

HOPE FOR BEST

As India and China are expected to meet on January 12 to hold 14th round of Corps Commander talks to resolve the logjam on the Line of Actual Control India should focus on coming out of this bottleneck straining the ties between the two countries as this is not in the interest of any of the country in the sub continent. Earlier, during thirteen rounds of talks between the two countries many issues regarding border conflicts have been resolved and both armies have amicably decided to maintain calm. The 14th round of India-China talk will held mainly to resolve the Hot Springs area which is the only new friction point left to be resolved between the two countries. The Indian side has adopted a very mature approach to resolve the difficult situation step by step and it is likely that the 14 round of talks will go a long way in further easing the tension between the two countries and will help in restoring normalcy on the LAC as was the case before Galwan Valley clash. There is no doubt that both India and China are looking at the resolution of the Hot Springs friction point which emerged after the Chinese aggression last year. The friction points on the banks of the Pangong Lake and Gogra heights have been resolved but Hot Springs remains to be addressed and India is hopeful that the dialogue this time will help in resolving the issue. On the same lines, India has also been demanding the resolution of the DBO area and CNN junction area which have been there before the April-May timeframe last year and are considered to be legacy issues. This is for the first time that India has been working towards establishing peace in the area but has also maintained a high level of preparedness to thwart any misadventure by the troops of Dragon nation. It is also promising that despite stand-off, India has been maintaining proper pressure on the Chinese side by raising edifice required to thwart Chinese designs to harm the country. India is anticipating peaceful resolution through talks but it is also ready for military conflicts as reports suggest that India can bring around two lakh troops along LAC in no time, if need arises. This kind of preparation is unprecedented and necessary for coming to terms with China which is also observing the proactive stance of the country thus paving way for early resolution of remaining issues between the warring nations.

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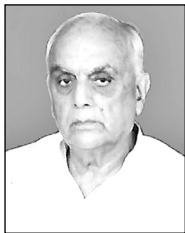
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The Gita, A Timeless Treasure for Mankind

Accolades to the Guru of this world, Krishna; the son of Vasudev, who is the slayer of Kansa and Chanura and who is the source of immense happiness to Devaki. The Bhagavad Gita is one of the most iconic texts. It is a highly revered song sung by God Himself. Almost every verse of the sacred text holds the key to personal transformation. The divine scripture works like an encyclopedia and a Guru for such seekers who understand that indeed this mind is a battlefield and they have to win over it. For its applicability, the incredible scripture has been translated into multiple languages. It acquaints people across the world with the rich Indian culture and history. It is a practical guide for all mankind from common men to intellectuals to the great saints and scientists. This makes it an amazing scripture of dialogues. The Gita Does Not Instigate any Battle Although the backdrop of the sacred text is a battlefield yet it was not meant to initiate a war. It was meant to raise the consciousness of ordinary human beings making it a text rich in symbolism. Mahabharat, as anyone may perceive, happens in everybody's life sometimes. Kauravas and Pandavas live in everybody's mind making it a battlefield. You have to fight this war with the help of your senses and the mind. You should control your senses and not let them control you otherwise your situation may be similar to that of Duryodhana- a misguided person who ruined his life under the influence of desire, greed, jealousy, and hatred. The Sacred Text works as a guidebook giving a logical overview of the battle of life. It shows diverse approaches to life's dilemmas and offers advice guiding all what to do and what not in a tough situation. Further, in most of the places, the text is not about deeper elements of philosophy or mysticism rather it's about how to live life practically in a

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Double transit effects of Saturn & Jupiter on various sun-signs



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The role of Jupiter and Saturn has been elaborately mentioned in the previous post of this topic. These two planets have a major role to play in shaping the destiny of a person after one's birth, depending upon the situation in which these two planets are located in one's horoscope. In the process of their contributions in shaping the destiny of a person after one takes birth, the Saturn bestows and Jupiter blesses the bestowed favors of Saturn. Bestowed favors of Saturn depend upon one's 'Karmik' actions of the past births, which are the deeds and the performances of a person during his/her past 'Janmas'. Similarly Saturn and Jupiter have a distinct role to play during their movement (Transit) in the sky above, over all the matters of functional importance of individuals and the country as a whole as per 'Mundane' astrology. In particular the joint double transit effect of these two planets for the 12 signs of the zodiac, which constitutes a horoscope, has a great relevance.

