at Singtam Bazaar party office today. The meeting was chaired by CLC president, Sanjay Regmi

and attended by senior and other workers of the party.

An SKM press release of its publicity secretary, Arun Upreti, informs that the meeting discussed future programmes of the party and decided to tour every ward of the constituency to note

problems and grievances of the people. The meeting also decided to form block level committee in every block.

The release informs that the coordination meeting of CLC for Namcheypong and Rinchenpong was also held on 06 Jul.

Vanaraja farming in North Sikkim a success

GANGTOK, 07 JUL [PIB]:

ICAR-National Organic Farming Research Institute [formerly ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Sikkim Centre] distributed free day old Vanaraja chicks produced at ICAR hatchery in Tadong to the tribal farmers of Sikkim today.

Directorate of Poultry Research, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad has developed Vanaraja chicken variety - a dual purpose improved chicken variety for rural/backyard poultry farming, keeping in view the needs of rural and tribal people. Vanaraja is similar in appearance to desi chicken with multi-color feather pattern/plumage and produces brown shell egg like desi hen as well as meat.

Vanaraja grows faster and produces more eggs than desi hen. Vanaraja adult birds' weight ranges from 2.25-3.0 kg in female and 3.0-4.5 kg in males. Adult female lays 110-150 eggs up to 1.5 years of age. The performance of Vanaraja is satisfactory and well accepted by the farmers. However, the high altitude of North Sikkim is characterized by intense cold and remoteness and the backyard poultry farming with Vanaraja was not highly recom-

mended.

With a view to assess the performance and adaptability of Vanaraja, a tropical bird, at high altitude in North Sikkim, Sacho Lhamu Lachenpa, a lady farmer at Rabom [at an altitude of 2049 m amsl, latitude N 27°39.85, longitude E 088°36.223] was given 50 Vanaraja day old chicks and briefed about brooding, feeding and housing management of chicks.

For brooding the day old chicks, the cardboard box from old cartons were used and provision for heating by hanging 200w electricity bulbs was ensured and later on birds were shifted to floor. After 6 weeks of age chicks were allowed to move out under restricted fencing area and after 12 weeks they were in completely free range condition.

Because of her good management procedures and constant monitoring by scientists of ICAR-NORRI, mortality was quite low i.e., only 4 birds died at the age of 20 weeks and birds started laying eggs by the age of 26 weeks and attained the body weight of 2.0 to 2.50 kg. She started selling chicken weighing 3.5 to 4 kg at Rs 1000 each and earned a total Rs 16000 by selling the 16 males and she also

earned Rs 20,000 from sale of eggs at Rs 10 per egg.

Further, she earned Rs 16, 000 from sale of culled birds at Rs 800 per bird. Finally, from 50 day old chicks Vanaraja she earned Rs 52,000 within one and a half years and also self propagated the flock and raised around 45 F1 Vanaraja chicks by setting the eggs with Naked Neck fowl and other desi hens.

The success of Ms Bhutia revealed that backyard poultry and smallscale semi-intensive poultry farming with Vanaraja has great potential in the area which experiences massive tourist inflow especially in Lachen and Lachung. The strong presence of army will also provide a ready market for poultry and its products.

Adopting backyard poultry and smallscale semi-intensive poultry farming with Vanaraja in surrounding areas will reduce cost of meat production and help in nutritional and livelihood security of resource poor remotely located farmers of North Sikkim especially since agricultural activity is very low due to limited arable land and harsh climate which permits only one cropping season per year.



SINGTAM, 07 JUL: The only ATM operating in Singtam these days is the State Bank of India ATM. Even though there are more than 10 ATMs belonging to various banks at Singtam Bazaar, this is the only machine dispensing cash. [Yogen Thatal]

Gangtok on

Saturday,

08 July

Temp: 25°C / 19°C

Forecast: Not as warm with periods of rain and a thunderstorm.

Sunrise: 04:47 AM

Sunset: 06:34 PM

CS chairs meeting on I-Day celebration in Gangtok

GANGTOK, 07 JUL (IPR):

The Home Department organised a meeting in connection with the celebration of Independence Day 2017 which was chaired by Chief Secretary, Alok Kr. Srivastav. The meeting was mainly called upon by the Chief Secretary to discuss the preparation for the upcoming Independence Day celebration in the state capital, Gangtok.

Various agendas were discussed which included major involvement from all the line departments under the Government of Sikkim. Various topics were discussed and works were distributed amongst various departments. Agendas included cultural programs, displays, traffic management, power supply, medical facilities and others.

The program was also attended by Additional Chief Secretary, S. C. Gupta and other officers and representatives of the state government machinery.

Vehicles movement along NH10 normal: Rangpo Police

GANGTOK, 07 JUL:

As per Rangpo Police, movement of vehicles along NH10 is normal and vehicles carrying essential commodities have been safely crossing the border into Sikkim. Till Friday morning, 221 vehicles crossed the Rangpo border. 103 vehicles carrying construction materials, 63 with medicines, 16 with vegetables and fruits, 09 with transport goods, 05 with ration, 03 transport goods vehicles, 08 Oil tankers [Army] and 14 Oil tankers [Civil] entered the State.

South District running out of open market and medicine...

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A meeting with all the medical shop owners has been conducted by CMO South and they have been directed to keep sufficient stock of medicines.

As reported by the DCSO/South, supply of LPG cylinders in the South District is normal and stocks will last for 4 days and after that as per the situation report will be submitted.

Indian Army recruitment process gets underway

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 07 JUL:

The process of online registration and submission of applications to join the Indian Armed Forces has commenced with effect from 03 Jul and will continue till 19 Aug as per a press release received from Rajya Sainik Board, Gangtok.

Informing the media regarding the importance of Army recruitment, Secretary of Sainik Board, Colonel DN Bhutia, has

stressed upon the help and close cooperation from the Civil administrations at the District Headquarters, Sub divisional Offices, Block Development Offices, Panchayats and College/School Principals in ensuring maximum participation by eligible youth of Sikkim.

"There will be enhanced vacancies coming forth for the state of Sikkim and we will be failing in our duties if the allotted vacancies by Services

Headquarters could not be filled up. In any case, joining of Armed forces by our youth means addressing the huge unemployment problems in the state," informs Col Bhutia in the release.

He further informed that the recruitment will be conducted at Paljor Stadium in Gangtok from 04-10 Sep and this extended period has been specifically requested for by Sainik Board to Army Recruitment Of-

fice so that maximum boys can participate in the recruitment process. For this, all young and eligible boys who meet the educational, age and physical standard as per advertisement must start filling online applications right now onward, the release adds.

For online registration, students must be in possession of Aadhaar card, Email id [mandate], mobile number, mark sheets of class X & XII, cor-

rect permanent address with pin code and Birth Certificate. For further information, interested candidates are instructed to visit the website www.joinindianarmy.nic.in.

"Army Recruitment Office, Salugara has issued necessary advertisements for recruitment rally in 17 Sept last year and all students/youth must read these and apply at the earliest if found eligible. The copies of this advertisement in

large numbers have been handed over to Welfare Officers of Zilla Sainik Boards who in turn will coordinate further move under the guidance of District authorities," Col Bhutia further informed.

Col Bhutia has also mentioned that he has requested all District Collectors for extending all possible help and assistance through their command & control channels in ensuring that no students/youth have been

left out from online filling up of applications who are meeting required QR.

