

Renowned litterateur Indra Bahadur Rai, who is also one of those who propounded the Lila Lekhan and Teshro Aayam style in Nepali literature, passed away Tuesday eve-

ning in Siliguri, West Bengal in India.

He was in his nineties. His grandson Ramesh Rai, who lives in Kirtipur, Nepal, confirmed the death. He is survived by his son and two daughters as well as grandchildren.

Rai, who had been ailing after he lost his wife Mayadevi last year, had been receiving

medication continuously, according to fellow-writer Ratnamani Nepal. According to him, Rai had come to Kathmandu for eye treatment 10 months ago.

"Though he became quite weak following the death of his wife, he remained concerned about the further enrichment of literature

with eastern values," said Nepal. "He had a wealth of knowledge of world literature and eastern literary theories and stood out with his writing style," said Nepal.

Born in Kurseong, Rai did his master's in English literature and later started teaching this subject. Rai published his anthology of

poems entitled "Bipana Katipaya" in 1961 and later penned novels and several anthologies of various literary works. His other noted works include Aaja Ramita Chha, Kathaputaliko Man, Kathastha, Pahad ra Khola and Darjeelingma Nepali Natakko Ardhasatabdi. [courtesy: My Republica]

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Delhi event to mark Dalai Lama's 60th year in exile cancelled

NEW DELHI, MAR 6 (PTI): The Tibetan government-in-exile has cancelled an event in Rajghat here and shifted another to Dharamsala that were planned to commemorate Dalai Lama's 60th year in exile in India, a Tibetan official said today.

Sonam Dagpo, Spokesperson of the Central Tibetan Administration, said this in the backdrop of a media report about an Indian government directive to senior functionaries at the centre and in states to skip events being organised by the Tibetans.

The planned inter-faith prayer meet at Rajghat has been cancelled and the 'Thank You India' event, which was to be held in Thyagaraj stadium here on March 31, will now be held in Dharamsala either on March 31 or April 1, he said.

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CPIM (L) burns Modi's effigy in Siliguri

SMRITA KHAWAS SILIGURI, 06 MAR: A n effigy of Prime Minister Modi was burned by CPIM (L) in Hashmi Chowk, Siliguri today to protest against the incident which took place in Tripura. On Monday evening, a mob using a bulldozer brought down a statue of Russian Communist leader Lenin in Belonia, a town about 90 kilometres away from Agartala.

The protest rally was also organized today from the party office via Hill Cart road till Hashmi Chowk.

Abhijit Majumdar, senior leader of CPIM (L) said, "Main reason

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Budget 2018-19 to focus on youth and entrepreneurship

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GANGTOK, 06 MAR: Chief Minister Pawan Chamling presented the General Budget for the financial year 2018-19 and proposed Rs. 7132.59 crore for the state of Sikkim after taking into account recoveries amounting to Rs. 81.50 crore, the net expenditure for fiscal years comes to Rs.7015.09 crore.

Mr Chamling is also the Minister in-charge of Finance, Revenue and Expenditure Department, Government of Sikkim.

He said that this year's budget focuses on youth employment and entrepreneurship where the Government has earmarked funds for start-up schemes.

The budget has focused on promoting the Chief Minister's Start Up Scheme [CMSS] in the areas of Tourism, Animal Husbandry, Horticulture and IT sector in Sikkim. For this purpose, financial provisions of Rs. 79 crore have been earmarked for the fiscal year 2018-19.

Contribution from total tax revenue is of the order of Rs.770.31 crore and in the



case of Non-Tax revenue it is Rs.481.92 crore.

The total expenditure includes allocation amounting to Rs.57.72 crore under the dispensation of the North Eastern Council, Rs.141.48 crore under non-lapsable pool of central resources and Rs. 1570.36 crore under Centrally Sponsored Schemes, he added.

In anticipation of the submission of the Report by the Pay Commission, the government has considered it necessary to make the necessary budgetary provision to meet

the cost of revised pay & allowances and pension, he said further adding that the aspirations of the government employees and pensioners will be fulfilled to a great extent.

"The state is prone to natural disaster due to its fragile land profile and unpredictable weather conditions, the state government has established the Sikkim State Disaster Mitigation Fund as per the provisions of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 with initial provision of Rs. 1 crore for meeting the expenditure

on account of Mitigation of Disaster," Mr Chamling said.

Chamling has also announced some new projects and made budgetary provisions for the same in the 2018-19 FY. These include establishment of world class library, the Gyan Mandir, spread over 2.36 acres of land in Gangtok at the estimated cost of Rs.200 crore, for which Rs.7 crore has been set aside this year over and above the Rs. 20 crore made during the last financial year.

The Finance Minister pro-

posed additional allocation of Rs.32 crore for Folk Healing Centre at Assam Linzey and Statue of Lord Parshuram at Tumin-Barang in East Sikkim, Asta-Chiranjivi Dham at Nagi, Namthang, South Sikkim, Ethnic Cultural Centre at Buriakhop, West Sikkim, Magarjung at Mangsari, West Sikkim, Gaushala at Rhenock and Buriakhop, Lepcha Primitive Study Centre at Dzongu, North Sikkim.

He also proposed the establishment of study centres for Tamang, Sherpa, Bhujel and Scheduled Caste communities with a view to preserve and promote their rich culture and tradition through research works and other intellectual engagement.

Elaborating the idea of establishing the various study centres, Mr Chamling said that his government is differentiating the various study centres, on the principle of 'Out-of-Box' thinking with a view to conserve the Sikkimese culture and institutionalise them, integrate and provide new development dynamic in the context of the contemporary world.

Concluding the budget

speech Mr Chamling said that his government is working judiciously to balance modernisation and also preserve tradition, culture and lifestyle together with bringing about all round development for Sikkim and its people.

Earlier, the Budget Session began with Governor Shrinivas Patil addressing the House.

After the Governor's address, Speaker KN Rai reported the address of the Governor on the first day of the Budget Session 2018-19. Subsequently, the Chief Minister moved the Motion of Thanks on the Governor's address. The Motion of Thanks was seconded by HRDD Minister, RB Subba.

The discussion and voting on the address of the Governor is scheduled to take place on 07 Mar.

During the Legislative Business, Minister for Water Security and Public Health Engineering Department, Tulshi Devi Rai introduced the Sikkim Water Supply and Water Charges (Amendment) Bill, Bill No. 04 of 2018. Discussion and voting on the Bill will take place on 08 Mar.

Sikkim will be self sufficient in food production in 5 yrs: CM

LEGISLATION THIS SESSION TO RESTRICT ENTRY OF CERTAIN NON-ORGANIC FRUITS AND VEGETABLE

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 06 MAR: The Government will be tabling a new legislation to restrict entry of certain non-organic products like fruits and vegetables to the state of Sikkim in the current session of the Sikkim Legislative Assembly, Chief Minister Pawan Chamling said while presenting the budget for the next fiscal year 2018-19.

He said that the restriction on non-organic products has been imposed to provide better marketing

opportunities to the farmers, wean back the present youth into farming and provide safe and healthy food to consumers.

Mr Chamling said that complete utilisation of fully certified lands by bringing all fallow land including current fallow under cultivation through planned strategies are his present priorities in the agriculture sector.

He said that the total vegetable requirement to feed the entire population of the state including the tourists and floating population is 95,000 metric tonnes per annum; however, this requirement varies according to peak and lean tourist season. For sustaining vegetable production to feed the entire population, his government will continue to lay stress on vegetable production programme.

"The State Government has

proposed to extend minimum price support for perishable items like vegetables, fruits and flowers to encourage our farmers," Mr Chamling said.

Within the next 5 years, Sikkim will be self-sufficient in food grain production and self-sufficient to fulfil domestic demands of vegetables, fruits and flowers, Mr Chamling said adding that Sikkim will be enhance production of vegetables and fruits and will be able to export within and outside the country.

At present, Sikkim is exporting large cardamom, ginger, turmeric, tea and orange to the national and international markets.

Changing the mind set of Sikkimese people and promoting dignity of labour among them is a challenge, Mr Chamling said

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Governor highlights initiatives in various sectors in budget speech

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 06 MAR: The 2018-19 Budget Session began today with Governor Shrinivas Patil addressing the House. In his address, the Governor stated that the Budget 2018-19 reflects the changing times and the aspirations of the people of Sikkim and also embodies the renewed commitment of the Government to better the performance for optimum public good.

He added that this year's Budget is oriented towards Youth Employment and Entrepreneurship where the Government has earmarked funds for the Startup Schemes.

"The Chief Minister's



Startup Scheme, a flagship scheme of the State Government, is not simply a youth-centric scheme but in the true sense, it is a meaningful and focused career-making golden opportunity, which aims to enable

unemployed Sikkimese youth to become start up entrepreneurs and masters of their own business enterprises instead of seeking job opportunities elsewhere," he said.

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Pravesh Tamang qualifies for Indian Hip Hop C'ship grand finale



YOUGAN TAMANG

GANGTOK, 06 MAR: Gangtok born 23-year-old Pravesh Tamang has made it through the Indian Hip Hop Championship's qualifiers and is now eligible to compete in the grand finale of the competition to be held at Mumbai in May. Tamang had previously auditioned for the prestigious competition on 25 Feb at GDGP School in Siliguri.

