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**TASHI DELEKI** A cultural performance at Rongong village in North Sikkim as part of Losar celebration there on Sunday. President, Healthy Self Foundation, Thukchuk Lachungpa, was present as chief guest for the celebration organized by Rongong Youth Club which also unveiled the official club logo on the day. Also in attendance was Syari MLA, Kunga Nima Lepcha.

## Bagdogra Airport set to clear visibility hurdle

**BAGDOGRA (WB), FEB 18 (PTI):** The Bagdogra Airport in North Bengal is set to get a major boost with the commissioning of Category II Instrumental Landing System (CAT II ILS) from March 29, a top Airports Authority of India official said.

Once the new system is in place, the airport will be able to operate flights even when the visibility is as low as 350 metres, the official said. Flight landings at the airport get affected round the year, especially in the mornings. At present, a minimum visibility of 1,200 metres is required for an aircraft to land at the airport, he added.

The notification on the commissioning of CAT II ILS at Bagdogra Airport was issued by AAI headquarters in New Delhi on Thursday.

"The morning slot at our airport is not utilized at present as the airlines are reluctant to operate flights between 6 am and 11 am due to poor visibility," Director of Bagdogra Airport Rakesh R Sahay told PTI.

The visibility at the airport generally drops below 500 metres in the morning.

"Be it fog, shallow fog or heavy rain, the new system will now allow flights to land even when the visibility ranges between 500 metres and 350 metres," Sahay said.

At present, the airport remains functional mostly between 11 am and 7 pm.

"We have plans to start operations as early as 5 am in the summers and from 6 am in the winters. With the air traffic control (ATC) available

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## HRDD partners with UNESCO MGIEP to embed sustainable development and global citizenship in textbooks

**GANGTOK, 18 FEB (IPR):** UNESCO MGIEP and the Human Resource Development Department signed a 'Partnership Agreement' today for a project which aims to embed concepts of Peace, Sustainable Development and Global Citizenship in textbooks of core subjects for schools here. The project will be implemented by State Council of Education, Research and Training (SCERT) in third party partnership with Ajim Premji University, Bangalore.

With the signing of this agreement, Sikkim has become the first state in the country to have Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) and Global Citizenship Education (GCED) at the school level.

The agreement was signed between Additional Chief Secretary, HRDD, GP Upadhaya, and UNESCO MGIEP Curricular Head, Yoko Mochizuki, here this evening.



As the world gears up to achieving SDGs, it was informed that the Embedding Project of UNESCO MGIEP will play a key role in supporting Member States' efforts to achieve SDG 4.7 on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) and Global Citizenship Education (GCED).

The project aims to embed concepts of peace, global citizenship and sustainable development in textbooks of core

subjects especially Mathematics, Science, Language and Geography.

Mr Upadhaya said, "Sikkim is the first state to enter into agreement with UNESCO. It is a happy and proud moment for Sikkim and HRDD to have Sustainable Development Goals incorporated in school curriculum from Classes I-V. We are grateful to state government and UNESCO for giving us this opportunity.

A total of 45 resources

teachers are being trained for this project. This is the first time where we are training teachers for textbook writing scientifically and we are in the process to adopt and pass Sustainable Development Act. In terms of education it very important to have SDGs in school education for the future generation."

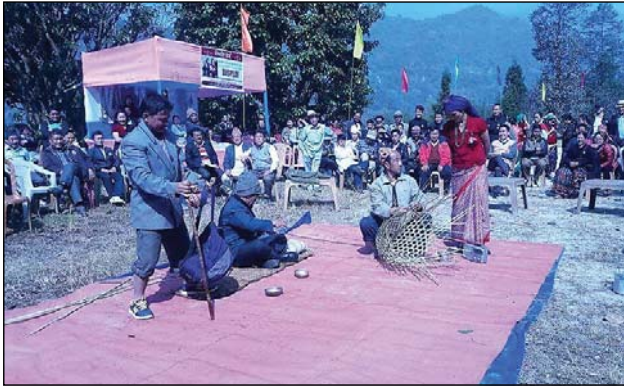
He also said that education for peace, education for sustainable development (ESD), Global Citizenship Education (GCED), Global Learning, Development Education and Awareness Raising (DEAR), Human Rights Education etc have existed for a while and their significance is huge in the education sector.

Embedding in core subjects puts the values and principles of sustainable development at the heart of education and contributes towards achieving education 'for' sustainable development.

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## Kulung-English-Hindi Word List Book released



**SANJAY AGARWAL RANGPO, 18 FEB:**

A book compiling translations of around 1,500 words and sentences from Kulung Rai language to English and Hindi was released here at a seminar organized by the All India Kulung Sotang Association here at Assam Lingzey on Saturday, 17 February.

The book was prepared as part of a project initiated by the Census of India, it is informed.

The Kulung-Sotang represent one of the prominent sub-groups of the Kirat Rai communi-

ty, counting among them Chamling, Bantawa, Tumsoli, Disme and Namsai who trace their genealogy to Khambu Ho, one of the five brothers in the ancient Kirat genealogical tree.

The Kulung Sotang fall under Tumsoli and Disme ancestry while other Kirat Rai sub-groups like Thulung, Bahing, Khaling fall under Namsai family tree.

The seminar on Kulung Sotang Language and Culture was aimed at projecting the dynamism of the Kulung Sotang language for enhancing,

preserving and developing them as an associate Kirat Rai language.

The task of translation was very challenging as the words and sentences provided by the Census of India were very exhaustive and hence required the combined efforts of an expert translation team, it was informed.

The Word List Book released will greatly help people understand and speak the Kulung Sotang language and could further support and enrich the Kirat Rai

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## Huge fire at Tibet's Jokhang Temple sparks fears of its future

**BEIJING, FEB 18 (PTI):**

A major fire broke out at one of Tibet's holiest Buddhist temples, Jokhang Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage site in the capital Lhasa with a history of more than 1,300 years.

There were no reports of any casualties, state-run Xinhua news agency reported, without specifying the damage caused by the fire to the temple.

The fire started at 6.40 pm yesterday but was soon brought under control, it said.

Firefighters doused



the fire and the relics are intact, state-run China Daily reported, without providing details.

Pilgrims and tourists lined today to visit the

temple after it was reopened.

The temple will be closed from February 19-22 when its monks mark

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## More than 40 languages may be heading for extinction: Officials



A Jarawa youth, speaker of one of the endangered languages of India.

**NEW DELHI, FEB 18 (PTI):** More than 40 languages or dialects in India are considered to be endangered and is believed to be heading towards extinction as only a few thousand people speak them, officials said.

According to a report of the census directorate, there are 22 scheduled languages and 100 non-scheduled languages in the country which are spoken by a large number of people - one lakh or more.

However, there are around 42 languages which are spoken by less than 10,000 people. These are considered endangered and may be heading towards extinction, a home ministry official said.

A list prepared by UNESCO has also mentioned about the 42 languages or dialects in India which are endangered and they may be heading towards extinction,

the official said.

The languages or dialects which were considered endangered, include 11 from Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Great Andamanese, Jarawa, Lamongse, Luro, Muot, Onga, Pu, Sanenyo, Sentilese, Shompen and Takahanyilang), seven from Manipur (Aimol, Aka, Koiren, Lamgang, Langrong, Purum and Tarao) and four from Himachal Pradesh (Baghati, Handuri, Pangvali and Sirmaudi).

The other languages in the endangered category are Manda, Parji and Pengo (Odisha), Koraga and Kuruba (Karnataka), Gadaba and Naiki (Andhra Pradesh), Kota and Toda (Tamil Nadu), Mra and Na (Arunachal Pradesh), Tai Nora and Tai Rong (Assam), Bangani (Uttarakhand), Birhor (Jharkhand), Nihali (Maharashtra), Ruga (Meghalaya) and Toto (West Bengal).

The Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore, has been working for the protection and preservation of endangered languages of the country, under a central scheme, another official said.

Under the programme, grammatical descriptions, monolingual and bilingual dictionaries, language primers, anthologies of folklore, encyclopedias of all languages or dialects especially those spoken by less than 10,000 people are being prepared, the official said.

Apart from the 22 scheduled languages, there are 31 other languages in the country which were given the status of official language by various state governments and Union territories.

According to the census data, there are 1,635 rationalised mother tongues, 234 identifiable mother tongues and 22 major languages in the country.



## SADA bookings

**SUMMIT REPORT  
GANGTOK, 18 FEB:**

Three youth, aged between 21 to 28 years, were picked up from the sand quarry area below the Goskhan at Jorethang at around 1 PM on Saturday on suspicion of peddling drugs in the area. Official records reveal that a tip-off led a police team to the spot and led to the recovery of 112 files of Spasmo-proxyvon capsules and 31 bottles of cough syrup from the trio.

Sources suggest that the contraband had been sourced from Singla on the West Bengal side of the border and were planned for sale in the Jorethang area. The trio are currently under police custody and have been booked under Sikkim Anti-Drugs Act.

In another incident, also on 17 Feb, two persons, aged 22 and 24 years old were intercepted at Rangpo checkpoint and when found in possession of ten tablets of Nitrosun-10, were detained for further enquiry.

## HRDD partners with UNESCO MGIEP to embed sustainable development...

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from around the world have produced a guidebook on embedding for textbook authors titled 'Textbooks for Sustainable Development'.

In its next phase, UNESCO MGIEP is partnering with textbook development agencies and governments to train textbook authors utilising the guidebook as a resource, it was informed. Curricular Head, Ms Yoko Mochizuki said, "It is a great learning journey for us in improving the education textbook system in Sikkim and we are looking forward to this opportunity in front of us."

