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## Editors Guild demands strict action in journalist killing cases

**NEW DELHI, MAR 28 (PTI):** The Editors Guild of India today demanded strict action in the recent cases of alleged killing of journalists in Bihar and Madhya Pradesh, saying the culprits in these "heinous attacks" on scribes, who had exposed wrongdoings, should be brought to book speedily.

The Press Council of India (PCI) too sought reports from both the state governments in these cases, and also from the Delhi Police commissioner on the alleged assault on journalists by cops while they were covering a demonstration in the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) here.

A 35-year-old journalist Sandeep Sharma, working with a television channel, was reportedly mowed down by a truck in Bhind district of Madhya Pradesh on Monday. He was involved in exposing the nexus between sand mafia and some police personnel.

In Bihar, Naveen Nishturn to pg02

## Deadline for linking Aadhaar with welfare schemes extended to June 30

**NEW DELHI, MAR 28 (PTI):** The government today extended by three months the deadline of March 31 for linking of Aadhaar with the welfare schemes, where benefits are transferred to citizens from the Consolidated Fund of India.

The deadline now stands extended to June 30, 2018, according to an office memorandum of the Ministry of Electronics and IT.

The deadline for linking bank accounts and mobile phone numbers with 12 digit biometric identifier Aadhaar has already been extended indefinitely, till the five-judge constitution bench delivers its judgement on petitions challenging the validity of the biometric scheme and the enabling law.

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## Chief Minister inaugurates Sikkim's first Entrepreneurs' Hub Centre

**IPR/NITESH R PRADHAN GANGETOK, 28 MAR:**

In a major development for the State, Sikkim's first Entrepreneurs' Hub Centre was inaugurated by Chief Minister Pawan Chamling here at Samman Bhawan today.

The Entrepreneurs' Consultation Centre is the first of its kind in the entire North East Region. Sikkim is also perhaps the only State where such a Centre will be located in the office of the Chief Minister, which goes to show the impetus laid by the Government on facilitating an enabling environment for young

entrepreneurs to evolve.

The initiative is also in line with the Chief Minister's Startup Scheme launched by the state government last year.

Addressing young and budding entrepreneurs, the Chief Minister congratulated the founding members and the entire team of entrepreneurs for setting up the Hub Centre and for embracing the field of entrepreneurship. He called upon the entrepreneurs to take up the mantle of educating the youth in the State who are disillusioned and are still living with the traditional mindset.

This is the age of science, technology, creation, new ideas and innovation and hence our youth should be able to accept the reality and adapt to the changing times, he said. Science has erased all the boundaries and made the world flat and transparent where anybody can compete, he added.

"Today, we are being challenged by infrastructures created by Science such as Artificial Intelligence, which is slowly taking up our jobs," he stated.

He urged the youth to take inspiration from the lives of individuals like Stephen Hawking

and Helen Keller who fought all odds and became an inspiration to millions of people across the globe. It was their sheer will power and intelligence which enabled them to achieve the unfathomable, he added.

The Chief Minister further called upon the entrepreneurs to develop strong faith in themselves and remove all forms of disillusionment from their minds.

"Your biggest wealth is your age, but you should also ensure that along with your body, your mind and intellect should be turn to pg02

## Boxing coach named employee of the month by South DAC

**SUMMIT REPORT NAMCHI, 28 MAR:**

District Boxing Coach, Department of Sports, South Sikkim, Mukesh Rai, has been selected as the 'Employee of the Month' for the month of April 2018, a press release from the South District Collector's office informs.

The South District Administration has selected Mr Rai for his contribution and achievement as a coach in training gold medalist, Sukraj Rai and bronze medalists, Subhash Tamang



and Puka Rampal, for the East Zone Boxing Championship recently held at Assam.

In his tenure as a coach, three boys and a girl were selected for North East National Games from the district out of which Sukraj Rai and Subash Rana won bronze medals.

In the 15th State Open Boxing Championship held in Gangtok, the district team bagged 25 medals [11 gold, 10 silver and 04 bronze] with the team lifting the 'Overall Championship' trophy for most number of medals won by a team.

Mr Rai is also responsible for training Sukraj

Rai who became the first boxer from Sikkim to win a medal at the 02nd Elite Senior Men's National Boxing Championship 2017-18 held in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.

Khelo India School Games 2018 participant, Pura Rai is also a trainee under Mukesh Rai.

The South District Administration, in the release, has lauded his dedication, commitment and hard work and has congratulated him for his achievement as a teacher and a coach.

## CBSE paper leak: Board announces re-exam; HRD initiates probe

**NEW DELHI, MAR 28 (PTI):** The CBSE today announced re-examination in the Class 10 mathematics and Class 12 economics subjects in the wake of reports of paper leaks even as Union HRD minister Prakash Javadekar said a new leak-proof system would be put in place for conducting the board exams.

Seeking to reach out to parents and students worried over the alleged incidents of repeated leaks, Javadekar said he has spoken to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and apprised him about the developments.

He also said that the HRD ministry had initiated an internal probe into the matter.

The Delhi Police's

Crime Branch has also begun investigating the alleged leak of the CBSE's Class 12 economics paper and registered a separate case in connection with the alleged leak of the Class 10 mathematics paper.

Top police officials, this evening, also discussed the further line of investigation.

In a circular, the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) said that dates for the re-examination would be posted on its website within a week.

"The board has taken cognisance of certain happenings in the conduct of certain examinations as are being reported. With a view to uphold

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## WB govt advises Guv not to visit injured DSP in Durgapur

**KOLKATA, MAR 28 (PTI):** The West Bengal government has advised Governor K N Tripathi against visiting Durgapur to meet a DSP, injured in violence over a Ram Navami procession in Raniganj, citing its inability to provide him adequate security, according to a statement issued by the Raj Bhavan.

The governor had planned to visit the hospital in Durgapur where Asansol-Durgapur Deputy Commissioner of Police Arindam Dutta Chowdhury is being treated to acquaint himself with the situation, the statement issued by the Governor's press secretary read.

Chowdhury lost a hand during the violence when the agitators hurled a bomb at him.

"The state government informed that in view of deployment of police in the area, it will be difficult

to provide adequate security to the Hon'ble Governor during the visit," the statement read.

The government said the situation was tense in the violence-hit region, including the nearby areas of Raniganj and Asansol and it was not "advisable for the governor to visit Durgapur".

The governor appealed to all sections of society to maintain peace, it added.

Heavy police force was deployed in the Raniganj area yesterday after clashes broke out between two groups on Monday over a Ram Navami procession in which one person was killed and two police officers were injured, according to officials.

In another incident, one person was killed and five police personnel were injured in a group clash in Purulia on Sunday.

## Singtam's old ticket counter and old bridge receive renewed attention



**YOGEN THATAL SINGTAM, 27 MAR:**

Established in 1974, the ticket counter in Singtam bazaar is part of the history of the town, and a quaint piece of "architecture" which the people are familiar with and have even grown fond of over the years. This, along with the Old Bridge, constructed in 1929, are in desperate need of conservation and upkeep, a possibility imperiled by the "beautification" works underway here.

While one understands the need for urban spaces to receive facelifts and modernisation, the construction of the flyover here and the amphitheater are pro-

gressing at such a fast clip that these landmarks of Singtam could be lost.

While some might find nothing wrong with such losses, others hold a different opinion.

"The ticket counter is a part of history and had watched the passage of time here. It stands today as one of the last remnants of the era gone by. And since Singtam is moving towards beautification process, I on behalf of the association request the concerned authority to kindly take this as an appeal for renovation and maintenance of the old ticket counter. The structure could fit in well, in its own way, with the idea and de-

velopment of tourism in Sikkim by celebrating heritage," shares Tinku Adhikari, president of the SMTWA.

An application with a request seeking protection and declaration of the above-mentioned spots as heritage establishments of Singtam was also submitted to the Municipal Executive Officer today, emphasizing "the importance to safeguard these pieces of history".

The MEO, Himmat Rai, while responding to the letter, said, "We will definitely be looking into these matters because it represents the history of Singtam Bazaar and the state too."



## SKM criticizes arrears on electricity bills

### SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 28 MAR:

Sikkim Krantikari Morcha has alleged that consumers in the State have been getting arrears on their power bills from the Power Department with directions for immediate payment of the same. The party has further alleged that the people of Sikkim have been facing this issue of arrears of their power bills at the end of every financial year.

In a press release, the party has questioned the validity of such arrears. While establishing hydel power projects in the State the Sikkim Democratic Front party had declared that the State will have surplus electricity generation from 2015 but now the government is looting people in the name of electricity bills, SKM has alleged.

The party has demanded that the Power Department immediately stop collecting arrears from consumers who have been paying their bills properly.

## Editors Guild demands strict action...

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chal an Ara-based journalist, who worked for a Hindi daily, was among two persons killed when an SUV rammed into their bike in Bhojpur district with the family alleging that it was a case of murder.

The Editors Guild of India expresses its distress and concern over the death of two journalists under suspicious circumstances in the past few days, the guild said in a release.

The guild said it was concerned that journalists who exposed "wrong doings and criminal connections of the mafia with government" were being targeted.

The Guild demands that both Bihar and Madhya Pradesh governments bring speedy justice to the culprits of these heinous attacks, it said.

Referring to the JNU case, it said a young press photographer was beaten and molested in public by a senior police officer in Delhi.

These incidents confirm increase in attack on journalists. The Guild demands strict action, it said.

The National Union of Journalists (India), in a release, also strongly condemned the alleged murder of the two journalists.



## South ASP attends media workshop at Namchi Govt College

### SUMMIT REPORT

NAMCHI, 28 MAR:

Assistant Superintendent of Police (South), Linda Palmo, alongside Sub Inspector, Kunchok attended a workshop organized by Department of Journalism and Mass Communication on television

and documentary film production at Namchi Government College on 27 Mar, a press release informs.

The workshop was also attended by Tadong Government College Principal, Bina Pradhan, Head of Department [Mass Communication],

Dr Guha, representatives from Sikkim Manipal University, Loyola College Principal and others.

