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# Go For Twelve

## LOCAL DESIGNER LAUNCHES READY-TO-WEAR LINE

**SK-03... burst into full throttle in an evening of bright lights, soft, scintillating music and ravishing local models clad in designs that were simple yet stylish... SARIKAH ATREYA reports**

September 6, Saturday, Little Italy - the rajdhani's select, fashion conscious crowd was part of history in making when "Twelve Designs" launched its exclusive ready-to-wear collection that promises to give our understanding of fashion and style a fresh perspective and also put Sikkim on the fashion map of the world. A first for Sikkim.

Twelve's first collection saw the formal entry of Jyotsna, an NIFT fashion design graduate, into the ever-expanding and intriguing world of fashion designing, along with friend and partners Jigme and Dorji, both accessory design graduates from NIFT. This trio [all still in

their twenties] make "Twelve Designs," Sikkim's first design consultancy firm, which expects to share its expertise in fashion, home accessories and handicrafts design and development.

The show, interestingly called **SK-03...** and choreographed by Karma G. Namgyal, consisted of a small but impressive prêt-à-porter [ready to wear] collection aimed to "suit every young woman's, everyday need."

Jyotsna has mostly used natural fabrics such as khadi and raw silk and limited the use of lycra and brocade in her garments. Using straight, classic cuts and lines that were not designed to hide and colours that didn't shout at the world, she has crafted garments which come in earthy shades of beige, brown, ivory, grey maroon and black. She has also consistently used a neutral palette, with splashes of yellow and blue thrown in.

The collection is great for wearing to college or office or for a formal night out and comprises of elegantly styled lightweight skirts, tops, capris, trousers and

kurtas and short jackets, emphasizing the silhouette. Jyotsna has interestingly avoided embroidery, traditional Indian needle-work that so totally dominate Indian designs nowadays.

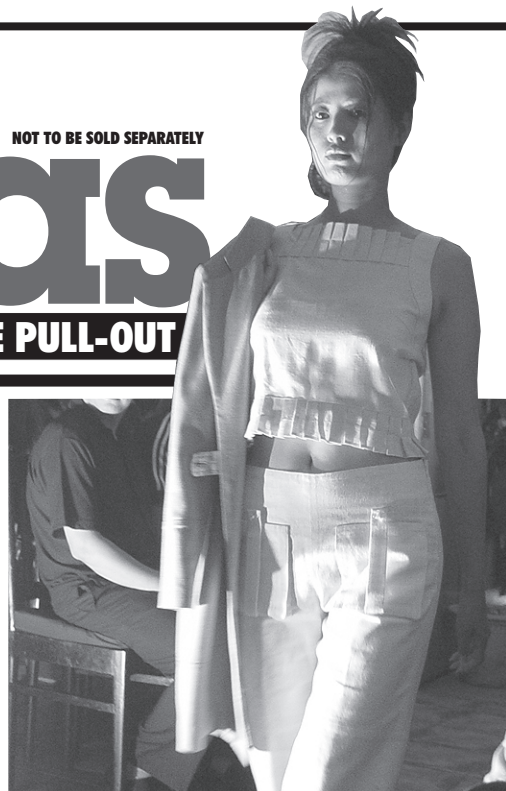
Elegant cuts but minimal or no embellishments and light and fluid fabrics. These were the aesthetics governing this very wearable collection.

"The choice of fabric and hues for this collection was deliberate. We wanted to use locally available raw materials. Also, we wanted to dispel the fallacy surrounding the use of khadi, which is not considered fashionable enough. But the fabric can be used to create beautiful garments," says Jyotsna.

Given the fact that Gangtok ladies are so used to buying relatively cheap Bangkok-made clothes that are rip-offs of latest worldwide fashion trends, how does Twelve intend to seduce and convert them?

"We will cater to the specific needs of an individual. Our designs are practical and need-based. They are for those who want to stand out," reasons Jigme.