Director, SCERT Dr. Rabin Chettri informed that textbook from Class I-V will be ready by end-December for pilot project. The signing program was also attended by the officials of HRDD along with representatives from UNESCO MGIEP.

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## Kulung-English-Hindi Word List...

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Language in the context of Sikkim, the organizers further highlighted.

The seminar was conducted and coordinated by Dr. BB Rai and had speakers from Mahakulung, Nepal; Sangathan-Sikkim and Assam Lingzey.

The prominent speakers from Sikkim included Ashok Kumar



## PCS team calls on Saamna Editor in Mumbai

**SUMMIT REPORT  
MUMBAI, 18 FEB:**

A delegation of the elected executive committee members of Press Club of Sikkim, led by PCS president Joseph Lepcha, paid a courtesy call on Sanjay Raut, Editor, Saamna, who is also the Shiv Sena spokesperson and a Lok Sabha MP at its office at Prabhadevi, Mumbai.

During the meeting, Mr Raut agreed to the idea of a cultural exchange programme between journalists from Maharashtra and Sikkim proposed by Mr Lepcha.

During the course of the meeting, Mr Lepcha also gave a brief report on journalism in Sikkim.

Mr Raut appealed to the vis-

iting journalists to continue in their profession with enthusiasm and remarked that journalists have a crucial role to play in spreading the good name of the State they work in.

He also commented that journalists should practice healthy criticism and avoid back-stabbing.

About his own publica-

tion, the Saamna Editor said, "Saamna is the only newspaper which is owned by a political party but never became the mouthpiece because we never compromised with our news policy. We criticised the Government it faulted and appreciated when it did good things. This is why we are here today."

## BJP youth front meets in Singtam

**SUMMIT REPORT  
GANGTOK, 18 FEB:**

A meeting of the Sikkim unit of the Bharatiya Janta Party's youth front was held at the zonal office of the party in Singtam, East Sikkim, today attended Sikkim-BJP president, DB Chauhan, and other senior leaders of the party, a press release informs.

The meeting mainly discussed issues being faced by workers of various private factories and manufacturing units here, the release adds.

The BJP youth wing president, Laten Sherpa, stated that youth need to come forward to work in the interest of Sikkim and its people, while the East District president, YT Lepcha, stated that BJP has been working sincerely in the interest of the nation and the people of Sikkim.

The party president lashed out against the State Government, alleg-



ing that it had failed to fulfill the aspirations of the people and that the

youth have not been able to get employment matching their educational

qualifications.

He called on the youth to take responsi-

bility of the State to lead it on a productive and progressive path.

## Huge fire at Tibet's Jokhang Temple sparks fears...

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the New Year holiday.

The Jokhang temple, also known as the Qoikang Monastery, is regarded by the Tibetans as the most sacred and important temple in Tibet.

The fire at over 1,300 years Jokhang temple raised fears over its future as investigators tried to determine the cause of the blaze, Hong Kong-based South China Morning

Post said.

Internet users posted pictures and videos of the fire on social media, showing flames shooting high into the sky above old Lhasa.

The extent of the fire damage to the site, considered the spiritual heart of Tibetan Buddhism, was not known, the Post said.

The oldest part of the temple was built more than 1,300 years ago

and the whole structure was added to UNESCO's World Heritage list in 2000 as part of the Potala Palace, the official home of successive Dalai Lamas.

The Jokhang Temple houses many cultural treasures, including a life-sized statue of Buddha when he was 12 years old.

The temple attracts thousands of pilgrims and tourists from home and abroad.

vation of all the ethnic languages of Sikkim.

Also on the day, modern Kulung songs by Dinesh Kulung from Nepal, Kirat Rai Sili Dances, a Kulung short skit and quiz competition in Kulung were held.

An impressive display of traditional Kirat Rai costumes and literature, mainly of Kulung Sotang, was also hosted.

## Mazdoor Morcha to celebrate Labour Day, take up labour issues



**SUMMIT REPORT  
GANGTOK, 18 FEB:**

A meeting of the executive committee of Mazdoor Morcha, a frontal organisation of the Sikkim Krantikari Morcha, was held here on Sunday chaired by Mazdoor Morcha vice-president, PR Subba. The meeting, conducted by general secretary Prem Raj Gurung, was attended by vice-president in-charge zone-2, Anand Lama and other senior leaders of the party, an SKM press release informs.

The meeting resolved to celebrate the upcoming Labour Day and discussed on various arrangements with members of the district committees.

The release adds that the meeting has decided to go ahead stringently on its stand against the labour contract system in Sikkim and further decided to create awareness among workers and put pressure on the government for the same.

The meeting also registered regret on the government's failure to implement Central Labour Act laws in the State and decided to pressurize the government on this issue as well, the release added.

Labourers from Sikkim were suffering in the absence of dignity of labour in factories based here, SKM believes and blamed the State Government for ignoring the problems of labourers.

## PNB fraud: 200 shell firms, benami assets under ED, I-T dept scanner

**NEW DELHI, FEB18 (PTI):** At least 200 shell firms and benami assets have come under the scanner of the investigative agencies that are probing the Rs 11,400-crore alleged fraud at the Punjab National Bank (PNB), involving diamond czar Nirav Modi, his relative and business partner Mehul Choksi and others.

The Enforcement Directorate (ED), which continued its searches against Modi, Choksi and their companies for the fourth day today and seized diamonds and gold worth Rs 20 crore, is also moving to attach at least two dozen immovable properties under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

The ED today raided at least 45 premises, including jewellery showrooms and workshops, across the country.

As many as 29 properties -- of Modi, his fam-

ily members and companies -- that have been provisionally attached by the Income Tax department, are being assessed by the ED under the PMLA. A few more assets will be attached soon under the anti-money laundering law, a senior ED official said.

He added that the ED and the I-T department had zeroed in on about 200 dummy or shell companies in the country and abroad that were being used to route or receive funds as part of the alleged fraud.

It is suspected that the shell firms were being used by the accused to launder money and create benami assets in the form of land, gold and precious stones, which is now being probed by the tax department.

Both the ED and the IT department had formed special teams to investigate the case, sources said.

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**Sunrise:** 06:11AM  
**Sunset:** 5:28 PM

## Now, Rotomac Pen's Rs 800 cr defaulter flees country

**NEW DELHI, FEB 18 (PTI):** After billionaire diamantaire Nirav Modi, another defaulter Vikram Kothari, the promoter of Rotomac Pen, has also allegedly gone abroad after swindling Rs 800 crore from various public sector banks including Allahabad Bank, Bank of India and Union Bank of India, sources said.

The Kanpur-based company's owner had taken a loan of more than Rs 800 crore from over five state-owned banks.

Allahabad Bank, Bank of India, Bank of Baroda, Indian Overseas Bank and Union Bank of India compromised their rules to sanction loans to Rotomac, sources said.

Kothari took a loan of Rs 485 crore from Mumbai-based Union Bank of India and a loan of Rs 352 crore from Kolkata-based Allahabad Bank.

Last year, Bank of Baroda (BoB), a consortium partner declared pen manufacturer Rotomac Global Pvt Ltd as "wilful defaulter".

The company moved the Allahabad High Court seeking removal of its name from the list of wilful defaulter.

A division bench comprising Chief Justice D B Bhosle and Justice Yashwant Verma had passed the order on a petition filed by the company, contending that it has been wrongly declared a "wilful defaulter" by BoB despite having "offered assets worth more than Rs 300 crore to the bank since the date of default".

Rotomac was declared a wilful defaulter vide an order dated February 27, 2017 passed by an authorised committee, as per the procedure laid down by the Reserve Bank of India.

The development comes less than a week after Punjab National Bank (PNB) had detected a USD 1.77 billion (about Rs 11,400 crore) scam wherein Modi allegedly acquired fraudulent letters of undertaking (LoUs) from a branch in Mumbai to secure overseas credit from other Indian lenders.

## Bagdogra Airport set to clear visibility hurdle

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at the airport till 10 pm, we will be able to handle more flights now," the airport director said.

The Bagdogra Airport had to be shut down for a week between December 2016 and January 2017 due to low visibility, leading to cancellation of over 150 flights and inconveniencing over 20,000 passengers.

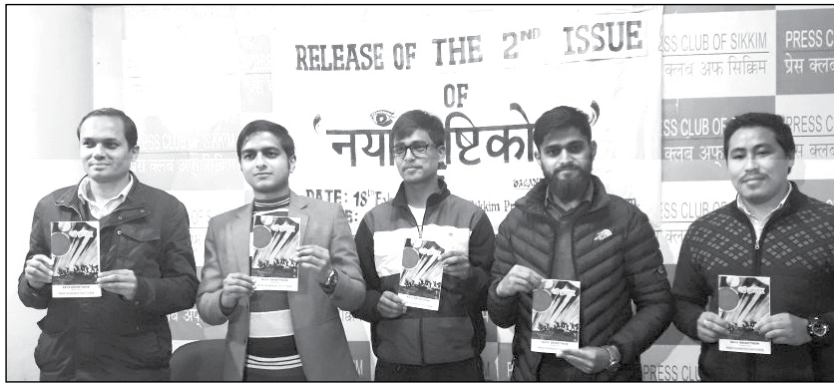
# Naya Drishtikon returns with new edition

**SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 18 FEB:**

The second issue of 'Naya Drishtikon', a bilingual (English and Nepali) quarterly magazine, was released by a senior writer and journalist, Rupesh Sharma, here at the Press Club of Sikkim today. The magazine is published by Sikkim Progressive Youth Forum [SPYF].