Addressing the workshop, Ms Palmo deliberated on the significance and proper use of mass communication in policing. Additionally,

she also appealed to the college students to give reports and updates on daily events happening in the society. The ASP said that students can make short documentary on types of policing and to be reporters for the police in maintaining law and order.

## Nearly 300 killed in communal violence in 2015-17, Govt tells RS

**NEW DELHI, MAR 28 (PTI):** Nearly 300 people, including 111 in 2017 alone, were killed in various incidents of communal violence in last three years across India, the Rajya Sabha was informed today.

Union Minister of State for Home Hansraj Gangaram Ahir said 111 people were killed and 2,384 others were injured in 822 communal incidents in the country in 2017. In 2017, the highest 44 people were killed in Uttar Pradesh in 195 communal incidents, followed by 12 deaths in 91 such incidents in Rajasthan.

In 2016, 86 people were killed and 2,321 others were injured in 703 communal incidents in the country. That year, among all the states, Uttar Pradesh had seen 162 communal incidents in which 29 people were killed.

As many as 12 people were killed in 101 communal incidents in Karnataka in 2016.

In 2015, 97 people were killed and 2,264 others were injured in 751 communal incidents in the country.

## SKM conducts youth coordination meeting in Lower Shyari



### SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 28 MAR:

Sikkim Krantikari Morcha conducted a youth coordination meeting at Lower Shyari today, a press release from the party informs.

The meeting was chaired by the party's working president, Navin Karki and was attended by vice-president, Tshering Bhutia, general

secretary [East Zone 1], Neelu Chettri, Nari convener, Ganga Parsai, chief youth convener, Janak Gurung, party workers and public.

The release informs that the speakers talked about the aims and objectives of the party and the circumstances that gave birth to SKM.

Thorough discussions were held on prob-

lems faced by the people of the constituency. Delay in road works was among the main concerns along with incomplete and random distribution of Rural House scheme benefits, heavy carriage charges of construction materials and others.

Appointment letters were also handed to new office bearer and ranks.

## Govt issues notice to Facebook over data breach

**NEW DELHI, MAR 28**

**(PTI):** The government today issued a notice to social networking giant Facebook, seeking its response over the user data breach and details of the measures it has put in place to ensure safety and prevent misuse of personal data.

The Ministry of Electronics and IT (Meity) today said that a notice seeking details relating to breach of data from Facebook had been sent to Cambridge Analytica particularly with regard to reports in the media about questionable practices attributed to the UK-based firm in their efforts to influence elections.

"It is felt that there is a need for further information about the data breach from Facebook. Accordingly, a letter has been issued by the Ministry of Electronics & IT on March 28, 2018 to Facebook seeking their response," Meity said in a statement.

The ministry has raised five questions in all including whether the personal data of Indian voters and users has been compromised by Cambridge Analytica or any other downstream entity in any manner.

The ministry has asked social media major to submit a reply whether the company or its

related or downstream agencies utilising Facebook's data have previously been engaged by any entities "to manipulate the Indian electoral process".

The letter sent to Facebook said that at present, it has largest footprint in India in terms of its user base and sought its reply on proactive measures being taken by the company to ensure safety, security and privacy of such large user data and to prevent its misuse by any third party.

"Facebook has been called upon to give their response by April 7, 2018," the statement said.

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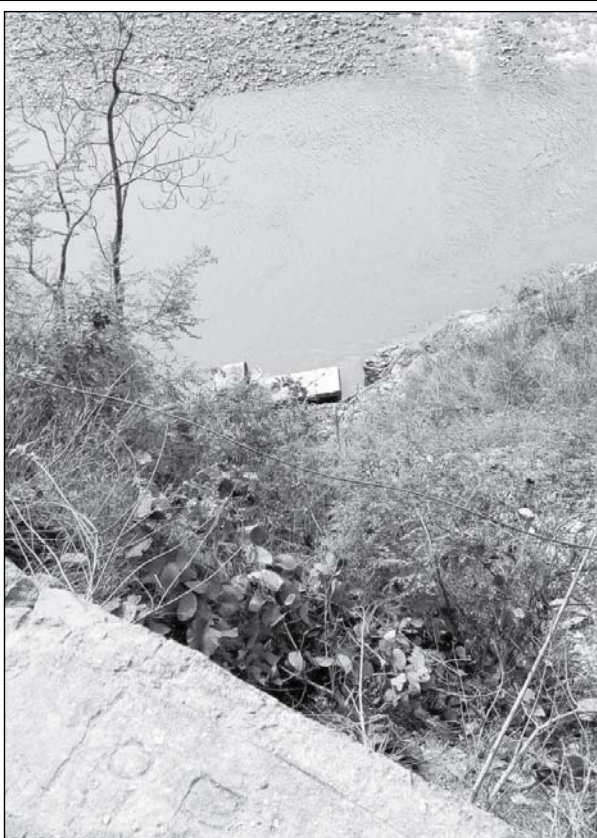
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## DRIVER KILLED IN TRUCK ACCIDENT

### SUMMIT REPORT

KALIMPONG, 28 MAR:

A truck met with an accident on NH 10 early this morning killing the driver on the spot. The Sikkim bound truck was carrying a load of cement and skidded off the road near Rangpo plunging around 200 feet below into the Teesta. The vehicle was headed towards Pakyong in East Sikkim. The driver Nitesh Sundas (28), hailing from Bada Mangmaya but currently residing at Pakyong, died on the spot while two other helpers jumped from the truck escaping with injuries.

## Chief Minister inaugurates Sikkim's first Entrepreneurs'...

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young," he added. He urged the entrepreneurs to make the most of the unlimited opportunities available in various sectors in Sikkim.

"People from outside the State are benefitting from the opportunities available in the State. Young people from Sikkim should come forward and reverse this trend," he stated.

He added that entrepreneurship may be challenging to start with, one may incur financial losses, but with time and experience, it is highly rewarding. He urged the entrepreneurs not to get disheartened by petty challenges and losses, and asked them not to give up at any point of time.

Referring to the scenario in Sikkim where most of the young people are obsessed

with seeking government jobs, Mr Chamling reminded the gathering that the true potential and desire of a person is never realized by being employed in the government or the corporate sector.

"They merely become intellectual labors or physical labors," he added.

Speaking on the opportunities emanating from Organic Agriculture, the Chief Minister urged the youth to explore various areas such as marketing, branding and exporting of organic produce from Sikkim such as vegetables, fruits, flowers, meat, eggs and milk. The Chief Minister also exhorted the entrepreneurs to realize the potential of the State in eco-friendly tourism. He said that the government has created unique tourism infrastruc-

tures throughout the State so that young entrepreneurs can benefit from them.

He also shared the government's vision and commitment to create 1000 tourist destinations in the State. He talked about the government's plan to build a 12 km underground tunnel from Sirwani to Legship to begin with and subsequently connect all the four districts through underground tunnels. He also mentioned the various plans under Smart City Project which can generate numerous opportunities for the youth of Sikkim.

"Our Government has created infrastructures that can last for another 1000 years but the youth have to take ownership and accountability towards maintaining them,"

he added.

In his concluding note, the Chief Minister said that the CM's Start Up Scheme is an answer to the perceived unemployment in the State. He informed that a sum of Rs 79 crore has been earmarked for the Scheme in the current Budget. He called on the entrepreneurs present in the meeting to take the lead and become torch bearers of entrepreneurship in the State.

Earlier, the Chief Minister handed over token subsidy amounts to eight entrepreneurs from the first batch of the Chief Minister's Startup Scheme.

The programme also saw felicitation of the Chief Minister by the Members of the Entrepreneurs' Hub Centre.

During the programme,

the CM was also presented with photograph frames depicting dance forms of 20 ethnic communities of Sikkim by the officers of the Information and Public Relations Department. The photographs have been taken from the paintings of artist Bhawani Pradhan.

The programme was also addressed by Principal Secretary, Commerce & Industries Department, Arvind Kumar, and Founders of the Entrepreneurs' Hub Centre, Rewaj Chettri and Yougan Tamang.

Yougan Tamang informed that the startup hub will now act as a one-stop destination for upcoming entrepreneurs to structure further plans about their respective start ups.

Thanking the Chief Minister for his will and intention

to start this centre at his office he said that varied aspects of the State's startup scheme will be available in the newly launched office.

Rewaj Chettri, who recently made the state proud by featuring in the Forbes Under 30 Asia list for his startup efforts, while thanking everyone for their congratulatory messages expressed gratitude to the Chief Minister for his push towards the establishment of the centre.

The program was also attended by Ministers, Ugen Gyatso Bhutia and NK Subba, Legal Advisor to CM, KT Gyaltsen, Gangtok Municipal Corporation Mayor, Shakti Singh Choudhary, bureaucrats, entrepreneurs and stakeholders from agriculture, tourism and banking sectors.

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couple of showers  
and a thunderstorm.  
**Sunrise:** 05:30 AM  
**Sunset:** 5:51 PM

## Four SADA cases in one day

### SUMMIT REPORT

**GANGTOK, 28 MAR:**

Gyalshing police on 27 Mar arrested and booked a 34-year-old man from Mangley, West Sikkim, under Sikkim Anti Drugs Act, 2006, after he was allegedly found in possession of 183 capsules of Spasmoproxyvon and 40 N-10 tablets along with eight bottles of illegal cough syrup. The police were acting on a tip from a source who alleged that the accused was selling the substances to buyers at Pelling. He reportedly revealed to the police that he had bought the substances from Siliguri. After conducting medical examination the accused was arrested and is currently in police custody.

In another SADA case on the same day, two persons in their 20's were intercepted by Rangpo Police at Mandi Bazaar allegedly looking for prospective buyers. Upon searching their belongings, the police reportedly recovered 56 capsules Spasmoproxyvon and 10 N-10 tablets. Both the accused were later booked under SADA, 2006 and arrested.

Rangpo police on the same day during routine checking of incoming vehicles at Rangpo checkpoint detained a 30-year-old woman from Tadong, East Sikkim. Upon searching her belongings in front of independent witnesses, the police recovered 923 capsules Spasmoproxyvon and 104 N-10 tablets. The woman has been booked under SADA, 2006.

