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## 'No move afoot to evacuate border villages'

**VISHNU NEOPANEY**

**GANGTOK, 10 AUG:**

Indian and Chinese soldiers have been in an entrenched standoff at Doklam in Bhutan off the Sikkim border for close to two months now. With two armies standing eyeball to eyeball on a contested tract makes for a tense situation, the situation on ground no worse or better than what it was when the situation first set in. But that is not what media reports would have one believe with reheated updates

being presented as fresh developments.

A similar news-cycle played out over the past two days with national news platforms "reporting" that the army was evacuating civilians from the border village of Gnathang near Dokala, the pass from which the Doklam area is accessed.

Officials across the board - from civilian authorities to senior army officials posted here and in the know - have denied any such move.

The highly placed

army source categorically denied that army was evacuating villagers from Gnathang. Speaking to SummitTimes late this evening, the officer reiterated that the Army has not issued any such order.

The only "advice" the army had made to people residing in the border villages along this sector, he said, was to the village heads who were suggested to keep their valuables in safe custody.

DT Lepcha, the MLA in whose constituency the border villages of

East Sikkim fall, and is also a senior Minister of Sikkim Government, has also denied the news of evacuation of civilians from border villages.

Clearly, if civilians have to be evacuated, even though that does not necessarily happen even in actively hostile borders like the one with Pakistan in J&K, civilian authorities will have to be brought into confidence and their assistance sought.

When contacted, District Collector-East, Pra-

bhakar Verma, told SummitTimes that he has no such information about any plan to evacuate civilian from the border villages.

Ditto with Sikkim Police which has a check-post at Sherathang near the border.

While it is true that there is increased troop movement in the area, that is to be expected for a sector which has been engaged in a tiring stand-off with no developments either way for nearly two months now.

Meanwhile, Army sources also inform that increased troop movement is also routine for this time of the year when the forces carry out elaborate annual exercises of its artillery and other divisions at firing ranges in East and North Sikkim.

While this exercise usually takes place in September after the monsoons, preparations begin in advance and this exercise has also been brought forward by a few weeks this year.



## Golay surrenders before Sessions Judge

**SUMMIT REPORT**

**GANGTOK, 10 AUG:**

The Sikkim Krantikari Morcha president, PS Tamang [Golay], today surrendered before the Sessions Judge, Special Division II at Gangtok. The SKM leader, who was out of station since the High Court upheld his conviction by the trial court in a corruption case on 28 June, returned to the State today.

SKM party workers accompanied Mr Tamang from Rangpo till he was taken on judicial custody to the State Prison at Rongyek here.

Before surrendering to the Sessions Judge, Mr Tamang addressed party supporters and lambasted the State government on corruption through selective targeting and its refusal to allow CBI into the state to carry out wider investigation.

His supporters also raised slogans demand-

ing that CBI be allowed to investigate corruption cases in the state.

While surrendering to the court, Mr Tamang said that he will respect the verdict of the court and serve the jail term as pronounced by the court. He also appointed senior MLA Kunga Nima as his deputy to discharge the party functions in his absence.

On 28 June, the High Court of Sikkim had upheld the conviction of Mr Tamang for misappropriation under Prevention of Corruption Act when he was Minister for Animal Husbandry, Livestock and Fisheries in 1996-97. The conviction was pronounced by the designated PC Act Court on 28 Dec last year. He was accused of misappropriating funds to the tune of Rs. 9.50 lakh in milch cow distribution schemes of the state government and sentenced

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## Major fire breaks out in Lall Bazaar building

**SUMMIT REPORT**

**GANGTOK, 10 AUG:**

A major fire broke out in a residential building here at Lall Bazaar in the intervening night of 09-10 Aug at around 1:40 a.m. However, the fire was brought under control and extinguished before it spread to other buildings.

The fire broke out on the top floor of a four-storied residential building at Lall Bazaar.

A crew of Gangtok Fire Station along with a fire tender immediately rushed to the spot after getting the fire call.

Subsequently, two more fire tenders also rushed to the spot as the top floor was already completely engulfed in fire. It is informed that the top floor had wooden planks and other combustible materials.

Around 15 fire personnel of Gangtok Fire Station crew led by Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Prakash Rai immediately started the fire fight-

ing. Fire personnel had a tough time controlling the fire as access to the building was cramped since it is surrounded by other buildings with narrow passages and the area is congested.

Gangtok Fire Station Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Mr Rai informed that it took around one hour for them to control the fire in the confined area and the fire was completely extinguished in around two and a half hours.

He mentioned that the narrow passages made it difficult for them to reach the top floor. Electrical short circuit is believed to be the reason for the fire.

"It was really a major fire and could have been disastrous but timely information and prompt action helped to control it before it spread to the adjoining buildings," Mr Rai said. He also thanked local residents and patrolling police personnel for their cooperation in

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## Gangtok footballer Palzor Lepcha joins ONGC Mumbai

**SUMMIT REPORT**

**GANGTOK, 10 AUG:**

Palzor Lepcha, a promising footballer from Sikkim, has joined ONGC Mumbai for this one football season. He hails from Lower Shyari, Gangtok and was with SAIL football academy since 2015.

He is currently in Goa doing pre-season with the squad members of ONGC Mumbai.

Palzor Lepcha, 18 years, plays as a right back or right winger.

"It is the first professional club of my life. I am very happy and excited about it. I will be working hard to be successful with this club," said Palzor.

He was spotted by ONGC Mumbai while playing a tournament in Bihar for SAIL football academy and was selected by the professional club.

"We will be training in Goa till 18 Aug and then head for Mumbai to

play the new football season," he said.

Palzor Lepcha was with State Sports Academy, Gangtok for a year before being selected by SAIL football academy.

Before this, Palzor trained under Boys Club Gangtok and Pendram Football Academy. He has thanked all the coaches of his previous academies.

## GJM party office set ablaze on 57th day of strike

**DARJEELING (WB), AUG 10 (PTI):**

A GJM party office was set ablaze by unidentified masked men today in Chowkbazar area of the Darjeeling hills as the indefinite shutdown in the hills entered its 57th day.

No casualties were reported since the office was locked.

This was the first time during the shutdown that a GJM party office has been attacked in the hills.

The GJM leadership accused the police and the district administration of attacking their party office. The police denied the allegation.

The incident happened early morning when as yet unidentified men threw petrol bombs at the party office. The entire office was gutted.

"Police personnel in plain clothes wearing masks attacked our party office and set it on fire. We condemn such cowardly attack on our democratic movement,"

GJM leader Binay Tamang alleged.

However, the police dismissed the allegations as baseless.

"These are baseless allegations. This incident is a fallout of the inner party struggle that is going on in the GJM. We have reports that a section of GJM is not happy with the party's decision to continue with the shutdown," a senior police official said, when contacted.

Similar allegations were also leveled by former GTA councilor Mahendra Pradhan today who alleged that police personnel in civies barged into his home in Sonada last night, vandalized his home and threatened his aged parents. Mr Pradhan was not at home at the time.

Meanwhile, the police and security personnel have made special security arrangements in the hills and are keeping a tight vigil to avoid any untoward incident.

The GJM took out rallies in various parts of the hills demanding restoration of Internet services, which remained banned in the hills since June 18, and an immediate withdrawal of police from Darjeeling.

Besides the GJM, various other hill parties and others marched on the streets of Darjeeling with black flags and placards demanding a separate state of Gorkhaland.

Some political party activists dressed in traditional Nepali attire also took out rallies and raised slogans in support of Gorkhaland this morning.

With the food supply severely hit due to the shutdown, GJM activists and NGOs were seen distributing food among local people. Barring medicine shops, all other shops, business establishments, schools and colleges remained closed.

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## Man accused of sexually assaulting minor

GANGTOK, 10 AUG:

A man from Tarku, East Sikkim has been accused of sexually abusing a 12-year-old minor girl. The victim is reportedly an orphan staying with her aunt at Tarku. The sexual assault case was registered at Temi Police Station by the Co-coordinator of Child-Line center located in Namchi. The victim was reportedly sexually abused multiple times by the accused. Child-Line center in Namchi was then directed by the Child Care Center in Kolkata to rescue the victim from her aunt's home. The accused on the other hand has reportedly fled from the area. Efforts are being made to trace the accused. The victim is currently in the custody of Child-Line center in Namchi. A case under Protection of Children from Sexual Offenses Act, 2012 has been registered against the accused at the police station.

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the fire fighting. It is informed that adjoining buildings did not suffer any damage.

The DCFO has appealed to the people to take safety measures by keeping the passage clear and wide and not to store unnecessary combustible materials which could lead to untoward incidents.



## Governor calls on President Kovind

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 10 AUG:

Governor Shrinivas Patil today called on the newly elected President of India, Ram Nath Kovind at Rashtrapati Bhavan and extended greetings and

best wishes on assuming the office as the 14th President of Republic of India.

During a brief exchange of pleasantries, the Governor invited the President to visit Sikkim at the time convenient

to the President, a press communiqué from Raj Bhavan informs.

Similarly, in the evening of 09 Aug Mr Patil also called on the former President of India, Pranab Mukherjee at his

official residence at 10 Rajaji Road, New Delhi and had discussions on various issues including his health. Mr Patil also invited Mr Mukherjee to come and visit Sikkim in the future.