Meanwhile, Rajya Sainik Board-Gangtok and Zilla Sainik Board-Namchi has established four independent network with the help of BSNL for filling up of applications for needy youth/ students who are eligible for recruitment free of cost. The students must avail of this opportunity without fail, adds the release.

Young pugilists in Sikkim team all set for Nationals

SAGAR CHETTRI

GANGTOK, 07 JUL:

A young promising pugilist, Ugen Dorji Tamang, has expressed his happiness and excitement on representing Sikkim for the first time in the national boxing championship. He is a member of the Sikkim team for the upcoming 1st Junior Men's National Boxing Championship 2017 to be held from 12-17 Jul at Guwahati in Assam.

16-year-old Ugen Dorji Tamang is the son of Dawa Lama Tamang and Roma Tamang of Lower Shyari. He is a class X student at Lower Shyari Secondary School. He has been training under Pratima Gooroo, who is also the State Boxing Coach, for the last two years.

"I am so happy and



excited to represent my State in the national championship. I have been preparing hard to

perform well and win medals for the State," he said.

He has been under-

going rigorous training sessions everyday for 6 hours for the championship.

Ugen expressed his gratitude towards his coach for believing in him and helping him improve. He won a silver medal in his debut in the state level competition last year.

"Ugen is a skilful and promising boxer of the State and has a lot of potential," the coach, Ms Gooroo added.

She also expressed her confidence on him clinching a medal in the championship.

Another member of the State team, 16-year-old, Samerpan Gurung, of Hee-Bermiok in West Sikkim is also participating in the national championship for the first time. However, he has already won two silver and one bronze medals in the

State championships.

He is the son of Dinesh Gurung and Dolma Gurung and a class X student of Hee Bermiok Secondary School. He has been boxing since past 5 years under his coach, Sanjay Subba.

"It is a big opportunity for me to represent Sikkim in the national championship. I have trained hard for 3 hours daily for the championship and hope to win medals for the State," Samerpan said.

It has to be mentioned here that Sikkim Amateur Boxing Association is sending a six-member State team to the championship. Other members of the team are Roshan Darnal, Prasant Chettri, Ashish Gurung and Budha Hang Limboo. The team is scheduled to leave on 09 Jul for the championship.

BJP Sikkim tours Melli

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 07 JUL:

A team of Bharatiya Janta Party Sikkim Pradesh toured different villages under Melli constituency in South Sikkim. The team spoke to the people of these villages on various initiatives and works of the BJP at the Centre, informs a BJP state-unit press release issued by its president, DB Chauhan.

The release informs that the team informed people about more than 100 pro-people programmes and plans in just three years. The team also distributed leaflets carrying the

list of Central government programmes and schemes prepared by BJP state-unit.

The release informs that during the interaction the people appreciated the initiatives and works of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The release adds that the people alleged of partiality by the SDF government in distributing government benefits. The BJP team also received complaints on wages not being given for MGNREGA works at Melli Dara and workers at Melli Forest Nursery have also not received their salary since five months now.

South announces finalists of Best School, ICDS centre and PHSC Award

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 07 JUL:

The South District Administration has shortlisted seven schools, nine ICDS Centres and ten PHSCs for the Best School Award, Best ICDS Award and Best PHSC Award, at Sub Divisional level from different divisions of South District, a press release from the office of District Collector (South) informs.

The final round of verification for these titles will be conducted by the District Collector accompanied by Joint Director-HRDD [Best School Award], concerned Heads of Departments [Best ICDS Award] and Chief Medical Officer, HC&FWD-South [Best PHSC Award].

For the Best School Award, Temi Senior Secondary School and Thangsing Secondary School from Temi, Phong Junior High School from Namthang, Tinzir Junior High School from Namchi, Nandugaon Senior Secondary School from Jorethang, Kewzing Senior Secondary School from Ravangla and Lingmoo Senior Secondary School from Yangang

have made it to the list. Similarly, for the Best ICDS Award, Temi Bazaar ICDS & Reshep ICDS from Temi, Daragaon ICDS from Jorethang, Sikkip ICDS from Sikkim, Lower Rateypani & Kateng Lingding ICDS from Namthang, Nardang ICDS from Ravangla, Lower Samrok ICDS from Yangang and Panchgarey ICDS from Sumbuk have been shortlisted for the coveted title.

Likewise, Maniram Bhanjang PHSC & Damthang PHSC from Namchi, Phongla PHSC from Namthang, Nandugaon PHSC & Wok PHSC from Jorethang, Sada Phamtam PHSC from Ravangla, Lingmoo PHSC from Yangang, Mellidara PHSC from Sumbuk and Tinglay PHSC & Manglay PHSC from Temi have been shortlisted for the Best PHSC Award title this year.

It is to be informed here, schools coming under DAAV & DISHA programme and ICDS Centres & PHSC under DAAV programme along with the recipients of these awards in the previous years have been excluded from the selection.



SFA C Division S-League

SAGAR CHETTRI

GANGTOK, 07 JUL:

A brace by Sonam Sherpa helped Korinthian Football Club to register its victory today in the ongoing Sikkim Football Association C Division Sikkim-League here at

Paljor Stadium. Korinthian FC outplayed Helipad Football Club 2-1. Sonam Sherpa scored his brace in the 7th and 27th minute. The lone goal for Helipad FC was scored by Sonam Tshering Tamang in the 24th minute.

In another match, North Hill United defeated Nandok United Football Club again by 2-1. Sonam Dadul Tamang scored a brace for North Hill United in the 13th and 24th minute, while the only goal for Nandok United FC was scored

by Mingma T Lepcha in the 38th minute.

On 08 Jul, the first match will be played between Almost 30 and EPL at 12:30 p.m. and Kharnak Football Club will take on United Sports Culture Association in the second match.

Anthyesthi Kriya



Anthyesthi Kriya of Late JN Sharma who left for heavenly abode on 02 July falls on 14th July 2017. Friends, well-wishers and family members are requested to attend

the praying ceremony to be held at our residence at **Melli Bazar, near Hospital Melli, South Sikkim.**

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(sons) Kiran Sharma, Kalyani Sharma,

Beena Sharma & Prabha Sharma (Daughters)

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Not About Numbers

Consensus is not always possible; Majority, not necessarily right

Two committees are going at it against each other in North Sikkim – the Save Dzongu Committee and the Dzongu Development Committee. Depending on which camp your sympathies lie with, you will see the other as the pretender and “your team” as the genuinely representative one. For those who have been following the news or the tu-tu, mein-mein between the two groups, this debate, like previous pro and anti hydel arguments is being similarly projected as a heroes versus villains stand-off, each side invoking either righteousness or empathy to claim the moral high ground. Like in the past, they are also claiming the numbers on their side, each claiming how their meeting was the better attended one, or how their petition has more signatures. While accepting that we live in a democracy, one needs to highlight that arguments for and against the project cannot be decided merely on numbers. Issues as significant to future course of events as the changes that a hydel project will bring about cannot be decided simply by a voice-vote, they need coherent and intelligent debate. Environmental and social impact depends on facts & figures, not consensus or gut-feelings. It is important that the sides of the Teesta Stage-IV debate realize this before they launch into another round of name-calling and public shaming.