In the fourth SADA case of the day, a 25-year-old man was intercepted at Jubilee Line in Singtam, East Sikkim, after Police received information from sources that the man was selling contraband substances. On investigation, 278 Spasmoproxyvon capsules were recovered from his belongings. The accused has also been booked under SADA, 2006.

### Kutse Shegu

The 49th Day Kutse Shegu of **Late Phichi Bhutia** of Linkey Busty, who left for heavenly abode on 10.02.2018 falls on **29.03.2018**. All relatives, friends and well wishers are requested to join us in offering prayers to departed soul at our resident at **Burtuk Helipad, Gangtok**. We offer our sincere gratitude towards those who stood by us in the time of bereavement.

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## CM's meeting with GTA chief was in Sikkim's interes: KT Gyaltsen

**NIRMAL MANGAR  
GANGTOK, 28 MAR:**

Sikkim Democratic Front spokesperson, KT Gyalsten, today said that the meeting between Chief Minister Pawan Chamling and GTA chief Binay Tamang was in the larger interest of the State and its people.

Speaking to the reporters this evening, Mr Gyalsten said, "As far as Sikkim's peace, security and development are concerned, the Chief Minister is open to meeting any leader or political organization from outside Sikkim be-

cause it is for the cause of the Sikkimese people. As far as the meeting is concerned, it was a successful one in which several matters were discussed."

He added, "Mr Binay Tamang is the appointed head of GTA so we have to respect the decision of the neighbouring government. The meeting will create a better understanding in future. We are not interested in the politics of Darjeeling, but we have to understand that the meeting was important in Sikkim's larger security

and interests."

Speaking about the packed itinerary on the CM and SDF activities, he said, "There is not a pre-election exercise as our party has been in regular touch with the people through various programs. Our leader is everyday interacting with the people. He is a leader of a different kind. Also, SDF party is ready for elections any time."

Speaking on Bhairung Bhutia's expression of interest to join Sikkim politics, he said, "Anybody can join politics, best wishes to him."



## USFC starts strong in Siliguri Premier League, downs Milan More 3-1

**SAGAR CHHETRI  
GANGTOK, 28 MAR:**

United Sikkim Football Club [USFC] has made a good start in the 2nd Siliguri Premier League underway in Siliguri. In its first match of the league played at Milan More Ground on Wednesday, USFC played Amukta Pariwar (Siliguri) 03-01.

A hatrick by Prashant

Chettri helped USFC register this handsome victory and bag three points from its first match.

USFC has been placed in Pool-A along with Amukta Pariwar, Apex FC and Madhur Milan Sangh.

It will next take on Madhur Milan Sangh on 31 March.

A 20-member USFC squad is being led by Mayal Dok Lepcha as

captain.

USFC senior manager, Arjun Rai, informed that the team was down one goal today, made a strong comeback in the second half when Prashant Chettri scored a hatrick.

He informs that if the club wins its second match, it will directly qualify for the semi-final round of the league.

## Meghalaya govt forming Group of Ministers to lift coal ban

**SHILLONG, MAR 28 (PTI):** The Meghalaya government is constituting a Group of Ministers to study and come up with a solution to the NGT ban on coal mining in the state.

The National Green Tribunal (NGT) had imposed a blanket ban on unscientific coal mining in the state since April, 2014 affecting its economy and livelihood

of a large number of people.

"The issue of coal is a priority of our government. We are going to look at environmental concerns as we take forward our discussion with the Centre as well as with other authorities concerned," Sangma told PTI.

He said the Group of Ministers will be led by him and it will have the

mining and geology minister, law minister, forest and environment minister and home minister.

A delegation of the State Coordination Committee of Coal Owners and Mine Dealers Forum had met the Chief Minister yesterday seeking that the newly elected Meghalaya Democratic Alliance government help lift the ban.

# RM&DD organizes orientation session for Swachhagrahis set to leave for Bihar



### SUMMIT REPORT

**GANGTOK, 28 MAR:**

Mission Directorate, Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin), Rural Management and Development Department organized an orientation session for the team of 'Swachhagrahis' who have been selected to be deputed in Champaran, Bihar, for the ensuing 'Satyagraha Se Swachhagraha' event, a press release informs.

The session was chaired by Special Secretary cum Mission Director, SBM (Gramin), Anil Raj Rai along with the Deputy Secretary cum State co-ordinator, SBM (Gramin).

Mr Raj in his address congrat-

ulated the Swachhagrahis for the opportunity and asked them to maintain the reputation of the State in cleanliness through their efforts in the event.

Sikkim has selected 10 Panchayat Development Assistants, RM&DD who function as Swachhagrahis for their respective GPUs and have done exemplary work in the field of sanitation for the event. The team will be led by Panchayat Inspector, Office of Additional District Collector (Dev.), Pakyong, RM&DD, the release informs.

'Satyagraha Se Swachhagraha' event is being organised from 03 to 10 Apr by the Ministry of Drinking Water

and Sanitation, Government of India, in collaboration with the Government of Bihar to commemorate Mahatma Gandhi's Champaran Satyagraha centenary.

About 10,000 Swachhagrahis from across the country, along with another 10,000 Swachhagrahis from Bihar, will be participating in the event, where they will trigger rural communities from 03 to 09 Apr for better sanitation, health and hygiene outcomes. The event will culminate at Champaran on 10 Apr where Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address the Swachhagrahis.



## BOMBAY HIGH COURT JUDGE CALLS ON GOVERNOR

**GANGTOK, 28 MAR:** Bombay High Court Judge, Justice Sadhana Jadhav called on Governor Shrinivas Patil at Raj Bhavan today. A press release from Raj Bhavan informs that it was a courtesy call by Justice Jadhav on her arrival at Gangtok.

# CBSE paper leak: Board announces re-exam; HRD initiates probe

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the sanctity of the board examinations and in the interest of fairness to the students, the board has decided to re-conduct the examinations for the following subjects," it said.

Panic had gripped Class 12 CBSE students on Monday after claims were made on social media sites that the economics paper had been leaked on WhatsApp.

On March 15, social media was abuzz with reports that the Class 12 accountancy paper had been leaked with the Delhi government saying it had received complaints about it.

This came after the CBSE had denied the claims, saying, "We have checked with all examination centres and the paper was not leaked."

"The source of the circulation of this information is not known yet," the board had said.

The Union HRD minister told reporters that a new leak-proof system would be put in place from coming Monday onwards for conducting CBSE exams.

"It seems some kind of gang is behind this and it is doing it deliberately. A special team is already investigating the matter and the guilty will not

spared, the minister told reporters as he faced a barrage of questions about the repeated leaks.

We will ensure no injustice is caused. I just want to tell the parents and children that it is extremely unfortunate that this incident(s) happened, Javadekar said.

He said that the "with the help of technology, put in place a system which is so foolproof that there is no leak".

"We have also decided to tighten security for the time when papers are being distributed in the examination centres, the minister said but did not elaborate the details of the

proposed new system.

Refuting charges against the CBSE, he said it has a solid system in place and conducts 24 exams annually for 1.2 crore students.

But if someone is leaking it or there is some loophole in it and taking that into consideration, a new system will be put in place from Monday which will ensure there is no such leakage, he underlined.

Meanwhile, Alok Kumar, joint commissioner of police, crime, confirmed a case was registered yesterday following a complaint by the Board.

Special Commissioner

of Police (Crime) R P Upadhyay and Joint Commissioner of Police (Crime) Alok Kumar also held a meeting with Delhi Police Commissioner Amulya Patnaik in the evening to discuss the future course of investigation.

Another officer privy to the probe said the case has been registered under various sections of the Indian Penal Code, including cheating.

Twitter users went berserk today, with some of them venting their anger and displeasure today vented their anger as the CBSE announced re-examination in the Class 10 mathematics

and Class 12 economics papers amid reports claiming paper leaks.

Delhi Congress president Ajay Maken tweeted about how his son and many other students have been left dejected because of these reports.

"My son Aujasvi studied really hard for #CBSE Class X Board Math Exams held today. His joy of finishing Board Exams was short lived. He is extremely dejected as the Math paper got leaked& this #LeakingGovt will hold the Exam again. I feel sorry for him as lakhs of other students! (sic)," he tweeted. Lawyer and activist

Prashant Bhushan questioned whether any exam or selection is "scam-proof" in India.

"#Vyapam, AIIMS, #SSC & now #CBSE exam leak through WhatsApp. Is there any exam or selection which is safe& scam proof in India? Even after PM's app leaks our personal data to US firm, our govt tells us that Aadhar data is safe behind thick walls! Incredible!" he posted on the micro-blogging site.

Congress spokesperson Randeep Singh Surjewala attacked the Modi government and said that it should be renamed as 'Paper Leak Government'.



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## OK, Let's Talk Village Tourism Now

*An exciting prospect in need for more inputs*

There is no doubting that tourism is by far the safest option for the economic upliftment of Sikkim. And let's also accept that during peak season, Gangtok bursts even past its seams. The 'season' has not even set in earnest, and the rush of tourists, much as it excites at the potential of what the coming months hold, should have one wondering how the capital will manage when it peaks.

When it comes to economic/ employment engagement options, there is tourism, hydel and industry (almost exclusively pharma really). There is also the potential of Organic Farming, but that is still in infancy and has not tickled the interest of the young in any meaningful way yet. The abundant hydel potential is obvious, but that calls for heavy investment which the State cannot afford on its own, and also, being technical in nature, although hydel projects bring in investments and will eventually also earn revenue, they create few jobs for the locals. Much the same applies to pharmaceutical units. In both activities, locals have limited career progression opportunities. It is different with tourism, especially when we are talking village tourism that the State has often announced as its priority sector.

Village tourism is inclusive because it involves the people and spreads the returns among them. It also has minimal impact on the environment since the very idea of village tourism hinges on keeping things the way they are and maybe just adding a dash of glamour and modern amenities to the rural experience with some exaggerated rituals and even pseudo-hospitality. All this we know and no one questions the logic of opting for village tourism/homestays to bring about a quantum leap in the earnings of the rural Sikkimese. If it succeeds, the face of Sikkim could change.

