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## And now China accuses Indian troops of ‘crossing boundary’, links Kailash yatra to standoff

KJM VARMA

BEIJING, JUN 27 (PTI):

China today lodged a protest with India over the alleged “crossing of boundary” by its troops in the Sikkim section and demanded their immediate withdrawal, as Beijing warned that future visits of Indian pilgrims to Kailash Mansarovar will depend on the resolution of the standoff.

“Our position to uphold our territorial sovereignty is unwavering. We hope the Indian side can work with China in the same direction and immediately withdraw the person-

nel who have overstepped and trespassed into Chinese border,” Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Lu Kang told a media briefing here.

“We have lodged solemn representations in Beijing and New Delhi to elaborate on our solemn position,” he said.

About the fate of the pilgrims headed to Kailash and Mansarovar, who had returned to Gangtok after denial of permission by China to enter Tibet through Sikkim, Lu said their visit was called off because of security reasons.

He also linked future visits

of pilgrims to India “withdrawing the troops” from the area.

“As to Indian pilgrims’ journey through Nathu La pass at Sikkim section, I think the Indian side is very clear about this. For a long time Chinese government has made enormous efforts to provide the necessary convenience to those Indian pilgrims,” Lu said.

“But recently the Indian border personnel trespassed Chinese border to obstruct our construction, we have taken necessary actions. Out of security consideration we have to put off the pilgrimage by the

Indian pilgrims through the Chinese pass,” he said.

“On the upcoming actions, we have to depend on what the Indian side will do. They have to take action to improve the security situation,” Lu said.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Geng Shuang last night said, “China urges India to immediately withdraw its border guards that have crossed the boundary and have a thorough investigation of this matter.”

“The Indian border guards crossed the boundary in the Sikkim section of the China-India border and entered the ter-

ritory of China, and obstructed normal activities of Chinese frontier forces in the Donglang area recently, and the Chinese side has taken counter-measures,” he said in a statement.

His statement came after the Chinese Defence Ministry accused the Indian troops of objecting to building a road in what it claimed to be Chinese territory.

The dispute over construction of a road was apparently the reason why China stopped a batch of 47 Indian pilgrims from crossing through Nathu

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## GJM activists burn copies of GTA accord in hills

DARJEELING (WB), JUN 27 (PTI):

Intensifying their agitation for Gorkhaland, Gorkha Janmukti Morcha activists today held demonstrations and burnt copies of the GTA accord in the hills on the 13th day of the indefinite shutdown.

Some GJM activists were seen participating in the demonstration bare-chested and broke tube lights on their backs leading to injuries.

Hundreds of GJM supporters burnt copies of the Gorkha Territorial Administration (GTA) accord at Chowkbazar as the security forces kept a strict vigil.

GJM sources said that now there is no entity of GTA in the hills.

“We don’t want GTA.

We want Gorkhaland. We will continue our agitation for a separate state. We will not participate in election to GTA,” a GJM leader said.

“By burning the GTA accord we ended relations with the state government,” he said.

All the 45 elected members of GTA who belonged to GJM had resigned last week.

The Centre, the state government and GJM had signed the GTA in 2011.

GTA had three hill subdivisions Darjeeling, Kurseong and Mirik and some areas of Siliguri subdivision of Darjeeling district and the whole of Kalimpong district under its authority.

## Situation along China border in Sikkim reviewed after incursion

NEW DELHI, JUN 27 (PTI):

The situation along the Sino-Indian border was reviewed today at a high-level meeting convened by the Centre following tension in the forward areas in Sikkim after a scuffle between personnel of the Indian Army and the People’s Liberation Army (PLA).

The meeting, attended by representatives of the Army and the Indo-Tibetan Border Police, besides the home ministry, took stock of the border, particularly in Sikkim, officials said.

According to sources, the Sikkim government has sent a report to the Home Ministry giving details of the incursion.

Of the 3,488-km-long Sino-Indian border from Jammu and Kashmir to Arunachal Pradesh, 220

km falls in Sikkim.

The scuffle between the Indian Army and the PLA, led to Chinese troops damaging bunkers on the Indian side of the border.

The incident happened in the first week of June near the Lalten post in the Doka La general area after a face-off between the two forces, which triggered tension along the frontier.

Situation along the border in Sikkim is closely being monitored, an official said.

After the scuffle, China stopped the travel of Indian pilgrims to Kailash Mansarovar through the Nathu La border post in Sikkim.

Union home secretary Rajiv Mehrishi said 100 pilgrims were re-

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## Consecration ceremony of stupas at Samdruptse to begin 02 July

SUMMIT REPORT

Namchi, 27 Jun:

The three-day long consecration (rapnay) ceremony of the eight stupas at Sandruptse in Namchi, South Sikkim is scheduled to begin from 03 July at Sandruptse, a press release from the South District Collector’s office informs.

The consecration, which embodies the relics of Buddha Kashyapa will be conducted by Khorchen Rinpoche of Mindrolling Monastery, Dehradun, and Serdup Dungzin Rinpoche of Namchi along with the monks of Ngadak Gonpa, Boomtar Namdrolling Gonpa and Serdup Cholling Gonpa, informs the release.

## Govt to rehearse GST-launch in Parliament on Wednesday

NEW DELHI, JUN 27 (PTI):

A mega rehearsal has been planned tomorrow in the Central Hall of Parliament ahead of the historic GST launch on the midnight of June 30.

The rehearsal, scheduled to be held at 10 PM, may be supervised by either Parliamentary Affairs Minister Ananth Kumar, his deputies Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi and S S Ahluwalia, or Secretary Rajiv Yadav, official sources said today.

Officers concerned from various departments including those from the finance ministry will be part of the rehearsal event, they said.

The event to launch the Goods and Services Tax (GST) will be held in the circular-shaped Central Hall, which witnessed a function to mark 50 years of Independence, and attended by President Pranab Mukherjee, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley and a host of senior ministers and bureaucrats, among others.

Mukherjee had piloted the first Constitutional

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## SAATHI marches out against addiction

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 27 JUN:

Sikkim Against Addiction Towards Healthy India [SAATHI], a project initiative under Chief Minister’s Youth Empowerment Mission, along with Jorethang Government Senior Secondary School conducted a one daylong community outreach programme to observe the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking on 26 Jun, a press release informs.

There were 300 participants comprising of teacher-coordinators and students from seven Government Senior Secondary Schools of West and South districts of Sikkim participating in the event.

The programme started with a rally starting from the Jorethang Public Ground, covering the entire town and ended at the Garib Utthan Bhawan in Jorethang.

The event featured a mass event wherein 300 students from Jorethang SSS, Namchi Girls SSS, Namchi SSS, Tharpu SSS, Soreng SSS, Zoom SSS and Nandugaon SSS came together to raise voice against drug abuse and illicit trafficking.

The programme was taken forward with a



series of indoor programmes that were performed in Garib Utthan Bhawan. The teacher coordinators of Jorethang SSS, Rohan Poudyal and Sushma Rai, presented an introductory note about

the session. The students of different schools came up with skits, poetry and songs based on substance abuse issues, adds the release.

This event was an initiative to increase sup-

port for prevention of drug use and is thus an effective investment in the well-being of children and youth, their families and their communities.

Sikkim against Addiction towards Healthy

India will also be organizing a workshop with the members of School Management Committee from various SAATHI schools on 08 July, it is informed in the release.

## Burning copies of GTA agreement does not dilute its authority

SUDIPTA CHANDA

SILIGURI, 27 JUN:

Some bloodletting by smashing tubelights on bare backs, observing the last rites of the Gorkhaland Territorial Administration (GTA) agreement and threats of self-immolation in future are the collectibles from the Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM) sponsored pro-Gorkhaland demonstrations in the Darjeeling hills on Tuesday.

In a major departure from the past few days, Tuesday’s demonstrations were peaceful and give hope that the

movement is moving away from the violent path.

A catch remains, however. If GJM leader Binay Tamang’s statements are taken into account, attempts of the state government to organize GTA elections in the hills or for any individual or political party to contest in such elections will have to be done at “own risk”.

No veiled threat here, the warning message is amply clear. It will be interesting to watch how the state government responds to the caveat.

By burning copies of the GTA agreement the GJM leadership claimed it has severed

the umbilical cord between the hills and the state government. But, that may not be factually correct.

If by resigning from the GTA and by trashing the agreement, the GJM believes it has delinked the state government from the hills, it has by the same logic scrapped the Centre’s role too. It is important to remember that the Centre, state and the GJM were parties to the tripartite GTA agreement.

Moreover, the GJM’s walking out of the GTA or burning copies of it does not dilute the agreement. The GJM as one of the three parties has the right

to come out of the GTA unilaterally. But the agreement is an official arrangement ratified by the Constitution. Its provisions do not become null and void just because one side chooses to walk out.

The other point where the GJM may still have to answer its brothers-in-arms is regarding its representatives in the West Bengal Legislative Assembly and the hill civic bodies. None of the MLAs or municipal councillors has resigned so far and continue to remain under the jurisdiction of the state government.

Then why the GTA alone

has been the target? The tenure of the GTA is scheduled to end this month-end. Repudiating the agreement four days before its term ends gives rise to curiosity. With the GJM spelling in clear terms it will not allow fresh GTA elections, it now remains to be seen whether the state government continues to run the GTA through an administrator or, notifies fresh elections.

Another all-party meeting is scheduled in Darjeeling on June 29. The non-GJM parties are inclined to project the ongoing movement as a movement of the people, not by

one political party. The GJM is likely to be asked to come clear on the point as it will surely be questioned why its elected representatives were not resigning from the State Assembly or the civic bodies.

Meanwhile, the BJP national think tank might have stirred out of slumber vis a vis the Darjeeling hill situation. It is learnt, the BJP national president Amit Shah is scheduled to take up the Darjeeling situation for discussion with party leaders from Bengal.