When it comes to the present stand-off over hydel in Dzongu, the debate spans issues ranging from economy, conservation, protection, culture and emotions – all the more reason that every voice is granted an audience and every fear looked into afresh, but animosity not allowed to muddy the Teesta so much that friendships are lost forever or relationship strained. The affected area and the affected people are too closely associated and related and too few in number to be allowed to burn their bridges. What is more, too much is at stake here to decide things in absolutes; posterity will record it as an inexcusable oversight if the fears are not heeded or the opportunities squandered. Unfortunately, this is increasingly how the debate is being set-up. Keeping things in the limbo of status quo is not advisable because in that scenario, enmities will harden. Deciding will leave a winner and a loser, and even that option does not excite much; unless, the two sides remain focused on facts and not obsess over emotions, because that makes things too personal. And if the issue is going to prioritise facts over even consensus, then communication channels have to be opened wider and that cannot happen if the two sides are shouting at each other all the time. Get them talking instead, and eventually, they will learn how to listen and to disagree without becoming enemies.

When it comes to issues of such import, there is no such thing as bad timing or too early or too late. “Development” demands some sacrifices, at the same time, the people to whom the resources belong as environmental and cultural heritage should be allowed to voice their fears and get heard. Is that not the basic principle guiding the Forest Rights Act, the gram sabhas regarding which are also causing much heartburn between the Left and Right banks of Teesta? Get them talking, and even if the issue does not get resolved immediately, if the two sides talked often enough, at least a comfort level would have developed between the negotiators, better understanding of each other’s limitations would have been achieved, and, very possibly, Sikkim may not have to live with the distraction of families from its most thinly populated district going at each other with allegations and aspersions instead of reason and alternatives. Facts do not require consensus endorsement to be true, they need forceful arguments to become convincing.

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Arundhati Roy and her mission to inspire in the Ministry of Utmost Happiness

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Anjula Gogia, the activist bookseller from Another Story Bookshop in Toronto, had patiently nudged me over a few weeks to introduce and host Arundhati Roy on stage when she read from her new book, *The Ministry of Utmost Happiness*. Roy would, in turn, acknowledge and thank Gogia for her persistence — over many years — in making her rare Toronto appearance possible.

Gogia was convinced that I could bring a unique perspective to the conversation for several reasons: rooted in social justice, my work as a documentary filmmaker has challenged the Canadian national narrative on race, immigration and Indigenous issues. And like Roy, I was from Delhi.

Nearly 1,000 people filled the Bloor Street United Church to greet Roy at the June 22 event. More than 100 were turned away. The buzz was electric and celebratory. Pews filled with mostly women, mostly young, many South Asians as well as academics, feminists, artists and activists.

In 1997, Roy won the Booker Prize for *The God of Small Things*, the first time the honour went to an Indian woman, and the first to an Indian writer living in the country. It would go on to sell eight million copies in 40 languages. Arundhati Roy was the toast of the literati, and I would say the glitterati, the world over. After winning the Booker, Roy went on to become an international political essayist, speaking out against the U.S. wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and Indian nuclear tests. Her work has made her a target of the Indian government.

Roy had decided to undertake a gruelling multi-city book launch tour; nearly a city a day across Europe, Canada and the United States. The day before she had been in Brooklyn. But as she entered the green room, she looked anything but tired.

In the summer of 1998, shortly after she won the Booker, India carried out a series of nuclear tests and gate-crashed the international nuclear power club. Pakistan followed with its own tests. In my opinion, it was at this juncture that Roy made a definitive choice. She wrote a brilliant, passionate and powerfully articulated critique entitled “The End of Imagination.” In doing so, she opted out of the celebrity pages and was labelled “anti-national.”

For the past two decades, Roy has been involved in mass movements while writing non-fiction essays with great urgency, so that those she describes as being deliberately unheard and unseen are heard, seen and understood.

Her path has not been easy; she has been, and continues to be, targeted on several levels: vigilantes have stalked and disrupted some of her public appearances.

Typically most who oppose her have not read her; they know her literary fame ensures that her reach is unparalleled. Her fearless refusal to blunt her pen against the increasingly sharper edges of the rhetorical knives and swords of her opponents, glinting and ready, drives them crazy.

In 2002, the Supreme Court of India charged her with contempt of court. She was ordered to pay a fine and had to serve a day in jail. In 2010, the Delhi Police charged her with sedition after she gave a public talk on Kashmiri independence. She is currently being tried for contempt of court yet again for an essay entitled Professor P.O.W. The case was finally stayed by the Supreme Court earlier this week.

In Toronto in June, she was greeted with a



standing ovation.

I shared with the audience that when I finished the book, I wept. “I hope you also laughed as you read it,” she quipped — and we were off. One does not grieve without loss, yet amid the pain, suffering, horror and hate, the book unflinchingly asks us to witness. It is infused with love and passion of all kinds. For me, it is a loving elegy for the India of my childhood that has been transformed into an unpredictably terrifying place. Of course this thought was not spoken; the clock was ticking and I admitted that I had indeed laughed and chuckled throughout the book.

Roy spoke about the risks of taking a no-holds-barred approach to mapping out the brutal political realities of India. Her book is anchored in Jantar Mantar, the only officially sanctioned site for public demonstrations in New Delhi. From here, the narratives spread north to Kashmir, which is the most densely militarized zone in the world with more than 700,000 security forces and tens of thousands of Kashmiris who have been killed or disappeared. One cannot truly understand what is happening in Kashmir through media reports. Fiction offers a way to understand and imagine.

For this, she’s taken a breathtaking risk with the structure of the book. As a fiction writer, she explained that she felt fiction was in danger of being domesticated. There were huge expectations about her next book and she had wanted to free herself from this, and sought inspiration in her training as an architect and urban planner: “You structure a story the way you structure a city — planned and then invaded by unauthorized people. The novel is a creation of a universe and the creatures who inhabit it.”

As a result, the book’s narratives come from different points of views. I pointed out that all her characters break through borders. The characters in this book have borders that run through them, she said. For example, Anjum, as a hijra/transgendered, has the border of gender that runs through her (her chosen pronoun). Dayachand, a young Dalit (formerly known as Untouchables) who converts to Islam and names himself Saddam Husain, has the incendiary borders of being a Dalit as well as a Muslim.

Don’t worry about the huge Antarctic iceberg—worry about the glaciers behind it

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Icebergs breaking off Antarctica, even massive ones, do not typically concern glaciologists. But the impending birth of a new massive iceberg could be more than business as usual for the frozen continent.

The Larsen C ice shelf, the fourth-largest in Antarctica, has attracted worldwide attention in the lead-up to calving an iceberg one-tenth of its area – or about half the area of greater Melbourne. It is still difficult to predict exactly when it will break free.

But it’s not the size of the iceberg that should be getting attention. Icebergs calve all the time, including the occasional very large one, with nothing to worry about. Icebergs have only a tiny direct effect on sea level.

The calving itself will simply be the birth of another big iceberg. But there is valid concern among scientists that the entire Larsen C ice shelf could become unstable, and eventually break up entirely, with knock-on effects that could take decades to play out.

Ice shelves essentially act as corks in a bottle. Glaciers flow from land towards the sea, and their ice

is eventually absorbed into the ice shelf. Removal of the ice shelf causes glaciers to flow faster, increasing the rate at which ice moves from the land into the sea. This has a much larger effect on sea level than iceberg calving does.

While the prediction that Larsen C could become unstable is based partly on physics, it is also based on observations. Using aerial and satellite images, scientists have been able to track very similar ice shelves in the past, some of which have been seen to retreat and collapse.

THE DEATH OF AN ICE SHELF

The most dramatic ice shelf collapse observed so far is that of Larsen C’s neighbour to the north – the imaginatively named Larsen B. Over the course of just six weeks in 2002 the entire ice shelf splintered into dozens of icebergs. Almost immediately afterwards, the glaciers feeding into it sped up by two to six times. Those glaciers continue to flow faster to this day.

