

Editorial

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Act as Act East is on

Indeed we are blessed with the country's new approach towards the South East Asia. Nobody including Tomba, Chaoba, Tombi etc. would like to miss this opportunity. The country's look East policy now 'Act East Policy' is sure to bring drastic changes to the fate of the erstwhile kingdom which had merged to the Indian Union in the year 1949. If one recalls the annals of the erstwhile kingdom, the merger with the Indian Union was more a scourge than blessing. It was in the aftermath of the merger that voices against the merger were put up from several quarters. Armed rebel group which was probably borne out of the issue has haunted the region for around 3 / 4 decades. Peace was considered as a distant dream for almost everyone in the region. But to be precise, the decades' long conflict between the Indian Union and the armed opposition group had finally brought the notice of the mainland leaders to think about the region. It was something like dream comes to reality when the country's leadership started thinking about the region during the late 90s. India's look east policy is perhaps a boon. This is the chance that the country's leadership could correct their past mistake. We said so, because, the country is considered to be the world largest democracy.

With the Act East Policy Manipur now has been at the center stage in view of its geographical location. Many delegations from neighbouring countries in the South East Asia including Thailand, Myanmar, and Japan etc. had started arriving in the state to take stock of the situation. Each delegation witnessed the potential of this state. However, the worrying thing is the conditions of the National High Ways and the law and order situation. It should be kept in mind that the two main National Highways that connects the state with the rest of the country is of immense importance not only for the state but for the country as well. As the state being a gateway, the road conditions and other infrastructures will be the first impression of the foreign Landers. The conditions of everything here will be the face of the country.

It is right time for all the mainland leaders to focus more for improving the conditions of the state. It is high time that the mainland leaders concentrate more on improving the two national high ways which connect the state with the rest of the country.

By: Caroline Myss

As we all know by now, the Earth has shifted once again. The slightest change from deep beneath the waters, a crack in the fabric of her lining, and islands quake while swelled waves rush across shorelines. We awake believing the world—our world—is stable, only to learn again and again that this Earth is as much a living, breathing, moving, active instrument of life as we are. It is the grandest life organism we shall ever encounter, this wondrous Being that sustains us each second of our lifetime.

After disastrous storms and hurricanes, I hear many people comment that, Mother Nature is angry, and that's why these events are happening. I'm not all that certain that Mother Nature functions from the same emotional system of anger-vengeance/love-reward that human beings do. I certainly hope not.

Given that Mother Nature was an active, live force long before we occupied this planet, I suspect that She is far more of a cosmic system of intelligence, transcendent of emotions such as anger or vengeance. Rather, if anything, I suspect that the way to understand Mother Nature is best found through the study of the Tao—the study of the laws of balance that essentially govern the activity of Nature. When Nature is out of

Is Mother Nature Angry?

balance, the system itself will initiate whatever action it must take in order to reestablish an environment capable of sustaining all life—not just human life, but all life.

Within the realm of Nature, all life is equal. Life is precious because it is life, not because it is human life or wealthy life or educated life or young life—but because it is life.

We are now living at a time when all cycles and systems of life are out of balance, including our system of perception itself. We do not perceive life clearly at all and thus, we as a society make choices that are based on endless illusions. And illusions lead to disasters.

There was a time not so long ago, when human beings walked more humbly on the Earth and under the Sun, the Moon, and the stars. Before the Age of Reason, a person walked into a forest filled with the awareness that the forest was as aware of him as he was of it. He shared the ground with the forest and all the creatures who lived there. They were not his for the taking, for the slaughtering, for dominating.

In times gone by, people lived in a type of consciousness in which even the slightest movement of the wind meant something—perhaps heaven was piercing the veil between dimensions, speaking in a soft breeze, moving a branch or a

leaf in order to communicate a message, or a warning, or signal its approval. The stars that filled the sky at night were not just pretty, shining objects, but proof of a celestial homeland, the blanket of the Divine covering humanity. Every living creature had purpose and meaning, a place in which it was given a natural dignity because it was created by a God no one doubted existed.