That might provide the key to open the randomly closing doors.



# SDF welcomes back supporters who had aligned with SRP in Poklok-Denchung

**SAGAR CHETTRI**  
**GANGTOK, 27 JUN:**

Forty-one houses of Sikkim Republican Party from Poklok Denchung GPU in Poklok-Kamrang constituency, South Sikkim, formally joined Sikkim Democratic Front here at the party head-office in Gangtok today. The ruling party welcomed them with khadas, a par-

ty diary and the SDF flag.

The mass joining programme was chaired by SDF vice-president [administration], SK Pradhan, and was also attended by Speaker KN Rai, who is also the area MLA of Poklok-Kamrang constituency, along with senior leaders and party workers of the SDF party.

It is informed that these houses were members of the SDF originally

but had aligned with SRP for some time and now have decided to return to the SDF fold.

The SDF vice-president [administration], Mr Pradhan welcomed them to the party and stated that the party has inclusive politics and has been working with equal commitment for all communities and sections of the society. He encouraged them to now work

as per the policies, principles and programme of the party.

Mr Pradhan urged them to work along with the area MLA and party workers of the area for the further development and progress of the area.

Poklok Kamrang area MLA, KN Rai, in turn urged them to work with the policies, principles and vision of the SDF party. He also en-

couraged them to work together for the further development and to provide more benefits to the local people of the area.

Likewise, Tek Bahadur Rai and Suk Raj Rai expressed their happiness on returning back to the party.

"We were always workers and supporter of SDF party since its inception but we got misguided and misled

for some time. However, we have now decided to work as per the policies, principles and programmes of the SDF party," they said.

The programme was also addressed by Poklok Denchung GPU panchayat president, Gyalpo Lepcha. The programme was conducted by SDF secretary [administration], Amos R Lepcha.

## SKM demands genuinely free ambulance service for people

**SUMMIT REPORT**  
**GANGTOK, 27 JUN:**

Sikkim Krantikari Morcha party has demanded that the State Government provide free ambulance service to the people.

The party has further demanded the provision of an emergency telephone at every Primary Health Centre to ensure on-call ambulance service and suggested that this service be centralized through a server maintained in the Health Department headquarters.

An SKM press release issued by its secretary [press & publicity], Arun Upreti, alleges that the health service was in a deplorable condition in the State.

The release further alleges that although most of the PHCs have doctors and workers, patients still need to buy even a simple injection from outside the PHCs.

The release adds that

it was difficult for patients to get a bed at the STNM Hospital and most of them are referred to Central Referral Hospital and thus people from underprivileged background are compelled to take loans for medical treatment.

The release claims that the party has also been receiving grievances from the people on not being able to use free ambulance services. Most of the PHCs in the State have set a rule for patients that they need to put fuel at their own cost in order to use the ambulance facility. Not every person can afford this, the release points out.

The party has questioned the government on failing to provide free health services to the people of Sikkim and alleged that the government's claims of free health services has been limited to speeches and announcements only.

## Large number of pigs die at Champai town

**AIZAWL, JUN 27 (PTI):**

A senior official of the Mizoram Animal Husbandry and Veterinary department said that 16 pigs have died at Champai town near the Mizoram-Myanmar border in the last few days.

The director of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary, Saingura Sailo, said that initial findings indicated that the cause of swine deaths was confirmed as classical swine fever while further tests were being conducted at the laboratory of the College of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry at Selesih near Aizawl.

He said the results were being awaited and expected within this month.

Meanwhile the Champai District Piggery Association leader Siammawia today claimed that at least 88 pigs and piglets have died in Champai town since the last three weeks.

Siammawia told PTI over phone two more pigs died since last night and a number of them were being taken sick.



## CHUNGTHANG AGAINST DRUG ABUSE

**MANGAN, 27 JUN:** International Day Against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking was observed here at Chungthang in North Sikkim on 26 Jun with participants consisting of teachers and students of Tasha Tengay Senior Secondary School, Chungthang and Panchyat Members who were briefed about the significance of the day. A rally was also taken out under the supervision of Sub Divisional Police Officer-Chungthang, DSP LB Chettri in a bid to raise awareness among the people. [from WANGCHUK BHUTIA]

# Vijender to take on Chinese Maimaitiali on 05 Aug

**MUMBAI, JUN 27 (PTI):** India's star professional boxer and Olympic bronze medalist Vijender Singh will clash with China's undefeated, left-handed fighter Zulpikar Maimaitiali for a double title fight here on August 5.

Vijender, who is WBO Asia Pacific Middleweight Champion, will take on Zulpikar, the WBO Oriental Super Middleweight Champion, at the NSCI Stadium in Worli, it was announced at a media conference today, in the presence of the Indian boxing star.

Vijender, the Beijing Olympics bronze medalist, has been training in Manchester, England, with his trainer Lee Beard for the bout, the first ticket of which was presented to cricket icon Sachin Tendulkar at the latter's house by the boxer himself.

In this fight, the two boxers will put their respective WBO titles at stake and whoever wins the bout will take home his defended title along with his opponent's too, it was announced.

Three other Indian pugilists Akhil Kumar, Jitender Kumar and Neeraj Gayat will be seen in the ring, taking on international opponents, whose names will be declared later, on the fight day and it will be 2006 Melbourne Commonwealth Games gold medalist Akhil's debut bout as a pro.

but bout as a pro.

Apart from them, three other Indian boxers- Pardeep Kharera, Dharmender Grewal and Kuldeep Dhanda- will also take on international boxers, whose names will be announced on the fight day.

"I am all set for the August 5 bout. He (Zulpikar) is just a young kid, a southpaw. When he said that he will knock me out, I was laughing. We will show China that we are the best," the 31-year-old Vijender said at the media conference.

"My training is in great shape. I will again go to Manchester tomorrow and start my training. I will come here (to Mumbai) a week before the fight," the pugilist added.

Fight organisers, IOS Boxing Promotions, said they had initially planned the fight in March-April, but it did not happen.

Zulpikar expressed confidence of winning against the Indian boxing star, saying he will knock Vijender down.

He has eight bouts against his name, the same as Vijender.

Zulpikar has scored five knock-outs wins and has fought 24 rounds. His last bout was with African boxer Thomas Mashali after which he won his current title of WBO Oriental Super Middleweight Champion last year. He



turned towards pro in April 2015.

Vijender, who has remained unbeaten since his debut in professional boxing in 2015, has fought eight bouts with the last one being against former world number 1 boxer Francis Cheka from Tanzania, whom he defended for his title.

Vijender clinched on to his first title, in July 2016, against Kerry Hope of Australia, becoming the WBO Asia Pacific Super Middleweight Champion.

Overall, Vijender has fought eight bouts with seven of them being won by knock-out. He has 30 rounds under his belt, eight more than his opponent from China.

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turned by China despite they having Chinese visa. Meanwhile, government officials described the incident in Sikkim as an attempt by China to open another front along the border. There have been several incidents of incursion in Jammu and Kashmir, Uttarakhnad and Arunachal Pradesh in the past. However, situation in Sikkim has been calm in last 10 years as border in the state is demarcated.

Sikkim is a part of the middle sector and experts have been warning the government of increased Chinese activities in this area.

Govt to rehearse GST-launch in Parliament on Wednesday

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Amendment Bill to bring in GST in 2011 when he was finance minister with the previous UPA regime. Tomorrow’s rehearsal has been organised to ensure that everything is well-organised and there is smooth conduct of the launch event, the sources said.

The final event is likely to start at 11 PM on June 30 and will be on till half past midnight the sources said.

Giving details of the main event, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley had a few days back said that the hour-long function will mirror the contribution made by different political parties and states to the revolutionary new tax regime.

Former prime ministers Manmohan Singh and H D Deve Gowda, Vice President Hamid Ansari and Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan will also be the part of the event, they said.

All Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha members have been invited as also chief ministers and state finance ministers, the sources said.

Lions donate blood in memory of departed colleague

SUMMIT REPORT  
GANGTOK, 27 JUN:

Lions Club of Rangpo [Gateway of Sikkim], in coordination with Marwadi Yuva Manch-Rangpo and Indchemie Health Specialities Private Limited, organized a mega blood donation camp at Kumrek, East Sikkim, in the memory of the late member of the club, Chabilal Sharma, today.

A press release informs that 66 units of blood were collected and sent to STNM Hospital Blood Bank in Gangtok.

The camp was attended by wife of Late Chabilal Sharma, Lalita Chhetri, along with blood donors from Lupin Pharma-Rangpo, various NGOs, clubs and associations of the area, accompanied by Dr Ashok Sherpa and his team from STNM Hospital Blood Bank.



India’s tea exports may go up, prices to improve: ICRA

**MUMBAI, JUN 27 (PTI):** With the likelihood of a lower tea production in the global markets, the prospects of India’s tea exports appear favourable, along with the positive impact on domestic prices this year, ICRA said today.

With Kenya and Sri Lanka, the major exporters of bulk tea, witnessing erratic cropping patterns thereby leading to supply side issues, the demand for Indian tea has increased in the global markets, the rating agency said in a report.

Export volumes during the first four months of CY2017 rose by around 5.7 per cent and the realisations also saw an increase, albeit modestly at 5.6 per cent, it said.

The continuation of such a favourable export scenario going forward, will have a positive impact on domestic prices as well. However, continuing cost pressures, primarily attributable to the increase in wage rates, would keep margins under check, ICRA said.

In the first four months of CY2017, black tea production in the major growing countries of India, Kenya and Sri Lanka witnessed a de-growth of 11 per cent, primarily due to significant drop in Kenyan production.

This decline in crop availability has led to firming up of prices at most auction centres globally. The auction prices in USD terms in Sri Lanka and Kenya have increased by 44 per cent and 24 per cent respectively, the report said.