The operative word here is "if". It is obvious from the number of training camps and sensitisation programmes that the government is serious about weaning the people away from their traditional economies into the service sector of tourism. Even though there are some impressive success stories in the homestay sector, the government has to be extremely careful about how it moves ahead with this process. Its calculations have to be accurate and its role as the facilitator more nuanced. It is not enough to sponsor training sessions, they are only part of the "facilitating" process. The Tourism Department has to also get its statistics worked out and its projections formalised and achievable targets set. Before we convince every village in Sikkim to polish up their hospitality skills, the basic information we should have at hand is whether we can supply them the guests. Sikkim Tourism has to start collating a more detailed data on the profile of tourists who check into Sikkim. Are the tourists who come to Sikkim the kind who will opt for a rural experience in enough numbers? Equally important - do they spend enough time in Sikkim to soak in the rural ambience? It is unlikely that such a study has been conducted. It should.

The general belief is that a majority of the tourists coming to Sikkim want to do Tsomgo, check out Baba Mandir, spend a day sightseeing around Gangtok and depart. Some also holiday at Pelling and return and others make a beeline for North Sikkim. This is not the tourist who will be spending idyllic evenings sipping Chang listening to folk songs by a campfire. For a starter, the Department should work out whether a majority of the tourists arriving in Sikkim would appreciate a rural escape. If they will, no problems. If they don't, then the Department has to find out where such tourists can be found and promote Sikkim's latest offerings there. Then, it will be playing out the role of the facilitator properly.

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Growing up in a rinky-dink Canadian city, I was tortured a lot. Part of the problem was that I was stunted by an environment filled with second-hand tobacco smoke and devoid of nutritious food. Consequently, I was small and weak. Not surprisingly, I was targeted a lot, bullied really, by students and teachers.

In almost every year of my Catholic education past Grade 5, I have memories of abuse heaped upon me by all those in my life who were bigger and stronger than me. Since I was a stunted child, that pretty much amounted to everybody. Mine was not a pleasant childhood.

Of course, I cried and complained at first, but I quickly learned to stuff my tears. I, like most others, was taught to believe my pain and suffering was the "natural order" of things. The strong rise to the top. The weak suffer and decline.

My victimization was the natural and inevitable result of my "beta" status. No sense shedding tears or blaming the aggressive alphas. Like Eric Trump said a couple years ago while bragging about his "alpha" daddy's assault talk — that's just what happens when "alpha personalities are in the same presence."

No doubt we have all heard, and perhaps have even used, the term "alpha male." Ever since biologist David Mech first coined the term in 1970, certain types of aggressive and dominating behaviours, and even certain types of economic systems, like capitalism, have come to be associated with the "alpha" type.

### ALPHAS ARE NOT NATURAL AT ALL

The basic idea is simple. The alpha, the "strong dog," fights and bites his way to the top where he leads the pack and enjoys lots of food and sex, while the betas simmer and grovel at the bottom.

Since Mech coined the term, those wishing to justify aggressive, dominating, competitive, exploitative, even assaulting behaviour may adopt the alpha appellation, like a badge of evolutionary honour.

It seems sensible enough, especially since it is based on natural biology. The only problem, according to an older and wiser Mech, is that alphas are not natural at all. In a video he posted on YouTube in 2008 (presumably because, despite numerous pleas, his university publisher won't stop printing his book) he admits he was wrong.

"The term 'alpha' isn't accurate when describing most of the leaders of wolf packs," he says. The term implies that alphas "fought and competed to get to the top" whereas in fact, the actual opposite is true. "The social interactions among members of natural wolf packs are much calmer and more peaceful," says Mech.

There is some dominant/subordinate behaviour, but it is nothing like so often assumed. It is more a family hierarchy, with mom and dad at the top, and children flowing in right behind. It is more about ensuring family survival.

This is especially obvious in times of food scarcity where "alphas" dominate in order to ensure food goes to the pups. As Mech says, "...the most practical effect of social dominance is to allow the dominant individual the choice of to whom to allot food." Parents, "both dominate older offspring and restrict their food intake when food is scarce, feeding pups instead."

### A BEGINNER'S SCIENCE MISTAKE

As it turns out, alphas don't compete their way to

# Are bullies alpha males or sick puppies?



the top. As Mech says, in nature, all a wolf has to do to become an "alpha" is mate with the opposite sex and produce some offspring, "becoming the natural leaders that way."

In reality, wolves don't prowl around like some cartoon depiction of savage beasts. Instead, they act like healthy parents.

They assert wise authority to guide and preserve the pack. This is a much different behaviour pattern than we typically ascribe to them. I'm not even sure "dominance" is the most appropriate word for it anymore. Parenting seems much more appropriate.

If there is no such thing as an alpha wolf, if an alpha is really just an attached and involved parent, why did Mech coin that term in the first place?

It was a beginner's science mistake. Biologists over generalized. They took observations of captive wolves, observations that wolf biologists had been making ever since Rudolph Schenke's 1948 "Captivity Observations," and they took it too far.

They assumed that what they saw in a zoo was the same behaviour that they would see in nature. They were wrong.

Even though Mech takes full responsibility for the term, we should not blame him. He was a student doing what wolf biologists had done for decades. Nor should we be too hard on the biologists who made the mistake. Science is all about correcting mistakes. We don't blame scientists for doing what they are supposed to do. We support them so they can do their important jobs.

### ALPHA BEHAVIOUR AS LUPINE PTSD

Still, the error does raise a couple of important, and I imagine for some quite difficult, questions. If alpha behaviour is not natural behaviour, then what is it really?

And what about all the human "alphas" who have adopted, or been assigned, the alpha appellation. What does that term really mean?

Emerging research suggests that alpha behaviour may be the result of emotional disturbance caused by the stressful and generally objectionable experience of captivity.

Wolves in captivity are strangers to each other. They have lost their important primary attachments, are dealing with lack of control over their environment, and may even be experiencing lupine PTSD.

Alpha behaviour may not be as bad as the "zoochosis" documented in this rather disturbing video,

but animals do have "comparable mental and emotional capacities as humans" and they are subject to trauma-induced mental and emotional pathology.

Losing your pack, for whatever reason, and getting dragged into captivity would certainly qualify as trauma. In this context, the alpha behaviour wolf biologists observe in zoos certainly qualifies as emotional pathology.

This brings us to the second question which is: If alpha wolf behaviour is an as-yet-to-be-understood lupine emotional pathology, what about the proud human who adopts the term alpha?

For reasons obvious to anybody who has ever been victimized by the alpha types, it is an important question. There are some tantalising clues. For example, we are learning that childhood stress and neglect ("toxic socialization") impact our neurology, psychology and emotional health in complex ways.

Toxic childhoods increase the incidence of conduct disorders, antisocial behaviours and even psychopathy. Toxic childhood experiences lead to serious emotional debilitation. Toxic childhoods cause neurobiological changes that undermine one's ability to empathise.

### ALPHA MALE? OR SICK PUPPY

When you consider the types of questionable activities that alphas get up to in their quest to the top, when you consider the plausible hypothesis that alpha wolves may be traumatized puppies and when you see the neurobiological and emotional damage experienced by neglected and traumatized children, you naturally ask, what about the alphas in our lives and in political office?

What's really going on? Are we witnessing the alpha pinnacle, or are we dealing with an addicted and traumatized puppy?

Unfortunately, scientists are just beginning to explore the question. Are the antics of the school yard bully an indication of some kind of empathic damage? Are the "stomach-churning" sexual assaults of "senior figures from business and politics" neurobiological dysfunctions? Are the antics of the "top dog" indicative reflections of a toxic childhood?

Alpha dog or sick puppy?

It's an important question that, given the increasingly ridiculous state of our realities, I feel we all need to be asking right now.

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# Is my child depressed? Being moody isn't a mental health issue

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It is difficult to open up a magazine or newspaper today without seeing a headline trumpeting the presence of a "mental health crisis" — particularly on our college and university campuses.

Indeed, if the media coverage is to be believed, we are drowning in a sea of mental illness that threatens to overwhelm post-secondary institutions.

The call then is for more pills, more therapy, more of everything, including more panic. Perhaps it's time for some sober critical analysis.

The prevalence of mental illnesses (defined using clear diagnostic criteria) is not rising in this cohort.

Youth self-reports of negative emotions are increasing. But the self-report scales used in studies documenting this have not been calibrated for generational changes in language use. Nor have the results been validated using clear, clinically valid, diagnostic criteria applied by expert clinicians.

Some of the surveys that have contributed to this panic also collapse different questions into meaningless categories (for example collapsing "all the time" and "often" into one category).

The above noted self-reports do identify the ups and downs of everyday emotions, but these are not criteria for diagnosis of mental illness. So we can say that youth on campus may report feeling more negative emotions than previously, but this is not the same thing as saying that young people have more mental disorders than previously.

### THROWING GASOLINE ON THE FIRE

Instead of applying critical thinking to these self-reports, many health and media professionals have rushed to throw gasoline on the fire.

Here's an example. In late 2017, the study "Mental ill-health among children of the new century: Trends across childhood with the focus on age 14" was published by the National Children's Bureau in the United Kingdom.

This showed that self-reported negative emotions were present in about one quarter of this surveyed group, but this was interpreted as 25 per cent of 14-year-old girls in the UK suffer from depression! The fact that parental reports identified about five per cent of this cohort as having significant mood problems was ignored by almost all commentators. This latter number is much more in keeping with known rates of depression in the population.

The presence of a mental disorder was not independently established and the discrepancy between parental and child reports was ignored.

The cautionary words popularized by astronomer Carl Sagan, that "extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence" were not applied. As expected, this study was followed by yet more calls for more therapy, more pills and more panic.

### NEGATIVE EMOTIONS ARE HEALTHY

These concerns are not the result of substantial epidemic increases in the rates of mental illness. They arise, in some part, from poor mental health literacy and unrealistic expectations of the normal emotional states that life challenges elicit.