Jupiter is transiting in Aquarius from November 21, 2021 at 00:05 hrs until 13th April 2022. At this point of time of transit of Jupiter, Saturn is in Capricorn thus making 2/12 combination with Jupiter, which is not good as per astrological norms. This position will remain till April 13, 2022. Thus for nearly five months both Jupiter and Saturn will remain in this position and will jointly aspect Libra sign (Tula) Rashi, by its 9th and 10th aspects respectively in the zodiac. According to this double transit effect of Jupiter and Saturn on the house and the planet which may be placed in that house, will get impacted and activated, when the results there of will be proportionate to the significations (Karka-Tatwas) of that house in a horoscope. The double transit effects upon the country and the ruler of the country have already been explained in an earlier post about it. Double Transit (Gochara) effects of Saturn and Jupiter on the 12 Rashis occupying the Lagna (Ascendant) are briefly mentioned as under. These are generalised effects only as much more depends upon the basic quality of one's horoscope and the pattern of Dasha at a given point of time. It is further emphasized that astrology should be taken as an indication and not as a dictation. The 'Karmik' actions and the results there of further depend upon ones adherence to the path of righteousness which is ones 'Dharma'. Let us all follow our individual Dharma to ward off the evil effects of planetary positions.

Aries (Mesha): For this sign as the lagan (Ascendant), Libra (Tula) Rashi falls in the 7th house. 7th house in horoscope is mostly relevant to marital significations, but it is not limited to that only, and has much astrological relevance too, which needs a lot of space to describe here. Depending upon the other planetary combinations in respect of the 7th house, the youngsters should handle their marital affairs properly. This can be the time of their marriage if not married. This is the opportune time to have a spouse. Others who are married should make it a maritme for enjoying the married life. It is the time for getting professional gains, good partnership ventures, uplift in society, as also may mean long travels as well. For elders, this may be the time for them to get comforts from their progeny, long travels and remedial measures for the ailments of the lower abdomen if any.

Lakhanpur Pashudhan Vyapar Mela; an array of opportunities for farming community

The quest for getting best quality livestock has always been a dream for the farming community as the subsistence of their livelihood and its sustenance relies on agriculture and allied activities like dairying, poultry, and fodder to a great extent. Keeping this in view, the UT administration has come up with the novel idea of organising Livestock Trade Fair- 'Pashudhan Vyapar Mela' to provide One Stop Destination for sale and purchase of quality livestock that will strengthen J&K's dairy sector. The intent was to make available High Yielding Breeds of livestock at the door step of farmers and dispensing with the need for venturing outside the UT in search of quality breeds of animals. In a First of its kind event in J&K to provide a major fillip to Animal and Sheep Husbandry sector with additional source of income to farmers, the UT administration has devised a plan to provide single platform for all stakeholders besides exploiting full potential of J&K in milk, fodder and mutton production This will cut down imports substantially besides bridging the demand and supply gap in the poultry sector and generating employment by attracting new entrepreneurs as mentioned by LG during Vishal Pashudhan Vyapar Mela organized at Hiranagar, Kathua. In beginning, the event was organized on pilot basis at Nagri and Hiranagar in Kathua district which got an overwhelming response from the farming community besides the livestock owners from the neighbouring states of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and others. This move of the UT administration was aimed at showcasing the high quality breeds of cows, buffaloes, sheep, goats etc and related machinery of state of the art technology pertaining to Animal and Sheep Husbandry sectors. Besides, the provision of facilitating sale/purchase of animals, awareness generation of all government schemes for farmer welfare, health check up of animals, tagging and insurance of animals after sale and purchase are also taken up. Lakhanpur being the gateway to J&K fits well as the focal point for hosting of Mega Livestock Trade Fair as it is easily accessible, approachable for farmers across the UT who otherwise had to spend a lot of their valuable time and money in search of good quality livestock. The featured event which is now a monthly affair has become a cynosure of all eyes being the only event of this magnitude offering a great deal of opportunities to the farmers of Jammu and Kashmir. From being a regular affair, now the Pashudhan Vyapar Mela is going hammers and tongs across the region as it is not only confined to trade of livestock but will also facilitate doubling the income of farmers through adoption of best practices, genetic up-gradation of milch animals, latest technical interventions and proper management of high-quality breeds of milch animals. Not even a year has passed since inception of the event; the results from this initiative of the UT admin-