Prices of Sri Lankan teas, which are mostly the orthodox variety,



have surged to touch USD 4.08 per kg during the first four months of CY2017, as against USD 2.84/kg in the corresponding months last year; while Kenyan tea prices, which are entirely of the CTC variety, touched USD 2.98/kg, vis-a-vis USD 2.41/kg, it said.

India exports only around 20 per cent of the tea produced domestically. However, exports play a vital role in maintaining the overall demand-supply balance, and consequently price levels, in the domestic market.

“While the export performance in recent months is encouraging, the full year performance will be determined by the volumes during the period June to August, when most of the export contracts are finalised.

“With the likelihood of a lower tea production outside India in CY2017 and given the trend in international prices, the prospects of exports from India in the current year appear favourable,” ICRA Vice-President and Sector Head, Corporate Sector Ratings, Kaushik Das said.

On the domestic front, during the first four months of CY17, prices witnessed a largely stable trend

- while prices at North Indian auction centres saw some softening on account of sale of carry forward teas from the previous season. On the other hand, prices at South Indian auction centres firmed up, the rating outfit said.

Domestic production witnessed a rise - driven by the surge in production in April - which offset the declining trend in the first quarter of the year, it said.

Going forward, the overall trend in domestic production during CY 2017 will be largely determined by the cropping pattern in North India during the peak tea-producing months of June to October.

The level of such production, combined with the export performance, would in turn determine the price levels in the domestic market in the current year given the continued steady growth in domestic demand, ICRA said.

“Based on initial trends, realisations, particularly for the better quality teas, in the current year are expected to remain firm. However, cost pressures will continue, which will limit the scope of margin expansion of bulk tea companies,” Das added.

Singtam preps for Bhanu Jayanti

YOGEN THATAL  
SINGTAM, 27 JUN:

A coordination meeting for the upcoming 203rd anniversary of Bhanu Bhakta Acharya to be observed on 13 July was conducted here at the community hall of Singtam Nagar Panchayat today.

During the meeting, various issues and plans were discussed regarding the organization of the event.

The organizing committee usually

invites artists from Darjeeling and Kalimpong to perform at the event, but due to the situation there, the committee will have to make alternative arrangements this year, area MLA, Agriculture Minister Somnath Poudyal, said.

The meeting was attended by the presidents and councilors of Singtam Nagar Panchayat along with the representatives of various organizations, stakeholders, members of Bihari Jagran Manch, locals and senior citizens.



SSB partners local NGO in efforts against drug abuse

**GANGTOK, 27 JUN [PIB]:** Sashastra Seema Bal, Gangtok, on the occasion of the “International Day against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking” organized a rally in coordination with local NGO “Freedom 24x7” on 26 Jun.

The rally started from SSB Sector Headquarters and was attended by the Mayor of GMC and other dignitaries of Gangtok.

About 200 personnel including SSB officers, Sandiksha members of SSB, members of NGO Freedom

24x7 and monks & lamas from nearby Monasteries participated in the rally.

The rally raised anti drugs related slogans all the way and displayed banners & placards to raise awareness against the menace of drug addiction. The rally culminated at MG Marg in Gangtok wherein theme based cultural activities were performed.

The gathering was addressed by Shakti Singh [Mayor, GMC], Vandan Saxena [Deputy Inspector

General, SSB Sector, Gangtok], Tenzing Loden Lepcha, IPS [Superintendent of Police, East Sikkim] and KC Nima [Convener, NGO Freedom 24x7] about the ill effects and menace of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances and urged all public to stand united against rapidly growing menace of drug abuse in our society especially the youths and also to remain alert on the illegal activities of Drug traffickers/syndicates/peddlers.

Bengal districts decline to accept new Re 1 coins

**KOLKATA, JUNE 27 (PTI):**

In at least four districts in West Bengal, shops and general people are refusing to accept Re one coin in transaction, putting the authorities in a quandary.

In Nadia and Murshidabad district, the non-acceptance of the Re one coin has become a “problem of sort”, the authorities of the two districts have said.

In Bankura and Hooghly districts the problem has eased to a some extent in the last seven days after the dis-

trict administrations appealed to the people to accept the coin as it remained a valid legal tender, district officials said.

People in these districts said that the problem was only with the smaller shining variety of the Re one coin, and not with the older variety.

RBI officials attributed the problem to the reluctance on the part of some bank branches in these districts to accept Re one coin for storage constraints - a fallout of the abundance in supply of coins in the system.

They told PTI that all banks were flush with coins in the post-demonetisation period.

“There is a provision for accepting upto Rs 1,000 in coins by a bank and after that they can refuse,” an RBI official points out.

“We are asking the banks to accept the Re one coins, but you see we cannot issue any diktat,” he explained.

The RBI recently announced that soon Re one notes would be put in circulation.

And now China accuses Indian troops of ‘crossing boundary’, links Kailash yatra to standoff

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La border in Sikkim into Tibet to visit Kailash Mansarovar.

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

In his statement, Geng said that the Sikkim section of the China-India boundary has been defined by treaties, noting that the Indian government has repeatedly confirmed in writing that there is no objection to it.

China urges India to respect boundary treaties and China’s ter-

ritorial sovereignty to maintain peace and stability at the China-India boundary, Geng said.

In view of the above event, for safety reasons, China has to put off arranging for the Indian pilgrims to enter China through the Nathu La pass, Geng said, adding that China has informed India of its decision through diplomatic channels.

The Nathu La Pass sits 4,545 metres above the sea level and is wedged between Yadong County in Xigaze Prefecture, Tibet Autonomous Region, and Sikkim.

Yesterday, Geng had also said that the foreign ministries of both the countries were in talks over this issue.

The Nathu La route, which is the second route for the Kailash yatra, was launched with fanfare by the two countries in 2015.

Till 2015, the yatra (journey) was being organised by External Affairs Ministry only through the Lipu Pass in Himalays connecting the Kumaon region of Uttarakhnad with the old trading town of Taklakot in Tibet.

The Nathu La route enabled pilgrims to travel 1500 km long route from Nathu La to Kailash by buses.

The route through Nathu La reduced the hardship and journey time enabling many more pilgrims, in partic-

ular aged pilgrims, to undertake the yatra.

Geng’s statement comes after tension mounted in a remote area of Sikkim following a scuffle between the personnel of the Indian Army and the PLA, leading to Chinese troops damaging bunkers on the Indian side of the border.

The incident happened in the first week of June near the Lalten post in the Doka La general area in Sikkim (near the Tri-junction between India, China and Bhutan) after a face-off between the two forces, which triggered tension along the Sino-Indian frontier.

After the scuffle, the PLA entered Indian territory and damaged two

make-shift bunkers of the Army.

DOCUMENTS LOST

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ON TOP OF THE NEWS

## Remain Inquisitive, Stay Informed

*Without the Dimaag ki batti on, there can be no real involvement*

Advertisement spots on television are not expected to be profound, but sometimes the more entertaining ones can also be very illuminating. One such is the animated entertainer that tries to sell Mentos with its wonderful spin on how humans came to rule the world. If it does not screen anymore, and if you happen to belong to a generation which missed the original run, try YouTube, this gem is surely available there. As for the TV spot, it is all about allowing the brain to light up, experimenting and progressing – changing, evolving and growing up. Regressive attitudes and closed minds are signs of a society in decay and the first signs manifest with withering inquisitiveness. Once a society starts growing indifferent to information [without which there is no grist for inquisitiveness], it ceases to be dynamic, without which there can be no growth. Stop growing, stop exercising the muscle that flexes ideas and atrophy sets in, and then everything tosses into a downward spiral. It goes without saying that it is inquisitiveness that led mankind out of the caves and into the world of microchips; developed language from monosyllables and clicks & clucks to discourses and epics and communication from shouted greetings to mobile phones and its emojis. It is curiosity, not necessarily necessity, which triggers inventions and changes mindsets. An inquiring mind strengthens democracy, reinforces accountability and substantiates public opinion. Stop being inquisitive, give up asking questions and its back to the stone age when everything happened because it was destined to or dictated by the biggest bully in the cave and no one was wiser.

Turn the mirror on Sikkim, or the neighbouring hills and plains. Whys and wherefores do not infiltrate conversations here which are invariably just litanies of complaints which end up with the most common words on everyone's vocabulary, "Ke Garne, Yestai Ho." A finality in dejection. And therein lies the root of most of the problems, from denials to dejections to corruption to poor human resource development/deployment. The inquisitiveness is gone, replaced by defeatism, an acceptance of fate and absence of the energy to launch inquiries. Examples proliferate all around... look around... notice. Someone takes a decision and while everyone nags, and some even wonder, no one demands an explanation.... All this because inquisitiveness and the interest to stay informed remain under-developed.

There could be two reasons for this, one, that the people have given up hope of getting answers, and the second, the people believe they know the reasons. Both are dangerous signs. People cannot give up their inquisitiveness, not in a democracy where it is not only their right to ask questions, but also their responsibility. As for the belief that they know the answers, this is even more dangerous because the belief is not an informed one, it is inferred and it is in situations like these that rumours and canards gain credence, doubts and suspicions proliferate and chauvinism dominates.

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Every year disasters take lives, cause significant damage, inhibit development and contribute to conflict and forced migration. Unfortunately, the trend is an upward one.

In May 2017, policy-makers and disaster management experts from over 180 countries gathered in Cancun, Mexico, to discuss ways to counter this trend.

In the middle of the Cancun summit, news arrived that large parts of Sri Lanka were devastated by floods and landslides, killing at least 150 and displacing almost half a million people.

It was a stark reminder of the summit participants' challenging task of paving the way towards reducing disaster losses "significantly" by the year 2030 based on the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR).

Adopted in 2015, the Sendai Framework outlines seven targets and four priorities for action to prevent new, and reduce existing, disaster risks to economic, physical, social, cultural, health or environmental assets and lives of persons, businesses, communities and countries.

Since then, in China, a village in the Sichuan province has been devastated by a landslide and rescuers are still looking for missing people.