In many cases the self-identification of being "ill" arises, to quote from Shakespeare's Hamlet, from not being able to differentiate the normal "slings and ar-

rows of outrageous fortune" from pathological states.

This is a cultural issue that has become a diagnostic expectation. A number of converging factors may have created this confusion.

First, the increased public perception that being well means only having positive feelings is taking over the social discourse on mental health. When the measure of health is simply feeling good, negative emotions become a marker of being unwell.

However, normal negative emotions actually promote growth and are essential for human development and adaptation. Without negative emotions we exist in "Pleasantville." Without addressing the life challenges and opportunities that negative emotions signal to us, we can't develop resilience.

Mental health is not a static concept wearing a big smile. There are good days and bad days, good weeks and bad weeks. We still have mental health even if we are having negative emotions.

### PATHOLOGIZING NORMAL LIFE

Second, the use of words originally developed to identify mental illnesses to describe normal negative emotional states has burgeoned.

This includes the term "mental health" itself — which can mean both mental health and mental illness. No such confusion exists in other areas of medicine.

Further, the use of terms denoting illness, such as depression, to mean all negative emotions is even more confusing. Now, words like sadness, disappointment, disgruntlement, demoralization and unhappiness are all lumped together as depression.

As a result, the call is for more therapy, more pills

and more panic. We don't need more pills or therapy.

We need to stop pathologizing normal life.

### A TECHNOLOGICAL MISADVENTURE

Third is the rise of technology and electronic communication. Personal communication devices like smart phones limit the important face-to-face contact with others that makes us human. And the capacity of a text message does not allow for the expression of complex ideas.

We are struggling with the rational use of this technology and have yet to come to terms with how to control it, instead of it controlling us.

Living with, and on, our devices may even make us lonelier. The same phenomenon prevents us from making the face-to-face social connections that are necessary for social connection, the antidote to loneliness.

This is not mental illness, it is technological misadventure.

So we have some challenges. We have to think critically about our language and our expectations. We need to develop mental health literacy — understanding how to maintain good mental health, understanding mental disorders and their treatments, decreasing stigma and increasing our capacity to appropriately seek help for mental illness, not for everyday unhappiness — to clarify this confusion.

Then, we have to learn how to take control of this "new" technology.

We managed to do that with the automobile. We now need to do it with the cell phone.

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## Four die in scrub typhus infection in Mizoram

**AIZAWL, MAR 28 (PTI):** At least four people died due to scrub typhus infection in Mizoram during 2017-2018, Health Minister Lal Thanzara today informed the state Assembly. In a written reply to a question from Dr K Beichhua of the Mizo National Front (MNF) Lal Thanzara said that three people died due to the scrub typhus infection in Aizawl district, while another one died in Mizoram-Tripura-Bangladesh border Mamit district. He said that 540 people were found to be infected with the scrub typhus.



## Mizo govt intends to implement 7th pay commission

**AIZAWL, MAR 28 (PTI):** Mizoram Finance Minister Lalsawta today informed the state legislature that the state government intended to implement the seventh central pay commission during 2018-2019.

Replying to questions from five members, Lalsawta said that the government had been waiting for the recommendation of a committee to study the seventh pay commission which was yet to submit its report and recommendations.

The four-member committee, constituted on November 13 last year, is headed by the State Planning Board Vice chairman H Liansailova and was instructed to submit its report within six months.

He said that the state government would incur additional expenditure of Rs 563.24 crore if and when the seventh central pay commission recommendation was implemented.

# HS Council to inquire if racket involved in paper leak reports

**KOLKATA, MAR 28 (PTI):** The West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary Education will inquire if there was any racket involved in the alleged Bengali question paper leak on the first day of the examination, a senior Council official said.

The Bengali question paper of Class 12 Board exam was allegedly circulated on WhatsApp at an examination centre at Ka-

liachak in Malda district, one hour after the examination started yesterday.

Council president Mahua Das told reporters, "We will hold an inquiry to find out if there was any such leak and if any racket was involved to create confusion among the public."

"I do not believe that any teacher will commit such an act. We will first ascertain the truth."

Das asserted that with several preventive measures in place, there was little possibility of the Higher Secondary question paper getting leaked.

Elaborating on the measures, Das said, "For the first time we have introduced the post of a special invigilator. The Council also did not allow candidates to go to the washroom within one hour of the examination."

And with every classroom having three invigilators, including a special invigilator, to check if anyone was using mobile phones all preventive measures were in place, she said adding "We will see, there is no lacuane."

This apart each packet question had a computer generated bar code, Das said.

During the Secondary Examinations (state-run

Class 10 Board exam) earlier this month, there were allegations of the circulation of physical science question paper on WhatsApp during examination time in the same district.

But the West Bengal Board of Secondary Education had confirmed that the images were those of physical science paper of the previous year.

## Two men paraded naked for raping 17-yr-old girl in Arunachal

**ITANAGAR, MAR 28 (PTI):** Two men were paraded naked by a mob in Upper Siang district of Arunachal Pradesh for allegedly raping a high school student, a top police official said.

The two accused were thrashed and paraded naked by the mob, including women, in Yingkiang market area on March 26 before being handed over to the police.

Two others are absconding, the police official said.

The 17-year-old girl was allegedly raped by the four men, including her boyfriend, near the under-construction Gandhi Bridge on March 25, DIG (central range) John Neihalaia said.

The incident took place at around 8.30 pm at a place, about six kilometre away from Yingkiang town and the police received information on the following day, the DIG said.

The accused are from Pangkang village.

The DIG said that a search has been launched to nab the two accused and a police team has been sent to Jengging in search of the duo, he said.

Terming the incident as "unfortunate", state Home Minister Kumar Waii has sought the support of one and all to bring the guilty to book.

He also asked minors to avoid going out with strangers to unknown locations and travelling after dark.

"Such incidents are unexpected but could be

tackled with coordinated efforts," he said and advocated that the civil society should be vigilant to ensure the security of girls.

Meanwhile, the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women has asked the Upper Siang SP to nab the absconding culprits under the POCSO Act, 2012 and award exemplary punishment to them.

The APSCW also requested the family members of the culprits and society to cooperate with the police to deliver justice to the victim and her family.

This is the second rape incident in the town this year. A six-year-old girl student was allegedly raped by her teacher on February 22 last.

Cases of mob outrage and vigilante justice have surfaced in the state over the past few months prompting the state government to enact a legislation on March 16 which would provide death penalty to those convicted of raping girls below 12 years.

Earlier this month, a man accused of raping a 12-year-old was paraded naked around Daporijo town in Upper Subansiri district before he was handed over to the police.

A mob of around 800 people stormed into the Tezu police station in Lohit district on February 19 last and dragged out a man and his accomplice accused of raping and murder of a five-year-old girl and lynched them in the market area.



## Jagannath temple Ratna Bhandar to be opened after 34 years

**Bhubaneswar, Mar 28 (PTI):** The Odisha government today granted permission to the Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) of Puri to open the Ratna Bhandar after 34 years for inspection by the Archaeological Survey of India.

Precious jewellery and ornaments of the deities are kept in the Ratna Bhandar which was last inspected in 1984 and only three of its seven chambers had been opened then. No one knows exactly what was stored in the other chambers.

"The state government's Law department granted conditional permission to open the Lord's Ratna Bhandar for inspection by experts of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to assess its structural stability and safety," SJTA chief administrator P K Jena said.

However, he said he is yet to go through the conditions given by the state government.

"We'll certainly take precautionary measures before opening the Ratna Bhandar," Jena said.

He had earlier clarified that no assessment of the ornaments or valuables kept inside the Ratna Bhandar will be undertaken and only visual inspection of its roof and walls will be done.

While a section of servitors are opposed to opening of the Ratna Bhandar, the Orissa High Court has asked the SJTA to inspect condition of the store house of valuable ornaments.

Jena said the modalities to be adopted for opening of Ratna Bhandar will be discussed at a meeting of the Chhatisa Nijog (apex body of temple servitors) tomorrow.

The Orissa High Court on March 22 had ordered the ASI to inspect the structural condition of the Ratna Bhandar on March 26 and 27 and submit a status

report on March 29.

The ASI has undertaken outer inspection of the Ratna Bhandar and said its outer surface is good. The condition of the inside of the Ratna Bhandar would be inspected after it is opened.

The Orissa High Court is monitoring the repair work undertaken by the ASI in the 12th century shrine since 2016, while adjudicating over a PIL seeking judicial intervention for an effective repair and renovation of the temple.

## 'Quarter of Assam's tea sold via Guwahati Tea Auction Centre'

**GUWAHATI, MAR 28 (PTI):** Assam produces 650 million kg tea per year and a quarter of it is sold through the Guwahati Tea Auction Centre, Industry Minister Chandra Mohan Patowary told the Assembly today.

Fifteen per cent of the produce is sold through the Kolkata Tea Auction Centre and the rest to tea traders, Patowary said in reply to a question by Naren Sonowal (AGP) in the House.

Financial incentives are also provided through Tea Board of India to tea producers for value addition, creation of infrastructure, maintenance of cleanliness, blending, colour sorting, packaging, etc, the minister said.

To ensure small tea growers get fair price for their green leaf, District Level Monitoring Committee are being formed under each District Deputy Commissioner, he said, adding, as per Tea Board's Tea Marketing Control Order (TMCO) guideline, the price of green leaf is decided as per the auctioned price of tea of the factory buying the leaf.

As per the Tea Board's 2016 Baseline Survey Data, there are 767 big tea gardens in Assam, 409 of which are public limited companies, 253 proprietor-owned, 82 in partnership and 23 public sector owned, he said.

# New directorate to deal with electronic, social media in Assam

**GUWAHATI, MAR 28 (PTI):** Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today ordered the Information and Public Relations Department to create a fresh directorate to specifically deal with the electronic and social media.

Chairing a meeting of the department, he ordered restructuring of the Directorate of In-

formation and Public Relations (DIPR) in tune with changing trends of mass media to make it more productive.

"Along with the print media, electronic and social media today enjoy significant command over the information dissemination system. The existing directorate would deal with the print media, whereas the new

directorate would look after the electronic and social media," he said.