## ITBP Inspector General visits Chungthang camp

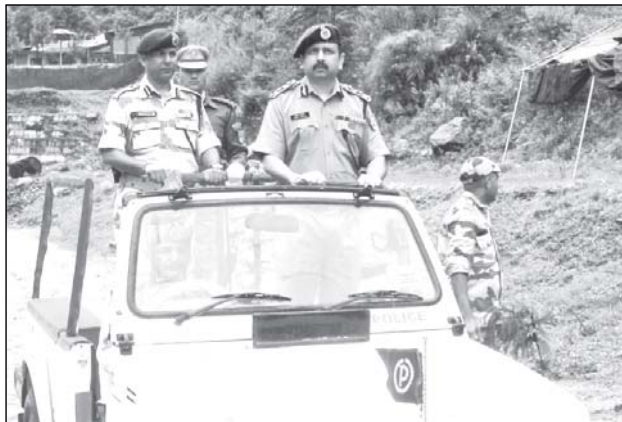
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GANGTOK, 10 AUG:

Inspector General [East-Iern] Frontier of Indo Tibetan Border Police, Punit Rastogi, visited the 11th battalion ITBP camp at Chungthang, Pengong in North Sikkim today, a press release informs.

On his arrival, IG Rastogi was presented with guard of honor and Commandant Rajesh Kumar Tomar expressed gratitude to the IG for visiting the camp.

In order to check the physical efficiency of the troops, a Battle Proficiency Efficiency Test [BPET] was conducted which concluded with IG Rastogi announcing



suitable reward for the participants.

Inspector General Rastogi along with Com-

mandant Tomar checked the other unit activities and visited the camp area. During their camp

visit, they interacted with unit personnel and wished a bright future to all the unit members.

## LS passes bill approving merger of associate banks with SBI

NEW DELHI, AUG 10

(PTI): The government today said the merger of the five associate banks with the SBI will lead to increased capital base and availability of loan, as the Lok Sabha passed the bill approving the amalgamation.

The Lok Sabha passed the bill to repeal the SBI (Subsidiary Banks) Act 1959, State Bank of Hyderabad Act 1956 and to further amend the State Bank of India Act, 1955, following the merger of five associates with the

parent SBI.

Minister of State for Finance Santosh Gangwar said that with this merger, the SBI has come in the list of top 50 banks globally and is ranked at the 45th position.

"The merger will bring about increased capital base and increased ability to give loans. Also, small banks will get access to products like mutual funds," he said.

During the last two years, 29 crore bank accounts were opened, of

which 25 per cent were zero balance accounts, he said, adding that farm loans increased from Rs 3.5 lakh crore in 2009-10 to Rs 10.65 lakh crore in 2016-17.

"We want every person to have access to banking services ...No bank branches will be closed down, rather wherever required, we will open branches," Gangwar said.

He said the merger will help increase SBI's scope of operation and will pose a challenge to

private banks as it will work as per the requirements of the people. "The merger has been planned keeping in mind the benefit of people and going forward its benefits will be seen," he added.

According to the statement of object and reasons of the State Banks (Repeal and Amendment) Bill 2017, after the acquisition of the subsidiary banks by SBI, the subsidiary banks have ceased to exist and, therefore, it is necessary to repeal the State Bank

of India (Subsidiary Banks) Act, 1959 and the State Bank of Hyderabad Act, 1956.

Five associates and the Bharatiya Mahila Bank became part of State Bank of India (SBI) beginning April 1, catapulting the country's largest lender to among the top 50 banks in the world. The five associates that were merged are State Bank of Bikaner and Jaipur (SBBJ), State Bank of Hyderabad (SBH), State Bank

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## Around 80 members of opposition parties join SDF in Daramdin



SUMMIT REPORT

DARAMDIN, 10 AUG:

Around 80 workers of opposition parties including those of Sikkim Krantikari Morcha party officially joined Sikkim Democratic Front party in Daramdin today in the presence of Area MLA, D.N Sherpa.

"They have joined SDF seeing the work and policies of the party led by the party president and the Chief Minister Pawan Chamling," Mr Sherpa said while addressing a meeting held at SDF

party office in Sombarey

Mr Sherpa urged the new members of the party to work for the development of the constituency by conveying positive suggestions and engaging in smooth co-ordination with fellow party workers.

"Inclusiveness and togetherness has been the greatest strength of Sikkim," Mr Sherpa added.

Mr Sherpa was joined by constituency level party workers and the party supporters of Daramdin.

## At least 56 dead as smugglers throw 300 African migrants into Yemen sea

DUBAI, AUG 10 (AFP):

At least 56 people have drowned over the past 24 hours, and dozens remain missing, after human traffickers forced 300 African migrants off two Yemen-bound boats and into the sea.

Survivors -- all Ethiopian and Somali migrants -- managed to make their way to Shabwa, a southern province along Yemen's Arabian Sea coastline, the International Organization for Migration said.

The war in Yemen has left over 8,300 people dead and displaced millions since 2015, but the impoverished country continues to draw migrants from the Horn of Africa seeking work in prosperous Gulf countries further north.

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to one year in prison. Mr Tamang was Animal Husbandry Minister during the SDF's first term in office from 1994 to 1999 and the co-accused, also convicted, in the case, Til Bahadur Gurung was Managing Director of Sikkim Milk Union at the time.

Mr Tamang is also the first person to be disqualified from the Sikkim Legislative Assembly after being convicted in a corruption case. Elected from Upper Burtuk constituency for the second time in a row in 2014, he was disqualified from SLA membership in Jan earlier this year.

Sikkim Vigilance Directorate had registered a case against the MLA after the High Court of Sikkim had issued directions to investigate into the alleged misappropriation of government funds in the distribution of milch cows to below poverty line families.

The High Court order

had come after the then Sikkim Sangram Parishad leader Nar Bahadur Bhandari and Nuk Tshering Bhutia, alias Melli Sonam, had filed a Public Interest Litigation in the year 2003 and upon hearing the case, the High Court directed the Vigilance Directorate to register a case.

In 2010, Vigilance Police filed the chargesheet against Mr Tamang and seven others, however, two were discharged while framing the charges, and three were acquitted by the designated PC Act court.

It may be mentioned here that as per Section 8 of the RP Act a person convicted of any offence and sentenced to imprisonment for varying terms under Sections 8 (1) (2) and (3) stands disqualified from the date of conviction and shall continue to be disqualified for a further period of six years during which he cannot contest elections.



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**Sunset:** 06:17 PM



**Big Bazaar announces  
05 days  
Mahabachat  
from 12-  
16 Aug**

**SUMMIT REPORT  
GANGTOK, 10 AUG:**  
Big Bazaar is set to celebrate Independence Day with India's biggest shopping extravaganza, '05 Days Mahabachat' in Big Bazaar stores across India, a press release informs.

The 'shopping extravaganza' will kick off from 12 Aug and will continue till 16 Aug.

"Buyers can choose and grab great products from the widest range of categories at great prices. Big Bazaar stores will open at 9 a.m. during 5 days of Mahabachat, offering customers amazing deals and discounts on a wide range of categories. From electronics to household items, food & grocery items to fashion apparel, kitchenware to home décor, Big Bazaar's 05 Days Mahabachat will help customers to reap maximum saving with unbelievable offers and discounts," reads the release.

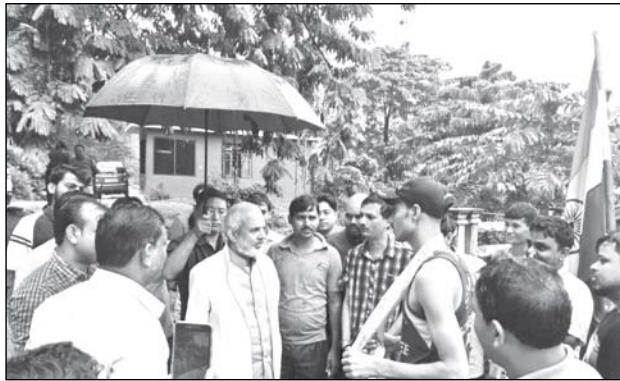
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## Marathoner Abhisek Prasad reaches Sirwani

**SUMMIT REPORT  
GANGTOK, 10 AUG:**

Continuing his run to spread awareness on drug abuse and suicides in Sikkim, marathoner Abhisek Prasad of Singtam reached Sirwani in East Sikkim this morning where he was given a grand welcome by president of Sikkim Bihari Jagran Manch [Singtam branch], Dilip Prasad, area MLA, Sonath Poudyal and Councilor, Naresh Prasad. Also present were Managing Director-KANSS, Sujit Prasad and the local gentries of Adarsh Gaon, Singtam.

Mr Prasad then left for his journey ahead



and reached Ravangla in the evening where he was received by the business community and the general public of Ravangla. He will con-

tinue his run and move towards Gyalshing in the morning of 11 Aug, it is informed.

It may be mentioned here, Mr Prasad is be-

ing sponsored by Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, KANSS and Sikkim Bihari Jagran Manch [SBJM] and supported by Dr VK Prasad.

## SC declines Sahara's plea to put Aamby Valley auction on hold

**NEW DELHI, AUG 10 (PTI):** In a jolt to Sahara chief Subrata Roy, the Supreme Court today rejected his plea to put on hold the auction process of the group's Aamby Valley property in Pune district of Maharashtra valued at Rs 34,000 crore.

The apex court told Roy that his proposal of paying Rs 1,500 crore, if the auction process was halted or postponed, was unbelievable.

"Your proposal is making us to make a statement that it is willing suspension of belief," a bench, headed by Justice Dipak Misra, said.

It said the auction process will go on according to the schedule and if Rs 1,500 crore is paid by the contemnor (Roy) into the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)-Sahara refund account by September 7, then it may pass an appropriate order.

"We are not inclined to entertain the prayer of the contemnor. The prayer is hereby rejected. If any agreement is reached by the group to raise money, then appropriate orders will be passed," a bench also comprising Justices Ranjan Gogoi and A K Sikri said.

During the hearing, senior advocate Kapil Sibal said that the auction process of Aamby Valley which would start with the publication of

a notice on August 14, should be postponed at least till September 16 to enable Roy arrange the money.

He said that hotels in New York have been sold and soon money would be coming into the Sahara account after which Rs 1,500 crore would be deposited into the SEBI-SAHARA refund account by September 7, as had been directed by the court.