In his address, Mr Sharma appreciated the efforts of young students in bringing out a magazine with a new approach and progressive thoughts. He encouraged them to continue with the same energy and passion and give back to society.

Mr Sharma shared that the format of a mag-



azine provided a good platform for upcoming poets and writers to express their thoughts at length and in doing so, further hone their talent.

He commented that just academic knowledge was not enough, because

what was also required was inspiration and drive to transform society. Intellectually, he stressed, need to step up and work for the overall development of the society.

Naya Drishtikon chief editor, Shankar Sharma,

explained that the magazine has been trying to give a new thought and message to society. He said that youth should come forward to work together for the development of society and address its crises.

On the occasion, students also recited poems. The release function was also attended by president, Lalit Pokhrel, and other executive members of Sikkim University Student's Union and students of different colleges.



## Sikkim's young entrepreneurs attend IEF Entrepreneurs' Jam

**SUMMIT REPORT**

**NEW DELHI, 18 FEB:** Young Entrepreneurs from Sikkim attended the Indigenous Enhancement Forum (IEF) Entrepreneurs Jam at New Delhi from 15-17 February.

The IEF Jam is a meet where young entrepreneurs who have undergone Master Class on entrepreneurship organised by IEF Entrepreneurship Foundation in different parts of the country meet and learn different approaches and aspects of entrepreneurship.

The jam included ex-

posure visits, panel discussions and addresses by keynote speakers.

IEF is a non-profit initiative that is creating a collaborative entrepreneurial ecosystem across the country and is bringing all stakeholders onto one platform. Through its three-pronged strategy of action, advocacy and awareness, IEF is seeking to energise and empower Indian small scale entrepreneurs to scale new heights in their business and further enrich the Indian economy.

Bhairavi Jani is the

founder/chairperson of IEF Entrepreneurship Foundation.

The Sikkimese entrepreneurs also attended a session addressed by the co-founders of Blue Dart, Tushar Jani (also Chairman, SCA Group of Companies) and Khushroo Dubash (also Director, Cargo Service Centre) and visited India's biggest cargo terminal, Cargo Service Centre.

The team also had the opportunity to listen to keynote addresses by Ram Mohan Mishra, Additional Secretary and De-

velopment Commissioner, Ministry of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises-Government of India.

The Sikkim team, along with entrepreneurs from Rajasthan, Meghalaya, Nagaland and Kashmir, also participated panel discussions on 'decoding markets, acquiring customers', E-commerce, Business pitching; Entrepreneurship and community development, Investments and etc. The young entrepreneurs also paid a visit to Rashtrapati Bhavan on the last day.



## Singtam to get a multipurpose amphitheatre

**YOGEN THATAL**

**SINGTAM, 18 FEB:**

Singtam bazaar may be a major business hub, but it has never been known for entertainment options. It does not, however, lack in talent and has, over the years, been the home to several performers and creative persons. Ironically, though,

save the occasional religious or cultural events, it has never had a permanent venue to offer as a platform for talent to be performed.

That scenario is set to change with a new project getting underway in the heart of Singtam town. Work has begun on giving Singtam a multipurpose open-air amphi-

theatre.

The construction is under the supervision of Urban Development and Housing Department and is coming up near the Singtam Police Station, close enough for the cops to keep watch over the proceedings once the amphitheatre is put to use, one would surmise.



## Sabita Sapkota of Namchi defends PhD thesis on marketing practices of pharma industry

**SUMMIT REPORT**

**GANGTOK, 18 FEB:**

Sabita Sapkota, a research scholar with the Department of Commerce, Kumaun University, successfully defended her Ph.D. thesis titled, "Marketing Practices of Pharmaceutical Industry: A Case Study of Cipla Ltd." on 16 February 2018 at Kumaun University, Nainital.

Ms Sapkota completed her dissertation under the supervision of the Uttarakhand Public Service Commission, chairperson, Prof. Dr. NS Bisht. She has now been recommended for the award of Doctor of Philosophy degree by the Board of Examiners of Kumaun University.

Ms Sapkota is an Assis-

tant Professor at Namchi Government College in the Department of Commerce.

Her research work focused on marketing practices of pharmaceutical companies and aimed to understand marketing activities and whether these conformed to laws and regulations related to marketing and whether adequate transparency was maintained.

Born to Kumari Sapkota and Kamal Prasad Sapkota, Ms Sapkota hails from Namchi, South Sikkim and is a product of Tendong Educational Institute, Namchi, Namchi Girls Senior Secondary School and Namchi Senior Secondary School. She completed graduation and masters' from Bangalore University.



## Ghewa Ceremony

We are highly indebted to all our near and dear ones for being with us during the sad demise of our beloved Nana **Jamuna Ghising** (84), whose **Ghewa Ceremony** is scheduled to be solemnised on the **19<sup>th</sup> of February, 2018**, at our residence, **Phul-Chandra Niwas, Development Area, Gangtok**. All our relatives, friends, and well wishers are respectfully requested to join us in our prayers to the departed soul on the aforementioned day.

Sincerely,

**B. S. Lama**

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# SummitTIMES

ON TOP OF THE NEWS

## Confront Violence

*It's worrying when letting off steam leaves behind grievous hurt*

Some months ago, a youth was brutally beaten up in the restroom of a Gangtok dive. A spent bullet was also reportedly recovered from the site, in all probability from a gun fired to intimidate. Some years ago, another youth in his early twenties was shot outside a local discotheque by a person old enough to be his father. This violent attack was triggered by a minor altercation inside the disco and it is unlikely that in the former incident either the provocation could have been severe enough to beat someone within a whisker of death. Thankfully, both victims of such senseless violence survived the respective assaults, but that was no thanks to the people who attacked them because they really could not care either way. And more recently, a youth threatened by a mob is reported to have pulled out a gun as well although he did not discharge it. All these episodes shocked Sikkim, as they rightly should have, because they brought the society face to face with a new kind violence – a violence which was alien to Sikkim in its bloodlust. Violence is not new to any society, and fights and fisticuffs are not rare in the State either.

The nature of violence in the past was mostly of the kind which lashed in the heat of the moment, and while the rare case ended in an accidental fatality, most fights closed with bruises, sprains and the occasional broken bone and bruised ego. Most of the times, these were settled with a “compromise”. But when weapons like guns are added to the mix, a very worrying dimension injects itself into the discussions. One hopes that these were aberrations and not pointers to the things to come; but it would be unwise for the society at large to dismiss these as rare anomalies and ignore the responsibility towards exercising some soul-searching to understand situations which could be triggering such violent outbursts and such, apparently, easy access to weapons by those who clearly have a tendency towards violence. As mentioned earlier, violence is not a rare human condition, but what should be worrying for Sikkim is the possibility that the potential to deliver violence has multiplied from the power of fists and sticks to guns and bullets now.

There will be those who will blame the system and the political dispensation, and others who will look at the cops to keep the streets safe. Both approaches are flawed because neither addresses the societal response which sets up such outbursts of violence. Some have already blamed the relatively new “culture” of partying and discotheques for the incident. This is almost childish because the question which really needs to be asked instead is why do so many people leave for parties and arrive at discos with so much anger when the idea is to let the hair down and enjoy. Fights are now routine wherever there is a gathering of strangers with even the cultural celebrations closing with fights despite strong police and VIP presence. Weekend bashes have literally become so. What is important for the society here to confront is the reason why so many people carry so much anger and hate bottled up inside them that violence seeps out so often and so easily.

This is not to suggest that people here are inherently prone to violence, but a query which leads to the next enquiry - why, despite so much public violence, are such few incidents booked and penalised. The answer is obvious- they are all compromised eventually. While one can argue that compromises are healthy because this means that grudges are not allowed to fester, but on the flip side, when violence is allowed to pass without reprimand, it emboldens perpetrators to unleash even more of it the next time. It is a complicated cycle, but one which needs to be addressed because the nature of violence is changing in Sikkim...

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# How I marvelled at Black Panther's reimagining of Africa

EDWARD ADEMOLU  
theconversation.com

Watching Marvel's highly anticipated comic-book film adaptation, Black Panther, was no ordinary tried and tested cinematic experience. Much like the unapologetic showmanship, flamboyance and atmospheric idiosyncrasies of Sunday service black congregational worship, the cinema metamorphosed beyond its remnants of unswept popcorn kernels and sticky milkshake residue into an augmented space. It became a “mega-church” sanctuary of spiritual catharsis – with all the impassioned and melodic trimmings of Afro-Pentecostalism.

But, make no mistake, this was not the time nor place for solemn contemplation or confessing past transgressions – but an opportunity for continental Africans and diaspora to offload socially sanctioned climactic expressions of individual and collective excitement and expectations, as well as lip-bitten anxieties about a fictionalised Africa.

If this was an Afro-baptism in filmic spirit, I sought – and submitted to – full-bodied immersion. Let's be clear, the fervour over Black Panther among the Ankara-wearing, close-cropped Afro-crowned cinemagoers is incredibly warranted for several reasons. Not least for its reimagining, its re-presentation of Africa and communities therein – with magical realism – that makes it an intriguing anomaly among the slew of other questionable Western cinematic attempts to deliver “Africa” on screen.