The chief minister also laid stress on speedy redressal of the grievances of mediapersons and media houses and asked the department to take steps for early finalisation of the new State Advertisement Policy.

He also directed the department to institute awards to encourage young mediapersons who play a significant role in generating positive temperament in the society through their news reports in both print and electronic media.

Sonowal said six such awards would be given every year.

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# Warner, Smith banned for 1 year, out of IPL, India series

**SYDNEY, MAR 28 (PTI):** Steve Smith and David Warner were slapped with a one-year international ban and ousted from this year's IPL, while Cameron Bancroft was suspended for nine months as Cricket Australia cracked the whip on the errant trio for its role in the ball-tampering scandal in South Africa.

The lengthy bans on the trio effectively rule them out of the November-December series against India. Virat Kohli's men are scheduled to tour Australia to play four Tests, three One Day Internationals (ODIs) and three Twenty20 International (T20I) matches.

In an extensive statement, Cricket Australia announced the sanctions imposed on the three players, who were ordered to leave for home yesterday midway through the ongoing Test series against South Africa. The cricketers have seven days to appeal against the bans imposed on them.



"Steve Smith: suspension of 12 months from all international and domestic cricket.

David Warner: suspension of 12 months from all international and domestic cricket.

Cameron Bancroft: suspension of 9 months from all international and domestic cricket," the CA statement read.

All three players will, however, be permitted to play

club cricket "to maintain links with the cricket community".

As per the CA code of conduct, Smith has been found guilty of having knowledge of a potential plan to at-

tempt to artificially alter the condition of the ball; failure to take steps to seek to prevent the development and implementation of that plan; and directing that evidence of attempted tampering be concealed on the field of play, among other things.

Smith had also been charged for "seeking to mislead Match Officials and others regarding Bancroft's attempts to artificially alter the condition of the ball; and misleading public comments regarding the nature, extent and participants of the plan."

"In addition, all three players will be required to undertake 100 hours of voluntary service in community cricket."

In a double blow for Smith and Warner, the two were barred from this year's IPL. This came after the CA sanctions and their forced stepping down as captains of Rajasthan Royals and Sunrisers Hyderabad respectively. Bancroft does not play in the

IPL.

CA said Smith and Bancroft will not be considered for team leadership positions until one year after the end of their ban, while Warner will never be an option for captaincy role.

"Any consideration of future leadership would be conditional on acceptance by fans and the public, form and authority among the playing group. David Warner will not be considered for team leadership positions in the future."

CA Chairman David Peever said the rather stringent penalties are a reflection of Australia's current outrage at the actions of the players.

"These are significant penalties for professional players and the Board does not impose them lightly. It is hoped that following a period of suspension, the players will be able to return to playing the game they love and eventually rebuild their careers," he said.

CA CEO James Sutherland echoed the sentiment.

"I am satisfied that the sanctions in this case properly reflect a balance between the need to protect the integrity and reputation of the game and the need to maintain the possibility of redemption for the individuals involved, all of whom have learned difficult lessons through these events," he said.

However, chief coach Darren Lehmann has been surprisingly given a clean chit after preliminary investigations yesterday. CA maintained that the coach and the rest of the team were unaware of the conspiracy which was primarily hatched by the three players. Tim Paine will captain Australia in the final Test match in Johannesburg with reinforcements in middle-order batsman Glenn Maxwell along with openers Joe Burns and Matt Renshaw scheduled to arrive later today.



## Injured Messi watches Argentina crushed 6-1 by Spain

**MADRID, MAR 28 (AP):** With Lionel Messi rested, Argentina was crushed 6-1 by Spain today as Francisco "Iscu" Alarcon led the way by scoring a hat trick.

Messi watched from the stands at the Wanda Metropolitano Stadium in Madrid as Spain dealt Argentina a humbling loss in the last match before their coaches pick their squads for this summer's World Cup.

While Spain remained undefeated in 18 matches under Julen Lopetegui and strengthened its credentials as a favorite for the title in Russia, Jorge Sampaoli will face more doubts about Argentina's chances to finally win a World Cup title with Messi.

Diego Costa, Thiago Alcantara and half-time substitute Iago Aspas also scored for Spain.

A minor leg problem kept Messi from playing in Argentina's 2-0 win over Italy in Manchester, England, on Friday.

Sampaoli had said on Monday that his star player was better and that he expected him to play against Spain, but he left him out of his squad come match time.

# Australia women thrash England by 8 wickets

**MUMBAI, MAR 28 (PTI):** Australia women dished out a clinical performance to notch up a comprehensive eight-wicket win over England women in an inconsequential T20 game of the tri-series here today.

The dead rubber turned out to be a one-sided affair with the Southern Stars chasing down a meagre 97-run target in 11.3 overs to avenge their previous game eight-wicket loss to England.

Earlier, Kimmince (3-20) was the pick of the Australian bowlers and she was superbly aided by Jess Jonassen (2-21) and pacer Megan Schutt (2-13) as they bundled out England for 96 to set up the win.

The two visiting teams had already booked a place in the final to be played on Saturday after India were knocked out following three losses.

Chasing the target, Australia had a bad start with opener Alyssa Healy (6) falling cheaply. They also lost Elyse Villani (1) early in the third over and were struggling at 12/2.

But then Ellyse Perry (47 not out in 32 balls) and skipper Meg Lanning (41 not out in 28 balls) not only steered the team out of trouble, but also romped them home in their 85-run third wicket unbeaten stand.

Lanning smashed five boundaries off Danielle Hazell as Australia amassed 21 runs in the sixth over. They were 42/2 at the end of powerplay.

In the 10th over, Perry joined the party as she stuck four boundaries off Jenny Gunn, as Australia cruised to their target.

While Perry stuck nine boundaries, Lanning hit eight fours in their respective knocks on a placid track at the Brabourne Stadium where the English bowlers looked ineffective.

Earlier, asked to bat, England had



a horrendous start with their in-form opener Danielle Wyatt (6) falling cheaply in the first over. Wyatt had struck a whirlwind hundred against India in the team's record run-chase, but she failed to recreate the magic today.

In-form Tamsin Beaumont (17) failed to covert her start as she edged to wicket-keeper Alyssa Healy off Delissa Kimmince in the fourth over.

England was tottering at 28-2. In the very next over, Perry removed Amy Jones (4), who gave a sitter to Villani at square-leg.

England women were in deep trouble at 40 for 4 after Lanning took a one handed stunning catch at mid-off to send Natalie Sciver (10) back to the pavilion.

The batting woes for England continued as skipper Heather Knight, was trapped in front of the wicket, by Amanda Jade Wellington (1-2) in the seventh over.

England lost a wicket each in the

fourth, fifth, sixth and the seventh over before crawling to 58/5 after 10 overs.

In the 11th over, Fran Wilson (11) was dismissed after being caught by Perry giving Ashleigh Gardner her first wicket with England at 61/6.

Then Alice Davidson Richards(26) and Gunn (12) put on a 27-run stand for the seventh wicket. As they looked to steer the team out of trouble, Gunn was cleaned up by Kimmince, leaving the visitors at 88/7.

Kimmince took her third wicket after she castled Danielle Hazell (0) as England were eventually bundled out for 96.

Brief Scores: England Women 96 all out (Alice Davidson Richards 26, Tamsin Beaumont 17, Delissa Kimmince 3-20) in 17.4 overs lost to Australia Women 97/2 in 11.3 overs (Ellyse Perry 47 not out, Meg Lanning 41 not out, Natalie Sciver 1-9) by 8 wickets.



## Virat Kohli's wax figure to grace Madame Tussauds Delhi

**NEW DELHI, MAR 28 (PTI):** Indian captain Virat Kohli's wax figure will be the latest addition at the Madame Tussauds Delhi as he is set to join other sports icons there.

Kohli's wax figure will join other sports heroes including Sachin Tendulkar, Kapil Dev and Lionel Messi. Kohli's journey has been phenomenal, from his first-class debut in 2006 to captaining the Indian cricket team, winning the Under-19 World Cup on route.

With his unbeatable performances, Kohli has won several accolades including the Arjuna award, ICC World Cricketer of the year and three BCCI international cricketer of the year awards. He has also been honoured with the Padma Shri by the Government of India.

Kohli met with Madame Tussauds' team for the sitting process, where a group of talented world renowned artists flown in from London took over 200 measurements to create an authentic figure.

Talking about his inclusion in Madame Tussauds Delhi, an excited Kohli said "It's a great honour to be chosen as one of the figures at Madame Tussauds. All thanks to the Madame Tussauds team who were extremely patient during the sitting sessions and for giving me a lifetime memory".

Anshul Jain, General Manager and Director, Merlin Entertainments India Pvt. Ltd., said, "We are thrilled to announce the Indian cricket team captain Virat Kohli's figure as the 23rd attraction. He holds the heart and respect of every Indian and a perfect choice to have him as our next Figure."

# SC dismisses plea seeking re-probe into Mahatma assassination

**NEW DELHI, MAR 28 (PTI):** The Supreme Court today dismissed a plea seeking a re-investigation into the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi.

A bench of Justices S A Bobde and L Nageswara Rao, which heard the matter, dismissed the petition filed by Mumbai-based Pankaj Phadnis from Abhinav Bharat.

The apex court, which reserved its verdict on March 6, had made it clear that it would not go by "sentiments" but rely on legal submissions to decide on the petition.

The apex court had said the plea seeking retrial of the case was based on academic research but that could not form the basis to reopen the matter which happened years ago.

The petitioner had questioned the 'three bullet theory' relied upon by various courts to hold the conviction of Nathuram Godse and



Narayan Apte, who were hanged. He had contended that there was need to examine whether there

was a fourth bullet, which was fired by someone other than Godse.

Phadnis, a trustee of charita-

ble trust Abhinav Bharat, had also sought the expunction of "adverse, unfounded" remarks made by the

Kapur Commission in 1969 report against Vinayak Damodar Savarkar and the setting up of a commission to probe the conspiracy behind the incident.

Phadnis alleged that the Maratha community was "maligned" due to these adverse remarks, which should hence be removed. He said there should be a retrial of the case, which led to the conviction and execution of Godse and Apte on November 15, 1949.