Is Mother Earth angry? Don't be silly. A cosmic force hardly gets angry. But a cosmic force is seeking balance, just as your individual body seeks balance when it has been struck with a toxin.

The Earth will continue to have an increase in earthquakes, tsunamis, floods, droughts, and whatever else is required to reestablish balance in Her environment. She is a living organism that is, in effect, rebooting Herself. Only the human community has the idea that we somehow live apart from the Earth, that the Earth does not respond to our breathing, to our thoughts, to our actions. It's incomprehensible, to be sure, to even hold such a perspective. But the Earth is that sensitive. Recycling, I assure you, is not enough.

Consider the Earth as a family member instead, as a Being that sees you as clearly as you see it. And you are on the Earth as much when you are standing in the midst

of New York City or London as you are in the middle of a forest. You are still on the Earth. Standing on concrete or in a building does not make it any less Earth except if you hold to the perception that what qualifies for the Earth is out of the city in green or desert nature. But that's an illusion. How can you ever be off or away from the Earth? It's precisely that perception—that Nature is in the country but not in the city—that maintains the illusion of separateness. You may prefer to be in the country but you are always on the Earth.

While earth shifts are essential for the Earth to survive, they can be tragic for us. They result in enormous loss of human life and we must all hold in prayer the souls and the families of the people who have experienced loss from these events. We learn from these tragedies once again that the life we awaken to each morning may well be completely different by the end of the day. We kid ourselves by telling ourselves that we are in charge of the length of our lifetime. We are not. We must treat each day as a gift as well as every person dear to us. We are truly learning an enormous cosmic truth: We are one. And we are meant to use that truth. Pray together, heal our fellow human beings together, and heal our beloved Earth together. Put your soul to work.

National and International News

U'khand President rule: SC to hear Centre's plea

ANI
New Delhi, April 27: The Supreme Court will on Wednesday hear the Centre's plea against Uttarakhand High Court's order which set aside the President's rule in the state. A division bench comprising Justices Dipak Mishra and Shiva Kirti Singh had stayed the order till

today. The Nainital High Court order had restored Harish Rawat-led Congress government in the state, but the state came under President's rule again after Supreme Court stayed the High Court order. The apex court had earlier clarified that it is keeping in abeyance the

judgment of the High Court till the next date of hearing, which is today, as a measure of balance for both the parties as the copy of the verdict was not made available to the parties. Appearing for the Centre, Attorney General Mukul Rohatgi had told the Supreme Court that while the Centre

was for a signed copy, Harish Rawat has already begun taking the decisions. Rohatgi had requested the apex court for a stay on the Nainital High Court verdict that struck down President's rule in Uttarakhand, and to direct the High Court to deliver a signed copy of the judgement.

Two teachers jailed for insulting Islam in Bangladesh

ANI
Dhaka, April 27: A Bangladesh court has jailed two teachers for making derogatory comments about Islam and the Prophet Muhammad. Magistrate Anwar Parvez said the case began after two students at Hijla High School in Bagerhat district complained that the assistant teacher of a science class

on Sunday dismissed the Quran as the word of Allah and said there was no heaven, reports abc news. The students, aged 17 to 18, along with others from a nearby, Islamic school became infuriated after the high school's head teacher backed up his colleague. Parvez said that the teachers lock themselves in a room until police

intervened as a mob including students, parents and villagers attacked them. "The situation went out of control... the mob wanted to take law in their hands," said Parvez. Following the rage, the magistrate of the quick-ruling court said the assistant teacher pleaded guilty of publicly insulting religion, and both

the teachers were sentenced to six months behind bars. The Muslim-majority country has been witnessing rise in the cases of attacks on atheist writers, religious minorities and activists who make use of their freedom of speech. In a recent incident, two men including the editor of a gay rights magazine were hacked to death.

SC dismisses plea against Bombay HC order on IPL matches

PTI
New Delhi, April 27: The Supreme Court today dismissed the plea Maharashtra and Mumbai Cricket Associations against the Bombay High Court order directing shifting of IPL matches outside the drought-hit state.