More than 60 dancers from North Bengal and Sikkim region had participated in the qualifiers with Tamang becoming the only one from Sikkim to qualify for the grand finale. He specializes in the

'popping' dance form.

Born to parents Shanti Tamang and K B Lama from Gangtok, Pravesh Tamang is the founder of Music in Motion Dance Academy, Gangtok established in the year 2014. He is currently training many students in various forms of dance in his training institute.

Indian Hip Hop Championship is India's most celebrated dance festivals that brings dance aficionados from across the country to share and celebrate the love for dance. Indian Hip Hop Dance Championship conducts regional audition across India covering

over 15 cities through which India's best dancers are selected for the five-day grand finale in Mumbai. The grand finale includes performances, workshops and competition in group and solo categories.

The winner of the competition gets to represent India and compete at one of the World's Biggest Dance Stages - World Hip Hop Dance Championship USA in Las Vegas.

Indian Hip Hop Championship has collaborated with several of India's top brands such as IBM, Reebok, VH1, MAX, Inorbit Mall for corporate partnerships and events.

1 killed as car falls into Baghey Khola

SINGTAM, 06 MAR:

A 29-year-old man died after the car he was driving veered off the road near Singtam and plunged into Baghey Khola on Monday night.

The body of the deceased, which had multiple injuries, was reportedly retrieved from the river by a rescue team.

The Bihar resident reportedly succumbed to his injuries at Singtam District Hospital.

Police are yet to find out how many people were in the car, if it had more passengers on board.

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further adding that his government is trying to diversify economic engagement into service sector and agriculture as lucrative and fashionable activities to attract new generation of Sikkimese. This will involve wide-ranging diversification including value addition, packaging and marketing, agro-based industries, export and tourism related activities.

Initiating the innovative new scheme for the benefit of the farming community Mr Chamling announced the "Kisan Pension Scheme" for all the organic farmers of the state. He said that farmers who are actively engaged in organic farming upon reaching the age of 50 years will be provided a monthly pension of Rs.1000 per month. This benefit will be provided to one person in the family.

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The Dalai Lama was scheduled to attend both the events.

The Spokesperson said the Central Tibetan Administration has not received any communication from the Indian government on the issue.

"We do not have any comment on the issue. We are grateful to the government and people of India for hosting Tibetan refugees for last 60 years. We want to express our gratitude to people of India for it," Dagpo told PTI.

Last week, the Indian Express had reported that following a communication by Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale, Cabinet Secretary PK Sinha had sent out a note to senior functionaries of the central and state governments asking them to skip events being organised by the Tibetans.

The report had said the government had issued the note citing "sensitive" phase of India's ties with China.



Special Handloom Expo 2017-18 kicks off in Namchi

SUMMIT REPORT

NAMCHI, 06 MAR:

A Special Handloom Expo 2017-18 organized by the Sikkim Handloom and Handicrafts Development Corporation Limited, Government of Sikkim is underway at Courtyard premises of Namchi Community Hall.

The Special Handloom Expo 2017-18 is being organized under the aegis of National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP) and is sponsored by the office of the Development Commissioner (Handloom), Ministry

of Textiles, Government of India and Government of Sikkim, a press release informs.

The Expo was formally inaugurated today by Advisor, Power and Energy Department, Gagan Rai.

The chief guest visited the stalls put up at the expo and observed live demonstration of handloom weaving and also took a brief tour of the theme pavilion displaying different handloom products from various parts of Sikkim.

30 stalls have been allocated to

various weavers, sellers, Self Help Groups and Cooperative Societies from Manipur, Ladakh, Assam, Bihar, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and Sikkim.

The aim of the Expo is to provide platform for weavers, sellers and buyers to converge and create awareness to the handloom sector as an employment and income generation industry. Additionally, the Government's vision and policy of creating a sustainable cottage industry in every home and village is disseminated in a proactive man-

ner by the concerned officials to the participants and the public visiting the expo. It may also be mentioned here that the expo will continue till 21 Mar.

Also present on the occasion were Director, Directorate of Handicrafts & Handloom, Jyotsna M. Kartak, Joint Director [Marketing], Karma S. Bhutia, Deputy Director (South), Pramila Rai and officials from the Handloom & Handicraft Department alongside Head of Departments from various departments of South District.

Sikkim DJ Association formed

GANGTOK, 06 MAR: The Disc Jockeys working in different pubs and clubs of Sikkim have formed Sikkim DJ Association with 30 DJs as members.

In a meeting held today in Gangtok, an adhoc Committee was formed with DJ Bolo as president, DJ Paljor as vice president, DJ Felix as general secretary, DJ Khushi as treasurer, DJ Vinson as joint secretary, DJ Skyz as assistant treasurer and DJ Sunny as publicity secretary.

The Association will work for the welfare of DJs in Sikkim and will also carry out other activities, it has been informed.



HAIL STORMS KALIMPONG

KALIMPONG, 06 MAR: A bright and sunny day in Kalimpong changed suddenly in the afternoon at around 1 p.m. today with dark clouds gathering above the town. Rain was quickly followed by an hour-long hailstorm that has reportedly damaged crops in many areas. Hail poured down in different parts of Kalimpong Block 2 and adjoining area of Block 3. Areas like Lava, Kolbung, Sakyong, Ladam, Rishap and Kagey, the agricultural zone, received rain and hailstorm which have damaged large cardamom crops, vegetables and flowers.

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initiative of the Government towards Organic Farming and allied activities, the Governor stated that the State is now entering the second phase of Organic Mission whereby the focus will be on increasing production, value addition, marketing and exploring of organic products.

The vision of the Government according to him is for Organic Revolution in the State and to make Sikkim a fully self-sufficient and self-reliant State in organic produce. He appealed to the people not to leave their land fallow but to grow suitable vegetables and crops, and to ensure their responsibility and accountability in sustaining the Organic Mission.

On social political issues, the Governor stressed upon the need to urgently address Limboo-Tamang Assembly seat reservation. On 17th Gyalwa Karma-pa Ogyen Trinley Dorje to be allowed to Sikkim, he requested the Centre to

make this happen at the earliest.

On income tax exemption to left out and old business communities, he said, taking into account, the social, historical as well as political aspects of this section of people, the Government of Sikkim feels that they deserve exemption at par with the individuals already exempted.

Speaking on the numerous health initiatives of the state government, the Governor stated that the people in Sikkim receive free and quality health care services with manifold improvements in infrastructure, capacity building of human resource, and improved delivery of comprehensive health services.

He stated that the 1000 bedded multi-specialty hospital Phase-I coming up at Sichey is on the verge of completion. While speaking about the various health schemes being implemented by the Government, he stressed on a few such as introduction of Human Papilloma Virus [HPV] Vaccine against Cer-

vical Cancer, Tuberculosis-free Sikkim, and scheme for increasing Total Fertility Rate.

On Human Resource Development, the Governor stated that the government has consistently laid emphasis on equipping students to face the challenges of an increasingly globalised and competitive world.

He also mentioned that the Education Quality Improvement Programme (EQUIP) launched in eight pilot senior secondary schools in the State has been a resounding success by improving the overall culture of teaching and learning in these schools.

He also informed the House that the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has prepared a text book on Organic Farming which will be distributed shortly in all the schools, and will be taught from class VI onwards. He further said that the government is also taking steps to introduce Organic Farming as a vo-

Skill development training by SSB concludes at Gyalshing



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GANGTOK, 06 MAR:

A 15-day Generator Repairing, Solar Light Repairing and Beautician course for 40 boys and 20 girls of villages on along the Indo-Nepal border of West Sikkim organized by 36th Bn SSB, Gyalshing concluded today at the premises of Govt. ITI Gyalshing. The training was organised as part of the Civic Action Programme under Community Welfare in North East Region by 36th Bn Sashastra Seema Bal, informs a press release.

The chief guest of the programme was Chairperson, Gyalshing Municipal Council, West Sikkim, IK Newpaney and guest of honour was Dy. Director, HRDD West Sikkim, PL Subba.

Dy. Commandant 36th Bn, Joy Gopal Namasudra, delivered the welcome address and highlighted the aims and objectives of organizing these skill development training programmes for youth who belong to border villages of West Sikkim, the release mentions.

Two trainees deliv-

ered valedictory speeches and expressed their gratitude towards SSB for giving them an opportunity to participate in this training.

Principal Govt. ITI Gyalshing, TN Sharma extended his best wishes to all the trainees and asked them to utilize the skills they have learnt.

The participation certificate for all the trainees was distributed by the chief guest and other guests. Mementoes and honorarium was presented to three resource persons by the Dy. Commandant 36th Bn SSB.

Chief guest, IK Newpaney, in his speech urged the trainees to make the best use of the training and wished them luck for their future. He thanked SSB for organizing such kind of Civic Action Programme for Community Welfare in NE Region and urged to focus more such developmental works for the people of remote border villages. During the programme, cultural dances were also performed by trainees and students from Govt. ITI Gyalshing.