The court, however, said it did not share his sentiments that Marathas have been maligned and observed, "Maratha people have survived in spite of all this. You are talking about two persons who happened to be from Maharashtra. They do not represent the state. Observation about two persons does not malign whole Marathis."

Phadnis claimed in his affida-

vit that the alleged conspirators were hanged even before the murder trial had attained legal finality from the top court.

Gandhi was shot dead at point blank range in New Delhi on January 30, 1948 by Godse, a right-wing advocate of Hindu nationalism. The assassination case had led to the conviction and execution of Godse and Apte on November 15, 1949. Savarkar was given benefit of doubt due to lack of evidence.

Phadnis had challenged the decision of the Bombay High Court which on June 6, 2016 had dismissed his plea on two grounds -- first, that the findings of fact have been recorded by the competent court and confirmed right up to the apex court; second, that the Kapur Commission had submitted its report and made observations in 1969, while the present petition was filed 46 years later.



G-4 nations call for transparency, attribution in UNSC reform discussions

UNITED NATIONS, MAR 28 (PTI): India and other G-4 nations have called for transparency in negotiations on UN Security Council reform, underlining that countries and groups making proposals, specifically on veto and regional representation, should be named in the documents framed for the discussions.

India's Permanent Representative to the UN Syed Akbaruddin, delivering a statement on behalf of the G-4 countries, said that at the informal meeting on intergovernmental negotiations on Security Council reform several proposals listed in the papers circulated for discussion are without any attribution of who made the suggestions.

He said there is a need for utmost clarity and openness specifically in the sections of veto and regional representation.

"Currently, we see several unattributed propositions. Serious proposals made with genuine intent are not orphans without support. Or is it that those who have initially suggested these no longer desire to be associated with them. If that is so, we need to know. If not, we should not be selective in attributing. Akbaruddin said yesterday as member states discussed the circulated paper on 'Revised Elements of Commonality and Issues for Further Consideration'.

He asked why countries and groups making a certain proposal are not named.

"Why are some the children of a lesser God? What possible harm can come if we reflect the names of countries/groups proposing a certain position? Can't all aspire to being equally treated?, he said in his statement on behalf of the G-4 nations.

# China to resume sharing hydrological data with India on Brahmaputra

BEIJING, MAR 28 (PTI): China said today it will resume sharing with India the hydrological data of the Brahmaputra river as top water resource officials of the two countries wrapped up two-day talks, the first after Beijing last year stopped providing the data crucial to predict floods.

"On the basis of humanitarian spirit and our shared will to develop bilateral ties we will continue with the cooperation on hydrological information cooperation," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Lu Kang told a media briefing here.

He was responding to a question whether China will resume sharing of the hydrological data on Brahmaputra river, which Beijing suspended last year stating that it could not share it with India due to upgradation of data collection station in Tibet.

China's announcement to not to share the data came soon after the 73-day long stand-off between Indian and Chinese troops at Dokalam over Chinese military's plans to build a road close to India's Chicken Neck corridor connecting North-Eastern states.

A team of officials of India's Ministry of Water Resources held talks with their Chinese counterparts on the cooperation of trans-border rivers in the last two days at the Chinese city of



Hangzhou, the first after Beijing last year stopped providing the data.

Lu said during the talks the two sides reviewed the achievements of the previous meetings as well as bilateral cooperation on emergency and response and hydrological information.

"The two sides have agreed to continue with such cooperation. On the grounds of humanitarian principles and the basis of bilateral relations China will continue with this cooperation with the Indian side on the provision of hydrological information and emergency response cooperation," Lu said.

Asked whether China would resume the data, Lu said "since you made it quite clear", China will continue with the cooperation on hydrological information cooperation.

The two-day talks of the 11th

meeting of the India-China Expert Level Mechanism (ELM) on Trans-Border Rivers concluded yesterday at Hangzhou, a statement from the Indian Embassy here said today.

The Indian side was led by Teerath Singh Mehra, Commissioner (B&B), Ministry of Water Resources and the Chinese side by Yu Xingjun, Consul, Department of International Cooperation Science and Technology, Ministry of Water Resources.

The meeting which was held in a "cordial and friendly" atmosphere reviewed the progress made since the earlier meetings of the ELM and their continued cooperation on provision of hydrological information and emergency management in respect of trans-border rivers, the press release said.

The officials also reviewed the data utilisation report upon

provision of hydrological information provided by China to India in flood season on Brahmaputra and Sutlej Rivers.

The institutional mechanism of the ELM was established in 2006 to discuss various issues related to trans-border rivers.

Under existing bilateral Memorandums of Understanding, China provides to India hydrological information of Brahmaputra River (Yarlong Zangbo) and Sutlej River (Langqen Zangbo) during the flood seasons.

Under the arrangement, China provides flood season data of the Brahmaputra river between May 15 and October 15 every year.

China has been building major dams on Brahmaputra river to generate hydel power. It operationalised Zangmu hydroelectric project in October, 2015 and three more are under construction.

While dams raised concerns of water shortages in India and Bangladesh, which are lower riparian states of Brahmaputra river, China said its dams were aimed at generating power and not storing water.

The data shared by upper riparian state, China, to lower riparian states, India and Bangladesh is essential every monsoon to allow anticipation of the flow of the water and take necessary measures to deal with flooding in India's north-eastern States.

## NATO joins two dozen nations in Russian expulsions over spy attack

LONDON, MAR 28 (AFP): NATO joined two dozen governments around the world yesterday in expelling Russian diplomats in response to a nerve agent attack in Britain, marking what London called a "turning point" in the West's relations with Moscow.

The US-led military alliance expelled seven Russian staff and denied accreditation to three more, bringing the total number of suspected Russian spies expelled to almost 150, including the 23 initially dispatched by Britain.

"This will send a clear message to Russia that there are costs and consequences for their unacceptable pattern of behaviour," NATO chief Jens Stoltenberg said in Brussels.

In an unprecedented act of coordination, at least 24 countries have echoed Britain's action in response to the March 4 attack on former Russian double agent Sergei Skripal and his daughter in the English city of Salisbury.

London and its allies have blamed Moscow, citing the use of a Soviet-designed nerve agent Novichok, Russia's record of targeting dissidents and its history of aggression in recent years, from Crimea to cyber-attacks.

## Russia 'remains open' to Putin-Trump summit: Kremlin

MOSCOW, MAR 28 (AFP): The Kremlin said today that President Vladimir Putin was still ready to hold a summit with US counterpart Donald Trump despite the mass Western expulsions of Russian diplomats in a spy row.

"This depends on the American side, but the Russian side remains open," Putin's spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters.

"Putin is ready and the Russian side is ready for mutually beneficial and mutually trustful relations with all countries including the US to the extent that our opponents or partners are ready for this," Peskov added.

He added that Russia currently had no information about Trump's readiness to meet with Putin following Washington's decision to expel more than 60 diplomats.

At least 25 countries decided to expel Russian diplomats in response to the March 4 attack on

former Russian double agent Sergei Skripal and his daughter in the English city of Salisbury.

London and its allies have blamed Moscow, citing the use of a Soviet-designed nerve agent dubbed Novichok, Russia's record of targeting dissidents and its history of aggression in recent years, from Crimea to cyber-attacks.

Washington led the way in responding, ordering out 60 Russian diplomats in a new blow to US-Russia ties less than a week after Trump congratulated Putin on his re-election and raised the prospect of a summit "in the not-too-distant future".

The Kremlin has repeatedly denied Russia's involvement in the nerve agent attack and Peskov played down today the extent of the diplomatic fallout.

"Twenty or 30 countries are just a part of the global community and it is much bigger and varied and includes many more countries," Peskov said.

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## US, S Korea agree on new trade agreement

WASHINGTON, MAR 28 (PTI): The US and South Korea have reached an agreement to revise their six year-old trade pact, a senior administration official said today, describing it a "historic" development and a big political win for President Donald Trump.

The agreement has come after Trump recently told reporters while signing a USD 1.3 trillion spending bill that his administration was "very close" to striking a trade deal with South Korea.

Trump has been a big

critic of the existing trade deal between the two countries, slamming it as "horrible" and threatening to yank America out of it altogether.

The agreement "will significantly strengthen the economic and national security relationships between the United States and South Korea," the official told reporters.

"This agreement is visionary and innovative, and it underscores a pattern of failure by previous administrations to negotiate fair and reciprocal trade deals," the

official said on condition of anonymity.

According to the deal, South Korea will double its annual quota for imported cars that meet American environmental and safety standards, but not necessarily Korean standards, from 25,000 per manufacturer to 50,000.

"They will reduce some of the burdensome labelling requirements when it comes to auto parts," the official said.

South Korea has also agreed to include US pharmaceutical manufacturers in its national

health program's premium reimbursement plan.

The United States on the other hand has agreed to indefinitely exempt South Korea from recently imposed 25 per cent and 10 per cent steel and aluminium tariffs respectively. It will also extend expiring tariffs on Korean pickup trucks from 2021 to 2041.

The senior official described the deal as a big political win for President Trump.

"This is a good deal for both countries and very big deal in the history of

US trade negotiations," the official said. According to another official, the US maintain 25 per cent tariff on pickup truck.

"Several of our free trade agreements have allowed for zero per cent pickup truck tariff, which has resulted in many cases outsourcing a pickup truck production to other countries.

"So what has happened now with the course renegotiation is we have been able to maintain that 25 per cent pickup truck tariff," the official said.

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**HAIR STORY!** 20-year-old actress, Bella Thorne, swept back her trademark scarlet tresses in a messy ponytail as her loose tendrils framed her youthful face as she visited the set of Extra.

## FARHAN AKHTAR PUTS ALL DON 3 RUMOURS TO AN END

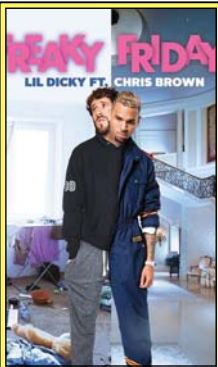


Farhan Akhtar's Don's third installment has been in the news for a long time. Don (2006) which starred Shah Rukh Khan in the lead role was a remake of Amitabh Bachchan's Don which released in 1978. Ever Since Farhan has hinted working on the script of Don 3 speculations have increased. The latest is an entertainment daily falsely speculated Farhan Akhtar to play the cop in Don 3.