In our new study, published in *Earth and Planetary Science Letters*, we turn the clock back even further to look at the Wordie ice shelf, on the west coast of the southern Antarctic Peninsula, which began to retreat in the 1960s and eventually disappeared

in January 2017.

Over the past 20 years, observations have shown that the main glacier feeding into the Wordie ice shelf, the Fleming Glacier, has sped up and thinned. Compared with the glaciers feeding Larsen B and C, Fleming Glacier is massive: 80km long, 12km wide, and 600m thick at its front.

We used historic aerial photographs from 1966 to create an elevation map of the Fleming Glacier, and compared it to elevation measurements from 2002 to 2015. Between 1966 and 2015 the Fleming Glacier thinned by at least 100m near the front. The thinning rate, which is the elevation change rate, rapidly increased: the thinning rate after 2008 is more than twice that during 2002 to 2008, and four times the average rates from 1966 to 2008.

Ice flow speeds have also increased by more than 400m per year at the front since 2008. This is the largest speed change in recent years of any glacier in Antarctica. These changes all point to ice shelf collapse as the cause.

We estimate the total glacier ice volume lost from all glaciers that feed the Wordie is 179 cubic kilometres since 1966, or 319 times the volume of Sydney Harbour. The weight of this ice moving off the land and into the

ocean has caused the bedrock beneath the glaciers to lift by more than 50mm.

Other research has suggested this lift could have acted to slow the glacier’s retreat, but it’s clear that the bedrock deformation has not stopped the ice movement speeding up. It seems the Fleming Glacier has a long way to go before it will return to a new stable state (in which snowfall feeding the glacier equals the ice flowing into the oceans).

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Asked by an audience member how she approaches oppressive characters, Roy said: “You have to feel affection for all of your characters, including the ones you don’t agree with ... otherwise, it would be easy to create a straw man.” Here I pointed out to Roy that Viet Thien Ngyuen, American author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel *The Sympathizer*, has similarly argued for the importance of what he calls “ethical memory,” in which it’s essential for the other to be humanized and the potential for violence and oppression within oneself to be acknowledged.

Roy summed up by pointing out that India’s constitutionally enshrined commitment to secularism and socialism is being pushed aside in a concerted effort to create a Hindu India. In 1947, British India was partitioned into a Hindu majority, but constitutionally secular India, and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. Hindu nationalists, Islamophobic from the outset, want India to be a Hindu nation in which minorities would live under a Hindu supremacist laws.

The current Hindu nationalist Prime Minister Narendra Modi was the chief minister of the state of Gujarat in 2002 when a pogrom against Muslims occurred. More than 1,000 were killed, and several tens of thousands remain internally displaced to this day. Over the past two years, under Modi’s watch, there have been lynchings of Muslims. The most recent led to a massive street protests across India, including in Jantar Mantar in Delhi, where Roy’s novel is centred.

Yet there are few of us, Roy said, who are resisting, but we have our backs to the wall. Furthermore, she said: “For the outsider, India is anarchic. But there is no anarchy in India. It’s highly ordered by caste, which is a brilliant and rigid system of administrative control, in which everyone is co-opted because they are allowed to oppress the ones below them, hence every solidarity is broken.”

The evening ended with another long, standing ovation.

Special thanks to Professor Prasad Bidaye, Humber College, for sharing his notes on Roy’s quotes from the evening.

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This self-denial is intriguing, and so are the reasons



Mamata backing only one community in Bengal: Sinha

SILIGURI (WB), JULY 7 (PTI): BJP national secretary Rahul Sinha today said that Mamata Banerjee was running a "communal government" in West Bengal since it was supporting only one community.

Adopting communal line as government policy, the chief minister is backing only one community and ignoring the other, Sinha alleged at a party meeting here.

"She (Banerjee) is also sparking fire everywhere.

She sets Darjeeling on fire and went to Netherlands. On return, she allows Baduria to burn," Sinha said at a party meeting here.

But the problem is she is not trying to douse the flames, the BJP leader said.

Even as the Darjeeling hills were in turbulence for nearly a month capped by an indefinite bandh called by the Gorkha Janmukti Morcha, a communal clash took place at Baduria in North 24-Parganas district, he said.

Sinha demanded resignation of the chief minister for her alleged failure to contain the situation in Darjeeling hills and Baduria.

The chief minister was not allowing anyone to go near Basirhat, he said.

The administration today stopped teams of Left Front, Congress and BJP from visiting the riot-hit places.

"She is not allowing anyone to go there fearing that her failure (to contain the situation) would be exposed," Sinha claimed.

The BJP national secretary had his lunch at the impoverished house of Bhagirath Roy, a mason, here. He was accompanied by other party leaders.

BJP president Amit Shah too had a lunch at a tribal home in Naxalbari, near here, in April. The tribal family, however, joined Trinamool Congress a fortnight later.

SUDIPTA CHANDA

SILIGURI, 07 JUL:

Dashing hopes of withdrawal, the ongoing bandh in the Darjeeling hills will maintain status quo. So has decided the Gorkhaland Movement Coordination Committee (GMCC), the all-party platform forged to take forward the separate state movement.

For whose benefit and to what end, only the GMCC knows. But, in its desire to continue with the bandh, the GMCC may have overlooked the obvious – the fallout.

The Centre is too busy with Presidential polls, the high altitude posturing with China at the Sikkim-Bhutan confluence, G20 Summit, vice-president poll, Goods and Services Tax and a plethora of other pressing issues. As far as indications go, the Gorkhaland stir is nowhere in the Centre's to do book right now.

The state government too is besieged with multiple problems at this juncture. Aside the hill strife, the state government

is in a collision course with the Governor prompting the chief minister to threaten resignation; a riot-like situation prevails in the Basirhat area of North 24 Parganas district bordering Bangladesh and the Opposition is going hammer and tongs over the prevailing condition in the state.

With such a criss-cross of events keeping the powers that be on tenterhooks, the hill movement runs the risk of escaping due attention unless of course violence flares up yet again. The movement therefore has entered that stage where a long wait for an outcome is required.

The question therefore, will the separate state protagonists revert to their violent ways, or adopt democratic means to take the movement forward? Either way, the process will be stretched. Would the bandh then continue? If yes, for how long? The people by now have shown enough fortitude to bear with the adverse situation. Should their loyalty be tested any further?

Saturday, July 8 marks exactly a month since violence broke

out in the Darjeeling hills. The movement sponsors have nothing to show in terms of deliverables in this time. There is a lurking feeling that withdrawing the bandh at this stage would subject them to questions from the mass, which would like to see some tangible progress in the cause for which they have sacrificed for the past one month.

It is possible that the bandh therefore continues to remain in force to avoid pointed questions from the general public. Otherwise, the continuing self-denial looks irrational.

When such is the situation in the hills, a movement opposing the 'division of Bengal' demand is gathering momentum in the plains. What started in Siliguri as a netizens' assemblage and demonstration has now snowballed into a mass movement throughout the Dooars with protest rallies hitting the streets on a regular frequency in different pockets.

This is no time to nitpick or mull over who is on the back foot or who is dealing from a position of strength. People are suffering. How can policy makers rest in peace?

Rijiju calls for preservation & promotion of age-old tribal

ITANAGAR, JUL 5 (PTI): Union Minister Kiren Rijiju today called for preservation and promotion of age-old tribal tradition in Arunachal Pradesh.

