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*Bimal Gurung  
reminds  
people of 09  
Apr 2008*

**SMRITA KHAWAS  
SILIGURI, 08 APR:**

Former Gorkha Jan-mukti Morcha president, Bimal Gurung, in a press release issued today from an undisclosed location, has reminded people of 09 April, 2008, a day he marks out as the 'Black Day' when ex-servicemen who were marching in support of the Gorkhaland demand were brutally lathicharged by West Bengal Police in Darjeeling.

The fugitive leader has further said that on 09 Apr, 2008, 'democracy was crushed by West Bengal'.

"The inhuman treatment and humiliation meted out to our ex-servicemen by the West Bengal Government and its police will not be forgotten by Gorkhas living across the world," the message reads.

Calling on everyone to stay alert and vigilant, Mr Gurung has further said, "In Bengal... none of the indigenous communities are safe. Only Rohingyas and illegal Bangladeshis are. The same tiger that seeks to devour me today will be waiting to make you its prey tomorrow."

"I assure you all that the sacrifices made by our ex-servicemen won't go in vain, it may take us time, but Gorkhaland will be formed," the message reads.

*India  
visit was  
significant  
and fruitful:  
Oli*

**KATHMANDU, APR 8 (PTI):** Nepal Prime Minister K P Oli today termed his visit to India as "significant and fruitful", saying his trip helped in clearing misunderstanding and mistrust, and strengthening mutual trust.

Last week was Oli's first visit to India after taking charge as Nepal's prime minister for the second time in February this year. He visited India in February 2016 during his first term.

"My official visit to India was significant and fruitful," Oli said at the Tribhuvan International Airport upon his arrival.

The visit has further strengthened bilateral relations between Nepal and India, Oli told the reporters. "The bilateral relations will move forward in a new direction on the basis of equality and mutual interest," said Oli.

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## Dzongu supplies fresh veggies to vendors in Mangan

**WANGCHUK BHUTIA  
MANGAN, 08 APR:**

Dzongu's Farmers Producers Organisation, led by Zilla Panchayat member, Tshering Gyatso Lepcha, today collected fresh vegetables from the farmers of Dzongu subdivision to be supplied to the traders and shopkeepers at the North District Vegetable Shopping Complex in Mangan.

The Zilla Panchayat informs that the vegetable collection was provided by the State Government goes from door to door collecting fresh organic vegetables from the farmers.

"Payment of the collected vegetables is also done instantly," said Mr Lepcha. The residents congratulated the organization led by Mr Lepcha for coming up with the idea and supporting the farmers of the area.

North District Horticulture Department is also coordinat-



ing with farmers from different areas of the district for surplus production and supply of organic vegetables to local markets.

Also today, officials from Horticulture Department visit-

ed Mangan Lal Bazar to inspect vegetable stock and supply of organic produce.

Vegetable vendors submitted a demand list of daily requirement of vegetables to the

visiting officials.

The Farmers Producers Organization, Dzongu, had supplied peas, squash, pumpkin, papaya, bananas and other items to the bazaar.

## 4 killed, 8 injured in road mishap near Lachung

**SUMMIT REPORT  
MANGAN, 08 APR:**

Four persons were killed in a road mishap today at Lachung in North Sikkim when the vehicle they were travelling in plunged off the road at Chumpyong-kyong between Phaka and Thoms at around 8:30 AM.

The Mahindra Maxx vehicle, bearing registration number SK-03J-0209, was plying towards Leyma from Lachung ferrying labourers.

The deceased in the mishap are: driver Lakpa Sherpa, 45, and three ladies Doma Sherpa, Kamala Sherpa and Mingma Bhutia, all of whom died on the spot. The ladies were all residents of Nepal currently engaged as labourers in Lachung.

A total of 12 persons were on-board the ill-fated vehicle at the time of the accident.

The eight injured passengers have been referred to STNM Hospital, Gangtok. They are, Sanjeet Subba of Nepal, Lhamu Bhutia of Sarchok, Mingma Doma Sherpa of Denta, Namgyal Bhutia of Khamdong, Phurba Lhamu Sherpa of Sombarey, Samjana Chettri of Chupaka, Dawa Rai of Nepal and Dawa Doma Sherpa from Kalimpong, West Bengal. The autopsy of the fatalities was conducted at the District hospital here.

It may be mentioned here that one person was killed at the same spot last year when a Mahindra Xylo met with an accident there.

**AMALENDU KUNDU'S BOOK ON INDO-CHINA RELATIONS RELEASED BY CM**

## Sikkim remains peaceful and developing despite the shadow of dispute all around it: Chamling

**SAGAR CHHETRI  
GANGTOK, 08 APR:**

Journalist Amalendu Kundu's book, 'Shadow of the Dragon and Recent Developments,' was launched here today at a special function organised by the Press Club of Sikkim with Chief Minister Pawan Chamling as the chief guest.

Congratulating Mr Kundu on having written such an interesting book, the CM shared that the author being among the senior-most journalists in the State and having contributed substantially to the intellectual growth of Sikkim, he was delighted to part of the book launch.