Die-hard Marvel fans and those newly christened have waited with baited breath to secure a one-way ticket to Wakanda – the wondrous Afro-futuristic utopia and homeland of the titular character Black Panther (played by Chadwick Boseman). But this is by no means Hollywood's first foray into fictionalised African kingdoms. Before Wakanda, there was the similarly named and seemingly “African-sounding” Zumunda in Eddie Murphy's 1998 blockbuster Coming to America.

But Zumunda presented as nothing more than a visual repository of African clichés and normative assumptions, where wild animals, as domesticated pets, cohabit “as they do” nonchalantly with humans. So too, where royalty enrobe in lion's fur. As the Nigerian literary darling Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie put it:

“If all I knew about Africa were from popular



images, I too would think that Africa was a place of beautiful landscapes, animals and incomprehensible people, fighting senseless wars, dying of poverty and Aids, unable to speak for themselves.”

If only I could speculate on what may have informed such a proclamation ... dare I venture towards films such as The African Queen, Out of Africa, Hotel Rwanda, The Last King of Scotland, Blood Diamond, Beasts of No Nation – to name a handful.

### AFRICA'S BURDEN

Those cinematic offerings were the colonial-era mythmakers and extenders whose white lensed romanticisms have determined the space within which Africa is defined and knowable. It is also within this space that the complexities and pluralities of African representation have been lost in simplification and concealment.

Surely these films must have affixed the “Afro” in the unmistakable and riotous Afro-futurism of Black Panther. But its the “futurism” aspect that makes Black Panther stand head and shoulders above the rest. Showcasing an iteration of Africa that is more imaginatively radical than merely culturally palatable for audiences who are used to being spoon-fed – better yet, force-fed – microwavable doses of an Africa that is melancholic, benighted and savage, to satisfy their visually myopic cravings.

Unlike its predecessors, Black Panther's Afro-futuristic elements challenge stereotypes by readjusting the barometer of African imagination. Where Africa and black-Africanness is equated with discourses of futurism, cybernetics, sci-fi fantasy and mysticism.

### NEW AFRICAN CENTURY

This is a far cry from previous film interpretations of Africa, and especially of Africa's future – or lack thereof. It has too often been represented as provisional and ephemeral – or arbitrated by the technocratic and philanthropic efforts of white do-gooders. Instead, Black Panther provides a prophetic

reimagining of Africa with its postmodern gravity-defying vehicles and super-sonic technology that far exceed human comprehension.

This has important implications for how we see Africa, through films which have long anchored it in a “forever-more” state that is seemingly unenlightened, backward-leaning and perceived as a prolongation of the past.

So, too, the film speaks volumes about how young and old black African “selves” can infiltrate otherworldly spheres. Its Afro-futurism allows black folk to apply self-iterations and augment alternate realities that transcend the limitations of the “here and now” towards the “what ifs” and “could bes”, through their own melanin-infused, ethno-cultural lens.

Equally, with its vestiges of the past and nods to the future, Black Panther presents a certain “contemporary ordinariness” within Africa that is discernible in all its parts. Where streets of African cities, for example, are littered with mother-tongue speaking, iPhone-clutching youth, dressed in dashiki-patterned bomber jackets, skinny jeans and with basket-woven braided hairstyles.

Moreover, the portrayal of Wakanda as resource-rich, unsoiled by European colonialism and the paraphernalia of international development, challenges cinematic presumptions of an Africa that is deficient, agentless and lacking internal diplomacies for sovereignty.

### AFRICA UPGRADED

This is further reinforced by the central staging and representation of steely-eyed, intelligent African women – as Beyoncé avows in her feminist-imbued record Upgrade U, if the men are “the block” the women are “the lights that the keep streets on”. We see this in the female Wakandans, the unyielding pillars of the film, who demystify allusions and illusions of Africa – through its female proxies – as infantilised, subordinate and devoid of individual articulation of unique intent.

As a Marvel trailblazer, Black Panther is stunning in its redefining of Africa's aesthetic within the cultural zeitgeist of cinematic consciousness. It trades cinema's historical blueprint for Africa, for its own set of black paws. Suffice to say, representation (in all its shades) matters.

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# There are four types of drinker – which one are you?

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It's easy to see alcohol consumption being a result of thousands of years of ritual and a lifetime of habit. But have you ever stopped to consider why it is you choose to drink? Knowing what motivates people to drink is important to better understanding their needs when it comes to encouraging them to drink less, or in a less harmful way.

### THE FOUR TYPES

Personally, everyone can come up with many reasons why he or she is drinking, which makes a scientific understanding of the reasons difficult. But there is something called the motivational model of alcohol use, that argues we drink because we expect a change in how we feel after we do. Originally developed to help treat alcohol dependence, the ideas described in the model led to a new understanding of what motivates people to drink.

More precisely, the model assumes people drink to increase positive feelings or decrease negative ones. They're also motivated by internal rewards such as enhancement of a desired personal emotional state, or by external rewards such as social approval.

This results in all drinking motives falling into one of four categories: enhancement (because it's exciting), coping (to forget about my worries), social (to celebrate), and conformity (to fit in). Drinkers can be high or low in any number of drinking motives – people are not necessarily one type of drinker or the other.

All other factors – such as genetics, personality or environment – are just shaping our drinking motives, according to

this model. So drinking motives are a final pathway to alcohol use. That is, they're the gateway through which all these other influences are channelled.

### 1. SOCIAL DRINKING

To date, nearly all the research on drinking motives has been done on teens and young adults. Across cultures and countries, social motives are the most common reason young people give for drinking alcohol. In this model, social drinking may be about increasing the amount of fun you are having with your friends. This fits in with the idea that drinking is mainly a social pastime. Drinking for social motives is associated with moderate alcohol use.

### 2. DRINKING TO CONFORM

When people only drink on social occasions because they want to fit in – not because it's a choice they would normally make – they drink less than those who drink mainly for other reasons. These are the people who will sip a glass of champagne for a toast, or keep a wine in their hand to avoid feeling different from the drinkers around them.

In the last couple of years, programs like Hello Sunday Morning

have been encouraging people to take a break from drinking. And by making this more socially acceptable, they may also be decreasing the negative feedback some people receive for not drinking, although this is a theory that needs testing.

### 3. DRINKING FOR ENHANCEMENT

Beyond simply drinking to socialise, there are two types of adolescents and young adults with a particular risky combination of personality and drinking motive preference.

First are those who drink for enhancement motives. They are more likely to be extroverted, impulsive, and aggressive. These young people (often male) are more likely to actively seek to feel drunk – as well as other extreme sensations – and have a risk-taking personality.

### 4. DRINKING TO COPE

Second, those who drink mainly for coping motives have higher levels of neuroticism, low level of agreeableness and a negative view of the self. These drinkers may be using alcohol to cope with other problems in their life, particularly those related to anxiety and depression. Coping drinkers are more likely to be female, drink more heavily and expe-

rience more alcohol-related problems than those who drink for other reasons.

While it may be effective in the short term, drinking to cope with problems leads to worse long-term consequences. This may be because the problems that led to the drinking in the first place are not being addressed.

### WHY IT MATTERS

There is promising research that suggests knowing the motives of heavy drinkers can lead to interventions to reduce harmful drinking. For instance, one study found that tailoring counselling sessions to drinking motives decreased consumption in young women, although there was no significant decrease in men.

This research stream is limited by the fact we really only know about the drinking motives of those in their teens and early 20s. Our understanding of why adults are drinking is limited, something our research group is hoping to study in the future.

Next time you have a drink, have a think about why you are choosing to do so. There are many people out there having a drink at night to relax. But if you're aiming to get drunk, you have a higher chance than most of experiencing harm.

Alternatively, if you are trying to drink your problems away, it's worth remembering those problems will still be there in the morning.

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## PNB fraud: 200 shell firms, benami assets under ED, I-T dept scanner

**NEW DELHI, FEB 18**

**(PTI):** At least 200 shell firms and benami" assets have come under the scanner of the investigative agencies that are probing the Rs 11,400-crore alleged fraud at the Punjab National Bank (PNB), involving diamond czar Nirav Modi, his relative and business partner Mehul Choksi and others.

The Enforcement Directorate (ED), which continued its searches against Modi, Choksi and their companies for the fourth day today and seized diamonds and gold worth Rs 20 crore, is also moving to attach at least two dozen immovable properties under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

The ED today raided at least 45 premises, including jewellery showrooms and workshops, across the country.

As many as 29 properties -- of Modi, his family members and companies -- that have been provisionally attached by the Income Tax department, are being assessed by the ED under the PMLA. A few more assets will be attached soon under the anti-money laundering law, a senior ED official said.

He added that the ED and the I-T department had zeroed in on about 200 dummy or shell companies in the country and abroad that were being used to route or receive funds as part of the alleged fraud.

It is suspected that the shell firms were being used by the accused to launder money and create benami assets in the form of land, gold and precious stones, which is now being probed by the tax department.

Both the ED and the IT department had formed special teams to investigate the case, sources said.

The ED has seized diamonds, gold jewellery and other precious stones worth Rs 5,694 crore till now in the case.

The I-T department yesterday attached nine bank accounts of Gitanjali Gems, its promoter Mehul Choksi and others in connection with a tax evasion probe against them.

It had also attached 29 properties and 105 bank accounts of Modi, his family members and firms owned by them.

Modi, Choksi and others are being investigated by multiple probe agencies after it recently came to light, following a complaint by the PNB, that they allegedly cheated the nationalised bank to the tune of Rs 11,400 crore, with the purported involvement of a few employees of the bank.

The CBI is also looking into the matter.