"We are at a cross-road between modernity and our culture. We should assimilate what is good of the modern world today, but still be rooted to our culture.

"Our culture is our identity and we should strive to preserve it in all possible manner, he said while joining the people of Ziro Valley in Lower Subansiri district of the state in celebrating Dree, the harvest festival of the Apatani community.

"Let's us be modern in our thoughts, but still be rooted to our traditions," he added and called upon the youngsters studying outside the state and abroad to be in touch with the cultural side always.

Lauding the Apatanis



for impeccably preserving the age old cultural landscape and traditions, he said The land of Apatanis, abundantly blessed with natural beauty and coupled with the inhabitants seriousness in preserving culture has put Ziro in the world cultural tourism map.

"I in my capacity assure to propel Ziro ahead in the cultural tourism sector. A multipurpose cultural activity centre will be coming up shortly in Ziro," he announced.

As a gift to the Ziro Valley on the eve of the golden jubilee celebrations, Rijiju committed to facilitate the 86 crore Pange River project which will cater to the increasing demand of water supply in the twin township of Ziro-Hapoli, besides reconstruction of Gyati Takka general hospital, a 12 crore rain water harvesting project.

He also donated five lakh rupees to the festival committee as a token of appreciation.

Arunachal, Nagaland stdents joint plantation drive

ITANAGAR, JUL 7 (PTI): Students from Arunachal Pradesh and neighbouring Nagaland today joined the Van Mahotsav programme organised by Maharashtra government at the initiative of Governor Acharya.

Acharya holds dual charge of the two north eastern states and is on official tour here.

Maharashtra government has under taken a mission to plant four crore tree saplings in the Van Mahotsav celebration, an official release said adding the programme was organised at Dahisar West in Mumbai. Acharya initiated the plantation programme to strengthen emotional and national integration amongs the people of North East and Maharashtra.

"Such involvement of the people of the north east in government initiatives and programmes

of the host state will go a long way in blending themselves with the people of other parts of the country, thereby reinforce the spirit of unity in diversity," the governor said.

He urged the youth of the region to learn about other people and at the same time showcase their rich cultural heritage in order to create strong bonds and unity. Acharya also called upon them to preserve nature.

"Concerted efforts are required to maintain and improve the existing natural resources. Initiative contribution at individual and community levels.

"Non-dependence on the government is the need of the hour to address the issues of preservation of our environment as enshrined in the fundamental duties of the citizens, he said.

Strong monitoring needed for health services delivery:Khandu

ITANAGAR, JUL 7 (PTI): Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu today called for a strong monitoring system and change of work culture for successful health services delivery in the state.

Chairing the State Health Mission (SHM) meeting, Khandu said the health service scenario has improved over the years, but scope for improvement remains.

He particularly emphasised on rationalisation of posting and transfers of health professionals as per criteria and need.

For actual service delivery at the ground level, the chief minister requested the health department and the SHM to put in place a strong mechanism for monitoring and making officials accountable.

He said despite there being in place

monitoring mechanism at all levels, service delivery at the grass root is not satisfactory, an official report said.

Khandu was also concerned with the deteriorating work culture among government officials, which has become the major stumbling block in the health delivery system and urged officials to tighten their belts or face the consequences.

The chief minister also called for convergence of schemes under the National Health Mission with welfare schemes of other departments like Public Health Engineering & Water Supply and Women and Child Development.

"NHM schemes can be successfully implemented in villages with proper coordination between agencies like ASHA and Anganwadi," he said.

Solution to Naga problem close by, says interlocutor

KOHIMA, JUL 6 (PTI): Interlocutor of Naga peace talks, R N Ravi today said that solution to the decades old Naga political problem is close-by.

"We are close towards solution and bringing the framework agreement to a conclusion, and there-

fore wanted to have one more round of consultations with the Naga civil societies," Ravi said.

He spoke to media-persons briefly before meeting NGOs here this evening. Ravi is in the state to hold interactions with Naga civil so-

cieties and NGOs in order to strengthen the ongoing dialogue between the Centre and NSCN (IM).

Ravi called on Chief Minister Dr Shurhozelie and talked to him on the issue before interacting with civil societies here, official sources said.

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SINCE: 06/10/2013



NITESH PRADHAN
AGE: 16 YRS
MISSING FROM GANGTOK
SINCE: 08/10/2013



MASTER INDR
AGE: 16 YRS
MISSING FROM GANGTOK
SINCE: 23/12/2013



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AGE: 14 YRS
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RADHIKA RANI
AGE: 15 YRS
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POONAM DATT
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SUK RANA RAI
AGE: 12 YRS
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BHAGWATI RAI
AGE: 16 YRS
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DHIREN TOPPO
AGE: 16 YRS
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SINCE: 18/03/2014



NITUPAM MANAPATRA
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Mumbai City FC retains defensive midfielder

Sehnaj Singh

MUMBAI, JUL 07 (PTI): Mumbai City FC has retained midfielder Sehnaj Singh for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 Indian Super League (ISL) seasons, the franchise announced today.

The former Mumbai FC player was used as a right-back for most parts of the last season which saw him in action for 1179 minutes.

The 23-year-old Gurdaspur academy product is a highly rated defensive midfielder known for his hard tackling and serious defending and does not hesitate on having a try at the opponents goal. Sehnaj was an integral part of our team last year.

His versatility was one of the major reasons why we have decided to retain him. (Am) looking forward to him being a mainstay in the team for years to come,” said Mumbai City FC CEO, Indranil Das Blah.

Glad to be back to play for Mumbai City FC, said Sehnaj.



Xi calls for “peaceful settlement” of “regional disputes”

HAMBURG, JUL 07 (PTI): Chinese President Xi Jinping today urged the BRICS countries to push for “peaceful settlement” of regional disputes, amidst a standoff between India and China in Sikkim and Beijing’s growing assertiveness in the disputed South and East China seas.

Xi made the remarks at an informal leaders’ meeting of the BRICS, which groups Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, ahead of a Group of 20 summit in the German port city of Hamburg, China’s state-run Xinhua news agency reported.

He pressed the BRICS



members to unswervingly build an open world economy, champion multilateralism and promote common development.

The BRICS leaders exchanged views on the current international political and economic circumstances and the G20’s priorities, and reached important

regional conflicts and disputes, and to consolidate the role of the G20 mechanism as the premier platform for international economic cooperation,” the report said.

The Xinhua report did not elaborate on what Xi meant by “regional disputes”.

Apart from Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Xi, the meeting was attended by Brazilian President Michel Temer, Russian President Vladimir Putin and South African President Jacob Zuma.

The leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, pledged to work together for posi-

tive results at the BRICS summit in the southeastern Chinese seaside city of Xiamen later this year.

China and India have been engaged in a standoff in the Dokalam area near the Bhutan tri-junction for the past three weeks after a People’s Liberation Army construction party attempted to build a road. Doka La is the Indian name for the region which Bhutan recognises as Dokalam while China claims it as part of its Donglang region.

China is also engaged in hotly contested territorial disputes in both the South China Sea and the East China Sea.

Beijing has built up artificial islands and militarised many of them.

Both the South China Sea and the East China Sea areas are stated to be rich in minerals, oil and other natural resources. They are also vital to global trade.

China claims sovereignty over all of South China Sea.

Vietnam, Malaysia, the Philippines, Brunei and Taiwan have counter claims.

China also lays claim to tiny islands in the East China Sea between Japan and the Korean peninsula, and between Japan and Taiwan.