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Reading in a New World

Dear Editor, I would like to express my deep concern regarding subject 'Reading in a new world' through the medium of your esteemed daily newspaper for people of Jammu & Kashmir and some suggestions to Education Department in particular for making improvement in education system. During past two decades, there has been a considerable shift towards digitisation in all respects. The segment that has borne the biggest brunt is the publishing sector,

Taurus (Vrisha):- Libra (Tula) sign falls in the 6th house in this case. 6th house is not a good house in a birth chart, but is equally the house of struggle and competitions too. Depending upon the other planetary combinations in respect to the 6th house couples with the Dasha pattern, one may get success in professional or academic competitions, apart from other struggles for facing various odds to sustain. It may create digestion problems; involve one in litigations and rivalries and animosities. But the ultimate success will be there for such a person.

Gemini (Mithuna):- It will mean the 5th house of one's horoscope where Libra (Tula) sign will be placed. This house has particular relevance to education, progeny and religious pursuits. Depending upon the other planetary combinations in respect to the 5th house coupled with the Dasha pattern, students of all shades of higher education will achieve good success. There can be arrival of a new baby, or some prosperity of one's children. It will equally lead a person to Dharmic pursuits. Elders will develop more interests towards spiritual leanings. Elderly people should proper care of their heart and blood pressure.

Cancer (Karka):- It forms the 4th house of one's horoscope, where Libra (Tula) gets placed. Depending upon the other planetary combinations in respect to the 4th house coupled with the Dasha pattern, it will mean accrual of good domestic comforts, acquiring of a new residence, sale of real some estate property, acquiring a vehicle, if the 4th house is well placed. Mother's health will improve and more leanings will be there towards mother's welfare. For the students of lower higher secondary standards, the educational performances will be good.

Leo (Simha): In this case Libra sign (Tula) Rashi will fall in the 3rd house of a horoscope. 3rd house shows one's efforts and endeavor in life, apart from other significations. Depending upon the other planetary combinations in respect to 3rd house, coupled with the Dasha pattern, it will mean a lot of short travelling and journeys. Media persons can receive good recognition and name and fame. There can be some gains from one's profession through self efforts along with proper recognitions in the society. Younger co-born will be of good support and help, when they will also receive some kind of prosperity. The elders should take care about their respiratory systems. This is the house responsible for becoming a victim to the corona virus. One should take all measures about the prevention of corona attack.

Virgo (Kanya): It will mean the 2nd house of a horoscope, where Libra sign (Tula) will get placed. Depending upon the other planetary combinations in respect to the 2nd house, coupled with the Dasha pattern, its good significations will come to surface. It may mean additions to one's finances through some kind of financial gains. Eloquence in one's speech may get improved, when the overall prosperity of one's family can improve. In the event of bad placement of the 2nd house, there can be family disputes too. Additions in the family members can also be there with the marriages of one's siblings.

Libra (Tula):- It means the first house which is the lagan (Ascendant). Ascendant being the main pillar in a horoscope, as such double transit effect of Jupiter and the Saturn on it keeps a lot of astrological weight. Depending upon the condition of the Ascendant (Lagan) and the planetary dasha in operation, such a double transit effect should produce very good results in all affairs related to the all aspects of life and

its living. It can mean additions to finances, name and fame and social status of a person. Further more such results will further depend upon the condition of the lagan lord and the position of Moon in one's horoscope.

Scorpio (Vrischika):- In this case the Libra sign (Tula) will fall in the 12th house, which is known as the house of loss and deep hospitalization apart from other significations. Depending upon the condition of the 12th house and the planetary dasha in operation, it may mean extra expenditure, long journeys with fatigues, visits to hospitals for ailments, some kind of social humiliation, discredits in one's official works, linkages to litigations etc. On the other front it can mean charitable subscriptions as well. But by and large one has to remain cautious and subject oneself to the Dharmic hymns.