**Gangtok on
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BJP Sikkim to celebrate Women's Day

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 06 MAR:**

Bharatiya Janta Party Sikkim Pradesh has announced that it will celebrate World Women's Day on 08 Mar at its office at Singtam in East Sikkim. The celebration, which will be led by Devika Dhakal, will have state president, DB Chauhan as the chief guest and will be attended by women workers from all the four districts, informs a BJP press release.

The celebration will talk about various programmes and schemes of the Centre and will discuss how these schemes and programmes have been implemented in the State.

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behind this protest rally is to oppose the incident which took place in Tripura. We are totally against these kinds of actions and whatever BJP government is doing is not fair. They are engaging in communal politics which is the worst kind of politics.

We started the protest rally from the party office today via Hill Cart road till Hashmi Chowk and we burned the effigy of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to let everyone know that the public of our country is not satisfied with his kind of politics."

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Tshering Leezum and The Irregulars to perform at WIC event in Nepal

**REBYNA RANA
GANGTOK, 06 MAR:**

Tshering Leezum and The Irregulars are all set to perform at the grand finale of 'Women In Concert' competition at Pokhara, Nepal on 08 Mar.

The primary object of the concert is to provide safe and comfortable platform for female artists.

In a particularly male dominated music industry, female artists are often underrepresented and sometimes even discouraged from pursuing musical careers. The concert has been providing a platform for aspiring female musicians and singers for the past 13 years.

Women In Concert Federation was registered as a Non Governmental Organization in January 2014. The registration was a step ahead and a big leap for WICF to enable it to work as an organization on women rights issue which has always been its prime concern.

Under the guidance of lead vocalist of Nepali



band, Abhaya and The Steam Engines, Abhaya Subba and a dedicated team comprising of men and women, the participating artists will be able to perform in an environment that is free of exploitation and gender-based discrimination.

Tshering Leezum had

previously performed at the same event in 2013 and this time she has been invited to perform with her band.

The WIC team has been organizing concerts for the masses in Kathmandu, but this year they took the concert all over Nepal in Kakarvit-

ta, Dharan, Butwal, and Pokhara.

The 25-year-old singer from Sikkim has already performed with AR Rahman and is said to be the first singer from the Northeast to get admission at the KM Music Conservatory in Chennai. The Irregulars con-

sists of Sonam Gyaltsen Bhutia on the drums, Vedanta Raj on the guitars, Rinzing Bhutia on the keys and Lokes Thapa on the bass. Tshering Leezum & The Irregulars have already performed at WIC Kakarvitta on 17 Feb and WIC Dharan on 19 Feb.



STNM gets new Laparoscopic Machine

GANGTOK, 06 MAR (IPR): Minister for Health Care, Human Services and Family Welfare Department, Arjun Kumar Ghatani inaugurated a Laparoscopic Machine in the surgery department of Sir Thutob Namgyal Memorial (STNM) Hospital today.

According to the doctors, the machine will help them treat medical cases like gallbladder stones, hernia and appendix with upgraded techniques and new methodology.

Chief Consultant-cum-Head of the Surgery Department, Dr Passang D. Phempho

informed that the machine from Germany's Startz Company is one of the highly advanced machines that can help tackle some complex health situations.

The previous machine was installed in 2004 and the Department has conducted 350-400 gallbladder stone removal surgeries annually.

Mr Ghatani officially launched the machine along with Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Vishal Chauhan, Principal Director, Medical Superintendent STNM Hospital, officials and doctors among others.

NE Taxi's CEO Rewaj Chettri to speak at TEDx in NERIST

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 06 MAR:**

23-year-old Rewaj Chettri is a consummate entrepreneur. Founder of more than 30 start-ups, he has quite an impressive number of hits under his belt as well - be it the first music website of the state, CISUM, or the online hub for entrepreneurs, Startup Harbour. He is also the founder of NE Taxi, a car rental service, and Sikkim's first on demand laundry service, Washer. He won the prestigious 'The Entrepreneur 3', a business competition at Young Leaders Connect 5 and was nominated for Northeast Today's 'Businessman of the year'.

Youngest son of Late Taraman Chettri and Dilu Chettri, Rewaj Chettri graduated from North Eastern Regional Institute of Science and Technology (NERIST) and completed his basic education from Rockvale Academy, Kalimpong and Senior Secondary education from Sadam Senior Secondary School.

With an array of accomplishments Rewaj Chettri has become one of the best entrepreneurs Sikkim has ever produced. Rewaj will now inspire youngsters as he has been invited as one of the speakers for the prestigious TEDxNERIST event by his former college NERIST in Arunahal Pradesh on 03 Apr.

Rewaj will talk about his journey from a student pursuing a degree in Forestry to becoming one of the foremost start-up gurus and a leading youth icon of the country by translating new concepts into brilliant business ideas.

Rewaj is helping the state of Sikkim show the way in dealing with constraints like geographical remoteness, lack of proper infrastructure and com-



munication bottlenecks by creating a start-up atmosphere in the state.

Speaking to SummitTimes, Rewaj said, "It is my own college where I graduated two years ago and to be going there as a TEDx speaker, I feel blessed. I think God has been very kind to me by giving me an opportunity to give back to my alma mater so soon."

In the spirit of ideas worth spreading, TEDx is a program of local, self-organized events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience. At a TEDx event, TEDTalks video and live speakers combine to spark deep discussion and connection in a small group. These local, self-organized events are branded TEDx, where x = independently organized TED event. The TED Conference provides general guidance for the TEDx program, but individual TEDx events are self-organized (subject to certain rules and regulations).

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The Right is Not Always Fair

Politics hence should make space for more voices

The rise and rise of the Right in India is not a phenomenon unique to the country. The Right, Far Right and the Alt-Right are increasingly recording gains in politics where such successes would have been unthinkable till even a few years ago. But that is the situation where electoral politics has delivered too many governments to. In all fairness, the Far Right, which is what every Right-wing faction aspires to be if allowed, has not stolen power and influence and has been voted to a stronger sitting by a democratic process. That, however, does not mean that there is no reason to worry. There is plenty that demands concern. But first, let's try and understand what allowed Radical parties to become so "mainstream".

It is obvious that frustration with status quo drove people to vote so far Right. Around the world, as also in India, the electorate has traditionally fought shy of Radical parties and limited their presence to the fringe or as part of coalitions. While this kept such parties in check, it also, over the years allowed the more liberal and left-of-centre parties to grow somnolent, increasingly compromised and easily distracted. When the economy was doing fine and the lay citizenry could go about their lives partaking in politics only during election cycles, when the economic meltdown happened, the disparity that had settled in became stark and the blame was shouldered on dispensations that had been in office for too long. People lost faith in their leaders and their politics and leveraged the vote to effect radical change. Populist and majoritarian rhetoric presented options that the then leaders were unable to offer. This space could have been filled by the Left as well, but the timing was against them because their ideology had by then collapsed under the persistent stress a world that had changed faster than they could adapt. Further, the current rage of change has been powered by a middleclass which finds itself unmoored from its sense of security and they, while they may lean socialist, are not conditioned to lean far enough left. The Right and its other extremities thus found their favour.

While this may, to some extent, explain what is happening in the political space around us and even though most such elevations have been democratically endorsed, there is an inherent problem with such a situation which militates against the basic premise of democracy – diversity. The Right has traditionally been disinterested in the rights or even protection of the minorities and so seeped in insularity that authoritarianism is its natural position. We already see enough evidence of this everywhere, but will continue to flag some worries. Even as they peddle populist spiel with one hand, they reinforce control and authoritarianism with the other, foisting nationalism and majoritarian paranoia to destroy free media, undermine independent institutions and muzzle the opposition. None of this is desirable or safe, and yet, because they ride a wave, they pull it off. It goes without saying that for a democracy to be stable and healthy, all political actors need to believe in its basic precepts of free will, fair competition and checks & balances. None of these find resonance with the Far Right and efforts, overt and subversive, are always underway to undermine the executive, judiciary, free expression and free press. Take a look around. Such political actors, convinced of their right to rule and claiming righteousness, also lose the ability to sift fair criticism from spite. More dangerously, they see their adversaries as enemies. Here, one needs to quote Michael Ignatieff, a political theorist and former leader of the Liberal party of Canada, who wrote this a few years ago: "For democracies to work, politicians need to respect the difference between an enemy and an adversary. An adversary is someone you want to defeat. An enemy is someone you have to destroy."

And when democracy allows adversaries to be "destroyed," democracy itself is dealt a fatal blow. Do we want that to happen?

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Rolling Stones tour: they may be older but time waits for no one

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An article in Rolling Stone magazine described the legendary band – its near namesake – as "growing old angrily". Its portrait of Mick Jagger referenced "age lines around his eyes ... as old as the weariness and cynicism in his voice". That was in 1980 when Jagger was in his late 30s. Eleven years, an acrimonious split with Keith Richards and a triumphant comeback later, Q magazine's review of the band's live album Flashpoint also placed them in "their dotage".

So as the Stones announce that they are cranking into gear again for their first UK dates in five years (they performed a 12-city European tour in 2017) it's worth remembering that the debates about how old is too old to rock – and the attendant mixture of derision, veneration and ambivalence – have their own well-worn lineage.