### THE SOCIAL ROOT CAUSES OF DISASTER

Disasters occur when people are affected by natural or technical hazards – when lives are lost or property is destroyed. As the Swiss writer Max Frisch observed in his 1979 book 'Man in the Holocene', "only human beings can recognise catastrophes, provided they survive them; nature recognises no catastrophes."

Research conducted in Sri Lanka suggests that while heavy rainfall was the trigger for the flooding, the root causes of the disaster were social, in particular widespread poverty, conflict-induced migration and problematic land-use practices. These characteristics are not homogeneous, meaning different places and people are affected differently.

The social characteristics of communities are extremely important for hazard managers because they increase peoples' vulnerability to hazards.

A global community that is dedicated to reducing disaster losses over the next decade must address these social root causes of disaster. If not, the lofty goals of the Sendai Framework will remain elusive.

### POCKETS OF VULNERABILITY ACROSS SOCIETIES

Understandably, socially disadvantaged communities exposed to hazards have to date received the most attention from DRR specialists. This is because hazards tend to harm predominantly those social groups that were already disadvantaged before a disaster.

Large focus has been placed on "underdeveloped" or "developing" nations, where the social disadvantage factors are particularly obvious. For example, while studying the social aspects of food insecurity during droughts in the Sahel region in the mid-1980s, scientists showed that low-wealth families with many children were particularly susceptible to chronic food insecurity.

But groups of people living in places where the overall socio-economic status is higher can also be

vulnerable to hazards, and little is known about these groups.

The assumption that all members of affluent societies are somehow immune to disasters seems to be broadly shared, perhaps because vulnerability may be less obvious. This (mis)belief seems to be reinforced by various attempts to index and compare the vulnerability of communities, regions or whole nations.

In fact, making inferences about disaster vulnerability based on aggregated economic characteristics often leads to misleading conclusions. This problem is known as the 'ecological fallacy', where relationships on the aggregate level do not necessarily hold on the individual level.

For instance, research from the 1990s demonstrated that homeless people in Tokyo (at the time one of the wealthiest cities in the world) were far more vulnerable to earthquake hazards than the average resident. Problematically, emergency planning by government overlooked this 'invisible' sub-population. In this case, the 'ecological fallacy' meant there was a tendency for emergency planning activities to be directed toward a higher socio-economic class.

Additionally, research conducted in the wake of Hurricane Katrina's impact on New Orleans in 2005 has shown that socio-economically disadvantaged households and communities were disproportionately affected by the hurricane. These people lacked the capabilities to prepare for, respond to and recover from the event.

These examples, from affluent and less affluent countries, suggest the need to consider social vulnerability in more geographically and demographically nuanced ways when implementing DRR activities. On the one hand, poorer communities might bring alternative capabilities to DRR that are non-financial. On the other hand, ignoring existing social disadvantage within affluent contexts risks significant loss of life and property, and forgoes the opportunity to improve the circumstances of the affected sub-populations.

### THE CASE OF THE 1991 OAKLAND HILLS WILDFIRE

In order to deepen understanding of social vulnerability in affluent contexts, we recently conducted an interview study on the long-term effects of the 1991 Oakland Hills wildfire in California. The analysis revealed that households with low socio-economic status actually benefited from the characteristics of the overall community.

Specifically, high levels of political and social capital in the neighbourhood contributed to extensive recovery efforts by public authorities (e.g. infrastructure upgrades). In turn, these measures increased not only the value of the properties of the politically active members of the community (typically higher socio-economic status), but also the value of the homes of the economically weakest families. In this way, resources available at the neighbourhood level mediated the hazard's impacts at the household level throughout the community.

Even so, there were sharp differences in the way the 1991 fire affected different sub-groups of the community. During the firestorm elderly residents and people with physical disabilities were especially vulnerable because these people had problems

evacuating from the fire zone. After the fire, during the recovery stage, different groups faced difficulties in accessing their insurance, an often cited, but perhaps unreliable resource for recovery. As one female interview participant in the Oakland Hills described: "Demographics count. If you're a single woman, if you're a person of colour, they'll treat you differently. And we were low income. So they accused us of fraud. How could we live here? Even though we had all the proof in the world."

After protracted negotiations with insurance companies, most financial losses were covered, but the affected citizens reported suffering financial and emotional stress during the, for some, decade-long recovery phase. While the case demonstrated that affluence could mediate household vulnerability, damaging disparities remained nevertheless.

### NO MAGIC FORMULA

While the Oakland Hills case is informative, we must avoid uncritically generalising these findings. Understanding social vulnerability is ultimately about understanding the particular geographical and social contexts in which it manifests. What drives social vulnerability in one place may play no role in another. Instead, vulnerability should be understood as a dynamic concept - "a product of specific spatial, socio-economic-demographic, cultural and institutional contexts" that intersect in everyday life.

The Oakland Hills story does highlight the need to better understand the drivers of vulnerability, in both affluent and less affluent societies, in order to create effective DRR strategies. Research we have begun in Zurich, Switzerland, aims to foster a better understanding of these issues.

This work, again, demonstrates that even in this generally very affluent city, major social disparities exist, with susceptible social groups often being geographically concentrated. In the case of a potential natural hazard, these pockets of vulnerable people are likely to be affected most.

### KEY KNOWLEDGE FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES AND RISK MANAGERS

Regardless of official interest in poor or affluent societies, questions about the drivers of social vulnerability are of significant practical importance. Understanding which parts of society are susceptible to natural hazards, and why, is key knowledge for emergency services and risk managers.

Across all stages of the disaster cycle – preparedness, response, and recovery – knowledge about the nature and location of socially vulnerable groups is critical for effective DRR.

Before an event, knowing which groups have low levels of preparedness is essential for planning tailored risk communication and support initiatives. During a disaster, information on vulnerable groups can help to increase the effectiveness of response measures, for example, by establishing priorities during evacuations.

Finally, an in-depth understanding of vulnerability can be used to support disadvantaged social groups during the recovery process.

Together, these measures can make an important contribution to reducing disaster risk under very different socio-economic circumstances.

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# The iPhone Turns 10 – and it's isolated us, not united us

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Sometime around 2011 or 2012, it suddenly became very easy to predict what people would be doing in public places: Most would be looking down at their phones.

For years, mobile phones weren't much to look at. The screens were small, and users needed to press the same key several times to type a single letter in a text. Then, 10 years ago – on June 29, 2007 – Apple released the first iPhone.

"Every once in a while a revolutionary product comes along that changes everything," former Apple, Inc. CEO Steve Jobs said during the iPhone's introductory news conference.

Within six years, the majority of Americans owned a smartphone – embracing the new technology perhaps faster than any other previous technology had been adopted.

Today, smartphones seem indispensable. They connect us to the internet, give us directions, allow us to quickly fire off texts and – as I discovered one day in spring 2009 – can even help you find the last hotel room in Phoenix when your plane is grounded by a dust storm.

Yet research has shown that this convenience may be coming at a cost. We seem to be addicted to our phones; as a psychology researcher, I have read study after study concluding that our



mental health and relationships may be suffering. Meanwhile, the first generation of kids to grow up with smartphones is now reaching adulthood, and we're only beginning to see the adverse effects.

### SUCKED IN

In the beginning, sociologist Sherry Turkle explained, smartphone users would huddle together, sharing what was on their phones.

"As time has gone on, there's been less of that and more of what I call the alone together phenomenon. It has turned out to be an isolating technology," she said in the 2015 documentary "Steve Jobs: The Man in the Machine." "It's a dream machine and you become fascinated by the world you can find on these screens."

This is the new normal: Instead of calling someone, you text them. Instead of getting together for dinner with friends to tell them about your recent vacation, you post the pictures to Facebook. It's convenient, but it cuts out some of the face-to-face interactions that, as social animals, we crave.

More and more studies suggest that electronic communication – unlike the face-to-face interaction it may replace – has negative consequences for mental health. One study asked college students to report on their mood five times a day. The more they had used Facebook, the less happy they were. However, feeling unhappy didn't lead to more Facebook use, which suggests that Facebook was causing



unhappiness, not vice versa.

Another study examined the impact of smartphones on relationships. People whose partners were more frequently distracted by their phones were less satisfied with their relationships, and – perhaps as a result – were more likely to feel depressed.

Nevertheless, we can't stop staring at our phones. In his book "Irresistible," marketing professor Adam Alter makes a convincing case that social media and electronic communication are addictive, involving the same brain pathways as drug addiction. In one study, frequent smartphone users asked to put their phones face down on the table grew increasingly anxious the more time passed. They couldn't stand not looking at their phones for just a few minutes.

### iGEN: THE SMARTPHONE GENERATION

The rapid market saturation of smartphones produced a notice-

able generational break between those born in the 1980s and early 1990s (called millennials) and those born in 1995 and later (called iGen or GenZ). iGen is the first generation to spend their entire adolescence with smartphones.

Although iGen displays many positive characteristics such as lower alcohol use and more limited teen sexuality, the trends in their mental health are more concerning. In the American Freshman Survey, the percentage of entering college students who said they "felt depressed" in the last year doubled between 2009 and 2016. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported a sharp increase in the teen suicide rate over the same time period when smartphones became common. The pattern is certainly suspicious, but at the moment it's difficult to tell whether these trends are caused by smartphones or something else. (It's a question I'm trying to answer

with my current research.)

Many also wonder if staring at screens will negatively impact adolescents' budding social skills. At least one study suggests it will. Sixth graders who attended a screen-free camp for just five days improved their skills at reading emotions on others' faces significantly more than those who spent those five days with their normal high level of screen use. Like anything else, social skills get better with practice. If iGen gets less practice, their social skills may suffer.

Smartphones are a tool, and like most tools, they can be used in positive ways or negative ones. In moderation, smartphones are a convenient – even crucial – technology.