Sagittarius (Dhamu):- In such a situation the Libra (Tula) sign will fall in the 11th house, which is the house of gains in all respects. Depending upon the condition of the 11th house and the planetary Dasha in operation, one will have enough of unexpected gains, betterment in social status, uplifting in one's official status, good returns through partnerships in case of business opportunities. It may result in giving a lot of respects to one's parents and elders. The elder siblings will have chances of good prosperity.

Capricorn (Makara): It will mean that Libra (Tula) Rashi will fall in the 10th house of one's horoscope. Depending upon the condition of the 10th house and the planetary Dasha in operation, it will mean extraordinary boosts to one's professional standards. It is an acknowledged proxim of astrology that the double transit affects of Jupiter and Saturn boosts the professional status of a person. It can mean promotion and additions of responsibilities in one's official positions. Work culture will improve and relationships with one's coworkers will get a good boost. There can be an increase in one's property too.

Aquarius (Kumba): It will form the 9th house of the horoscope as Libra (Tula) Rashi will fall in the 9th house. Depending upon the condition of the 9th house and the planetary Dasha in operation, it can mean devoting more time to one's spiritual and Dharmic pursuits.

Going to religious pilgrimages is the right time on this occasion. Coming across the high dignitaries and religious heads can be an outcome in this situation. A person may be nominated as a head in any social or religious group. It is a favorable position for ones father.

Pisces (Meena): It will be the 8th house position for the Libra (Tula) Rashi, which by and large will not be so good. Depending upon the condition of the 8th house and the planetary Dasha in operation, it may mean secret and hidden ventures and occult leanings. 8th house being the house indicating incurable and undiagnosed diseases, one has to take extra ordinary care in such matters during this period.

But research scholars in the field of various scientific fields will receive a flip in their work and efforts. Students may undertake research work as their field of career. Inheritance of assets of sorts is also possible during this period.

One has to take care about the problems of health regarding urinary tracks and eye troubles. Elders will be careful about their prostrate problems.

(Note: The above significations are further dependent on placement of the Lord of the House (Bavesha) under discussion in the horoscope.)

istration are very much promising and encouraging as gauged by the prosperity it has brought into the lives of farmers benefited from the host of schemes like Integrated Dairy Development Scheme(IDDS), Integrated Poultry Development Programme (IPDP), Integrated Fodder Development Scheme (IFDS), Integrated Sheep Development Scheme(ISDS) besides provision of free vaccination against the FMDV disease minimizing the associated risks. Kathua alone has witnessed a whopping increase in establishment of IDDS units (each unit comprising 5 animals) from the last year tally of 78 units to 142 units (710 animals) so far in the current financial year with two months remaining. The breakup of IDDS beneficiaries in Kathua district includes 31 units from Nagri, 28 from Barnoti, 26 from Marheen, 20 from Kathua, 11 from Mahanpur, 6 from Basohli, 6 from Keerian Gandyal and 1 from Nagrota Gūjroo and 1 from Hiranagar blocks respectively. Likewise, farmers of other districts of J&K UT also availed opportunities of buying high quality breeds of cow, buffaloes, etc from these Pashudhan Melas which includes purchase of 106 animals by farmers of samba district, 690 from Jammu, 56 from Rajouri, 36 from Reasi, 39 from Udhampur, 43 from Ramban, 84 from Doda, 44 from Poonch, 54 from Srinagar, 47 from Baramulla, 21 from Ganderbal, 20 from Shopian, 70 from Kupwara, 5 from Kulgam, 15 from Budgam, 14 from Bandipora and 21 from Anantnag districts respectively.

Narrating his success story, Progressive farmer Kewal Krishan Khajuria of Block Nagri of Kathua district termed initiative of the administration as a path breaking step to bring effervescent and ebullient changes in the lives of farmers who are looking forward to explore avenues in the dairy sector. "With the technical know-how provided by the team of experts from District Animal Husbandry Office Kathua, I have successfully established a Dairy unit by purchasing 40 animals under IDDS running with name and style M/s Krishna Kamdhenu Dairy and providing over 3.5 quintals of milk daily to JKMPCL which was founded with help of Gujarat Dairy Cooperative Amul in 2004 to empower milk producers in Union Territory of J&K.