This is as much to do with genre and how it's authenticated as with age. Jazz and – closer to home for the Stones – blues artists face fewer qualms about staying on the road, even as the fire fades from their performances. John Lee Hooker was recording and touring into his 80s and BB King was just a year short of 90 when he played the last shows before his death (having played Glastonbury at 86). Chicago bluesman Buddy Guy is still touring at the age of 81.

CROSSROADS FROM BLUES TO ROCK

The Stones themselves, now closer to their 60th than 50th anniversary, have played heavily of late on their origins as a blues band – their well-received 2016 album Blue and Lonesome consisted entirely of blues covers. Returning, or retreating, to the blues that influenced them initially seems both a natural and a strategic move. Strategic in that it taps into a lineage of long-running performers that predates rock. But also natural enough given that the blues has been a musical thread throughout their albums and shows.



They emerged in the early 1960s as a blues covers band – and drew heavily on their influences (their very name is taken from a Muddy Waters song) as they forged a new identity as the "greatest rock 'n' roll band in the world". To be fair, they were rather more assiduous in crediting and publicly acknowledging their musical forebears than some of their 1960s contemporaries, (Led Zeppelin, for example) insisting that they would only play US TV show Shindig if the producers also booked black American bluesman Howlin' Wolf.

The key difference, though, is the way in which blues and rock emerged as popular, commercial music genres. Blues emerged from folk forms and was interpreted and authenticated in light of that – as music predicated on life stories and personal stories embedded in a collective tradition. The music went back to the era of the Jim Crow segregation laws and, before that, slavery. (BB King's great grandfather, for instance, was born into slavery). It was also subject to heavily segregated markets, in the US, both on the live circuit and on radio.

Rock emerged and was sold as youth music, making an appeal to authenticity predicated on a generation gap and sense of rebelliousness – the Stones' own "Street Fighting Man", for

example. This meant that while there were numerous musical similarities – such as the 12-bar form – some of the social nuances were lost. As author Charles Shaar Murray pointed out, a middle-aged black American man like Muddy Waters in the 1950s and 1960s singing lyrics like "I'm a man" carried the sub-text of not being referred to as "boy", a common form of racist address. The same song in the hands of a young, white Englishman was shorn of this context.

Artists such as the Stones were more associated with a commercial milieu. Whatever their – doubtless genuine – pronouncements of dedication to the music, they emerged through major labels with large marketing budgets. And rock music's rebel credentials were somewhat diluted when its stars, including Jagger, started receiving knighthoods.

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But genres evolve and, as the Stones and others have shown, commercial or not, they can still chart new paths. Rock, like jazz before it (now a music of conservatories), has entered the academy. "Classic" and "heritage" rock are established categories and ways of thinking about, as well as selling, a music that is now situated across three generations' worth of cultural discourse.

A key, lasting change brought about by the Stones and Beatles generation of rockers was the centrality of the band as a unit of music making, and as a marker of authenticity. As my Newcastle colleague Richard Elliott noted, straightforward derision of ageing artists as mere peddlers of nostalgia is itself a rigidly Romantic view that "fixes rock to a time and an attitude" – without allowing for the twists and turns of both the artists and the lifetimes' worth of listening and experience their work has informed.

There are numerous of ways dealing with growing old in the lime-light, from Randy Newman's ironic self-parody to Paul Simon's decision to call a natural end to touring with his voice still strong.

For an act such as the Stones, harking back to their musical roots may be a way of aligning their musical development with its own antecedents, at the same time as allowing for a mode of performance less reliant on the physicality of their younger days. Paying tribute to the past – both their own, and musical history more broadly – is a means of carrying it forward. Time may be on their side after all.

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Thousands of starfish have washed up dead after the 'Beast from the East' – here's why

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Many Europeans have been assessing the damage from the recent wintery weather dramatically nicknamed the "Beast from the East". But people visiting certain parts of the English coast found a particularly unwelcome surprise. Thousands of dead starfish and other sea creatures were washed up along the shores in Kent and East Yorkshire, creating surreal scenes reminiscent of post-apocalyptic horror movies. So how did a blizzard cause such marine destruction?

Mass starfish strandings aren't completely unheard of. For example, several million were found on the coast of Worcester County, Maryland, USA in 1960. Up to 10,000 were found along the strandline on the Isle of Man in the British Isles in 1999. And 50,000 were stranded on the Irish coastline in 2009.

These events are not exclusive to just starfish but have also included other marine animals that live on the seabed including crabs and molluscs. There has even been a poem written about these events written by Michael Symmons Roberts.

We don't yet know the exact reasons for mass strandings but they are often blamed on very cold weather or storms. The Beast from the East was a polar vortex that brought freezing temperatures and high onshore wind gusts onto the eastern coastline



of the UK. High winds can disturb the seas along the coast, creating large waves that churn up the seabed where many animals reside. Sediments on the seabed are disturbed and can smother these animals.

Animals picked up by these disturbances can be moved high up the shore during the high tides and are left stranded as the tide retreats. Coincidentally, during the peak of the storm, UK shores also experienced low spring tides, which likely made the marine effects of these high winds worse.

As if this wasn't enough, the Beast from the East brought very cold temperatures several degrees below freezing over several days across some parts of the country. Such low temperatures can have dramatic effects on marine life. Previous mass

wind speeds combined with low spring tides and extreme cold temperatures (for the UK). Luckily, the event is unlikely to have a long-term impact on UK starfish populations.

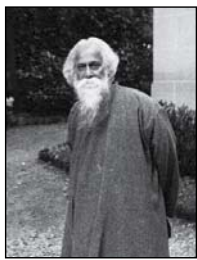
Starfish are abundant and widespread within the shallow waters of the UK and Atlantic Ocean. They are particularly resilient creatures that live in highly dynamic habitats, can regenerate limbs and are highly effective predators. What's more worrying is that these kind of extreme weather events may become more common thanks to climate change.

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strandings have been blamed on cold temperatures making marine life severely lethargic. Once stranded, any surviving animals would have been exposed to potentially lethal low temperatures.

Starfish may be at particular risk of strandings after storms because of a behaviour known as "starballing". By curling each of their multiple arms to create a large spherical balloon shape with their body, they can essentially roll over the seabed in fast-moving water and cover much greater distances. But during a storm they could be rolled out of control and left stranded on the beach.

It seems most likely that the mass strandings that occurred after the Beast from the East were driven by high



Book signed by Tagore up for auction

BOSTON, MAR 6 (PTI): A signed hardcover copy of Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore's 'The King of the Dark Chamber' - the English translation of his famous Bengali play 'Raja' - is up for auction in the US.

Signed on a prefatory page in fountain pen by Tagore, the Bolpur edition of the book was published by The Macmillan Company in 1916.

The play revolves around a mysterious, unseen, omniscient king, who is both benevolent and efficient.

His reluctance towards being seen causes most of the drama in the story, rattling his beautiful wife and the kings of nearby kingdoms.

The book was consigned by an American book dealer, according to US-based RR Auction.

It is expected to fetch USD 500 at the online auction. Tagore became the first Indian to win a Nobel Prize (Literature) in 1913.

He wrote successfully in all literary genres, but was first and foremost a poet, publishing more than 50 volumes of poetry. Tagore was knighted by the British in 1915, but gave up his knighthood after the Jallianwala Bagh massacre in 1919. The bidding for the book ends on March 7.

HRD to seek monthly report on ragging complaints, satisfaction of parents

NEW DELHI, MAR 6 (PTI): The ragging complaints received by any educational institution, their status and satisfaction level of the complainant's parents will now have to be reported to the HRD Ministry on a monthly basis.

The closure of any complaint and the reason behind it will also have to be reported.

A decision in this regard was taken at a recent meeting to review the anti-ragging initiatives and programmes that was attended by officials from HRD Ministry and regulatory bodies such as University Grants Commission (UGC), Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAGR), Indian Nursing Council (INC) and All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE).

"All the reported/resolved/active cases will have to be reported on monthly basis to HRD Ministry. Closing of the ragging complaints, reasons for closure along with the satisfaction level of the student/parent/guardian will also have to be mentioned in the report," a senior HRD official said.

Pak PM Abbasi, Prachanda discuss ways to revitalise SAARC process

KATHMANDU, MAR 6 (PTI): Visiting Pakistan Prime Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi today met Nepal's Maoist chief Prachanda and discussed with him measures to improve bilateral trade ties as well as ways to revitalise the SAARC process.

Abbasi met CPN (Maoist Centre) Chairperson 'Prachanda' in the capital this morning.

The two leaders discussed relations between Nepal and Pakistan, Republica reported.

After the meeting, Prachanda said that matters related to bilateral relations and mutual interests were discussed in the meeting.

During the 45-minute meeting, they also discussed measures to improve bilateral trade and economic relations.

Prachanda said the



meeting also stressed the need of initiative from all member-states to revitalise the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC).

The 19th SAARC Summit, which was sched-

uled to be held in Islamabad in November 2016, was cancelled after India announced to boycott the meeting citing Pakistan's involvement in the Uri terror attack. Three other SAARC members

joined India, resulting in the cancellation of the summit.

Abbasi also paid a courtesy call on President Bidya Devi Bhandari and addressed a programme organised by

the SAARC Secretariat.

Abbasi yesterday met his Nepalese counterpart K P Sharma Oli here and discussed bilateral ties besides ways to revive the SAARC process.