Twelve intends to market its line through exclusive retailing from their own studio and some outlets here in Sikkim and also from fash-



THE THREE WHO MAKE "TWELVE": [above] Dorji, Jigme and Jyotsna pose with their models while another walks the Little Italy ramp [top]

ion boutiques like Ogaan and Santoshi in the Metros. Although they have not yet decided on the price-range, the collection will most probably be slotted on a slightly higher range - starting from Rs. 1,000 onwards, informs Jyotsna.

The young fashion designer will soon be working on her second collection, which should be out before the Losoong festival

and will be aimed at the middle-aged women.

"It will be sometime before the people of Sikkim get used to the concept of designer outfits. We are here to help that process and see that it happens. This is just the beginning," says Jigme.

Fashion in Sikkim appears on the verge of coming of age.

# FROM GANGTOK TO HANUMAN TOK

## RAJDHANI KIDS GET A DAY OUT, COURTESY CHINMAYA MISSION



### a NOW REPORT

The children had started arriving at the Chinmaya Mission Centre much ahead of time. All looked quite excited about the "Human to Hanuman" one-day camp organized by the Sikkim Chinmaya Mission on Sunday, 7 September, at Hanuman Tok. By 8.30 am, the two buses sporting colorful banners and carrying nearly a hundred children made their way to what would turn out to be an extremely fun-filled day.

At Hanuman Tok, the children were divided into groups according to their ages. The camp Acharya ["Swamiji"] was assisted by well trained Sevaks and Sevikas [teachers] who guided the children through the activity-packed camp-book provided to each child by the organisation.

The highlights of the camp were interesting sessions of story-telling and bhajans, quiz, riddles, paintings, drawing, indoor and outdoor games. Children were taught along with play so that learning became a game rather than a burden. They were also provided with lunch and refreshments.

The chief guest for the day's festivities was the GREF Chief Engineer, Suraj Prakash. Also seen enjoying the day-long trip were many parents, including Sikkim BSNL GM, MK Seth.

The children were back at 5.30 pm, tired and happy.

"They were so excited about the camp, they want us to organize more of these," said Acharya Kailas Chaitanya, Sikkim Chinmaya Mission. He announced four children's camp every year for each season. The last children's camp organized by the mission was on Lord Shiva, while the theme for this one was the life of Lord Hanuman.

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## BAZAAR BUZZ

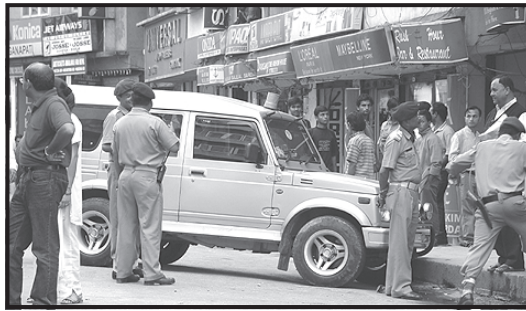
### OUR HEALTH VS. YOUR WEALTH!

You must be really Besharam not to respond to being called a liar by the leading newspaper in town. Although defending the indefensible is hardly been a problem with the cola giant, this time they really have no answers as to why *log inhe liar kehnte hai*. It is clear that Pepsi cares a hoot about the sentiments of the people of Sikkim. They have tried to fool us by implying that all Pepsi coming into Sikkim is made of pure mountain spring water from Bhutan. This is blatantly untrue as only the Pepsi in glass bottles comes from there. And, for God's sake how many of us drink cola from glass bottles anymore!

All the rest, as was made clear by investigations carried out by the NOW! team comes from West Bengal and other places, not home to too many fresh water mountain springs. The issue is of course not about pesticides but unethical business practice. Both the Health Department and the Consumer Forum need to take some action, surely. To add insult to injury, the multi-national has put up another banner at the hospital turning, with the same lies, this time in Nepali. To reach to an even wider audience? Our health is definitely not your concern, fellas.