The US today said it has flown two bombers over East Asian waters, as tensions continue to run high in the region.

The B-1B Lancers took part in joint military drills with Japan in the East China Sea, the US Air Force said in a statement.

They bombers then flew over the highly contentious South China Sea.

The US had also recently sent a navy warship near an artificial island in the South China Sea as part of the first “freedom of navigation” operation under President Donald Trump.

China has previously termed the US’ move as “irresponsible” and warned that America’s deliberate provocations would have “extremely dangerous consequences” to regional stability.



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Indian decathlete named for Asian meet fails dope test

Bhubaneswar, Jul 7 (PTI): India's campaign in the Asian Athletics Championships here has been hit by a doping scandal with leading decathlete Jagtar Singh testing positive for a banned substance.

Jagtar's urine sample 'A', collected during the Federation Cup National Championships in Patiala last month by the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA), has returned positive for meldonium and he has been put under provisional suspension.

The Rajasthan athlete now faces the prospect of being banned for a maximum period of four years for a first-time dope offence if his confirmatory 'B' sample test also returns positive.

Jagtar was a part of the 95-member Indian team for the ongoing Asian Championships and he was named along with Abhishek Shetty.

Only Shetty took part in the 10-event decathlon which began on Thursday, the opening day. In fact, he was left out of team and did not come here after the Athletics Federation of India was informed about it by the National Anti-Doping Agency four days ago.

"We knew about Jagtar's dope failure three-four days before this championships and we have left him out. He did not come along with the Indian team in Bhubaneswar," an official of the Indian team told PTI.

In the Federation Cup, Jagtar won the decathlon event with 6888 points while Shetty was second with 6814 points.

Virat Kohli extends unflinching support to Dhoni

KINGSTON (JAMICA), JUL 7 (PTI): India skipper Virat Kohli has extended his predecessor Mahendra Singh Dhoni unflinching support amid a gradually growing chorus of calls for his retirement from international cricket.

Kohli spoke warmly about India's most successful cricket captain hours before he turned 36, while giving cold shoulder to those calling for his retirement.

"He is striking the ball beautifully, you don't need to tell him anything in terms of how to play a situation, how to build an innings," Kohli said of Dhoni after India wrapped up the five-match ODI series in the West Indies 3-1.

While he carved out brisk 78 in the third one-dayer, Dhoni struggled to get going in the next game, scoring a 54 off 114 balls, an aberration in a career marked by explosive batting.

Kohli sought to defend the man he replaced, one by one, in all formats.

When a scribe told Dhoni was not his usual self at one of the nets, Kohli responded, "You have to figure out what kind of wickets you are playing on as well. I was trying to hit the spinners a couple of days in practice and I couldn't because the wickets were not that great to play strokes, the wicket in the centre was much better."

"You can't really judge a guy's batting form at practice because you don't know what kind of wickets you are going to get."

"If the bounce is not ideal then obviously you have to keep defending the ball and keep rotating strike. I think it was only in the last game he couldn't rotate the strike and before that he got a brilliant 70 or 80 odd not out."

The current captain recalled the former captain's successful outing against Sri Lanka in the Champions Trophy.

"In the Champions Trophy against Sri Lanka he played a brilliant knock, in the first game as well he played a brilliant knock here when it wasn't rained out."

India including tri-junction in standoff out of ‘ulterior motives’

K J M VARMA
Beijing, Jul 7 (PTI): China said today that “ulterior motives” prompted India to include the tri-junction with Bhutan in the Sikkim standoff and asserted that New Delhi’s acceptance of the 1890 Sino-British treaty on the boundaries in the area should not change with the passage of time.

“The so-called tri-junction point as the name implies is a point instead of a line or an area,” Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Geng Shuang told a media briefing here.

Asked about India’s assertion that China is violating the agreement reached by the Special Representatives on the boundary in 2012 over the tri-junction, Geng said the road being built by China has nothing to do with it.

Geng said the convention between Great Britain and China relating to Sikkim in 1890 stated

that the Sikkim section of the boundary commenced from the east of Mount Gipmochi.

“The illegal trespass by the Indian troops took place at the Sikkim section of the India-China boundary, 2,000 metres away from the Mount Gipmochi,” he said.

The Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson asserted that the issue has “nothing to do with tri-junction point” and China had not breached the 2012 agreement.

Asked to provide exact coordinates of the tri-junction, he said he had no information on it.

Geng also sought to justify China’s road building, saying that it is not part of the Doklam area.

Geng questioned India’s stand that Doklam is part of the strategic tri-junction also known as the Chicken’s Neck, which is the key corridor connecting India with its

northern-eastern states.

“In disregard of the boundary convention, the Indian side takes entire Doklam area as part of the tri-junction. That is out of ulterior motives,” Geng said.

“The Indian side introduced the idea of the tri-junction point into the incident in an attempt to enlarge the point into an area that is absurd and has ulterior motives,” he claimed.

He also sought to dismiss the perception that the 1962 India-China war changed the past alignment of the boundary as China occupied areas like Aksai Chin, which continues to be in its possession.

The Indian government has repeatedly recognised the effectiveness of the 1890 convention, Geng said.

“The boundary between Xizang (Chinese name for Tibet) of China and Sikkim was defined by this convention. Once

the convention has been signed, the changes of the government will not affect the effectiveness of the convention. So it has nothing to do with the passing of the time,” he said.

The treaty has “nothing to do with the 1962 war”, Geng asserted.

“It has already been recognised by the Indian side. Once it has been recognised, the convention has been effective and it has nothing to do with the passing of time nor the change of the regime or the government,” he said.

The Indian troops intervened on June 16 on behalf of Bhutan to stop the road construction by the Chinese.

China and India have been engaged in the standoff in the Doklam area near the Bhutan tri-junction for the past three weeks after a Chinese Army’s construction party attempted to build a road. Doka La is the In-

dian name for the region which Bhutan recognises as Dokalam, while China claims it as part of its Donglang region.

Geng’s remarks come days after the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), in a statement, had asserted that India had underlined that the two governments had in 2012 reached an agreement that tri-junction boundary points among India, China and third countries would be finalised in consultation with the countries concerned.

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

India argues that since it is a tri-junction involving the three countries, it also has a say in the issue, specially in the backdrop of 2012 agreement between Special Representatives of the two countries, that have till now held 19 rounds

of talks.

Bhutan, which does not have diplomatic ties with China, deals with Beijing through its Embassy in New Delhi.

As a close friend and neighbour, Bhutan enjoys diplomatic and military support from India.

Geng asserted that there was no breach or violation from the Chinese side in the incident.

“We always believe that the tri-junction is a point not a line or an area,” he said, adding that “equating a point with the areas is an introduction of a new concept.”

When asked about the protest lodged by Bhutan over the issue, Geng reiterated that China and Bhutan reached consensus during their 24 rounds of boundary talks.

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Print label details of pre-packed food in big size:Govt to cos

NEW DELHI, Jul 7 (PTI): In relief to consumers, the government has made it mandatory for manufacturing companies to print details like expiry date and net quantity on labels on all pre-packaged food in a “bigger font size”.

These changes have been effected through an amendment to the Legal Metrology (Packaged commodities) Rules, 2011, by the consumer affairs ministry.

“We have done this in the interest of consumers, who should clearly be able to see the details mentioned in the label of pre-packaged food,” Consumer Affairs Minister Ram Vilas Paswan told reporters today.

Five declarations are a must to be printed on the label.