Yet a different picture has also emerged over the past decade: Interacting with people face to face usually makes us happy. Electronic communication often doesn't.

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# Kalimpong torches GTA and effigies

SUMMIT REPORT  
KALIMPONG, 27 JUN:

Copies of the tripartite agreement – between the Centre, WB Govt and GJM – signed of 18 July 2011 which had led to the creation of the Gorkhaland Territorial Administration, and the gazette notification establishing the GTA were

burned today at Kalimpong (pic above right).

This was in obedience to the announcement made by the Gorkha Janmukti Morcha chief, Bimal Gurung, appointing today as the day when these document would be consigned to flames to mark a symbolic end of the GTA model and resuscitate the call for



statehood. Addressing GJM supporters today, the party vice-president, Kalyan Dewan, highlighted that the WB Chief Minister, Mamata Banerjee, when she came to power in her first term, had promised to solve the problems of

the Hills and facilitated the formation of the GTA.

However, throughout the last five years, her government has constantly interfered with the functioning of the GTA and besieged it with interference and stonewalling, he added.

Today, GJM supporters came out in strong number along with JAP, CPRM and GNLF members in a rally which started from Damber Chowk and gathered at Mela Ground. There, the people placed a copy of the Act on a table along

with an effigy of the WB CM and lit them up amidst some strong sloganeering.

Similar events were held elsewhere in Kalimpong district as well, it is informed. (pic above left of a similar event held at Relli below Kalimpong)

## Masked men attack home of Khas Hitkari Development Board chairperson

SUMMIT REPORT  
KALIMPONG, 27 JUN:

The home of Rajen Bhetwal, chairperson of the Khas Hitkari Development Board, was attacked and targeted with arson at Paiyu, 14 kms from Kalimpong, last night.

The incident is reported to have occurred at around 8 pm when around 12 masked men attacked the house. Mr Bhetwal's wife and child were at home at the time. The miscreants are reported to have ordered them out and then pro-

ceeded to damage the vehicles parked there and lobbed a petrol bomb into the house.

Two rooms of the house took some damage in the resulting fire.

It is alleged that the attackers had warned neighbours not to come out of their houses during the incident. Once they left, people rushed out to contain the fire. A fire tender was rushed from Kalimpong while Mr Bhetwal's wife and child were rescued by Kaliimping Police later.

GJM has denied any hand in the attack.

## WB govt appoints new DIG Darjeeling Range

KOLKATA, JUNE 27 (PTI): The West Bengal government today appointed Humayun Kabir as the new DIG, Darjeeling Range to look after both Darjeeling and Kalimpong district where the GJM is spearheading an agitation for a separate state of Gorkhaland

As per a government notification, Kabir, who was the Kolkata Police Joint CP (Administration) will take over as the DIG Darjeeling Range, a post which was lying vacant for quite some time.

Niraj Kumar Singh, the IG, IB (Border), was made the Commissioner of Siliguri Police Commissionerate replacing Chelling Simick Lepcha, the notification said.

Lepcha was made the IGP, Armed Police, Kolkata in place of Tripurari Atharv who will be the new IGP, IB (Border), the notification said.

Meanwhile, a CID team reached Singmari in Darjeeling hills to probe the firing incident of June 17.

## Arunachal Guv urges Puroik community to move forward

ITANAGAR, JUN 27 (PTI): Arunachal Pradesh Governor P B Acharya has called upon the Puroik community to move forward for development like other communities of the state.

Inaugurating the office of the Autonomous Puroik Welfare Board (APWB) at the secretariat here last evening, the governor advised the community to go for skill training and entrepreneurship, a Raj Bhawan communique said here today.

"Be proud of your identity if you want to keep your culture alive. Don't let politics or religion interfere in one's own activities," Acharya said.

APWB Chairman Satya Gopal briefed the objectives for establishment of the board.

## Assam Flood: Over one lakh people affected in eight districts



GUWAHATI, JUN 27 (PTI): The flood situation in Assam today remained unchanged with more than one lakh people affected in eight districts where five rivers are flowing above the danger level.

According to an Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) report the flood-hit districts are Lakhimpur, Jorhat, Karimganj, Karbi

Anglong, Hojai, Golaghat, Sivasagar and Sonitpur overrunning 150 villages in nine revenue circles.

Due to heavy rains water logging has been reported from Jajnanagar, Sixthmile and VIP Road of Dispur in Kamrup Metro district, the report said.

Altogether 1380 hectare crop land have been submerged by the deluge

with the worst hit being Lakhimpur district, the report said.

River Dhansiri at Numaligarh in Golaghat district, Jia Bharauli in Sonitpur district, Barak in Cachar district, Badarpurghat and Kushiara in Karimganj district and Katakhal in Hailakandi district were flowing above the danger level, it added.

## Bengal to write to Centre requesting GST roll-out deferment

KOLKATA, JUN 27 (PTI): Reiterating that small and medium-sized traders in the country were not prepared for the Goods and Services Tax, the West Bengal government has decided to write to the Centre again requesting for postponement of the roll-out of the new tax system on July 1.

"Small and medium-sized traders in the country are not prepared for the GST. And we can foresee that we are heading towards a disastrous situation. We are again writing to the Centre to reconsider the roll-out from July 1 and postpone it until the nation is ready for it," finance minister Amit Mitra told reporters today.

Referring to a report

that small traders in Surat were opposing the roll-out of GST because they have "no idea" about the system, Mitra said that the Centre must re-think and postpone the introduction of the new tax regime.

"Not only in West Bengal but we have been getting reports from around 5,000 small and medium traders in Surat are eyeing closure of their businesses because of the GST," he said.

"We have repeatedly said in the GST council that the roll-out must be done systematically. In other countries like Germany and Japan, they had given 12 to 18 months before the introduction of such tax system," he said.

## 25,000 people are drug users in Mizoram: minister

AIZAWL, JUN 27 (PTI): About 25,000 people, mostly youths, are drug users in Mizoram, state Health Minister Lal Thanzara today said.

Of these people, 10,000 were intravenous drug users (IDU), the minister said at a function here on the occasion of the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.

About 2,000 drug addicts are being treated in over 300 rehabilitation centres across the state, he said.

Drug addiction has affected almost every family in the state, he said, adding, the state government, NGOs and the churches should combat the menace on war-footing.

Social Welfare Minister P C Lalthanliana said that the state Assembly had legislated the Mizoram Drug (Controlled Substances) Act, 2016 while the High level Monitoring Committee on Substance Abuse was already formed.

## Yogi's presser turns out to be one-question affair

LUCKNOW, JUN 27 (PTI): It was touted to be a major press conference on completion of 100 days of the Yogi Adityanath government today, but the Uttar Pradesh chief minister took only one question leaving the mediapersons wondering.

Adityanath sought the cooperation of newsmen in helping him run the government when a scribe raised a question relating to the plight of small and medium newspapers in the state.

When another journalist rose to ask a question, the chief minister, with folded hands, took leave of the mediapersons.

The 45-year-old saffron-clad Adityanath was flanked by deputy chief ministers Keshav Prasad Maurya and Dinesh Sharma at the press conference at the Lok Bhawan, opposite the state legislature complex.

## Not for separate Gorkhaland state: BJP

NEW DELHI, JUN 27 (PTI): The BJP today said it does not support its ally Gorkha Janmukti Morcha's demand for a separate state comprising Darjeeling and parts of north Bengal but called for addressing the region's cultural and political concerns.

Its chief Amit Shah, who arrived here following a two-day tour of Puducherry, met party leaders, including general secretary and Bengal in-charge Kailash Vijayvargiya.

A BJP leader, however, played down the meeting's import, saying Shah routinely meets party leaders and it should not be linked with the issue.

Earlier in the day, Vijayvargiya told reporters that his party does not support the demand of a separate state and blamed the state's Mamata Banerjee government for triggering a crisis by undermining the Gorkha Territorial Administration.

He said the cultural and political concerns of the people in the region needed to be addressed and the BJP was for em-

powering the GTA and taking other measures.

Party sources said a separate state of Gorkhaland, as is the GTA's demand, would create security concerns due to its location, it shares borders with Nepal, and would be economically unfeasible too.

They said a delegation could meet Home Minister Rajnath Singh, asking him to take measures to address the concerns of the people in the region.

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## Indian men's & women's throwball teams create history

**NEW DELHI, JUN 27 (PTI):** The Indian men's & women's throwball teams scripted history by bagging a gold medal each in the World Games, held at Kathmandu, Nepal.

The women's team defeated arch-rivals Pakistan 15-13, 15-12 in a nail-biting final to clinch the title, while the men posted a 15-13, 15-12 win over Bangladesh in their final match to finish at the top of the podium.

This was the first time that the Indian teams had participated in these Games, which took place from June 15 to 18.

The World Games, organised by the International Sports Council (Canada), saw participation from 11 countries, competing in 42 different categories.

The General Secretary of the Throwball Federation of India, Naresh Mann congratulated both the teams.

"These players had worked hard to win a medal in the World Games. I hope the players will continue to illuminate the name of India," he said.

Indian men's team had earlier defeated Malaysia 15-9, 15-10 in the semi-finals and the women's side beat Malaysia 15-10, 15-11 in the last four stage.

## Indrani alleges she was beaten up in Byculla jail, moves court



**MUMBAI, JUN 27 (PTI):** Sheena Bora murder case accused Indrani Mukerjea, recently booked for rioting in a women's prison here along with other inmates, today moved a court here alleging that she was beaten up by jail officials when the prisoners protested the death of a convict.

Taking note of her complaint, a CBI court, which is hearing the Sheena murder case, directed the prison authorities to produce Indrani before it tomorrow.

Her lawyer Gunjan Mangla filed an application in the court saying when she went to meet Indrani, the latter told her that she was beaten up by jail officials after the death of the woman prisoner.

"She showed me her bruise marks and injuries which were very prominent on her hands, legs and head," the lawyer claimed in the application.