### MORE EQUAL THAN OTHERS

While the rest of us have to promptly remove our vehicles from MG Marg, at the stroke of 5 pm, there are others who seemingly are exempt from the trouble of doing so. On Sunday evening a 'Rato Batti' vehicle was seen waiting nonchalantly at MG Marg outside a popular dive (pic above). God knows what confabulations were going on inside, but it was keeping the police quite busy searching for the driver. Never has the traffic po-



lice seemed so congenial about wrong parking. Finally, the driver emerged out of the building and after much bonhomie the vehicle moved out of the area. Kya kare, minister ka gaadi tha, even the traffic police know who to take on and who to let go. One thing you can be sure of, if the car had belonged to any ordinary person, the Big Red Machine would not have waited for a moment before towing it away.

### DRAW A LINE

School students experimenting with cigarettes or alcohol is hardly a new phenomenon, but the sight of students in uniform, smoking or drinking is something that can hardly please anyone. Many parents have written in, asking that something be done about the new pubs and eateries which have no qualms about allowing it to happen in their premises. Students are often seen doing both at a certain bakery cum restaurant in town. Although a signboard says students not to be served alcohol, the opposite seems to be true. Something else to keep the Gangtok police busy...

### NO ANSWERS

According to new rules, all payments for government work have to be routed through Pay & Accounts. As we mentioned last week, cheques have been seized from all other departments. From now, they can only pass the bills to P&A, who will make out the payment. The contractors and suppliers have been heard complaining that P&A has no system in place to support this

grandiose scheme, resulting in undue delays. Try and get a response about this from the department and no one wants to say anything. You keep getting shunted from one official to another, ad nauseum. With the festival season about to begin, and everyone in need of money, it's time the department got its act together or at least have some answers ready.

### CHINTAN KARO

At the inauguration of the Chintan Bhawan on Monday, the Chief Minister kept everyone intrigued by his reference to a certain "Englishman" in Sikkim, who has been predicting the CM's downfall in the next elections. Pointing out that the "Englishman" was part of his government, he added, "I can see him here". While no one could figure out who exactly he meant, many in the audience were seen squirming in their seats. Who could it be? How did he hear of it? etc. Obviously, they haven't heard of the popular saying, "ek kaan, do kaan, Mintokgang!!"

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**LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF FORM IS 30TH SEPT. 2003**

Sanjib Roy, Hony. Secretary

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WHAT THE CAPITAL'S BEEN UP TO

## Residents happy with quality of reconstruction, unsure of stability

### SYARI UPDATE

by ANAND OBEROI

"THIS TIME, WE WILL NOT ACCEPT temporary measures. Our lives are at stake," residents of the AG Colony at Syari had said when what they perceived as a faultily constructed retaining wall collapsed in front of their houses while they slept on 1 August, last month. Because the incident occurred in the wee hours of the morning [at around 3:45 am], no one was hurt in the collapse. Six vehicles, however, were leveled by the debris that the retaining wall dumped on the road below.

When NOW! revisited the site this Monday, there was a palpable sense of satisfaction among the residents with the quality of repair work. Construction of a new retaining wall was underway in full swing. About 34 laborers could be seen carting construction material up and down the rugged and still unstable rubble even the masons were out to prove their craftsmanship amidst the loud

noise of the mixing machines.

Chamju Bhutia, a resident of the colony who lost his front porch to the slide, admitted to as much. After taking about 3 to 4 days to clear the rubble, CPWD took prompt action and started the repairs. "This time, the work appears to be getting done properly," he told NOW!

Although the residents are still unsure about how safe their flats are, they have returned to their allotted accommodations. A light shower is, however, enough to keep them awake through the night.

"Last Saturday again there were about three slips in one night. We could hear the rocks tumbling down to the road. I could not even sleep a wink after that. Even when it is not raining, I worry constantly when my children go out to play. Who knows which part of the wall might give way or when a boulder may come crashing down on their heads? We have to be extra careful these days," shares Swati Mondal, a resident.

While the parents worry, the children fume. Bimal Chettri, a 13-year-old, complains

that while earlier he would play with his brothers and friends on the front porch, his parent's paranoia has forced him indoors. "On holidays we used to sit in the sun and have a wonderful time playing on our porch. Now we watch TV all day," he said.