He also extended invitation to Oli to visit Pakistan. Abbasi is the first high level foreign leader to visit Nepal after Premier Oli assumed office last month.

This was the first official bilateral visit by any Pakistan Prime Minister to Nepal after a gap of 24 years.

In 1994, the then prime minister Benazir Bhutto travelled to Nepal on a bilateral visit.

Former premier Nawaz Sharif had visited Nepal to attend the 18th SAARC Summit in 2014.

Abbasi left for Pakistan this afternoon after wrapping up his two-day Nepal visit.

BJP win in Tripura an ideological victory: Modi

NEW DELHI, MAR 6 (PTI): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday dubbed the BJP's win over the Left in Tripura a "victory of ideology" and said the party needs to work hard to maintain its winning electoral streak, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Ananth Kumar told reporters.

Modi was addressing the BJP Parliamentary Party meeting, where he was greeted with the slogan, 'Jeet hamari jari hai, ab Karnataka ki bari hai' (Our winning run continues, now is the turn of Karnataka)

The prime minister spoke about the BJP's impressive performance in the the three north-east states of Tripura, Nagaland and Meghalaya

According to party leaders at the meeting, Modi referred to comments from some critics that Tripura was a small state with only two Lok Sabha seats



and underlined the significance of the BJP's win. He said the state had long been yearning for change and people embraced it by ousting the Left which was in power for over 25 years

The BJP won only one assembly seat in Kerala before it went on to trounce the Left in its bastion of Tripura, the prime minister said

"Tripura was considered a bastion of Marxism for the last

25 years. This is an ideological victory," party leaders quoted Modi as saying

The Left's politics was underpinned by violence and hate, he said, adding that people have rejected it everywhere

It is finished across the world and is on the verge of oblivion in India as it is now in power only in Kerala, Kumar said, quoting Modi

All three states are very important, the prime minister said, referring to Tripura, Meghalaya and Nagaland, adding that the central government will give priority to their development

For development, all states are equal, he said

An alliance of several parties, including the BJP, was sworn in Meghalaya on Tuesday and Modi extended his greetings to new Chief Minister Conrad Sangma

With the Karnataka Assembly polls round the corner, Modi told the gathering that the party will need to work hard to maintain its winning streak and asserted that there was an atmosphere of hope and expectation in the country, Kumar said

The prime minister asserted that the party should endeavour to live up to people's expectations as it rejoices in its electoral win and asked MPs to take to the masses details of the Union Budget that was aimed at building a new India

Modi also paid tribute to nine BJP workers, who were killed in alleged political violence in Tripura during the run up to the state polls.



Lenin's statue pulled down in Tripura

AGARTALA, MAR 6 (PTI): A statue of communist icon Lenin, has been pulled down by some people with an excavator machine at Belonia in South Tripura district, the police said today, with the CPI(M) holding BJP workers responsible for it.

Days after the Left Front was voted out of power in the state, Tripura CPI(M) district secretary Tapas Datta said the five-feet-tall fibre glass statue, which was unveiled by the party's politburo member Prakash Karat a few months back, was pulled down allegedly by BJP workers yesterday at College Square in Belonia, about 110 kilometre from here.

"After pulling down

the statue, 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai' slogan was raised," Datta told PTI.

Superintendent of Police of South Tripura district, Monchak Ipper said the driver of the JCB excavator machine was arrested and later released on bail. The statue will be handed over to the authorities of Belonia Municipal Corporation today, the SP said.

Meanwhile, prohibitory order was clamped in several areas of West Tripura district including - Srinagar, Lefunga, Mandai, Amtali, Radhapur, Arundhatinagar, Jirania, Mohanpur and many more places following post-poll violence, District Magistrate Milind Ramteke said.

New Town authority to ban cattle straying on roads

KOLKATA, MAR 6 (PTI): The New Town Kolkata Development Authority will impose a ban on cattle straying on the roads to prevent accidents and the assembly passed an amendment to the existing Act for th purpose today.

Urban Development Minister Firhad Hakim said that cattle from neighbouring areas were causing nuisance and were becoming potential threat to road safety. According to the Bill, such free influx of cattle within the periphery the New Town needed to be controlled to ensure safety of the citizens.

Keeping this mind, he said that cattle straying into the area would be seized and kept in an enclosure to be created for cows and goats. Bringing in the amendment to the New Town, Kolkata Development Authority Act, the Bill also contained provisions that no person would be allowed to use any land within the area for keeping horse, cattle, pig, dog or any quadruped or any kind of bird for any purpose.

Conrad Sangma sworn in as Meghalaya CM, ends 10 year Cong rule

SHILLONG, MAR 6 (PTI): Backed by the BJP and regional parties, National People's Party(NPP) chief Conrad Sangma was today sworn in as the chief minister of Meghalaya, heading a 12-member Cabinet and bringing an end to 10 years of Congress rule.

Son of late PA Sangma, a former Lok Sabha Speaker and union minister, Conrad Sangma, 40, was administered the oath of office and secrecy by Governor Ganga Prasad at the Raj Bhavan. P A Sangma was also the chief minister of Meghalaya from 1988 to 1990.

Conrad Sangma is the 12th chief minister of Meghalaya. He is currently a Lok Sabha member from Tura.

Apart from Sangma, 11 other cabinet ministers were also sworn in by the governor.

The BJP, with just two seats, outmanoeuvred the Congress the single largest party in cobbling up numbers to form the coalition government. Congress bagged 21 seats in the 60-member assembly.

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awbhalang Dhar and Conrad's brother James P K Sangma (all from NPP), Metbah Lyngdoh, Lakhmen Rymbui, Kyrmen Shylla (all UDP), Banteidor Lyngdoh (PDF), Hamlet Dohling (PDF), Samlin Malngiang (HSPDP) and A L Hek (BJP). Shylla, 26, is a first MLA and is the youngest minister.

A graduate in Entrepreneurial Management and Finance from the University of London, Conrad Sangma, had met the governor on Sunday and staked claim to form the government with the support of 34 MLAs.

Sangma had claimed he had the support of 19 MLAs of NPP, six of United Democratic Party (UDP), four of the People's Democratic Front (PDF), two each of the Hill State People's Democratic Party (HSPDP) and the BJP and an Indepen-

dent. Meghalaya threw up a fractured mandate on Saturday with the Congress marginally ahead of the NPP, an ally of the BJP at the Centre and in Manipur.

Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh, BJP president Amit Shah, Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh and BJP national spokesperson Nalin Kohli were present at the swearing-in ceremony.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated Sangma on becoming the chief minister.

"Congratulations to @SangmaConrad on taking oath as Meghalaya CM. I also congratulate all others who were sworn in today. My best wishes to this team as it begins to work towards fulfilling the dreams and aspirations of the people of Meghalaya," he tweeted.





Australia's ex-dragflicker Ciriello joins Indian hockey team as analytical coach

NEW DELHI, MAR 6 (PTI): With an eye on the upcoming Commonwealth Games and the Asian Games, Hockey India has roped in former Australia dragflick specialist Chris Ciriello as the analytical coach of the men's side.

Even though his appointment is yet to be officially confirmed by the Sports Authority of India (SAI), the 32-year-old Ciriello, the youngest to join the Indian team management, started working with the Indian national side from the New Zealand tour in January.

However, a top Hockey India official has confirmed that Ciriello is already on board and it's a matter of time that SAI makes the official announcement.

"Ciriello started working with the team in the New Zealand tour. He is currently in Bangalore at the national camp. His tenure is till 2020 Olympics. The official announcement about his appointment will be made by the Sports Ministry," the HI official told PTI.

The official, however, refused to divulge the remuneration of the big-shouldered Australian, nicknamed 'Big Dog'.

When confirmed by the SAI, Ciriello will replace Hans Streedler who quit in September last year following the sacking of chief coach and fellow Dutchman Roelant Oltmans.

Ciriello, a fearless defender, shot into limelight in 2014 when he scored hat-tricks in the finals of the World Cup in The Hague and the Glasgow Commonwealth Games to guide Australia to two crowns.

It has been learnt that apart from providing inputs to chief coach Sjoerd Marijne, Ciriello will work with Indian dragflickers ahead of the big-ticket events.

Ciriello, a regular in the Victorian Vikings domestic team, made his debut for Australia in 2008 and was part of Kookaburras' CWG winning side of 2010 and 2014.

NEW DELHI, MAR 6 (PTI): The sensational Manu Bhaker, all of 16, shot her way to a second successive gold medal in a mixed team event as India consolidated their position at the top in the ISSF World Cup in Guadalajara, Mexico.

Partnering Om Prakash Mitharval, the Indian teenager clinched the 10m air pistol mixed team title, a day after she won the women's 10m air pistol individual gold on what is turning out to be a memorable senior World Cup debut.

The 11th standard student could be the youngest ever to win senior World Cup gold medals for India though the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) could not confirm.

Also, the duo of Deepak Kumar and Mehuli Ghosh won the country its sixth medal of the competition - a bronze in the 10m air rifle mixed team event.

Deepak and Mehuli, competing as India 2, shot 435.1 in the five-team final, finish-



ing behind the Romanian pair of Alin Moldoveanu and Laura-Georgeta Coman who shot 498.4 for silver.