Gunjan said Indrani also said that she was verbally abused by jail officials and the superintendent.

Following the death of the woman convict, Manju Govind Shette, on Friday, the enraged inmates rose in protest on Saturday, some of them went up to the prison's roof, while others made a bonfire of newspapers and documents inside the premises to express their anger, a police officer earlier said.

Later, the Nagpada police booked nearly 200 inmates of the Byculla jail, including Indrani, for rioting, unlawful assembly, assault on a public servant and other relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code.

# Pacquiao eyeing Mayweather rematch, says trainer



**SYDNEY, JUN 27 (AFP):** A rematch between Floyd Mayweather and Manny Pacquiao could be on the cards if the legendary Filipino boxer wins his bout against Australian challenger Jeff Horn this weekend, his trainer said today.

Pacquiao, who was outpointed by Mayweather in the "Fight of the Century" two years ago, will be the strong favourite when he defends his world title against the unbeaten Horn in Brisbane.

But the Horn fight could be critical to whether the "Pac-Man" secures another superfight with his American rival, Freddie Roach told reporters in Brisbane.

"He (Horn) can derail us really badly. Manny is, I think, in a must-win situation. He wants a rematch with Mayweather," Roach said.

"And I mean to get Mayweather you have to look good against Jeff Horn, he has to look good, he has to be impressive.

"I think there is a lot riding on this fight and I feel Manny has to look really good in this fight and the way the training camp went, I think he will."

Pacquiao was coy about a possible rematch, stressing that

his focus was on the World Boxing Organisation welterweight title fight against 29-year-old former schoolteacher Horn at Brisbane's Suncorp Stadium.

"If there's a chance, why not.

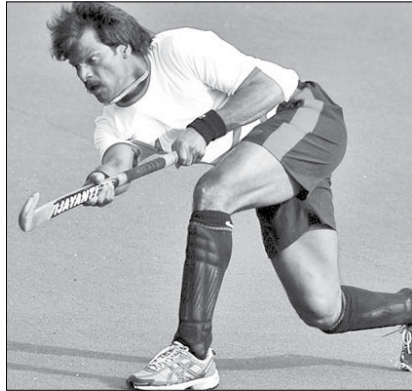
I'm willing, but let's focus first for this fight," the 38-year-old

eight-weight world champion told reporters when asked about fighting Mayweather again. "We don't want to underestimate Horn thinking about another fight, this fight is not done yet."

Pacquiao, 38, briefly retired last year before making a suc-

cessful comeback against Vargas in November, and is juggling boxing with his duties as a senator in the Philippines.

Boxing legend Mayweather, 40, is coming out of retirement to fight mixed martial arts star Conor McGregor in August.



## Dhanraj Pillay to get East Bengal's highest award

**KOLKATA, JUN 27 (PTI):** Former India hockey captain Dhanraj Pillay will be conferred East Bengal football club's highest honour -- Bharat Gaurav -- at its foundation day ceremony on August 1.

"Pillay's contribution to Indian hockey is immense. We have chosen him for this year's Bharat Gaurav. The club is honoured and humbled that he has accepted our request and will be present here for the Foundation Day on August 1," club secretary Kalyan Majumdar said today.

One of modern day Indian hockey's biggest stars Pillay has the distinction of representing India at four Olympics, World Cups, Champions Trophy and Asian Games in his career spanning over 15 years. He made 339 appearances for the national team and scored 170 goals.

The East Bengal club has chosen former India footballers -- Syed Nayeemuddin and Subhas Bhowmick -- for the Lifetime Achievement Awards at the function.

## Google fined record 2.4 bn euros by EU

**BRUSSELS, JUN 27 (AFP):** The EU slapped Google with a record 2.4-billion-euro anti-trust fine today, in a fresh assault on a US tech giant that risks the wrath of President Donald Trump.

Hard-charging European Commission competition chief Margrethe Vestager said Google had "abused its market dominance" as the world's most popular search engine to give illegal advantage to its own shopping service.

"What Google has done is illegal under EU anti-trust rules. It denied other companies the chance to compete on the merits and to innovate," Vestager said in a statement.

"And most importantly, it denied European consumers a genuine choice of services and the full benefits of innovation."

The fine broke the previous EU record for a monopoly case against US chipmaker Intel of 1.06 billion euros.

The decision comes less than a year after Vestager shocked the world and Washington with an

the amount is below the maximum possible of about 8.0 billion euros or 10 percent of Google's total revenue last year.

Brussels accuses Google of giving its own online service, Google Shopping, too much priority



order that iPhone manufacturer Apple repay 13 billion euros in back taxes in Ireland.

Crucially for Google, Brussels has demanded that the US tech giant change the business model for Google Shopping to meet the EU's concerns.

While an EU record,

in search results to the detriment of other price comparison services, such as TripAdvisor and Expedia.

The case, launched in 2010, is one of three against Google and of several against blockbuster US companies including Starbucks, Apple, Amazon and McDonalds.

## Bumrah rises to second, Kohli top-ranked batsmen in T20

**DUBAI, JUNE 27 (PTI):** India pacer Jasprit Bumrah has risen to second in the latest ICC Twenty20 rankings while skipper Virat Kohli has retained the top spot in the batsmen's list.

There is no change in the top three of the all-rounders' table which is headed by Shakib Al Hasan of Bangladesh.

Pakistan's ICC Champions Trophy-winning side's member Imad Wasim has become the number-one ranked T20 bowler after South Africa's Imran Tahir lost ground following the conclusion of the series against England.

In the latest rankings for T20 bowlers, which was updated a day after England beat South Africa 2-1, Tahir has slipped two places after he managed only one wicket in two matches.

His drop to third



means Imad has surged to the top for the first time in his career, with Bumrah rising to second.

In the batting table, Kohli, Aaron Finch of Australia and Kane Williamson of New Zealand have retained the top three positions.

However, AB de Villiers and Jason Roy are the biggest movers following the just-concluded series.

De Villiers, who was the leading run-getter in the series with 146 runs, has returned to the top 20 in 20th position after rising 12 places, while Roy's series aggregate of 103 runs has helped him achieve a career-high 25th position after jumping 26 places.

In the team rankings, England has moved into outright second position. It had start-

ed the series level with Pakistan on 121 points, but has now moved to 123 points to trail number-one ranked New Zealand by two points.

In contrast, South Africa has dropped one point to join Australia on 110 points. However, it is ranked ahead of Australia by a fraction of a point, and occupies the sixth position.

## VIVO retains IPL title sponsorship in massive deal

**NEW DELHI, JUN 27 (PTI):** Mobile manufacturers VIVO today retained the Indian Premier League's title sponsorship for the next five years with a whopping Rs 2,199 crore bid, a mammoth 554 per cent more than the previous contract.

"The premium global smartphone manufacturer bid Rs. 2199 crores, which is a 554 per cent increase over the previous contract. In the upcoming five IPL seasons



(2018 - 2022), Vivo and IPL will have extensive cooperation in terms of sports events, on-ground activations and marketing campaigns," the BCCI said in a statement.

The annual break-up of the deal works out a nearly Rs 440 crore per year.

The Board had last month invited bids for the title sponsorship of the cash-rich and glitzy event for the period between August 1, 2017 and July 31, 2022.

VIVO had held the title rights for the 2016 and 2017 seasons. That deal was pegged at an estimated Rs 100 crore per year.

Speaking on the development, IPL Chairman Rajeev Shukla said, "We are delighted to have Vivo joining us once again as the title sponsor for IPL for next five years. The association with Vivo has been great for the past two seasons and I am sure they will continue to make it bigger and better."

For the renewed contract, VIVO beat another mobile manufacturer Oppo, which had reportedly bid Rs 1430

crore. Vivo had taken over from soft drink giants Pepsi in 2014-15.

"Vivo as a brand has carved its niche and legacy in the market. We are extremely glad to have Vivo as the title sponsor and look forward to an enriching affiliation for both stakeholders," BCCI Acting President CK Khanna said.

"We received an overwhelming response for the title sponsorship rights and we are

glad to have Vivo back on board.

It is a renewal of a fruitful relationship with the brand that will extend for the next five years," added Acting Secretary Amitabh Choudhary.

Pepsi claimed the rights in 2013, bidding Rs 396 crore for five years.

The company had taken over from real estate group DLF, which was the tournament's maiden title sponsor from 2008 to 2012.

## Sikh couple in UK told 'they can't adopt white child'

**LONDON, JUN 27 (PTI):** A Sikh couple in the UK have claimed that they were refused permission to adopt a white child because of their "cultural heritage" and told to adopt a child from India instead.

Sandeep and Reena Mander, British-born business professionals from Berkshire, were quoted by The Times as saying that they were told not to apply to become adoptive parents on the basis that white British or European applicants would be given preference.

The couple, who are of

Sikh-Indian heritage, had told Adopt Berkshire adoption agency that they would be delighted to adopt a child of any ethnic background but were rejected as potential parents on the grounds that only white children were available.

The Manders, both in their 30s, claim they were told to adopt a child from India instead.

Adoption agencies are allowed to prioritise on the basis of race in order to match children to prospective parents of the same ethnic background. But the government

has also said that a child's ethnicity should not be a barrier to adoption.

The Manders, whose cause has been taken up by Prime Minister Theresa May as their local MP, will take their case to court.

They are applying to Slough county court, seeking a declaration that the policy should allow them to adopt. They are being represented by the law firm McAllister Olivarius and their case is supported by the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC).

The Manders had an assessment and home visit from Adopt Berkshire, an agency run by the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead (RBWM), last year.

They were allegedly told that, while in other respects they would be suitable adoptive parents, they could not apply because only white children were available for adoption and therefore white couples would be given priority.

Adopt Berkshire has not commented on the allegations

but its website says that it welcomes applicants from different cultural, religious and sexual backgrounds.

