

Trump slams media as he celebrates 100 days in WH

WASHINGTON, APRIL 30 /- Celebrating the first 100 days of his administration, Donald Trump today attacked the media for misleading the people with "fake news" as he skipped the "very boring" annual White House Correspondents' Dinner to become the first president in over 30 years to skip the gala. "I could not possibly be more thrilled than to be more than 100 miles away from Washington's swamp, spending my evening with all of you with a much, much larger crowd and much, much better people. The media deserves a very big, fat, failing grade," Trump yesterday said sarcastically over the media's coverage of his achievements during his first 100 days in office.

He said a large group of Hollywood actors and Washington media are consoling each other in a hotel ballroom in the nation's capital right now, referring to the annual black-tie dinner at a luxurious hotel which was sold out to more than 2,600 guests, comprising who's who of nation's political players, and top journalists along with celebrities and diplomats. "They are gathered together for the White House Correspondents' Dinner without the President," 70-year-old Trump told his cheering supporters at a campaign-style rally at Harrisburg in Pennsylvania, a state which played a critical role in his electoral victory last November. He told supporters that he was keeping "one prom-

ise after another", dismissing criticism as "fake news" by "out of touch" journalists. "This is for the first time in decades that a serving US president decided against attending the annual event of journalists who cover him round-the-clock. None of the White House staff were present on the occasion in support of the President's decision. The last president to miss the White House Correspondents' Dinner was Ronald Reagan back in 1981, and that was because he was recovering from an assassination attempt. In his address, Trump said his rally to celebrate the completion of his first 100 days in office drew a much larger crowd and better people too. "They would love to be with us

right here tonight. They're trapped at the dinner, which will be very, very boring," Trump said, but indicated that he would be present at the Correspondents' Dinner next year. Next year's dinner might be "more exciting", he said. "But we have a good chance showing up here again next year." The last time Trump attended the dinner was in 2011, when he was a New York real estate mogul and reality-TV star who had just jumped into politics by getting involved in the "birther" movement, calling for President Barack Obama to release his birth certificate. Trump ended up being the butt of the jokes that night from comedian Seth Meyers and Obama himself. In his speech, Trump

slammed newspapers like The New York Times and The Washington Post. Tension between the President and news organisations has been a hallmark of his early administration. Several media organisations withdrew from the dinner in protest of Trump's treatment of the media before Trump decided he would not attend. Vanity Fair and Bloomberg, which usually co-host an exclusive, star-studded after-party, have cancelled that gala. More than 100 miles away from Harrisburg, journalists led by White House Correspondents' Association President Jeff Mason slammed the US President for attacking the media. "We cannot ignore the rhetoric that has been employed by the

president about who we are and what we do," Mason said. "Freedom of the press is a building block of our democracy. Undermining that by seeking to delegitimise journalists is dangerous to a healthy republic," he said to a standing ovation. Mason's speech was quickly followed by Indian-American stand-up comedian Hasan Minhaj. "The leader of our country is not here, and that's because he lives in Moscow," Minhaj said amidst laughter from the audience. "It's a very long flight, it's a Saturday. As for the other guy, I think he's in Pennsylvania because he can't take a joke," said the Indian-American, whose parents are from Aligarh in Uttar Pradesh. (PTI)



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ARIES
Today, you may get to share your ideas and opinions with like-minded people. Ganesha says you may finally have a heart-to-heart chat with your beloved, and express your deep commitment. You may even talk of your long cherished dreams.

TAURUS
You will feel the burden of financial responsibilities on your shoulders

CANCER
You know how to make money, and you are even better in putting it to good use. Today, you will have your one eye on the developments in the stock market, and the other on brochures of tourism companies. Yes, you may plan to spend some money on leisure, entertainment and getting closer to your family. What better investment than the one made on strengthening the family bond.

LEO
The travel bug inside you is itching to be let loose, but things are not so simple when it comes to finding new destinations, says Ganesha. With you, holidaying goes hand in hand with sleep. So, although you might be excited at the prospect of going to new places, this excitement will be somewhat curtailed thanks to postponements of travel plans. Well, such is life, so don't go about taking it to heart and getting all upset.

VIRGO
In tallikelihood, you will be eager to grab the monetary challenges that come your way, as they only enhance your desire for success. You will bring up new ideas and better methods of tackling the challenges on hand. Ganesha gives you an assurance that your present business views will do you a world of good.

LIBRA
Ganesha advises you not to take stress about small issues or matters. To avoid tension and to gain mental peace it is advised you perform yoga or meditation. There will be pressure upon you regarding certain matters at the work-front. You should take decisions regarding critical matters only after carefully weighing the pros and cons.

SCORPIO
You may be in a mood to build castles in the air today, says Ganesha. You may be caught up in a whirlpool of thoughts and nostalgia. However, you will soon realise that the time once gone, never comes back and so, you make up for the lost time by beginning the new chapter of your life from today itself.

SAGITTARIUS
Ala phoenix from the ashes, find yourself reborn as the perfect family person. You are bound to shower love and care on your betrothed. Children, too, will receive your share of love, and they will love it. Enjoy spending quality time with your loved one, says Ganesha.

CAPRICORN
Like you weren't already overworked, new responsibilities will keep you occupied throughout the day, says Ganesha. The excitement with which you work every day will weaken, and eventually die down by the end of the day. This is mainly because you will burn your energy and resources in helping others. But there is a good side to this too. Your social standing will improve dramatically because of your kind nature.

AQUARIUS
You are armed with good communication skills, and like always, it will come to your aide today, too. There is one problem though. You are not being favourable, you are advised not to start any new projects today. The benefits accrued by any project you take up today might not justify the risks associated with it. Businessmen need to be extra careful in all their dealings. Personal life should be peaceful with Ganesha's blessings.

KIDZ CORNER

PUZZLE SPOT

Compiled and illustrated by Al Bengel

CHEF JUMBLE

Can you unjumble these mixed-up words to find an unusual item on this restaurant's menu?

ANS: 1. SUNFLOWER, 2. SUNBEM, 3. SUNSCISSER, 4. SUNURN, 5. SUNFLOWER, 6. SUNSGREN.

ANS: 1. Another bird, 2. Black beak, 3. The changes, 4. Bin shadow, 5. Case lunch, 6. Vornishes, 7. Trunk, 8. Black clump of grass.

JOINT THE DOTS

KidSpot

by Dick Rogers

Sun Fun

A sunny day begins with the sun. So do these sun-filled words. Fill in the missing letters using the clues.

- Sun _____. Last day of the weekend.
- Sun _____. Ray of sunlight.
- Sun _____. Eye shades.
- Sun _____. Ouch! It hurts!
- Sun _____. Tall plant.
- Sun _____. Sunblock.

Minute Maze

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Insert the missing letters to complete ten words - five across the grid and five down.

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