"Our request is that the auction process for Aamby Valley, which will be initiated by way of publication of a notice should be postponed till September 16, as the value of property will fall drastically once it is put on sale in public domain," Sibal said.

He said that Sahara has been on verge of entering an agreement with a Mauritius-based company to raise money, but for that purpose, the auction process has to be postponed for the time being.

"We are negotiating a deal of subscription agreement whereby an investor will invest 1.67 billion dollars in Aamby Valley out of which around Rs 5000 crore will be given to the SEBI-Sahara refund account," he said.

Senior advocate Arvind Datar, representing the SEBI, opposed the proposal of the Sahara chief saying that every time a process starts, the group came up with

some objection in order to delay the process.

He said that it was a global auction and interested parties from across the world would participate and Rs 4.4 crore had already been spent in initiating the process.

"It will not be appropriate, if the auction process is stalled," he said and added that according to SEBI's research, the said Mauritius-based company, named by Sahara, did not exist.

To this, the bench said it was not going to pass any order and the auction process would not be stalled or postponed.

It said the group could pursue the negotiation with the investor and the court would pass an order at the appropriate time.

Roy had yesterday moved the apex court seeking to put a hold on the auction process to sell the group's property by the official liquidator of the Bombay High Court.

The apex court had on July 25 asked the embattled Sahara chief to deposit Rs 1,500 crore in the SEBI-Sahara account by September 7 and said that it might then deliberate upon his plea seeking 18 months more time for making complete repayment.

The court had simultaneously approved the draft sale notice and terms to dispose of the

property prepared by the official liquidator of the Bombay High Court.

"The official liquidator shall publish the sale notice as given by him and the notice shall be published on August 14.

The steps which are required to be taken for the publication of the sale notice, are allowed," the court had said.

The Sahara Group had earlier sought 18 months' time to repay around Rs 9,000 crore balance amount of the principal amount of Rs 24,000 crore.

Sibal, however, had said that according to the group, the remaining amount was around Rs 8,000 crore and it had made all efforts to deposit the money.

Roy, who has spent almost two years in jail, has been on parole since May 6 last year. The parole was granted the first time to enable him attend the funeral of his mother. It has been extended since then.

Besides Roy, two other directors -- Ravi Shankar Dubey and Ashok Roy Choudhary -- were arrested for failure of the group's two companies -- Sahara India Real Estate Corporation (SIRECL) and Sahara Housing Investment Corp Ltd (SHICL) -- to comply with the court's August 31, 2012 order to return Rs 24,000 crore to their investors.



## No space for local farmers in Singtam Bazaar

**YOGEN THATAL  
SINGTAM, 10 AUG:**

While markets in Gangtok and Mangang have been provided with stalls for organic farmers of the areas, villagers from in and around Singtam still do not have space in the town to sell their produce. One such villager is a senior citizen

who is commonly known as 'Bari'. She comes all the way from Pendam to sell organic vegetables in Singtam Bazaar and often ends up facing the wrath of people.

"I come to Singtam in an interval of two days from Pendam and select a location here, mostly outside shops. Sometimes I

get yelled at by the owners for setting up my stall outside their shops so I have to search for another place. I have no other option," says Bari.

The Haat Ghar in the town is mostly occupied, leaving organic farmers hopping from one spot to another in order to sell their products.

## Swaraj calls on Nepal PM Deuba

**KATHMANDU, AUG 10 (PTI):** External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj today called on Nepalese Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba and discussed a wide range of issues of mutual interest.

Swaraj, who arrived here on a two-day visit to attend the 15th ministerial meeting of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC), met Deuba at his official residence in Baluwatar.

This is the first meeting between the two leaders since Deuba took over as Nepal Prime Minister in a power-sharing deal in June.

During the meeting, the duo discussed a wide range of issues of mutual interest, Republica newspaper quoted a source close to Deuba as saying.

"Both sides also reiterated their commitment to deepen the friendly relationship between the two countries," the source said.

Swaraj said that she was looking forward to welcoming Deuba in In-

dia, the paper said.

Deuba is set to embark on a five-day official visit to India from August 23.

Swaraj is also scheduled to call on President Bidya Devi Bhandari.

Swaraj's visit comes as India is pushing for a larger role for BIMSTEC, an international organisation involving a group of countries in South Asia and South East Asia.

The member countries of BIMSTEC are India, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Bhutan and Nepal.

Earlier in the day, the BIMSTEC Secretary-level talks were held to discuss agenda for the ministerial meeting, which will take place tomorrow.

The meeting will deliberate on 14 different themes like trade, investment, transport and communication, energy, tourism, agriculture, counter-terrorism, poverty alleviation, public health, environment and natural disasters and climate change.

## LS passes bill approving merger of...

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of Mysore (SBM), State Bank of Patiala (SBP) and State Bank of Travancore (SBT).

Following the merger, the total customer base of SBI increased to 37 crore with a branch network of around 24,000 and nearly 59,000 ATMs across the country.

The merged entity began operation with a deposit base of more than Rs 26 lakh crore and advances level of Rs 18.50 lakh crore.

As per the bill, after the acquisition of all the subsidiary banks by the SBI, it is not necessary to retain such provisions in the State Bank of India Act, 1955.

"Therefore, certain amendments are necessary in the said Act in so far as they relate to the subsidiary banks. The amendments are consequential in nature," it said.

SBI had 90 per cent shareholding in the State Bank of Mysore, 75.07 per cent shareholding in the State Bank of Bikaner and Jaipur and 79.09 per cent shareholding in the State Bank of Travancore.

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## Get Over It

**Stop complaining about mainstream disinterest. Instead, do something about it**

A former Chief Minister of Sikkim passed away recently. Nar Bahadur Bhandari, even though he had ceased being a major political force, was still among the longer serving chief ministers that the country has seen. He leaves a substantial legacy in Sikkim and was also part of significant developments beyond the borders of the State, some of which continue to echo in the sociopolitical scene of the region. He was deeply mourned by Sikkim and fondly remembered in the immediate neighbourhood. And he deserved to be remembered more spontaneously and earnestly than the token gesture of a tweeted condolence or the routine obituary reference in the Lok Sabha which happened because he had also served a brief stint as a Member of Parliament. Delhi, however, proved that it will remain stereotypically slow and disinterested when it comes to affairs of regions on the periphery. National media did not notice the passing away and not even the Sili-guri edition of the Telegraph report the demise. Look immediately beyond Rangpo, and a dozen youth are on a fast-unto-death, not taking even water, and twenty days since their protest began are at risk of suffering permanent damage if not worse. And save the regional papers, this protest or the record-making indefinite general strike underway for Gorkhaland have still not been frontpaged. The TV News crews, which had descended on the region in the early days when the confrontation was more directly against the WB Chief Minister and the people who want a new state carved out of West Bengal, have since moved on to chase other stories. This, at a time when the agitation has set in so deep that a host of issues now need to be explained and reported about.

Important, nationally-relevant events are underway in the region and save the Doklam issue, which is being more confused than explained, the region remains absent from the scrolls and talking points of mainstream media.

To clarify here, this is not a rant against mainstream mindsets controlled by the mainstream media. It makes no sense crying over the ignorance of others or complaining about their skewed priorities. These references are mentioned here to highlight that when it comes to problem-solving, Sikkim, and now also the region and in fact every place on the margins, will have to devise its own resources, its own experts, its own think-tanks... Memorandums and petitions to central leaders and offices are all fine to get issues on record and snuggle space in local newspapers, but for solutions, the blueprints will have to be drafted here and for explanations 'local' experts will have to be inspired to infiltrate mainstream media space. By now, everyone should have realised that the only thing consistent about Delhi vis a vis the peripheries is ignorance. Enough tears have been shed over this incapacity to grasp the ethos or the geographically marginalised; we have heard enough about the tyranny of distance... maybe it's time to get over it and rediscover our own strengths and intelligence and devise our own solutions, and yes, or own media to communicate with the mainstream.

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# China is the key to avoiding nuclear 'fire and fury' in North Korea

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U.S. PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP and North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un are playing a dangerous game of brinkmanship.

North Korea got the world's attention – and Trump's – when it successfully launched an intercontinental ballistic missile for the first time on July 4. In response, the United Nations approved new economic sanctions against North Korea which, predictably, inspired a bellicose response from the rogue regime.

Trump threatened that further provocations will be met with "fire and fury and frankly power, the likes of which this world has never seen before."

In response, North Korea issued a threat of its own – missile strikes on the U.S. territory of Guam.

With tensions escalating, it is important to be realistic about how we can get out of this mess.

In short, any nonmilitary solution will rely on China choosing to apply its massive economic leverage over the North Korean regime. This is a point that Trump clearly recognizes. In July, he tweeted that Chinese trade with North Korea "rose 40 percent in the first quarter," highlighting China's reluctance to punish North Korea for its pursuit of nuclear weapons.

While the poor quality of the data hinders a detailed analysis, Trump's overall sentiment is correct. China has increased its trade with North Korea in recent years and done little to forestall North Korea's nuclear ambitions besides backing the most recent round of U.N. sanctions. China's foremost objective seems to be promoting greater stability from its volatile neighbor.

Yet a quick look at the data, however murky, shows just how much leverage China has, if it wishes to use it.

## NORTH KOREA'S PRIMARY PATRON

In general, exports from one country to another can be mostly explained by the distance between them and the sizes of their markets, a pattern that holds for China and North Korea.

Geographically, they share a long border, which makes China a natural, though not inevitable, partner for trade. As a case in point, North Korea also shares a long border with South Korea, but these countries have almost no trade between them. In addition, North Korea shares a small border with Russia, with whom it has little, though ever-increasing, trade, as I discuss below.

China's large market, proximity and – most importantly – willingness to trade with North Korea

has led to a situation in which North Korea has become highly dependent on trade with what has become its primary patron. About half of North Korean exports and imports go directly to and from China and most of the rest of its trade is handled indirectly by Chinese middlemen.