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# India, China always managed to de-escalate tensions: Menon

**BENGALURU, FEB 18**  
**(PTI):** Former foreign secretary Shivshankar Menon today said India and China always managed to de-escalate tensions in the event of face-offs as had happened in Doklam.

Though there had been face-offs over border issues, both the countries had a common interest to handle the dispute peacefully, he said in his address at the thought conclave "The Huddle", conducted by 'The Hindu' Publication here.

"Most commentaries miss the basic point that like previous such crisis



whether it was Chumar where we had face-offs, we always managed to disengage," Menon said.

The former diplomat agreed that there would be chances of face-offs

in future.

"We do have cases which both sides consider on their side of the line. So we will have face-offs, we will have future cases, but it is not that we

do not know how to handle it and we see a common interest in handling it peacefully," he said.

Elaborating further, he said Doklam had actually proved that India and China can manage their differences.

India did what it always does "which is deal with quietly, bring force if you need to but talk to them and say restore the status quo and we are ready to discuss other issues once the status quo is restored, which happened ultimately," he added.

However, former Pakistan ambassador to the

US Husain Haqqani, who has been critical of Pakistan's military and political leadership, warned India to understand the Chinese game.

He said China was setting up bases to tie down India and supporting nations to keep its potential rival at bay.

"Pakistan is just a pawn for China in that case. They are not thinking the best for the people of Pakistan. They are thinking how to use Pakistan to keep a potential rival at bay.

And they can do that with other countries as well," Haqqani said.



## 74 pc polling in Tripura assembly elections: EC

**NEW DELHI FEB 18 (PTI):** The total voter turnout stood at 74 per cent in the single-phase Tripura Assembly polls today, 17 per cent less than the last Assembly election when the polling percentage was recorded at 91.82.

Voting was today held in 59 of the total 60 seats as polling could not be held in the Charilam constituency due to the death of CPI(M) candidate Ramendra

Narayan Deb Barma last week.

The constituency will go to polls on March 12.

According to the figures released by the Election Commission today, the voter turnout stood at 74 per cent.

The BJP, an also-ran until now in the north-eastern state, is making a determined bid to demolish the red bastion of 25 years, with stalwarts like Prime

Minister Narendra Modi and party president Amit Shah leading the charge.

The saffron party, which had forged a pre-poll alliance with tribal outfit Indigenous People's Front of Tripura (IPFT), had fielded 51 candidates. The IPFT, an anti-Left party, contested from the remaining nine seats.

The Congress went it all alone in Tripura this time and

contested from 59 seats. The party had not fielded a candidate from the Kakrabon constituency in Gomati district.

There are 25,73,413 registered voters -- 13,05,375 male and 12,68,027 female -- in the state.

The number of voters under the third gender category in the state is 11 and that of the new voters 47,803.

## Giant replica of moon unveiled in Kolkata

**KOLKATA, FEB 18 (PTI):** The moon has descended on the lawns of Victoria Memorial, much to the delight of the city people who were seen thronging the northern gate of the iconic structure to view the spectacle.

A touring artwork, the 3-D installation of the moon has been made using imagery from NASA's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter Camera, one of the exhibition organizers said.

The 'Museum of the Moon' is a project of the British Council, supported by the Ministry of Culture. It has been put on display at the Victoria Memorial Hall in the city for the weekend visitors, Debanjan Chakrabarti, the director of British Council East, told PTI.

The artwork, created in partnership with the UK Space Agency, was unveiled yesterday in the presence of the director of British Council, India, Alan Gemmell, the secretary and curator of Victoria Memorial,



Jayanta Sengupta, and the director of MP Birla Planetarium, Debiprasad Duari.

The 23-foot-wide replica of the moon is half a million times smaller than the real moon. It has been put together by British artist Luke Jerram, Chakrabarti said.

"This is an important project for British Council, it merges science with art," he said.

The artwork will foster interest about astronomy among the youngsters, the director of MP Birla Planetarium said.

"It is also interesting

that the 'Museum of the Moon' project came to Kolkata 17 days after the total lunar eclipse," Duari added.

Avantika Shah, a Class 10 student in a city school, was among the hundreds who gathered at Victoria Memorial lawns yesterday to watch the giant installation.

"The surface images of the moon look so life-like. I will opt for space research in future," she said.

The 'Museum of the Moon' project has earlier toured Bengaluru, Mumbai and Udaipur.

## Sonowal calls for steps to curb monsoon electrocution deaths

**GUWAHATI, FEB 18**  
**(PTI):** Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal has asked the Power Department to avert incidents of electrocution related mortality during the monsoons in the state, an official release said.

Sonowal asked the Power Department in a review meeting last evening to put in place all the precautionary measures to avert recurrence of the incidents.

Pointing out the number of deaths due to electrocution last monsoon, he asked the Principal Secretary of Power Jishnu Baruah to take pragmatic steps to replace bamboo electricity poles, if there is any, with concrete ones before the onset of monsoon.

Sonowal also asked the department to spread awareness among the public urging them to stay away from the risk areas.

"He also asked the senior officers of the department to undertake extensive tours to all the

areas of the state, particularly in rural areas, to oversee important electric installations and help the department to forge cordial relationship with the local people and use them as a deterrent against electrocuted incidents," the statement said.

Sonowal stressed the need of branding the Department and introducing uniform dress code for the field area employees of the Power Department and a pilot project for the same can be started from April this year, it added.

"The Chief Minister also mooted the idea of motivating the employees of the Department and incentivise their good works by instituting awards and dedicating a day exclusively for the department, which would be termed as 'Power Day,'" the release said.

Besides, Sonowal asked the department to prepare an action plan for decorating Guwahati with lights.



## Forest guards in Assam given modern weapons to check Rhino poaching

**KAZIRANGA, FEB 18**  
**(PTI):** In a major initiative for wildlife protection, forest guards in Assam were today given modern weapons like SLRs and 9 MM pistols, to check poaching of rhinos, tigers and other wild animals.

Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal said for the first time in the country, 10 wildlife fast-track courts were set up to exclusively deal with poaching and other related crimes against wild animals.

"We have put protection of wildlife in high priority. Accordingly, we have today launched a new programme - modernisation of arms and equipment for protection, rescue and rehabilitation of rhinos, tigers and other wildlife," he told PTI.

According to the plan, forest guards were given 954 Self-Loading Rifles (SLRs), 272 INSAS rifles, 133 rifles of .12 bore, 20 of 9 MM pistols and 91 Ghata rifles.

The chief minister said ever since the BJP came to power in Assam nearly two years ago, 197

poachers were arrested and eight were killed by security guards while as many as 59 poachers were convicted for their crimes against wildlife.

Sonowal said wildlife fast-track courts were set up in 10 districts and such courts were set up for the first time in the country.

"We hope that speedy trial and conviction of poachers will go a long way for protection of wildlife in the state," he said.

Assam has five national parks and 19 wildlife sanctuaries. The state is home to more than 91 per cent of Indian rhinos (2,431 rhinos as per 2015 census). It is also home to 167 tigers, 248 leopards, 1,169 Swamp deer besides a large number of wild buffaloes, different varieties of deer and other animals.

According to an estimate tabled in the state Assembly this month, altogether 74 rhinos were killed by poachers in Assam since 2015 and 316 poachers arrested during 2015-17.

## Campaigning gaining momentum in Nagaland

**KOHIMA, FEB 18 (PTI):** With just a week left for campaigning in poll-bound Nagaland, candidates were seen wooing the electorate by holding rallies after church services were over in this Christian state today.

In the state capital, such rallies were being organised in the evenings to enable people attend it after the day's work.

With an advancement of technology, political parties have shifted to banner campaign displaying the vision statement.

Hardly any posters put up by candidates are visible along the roads and on walls.

Nagaland is set to go to polls to elect a 60-member Assembly on February 27 and the results would be declared on March 3.

Respective tribal organisations and civil societies have restricted setting up of political party youth camps to avoid clashes among the supporters of rival parties.

Altogether 195 candidates comprising 58 of the ruling NPF, 18 Con-

gress, 20 BJP, 39 NDPP, 25 NPP, 13 JDU, 6 NCP, 3 AAP, 2 LJP and 11 Independents are in fray for the 59 seats.

NDPP's chief ministerial candidate Neiphiu Rio has already won from the Northern Angami-II seat.

While the ruling Naga People's Front (NPF) is trying to woo the electorate with its slogan 'Transforming Nagaland with New Vision, New Image and New Future', the NDPP is using 'Change is Coming' to attract the voters.

The Nagaland Baptist Church Association has been campaigning for a clean election appealing to the electorate not to demand money or any other form of materialistic support for voting but elect an upright representative.

The Election office has deployed flying squads and static surveillance teams to check the use of money and other means to induce voters.

So far over Rs 50 lakh in cash, 40,000 litres of liquor and drugs have been seized, Nagaland CEO Abhijit Sinha said.

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## Manavadiya Rathore wins silver shotgun meet

**NEW DELHI, FEB 18 (PTI):** The promising Manavadiya Singh Rathore has won a silver medal in the Qatar Open Shotgun meet in Lusail, Qatar.

Participating in the junior men's trap event, Manavadiya shot 118 to finish second on the podium behind Italy's Angelo Scalzone, who shot 119.

Germany's Jeremy Schulz won the bronze medal with a score of 115.

Son of Sports Minister and Athens Olympics silver medallist Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore, the 19-year-old Manavadiya started with 23 in the first series of 25 shots and improved it to 24 in the next three series, but could manage only a 23 in the fifth and final series yesterday.