While most residents here have blamed the poor quality of the old retaining wall for the collapse, PD Sherpa, another resident, believes it is the poor condition of the septic tanks at the colony which are to blame.

"Some of the septic tanks are leaking and this seepage loosened the earth and rocks causing the slide. I hope something is done regarding this problem otherwise after some years the same problem will resurface," he said.

Although the work is progressing to the satisfaction of the residents here, they wish it would complete even faster. "Until work is completed and new retaining wall high enough to support the entire load, we are still at risk," says T. Pradhan as he sends up a silent prayer that no untoward incident happens in the interim.



a NOW! pic Work in progress at Syari

## MORE, INSTANT-LOANS

### LOAN MELA AT RAJEEV ELECTRONICS

Want a new television set, washing machine or any other electronic item? The place to head for is Rajeev Electronics. A "Loan Mela" offers you the opportunity to buy now, pay later. But only if you are a government employee.

The three-day loan fest is on from September 11 to 13. Rajeev Electronics has tied up with the Central Bank of India, Gangtok branch, to offer Gangtokians the option of easy repayment schemes.

Speaking to NOW!, NR Devnath, Chief Manager, CBI said that the timing of the mela was perfect as the festive season is soon to begin and people could



take full advantage of this opportunity. The bank is giving out loans from a minimum of Rs. 20,000 to a maximum of Rs. 2 lakhs.

The credit camp seems to have got off to a great start with many people lining up for loans even before the mela starts officially.

So what are you waiting for?

## The Guessing Game

He was only five nuts off the mark and close enough to win a three and half pound chocolate cake – his prize for beating 100 other entries for the Baker's Café "Talk-of-the-Town" contest. 16-year-old, Kunchok Norbu Wangdi, class X student of TNA, might be a die-hard fan of Bryan Adams, but should have no problems polishing off the lavish cake with a little help from his friends. He can always burn off



the extra calories at the basketball court, which he says he frequents. The "Talk-of-the-Town" contest at Baker's Café sees the

management fill a jar with different beans each month and then invite free entries from customers to guess their number.

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## WE'VE GOT SOME JUICE

### NU-INTOWN

For all those still worried about pesticides in their colas and disturbed by misleading claims in the media, here comes some good news at last. A totally fresh new "Juice Corner" has recently opened shop to quench your thirst. No chemicals, no pesticides, no artificially added flavors. Just pure freshly squeezed seasonal juices.

Located just behind Life Line Medical Stores, MG Marg, the shop is already proving to be quite a hit with first time customers.

"This is a brand new concept for Gangtok, the response has been quite good and we're sure it will get even better once more people get to hear about it," say the people manning the shop.

The shop, which opened on 3 September, last Wednesday, serves a variety of juices, with prices ranging from Rs. 5 to Rs. 40. Orange, Mausambi and Pomegranate seem to be the most popular juices in the shop. And if you need something to chew on, the shop also stocks on bakery items from Baker's Café.

## Just when we thought it was over...



a NOW pic

It has been almost a month since we discontinued our Rubbish Awards. The mirror turned on the Gangtokians, the cause for cleaner streets was further helped by the Governor's visit to all spots featured in the column. Gubernatorial inspections can, however, perhaps only go that far. When civic sense is lacking, nothing can work as Syari proves beyond doubt in the pic displayed alongside. The situation further below is even worse. Litter collects around a board which exhorts people against dumping!

### SCHEME FOR AWARD TO YOUNG TALENTED ARTISTES

Applications are invited from the talented young artistes of Sikkim in the age-group of 18 to 30 years for the following disciplines of performing arts for selection of Awardees under the scheme for Awards to Young talented artistes introduced by Government of India through Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre, Kolkata.

- i. Classical Dance.
  - ii. Classical Music.
  - iii. Folk Dance.
  - iv. Folk Songs
- All items (Solo)

The selection procedure for the above scheme will be as follows.