North Korea's dependence on its neighbor has grown hand-in-hand with China's increasing economic dominance of East Asia, which gained momentum 15 years ago when China joined the World Trade Organization. Since then, both Chinese gross domestic product as well as its annual trade with North Korea have increased nearly tenfold, to around US\$11 trillion and \$6 billion, respectively.

North Korea imports nearly everything from China, from rubber tires to refined petroleum to pearls, with no single category dominating. Meanwhile, coal constitutes about 40 percent of North Korean exports to China, followed by "non-knit men's coats."

## TIME TO USE THAT LEVERAGE?

However, recent events – such as the use of front companies by Chinese firms to evade sanctions imposed on North Korea and China's reluctance to cut off energy supplies to the country – have led to some uncertainty about the extent to which China is willing to use this economic leverage to rein in North Korea's military ambitions.

On one hand, China claims that coal imports from North Korea have recently been stopped as part of an effort to punish the regime for recent missile tests and the suspected assassination of Kim Jong-nam, the estranged half-brother of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. If true, this would be an important signal of China's willingness to support U.S. concerns about the missile program as it would represent a loss of about a third (\$930 million) of North Korea's import revenue.

However, there is evidence that coal shipments in fact never ceased. And, in any case, China may have dramatically increased its imports of iron ore from North Korea to offset the lost coal revenues.

This is consistent with the idea that China carefully considers the resources and revenue that are available to the North Korean regime at any moment, and uses trade as a lever to control them. In this way, China walks a fine line between providing too many resources, and thus allowing the regime to prosper, and not enough resources, such that North Korea is in danger of collapsing. Ultimately, trade may be used as a lever to do some light scolding, but China's overwhelming concern is prevent-

ing North Korea's collapse.

Further evidence that China has tight control over the North Korean economy comes from a recent report from C4ADS. The research group found close, and often common, ownership ties between most of the major Chinese companies who do business with North Korea. This suggests that trade with North Korea is highly centralized and thus easily controlled.

## RUSSIA: NORTH KOREA'S OTHER 'FRIEND'

China is not the only country that North Korea trades with, though the others currently pale in comparison. Other top export destinations include India (\$97.8 million), Pakistan (\$43.1 million) and Burkina Faso (\$32.8 million). In terms of imports, India (\$108 million), Russia (\$78.3 million) and Thailand (\$73.8 million) currently sell the most to North Korea.

Russia in particular may soon complicate U.S. efforts to isolate the regime. While still small, Russian trade with North Korea increased 73 percent over the first two months of 2017 compared with the same period of the previous year.

But whereas China is legitimately worried that an economic crisis in North Korea could lead to a flood of refugees or all-out war, Russia likely sees engagement with North Korea in much simpler terms, namely as an additional way to gain geopolitical advantage relative to the U.S.

## A WAY OUT?

Nearly all experts agree that there is no easy way to "solve" the North Korea problem. However, one plausible approach is to encourage South Korea and Japan to begin to develop nuclear weapons programs of their own, and to only discontinue these programs if China takes meaningful steps to use its trade with North Korea to reign in the regime.

Threatening to introduce new nuclear powers to the world is clearly risky, however stable and peaceful South Korea and Japan currently are. But China is highly averse to having these economic and political rivals acquire nuclear capabilities, as it would threaten China's ongoing pursuit of regional control. In short, this is a sensitive pressure point that could be used to sway the Chinese leadership.

One way or another, China must become convinced that the costs of propping up the North Korean regime through trade are higher than the costs of an increased probability that the regime will collapse.

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# Is the food industry conspiring to make you fat?

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The scent of baked goods wafts towards you as the supermarket doors glide open. Your stomach rumbles and your mouth waters at the sight and smell of so much food.

Approximately 40,000 products are available in an average North American supermarket. Despite your best intentions, you succumb to the deals and offers that you don't really need. Hey, why not get two bags of chips for the price of one? Before you know it, your shopping cart is full and that chocolate bar you grabbed at the checkout is in your mouth.

One bar won't hurt, right?

If this sounds familiar, you're not alone. It is now widely accepted that we are living in a food environment that does not value health. This "obesogenic environment" does not provide a set of rules to ensure easy and equitable access to healthy, affordable food. And evidence is mounting that some foods, particularly those high in fat, salt and sugar, are not easy to resist.

Food addiction actually shares common brain activity with alcohol addiction. And these high-fat, high-sugar foods also tend to be cheap and readily available, and strongly linked with chronic disease.

This unhealthy food culture permeates society, something we have explored through research at Dalhousie University. Our current food environment sets us up for healthy food choice failure. Yet when we overeat and weight gain ensues, society is there to dole out blame and shame for our "crime."

## IS THIS ENTRAPMENT?

Blame and shame for unhealthy behaviours occur because obesity is often framed as an issue of personal responsibility. In this narrative, we alone are responsible for what goes into our mouths. If we gain weight, it is a result of gluttony, sloth and a lack



Children are heavily targeted by, and especially vulnerable to, the marketing tactics of the food industry.

of willpower.

Any attempts to restructure our food environments so they are more supportive of health are often criticized as denying freedom of choice. Initiatives such as taxes on sugary drinks, for example, are referred to as the actions of a "nanny state." Food manufacturers and retailers seem particularly fond of this argument. They actively promote a belief that the global obesity crisis results primarily from lack of exercise ("energy-out") and deliberately minimize the impact of over-eating processed foods and drinks ("energy-in.")

But what if we reframe the debate over personal choice and collective responsibility by thinking of our modern food environment in the same way as the legal defence of criminal entrapment?

Criminal entrapment occurs when law enforcement sets people up to commit a crime they may not otherwise commit, then punishes them for it. A successful entrapment case requires the defendant to prove three things:

- The idea of committing the crime came from law enforcement officers,

rather than the defendant.

- The law enforcement officers induced the person to commit the crime, using coercive or persuasive tactics.

- The defendant was not ready and willing to commit this type of crime before being induced to do so.

## FOOD ENVIRONMENT VS YOU

Let's explore what it looks like if the food industry is put into the role of law enforcement, and the defendant is you — a member of society trying to make healthy food choices. The food industry heavily markets unhealthy food products, particularly to children, inducing over-consumption (the crime). Unfortunately, their business model often depends on it.

Food marketing frequently uses persuasive tactics to tempt you to eat (and overeat) their products. Examples include supersizing, meal deals, buy-one-get-one-free offers and priority product placement.

You find yourself in an environment that undermines healthy eating, and instead pushes energy-dense, nutrient-poor foods. These are cheap to buy, heavily promoted and, let's face it, often very tasty. The food industry has spent a great deal of money working

out what pushes your buttons when it comes to flavour and taste.

Faced with all this temptation, you duly commit the crime of over-consumption (the trap), often unaware of the environmental cues and manipulations to which you have been exposed. In this example, all three components outlined above are present:

- The idea of committing the "crime" of over-consumption came from the food industry, rather than you.
- The food industry induced you to commit the crime of over-consumption using persuasive tactics.
- As you tried to make healthy food choices, you weren't ready and willing to commit this crime before being induced to do so.

## LET'S REFRAME THE FOOD DEBATE

Of course, not everyone is going to fall victim to this "environmental entrapment." But we have enough evidence to know that — while people are aware of the dangers of over-consuming energy-dense, nutrient-poor foods — healthy eating is not easy. Our modern food environment is not reflective of current recommendations for good health, or for protecting ourselves against diseases such as cancer. Nor is it supportive of health within populations that are most at risk, like children or those experiencing food insecurity.

Can reframing the issue around environmental entrapment help to mobilize public support for healthier food environments?

If nothing else, it may start a conversation about the quality of our food supply, and the tactics that the food industry uses to undermine our abilities to eat in ways that lessen the burden of chronic diseases.

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## Majuli Island land mass reduced to 522.73 sq km in 2013: Govt

New Delhi, Aug 10 (PTI): The size of Majuli Island in the Brahmaputra River in Assam has come down by over 28 per cent in 2013 from 733.79 sq km in 1940, the Lok Sabha was informed today.

Union Minister of State for Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation Sanjeev Kumar Balyan said this in response to a question in the Lok Sabha as to whether the land erosion in the island is increasing.

"As per the information provided by the government of Assam, the land mass area of Majuli Island has reduced from 733.79 sq km as per Survey of India map of 1940 to about 522.73 sq km in year 2013," he said.

However, on implementation of works under various phases by the Brahmaputra Board from 2004, there is some gain of land mass area of Majuli Island since 2004 till 2016.

The total gain was 22.08 sq km.

"As per satellite imagery also, the total land mass area of Majuli Island was 524.29 sq km in 2016," the minister said.

"Recently, the Brahmaputra Board has also initiated the flood management and erosion control works in Majuli Island with the financial assistance of Rs 207 crore from the Ministry of DoNER (Development of North Eastern Region)," the minister added.

## Torrential rains in West Bengal, MeT warns of more

**NEW DELHI, AUG 10 (PTI):** Torrential showers pounded parts of West Bengal today with Jalpaiguri recording 128.7 mm of rains, even as the monsoon remained active in most of the parts of the country.

Downpours lashed several places in Himachal Pradesh, which is battling with rain-induced landslides, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Odisha.

West Bengal, the Gangetic part of which reeled under "man-made" floods recently, has been recording heavy rains for two days now.

The local MeT office said the Sub-Himalayan districts of Darjeeling, Kalimpong, Coochbehar, Jalpaiguri and Alipurduar were staring at a deluge as "heavy to very heavy rains are likely to lash the region over the next three days".

The weatherman has also warned of extremely heavy rain at some places in Coochbehar and Alipurduar till Friday and in all the five districts on Saturday and Sunday.

Jalpaiguri gauged 128.7 mm of rainfall in 24 hours till 8.30 am, the highest in the state during the period.