The field had a total of 11 shooters, including James Dedman of Great Britain, who recently switched from double trap to trap shooting.

Manavadiya has earlier won bronze in the Asian Shooting Championships held in Almaty in 2013. He has participated in Junior World Championships in 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2017 other than shooting in Junior World Cup since last two years.



## Sikkim pilots thrilled by experience at Panchagani Open and Indian National Open

**REBYNA RANA GANGTOK, 18 FEB:**

The Panchagani Open and Indian National Open 2018, a mega paragliding event, which had taken off on 12 February, concluded today.

Sikkim was represented at this prestigious event by Arjun Kumar Rai and Nima Tamang,

both of whom are elated from the experience gained. They were among an elite group of 50 pilots from countries as diverse as Japan, Nepal, Russia, Ukraine, Turkey, China, Kazakhstan, Finland and the host country.

The event was held at Panchagani, Maharashtra, India.

The event was organised by

the Indian Paragliding Competition Association [IPCA], Aero Club of India [ACI], Sikkim Paragliding Associations [SPA], Asian Continental Paragliding Associations [ACPA], and local organizations of Panchgani.

He focused on 'Race to Goal' segment and has returned more confident and inspired.

Event is base on the Federation of Aeronautics International [FAI] XC [Cross Country] competition.

## ITBP ORGANIZES VOLLEYBALL MATCH WITH CIVILIANS AT PEGONG

**SUMMIT REPORT**

**GANGTOK, 18 FEB:** The 11th Bn ITBP organized a volleyball match at Pegong with the civilians. ITBP regularly organizes sport tournaments for locals to generate interest in a sports-driven lifestyle, an official press release explains. Such matches also help bridge the gap between the force and the society, the release adds.



# School students set to present social projects at UN

**NEW DELHI, FEB 18 (PTI):** For the first time, a group of Indian students who have worked on grass-root-level social projects for creating jobs will present their proposals to international diplomats and policy-makers from around the world at the UN headquarters.

The programme is part of the Future Leaders initiative of 1M1B, an Indian not-for-profit organisation which seeks to train over the years one million young entrepreneurs for creating jobs for one billion people.

After a six-month-long curriculum and fellowship programme,

1M1B selected 10 students from India who will be present at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on March 19.

The top three students among them will make a presentation on their respective projects before a gathering of diplomats and representatives of the media, foundations and others.

"The 17 goals of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) require people, especially young people, to drive action towards their fulfilment by the year 2030," said Manav Subodh, co-founder of 1M1B.

"So today, more than any other

time, the UN requires ambassadorship and action by young people towards the UN SDGs," Subodh said.

He said the Future Leaders programme of 1M1B, a job-creation and income enhancement initiative aligned to the UN SDG, seeks to give a global stage to future influencers.

Under the fellowship programme, promising students are identified, facilitated and given access to high impact development projects.

One of the selected projects, 'The Project Fresh Start (TPFS)', by Nikita Nambiar (14) of The International School Bangalore, seeks

to empower incarcerated women, socially and financially, help them stay out of prison, and become productive community members.

Ten women inmates of the Tumkur Central Jail are being trained in the art of making Tanjore paintings by a professional artist.

Nambiar plans to auction off these paintings through a charity event later and forward the proceeds to the women.

Another selected project, Divyang, an initiative by Sanjana Tarigopula (14), addresses the lack of awareness on autism and hopes to provide support for caregivers,

friends and family of patients.

She created an app that not only provides access to autism-related research to create awareness within support groups, but also showcases the varied talents of people who suffer from autism.

The programme started in August 2017 in partnership with The International School of Bangalore (TISB).

Selected candidates were called for a panel interview following which the fellows were chosen.

The 1M1B Future Influencers programme will be formally announced at the UN on March 19.

After the first cohort from In-

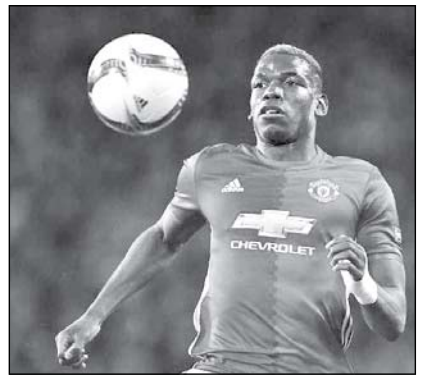
dia, the programme will open up for participants from other schools and countries, including the US, Kenya and Vietnam.

Over 100 Future Influencers are expected to participate at the grand finale of the event in October 2018 at the UN Headquarters in New York.

1M1B focuses on youth and women from ages 18-25 in the most underserved parts of the world.

The initiative builds conscious enterprises and undertakes income enhancement initiatives for underprivileged communities by engaging urban leaders and startups.

## Pogba illness concerns Mourinho ahead of Sevilla trip



**HUDDERSFIELD, FEB 18 (AFP):** Jose Mourinho faces an anxious wait to discover whether Paul Pogba can take part in Manchester United's mid-week Champions League last 16 trip to Sevilla after he missed their FA Cup victory over Huddersfield Town.

An unspecified illness saw Pogba withdraw on the morning of Saturdays match in Huddersfield, which United won 2-0 thanks to two goals from Romelu Lukaku as they advanced into the quarter-finals.

United manager Mourinho, whose relationship with club-record signing Pogba has been under close scrutiny in recent weeks, insisted he did not even know what the illness was or how long the France midfielder may be unable to play, having planned to play him in a 4-3-3 system that the player considers his favourite.

"I don't know," said Mourinho when asked about the nature of Pogba's illness after today's match.

"When I was told by the doctor this morning that he was not coming, I don't want to know anything else about it -- I have to think who is going to replace him, what I am going to do because we worked hard during the week."

The Portuguese boss added: "Now is the time to think about Paul, to know what happened, why he didn't feel good enough to play, can he play or be available to help us on Wednesday?"

Pogba has reportedly been unhappy in recent weeks at the style Mourinho has adopted, generally playing him alongside Nemanja Matic in a two-man midfield.

But ahead of Saturday's match, Mourinho appeared prepared to meet the wishes of Pogba, who rejoined United from Juventus for 89.3 million (123.5 million, 100.5 million euros) in August 2016, by playing him on the left side of a three-man midfield set-up.

United still won comfortably, thanks to Lukaku's double, although victory could have been even more emphatic but for video assistant referee (VAR) Neil Swarbrick ruling out a Juan Mata goal late in the first half in an incredibly close off-side call.

"It was my first experience on the bench but we have VAR in Portugal," said Mourinho.

"It is amazing when the truth comes but also (there are) problems like what happened today (Saturday) which go against the words of the protocol."

# Start-up integrates AI with health app to help patients

**KUNAL DUTT**

**NEW DELHI, FEB 18 (PTI):** Seeking to provide "smart help" to patients in accessing consultation from doctors, a city-based start-up has introduced a 'digital assistant' in its healthcare app which allows users to chat with an artificial intelligence-based bot.

The founders of 'Visit', an on-demand healthcare service online platform that provides to its users a pool of medical specialists and general physicians to choose from for consultation, said they developed this "AI-driven assistant" also to ease the burden of doctors.

"Our country is already facing a shortage of doctors. And, many a time, patients go to a general physician's clinic, where there is a long queue, and the doctor even-

tually asks them to consult a specialist.

"What this AI bot ('chatbot') does is, it performs the initial screening of patients, based on the responses fed by the user of the app. It then directs the user to the general physician or a specialist, accordingly," said Vaibhav Singh, head of growth at the firm, founded in 2016.

Visit Internet Services was started by four students of BITS-Pilani, including Vaibhav, while they were in the final year of their course. The venture has already received funding from MapMyIndia, and based out of Okhla in south Delhi.

"When a user downloads the app, he or she gets a text greeting from the bot, like 'Hi... How can I help you'. It then asks questions, like the symptoms, and responds according to the run-time response of the

user. And, then say, the user says, 'it has skin itching or something', then it may direct him/her to a dermatologist on our pool," 24-year-old Vaibhav told PTI.

The chatbot or the 'Healthcare Assistant Bot' is a react-based chat client, and users can also ask a bot to order medicines.

"The bot is available on Android, iOS and web. We have already crossed the 50,000-mark on downloads on Google PlayStore for Android-based apps only," he said and claimed this was the country's first AI-integrated health app.

Shashvat Tripathi, 25, head of technology at Visit, said he and his team spent "sleepless nights" and there were "moments of failure" but, we believed in it.

"The bot uses a mathematical probabi-

listic model to determine possible conditions, based on the answers given by the user, to questions that the bot asks," he said.

"The bot learns about conditions and their associated symptoms by parsing millions of live chats on the Visit app and uses its NLP (Natural Language Processing) engine to extract information about symptoms and possible diagnoses by the doctor," Shashvat said.

The bot learns using this data and uses the information to "reinforce its decision network". "It does not throw up stored responses to questions, but learns from the answers given by the user, which makes it unique, he said.

'Visit' offers paid online consultation, through video and voice channels, and

seven days of free follow-up check-up over text chat. Besides, it maintains a pool of MBBS doctors, who through its 'Q' service, offer free health advice by text.

"Currently close to 700 users chat on our 'Q' per day. We seek to position ourselves as a replacement for online searches and self-medication habits," Vaibhav said.

The online platform, currently has a pool of 2,200 doctors which include psychologists, dieticians, dermatologists, sexologists, gynaecologists, preventive cardiology and paediatrician, besides general physicians.

"For a general physician (having an MD), the consultation fee is Rs 400, for a psychologist (Rs 800), sexologist (Rs 500), gynaecologist (Rs 400), among other verticals," he said.