Mander, vice-president of sales at Continuum Commerce Solutions, a payments technology company, said that the couple had been trying to conceive for seven years, including 16 sessions of IVF treatment, and decided to adopt.

"Having attended introductory workshops organised by RBWM and Adopt Berkshire, giving an adopted child no matter what race the security

of a loving home was all we wanted to do," he told the daily.

"What we didn't expect was a refusal for us to even apply for adoption, not because of our incapability to adopt, but because our cultural heritage was defined as 'Indian/Pakistani'," he said.

The Manders tried at first to get the agency's decision reversed through the council's complaints procedure and the Local Government Ombudsman, which is awaiting the outcome of their legal action.



# India, US to cooperate against JeM, LeT; ask Pak to rein in terror groups

YOSHITA SINGH AND LALIT K JHA  
WASHINGTON, JUN 27 (PTI):

India and the US today vowed to strengthen cooperation against terror outfits like Jaish-e- Mohammad, Lashkar-e-Taiba and D-Company, while urging Pakistan to ensure that its soil is not used for terror strikes against other nations.

In a joint statement released after talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Donald Trump, the two nations also called on Islamabad to “expeditiously bring to justice the perpetrators of the 26/11 Mumbai, Pathankot, and other cross-border terrorist attacks perpetrated by Pakistan- based groups.”

Briefing reporters on the meeting, Foreign Secretary, S Jaishankar said counter-terrorism was a major issue that was discussed between Trump and Modi during the day.

He also said the joint statement could not have been more explicit on the issue of cross border-terrorism being perpetrated by terror groups from the neighbouring country’s soil.

“There was a broad and extensive discussion on Pakistan.

On certain issues it was very detailed,” he said, adding that there was a converging viewpoint of what is the problem and diagnose the problem.

In another strong reference to Pakistan, Jaishankar said there was an extensive discussion between the two leaders on terrorism, “what its epicenter is”



and how it is affecting the region, particularly the South Asian region where India is located.

“It is not just an India situation. A lot of the discussions also related to what was happening in Afghanistan,” he said.

Resolving to fight together against this grave challenge to humanity, the two leaders announced increased cooperation “to prevent terrorist travel and to disrupt global recruitment efforts by expanding intelligence-sharing and operational-level counter-terrorism cooperation.”

The statement said that the two leaders committed to strengthen cooperation against terror threats from groups including Al-Qaeda,

ISIS, Jaish-e-Mohammad, Lashkar-e-Taiba, D-Company and their affiliates.

The two leaders recognised that terrorism is a “global scourge” which must be fought and terrorist safe havens rooted out in every part of the world.

Jaishankar said the designation of Hizbul Mujahideen leader Syed Salahuddin by the US as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist “is a strong signal coming out of the administration that it is committed to ending terror in all forms.”

“We should take the step for what it is. It is fixing responsibility, highlighting the problem. There is a signalling out of it, it is focusing on a particular group

and particular individual. None of us can really miss that message,” he said.

The two sides also agreed to have a new consultation mechanism on domestic and international terrorist designations and listing proposals.

Modi and Trump welcomed the exchange of information on known and suspected terrorists for travel screening.

“They further resolved to strengthen information exchange on plans, movements and linkages of terrorist groups and their leaders, as well as on raising and moving of funds by terrorist groups,” the statement said.

The leaders affirmed their support for a UN Comprehen-

sive Convention on International Terrorism that will advance and strengthen the framework for global collaboration and reinforce the message that no cause or grievance justifies terrorism.

“They also pledged to work together to prevent proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their delivery systems and to deny access to such weapons by terrorists and non-state actors,” the statement said.

Jaishankar also said there were discussions on issues in the Indian Ocean region, Middle-East in the context of security, and on Afghanistan, particularly the US policy review on it.

“On Afghanistan, the prime minister expressed our appreciation of the sacrifices that America has made to strengthen democracy in the country. On the Indian Ocean, we emphasized the importance of rule of law, requirement to follow international norms and ensure freedom of navigation,” he said.

The White House, in a fact sheet, said that the United States and India are committed to combatting terrorism in all its forms and to strengthening cooperation on terrorist screening, intelligence, and information sharing, terrorist use of the internet, and multilateral terrorist designations.

“Reflecting this partnership, the US Terrorist Screening Center and Indian counterparts are cross-screening known and suspected terrorists for investigative and intelligence purposes,” the White House said.

## Modi and I are world leaders in social media, says Trump



WASHINGTON, JUN 27 (PTI): US President Donald Trump today described Prime Minister Narendra Modi and himself as “world leaders in social media” -- a reference to their multi-million strong following on online platforms -- and said it has enabled them to hear directly from their citizens.

“I’m proud to announce to the media, to the American people and to the Indian people that Prime Minister Modi and I are world leaders in social media,” Trump said in his remarks at the White House Rose Garden, following his first bilateral meeting with Modi.

“We’re believers. Giving the citizens of our countries the opportunity to hear directly from their elected officials and for us to hear directly from them. I guess it’s worked very well in both cases,” Trump said.

Trump, who is known for his prolific and at times controversial tweets, and Modi are widely followed on social media platforms like Twitter and Facebook.

While Trump has 32.8 million followers on Twitter, Modi comes a close second with over 31 million followers. On Facebook, Modi has the lead over Trump, who has 23.6 million followers while the Indian leader has 41.8 million followers.



Brazilian President Michel Temer has been charged with accepting millions of pounds worth of bribes. Prosecutors claim Mr Temer “fooled Brazilian citizens” by receiving money from a meat packing firm in exchange for resolving tax matters and freeing up loans from state-run banks. A Supreme Court judge will decide whether to send the charges to the lower house of parliament, which can approve a trial with a two-thirds majority vote. Supporters of Mr Temer say they have between 250 and 300 votes in the 513 seat parliament - enough to block a trial.

# 39 IAS officers under scanner for alleged corruption

NEW DELHI, JUN 27 (PTI): As many as 39 IAS officers are under investigation for their alleged involvement in corruption and other irregularities.

The Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT), which acts as a nodal authority for Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officers, is conducting the proceedings, official sources said today.

Besides the 39 IAS officers, 29 from the Central

Secretariat Service are also facing disciplinary proceedings.

Enquiries have started against the 68 officers, some of them working at a senior level, on the basis of complaints against them and also after reviewing their service records, the sources claimed.

The central government is conducting a review of its staff as part of the government’s efforts to further improve the

service delivery and governance system. According to norms, a government employee’s performance is reviewed twice during service -- 15 years after qualifying for the service and then after 25 years -- to remove deadwood from the system.

In the last one year, the Centre has given compulsory retirement to 129 non-performing employees, including IAS and IPS officers.

It has also undertaken an exercise to review the service records of about 67,000 employees to identify non-performers.

Nearly 25,000 of these are from all India and Group A services -- including the IAS, Indian Police Service (IPS) and Indian Revenue Service (IRS).

There are about 48.85 lakh central government employees, according to latest data.

# Expedited entry into US for Indian travellers from now on

WASHINGTON, JUN 27 (PTI): Low-risk Indian travellers to the US from now on would experience speedy entry into the country after landing, with India making a formal entry into an American initiative.

President Donald Trump welcomed India’s entry into the International Expedited Traveler Initiative (Global Entry Program), saying it would

facilitate closer business and educational ties between the citizens of India and the US.

The India-US joint statement, issued after talks between Trump and Modi, said the US president applauded the entrepreneurship and innovation of Indians and Indian-Americans that have directly benefited both nations.

The citizens of Swit-

zerland and the United Kingdom are also part of the programme, which India has now joined.

Global Entry is a US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) programme which allows expedited clearance for pre-approved, low-risk travellers upon arrival in the United States.

On landing at select airports, the programme members enter the United States

through automatic kiosks, instead of queuing up to clear the immigration by meeting an immigration officer.

At these airports, the members proceed to the Global Entry kiosks, present their machine-readable passport or US permanent resident card, place their fingerprints on the scanner for fingerprint verification and complete a customs declaration.

## Kutse Shegu

The Kutse shegu of late Palden Yeshey Lepcha who left for heavenly abode on 11th of May 2017 falls on 28th June 2017 [Wednesday]. All the relatives well wishers & friends are requested to join us for offering prayers to the departed soul at our residence at Pamrang Gaon, Upper Tathangchen, Chandmari, Ganton, East Sikkim. We take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude towards those who extended their support during the time of bereavement.

(Daughters) Mrs. Dikit Ongmu Lepcha, Mrs. Padma Lhanzey Lepcha, Mrs. Passang Choden Lepcha, Mrs. Sonam Choden Lepcha and Hissey Shalden Lepcha. Tenzing Wangyal Lepcha (grandson) contact No.8768772413/ 9609868265.



## MIZORAM STATE LOTTERIES DEAR EAGLE MORNING

Draw No:46 DrawDate on:27/06/17

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DOCTOR STRANGE REPORTING IN: Benedict Cumberbatch, in costume as Doctor Strange, prepared to film 'Avengers: Infinity War' on location in Atlanta.

## Louis Tomlinson calls himself the 'forgettable' One Direction member in new interview

When One Direction disbanded in 2015 after the departure of Zayn Malik, the news inevitably dissolved into a discussion of which former member would launch the most successful solo career.

But in a recent interview with The Guardian, ex-One Directioner Louis Tomlinson admitted he saw himself as "forgettable, to a certain degree," among his fellow bandmates. "The others have always been... Like Niall [Horan], for example. He's the most lovely guy in the world," the singer said. "Happy-go-lucky Irish, no sense of arrogance. And he's fearless. There are times I've thought: 'I'd have a bit of that.' Zayn, back in the day. He could relate to me on a nerves level. In the first year we were both the least confident. But Zayn has a fantastic voice and for him it was always about owning that. Liam always had a good stage presence, same as Harry [Styles], they've both got that ownership. Harry comes across very

cool. Liam's all about getting the crowd going, doing a bit of dancing...And then there's me."