These include MRP (maximum retail price), manufacturing data, expiry date, net quantity and consumer care details.

“The size of words and numbers for mandatory declarations has been increased so that a consumer can easily read,” Paswan said.

At present, the declarations on the label are printed in such small fonts that consumers have complained to the government and even made representation to address the issue.

Besides, Paswan said no dual MRP will be allowed and testing of net quantity and its declaration on pre-packaged food have been made more scientific in the interest of industries.

“No person shall declare different MRPs on an identical pre-packaged commodity by adopting respective trade practices or unfair trade practices as defined under the Consumer Protection Act,” he added.

Modi appreciates BRICS momentum under China’s chairmanship

BARUN JHA
HAMBURG, Jul 7 (PTI): Amid increased tension between India and China on developments near Sikkim, Prime Minister Narendra Modi today “appreciated” momentum in the BRICS bloc under the Chinese chairmanship and extended full cooperation for the grouping’s upcoming summit to be hosted by Beijing.

Speaking at an informal meeting of BRICS leaders here on the sidelines of the G20 Summit, Modi also called upon the group leaders to show leadership in fighting terrorism and boosting global economic growth.

Chinese President Xi Jinping, speaking right after Modi, also appreciated the momentum witnessed at the BRICS bloc during India’s chairmanship before it was passed on to China.



The leaders of five BRICS countries -- which also included Russia’s Vladimir Putin -- discussed preparedness and priorities for the forthcoming 9th BRICS Summit in Xiamen, China, in September.

Xi said he looked forward to welcoming the BRICS leaders.

Modi said BRICS has been a strong voice and needs to show leadership on terrorism and global economy, according to a press release issued by the Ministry of External Affairs after the meeting.

“G20 should collectively oppose terrorism financing, franchises, safe havens, support and sponsors,” Modi said.

Referring to the reforms in India, including

the recent introduction of GST, he stated that it is necessary to work together for sustained global economic recovery.

He advocated collective voice against the practices of protectionism, especially in the spheres of trade and movement of knowledge and professionals.

Besides, Modi reiterated India’s commitment to implementing the Paris agreement in letter and spirit and described its implementation globally as essential to fighting climate change.

He called for collective action to establish a BRICS rating agency and stated that cooperation on development of Africa should be a priority.

While stressing on

the need for greater people-to-people exchanges, the prime minister appreciated momentum in BRICS under the chairmanship of Xi and extended full cooperation and best wishes for the BRICS Xiamen Summit.

Modi started his speech by thanking Xi for his welcome and hosting the meeting. “Under Xi’s chairmanship, the progress and positive momentum of BRICS has further deepened our cooperation,” Modi said.

The prime minister, who spoke in Hindi, also said “lastly, I extend my best wishes and full cooperation to President Xi Jinping for the upcoming ninth BRICS Summit”.

China and India have been engaged in a stand-

off in the Dokalam area near the Bhutan tri-junction after a Chinese Army’s construction party attempted to build a road. The stand-off is near Sikkim section.

Concluding the meeting immediately after the Prime Minister’s remarks, Xi appreciated India’s strong resolve against terrorism and the momentum in BRICS introduced under India’s chairmanship and through the outcomes of the Goa Summit in 2016.

He also appreciated India’s success in economic and social development and wished India even bigger success.

Besides India and China, Russia, Brazil and South Africa are part of the BRICS grouping.

Modi, Xi discuss ‘range of issues’: MEA

HAMBURG, Jul 07 (PTI): Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping today shook hands and had a conversation on a “range of issues” during the BRICS leaders’ informal meeting here amid a stand-off between the armies of the two countries in the Sikkim section.

The conversation took place on the side-

lines of the G20 Summit that began here today.

In a tweet, external affairs ministry spokesperson Gopal Baglay said Modi and Xi discussed a range of issues.

“At d BRICS leaders’ informal gathering @Hamburg hosted by China, PM @narendramodi and President Xi had a conversation on a range of issues,” the spokesperson

tweeted.

The ministry also tweeted a photograph of Modi and Xi shaking hands.

The meeting assumes significance as it comes a day after a top Chinese official said the “atmosphere” is “not right” for a bilateral meeting between Modi and Xi Jinping on the sidelines of the G20 Summit.

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IN LOVE WITH THE SHAPE OF YOU! Ed Sheeran signs autographs on NBC's "Today" at Rockefeller Plaza in New York City. Approximately 12,000 people gathered to watch a bespectacled Sheeran, with a guitar in hand, rock out to some of his + [Divide] album hits. Beginning with "Castle on the Hill," he continued revving up the audience with "Shape of You" and "Galway Girl."

Spoiler Ahead!

Who Is Zendaya In Spider-Man? The Identity of Michelle Is Revealed [SPOILER]

Zendaya's character in 'Spider-Man: Homecoming' has been purposely kept a mystery to fans eagerly awaiting the film. Now we've found out who Michelle really is, so beware, there's a MAJOR spoiler ahead!

Dun dun dun! Fans have been buzzing about who exactly Zendaya's character "Michelle" is in the hotly anticipated Spider-Man: Homecoming. Everyone thought when she was cast that she would be playing Peter Parker's love interest Mary Jane, but the girlfriend role went to newcomer Laura Harrier's "Liz" instead. In the trailers we only got brief shots of Michelle and Tom Holland's Peter interacting and they don't seem to like each other very much. Zendaya's role is also VERY small in the film so why is she the lead person out on



the road with Tom promoting it? Because it turns out SHE IS MJ!!!!

Liz is the president of the school debate team that Peter and Michelle are a part of, but she moves out of town at the end of the flick. Zendaya's character then becomes the new leader of

the team and when talking to them says that "People call me MJ." As we all know, MJ in the comics is Mary Jane, who is Peter's eventual love interest. That means we're probably going to be seeing a whole lot more of the 20-year-old actress in the film's sequel!

We knew there HAD to be more in store for Zendaya in the film's franchise because she has been front and center alongside Tom as the face of the film during promotional events. She made the rounds on national talk shows, been the shining star at premieres and even landed her first Vogue cover in advance of the movie's release. For a part that's essentially a cameo, Michelle had to be pretty darn significant in the film's plotline to be getting as much attention and now we know why.

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KAREENA KAPOOR'S KHANDAAN GAVE 51K TO THE TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY TO PERFORM THIS RITUAL ON BABY TAIMUR ALI KHAN

Taimur Ali Khan is the apple of the entire Kapoor khandaan's eye. And with this newest rumour looks like the star Chote Nawab has already got the family worried.

Ever since he was born, Taimur Ali Khan Pataudi has been the cynosure of all eyes. People just cannot get enough of this Chote Nawab and his cuteness. Every public outing of him goes viral and paparazzi are stationed outside Saif Ali Khan and Kareena Kapoor Khan's Bandra residence to get clicks of the cute munchkin.

Well, with so much attention getting showered on him, elders in the family are bound to get a little worried and fear 'bad nazar' falling on the adorable tiny tot of the house. The birth of Taimur has been a joyous occasion for the Kapoor clan. He is the youngest in the family after Riddhima Kapoor Sahni's daughter, Samara.

Rumour has it that Kareena and the Kapoor clan presented a princely sum



move is documented. Fans are already predicting that is going to be a superstar. Well, we will keep you posted on every tid-bit around Taimur.

SEQUEL TO RANBIR KAPOOR AND KATRINA KAIF'S JAGGA JASOOS IS READY?