# Trump turns on FBI over school shooting after criticism from survivors

**FORT LAUDERDALE, FEB 18 (AFP):** US President Donald Trump today said the FBI was so caught up in the Russia probe that it failed to heed signs which could have prevented the Parkland school shooting.

His comments came as he faces criticism from survivors of the attack over his ties to the powerful National Rifle Association, and after several thousand rallied in Florida to demand urgent action on gun control.

“Very sad that the FBI missed all of the many signals sent out by the Florida school shooter. This is not acceptable,” he wrote on Twitter.

“They are spending too much time trying to prove Russian collusion with the Trump campaign - there is no collusion. Get back to the basics and make us all proud!”

US authorities have come under mounting scrutiny for failing to act on a series of warning signs ahead of the massacre at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in which 17 people were killed.

The FBI admitted Friday it received a chilling warn-



ing in January from a tipster who said the gunman Nikolas Cruz could be planning a mass shooting, but that agents failed to follow up.

But the attack, the 18th school shooting this year alone, has also renewed calls for greater gun control with several survivors leading the charge.

One of them, 18-year-old Emma Gonzalez delivered a fiery address to a crowd of students, parents and residents in Ft. Lauderdale.

“To every politician taking donations from the NRA, shame on you!” she thundered,

assailing Trump over the multi-million-dollar support his campaign received from the gun lobby. The crowd chanted in turn: “Shame on you!”

“We are going to be the last mass shooting... We are going to change the law,” she vowed -- slamming the fact 19-year-old Cruz was able to legally buy a semi-automatic firearm despite a history of troubling and violent behavior.

“The question on whether or not people should be allowed to own an automatic weapon is not a political one. It is question of life or death and it needs to stop being a ques-

tion of politics,” Gonzalez told AFP following her speech.

In Washington, the political response has made clear that the powerful NRA pro-gun lobby remains formidable, while Trump himself suggested the root cause of mass shootings was a crisis of mental health -- making no mention of gun control.

“If the president wants to come up to me and tell me to my face that it was a terrible tragedy and... how nothing is going to be done about it, I’m going to happily ask him how much money he received from the National Rifle Association,” Gonzalez said in her impassioned address.

“It doesn’t matter because I already know. Thirty million,” she said, citing the sum spent by the NRA to support Trump’s election bid and defeat Hillary Clinton.

She then ran through a list of the pro-gun lobbies talking points -- for example, that “a good guy with a gun stops a bad guy with a gun,” that no law could ever stop a madman intent on killing -- answering each argument with “We call BS.”

The young woman’s pow-

erful address immediately went viral, with her name a top trending topic on Twitter.

In addition to the FBI’s missteps, Cruz was also known to local police after his mother repeatedly reported him for violent outbursts, while records obtained by the South Florida Sun Sentinel show authorities investigated Cruz in 2016 after he cut his arms on messaging app Snapchat and threatened to buy a gun.

The newspaper, citing Department of Children and Family Services documents, said the investigation came four days after Cruz turned 18 -- legally an adult, and thus able to buy a firearm.

Investigators said there were “some implications” for the teens safety, but concluded that his “final level of risk is low as (he) resides with his mother, attends school and receives counseling” as an outpatient at a mental health center, the Sun Sentinel said.

Cruz later passed a background check, allowing him in February 2017 to buy the AR-15 rifle used in the massacre.



## Sharifs assets worth Rs 58 million 18 yrs back: NAB tells court

**ISLAMABAD, FEB 18 (PTI):** Pakistan’s anti-graft watchdog has informed an accountability court here that ousted prime minister Nawaz Sharif and his family’s declared assets were nearly Rs 58 million 18 years ago, a media report said today.

Three corruption cases were filed against 68-year-old Sharif and some of his family members on September 8 following a Supreme Court verdict that disqualified him as prime minister and ordered the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) for institution of cases against the PML-N leader.

The cases include Avenfield properties, Azizia & Hill Metal Establishment, and Flagship Investments.

In two supplementary references one pertaining to Flagship Investments Limited and 15 other companies, and the other to Al-Azizia Steel Mills and Hill Metal Establishment against Sharif and his sons, NAB said the total declared financial worth of assets of the accused persons as per their tax record in 2000-01 was Rs 50,940,870 and USD 64,984 (Rs 7.18 million), the Express Tribune reported today.

“The NAB chairman said in the reference that Sharif had acquired Al-Azizia Steel Mills as well as Hill Metal Establishment, but the proceeds were found disproportionate to his known sources of income,” the paper said.

In the supplementary references, the NAB said that Hussain Nawaz and Hassan Nawaz, in connivance with each other, assisted, abetted and aided Sharif in accumulating and managing assets, the paper reported.

## Do not test Israel, Netanyahu tells Iran, brandishing drone piece

**MUNICH, FEB 18 (AFP):** Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warned Tehran over aggressions by what he called Iran and its “proxies” in Syria, while showing what he claimed was a piece of an Iranian drone shot down in Israeli airspace.

Saying he had “a message to the tyrants of Tehran” during a speech at the Munich Security Conference, he warned: “Do not test Israel’s resolve.” He brandished a rectangular piece of dark green metal which he called “a piece of that Iranian drone, or whats left of it, after



we shot it down.” Israel has said it shot down the drone on February 10 after it entered the country from Syria, and responded with a raid on what it said was

the Iranian control systems for the craft in Syria.

During the strikes, one of Israel’s F-16 fighter jets was shot down, believed to be the first

loss of an Israeli plane in combat since 1982.

Israel’s response marked the first time it publicly acknowledged hitting Iranian targets in Syria since the 2011 start of the civil war there.

Calling Iran’s Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif the “smooth-talking mouth-piece of Iran’s regime,” Netanyahu said: “Mr Zarif, do you recognise this? You should, its yours.” Again referring to Zarif, who is expected to speak later in Munich, the Israeli leader said: “No doubt Mr Zarif will brazenly deny Iran’s involvement in Syria.”

“He lies with eloquence.”

## UK police probing online abuse of Indian-origin principal in hijab row

**LONDON, FEB 18 (PTI):** UK police are investigating the alleged online abuse of an Indian-origin school principal who was characterised as German dictator Adolf Hitler over her attempt to ban the hijab for very young pupils.

Neena Lall, the head-teacher of St Stephen s School in east London, has been in the eye of the storm over a decision to ban the hijab for girls under eight years, a decision she was forced to reverse last month amid backlash from the community.

A complaint has now been filed with local police in Newham, east London, about emails, Facebook posts and other social media messages received by both Lall and Arif Qawi, the former chairman of governors, The Sunday Times reported.

Local police confirmed that they were assessing a report of malicious communications following abusive e-mails having been received in connection with the case.

Qawi claimed that a campaign of messages, some abusive, over several days had forced the school to reverse its hijab ban. “I resigned because I did not agree with reversing the hijab ban and to protect the head-teacher. She was told that if I left, the campaign would

stop, he told the newspaper.

No head teacher or governing body should be subject to the sorts of abuse we have heard reported in these recent incidents, said UK education secretary Damian Hinds, the the latest high-profile figure to come out in defence of the school s right to set its own uniform policy.

Lord Theodore Agnew, Britain s minister for schools systems, faith and counter-extremism in education, had last week offered his backing to Lall over her decision.

St. Stephen s Primary School in east London has been at the centre of media attention after its ban on young pupils wearing the hijab and fasting during Ramadan. I have seen the vitriolic abuse on social media after this decision and read of the intimidation of staff, resulting in the resignation of the chairman of governors. I wanted to send out a clear message: bullying or intimidation of school staff is completely unacceptable, he said.

Earlier this month, the UK s independent schools watchdog the Office for Standards in Education, Children’s Services and Skills (Ofsted) had also came out in support of the school.

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## BTS Opens Up About Their “Hope” to Spread Mental Health Awareness: “Every Day Is Stressful for Our Generation”

**BTS** is using their global platform to shed light on the importance of mental health awareness.

The K-pop group is featuring on a Billboard magazine cover which includes a black and white group photo as well as seven individual covers for each member. Throughout their meteoric rise to the top, BTS has set themselves apart from other boy bands in the genre by addressing social issues in tracks like “Go Go,” “No More Dream” and “N.O.”

Speaking to fellow K-pop singer Kim Jong-Hyun’s December 2017 suicide, BTS wants their ever-growing fan base to know they empathize with debilitating pressures faced on a daily basis.

“I really want to say that



everyone in the world is lonely and everyone is sad,” Suga said, “and if we know that everyone is suffering and lonely, I hope we can create an environment where we can ask for help, and say things are hard when they’re hard, and say that we miss someone

when we miss them.”

RM added, “We went to give our condolences that morning. I couldn’t sleep at all that night. It was so shocking, because we had seen him so often at events. He was so successful.”

The world-famous singer

also said he hopes lawmakers enact a plan to relieve stress for younger generations.

As RM explained to Billboard, “Honestly, from our standpoint, every day is stressful for our generation. It’s hard to get a job, it’s harder to attend college now more than ever... Adults need to create policies that can facilitate that overall social change.”

“Right now, the privileged class, the upper class needs to change the way they think,” he continued.

BTS also discussed their support of LGBT rights, and their love for Macklemore and Ryan Lewis’ “Same Love” anthem. “It’s hard to find the right words,” RM shared. “To reverse the words: Saying ‘same love’ is saying ‘love is

the same.’ I just really liked that song.”