Coochbehar recorded 106.3 mm of precipitation.

# Ansari steps down as VP, with words stirring a national debate

**NEW DELHI, AUG 10 (PTI):** Widely hailed as a gentleman and a scholar, M Hamid Ansari today stepped down as the vice president of India, bringing to an end what was largely an uncontroversial tenure with unexpected outspoken comments that stirred a national debate.

The soft-spoken former diplomat -- the only vice president to serve two terms after S Radhakrishnan -- marked his departure with words of concern about threats to plurality and about insecurity among Muslims in a television interview yesterday.

"I am an Indian and that is it," he said, describing as "unnecessary" calls for assertion of a citizen's commitment to nationalism.

Ansari, 80, was first elected Vice President



and Rajya Sabha chairman in 2007, when he defeated the NDA's candidate Najma Heptullah. In 2012, he was re-elected

to the post when he won against the BJP's Jaswant Singh by 252 votes.

Kolkata-born Ansari, who schooled at St

Edwards in Shimla and graduated from St Xavier's College in what was then Calcutta, joined the Indian Foreign Service in

1961.

The grand-nephew of former Congress president and freedom fighter MA Ansari, the

VP - originally from Ghazipur in UP -- was India's permanent representative to the United Nations.

Ansari's forte was West Asia, where he served as ambassador in Indian missions in the United Arab Emirates, Iran, Afghanistan and Saudi Arabia. The editor of 'Iran Today: Twenty Five Years After the Islamic Revolution' earlier wrote columns on foreign affairs, often focusing on West Asia.

The former vice-chancellor of the Aligarh Muslim University -- from where he completed his doctorate -- was the chairman of the National Commission for Minorities post retirement when the United Progressive Alliance government and the Left named him as their candidate for the vice presi-

dential post.

In the last few years, Ansari has occasionally been criticised by members of the National Democratic Alliance. BJP leader Ram Madhav, for instance, had made adverse comments when Ansari did not salute the national flag at the Republic Day Parade when then US President Barack Obama was the chief guest.

It was later clarified by Ansari that he was following the protocol, under which only the President saluted the flag at the ceremony.

"From now on you will be free to act, talk and work in accordance with your basic political ideology and instinct," Prime Minister Narendra Modi told Ansari -- who will be succeeded by M Venkaiah Naidu tomorrow -- in the Rajya Sabha at a farewell function today.

## No invitation for talks from WB Govt: Giri

**DARJEELING, AUG 10 (PTI):** In a statement issued today, GJM general secretary Roshan Giri said, "During the last one week, (Chief Minister) Mamata Banerjee has announced only at public meetings and to the media that she is open to discussions to resolve the impasse."

He alleged that this was nothing but an "eyewash" as "no formal communication (in this regard) has reached the GJM".

"It seems that she (Banerjee) is misleading not only the GJM but the entire population of Bengal. It shows that she is not sincere and honest in her statements, acts and deeds and is reluctant to find out an amicable solution (to the crisis).

She is rather trying to camouflage the scenario with a double standard strategy," alleged Giri.

His comments came in the backdrop of Banerjee, earlier this week, urging the hill parties to shun violence and come to the discussion table.

"The GJM still feels that the long-pending issues of the Gorkhas should be attended to without further delay by both the state and central governments," said Giri.

Asked by PTI if the GJM was ready for talks with the state government, he said, "Only party supremo Bimal Gurung can



answer your question."

Condemning the incidents of looting and torching the vehicles carrying essential commodities to the hills, Giri said, "It is being said that these incidents were the handiwork of masked miscreants. In reality, these were efforts to damage the image of the democratic agitation by the GJM and create a sense of fear among the masses."

In a jibe at the state government, he said it should arrest those outsiders, supporting the GJM's separate Gorkhaland demand, whom it claimed to have

identified.

The GJM leader alleged that the state government and police had "let loose a reign of terror through indiscriminate arrests and slapping of non-bailable charges" against the activists of the party.

Senior Trinamool Congress (TMC) leader Gautam Deb, however, dismissed the allegations levelled by Giri as "completely baseless".

"We had earlier told them to shun violence and sit for talks, an offer they declined. Our government wants peace

in the hills. What violence are they (GJM) talking about? What have they done over the last two months in the hills?" he asked.

Asked about Giri's claim that no formal invitation for talks was sent to the GJM, Deb said, "We had repeatedly asked them (GJM) to come forward for talks, but they said they would only talk to the Centre. They did not attend the all-party meeting convened by the state government. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had repeatedly requested them to sit for talks. What else do they want?"



## Govt to fund 'permanent solution' to floods in NE: Rijiju

**NEW DELHI, AUG 10 (PTI):** The government proposes to fund a permanent solution to floods in the Northeast including Assam, the Lok Sabha was informed today.

Replying to a calling attention motion on the problem of floods in various parts of the country, Minister of State for Home Kiren Rijiju also rejected claims of opposition that the government has failed to respond to the "annual feature" of floods in time and gives little financial assistance to states to deal with the calamity.

Initiating the discussion, Gaurav Gogoi (Cong) alleged that the government was in deep slumber like the mythological 'Kumbhakaran' and fails to take quick action when calamity like floods hits various parts of the country.

He said as per a revised formula, the financial liability of the states has increased in tackling floods.

He claimed that the central government has ignored its responsibility and even the CAG has criticised the flood management programme.

Saugata Roy (TMC)

alleged that while funds for BJP-ruled Gujarat and Assam were released, no provision was granted for West Bengal. "We feel there is political discrimination," he said.

Rijiju said the Centre does not discriminate and two installments of state disaster response fund have already to given to the state. For desilting of the Damodar river, another Rs 130 crore have been given to the state government.

He said the state has to first submit a memorandum to the Centre to get funds for floods and added that the document is yet to be submitted.

The floods have so far claimed 962 lives. While 206 people have been injured, 23 are reported to be missing, Rijiju said.

The minister also rejected suggestions that the government's response to floods was often delayed and said the constant practice is to ensure that rescue is followed by relief and rehabilitation.

He said Rs 100 crore has been earmarked to find a permanent solution to floods in the northeast region. Experts will help find a solution, he said.

## 280 people died of lightning strike since April, 2017: SRC

**BHUBANESWAR, AUG 10 (PTI):** A total of 280 people including 27 children have lost their lives in Odisha after being struck by lightning since April this year, official sources said today.

Stating that the deaths due to lightning strike occurred in 29 of the 30 districts of the state, Special Relief Commissioner (SRC) B P Sethi said Ganjam and Mayurbhanj districts reported the highest number of 30 deaths each.

Both the districts were followed by 24 deaths in Balasore, 17 in Bhadrak, 16 in Keonjhar, 15 each in Jajpur and Kendrapara, 13 in Koraput, 12 in Nabarangpur, and 11 each in Dhenkanal, Cuttack and Bargarh.

Among the other districts, eight persons were killed in Sundargarh, while seven each in Angul, Kalahandi, Khordha and Nuapada, six in Puri, five each in Balangir and Sambalpur, four in Nayagarh, three each in Gajapati, Jagatsinghpur, Jharsuguda, Kandhamal and Rayagada, two in Deogarh and one each in Boudh and Malkangiri.

However, there was no lightning death report from Subarnapur district, the SRC said adding that a total of 206 (73.57 per cent) of those killed were male while 74 were (26.43 per cent) female. Most of the 92 (32.86 per cent)

deaths occurred in the month of June.

It was followed by 88 (31.43 per cent) deaths in July, 28 (10 per cent) in August (so far) and eight (2.86 per cent) in April.

A total of 157 or 56.07 per cent of those killed belong to the age group between 15 and 45, while another 72 or 25.71 per cent to the age group between 46 and 60.

A total of 27 children (9.64 per cent) upto the age of 14 died due to lightning. Another 24 persons (8.57 per cent) who were killed were aged 61 and above.

At least 94 people (33.57 per cent) were struck by lightning when they were working in paddy fields. Another 59 persons (21.07 per cent) and 40 persons (14.29 per cent) were struck when they were near their house and open fields respectively. However, 8.21 per cent people died while they were inside the house.

Lightning struck 33 persons (11.79 per cent) as they stood under trees and 23 persons (8.21 per cent) as they were travelling on the road.

Four persons were killed while they were bathing in ponds or tube wells. Another three died while riding bikes and one person died while standing on the roof top.

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## Bill for India's first sports univ tabled in LS

**NEW DELHI, AUG 10 (PTI):** A bill to set up India's first full fledged sports university of international standards was introduced in the Lok Sabha today.

The National Sports University Bill, 2017 will help set up the university in Manipur.

As of now, there are some institutes which offer various courses for athletes and coaches.

"A void exists in the sports environment of the country in various areas such as sports science, sports technology, high performance training," the bill states.

The proposed university is expected to bridge this gap.

The bill was introduced by Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs S S Ahluwalia as Sports Minister Vijay Goel is indisposed.

## Maruti revamps True Value, to set up 150 dealerships by March

**MUMBAI, AUG 10 (PTI):** The country's largest passenger vehicles maker, Maruti Suzuki, today announced a complete revamp of its 16-year-old pre-owned car unit, True Value, and said it plans to set up 150 independent dealerships of the vertical by March next year.

Overall, the company intends to open 300 dealerships of the pre-owned cars in the next two to three years period, Maruti Suzuki India Limited's (MSIL) senior executive director for sales and marketing, R S Kalsi, said here today after at the relaunch.

The idea for giving altogether a new look to the used car business is to enhance the modernisation and encourage the two-wheeler owners to switch to four-wheeler.

True Value was first launched by MSIL in 2001. These outlets will be digitally integrated through a portal so that customers can access details of all cars available at True Value outlets nationwide.

"In the first phase, we are planning to set up 150 dealerships this year and we will ramp it up to 300 dealers in the next two to three years," Kalsi said.