Another farmer Sayed Ali Chaudhary from Block Marheen who has established 8 units under IDDS expressed his happiness to get quality breeds of animals through Pashudhan Vyapar Mela which is providing handsome earning to him. While expressing his gratitude towards the administration, he said, "Pashudhan Vyapar Mela is transforming lives of people associated with farming/ agriculture to unprecedented scale". District Animal Husbandry Officer, Kathua, Dr Satvir Raina, who is District Nodal Officer to look after the featured Pashudhan Vyapar Mela said that the initiative has got huge response from everywhere as farmers of every nook and corner across J&K UT has availed benefits from this

especially those publishing books. Despite a global shift in reading habits from printed books and newspapers to digital, an exemption in taxes and duties on paper, which is imported into country, is very important. The obvious benefit is that it would make education more accessible in the country as tax exemptions would lead to production of cheaper books. The taxes had pushed cost of books beyond the reach of even middle-income folks. There is indeed a case to be made for reducing taxes on imported paper if it can lead to publishing of cheaper books and thus easier access to textbooks. But, question arises whether that still holds true for a generation that is far more in sync with consuming media and doing their studies digitally rather than older generations, who found greater value in published products. In such a scenario, one perhaps needs

platform. He disclosed that provision of Mobile Veterinary Clinic will be launched soon in the district which will offer doorstep delivery to the farmers in need. The DAHO also informed that village Mirpur Ram in Block Nagri is slated to become Maiden Milk Village from district Kathua for which over 125 units have been approved by the department. He further stated that in addition to providing trading of quality livestock, the platform is also extending helping hand by providing information and related literature of best farm practices and relevant machinery to enhance their outcomes. Deputy Commissioner, Kathua, Rahul Yadav, said the event also lays emphasis on educating farmers about the latest cattle breeds besides providing opportunities to get the best breed of livestock along with exposure to latest farm practices. He said such Melas play an important role in grooming livestock owners who can get ideas and expertise from outside breeders. He said the administration has established a dedicated counter to facilitate all the stakeholders involved in sale and purchase of livestock by providing necessary clearances at the venue expeditiously.

The Department of Animal Husbandry has taken a series of steps to empower farmers and livestock owners to adopt dairy farming which has huge market demand. The platform offers a wide range of opportunities to youth to come forward and start their units in dairy farming under Integrated Dairy Development Scheme (IDDS) which provides expertise and necessary machinery at subsidized rates. The decision of revamping several schemes by Agriculture and allied sectors coupled with the introduction of Pashudhan Vyapar Mela has witnessed considerable increase in milk production in recent times. The objective is to make Jammu & Kashmir self-sufficient in milk production which is presently importing over 25 per cent of the total consumption from the neighbouring states of Punjab and Haryana.

LG, while inaugurating the event at Hiranagar, cited a research paper on the changing agriculture and horticulture system of Jammu and Kashmir published in the USA's science journal 'Heliyon', which acknowledged the historic development taking place in the Agriculture sector in the UT.

The Lt Governor credited the determined efforts of officials of the administration and the farming community for this unprecedented development. With the vision of UT administration, the initiative of Pashudhan Vyapar Mela is benefitting farmers by fulfilling their aspirations, thus moving forward in the direction of their development and augmenting their incomes by manifold. This good governance initiative of the UT Administration highlights the tremendous potential that J&K holds for growth in the farming & allied sectors besides contributing to the gross happiness of the farming community.

to weigh costs and benefits of giving students books versus digital tools. The enforced adoption of digital classrooms and distance learning due to COVID-19 pandemic mean that more and more students are engaged with digital learning products when compared to books. However, the challenges faced in ensuring widespread adoption of digital technology and lower literacy overall mean that books will remain viable in the country for a good while longer. Hence, printed books will continue to play a critical role in providing cheaper education. Last but not least the Government certainly ought to at least consider suggestion, making sure that any eventual remission is ultimately passed on to public.

Mool Raj, Village Doda.