A bench headed by Chief Justice T S Thakur was initially inclined to allow the matches in Maharashtra with some strict conditions like the stadium authorities will not be permitted to use "even a drop of potable water" for their matches. However, the bench also comprising Justices R Banumathi and U U Lalit dismissed the petition

and said that let the matches be shifted out of the state. At the outset, senior advocate P Chidambaram and A M Singhvi, appearing for the state cricket boards, sought a stay on the Bombay High Court order, saying that they will not be using potable water for any cricketing activity in stadiums in Mumbai and Pune and rather use treated sewage water. The bench, during the hearing, sought response from the lawyers about the claim that 60 lakh litres of water would be required for maintenance of the grounds on the eve of IPL matches which were scheduled to be played in the state.

Chidambaram referred to certain letters and said that the stadiums would be needing 10,000 litres a day for six days and potable water will not be used. He refuted the claim that 60 lakh litres of water would be required and said that at best, 60,000 litres of treated water would be used for watering the grounds which would be brought in tankers. Considering the submissions, the bench said, "We will direct the civic bodies to disconnect the drinking water to the establishment and not a drop of potable water will be used. We will appoint a judicial officer who, with the help of police, will

ensure that drinking water is not used." The court later dismissed the plea after having noted it would be better to shift the matches out rather than to create a situation where all kinds of regulations would be needed. The dismissal of the petition would lead to relocation of five IPL matches which were to be played at homegrounds of IPL franchises—Mumbai Indians and Rising Pune Supergiants. The Bombay High Court had on April 13 ordered shifting of all IPL matches scheduled in Maharashtra after April 30 to another state in view of the severe drought in the state.

Indo-Pak foreign secretaries meet deadlocked on Kashmir, terror

New Delhi, April 27: In a 'give-no-quarter' meeting here on Tuesday, Indian and Pakistani foreign secretaries S Jaishankar and Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry respectively discussed all outstanding issues, with India seeking to keep the focus on terrorism and Pakistan underlining Kashmir as the core issue. Jaishankar told his Pakistani counterpart that Islamabad can't live in denial about the impact of terrorism, which is perpetrated against India by groups operating in Pakistan with impunity, on bilateral ties. However, the fate of the comprehensive bilateral dialogue (CBD), which was launched last year in December, remained uncertain. Top sources said that Pakistan proposed

that dates be announced soon for a visit to Islamabad by Jaishankar, preferably in mid-May. India stood its ground that there had to be early and visible progress in Pathankot investigations to ensure a stand-alone meeting between the two top diplomats. India, however, agreed to "remain in touch". Jaishankar also raised the issue of Tardak Mumbai attacks trial and Pakistan's support to JEM chief Masood Azhar in shielding him from a UN ban. The meeting witnessed some tough-talking between the two sides as Pakistan accused RAW of carrying out subversive activities in Balochistan and Karachi citing the arrest of alleged spy Kulbushan Jadav. Jaishankar rebutted the

allegations as he asked Chaudhry which spy agency would put their agent in field with their own passport and without a visa. Pakistan accused India of issuing a passport to Jadhav under a fake name. The Indian foreign secretary reiterated India's demand for immediate consular access to Jadhav and also, for the first time officially, told Pakistan that India believed Jadhav had been abducted from outside Pakistan before he was shown as "arrested" from Balochistan. India had said earlier that Jadhav might have been abducted from Iran. Indian officials described the talks as fair and constructive. Pakistan seemed to have come prepared with a plan to thrust the Kashmir issue into the limelight as it disclosed, almost an

hour before the meeting was over, that J&K was one of the main issues to have been discussed. The meeting which started around 11.10 am lasted 90 minutes. However, barely 30 minutes into the meeting, Pakistan high commission as well as MoFA in Islamabad announced that Chaudhry had taken up the Kashmir issue and told Jaishankar that it required a just resolution "in accordance with UNSC resolutions and wishes of the Kashmiri people". India's first reaction to the talks came much later, around 2pm, allowing Pakistan to dominate the initial discourse about what transpired in the meeting. Indian officials though made light of it saying Pakistan had come with a "set agenda".



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