From Suga’s perspective, “There’s nothing wrong [with gay marriage.] Everything is equal.”

And when it comes to resolving conflict within the group, BTS understands the importance of open and honest communication.

Suga explained, “And if there’s a problem or someone has hurt feelings, we don’t just leave it, we talk about it then and there.” Jungkook chimed in, So if Hope and Jin fight, it’s not just the two of them that resolve it.”

“Everyone gathers together,” RM described. “It’s like an agora in ancient Greece: We gather and we ask: ‘What happened?’”



## Big Little Lies Season 2 Story Details Revealed

The whole Monterey gang is getting back together for Big Little Lies season two. E! News has confirmed Laura Dern, Shailene Woodley and Zoë Kravitz have officially signed on to reprise their roles in HBO’s Big Little Lies season two. They join previously announced returning stars and executive producers Reese Witherspoon and Nicole Kidman.

HBO previously announced Meryl Streep is joining the cast as Mary Louise Wright, the mother of Perry Wright (Alexander Skarsgård), Celeste’s deceased abusive ex-husband.

Season one ended with the five ladies united, but under the watchful eye of the investigating detective played by Merrin Dungey, following the accidental death of Perry.

When the second season was announced, HBO said the new season will “explore the malignancy of lies, the durability of friendships, the fragility of marriage and, of course, the vicious ferocity of sound parenting. Relationships will fray, loyalties will erode...the potential for emo-

tional and bodily injury shall loom.”

And now we have more information.

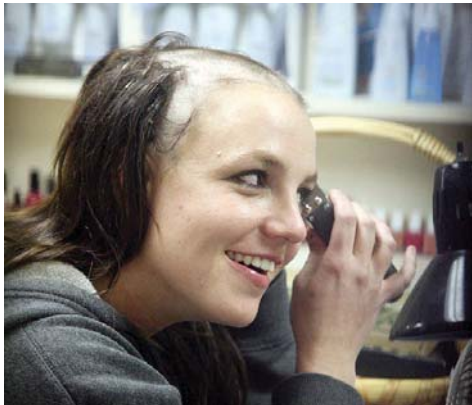
Witherspoon’s Madeline Martha Mackenzie confronts the truth of Perry’s death and must come to terms with her own marriage and traditional notions of marriage.

Kidman’s Celeste Wright is still reeling from Perry’s death, “adrift, but determined to fight for her family and find the woman she once was.” Fight whom? Her mother-in-law played by Streep? Streep’s character is concerned for her grandchildren and comes to town searching for answers.

Dern’s Renata Klein will face new challenges in her own marriage. Woodley’s Jane Chapman is still processing the death of her attacker, Perry, and continues rebuilding her life with son Ziggy. Kravitz’ Bonnie Carlson, who pushed Perry to his death, struggles with her actions and is forced to face the demons in her past. Viewers will also meet Bonnie’s parents.

No premiere date was given, but look for this in 2019.

## BRITNEY SPEARS HAS COME A LONG WAY 11 YEARS AFTER HEAD-SHAVING INCIDENT



Britney Spears appears to be a great place in her life, eleven years after her famous head-shaving incident, which marked part of her public meltdown.

The 36-year-old singer is on a break from performing after completing a four-year concert residency in Las Vegas, which made more than \$137.7 million. This summer, she will embark on a world tour.

Spears has been enjoying her time off with her sons, Sean Preston and Jayden James, and her boyfriend, Sam Asghari.

“I’ve been with this man for over a year... everyday he inspires me to be a bet-

ter person and that makes me feel like the luckiest girl in the world!” she wrote on Instagram earlier this month.

Spears has also been spending time recently watching the 2018 Winter Olympics—she penned a personal tweet to figure skater Adam Rippon on Friday.

The singer certainly seems to be in high spirits; she posted on her Instagram page on Friday a video of her performing freestyle ballet fouetté turns, or twirls, in her living room, marking one of many clips she has posted in recent years showing her dancing or otherwise having fun.

The year 2007 was a different story.



**KATE MOSS TURNS HEADS WITH FELLOW AGE-DEFYING SUPERMODEL NAOMI CAMPBELL:** They have conquered the catwalk as supermodels, become BFFs and now they work together as Contributing Editors at British Vogue. So it’s no surprise Kate Moss, 44, and Naomi Campbell, 47, joined forces at the star-studded Burberry fashion show for LFW, in London on Saturday. Fashion royalty Kate exuded elegance as she wrapped up for the cold in her faux fur jacket while her supermodel pal Naomi looked stunning in a snazzy sky blue suit. Meanwhile, Naomi, also famed for her fashionable legacy, flashed a glimpse of some serious skin thanks to the semi-sheer bodice of her overlay dress. The eye-catching garment, which hung from her supermodel frame, was embellished with colourful stitching in line with the fashion show’s patterns.

## SALMA HAYEK GOES BLONDE FOR PRE-BAFTA BASH

Salma Hayek is apparently testing the theory that blondes have more fun!

The night before the 2018 British Academy Film Awards, the movie star switched her signature chocolate locks by rocking a blunt blonde hairstyle to attend the BAFTA nominees party at Kensington Palace on Saturday night. For the A-list event, the stunner, who also wiggled out and went blonde for Paris Fashion Week in September, outfitted herself in a dress by Gucci.

Salma is one of a slew of celebs, including Margot

Robbie, Greta Gerwig, Kate Mara, Jamie Bell, Gemma Arterton and Karen Gillan, who have descended upon London for British film’s biggest night of the year.

It seemed like the 51-year-old was all about getting gussied up for the stylish event. Before the bash, the Beatriz at Dinner star, struck a glamorous pose on a regal-looking staircase and posted an Instagram photo to with the caption, “#bafta #weekend #london.”

Salma was last nominated for a BAFTA in 2003 for her now-controversial role in Friday.

**ARIES:** Nervous tension could cause a temporary malaise that keeps your energy low today.

Tasks and chores need to be done, Aries, so you will probably drag yourself up and try to finish them in spite of the way you feel. Try not to get overworked, and try not to take your weariness out on others. It’s better to let work go than make yourself and everyone else more stressed out.

**TAURUS:** A group with which you’re affiliated may be temporarily torn apart by politics and quarrels. If so, Taurus, it’s best to stay out of it. A friend could be having trouble and come to you for advice and help. Don’t get too frustrated by his or her weaknesses. This could be a frustrating day for

you - one best spent working on your own projects. All will be better tomorrow.

**GEMINI:** Changes in your home could cause temporary frustration that creates some tension with family members. Perhaps you’re moving, cleaning, or refurbishing, and everyone is getting in everyone else’s way. The best way to handle this situation is to try to get the job done as quickly as possible. Once it’s done, Gemini, tempers will subside and all will be fine.

**CANCER:** Miscommunication with someone far away could lead to bruised egos, heightened emotions, and angry phone calls. Don’t get sucked into a quarrel, Cancer. Try to sort out the problem. Changes in your neighbor-

hood could cause trouble getting around, so be prepared for blocked streets and heavy traffic. Walk, if you can. It will clear your head and get you where you’re going more quickly.

**LEO:** Your psychoanalytical talents could be put to work today when misunderstandings come up. Your friends aren’t likely to be thinking clearly and may not respond to reassurances, Leo. Use your intuition to determine the best way to defuse the situation. Finances might cause some worry now, but your ingenuity and fiscal sense should put things right. Go out and have a good time tonight.

**VIRGO:** A person you’re attracted to may seem to be interested in someone else. This

could bring up your insecurities and jealousy. Don’t make yourself crazy, Virgo. Try to learn the facts before letting the situation get the better of you. Invitations to more than one social event for the same night might force you to make an uncomfortable choice. Make the choice that’s best for you.

**LIBRA:** Someone is keeping secrets from you. We all have private issues we don’t wish to share, Libra, but this affects you. Your intuition will probably tell you who this person is. Try to get him or her to open up without exerting pressure. Unfinished tasks could be driving you crazy. You may try to run through them quickly, causing too much stress. Get the most crucial done and let

the others go.

**SCORPIO:** Perhaps you planned to attend a group event but circumstances beyond your control got in the way. Maybe it was canceled. This could cause some disappointment for you and others, Scorpio. Find something else to do. A project of your own is likely to need some attention, and this challenge could keep you engrossed for hours. Tonight, treat yourself to dinner out.

**SAGITTARIUS:** A visitor who needs a little sympathy could visit you today. Your friend probably wants some advice about some problems. He or she could also bring information involving new scientific or metaphysical studies that you find fascinating.

This information could trigger your own insights. Write down your ideas. You will want to remember them.

**CAPRICORN:** Some important plans, perhaps for a vacation or involving education in some way, could be temporarily blocked by circumstances beyond your control, Capricorn. This can cause considerable upset and might even set your temper on edge. You may be tempted to take your frustrations out on others. It would be far more productive to find ways to make your plans work, even if there’s a delay. Go to it.

**AQUARIUS:** A letter or phone call could bring upsetting news about money, Aquarius. Your first reaction may be to blame

yourself or someone else, but the circumstances are probably beyond anyone’s control. Chances are good that it can be set right. Before anyone gets too upset, it’s best to investigate and find out what needs to be done. It may take some effort, but all will be well.

**PISCES:** Jealousy could rear its ugly head today, Pisces. This may involve a romantic relationship. Jealousy is often groundless. If you want to avoid an upset, try a little communicating. This is definitely the time to make the effort to turn a disadvantage into an advantage. Strong emotions can work for you under some circumstances. A passionate reconciliation is better than an angry estrangement.