China's Xu Hong and Chen Keduo won Gold in a world record score of 502.0.

But it was Bhaker, the girl from Jhajjar, Haryana, who stunned the shooting world with a second successive gold in as many days.

For someone who took to shooting just a little over two years ago, winning two gold

medals in a global event of this magnitude would easily qualify as some achievement.

Shooting happened to her by chance after a brush with contact sports (boxing, martial arts) and Bhaker has already stamped her class in the tournaments she competed in.

Asked about her penchant for winning medals with record-breaking feats, the unassuming pistol shooter said, "It just happens. I don't think about

them. At times I don't even know what the records are."

"I am grateful to all my coaches for their advice and the hours they have put in to hone my technique," Manu added.

Last December, she won the 10m air pistol event, outclassing the highly-experienced Heena Sidhu at the 61st National Shooting Championship in Thiruvananthapuram where she broke Heena's long-standing national record.

She won a staggering 15 medals, including nine gold, during the tournament.

Bhaker's trust with shooting began when her father took her to the range and asked her to try her hand at the sport. She fired a few shots that found the centre of the target and the rest is history.

On the third day of competitions in the Mexican city, once again both Indian entries in the 10m air pistol mixed team event made it through to the medal rounds.

Bhaker and Om Prakash,

representing India 1, shot 770 in qualification to be placed second behind the German husband and wife pair of Christian and Sandra Reitz who shot 777 for a qualifications world record score.

Mahima Agrawal and Shahzar Rizvi, representing India 2, shot 763 to be positioned fourth and made it to the five-team final round from among the 16 competing teams.

In the final, there were three pairs in contention from the very beginning - India 1 represented by Bhaker and Om Prakash, team Reitz of Germany and the French pair of Celine Goberville and Florian Fouquet.

After a sea-saw battle between the three, the Indian and the German pair pulled ahead of the French duo decisively after 38 shots, with the Germans ahead of the Indians.

With the final six shots remaining the Germans were ahead of the Indians by 0.1,

but Bhaker and Om Prakash finished strong to clinch the battle after 48 shots, almost a point ahead of the Germans.

The final scores in favour of the Indians read 476.1 to 475.2.

Mahima Agrawal and Shahzar Rizvi finished fourth with a score of 372.4 in the finals.

In the women's trap, India's Seema Tomar was the best finisher, shooting 111 in qualifying to end in 15th spot.

Shreyasi Singh shot 106 to finish 22nd while Shagun Chowdhary shot 101 to be placed 26th.

Also at the end of the first day of the qualification round in men's trap, India's Kynan Chenai shot 49 out of 50 to lie in sixth place. Zoravar Singh Sandhu shot 46 to lie 28th while Manavjit Singh Sandhu shot 42 to be in 47th place.

India's medal count stood at three gold and four bronze medals for a total of seven podium finishes.



Emergency in Lanka but India's T20 tri-series to go on

COLOMBO/NEW DELHI, MAR 6 (PTI): The BCCI today said the Tri-nation T20 series in Sri Lanka, also involving the Indian cricket team, will continue despite the country plunging into a state of emergency following communal violence.

The BCCI has confirmed that the "situation is perfectly normal in Colombo" where the tournament is taking place, hours before India were to take on the hosts in the opening fixture of Nidahas Trophy at Premadasa Stadium.

"There have been reports of curfew and an emergency being called in Sri Lanka. The situation in picture is in Kandy and not Colombo. This is to notify everyone that after talking to concerned security personnel (Ministerial security division - in charge of team security), we have understood that the situation is completely normal in Colombo. If at all there is any update on the same we shall notify," Indian team's media cell issued an official press note

from Colombo.

Sri Lanka has declared a state of emergency for 10 days to rein in the spread of communal violence, a day after Buddhists and Muslims clashed in the Indian Ocean island's central district of Kandy.

BCCI's acting president C K Khanna told PTI: "The Indian cricket board is in constant touch with the Sri Lankan government authorities. The security is foolproof and we have been assured that there is no threat to the tournament. So the Indian team, as of now, will be playing the tournament."

The government decision to declare emergency came after a Buddhist man was killed and a mob set fire to a Muslim-owned shop.

In Sri Lanka, out of its 21 million population, Buddhists Sinhalese make up for nearly 75 percent, 13 percent of the population are Hindus while Muslim community make up for around 10 percent.

United got lucky admits Mourinho

LONDON, MAR 6 (AFP): Jose Mourinho admitted Manchester United rode their luck as Nemanja Matic's late thunderbolt capped a dramatic 3-2 win at Crystal Palace on Monday.

Mourinho's side trailed to Andros Townsend's early opener and Patrick van Aanholt's second half effort at Selhurst Park.

But Chris Smalling got one back for United and Romelu Lukaku equalised with 14 minutes remaining.

That set the stage for Serbia midfielder Matic to score for the first time since his move from Chelsea last year with a blistering blast from the edge of the area in stoppage-time.

It was an escape act that seemed unlikely when United fell 2-0 behind after being out-fought and outplayed by a Palace team fighting gamely to avoid relegation.

But Mourinho took heart from the way his players shrugged off their limp opening to move back above Liverpool into second place in the Premier League and within 16 points of runaway leaders Manchester City.

"You always need that little bit of luck to win a match in the last few minutes," Mourinho said.

"We played very good quality football in the second half but we made so many defensive mistakes.



"That disgraceful, childish second goal changed everything. But the players kept an amazing attitude.

"I cannot tell you half of the things I told my team at half-time because there would be lots of bleeping on television. "To come back from 2-0 away from home against a team that is desperate for points, it gives us a great feeling."

Third bottom Palace deserved better, but they remain one point from safety after a heartbreaking loss. United paid the price for their lethargic start in the 11th minute.

Christian Benteke was allowed to jink into the United penalty area unchecked by Smalling and when his pass picked out Townsend 18 yards from goal, the Palace winger unleashed a shot that took a wicked deflection off Lindelof as it looped past David De Gea.

With Matic and Paul Pogba rattled by Palace's

relentless pressing, United were unable to match their opponents' intensity.

The out of form Pogba, dropped several times by Mourinho recently, was a major cause of the visitors' woes as the France midfielder wasted possession and was caught out of position time and again.

He was playing so badly that United legend Gary Neville, working for Sky Sports, was moved to say: "It's like everything he does is like a YouTube or Instagram video.

"It's like it's not serious, it's like a joke to him in terms of the way he goes about things."

Mourinho kept faith with Pogba, instead sending on Marcus Rashford for Scott McTominay at half-time. But just three minutes after the interval, United were caught cold again.

When Palace won a free-kick, Jeffrey Schlupp alertly took it quickly, sending van Aanholt

scampering clear on goal.

United appealed in vain for offside but the flag stayed down and van Aanholt held his nerve to slot past De Gea for his first goal since May 2017.

Mourinho was raging on the touchline, but Smalling gave United a lifeline in the 55th minute.

The England defender had missed a good chance moments earlier, but he made amends with a clinical header from Antonio Valencia's cross.

That completely changed the momentum and even Pogba sparked into life as his curler was pushed away by Palace keeper Wayne Hennessey.

Matic almost equalised with a thunderous strike that Benteke cleared off the line and United's pressure was rewarded in the 76th minute.

Alexis Sanchez's shot deflected off James Tomkins and ran to Lukaku, who worked himself into position to fire low past Hennessey.

Serena has high expectations heading into Indian Wells



NEW YORK, MAR 6 (AFP): Serena Williams said Monday that she "can't wait for the future" as she warmed up for her return to the WTA Tour at the Tie Break Tens exhibition at Madison Square Garden.

The 23-time Grand Slam champion is competing at the elite Indian Wells hard-court tournament this week, her first tour action since her 2017 Australian Open triumph.

Williams was pregnant when she lifted the trophy in Melbourne last year, and missed the rest of 2017 awaiting the birth of her daughter in September.

Monday's event, which featured eight players facing off in 10-point "super tie breaks" as they vied for a 250,000 winner's prize, was a chance to sharpen her skills.

Williams bowed out in the second round, gaining a 9-7 lead over China's Zhang Shuai but eventually falling 13-11.

"It was good," she said of the experience. "I wish I would have made a few more shots."

Williams opened the laid-back event with a 10-5 victory over Marion Bartoli,

the 2013 Wimbledon champion who announced in December she was planning to return to the court more than four years after retiring in the wake of her only Grand Slam triumph.

After correcting the protocol for the "rock-paper-scissors" game used to determine who served first, Williams fell behind 4-2, but a double-fault from Bartoli followed by two aces from Serena saw the American great ahead 5-4.

A couple of forehand winners and a service winner saw Williams take an 8-4 lead, and she finally finished it off with another winning serve.

"It feels different, it feels good," said Williams, who returned to competition with a Fed Cup doubles loss alongside her sister Venus last month.

The birth of Williams's daughter, Alexis Olympia, was followed by complications that scuppered the player's plans to defend her title in Melbourne.

But Williams says she's aiming to be back at her best -- apparently more than comfort-

able with coach Patrick Mouratoglou's comments to wtatennis.com that her goal for this season "will be to win Grand Slams."