## ARC Shillong through to semi final round of I-Day tourney

**SAGAR CHETTRI**

**GANGTOK, 10 AUG:**

ARC Shillong has secured its berth in the semi-final round of the Independence Day Football Tournament for Chogyal Sir Tashi Namgyal Memorial Cup here at Paljor Stadium. The defending champion, ARC Shillong outplayed Sikkim Police Football Club 2-0 in the third quarter-final match played today.

With the help of an

early goal by Jacob Vellabala in the 7th minute, ARC Shillong finished the first half with a 1-0 lead. Again in the early minutes of the second half, H Amarjit extended the lead of ARC Shillong to 2-0.

Sikkim Police played well throughout the match but failed to find the net. With its 2-0 victory, the defending champion has secured its place in the semi-final round. ARC Shillong will now take on

Sikkim Aakraman Football Club in the first semi-final match on 12 Aug.

On 11 Aug, the last quarter-final match will be played between Royal United Sikkim Sporting Club and Boys Club.

## Dipa looks beyond Produnova, eyes CWG gold with handspring 540

**AMANPREET SINGH**

**NEW DELHI, AUG 10 (PTI):**

She became synonymous with the Produnova after her path-breaking show at the Rio Olympics but ace Indian gymnast Dipa Karmakar may switch from the 'vault of death' to 'Handspring 540' at the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

After the high of Rio Games, where she claimed a historic fourth place finish, the Tripura gymnast has not competed anywhere due to an Anterior Crucial Ligament (ACL) injury in her right knee.

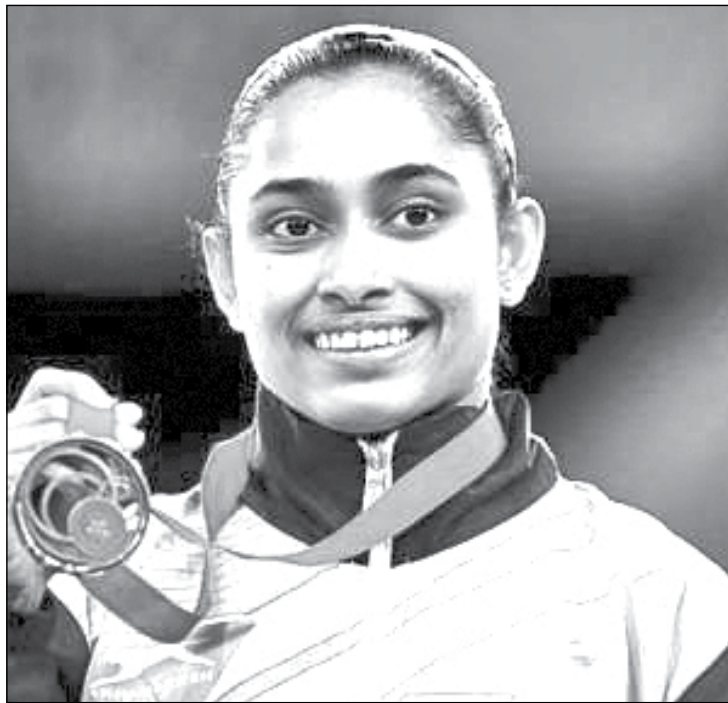
She underwent a surgery in April and has already missed the Asian Championship. She will skip the upcoming World Championship in Canada too and return to action only at next year's CWG in Australia.

Karmakar, who celebrated her 24th birthday yesterday, revealed that work has begun to add a new vault to her skills.

"There is a Handspring 540 degree turn which could be there (at CWG). It's a twist movement in the air. In the handspring front movement, it's the most difficult vault but below Produnova," Karmakar told PTI in an interview.

Asked why such a change was considered since she is known as the 'Produnova girl', the diminutive gymnast said, "I just had an ACL tear so I don't want to take pressure. My main target is 2020 Olympics. If I can perform this Handspring 540 with perfection I can win a medal (at CWG). Produnova will also continue."

She figures among the only five gymnasts in the world who have successfully attempted Produnova, named after Russian star Yelena Pro-



dunova.

Karmakar, winner of a bronze in the last CWG edition in Glasgow, also dismissed suggestions that having missed action for long would adversely affect her medal chances in the April 4-15 event in Gold Coast.

"That's not an issue since it's all about practice. The standard of competition will be known to me after the World Championship. I will get to know what I need to practice, so

I don't need to compete to know it.

"Maybe I had a grade II tear before the Rio Games and it became grade III after Rio. It's normal in sportsperson's life. The only thing is that the my practice time for CWG has been reduced by three to four months."

Her coach Bishweswar Nandi, who is overseeing her rehabilitation programme, further explained why he chose a new vault for his ward.

"It all depends on how she shapes up in the next five months. If she can get perfection, then we will have a choice.

Produnova could be there, it could not be there," Nandi said.

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"She already knows two vaults and now I am teaching her a third one. She can perform any two but which two, that we have not decided. The basic training (for Handspring 540) has begun and after two months she will start performing.

"We will remove one vault. It will be difficult to leave Produnova but it could be (taken off). Let's see. There are chances to get more points by performing it (Handspring 540) with perfection. But Produnova is Produnova, if you can land perfectly, nothing can beat it, so we won't leave Produnova.

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move.

"After two months, I can enter the field, the rehabilitation is going well. I have to take my performance back to the top level. It's been four months that I have not practised. I have begun now and mostly it is swimming, multi gym, strengthening," Karmakar, who is pursuing a Masters degree in Political Science, said.

Coach Nandi said it is not because of the knee injury that they have considered leaving Produnova.

"Rehab will only make her stronger. She's out for six months. It depends on her fitness and body movements."

He also revealed how desperate, Karmakar is begin her practice.

"When she decides to learn something she will do everything to learn that. After injury, she came to me many times crying and said sir, 'When will I start training again.

I don't like just sitting when all others are practising'. But I said no, if doctor has advised six months rest, we will start only after six months."

Asked about plans for her biography, she said, "Again it is my coach's decision. If he says sit here I will sit, if he says stand there, I will stand. It's that kind of a relationship with him."

At 24, she knows what it means to be a celebrity.

"My life has not changed but it's people's perspective towards me which has changed (after Rio). They know me now, they know my sport. I have got a lot of support from Meraki Sport, Go Sports, SAI and I can't say enough about support from my coaches and parents."

## Over 6,400 corruption cases pending trials in courts: Centre

**NEW DELHI, AUG 10 (PTI):**

Over 6,400 corruption cases, involving 115 politicians, probed by the CBI are pending trials in various courts, the government said today.

The CBI has registered 339 cases of alleged corruption this year till June, involving 487 government employees, 660 private individuals and 14 politicians, Minister of State for Personnel Jitendra Singh said in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha.

The agency had in 2016 registered 673 such cases against 2,842 people, including six politicians. In 2015, 617 corruption cases were registered by the CBI against 5,957 accused, including 21 politicians, he said.

Giving details of the cases pending trials, Singh said, a total of 6,663 such cases were being heard in the courts. In 2016, the number of pending cases was 6,502, the minister said.

A total of 6,414 corruption cases (up to June 30, 2017) were pending trials in courts, he said. A total of 16,875 government employees, 18,780 private persons and 115 politicians are accused in these cases, Singh said.

He said over 1,800 corruption cases (1,005 in 2016 and 878 in 2015) have resulted in conviction in past two years.

Upto June 30 this year, 199 cases have ended in conviction. A total of 420 people -- 228 government employees and 192 private persons -- have been convicted in these cases, the minister said.

## Pak's 'Mother Teresa' Dr Ruth Pfau dies



**KARACHI, AUG 10 (PTI):** Dr Ruth Pfau, a German doctor popularly known as Pakistan's 'Mother Teresa' for dedicating her life to eradicate leprosy in the country, died today at a private hospital in Karachi. She was 87.

She died after a prolonged age-related illness.

Dr Pfau first visited Pakistan in 1960 and was so touched by the plight of leprosy victims that she decided to stay forever in the country to treat them.

The nun founded the Marie Adelaide Leprosy Centre in Karachi in 1962 and later set up its branches in all provinces of Pakistan, including Gilgit-Baltistan, and treated over 50,000 families.

Due to her tireless efforts, the World Health Organisation in 1996 declared Pakistan one of the first countries in Asia to be free of leprosy.

She was born in 1929 in Germany and lived through the horrors of the World War II.

Pfau joined the Society of Daughters of the Heart of Mary and was assigned to go to India but landed in Karachi for a brief stay due to some visa problems.

Her interaction with leprosy patients in the port city motivated her to change the plan and stay rest of life in Pakistan to help the patients.

She was 29 when landed in Karachi for the first time. She was awarded the Hilal-e-Imtiaz - Pakistan's second highest civilian award - in 1979, the Hilal-e-Pakistan in 1989.

She was also awarded the Stauffer Medal at the German consulate Karachi in 2015.

Prime Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi said Pfau "may have been born in Germany, but her heart was always in Pakistan".

"Dr Ruth came to Pakistan at the dawn of a young nation, looking to make lives better for those afflicted by disease, and in doing so, found herself a home," Abbasi said, praising her courage and services.

The funeral mass will be held on August 19 at St Patrick's Cathedral, and thereafter will be laid to rest in the Christian Cemetery (Gora Qabristan).

German embassy said in a statement that German ambassador Martin Kobler expressed his heartfelt condolences and sympathies to the representative of the Maria Adelaide Leprosy Centre.

"With great concern we have got the sad message of the death of Dr Ruth Pfau. She was a devoted Christian nun and a member of the society of Daughters of the Heart of Mary. We are losing with her an important symbol of the German Pakistan friendship. Her services will never be forgotten."





China raises toll to 20 dead in quake in SW mountains

BEIJING, Aug 10 (AP): Chinese monitors say they've detected multiple landslides but no major building collapses following a powerful earthquake in the country's mountainous southwest that killed at least 20 people and injured 431.