There will be a part 2 of Jagga Jasoo as well, if rumours are to be believed. Shocked right? You must be thinking Jagga Jasoo has not yet released and the makers are already thinking about a sequel. Guess it's all about getting the vibe that this film will work at the box office. The producers of the film it seems are pretty confident about what they have



RUMOUR HAS IT!

of Rs 51,000 to the transgender community to bless little Taimur. In India, it is believed that the transgender i.e. the kinnar community is specially blessed by the Gods to ward off the evil eye. This is why they are called by families at celebrations held for infants. Everyone will say that it is a very generous amount but then, anything for Bollywood's mini nawab, Taimur Ali Khan Pataudi.

Kareena Kapoor Khan has broken all conventions associated with pregnancy. She was at her stylish best, partied with friends, worked, attended red carpet events and lived life to the fullest. However, she often said that she believes in age old wisdom. Warding off the evil eye is a tradition in many families and we are sure the Kapoor clan wants Taimur to stay blessed and protected always. Taimur has a legion of fans swooning left right and centre over his cuteness but then so much attention does get people worried! Saif and Kareena have said that they want a normal childhood for the little one, and such small talismans are a part of our lives.

Whether it is twinning with his mom to Tussar Kapoor's son Lakshya's birthday bash or just stepping out in a night suit, Taimur's every

and is keen to turn it into a franchise.

Taking that thought forward, they also have a story in place for the sequel, grapevine suggests. Now we are pretty sure Ranbir Kapoor will be a part of the film because he is the titular character. As for Katrina Kaif, we will have to wait and see. Our guess is given the fact that both of them are looking damn cute in it, she should be part of the sequel too.

Now the question is will Ranbir produce the sequel



08TH JULY

WORLD HISTORY

1497: Vasco da Gama, Portuguese explorer, departed on a trip to India. He sailed from Lisbon enroute to Calicut, India. His journey took him around South Africa and opened the Far East to European trade and colonial expansion. 1815: With Napoleon defeated, Louis XVIII returned to Paris. 1853: An expedition led by Commodore Matthew Perry arrived in Edo Bay, Uraga, Japan, on a mission to seek diplomatic and trade relations with the Japanese. Perry sailed his flagship USS Susquehanna into Edo Bay. He soon forced Japan to open its ports with his big gunboats, the steam-powered "Black Ships". 1990: West Germany won the World Cup soccer championship by defeating Argentina, 1-to-0. INDIAN HISTORY 1918: Montagu-Chelmsford Report was published seeking re-

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

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forms in the Indian legislature. The Montagu-Chelmsford Reforms or more briefly known as Mont-Ford Reforms were reforms introduced by the British colonial government in India to introduce self-governing institutions. The reforms take their name from Edwin Samuel Montagu, the Secretary of State for India during the latter parts of World War I and Lord Chelmsford, Viceroy of India between 1916 and 1921. 1954: Jawaharlal Nehru inaugurates the world's longest dam, Bhakra-Nangal, at Punjab. The Dam is described as "New Temple of Resurgent India" by Jawaharlal Nehru. 1996: Former Chief Election Commissioner TN Seshan won the prestigious Magsaysay award.

LOCKHORNS - HOEST & REINER

"THIS IS WHY I HATE HAVING THANKSGIVING DINNER AT YOUR MOTHER'S HOUSE."

ARCTIC CIRCLE - HALLATT

KIDS IN SCHOOLS ARE BREATHING TOXIC AIR. GOVERNMENTS WILL HAVE TO CHANGE VEHICLE EMISSION STANDARDS. YES... OR SCHOOL UNIFORMS. THE ORANGE HAZMAT SUIT KIDS GO TO HARDSHIPS SCHOOL AND THE STRIPED ONES GO TO CASTLEFIELD SCHOOL.

BABY BLUES - KIRKMAN & SCOTT

WHY ARE YOU RUBBING MOM'S BACK? BECAUSE SHE LIKES IT. MAMMA-HUMMM... BACK RUBS ARE JUST SOMETHING I DO FOR MOM. ESPECIALLY WHEN I LIE ON THE REMOTE AND REFUSE TO GET OFF UNTIL I GET ONE. IT'S BASICALLY A HOSTAGE SITUATION.

THE DAY AHEAD

ARIES: Proceed with passion. Aries. Get out of gloomy mode. Don't sit home and mope. Get out in the sunshine, literally as well as figuratively. Don't stay cooped up inside when there is a big world out there to explore. This is a day to keep things light and energetic. Remember that happiness is a decision.

TAURUS: This is your day to shine, so turn it up a notch, Taurus. Brush your hair before you go out, and make sure you're wearing flattering attire. You have the chance to propel your emotions into an upward spiral. If there's a part of your life that feels stagnant, give it a jolt of creative energy or simply

remove it from your life.

GEMINI: If an emotional issue is bringing you down, Gemini, find healthy ways to relieve the situation. Overeating won't solve the problem. This will only mask your difficulties and make them harder to deal with later. It's time to pull out of the rut and infuse the situation with freshness. You have a great deal of love to share with the world.

CANCER: Whatever you visualize today will likely materialize in the near future. Cancer. People are clamoring to make themselves heard, so jump in with your opinion. Keeping things balanced in your world means getting your

needs met as well. Don't sacrifice your well-being just to maintain the peace. Make changes that benefit all parties involved.

LEO: Inflated egos might block your progress today, Leo, so be on the lookout for people trying to get a bigger slice of the pie than they deserve. Be realistic in terms of how you allocate resources to people around you. Someone may be trying to take advantage of your generous spirit. Use your detective skills to get to the root of the problem and make any necessary changes.

VIRGO: This day will be agreeable, Virgo. There is a dynamic energy in the air that's fueling your

fire. Have a good time regardless of what you do. An adventurous, high-spirited approach will get you where you need to go in every situation. You have the power to make important transformations that will help you in the future.

LIBRA: Don't be quick to criticize today, Libra. Keep things positive and think about how you can compliment someone. Your heart might need a bit more attention than usual, so surround yourself with people who bring your spirits up rather than drag them down. If you're always looking to the future, you may not realize all the wonderful things happening in the present.

SCORPIO: Things might reach a climax in some way today, Scorpio. Set aside time to think about what you can do to love yourself. Maybe you've been thinking so much about group needs that you've failed to think about how to take care of yourself. Preaching your ideas and values to others means nothing unless you apply them to yourself.

SAGITTARIUS: Don't wait for someone else to take the lead today, Sagittarius. Take charge. Do what you know is right even though someone else might disagree with you. You know what's best for you and the situation at

hand. Be just as strong and bold as anyone else. You have every right to state your opinion. Act on the things you believe in.

CAPRICORN: Put on a noble demeanor before you leave the house this morning, Capricorn. The key is to smile from ear to ear and just keep smiling. There's a great deal of power available to you, so put it to good use. Open your heart and freely express your love, because it will brighten up other people's lives, too. Keep your chin up, your shoulders back, and be proud.

AQUARIUS: You might find that your emotions are going through a powerful transformation, Aquari-

us. Use it to add a bit of spice and passion to your day. Set the tone by showing people that you have something to say and you aren't afraid to say it. Put a humorous spin on everything you do. This attitude will get you through any locked door.

PISCES: Give special attention to others today, Pisces. Remind people how much they mean to you. Adopt a childlike attitude of excitement and adventure. This is the name of the game on a day like this. Let the sunshine touch your spirit regardless of the weather. There is extra fuel for your fire. Get out and do the things you love to do.