1. Screening Test will be conducted at Song & Drama Unit, Department of Cultural Affairs, Government of Sikkim on following dates for respective discipline. (The venue will be intimated later on.)
  - a. 3rd Nov. 2003 - Classical Dance and Classical Music
  - b. 4th Nov. 2003 - Folk Music and Folk Dance.
2. No TA/DA will be given to the competitors appearing in the screening test at the State level.
3. The Department of Cultural Affairs, Government of Sikkim, will award prizes to best winners of each discipline and Certificates to all participants.
4. The Department of Cultural Affairs will sponsor two best-selected young artistes from each discipline to the Zonal Level Competition to be held in Kolkata in the month of February 2004.
5. After the final selection is over at Kolkata, Awards (Attractive Money prize along with medal or shield) will be given by the EZCC to the winners in each discipline in a Zonal Level festival to be organised by EZCC which will be followed by the performance of selected Award winners.

Interested applicants are requested to submit their applications to reach the office of Deputy Secretary (I) or the Sr. Culture Officer, Department of Cultural Affairs, Government of Sikkim on or before 20th Sept. 2003 positively. Application received after the due date shall not be entertained.

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(Lhendup Dorjee)  
Additional Secretary  
Deptt. of Cultural Affairs

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III. Post Diploma in Manufacturing Technology	-	10 Seats

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- ◆ Both the polytechnics are being established under the World Bank aided "Third Technician Education" Project.
- ◆ CCCT will be relocated to its permanent campus at Chisopani, South Sikkim as and when the infrastructure is ready.

### ELIGIBILITY :

- ❖ Passed Degree/ Diploma in related Engineering trades.
- ❖ Local candidates will be given preference.
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Prospectus and application form will be available at the following addresses and can also be downloaded from <http://www.skmpoly.org/logo/download> on payment of Rs.300/- by D.D. in favour of ATTC (E), payable at SBI, Singtam, East Sikkim.

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Gangtok, 737103, East Sikkim

### SCHEDULE :

- \* Issue of Prospectus and Application forms : 15th September 2003 onwards
- \* Last date for receipt of completed forms : 5th November 2003
- \* Common Entrance Test to be held in Gangtok : 9th November 2003
- \* Declaration of list of successful applicants : 24th November 2003
- \* Commencement of new session : 9th December 2003

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Pang-Lhabsol, which falls every year on the 15th day of the seventh month as per the lunar calendar is one of the most important religious festivals of Sikkim and is observed to mark the end of the harvest season when the people of Sikkim offer their produces to the guardian deities of Sikkim including

Mt. Khang-chen-dzo-nga as a mark of respect and gratitude and pray for peace and prosperity for the state.

On this day, the Warrior Dance or Pangtoed Cham, introduced by the illustrious fourth ruler of Sikkim, Chogyal Chagdor Namgyal, is also performed to commemorate the auspicious occasion.



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Yash and Pushkar of TNA pose with the trophies and their Environment Science teacher who accompanied them to Gwalior a NOW! pic

# When Winning Becomes a Habit

Tashi Namgyal Academy seem to be on a winning streak. Less than a month after students from the school came back with the second prize at the International Computer Olympiad, held at Lucknow, TNA has won another trophy at a national competition. TNA took the overall Championship Trophy at the IPSC English Declamation Contest, held

at Scindia School, Gwalior. 32 participants represented 16 schools in the competition. The abstract theme of "We do not see things as they are, we see things as we are" did not deter Padma Pushkar Pradhan and Yash Marda, speakers from TNA. They were adjudged the 3rd best and 5th best speakers, going on to win the overall championship tro-

phy for the school. The previous year, at the same championship Dipendra Hamal was adjudged the best speaker and prior to that TNA had won the 2nd prize in the Overall Championship. As the students prepare to leave for Rourkela, to take part in another Declamation Competition, they are hopeful of coming back with yet another prize.

Cultural programme underway at North Sikkim Academy, Mangan, to celebrate Teachers Day last Friday. The programme, which started at midday and lasted till 4 in the afternoon, saw a unique cultural programme put up jointly by the teachers and students of the school. This, the school authorities inform, was to maintain even better relations between the teachers and students.