The Institute of Remote Sensing and Digital Earth under the Chinese Academy of Sciences drew the conclusion from satellite imagery collected after the magnitude 6.5 quake struck Tuesday night, the official Xinhua News Agency and state broadcaster CCTV said today.

Authorities raised the death toll by one to 20 and injured by around 200 on Thursday. Six tourists and two local residents were known to be among the dead, and 18 people had serious injuries, local authorities said.

More than 60,000 people have been evacuated from the area amid continuing aftershocks, state media said. A Canadian woman suffered a slight head injury and a French citizen was wounded in both legs and needed surgery to remove stone fragments, according to Xinhua.

Most of the deaths and injuries were recorded in Zhangzha township, near Jiuzhaigou national park in Sichuan province that is listed by UNESCO as a world heritage site.

The quake knocked out electricity and sent boulders tumbling down steep mountainsides onto blocked roads, while Xinhua said its photographers on the scene reported extensive damage to scenic sites which include lakes, spectacular waterfalls and karst formations. The speed of the rescue effort appeared due in part to improvements to emergency response preparations enacted after the Aba Tibetan and Qiang Autonomous Prefecture that includes Jiuzhaigou was struck by a massive 2008 earthquake that killed nearly 90,000 people.

The US Geological Survey measured the quake at magnitude 6.5 and said it struck at a depth of just 9 kilometers (5.5 miles). Shallow earthquakes tend to cause more damage than deeper ones.

On Wednesday morning, another strong earthquake struck far northwestern China, some 2,200 kilometers (1,360 miles) from Jiuzhaigou, injuring 32 people, two of them seriously, and damaging more than 1,000 houses. That quake was measured at 6.3 by the USGS and struck in a sparsely populated area of the Xinjiang region near the Kazakhstan border.

CCTV said 10,500 people had been moved from damaged buildings to emergency shelters.

Indian-origin activist places giant inflatable 'Trump chicken' near White House

LALIT K JHA WASHINGTON, Aug 10 (PTI): A giant inflatable chicken with a Donald Trump hair style has been placed near the White House by an Indian-origin activist to protest the president's stand on releasing his tax returns, dealing with North Korea and engaging with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Taran Singh Brar, a documentary filmmaker, placed the "Chicken Don" in the lawn, just south of the White House and near the Washington Monument with due permission from the National Park Service and the Secret Service.

"The tallest thing they usually allow on the Ellipse is the national Christmas tree," he said.



"They gave me a waiver for the 30-foot tall Chicken Don." "Trump is too chicken

to release his tax returns, to stand up to Putin," he told the local media.

"We are out here to criticise our president for being weak and ineffective as a

leader and being too afraid to release his tax returns, too afraid to stand up to Putin and now engaged in a game of chicken with Kim Jong Un," Brar was quoted as saying by the Washington Examiner.

"Yet he wants a military parade in DC. It's all incongruous, and we are here to make fun of him for that," Brar said. according to whom the angry-looking chicken which has golden-orange hair and hand gestures in Trump's style is available for purchase on eBay for USD 1,500.

Early this year, Brar started an online fund raising campaign for this unique protest.

"Hey everybody! We are raising money to bring Chicken Don to the White House. Help

the Chicken cross the road... Pennsylvania Avenue," he wrote on his fund raising post Chicken March.

"We think the coward squawking in the White House is too chicken to show his tax returns, too chicken to stand up to Putin, and too chicken to face the press. We've been inflating Chicken Don in his backyard so he knows no one is scared but him," Brar said.

Trump, however, has missed the chicken protest as he has been staying at his golf course in Bedminster, New Jersey. His absence probably made Brar's protest easier.

"I realised it's actually better, because the symbolism works and the Secret Service won't be as jumpy," Brar said.



Violent clashes have erupted in Kenya after an opposition leader suggested that hackers had manipulated voting results in the presidential election. Three people were killed after an attack inside a vote tallying centre on Kenya's coast. A machete-wielding gang stormed the building in Tana River county - killing a man who was working for the ruling Jubilee party and injuring another. Police then shot dead two attackers. One demonstrator was killed by police following clashes in opposition strongholds across Nairobi, and officers fired tear gas to scatter a group of 100 protesters in Kisumu. Witnesses claim that the police have shot dead at least three people, with protesters killing a fourth.

Sharif asks people to guard democratic mandate

SAJJAD HUSSAIN ISLAMABAD, Aug 10 (PTI): Pakistan's ousted prime minister Nawaz Sharif today urged people to guard their mandate so that elected representatives are not removed through "undemocratic" means, days after he was disqualified by the Supreme Court for holding office over the Panama Papers scandal.

Sharif, who was forced to quit before time for the record third time, addressed a huge rally in downtown Rawalpindi, after starting his journey from Islamabad to Lahore to project his political strength.

Sharif has resumed a long road trip back to his hometown, Lahore, via the Grand Trunk (GT) Road after an overnight stay in Rawalpindi as his procession enters its second day on the streets. He held a meeting with party leaders at Punjab House there, Rawalpindi, before starting his journey.

Sources in Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) said that Sharif was not happy with the turnout in the city and asked party leaders to make more targeted efforts to bring out the supporters.

PML-N leaders are in the process of making arrangements for more supporters to attend the rally, and as the convoy sets off towards Lahore once again.



of the country have been allowed to complete their tenure.

"Every prime minister in this country was given one-and-a-half-year tenure, on average, to govern. Some were executed, some jailed, some handcuffed, and some exiled," he said.

He asked the people to make a pledge to guard their mandate so that elected representative are not removed through undemocratic ways.

"Make a promise me that you would get your mandate respected.

Sharif, 67, said that it was pity that none of the prime ministers in the 70-year history

Promise me you won't allow your prime minister to be humiliated this way," he said.

He criticised the supporters that their elected leaders would again be sacked in future if "you do not protect your rights".

"It has happened with me for the third time. Is this not an insult to your vote?" he said.

He criticised the court verdict by saying that the judges said there was no charge of corruption, then asked why he had been disqualified if there is no case of misappropriation. "I leave this for history to determine," said Sharif.

He posed a question the gathering, if they accept the decision. The public responded with big "No", prompting Sharif to say: "One court gave its decision, now this people court is given its decision".

India, China should ink new boundary pact in Sikkim sector: Chinese scholars

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BEIJING, Aug 10 (PTI): Notwithstanding the Doklam standoff, Chinese military analysts say that India and China should sign a new boundary convention in the Sikkim sector to replace the 1890 Great Britain-China agreement and make it more contemporary.

"For China early harvest means, we want to have a new agreement with India, because the 1890 convention was signed between Great Britain and China," Senior Colonel Zhao Xiaozhou, Director at the Centre on China-America Defence Relations of the Academy of Military Science, told an Indian media delegation here yesterday.

"At that time, it was not the People's Republic of China, (PRC). India became independent in 1947. It is better we change the signatures of the convention, that is what I mean early harvest," he said.

"It is very essential because there are territorial disputes in the eastern, central and western sectors of the India-China border. Only in the Sikkim section we have the fixed border. So, we want to start from the easiest, that is what we call early harvest," he added.

The Chinese Foreign Ministry too in its August 2 fact-sheet on Doklam standoff referred to Beijing's expectations of an "early harvest" in the Sikkim sector.

"The Chinese and In-



dian sides have been in discussion on making the boundary in the Sikkim Sector an 'early harvest' in the settlement of the entire boundary question during the meetings between the Special Representatives on the China-India Boundary Question," it had said, referring to the 1890 convention.

"The boundary in the Sikkim sector has long been delimited by the 1890 Convention, which was signed between then China and Great Britain. China and India ought to sign a new boundary convention in their own names to replace the 1890 Convention. This, however, in no way alters the nature of the boundary in the Sikkim sector as having already been delimited," it had said.

On the Sikkim part of the boundary, India's Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) in its June 30 statement on the Doklam standoff had said, "Where the boundary in the Sikkim sector is concerned, India and China had reached an understanding also in 2012 reconfirming their mutual agreement on the 'basis of the alignment'. Further discussions regarding finalisation of the boundary have been

taking place under the Special Representatives framework"

Therefore "it is essential that all parties concerned display utmost restraint and abide by their respective bilateral understandings not to change the status quo unilaterally. It is also important that the consensus reached between India and China through the Special Representatives process is scrupulously respected by both sides," the MEA had said.

Of the 3,488-km-long India-China border from Jammu and Kashmir to Arunachal Pradesh, a 220-km section falls in Sikkim.

India and China have been locked in a face-off in the Doklam area of the Sikkim sector for the last 50 days after Indian troops stopped the Chinese People's Liberation Army from building a road in the area.

China claimed that it was constructing the road within its territory and has been demanding immediate pull-out of the Indian troops from Doklam. Bhutan says Doklam belongs to it but China claims sovereignty over the area. China also claims that Thimphu has no dispute with Beijing over Doklam.

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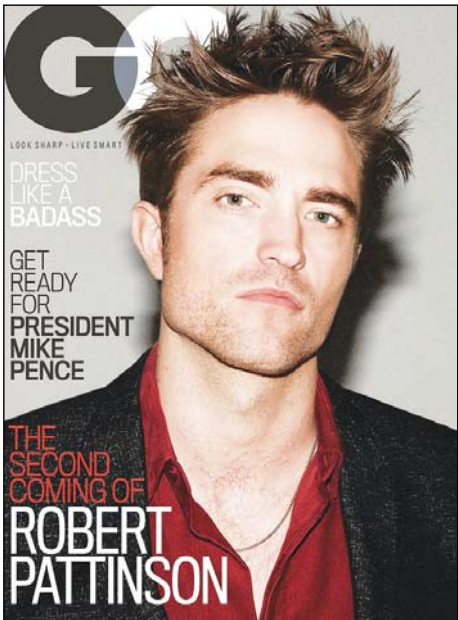
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## ROBERT PATTINSON REVEALS HE WENT TO THERAPY AND WANTED TO 'DISAPPEAR' AFTER 'TWILIGHT' FAME

Robert Pattinson isn't a fan of the glitz and glamour. The actor opened up in a new interview about wanting to "disappear" after the Twilight film franchise made him a household name. During the height of Twilight's fame, Pattinson, 31, would ride in the trunks of cars and trade outfits with his friends to avoid being spotted by paparazzi. Eventually, his oft-exhausting efforts paid off. "It worked after a while. They're just like, 'Oh, the guy is just a hassle,'" he recalled in his September 2017 cover story for GQ magazine. "There are ways to disappear, like, fairly easy," the British actor continued. "But you have to be living a quite strange life. It just involves effort, and most people can't really be bothered to put the effort in. ... They're just losers trying to do their jobs." Pattinson also revealed that he went to therapy a few years ago during a low point in his life. His therapist told him he was good at talking without saying anything.