"I think everyone should have high expectations," said Williams, who will be unseeded at Indian Wells and open her campaign against 53rd-ranked Zarina Diyas of Kazakhstan.

"That's the message that I'm sending."

Bartoli, who was forced to pull out of an exhibition event at Wimbledon last year because of a mystery virus and dramatic weight loss, has said she was targeting a return to the WTA Tour at the Miami Open later this month.

However, the 33-year-old told AFP her timetable would depend on how her body holds up to training.

"I do not know if my shoulder and my knees are going to hold, there are so many question marks," she said.

"What is certain is that I will not return to the court until I consider myself 100 percent. I stopped the competition for five years -- and I'll be back when I'm 100 percent.

‘Ethnic cleansing’ of Myanmar’s Rohingya continues: UN

YANGON, MAR 6 (AFP): Myanmar is continuing its “ethnic cleansing” of the Rohingya with a “campaign of terror and forced starvation” in Rakhine state, a UN human rights envoy said today, six months after a military crackdown sparked a mass exodus of the Muslim minority.

Some 700,000 Rohingya have fled over the border to Bangladesh since violence erupted in August, taking with them horrifying testimony of murder, rape and arson by soldiers and vigilante mobs.

While the majority of those refugees fled Myanmar last year, Rohingya continue to stream across the border by the hundreds every week.

“The ethnic cleansing of Rohingya from Myanmar continues. I don’t think we can draw any other conclusion from what I have seen and heard in Cox’s Bazar,” UN Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights Andrew Gilmour said after speaking to newly-arrived Rohingya in Bangladesh’s crowded refugee camps.

“The nature of the violence has changed from the frenzied blood-letting and mass rape of last year to a lower intensity campaign of terror and forced starvation that seems



to be designed to drive the remaining Rohingya from their homes and into Bangladesh,” he said in a statement, adding that new arrivals are travelling from interior Rakhine towns further from the border.

His statement also said it was “inconceivable” that any Rohingya would be able to return to Myanmar in the near future, despite Myanmar’s pledges to start taking back some refugees.

“The Government of Myanmar

is busy telling the world that it is ready to receive Rohingya returnees, while at the same time its forces are continuing to drive them into Bangladesh,” Gilmour said.

“Safe, dignified and sustainable returns are of course impossible under current conditions.”

Myanmar’s military has largely closed off northern Rakhine state to journalists, diplomats and most aid organisations outside of brief chaperoned trips.

It has justified the crackdown as an effort to root out Rohingya militants who attacked border police posts in August, killing about a dozen people.

But the UN, rights groups and many Western powers have accused the army of using the counterinsurgency as a pretext to expel a minority that has faced brutal discrimination for decades.

Doctors Without Borders (MSF) has estimated that at

least 6,700 Rohingya were killed in the first month of the crackdown alone.

Hundreds of Rohingya villages were torched, and recent satellite imagery showed at least 55 villages have since been completely bulldozed, removing all traces of buildings, wells and vegetation.

Myanmar’s military has denied committing any abuses outside one incident in the Rakhine village of Inn Din, where it said security forces assisted with the killing of 10 unarmed Rohingya.

Rights groups say that is the tip of the iceberg from a force with a grim history of abuses around the country and open hostility towards the Rohingya.

In a Facebook post on Tuesday, deputy army chief Soe Win reiterated the military’s stance that the “Rohingya” are not a genuine ethnic group in Myanmar -- a view shared by many in the Buddhist majority, where there is broad support for the army campaign.

Myanmar’s civilian government, led by former democracy activist Aung San Suu Kyi, lacks control over the military but has been battered by rights groups for failing to speak in the Rohingya’s defence or tamp surging Islamophobia.

Air India allowed by Saudi to use its airspace to fly to Israel: Netanyahu

WASHINGTON, MAR 6 (PTI): Air India has been allowed by Saudi Arabia to fly over its territory on its new route from New Delhi to Tel Aviv, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said today, an unprecedented move which would reduce travel time between the two cities by two and a half hours.

India’s national carrier Air India is scheduled to begin its direct flight between New Delhi and Tel Aviv in few weeks from now.

Interacting with reporters after his meeting with US President Donald Trump at the White House, Netanyahu said that Air India has signed an agreement with Saudi Arabia over the matter.

“Air India signed an agreement today to fly to Israel over Saudi Arabia,” Netanyahu said.

So far Saudi Arabia has not allowed planes from any country to fly over it and go to Israel.

Israel does not have diplomatic ties with Saudi Arabia, but it was reported that the two nations have been working covertly on their shared security concerns over Iran after the 2015 nuclear accord, which both governments strongly opposed.

Such a permission by Saudi Arabia would reduce the air travel time from New Delhi to Tel Aviv by Air India from about eight hours to five and a half hours, Netanyahu said.

Netanyahu said that as a result of the short travel of Air India, the Israeli national carrier El Al would be at disadvantage both in terms of cost and travel time. He said he is in talks with the national carrier so that it is not hurt economically.

Meanwhile in New Delhi, an Air India spokesperson reacting to Prime Minister Netanyahu’s statement said, “We are yet to receive any communication from the Indian regulator.”

Air India has sought permission from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation for thrice-a-week flight from Delhi to Tel Aviv.

Bangladesh madrasa burns students’ mobile phones

DHAKA, MAR 6 (PTI): An Islamic seminary in Bangladesh has burned hundreds of mobile phones seized from students claiming that they were getting distracted by it, according to a media report.

Mufti Jasim Uddin, the superintendent of Al-Jamiatul Ahlia Darul Uloom Moinul Islam, known as Hathazari Barha Madrasa said yesterday that the resident students are not allowed to use mobile phones, bdnews24 reported.

We seize mobile phones, especially the ones that play music and videos, from the resident students during admission every year, he said, skirting a query as to whether they have destroyed the phones.

Some students, requesting anonymity, told the newspaper that the authorities seized and burnt two sacks full of around 400 seized handsets on Sunday, the report said.

The seminary -- a 123-year-old institution with 14,000 registered students -- was not against technology but the negative results of mobile phones far outweigh its positives.

The madrasa is run by Shah Ahmed Shafi, chief of Hifazat-e-Islam, an Islamist pressure group of madrasa teachers and students, which in 2013 had demanded for the enactment of a blasphemy law.

The Hefazat-e-Islam or ‘Protectorate of Islam’ has unleashed riots on Dhaka streets to mount pressure on the secular Awami League-led government to implement its 13-point demand, including the enactment of a blasphemy law to punish those who insult Islam.



Florida’s Republican-controlled Senate has taken tentative steps towards gun control following the recent high school massacre in the state. Lawmakers backed - by 20 votes to 18 - a three-day waiting period for any gun purchase and the raising of the legal purchase age to 21. A person in Florida already has to be 21 to buy a handgun but that restriction, if the laws are also accepted by the state’s House of Representatives, would extend to other guns such as rifles.

Lanka declares state of emergency to quell communal tensions

COLOMBO, MAR 6 (PTI): Sri Lanka today declared a state of emergency for 10 days to rein in the spread of communal violence between majority Sinhala and minority Muslims in the country’s scenic Kandy district that left two persons dead and damaged several mosques and homes.

Violence, triggered by the death of a Sinhalese man at the hands of a mob last week, erupted yesterday in the Theldeniya area of the central hill district popular with tourists. The government sent troops and elite police commandoes to Rakhine state to journalists, diplomats and most aid organisations outside of brief chaperoned trips.

President Maithripala Sirisena and the Cabinet decided to declare a state of emergency for 10 days following the violence prevailed in some parts of the country, Minister of Social Empowerment S B Disanayake told reporters

after a Cabinet meeting.

A Gazette notification would be issued right away after the President signs the proclamation, giving effect to the state of emergency, he said.

Muslims claimed that around 10 mosques, 75 shops and 32 houses belonging to the minority community were badly damaged in the attacks by the Sinhalese Buddhists, forcing police to fire tear gas shells and impose an

overnight curfew to prevent clashes between the two communities.

The situation, however, remained tense in part of Kandy, home to famous tea plantations and Buddhist relics, after burnt body of a Muslim man was recovered today from the remains of a burnt building.

Fresh curfew was imposed today and heavily-armed police commandos of special task

force were deployed in Theldeniya and Pallekelle areas of Kandy after rioters disobeyed an overnight curfew and went on a rampage.

This will be the first time since August 2011, that a state of emergency will be in force in the Indian Ocean’s island nation.

The state of emergency allows the deployment troops on the street, search and arrest people without a warrant.

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DOUBLE POWER: Academy Award nominees and Lady Bird co-stars Timothee Chalamet and Saoirse Ronan posed for a photo inside Vanity Fair's Oscars after-party.

SALMAN KHAN’S BAJRANGI BHAIIJAAN MINTS RS 55.2 CRORE IN ITS FIRST WEEKEND IN CHINA

Bollywood’s very own Bhaijaan’s film Bajrangi Bhaijaan opened big in China last Friday and fans and audiences couldn’t stop praising it. As the film had its massive opening on day one, it was highly expected that film may beat the records of Aamir Khan’s Dangal that took the box-office by storm in the international markets. Bajrangi Bhaijaan had opened to \$ 2.25 million on its day one and after the film’s weekend collections, here’s hoping that this film also performs as good as Dangal.