## TEACHER-STUDENT COMBO FOR TEACHERS' DAY AT NSA



# Sweet Nothings

MESSAGES FROM THE HEART

Dear Saroj (Enchey XII - Hum)

You will be surprised after reading my message, but don't be surprised and shocked. It's me your old pal. I'm very much touched by you and with your heart too, so remain the same.  
from your friend, S.R.

For KARMA, without whom, the SK-03... show would not have been possible.  
"You've got the right moves"  
and thanks for everything  
from the 12 team

Dear Tina (manipal)  
Many Happy Returns  
of the Day! Have a wonderful  
year! With lots of  
love & kisses -  
Nim Tshering (SCS)

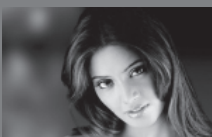
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LAST WEEK'S ANSWER:  
Kim Sharma  
WINNER: Harsh Keswant, Lal Mkt.



[Verse #1]  
Feeling Blue, Well im trying to forget the feeling that  
i miss you, Feeling Green,  
When the jelousy sweets and it wont go away and  
dreams, Feeling Yellow,  
Im confused inside a little hazy but mellow.

[Bridge]  
When i feel your eyes on me,  
Feeling fine, its sublime,  
When that smile of yours creeps into my mind.

[Chorus]  
Nobody told me it feels so good,  
Nobody said you would be so beautiful,  
Nobody warned me about your smile,  
Your the light, Your the light,  
When i close my eyes, Im colourblind.

[Verse #2]  
Feeling Red, When you spend all your time with  
your friends and not me instead,  
Feeling Black, When i think about all of the things  
that i feel i lack,  
Feeling Jaded, When its not gone right, all the  
colours are faded.

[Bridge] [Chorus]

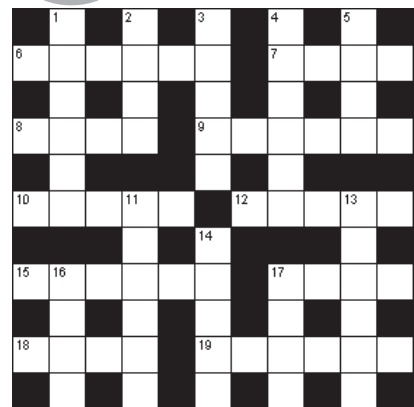
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### ACROSS

- Reduce to a lower grade
- Bedouin
- Toil
- Abilities
- Long hard seat
- Frozen dew
- False
- River sediment
- Restaurant
- Suds

### DOWN

- Take off
- People in general
- Use again
- Small sword
- Travel on water
- Bent
- Treated with salt
- Back portions of feet
- Ark builder
- Hardens

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS: ACROSS 1.PROSECUTE 8.ADDED 9.SNARL 10.SUPPER 12.FLUE 14.MORE 15.HATRED 17.LINGO 18.LOCAL 20.TRANSPORT DOWN 2.ROD 3.SYDNEY 4.COSY 5.TRAILER 6.FACSIMILE 7.ALLENDALE 11.PARTNER 13.GALLOP 16.SOON 19.CAR  
WINNER: NO CORRECT ENTRIES

**FACE of the WEEK**



**POOJA**, loves travelling and listening to music

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**ARIES:** You will have good luck and may travel more. Government influence will be encountered. You have to face winning over crises.

**TAURUS:** There will be more tension in family life. There will be disturbance from Government officials. There might be change of position. Expect a delay in getting things completed.

**GEMINI:** You may have more ideas of new business and getting commissions. There will be excellent growth in career but be careful with unknown people. You will be receiving appreciation and awards.

**CANCER:** There will be financial problems. You may face more arguments. You will have health problems and misunderstanding between you and your family members and no satisfaction in money matters. Unexpected events are possible in your job.

**LEO:** Expect no support from superiors. You will suffer from minor health problems and misunderstanding with all people. In total, you will have major worries this week.

**VIRGO:** There will be unexpected expenses and no confidence about your performance, so disappointments will be more. Cash flow will be negative. Careful with subordinates.

**LIBRA:** You will have more peace of mind and good luck in all. Popularity will be high. You will feel highly romantic. Finance situation will be good.