"If I could stay silent, I would," he said. And silent he is. The Good Time actor stayed mum about his ultra-private relationship with his fiancée, British singer FKA twigs, only revealing to the publication that he calls her "Twigs." He isn't in a rush to walk down the aisle just yet either. When GQ asked if the couple plan to get married, Pattinson



laughed and replied, "Eh." His ambiguity may be intentional, though. "I want to be misunderstood," Pattinson told the magazine. "People are always changing, and the more you put something down in print, people form opinions and they're constantly creating who they think you are. If you do something that contradicts that, or if you do something which goes out of that box, then you can look like a liar or something like that."

### CONFESSIONS!!!



**YOUNG ATTITUDE:** Spiderman: Homecoming star Zendaya showed off her sass at the Variety Power of Young Hollywood party sponsored by H&M in L.A.



## GAME OF THRONES LATEST EPISODE BREAKS RATINGS RECORD DESPITE HACKING ATTACK

The hit show pulled in a record audience, as hackers threaten to release the actors' personal details.

The latest episode of Game of Thrones has broken viewing records despite it being leaked online. The hit TV show was targeted by hackers last week, with the script for Spoils of War, the fourth episode of the seventh season, leaked online.

That did not stop more than 10 million viewers in the US from tuning in on Saturday night, HBO's best-ever live ratings.

It was a 10% increase on last week's episode, according to Nielsen's Live Metric.

It comes as hackers are said to be demanding around \$6m (£4.6m) from HBO to

prevent more confidential material being released, which reportedly includes actors' addresses and telephone numbers. The hackers, who identified themselves using the collective pseudonym "Mr Smith", sent HBO's boss a video on Monday, threatening further disclosures.

"We successfully breached into your huge network... HBO was one of our difficult targets to deal with but we succeeded (it took about 6 months)," the video said, according to the Hollywood Reporter, which said it had also received confidential information from the hackers.

HBO issued a statement to the Reporter, saying: "HBO believed that further leaks might emerge from this cyber incident when we confirmed it last week. As we said, the forensic review is

ongoing.

"While it has been reported that a number of emails have been made public, the review to date has not given us a reason to believe that our email system as a whole has been compromised."



### 11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST WORLD HISTORY

**1934:** Federal prisoners land on Alcatraz

**1718:** Sir Frederick Haldimand born

**1973:** "American Graffiti" released

**1864:** Confederate General Early abandons Winchester, Virginia

**1984:** Reagan jokes about "outlawing" the Soviet Union

**1980:** Carol Bundy confesses her connection to the "Sunset Slayer"

**1856:** Hurricane submerges Louisiana resort

**1952:** Hussein succeeds to Jordanian throne

**1965:** Watts Riot begins

**1998:** Jonesboro schoolyard shooters guilty

### THIS DAY IN HISTORY

**Dr. RAJEN UPADHYAY**  
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**2014:** Oscar-winning actor Robin Williams dies at 63

**1921:** Alex Haley's birthday

**1973:** Hip Hop is born at a birthday party in the Bronx

**1806:** Meriwether Lewis is shot in the leg

**1984:** Reagan jokes about bombing Russia

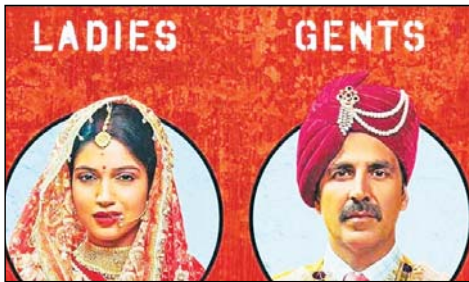
**1994:** Major leaguers walk off the job

**1967:** U.S. pilots cleared to bomb Hanoi-Haiphong area

**1970:** South Vietnamese troops assume responsibility for guarding border

**1972:** Last U.S. ground combat unit departs South Vietnam.

## TOILET: EK PREM KATHA RECEIVES 8 CUTS FROM THE CENSOR BOARD



Akshay Kumar's Toilet: Ek Prem Katha, which is releasing on August 11, has reportedly got 8 verbal cuts from the censors. According to a leading daily, it has been awarded a U/A certificate by the censor board.

The source from CBFC was quoted saying: "In one sequence, Akshay Kumar is heard telling his screen-wife, 'Tumne mujhe teen baar jagaya hai. Main koi saand hoon kya (you've woken me up thrice... am I a bull?)'. In another sequence, a character says, he goes to pee with a rassi (thread) around his ears. He means the sacred janao worn by Brahmins. And we saw no reason for something with such sanctity attached to it being referred to so facetiously."

Swear words like harami have also been removed from the film. The film was reportedly caught in piracy snare recently and Akshay Kumar thanked the Crime Branch for their prompt action in stopping the leak. "The fight against piracy is critical and it's reassuring to see the swift action tak-

en by the Crime Branch of the unfortunate incident involving our film Toilet: Ek Prem Katha. I would like to urge my friends, colleagues, fans and audiences to please say no to piracy. Thank you for all your support," Akshay had said on his social media handle.

### BOLLYBUZZ!!!

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### BABY BLUES

- KIRKMAN & SCOTT



**ARIES:** Your emotions are active, Aries, and could be popping up in powerful outbursts. There's momentum building within that you shouldn't ignore or suppress. Perhaps you feel that what you have to say isn't appropriate for the situation. More than likely, it will do more harm than good to ignore these feelings rather than get them out, even when it seems disruptive to do so.

**TAURUS:** You may have a feeling that if you don't have something positive to say, you shouldn't say anything. This idea could keep you tongue-tied today, Taurus. If you're frustrated, angry, or hurt, address the issue openly. Don't feel like you have to be the one who cheers up everyone

else. Let someone else have a turn for a change. You're only harming yourself by pretending that everything is OK when it isn't.

**GEMINI:** Don't skimp when it comes to taking care of your physical health, Gemini. In an effort to save money, you may not bother getting dental checkups, or you could opt for the least expensive doctor in the book. Nothing is more important than your health. Treat your body with the honor and respect it deserves. You may have no trouble doing for others what you know you should be doing for yourself.

**CANCER:** Keeping things in balance may be more trouble than it's worth, Cancer, so don't force the issue. Some-

times it's necessary for our personal growth to let the pendulum swing all the way to one side. The more you can let go and accept that everything isn't going to always be peaceful and harmonious, the better able you will be to deal with the sudden emotional turmoil that is bound to arise.

**LEO:** This is one day when you feel on the edge of either an emotional breakdown or a triumphant epiphany, Leo. To ensure a positive outcome, don't take yourself too seriously. There's a degree of intensity to the day that's likely to make everyone feel they're wound up like a spring. One careless move could set off disaster. Do what you can to ease the tension rather than add to it.

**VIRGO:** Just because everyone else is walking on eggshells doesn't mean you need to, Virgo. Your upbeat spirit will be more welcome than usual due to the drama around you. Be careful of falling into the role that you know others want you to play. It's easy to take on the role that's in front of you, but this doesn't always help the situation. Read from your own script, not someone else's.

**LIBRA:** Your tremendous sensitivity in a certain situation could be causing you to jump to conclusions that are keeping you from seeing the truth, Libra. Your tendency is to assume things before you have all the facts. You may assume the worst, making you more stressed about the

situation than you need to be. Don't worry about things you don't know to be true.

**SCORPIO:** You may feel like you're doomed if you do and doomed if you don't, Scorpio. You may feel very opinionated about a certain issue, but you know that expressing yourself is likely to cause someone else to feel threatened or upset. But if you keep these thoughts to yourself, you're going to feel resentful and perhaps even used. You're better off expressing yourself honestly.

**SAGITTARIUS:** You may find yourself bursting into tears for no apparent reason today, Sagittarius. Seek comfort in sitting by a body of water where you can let your emotions flow. Tension builds as the storm

draws near. Once it has passed, however, there is calm as the sunshine pierces the clouds. This time of peace and serenity may seem far off, but it's closer than you think.

**CAPRICORN:** Unexpected emotions are going to come out of nowhere and cause havoc, Capricorn. Be prepared to deal with the expected. The key is not to overreact. The calmer and more stable you can stay, the better off you'll be. Dealing with the situation in a reactive outburst will only turn the scene into an explosive rage. Count to ten or sit by yourself for a while before you deal with the problem.

**AQUARIUS:** You may want more freedom in a certain situation, Aquar-

ius. Perhaps it's your emotions that you want to distance yourself from, or it feels like someone is smothering you. On the one hand, you long for company and intimacy to fill an inner void.

On the other, you resent having to be so needy. Make sure you're whole before you sink too deeply into a relationship.

**PISCES:** You may need to use charm and wit to ease a tense situation, Pisces. Gridlock could be making you feel uncomfortable. Your solution to the problem is to put on a happy face and divert attention from the difficulty by telling some jokes. Realize that this technique will delay having to face a particular situation for a while, but it certainly won't keep you from ever having to deal with it.