Rubbishing the news, Farhan took to social media and wrote, " Request those

who conjure up news about #Don3 without any fact checking to please refrain. It is not fair to raise expectations of the film's fanbase via false news."The actor has requested not to spread false news across as it may increase unfair expectations of the film's fanbase audience.

The first film in Farhan Akhtar's Don franchise, not only performed well at the Box office but was also appreciated by the critics. Don 2, released in 2011 and saw a similar response by critics and the public alike.



### THIS WEEK'S TOP 10 SONGS ON BILLBOARD HOT 100

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2. Bebe Rexha and Florida Georgia Line- Meant To Be
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6. Zedd, Maroon 5 and Grey- Middle
7. XXXTentacion- Sad!
8. Camila Cabello featuring Young Thug- Havana
9. Lil Dicky featuring Chris Brown- Freaky Friday
10. The Weeknd and Kendrick Lamar- Pray For Me

## X-MEN: DARK PHOENIX & NEW MUTANTS GET NEW 2019 RELEASE DATES

Twentieth Century Fox has delayed both X-Men: Dark Phoenix and The New Mutants, two of their upcoming X-Men universe films, to new 2019 release dates. The film studio originally kicked off their superhero franchise nearly two decades ago with Bryan Singer's X-Men in 2000. Since then, the series has included an original trilogy, a prequel trilogy and a series of spinoffs. In recent years especially, Fox has been diversifying its X-Men offerings in terms of tone. Both Deadpool and Logan offered superhero fans something incredibly new – and, arguably, both were successes as a result.

Next, Fox will release the sequel to Deadpool, but that will be the studio's only X-Men film to hit theaters this year. Although Fox originally planned to also debut X-Men: Dark Phoenix and The New Mutants, the latter was delayed earlier this year



from its April 2018 date to early 2019. Now, not only is The New Mutants delayed again, Dark Phoenix gets a new release date as well.

Fox officially announced new release date for a handful of films, including two of its X-Men movies. X-Men: Dark Phoenix moves from November 2, 2018 to February 14, 2019 – the week before the slot to which New

Mutants had previously been pushed. As for The New Mutants, it moves from February 22, 2019 to August 19, 2019.

Of course, there's also sure to be speculation that the studio is delaying its X-Men films as a way to prepare for the eventuality of the Disney-Fox deal being made official. There's still some time before Disney officially acquires 20th Century Fox and

those at Marvel Studios have said the deal won't affect any Marvel Cinematic Universe film currently in progress. As a result, it seems unlikely Fox would alter their upcoming films for the eventual merger. Until we learn more about the delays on both X-Men: Dark Phoenix and The New Mutants, it's unclear why exactly the studio has chosen to push them back.

## TWITTER THINKS DEEPIKA PADUKONE TOOK A SWING AT SALMAN KHAN FOR HIS 'DEPRESSION IS A LUXURY' COMMENT

The use of the words 'depression' and 'luxury' in the same sentence by two major movie stars - Deepika Padukone and Salman Khan - was enough to send Twitter into a heated debate.

Deepika Padukone was recently in New Delhi to speak about a topic she hasn't shied away from. The Padmavat star reiterated the importance of initiating a conversation about depression at a launch for a new initiative called How India Perceives Mental Health. Certain statements that she made have been interpreted by people on Twitter to being veiled digs at Salman Khan's recent comment on depression.

According to Pinkvilla, Deepika said that she wanted to bust the myth that "depression is sometimes perceived as luxury".

To a certain section of Twitter users, this comment



sounded similar to what Salman had said in February. "I see a lot of people getting depressed and emotional, but I can't afford that luxury of being depressed or sad or emotional because no matter what I am going through, it works against me," he had said.

Speaking at the Delhi event, Deepika said, "I want to clarify that it can happen to anybody from any field, irrespective of their socio-economic background. Depression is sometimes perceived as a luxury. People think that those who have too much time or money get into de-

pression. I think it is very important to break that myth."

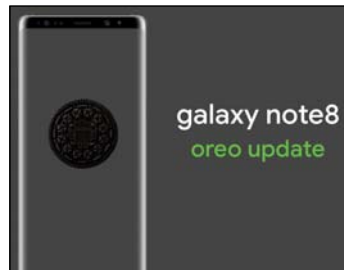
The use of the words 'depression' and 'luxury' in the same sentence by two major movie stars was enough to send Twitter into a heated debate, with most people applauding Deepika's courage to speak about the matter.

## SAMSUNG GALAXY NOTE 8 IS NOW RECEIVING ANDROID 8.0 OREO UPDATE IN INDIA

The multi-national company, Samsung has begun rolling out Android 8.0 Oreo in India for the Galaxy Note 8. Quite recently this update had begun rolling out in France, and Indian users could now update their Galaxy Note 8 units also or would be soon, as this is a staged rollout, so it should be kept in mind that an update is not available to all at this very moment. Along with Android 8.0 Oreo, the Galaxy Note 8 users would even get a new version of Samsung's Android skin, Samsung Experience 9.0 that would replace Samsung Experience 8.5 version on the Galaxy Note 8 handset.

Samsung Experience 9.0 would get a new and customizable keyboard, to the handset, while in addition to that,

the company even included new stickers and emoji. Bixby briefing feature is too a part of the new update and the same can be said for an enhanced DeX support, and other modifications. Now, together with those features that are included in Samsung's newest skin, the Galaxy Note 8 would even get a number of specific features of Android 8.0 Oreo, like new animations while pulling down the notification shade, some battery tweaks, a Picture-in-Picture mode, new options in settings, and so on. The company has adopted every major feature of Android 8.0 Oreo that



is something its users would probably appreciate. Samsung had last year launched the Galaxy Note 8 in India and the handset has been available for months now in the country. The Galaxy Note 8 was originally launched with Android Nougat. This is the first major update for the handset.

**ARIES:** An interest in health and nutrition could come to the surface for you, Aries. New discoveries regarding the benefits of certain nutrients, exercise programs, or other forms of alternative therapy could attract your attention. You might want to attend a lecture of some kind in order to learn more about it. You'll probably stick with any new program begun now, so go for it. Dare to strive for optimal health!

**TAURUS:** Have you been thinking about taking a course in one of the arts, Taurus? Whether your preference is painting, music, drama, dance, or creative writing, if you commit now, you'll probably continue with it. The practical arts of cooking, building, or interior decoration are also possibilities. Whatever it

is, it won't be quickly abandoned. If you begin with the idea of eventually doing it professionally, chances are you will. Good luck!

**GEMINI:** If you own your own home, Gemini, you may learn today that its value has increased substantially. If you don't own a home but want to buy one, this is the time to start looking. Any investments made now, particularly in land, will probably be solid and apt to gain in value, although results might take some time to materialize. Carefully consider all contingencies before committing, however. This isn't the time to act impulsively.

**CANCER:** Some down-to-earth conversations with a love partner could result in advancing the relationship to the next level of commitment, Cancer. The communication

should be loving and supportive, but practical matters like money, work, and personal habits could be discussed. You'll probably find that you and your partner are more compatible than you thought. Move ahead, but with caution. Love is the beacon guiding most of us through life.

**LEO:** The desire to make a particular purchase could have you reworking your budget today, Leo. This is a good time to do this, as your business and money sense are operating at a high level, and you're likely to be savvy about finance than usual. You may take more time than you need, however. Remember not to beat it to death or you'll lose your focus. Don't be afraid to take breaks. Good luck!

**VIRGO:** Suddenly you seem more glamorous than usual, Virgo. You

may exert a mysterious appeal that in the 1920s was called "it." Current and potential love partners may take a second look and be intrigued. Don't be surprised if you attract admiring glances from strangers! This could make a big difference in your love life. Lovers you encounter today should continue to see something in you for a long time. Make the most of "it!"

**LIBRA:** Your visionary tendencies are in the ascendant today, Libra, although they take more of a practical than mystical bent. You might look at your living room or backyard and suddenly find yourself redecorating it in your mind's eye. If you've wanted to start some sort of long-term project to improve your surroundings, this is the day to get started. You'll

not only attain your vision, you may surpass it. Have fun!

**SCORPIO:** As a person who enjoys being gregarious and outgoing, days like this provide a wonderful outlet for your energy. You might spend a lot of time with your family today, Scorpio, but you'll also probably touch base with many others. At some point you might find yourself in the spotlight. You'll feel especially fond of everyone around you and appreciate your good fortune. Enjoy your day.

**SAGITTARIUS:** Corporate kudos and increased income that you may have been working toward for a long time may finally manifest today, Sagittarius. Your effort and energy haven't gone unnoticed. What you're doing now has impressed those in a position to advance your

interests. Positive changes in your career situation could well take place, even if what you've been wanting is a whole new career. Congratulations! Keep up the good work.

**CAPRICORN:** This is a great day to deal with legal matters of any kind, Capricorn, including plans for a wedding, if one is in the offing! Your financial situation should be thriving and stable, and long-term educational goals may come to the forefront. Now you should be strongly focused on matters that are particularly important to you. Work performed today toward those ends should be accomplished quickly and efficiently. Go to it!

**AQUARIUS:** A keen ability on your part to blend the worlds of intellect and intuition could well surface today, Aquarius. The

ability to focus both these methods of perception into material reality is apt to give a boost to your career and educational efforts. It also could enhance your romantic life. Anything begun or completed today has an advantage. Try to look closely at this new tendency and make it last. It's definitely a plus!

**PISCES:** Relationships of all kinds become stronger and more enduring today, Pisces. Successes boost the strength of business partnerships; love relationships advance to the next level of commitment. Bonds of any kind formed now are likely to be strong ones, marked by honesty, loyalty, and affection. This is a great day to get together with anyone close to you; your relationship is very likely to grow because of it. Enjoy your day.