**SCORPIO:** Take of influences, you will have more support from all and entertainment will be good. There is chance of good co-operation from all.

**SAGITTARIUS:** It will be an excellent period and overall, there will be more appreciation and achievements. You will come across good news and awards from higher officials, so you will be happier during this whole week.

**CAPRICORN:** Wait for a unexpected luck. There is good business opportunity and also more commitment. You may not have peaceful sleep due to more responsibilities. Finances are very sound, but don't give money to others.

**AQUARIUS:** You will get more support from friends and also family tension will be more. Don't show emotional feelings to others. Advice from superiors will be good for your careers and preplanning is required for 100% success.

**SPICES:** There will be no co-operation at work and you will not get support from bosses. There might be lot of difficulties this week. Your health is also not good. Don't involve in partnership business.

**PRELUDE:** Three to four centuries ago Nepal was divided into several small princely states who often engaged in fierce battles with each other. Looting and arson immediately followed the battles in the defeated states. Once, Palpa was attacked by Bhadgaon (now Bhaktapur). It was winter, paddy was ripe and ready to be harvested, radish & saag covered the landscape. Farmers in Palpa buried all their paddy, radish and saag into huge pits and covered them with stones and mud before they fled in search of a safer place while the states were at war. The Palpalees were victorious and returned to their villages and uncovered the pits to see if anything was left of their foodstock. Surprise and festivities followed a brief spell of dismay as they discovered that their ripe paddy, radish and saag were no longer their green, ripe self. Instead, it had fermented in the pits to attain a peculiarly strong delicacy that they named *hakoowa* (fermented saag), *sinki* (radish) and *gundruk* (saag).

**PICKLED DELIGHT**

For those who like a dash of pickle to spice up their meal, a new and unique brand of bottled pickle is now available in Gangtok. Called "Sinki," the pickle is made by an age-old tradition of fermenting radish and 'rai saag' which then turn into 'sinki' and 'gundruk'. This pickle is especially popular in Nepal, from where it has originated.

According to the Ganesh Gurung, the proprietor of Himalayan Fermented Food Products [pvt.] Ltd., which manufactures the pickle, it is prepared and bottled at Damthang, South Sikkim, using scientific and hygienic means with a lot of care in selecting the

right ingredients. After the pickle is bottled, the bottles are pasteurised for around an hour at a temperature of 75 degree centigrade.

Sinki is said to be very rich in vitamin C, which, apart from other things, is said to be excellent for the skin.

Although Gurung is making and selling only "Sinki" at present, he plans to soon start experimenting with other vegetables to extend his market.

All those who have tried the pickle agree that 'Sinki' pickle tastes great and is here to stay. Go pick your bottle of 'Sinki.' At a cost of Rs. 40, its value-for-money indeed.

In Gangtok, the pickle is available at Prem Chand Sarda, Old Children's Park.

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**Toon's better anyday**

**What it's all about :** Interpol agent Eddie Yang (Jackie Chan) is on the trail of a kidnapped little boy who holds a medallion with unmeasurable power. Joining him are a bumbling British agent (Lee Evans) and a former flame (Claire Forlani).

**What's good:** The fighting direction by martial arts legend Sammo Hung is certainly the highlight. It's hard to find stuff that Jackie Chan hasn't done yet, and while the Medallion is by no means innovative, it is at least tolerable during these segments. Even if it does overdo the "Crouching Tiger"-style wire work.

**What's not so good:** The remainder of the film is an utter mess. Poorly edited, poorly directed and with voice dubbing that seems to come and go when it pleases, the technical shortcomings go beyond nagging and become distracting. The plot is



nonsensical, as supposedly when Chan gets the Medallion, he gains superhuman powers. But even before he recovers it, he's able to do super jumps and fight 20 guys at once, so there's really no point. The comedy is a misfire as well, due to the hammy style of British comedian Evans, who seems to think he's trapped in a cartoon. Speaking of cartoons, the whole movie is awfully similar to Chan's self-titled cartoon series, except with one major difference: the series is decent.

**The bottom line:** Don't wear this Medallion.

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