Recalling the band's formation on

thinking: 'What have I really done to contribute here? Sing a lower harmony that you can't really hear in the mix?'" Speaking ahead of the release of his debut solo single, "Back To You" -- which seemingly doesn't have a release date yet -- Tomlinson also said he argued against One Direction's decision to disband, and never planned on launching a solo career of his own.

"If you'd asked me a year or 18 months ago: 'Are you going to do anything as a solo artist?' I'd have said absolutely not," the singer said.

Since the group announced its indefinite hiatus, all four other former members -- Niall Horan, Liam Payne, Harry Styles and Zayn Malik -- have embarked on solo careers, with varying degrees of success. Tomlinson debuted his first project outside of One Direction with the Steve Aoki collab "Just Hold On" in 2016, and is now reportedly working on a solo album of his own.

the X Factor (U.K.) back in 2010, the singer revealed he felt like "the kid wearing espadrilles, stood in't back" from day one.

"You know I didn't sing a single solo on the X Factor," Tomlinson said. "When you actually think about how that feels, standing on stage every single week,



### CONFESION

### THIS WEEK'S TOP 10 SONGS ON BILLBOARD HOT 100

- 1) Despacito- Luis Fonsi & Daddy Yankee featuring Justin Bieber
- 2) I'm the One- DJ Khaled featuring Justin Bieber, Quavo, Chance the Rapper and Lil Wayne
- 3) That's What I Like- Bruno Mars
- 4) Wild Thoughts- DJ Khaled featuring Rihanna and Bryson Tiller
- 5) Shape Of You- Ed Sheeran
- 6) Humble- Kendrick Lamar
- 7) Mask Off- Future
- 8) Congratulations- Post Malone featuring Quavo
- 9) Something Just Like This- The Chainsmokers & Coldplay
- 10) Stay- Zedd & Alessia Cara



**ARIES:** Things may be moving a bit too quickly today for you to grab hold of anything, Aries. There's an element of the unexpected entering into the equation. Be prepared. The mood of the day is especially light and perhaps a bit superficial. People may not be entirely reliable. If there's something you absolutely need to do, consider doing it by yourself.

**TAURUS:** Enjoy the day today, Taurus. Take control of the situation and make the most of whatever comes your way. Do it with a smile. There's a great deal of fun-loving, excited energy ready for you to draw upon. Get your ideas out to others. Communicate your thoughts. Attend a party or two.

You're the epitome of the social butterfly. Make sure to wear your best attire.

**GEMINI:** Your flexible nature may get you in trouble today, Gemini. Personalities may clash when no one is willing to lead. Be aggressive without being manipulative. Keep it light. Don't try to pin anyone down. Your nature is open and expansive. Give other people the freedom they want. Unexpected events may dramatically change the course of the day, so don't be upset if things don't go as planned.

**CANCER:** Things will flow smoothly for you, Cancer. There's barely a reason for you to lift a finger. You have the good fortune of

enjoying this day with very little effort on your part. Keep in mind that if you decide to get something done, you will be extremely successful and able to accomplish quite a bit. You're in sync with today's energy.

**LEO:** People aren't going to want to be quite as intense as you require today, Leo. Things are light and airy. You may find that no one is in the mood to delve as deeply as you want to go. Use the day to relax and release control for a while. Take deep breaths and long walks. Go for a bike ride or short road trip. Crazy, unexpected events may crop up throughout the day. Be prepared for surprises.

**VIRGO:** It may be hard for you

to make a decision about anything today, Virgo. Things may seem wishy-washy and unclear. Don't worry about it. There is plenty of air to fuel your fire. Be aware that people may pop up from the past and unexpected events may disrupt the flow throughout the day. Best-laid plans are apt to be broken. Don't sweat it. Just go with the flow.

**LIBRA:** Things probably aren't going to go exactly as you planned today, Libra. Realize that people may act in erratic, powerful bursts, especially when it comes to emotional issues. Your feelings may be a bit distant, and you may find it hard to get in touch with what's really going on inside you. Do your

best to maintain a positive attitude.

**SCORPIO:** Today is an excellent day for you, Scorpio. Events will flow quite smoothly. The only thing to be aware of is that your emotions may seem rather erratic and unwieldy. There's a great deal of power behind your words and people are sure to listen. They would be smart to do so. What you have to say will be right on target with today's energy.

**SAGITTARIUS:** You may be indecisive today, Sagittarius. You may not be able to find solutions you can live with. You don't need to finalize anything now. Use this day to lay low and gather data. People may seem rather insensitive

and erratic. Go with the flow. You have a great deal of warmth and passion to share. You may find that a strong, unpredictable force is affecting your emotions.

**CAPRICORN:** There is plenty of air to fuel your fire today, Capricorn. You're able to get quite a bit done. Multitasking is key to accomplishing what you want to do. An element of the unexpected is likely to add a surprising dimension to the day. You're able to communicate freely, and you will likely be on the same page with the people you meet.

**AQUARIUS:** You may need to make some slight adjustments in order to get

through to people today, Aquarius. The pace may be a bit faster than you'd like. Remember that people aren't mind readers. They won't be sensitive enough to pick up on your subtle messages. If you want to get something across, state it clearly and succinctly.

**PISCES:** Today is an excellent day for you, Pisces. You will receive some bursts of unexpected energy that help you accomplish whatever it is you wish to do. You should enjoy a favorable mood and good relations with others all day. Enjoy yourself and feel free to indulge in things that make you happy. Spend time with your family and let them share in your positive energy flow.

## TAYLOR SWIFT RUMOURED TO BE JOINING THE X-MEN FRANCHISE

A new character has been revealed for the upcoming film, and rumour has it Taytay is a favourite to play

The X-Men franchise has found a new character for its upcoming film, and it could be meant for Taylor Swift. Alison Blaire, also known as the mutant Dazzler, is a teenage pop star who reluctantly joins the X-Men in the comic books.

In X-Men: Dark Phoenix, directed by Simon Kinberg, Dazzler is expected to join the original ensemble, Entertainment Weekly reports. And according to actress Sophie Turner, Swift could be playing her.

Last year, in a "flash back Friday" moment on Insta-



gram, Turner shared a photo of the last film of the series, showing a scene where her character Jean Grey is looking at an album cover by Dazzler.

Tagged in the album photo is Taylor Swift."Flash back Fri-



day to that time Cyclops and I went shopping at the mall and found our favourite singer's album (pre 1989, of course)," Turner wrote.

Rumours at the time gained traction when Swift received a visit at her recording studio from the X-Men cast

and director Kinberg, who is a self-admitted fan of the pop star. But the scene with the album cover was cut from the last film, and Dazzler was never cast.

Now that the studio has reportedly confirmed the character's appearance in the next film, Swift could be making her way to the Marvel Cinematic Universe. She also starred alongside Jeff Bridges in the young adult film The Giver, after making her debut in the 2010 romantic comedy Valentine's Day.

X-Men: Dark Phoenix is scheduled to be released in November 2018.



## Salvador Dali's body to be exhumed for paternity test

**LONDON, JUN 27 (PTI):** Spanish surrealist artist Salvador Dali's body will be exhumed as a result of a Madrid court order to get DNA samples for a paternity suit brought on by a woman who claims to be his daughter.

The woman, Maria Pilar Abel Martinez, who was born in 1956 said her mother, a maid, had a clandestine affair with the painter in 1955, reported The Guardian.

"The DNA study of the painter's corpse is necessary due to the lack of other biological or personal remains with which to perform the comparative study," the Madrid court said.

There is no date set for the exhumation, but it could happen in July, according to Martinez's lawyer, reported BBC.

Dali died in Spain in 1989 at the age of 85. He was buried in his hometown of Figueres, Spain at the Dali Theatre and Museum. He had no known children while he was alive.

Martinez's mother Antonia was a maid who had worked for a family in Cadaques, Spain, where Dali had a home. The woman said her mother often told her Dali was her father.

Martinez first publicly made the claim that Dali was her father in 2015. She went under two paternity tests in 2007 but did not receive the results.



**28th June WORLD HISTORY**  
**1712:** Jean-Jacques Rousseau (d.1778), writer and philosopher, was born in Geneva, Switzerland. His books include "The Social Contract" (1762) and Emile (1762).  
**1836:** James Madison, considered to be the Father of American Constitution and the 4th president of the United States (1809-17), died. His writings included the 29 Federalist essays.

**1838:** Britain's Queen Victoria was crowned in Westminster Abbey.  
**1904:** Blind-deaf student Helen Keller graduated with honors from Radcliffe College.

**1914:** Austrian Archduke Francis Ferdinand, heir to Austria-Hungary, and his wife, Sofia, were assassinated in Sarajevo, Bosnia, by a Serb nationalist. The event triggered World War I.  
**1919:** The Treaty of Versailles was signed in France, ending World War I. World War I began in 1914 and ended on this date.

**1937:** German automobile giant Volkswagen was founded.

### THIS DAY IN HISTORY

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#### INDIAN HISTORY

**1921:** Pamulaparti Venkata Narasimha Rao, a lawyer and politician who served as the 9th Prime Minister of India, from 1991-1996, was born in a village in Warangal District, now in Telangana. Rao's mother tongue was Telugu, and he had an excellent command of Marathi. In addition to eight other Indian languages (Hindi, Oriya, Bengali, Gujarati, Kannada, Sanskrit, Tamil and Urdu), he spoke English, French, Arabic, Spanish, German and Persian.  
**1930:** Bhagwati Charan Vohra, the revolutionary freedom fighter and a peer of Bhagat Singh, died while testing a bomb by the banks of river Ravi in Lahore.

**1975:** As a response to anti-government demonstrations, India imposed the toughest press censorship since Independence.

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### ARCTIC CIRCLE - HALLATT



### BABY BLUES - KIRKMAN & SCOTT