Talking about the first-weekend box-office numbers, Aamir’s Dangal had managed to earn impressive Rs 78.10 crore. Sharing the figures, a popular trade



analyst tweeted, “#BajrangiBhaijaan has fared well in its opening weekend in China [crosses Rs 55 cr]... While the day-wise data shows an upward trend, it will be interesting to see how it fares on weekdays... Fri \$ 2.25 mn Sat \$ 3.11 mn Sun \$ 3.13 mn Total: \$ 8.49 million [Rs 55.22 cr].”

He further added, “Besides multiple releases and holdover titles posing stiff opposition, one must also consider the fact that Bajrangi Bhaijaan arrives in China after 30 months of its release in India, unlike Dangal and Secret Superstar that were released a few months after their release in India.”

THIS WEEK’S TOP 10 SONGS ON BILLBOARD HOT 100



1. Drake- God’s Plan
2. Post Malone featuring Ty Dolla Sign- Psycho
3. Ed Sheeran- Perfect
4. Bruno Mars featuring Cardi B- Finesse [Remix]
5. Camila Cabello featuring Young Thug- Havana
6. BlocBoy JB featuring Drake- Look Alive
7. Bebe Rexha and Florida Georgia Line- If Its Meant To Be
8. Post Malone featuring 21 Savage- Rockstar
9. Kendrick Lamar featuring The Weeknd- Pray For You
10. Kendrick Lamar featuring SZA- All The Stars

THE DAY AHEAD

ARIES: A selfish attitude on your part won’t be tolerated today, regardless of the circumstances, Aries. Don’t make it worse for yourself by pretending that you don’t notice others’ hurt feelings. People are likely to be extra sensitive today, so be careful about trying to impose your will on someone who really wants nothing more than an ear to talk to and a shoulder to cry on.

TAURUS: You could find the hardest person to face is you, Taurus. You tend toward introspection, and you may find yourself shrinking into self-re- crimination. You could analyze the important people in your life and yet fail to address the one you really need to look at – you. As you continually strive for

perfection, give yourself proper credit. Do something nice for yourself today.

GEMINI: Take advantage of the creative energy in the air today, Gemini. Keep your hands moving and your imagination flowing toward something fun and artistic. If you begin to doubt your work, you may fall down a spiral of creative blockage. Don’t get into the habit of constantly judging the quality or outcome of your work. Give yourself free rein to open up and explore whatever comes to mind.

CANCER: Your sixth sense is right on target, Cancer, so trust your instincts today. You’re likely to connect with someone in a wonderful partnership that will help you foster the very plan

you want to develop now. Stay close to those things that resonate strongly with your morals. The answer is in front of you; you don’t have to search too far afield in order to find it.

LEO: Take a break from your routine, Leo. You might feel like you’re leading an army into battle as you strive for new adventures and conquer new realms. Make sure you take a bit of time out today to stop and let your troops rest. You deserve a little rest yourself. Use this moment of stillness to form your plan of attack so you’re sure about how to proceed.

VIRGO: The key for you is to minimize your daily drama as much as possible, Virgo. You may not realize how much you

cripple yourself by the way you exaggerate every aspect of your life. Try not to give so much of your attention to things that really don’t matter much. Petty jealousy and gossip about other people’s lives are especially irrelevant in your world.

LIBRA: Be careful of advertising yourself as someone who is so strong and mentally competent that you’re capable of handling everything, Libra. Take note that the strongest mule on the trail usually ends up carrying the most weight. Your emotions are more sensitive than you may think, and certainly more than you demonstrate to others. Be honest about the way you feel and not just the way you think.

SCORPIO: Things should flow well for you today with very little effort on your part, Scorpio. Take note that if any quarrel arises, it’s an indication that the person you’re arguing with isn’t necessarily the right person to deal with or confide in. Emotional issues are likely to be the hardest ones to overcome, but this shouldn’t be a problem for you. You have the ability to work through these like a pro.

SAGITTARIUS: This is meant to be a nice, relaxing day, so treat it as such, Sagittarius. There’s no need for you to plan any great strategy at this time. Try to take it easy and not indulge in any unnecessary stress. This is your time to enjoy the moment. Don’t tax your mind by overanalyz-

ing everything that comes your way. Go with the flow and have a great time regardless of what you end up doing.

CAPRICORN: Your sensual nature is heightened, Capricorn, and you’ll find yourself engaged in tender moments and languid peacefulness in the company of others. Soothe your soul by letting yourself slip into situations that give you the emotional freedom to do or say whatever comes to mind. Life should be like a love poem written by a great master. Accept the good energy that comes your way.

AQUARIUS: Allow your eager and restless nature to express itself in ways other than through the spoken word, Aquarius. Show someone that you care

through your gentle touch or a big bear hug. Hold on a little bit more tightly than you might normally. There’s an unspoken understanding that comes when you communicate through nothing but pure silence. Work on developing this kind of connection with those closest to you.

PISCES: This is a terrific day for you, Pisces. You should find that your relationships, especially with men, go exceptionally well. Your tender and extremely sensitive nature is finally being recognized as the treasure chest it is. There are many times in which this type of personality is seen as weak, yet today is one of those times in which you’re given the full credit you deserve.

FRANCES MCDORMAND ‘IN TEARS’ AFTER BEST ACTRESS OSCAR IS STOLEN

A man has been arrested for allegedly stealing Frances McDormand’s Best Actress Oscar. The Academy Award was said to have been taken at the Governors Ball party after the Hollywood ceremony.

Los Angeles Police Department said Terry Bryant, 47, had been arrested on suspicion of felony grand theft.

He had a ticket for the ball and is being held in custody on \$20,000 bail, an LAPD spokeswoman said.

McDormand received the Best Actress Oscar for her performance as a vengeance-seeking mother in Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri.

New York Times reporter Cara Buckley, who was at the Governors Ball, claimed a man had “grabbed” the award and “ran out with it”.

She said a photographer working for celebrity chef Wolfgang Puck stopped the alleged thief and seized the Oscar.

US media reported that



McDormand was seen crying outside the ball after giving up the search for the statuette on the premises and leaving with her husband, filmmaker Joel Coen.

The actress has since been reunited with her

award. It was the second time she had won the Best Actress Oscar following her win for Fargo 21 years earlier.

McDormand delivered a rallying cry for the #MeToo movement, which seeks to

end harassment and gender double-standards, as she accepted her latest Oscar.

Placing her award on the stage, she asked all women nominated across each category to stand up and be counted.

ARIANA GRANDE MAKES FIRST PUBLIC APPEARANCE IN SIX MONTHS AT OSCAR PARTY



After almost six months away from the spotlight, Ariana Grande made a rare appearance at the 2018 BRIT Awards because of an illness. She was originally expected to pay tribute to the victims of the Manchester terror attack, and Liam Gallagher stepped in for the role instead.

Grande, 24, posed for photos with her boyfriend Mac Miller and other pals, which were shared to social media one day after the 2018 Academy Awards.

The celeb, who toured for the majority of 2017, last stepped out publicly for a benefit concert in Charlottesville, Va. in September. Since then, she’s remained uncharacteristically quiet on social media

and has yet to update her Instagram feed in 2018. Last month, Grande canceled her performance at the 2018 BRIT Awards because of an illness. She was originally expected to pay tribute to the victims of the Manchester terror attack, and Liam Gallagher stepped in for the role instead.

Lucky for Arianators, new music might just be around the corner. According to several sources online, Ariana is gearing up for the release of her fourth studio album. An official release date has not been announced, but the recording artist reportedly held a listening party at Republic Records last week.

Something tells us Ariana has something big up her sleeve!?



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NEW WHATSAPP UPDATE LETS YOU DELETE SENT MESSAGES EVEN AFTER AN HOUR

WhatsApp has extended the time frame in which you can delete a sent message to over 1 hour. Since the Delete for Everyone feature was introduced in November last year, a sent message could not be deleted after 420 seconds (7 minutes). Now the time to recall that un-thoughtful message has been extended to 4096 seconds, that is, 68 minutes and 16 seconds to be exact.

The update is available for beta users right now but would soon roll to all WhatsApp users. In fact it is only available for beta users on Android and is yet to make it to iOS as well.

Apart from this upgrade, the new update fixes the gif section crash and modifies some Emojis in stickers. Some users reported that they could not add Gifs in messages as the section would stop working as soon Gifs tab was opened. WhatsApp has also brought back text-only profile update and it will reflect in the profile menu in settings.

WhatsApp is also known to be working on a forward message tag that will help users fight off spam and overload of forward messages. Every forwarded message will carry a Forward message tag to make user aware that is probably comes from some other chat of chat group.

This along with the stickers feature is said to be hidden from the app right now and disabled by default but was reported by WaBetaInfo.

WhatsApp recently brought payments feature in India that allows you to send (and receive) money to a WhatsApp number directly from the app. The feature is UPI-based (Unified Payments Interface) which means it directly links to your bank account and doesn’t rely on or act like -- a third-party wallet service. Currently, WhatsApp Payment supports several Indian banks including Axis Bank, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, State Bank Of India, Yes Bank and Airtel Payments Bank among others.