Delving into the theme of the book, the CM highlighted that despite being cloistered by



three international borders and located in a sensitive region, Sikkim remained the most peaceful State in the country, untouched by insurgency or unrest which surrounds it.

"Among countless disputes and disagreements over the years between India and China, we have managed to

remain peaceful and a developing State in every field," Mr Chamling said while addressing the event.

The CM stressed that the people of Sikkim were like unpaid soldiers guarding the nation and underlined that the Sikkim has established itself as a Model Border State of the country and

this was a big contribution towards the nation which needs to be recognized more widely.

The Chief Minister further said that Sikkim finds itself between disputes but always manages to endure the pressure and emerge as a strong and integral part of the country.

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## Lingdong School bagpipers impress all



**REBYNA RANA  
GANGTOK, 08 APR:**

The marching band of Sonam Choda Lepcha Memorial Secondary School, Lingdong, North Sikkim, is making the district proud with its clean tunes and incredible showmanship.

Formed in 2016, the band re-

cently performed in front of Chief Minister Pawan Chamling during his visit to North Sikkim on 04 Apr to massive crowd appreciation. They have also performed in Mangan and Lingdong and can play over 100 bagpipe tunes.

The band consists of 19 members with 12 bagpipers, five drum-

mers, one clapper and one leader.

"I am confident of my team and I know what they can do. We always perform thinking that it is our last performance. I want our band to become famous and perform in bigger events and shows. It is our desire to play in Gangtok," band leader, Pemkit Lepcha said.

IN SUMMIT TIMES THIS WEDNESDAY

## ACTIVIST SPEAK

Protests against hydel power projects have always been a part of the hydropower narrative across the country and the world. Opposition to projects along the Subansiri river in Assam and Arunachal Pradesh, and the Teesta and its tributaries in Sikkim has been going on for some years now.

In this conversation with Summit Times, three activists at the helm of different protests over different times - SONAM P DENZONGPA, DAWA LEPCHA and KK CHATRADHARA - share how they arrived at the positions they took, their experiences, views on environmental activism and more...



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## India visit was significant...

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"We have agreed to expedite past agreements and understandings reached between the two countries," he pointed out.

"The visit has helped in clearing misunderstanding and mistrust and strengthening mutual trust and understanding," Oli added.

During the talks the two countries agreed to conduct feasibility studies regarding construction of Raxaul- Kathmandu railway line and operating Nepalese steamers to transport goods and people from Nepal to other countries, he said.

Other important agreements have been reached in cooperation in agriculture and hydro-power sectors.

Many observers see Oli as favouring a closer relationship between Nepal and China.

However, the issue of China-Nepal ties was not discussed during the delegation-level talks.

Oli's first tenure as prime minister in 2015-16 saw protests by Indian-origin Madeshi people in the southern Terai (plains) region over the new Constitution of Nepal. The Madhesis say the new Constitution is discriminatory to their interests.

## Sikkim remains...

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"We are sometimes neglected by the Central Government but we have managed to grow past all the disputes," he added.

In this regard, he rued that the State has not been appreciated enough for this service and is instead still subjected to ill-informed prejudices.

He further advised the Central Government to adopt organic farming like Sikkim has and transform the country into an 'Organic Nation'. The task will not only benefit the people and the farmers, but was also something which was very achievable provided the intent was there, he said.

The CM further stated that Sikkim offers a supportive environment for journalists to work and express freely and enumerated the various initiatives aimed at the welfare of journalists.

Mr Kundu has nearly 50 years of experience in journalism and has worked as a correspondent during the 1971 war and has been associated with Sikkim for a very long time. The book has been published by Kolkata-based Poets Foundation.

The function was also addressed by patron of Indo-Tibet Sahakari Manch, N Indresh, Major General [Retd], KK Ganguly, and the publisher and founder of Poets Foundation, Pradip K Chaudhuri. The author, Mr Kundu also spoke about his long experience as a journalist and about his book.

The function started with a welcome address by PCS president, Joseph Lepcha and concluded with vote of thanks proposed by PCS general secretary, Puran Tamang.

# SKM's 50-day Jan Yodha Yatra concludes

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 08 APR:

Sikkim Krantikari Morcha's 50-day long Jan Yodha Yatra wrapped up today. The tour had a group of party youth led by Basant Khanal, Prabhakar Golay, Deewas Golay, Badal Gurung, Aita Hang Limbu and Bimal Gurung visit remote parts of the State to interact with people and hear their grievances, a press release from the party informs.

The main aim of the tour was to interact with people from remote areas of the State and to spread the party's objectives and mission among them, reads the release.

The party has said that farmers in many rural areas are struggling to generate enough crops due to damage by wild-life like wild boars and monkeys who feed on maize, barley, wheat and other crops.

The party has further accused the Sikkim Democratic Front Government of giving 'false assurances' to people to build toilets and homes



for the poor in many rural areas.

"Many houses under Reconstruction of Earthquake Damaged Houses [REDRH] and Chief Minister's Rural Housing Mission [CMRHM] were found to be incomplete and deserving beneficiaries deprived of the scheme due to partiality

and nepotism," the party has alleged.

The release further adds that many senior citizens eligible for old age pension are not receiving such assistance from the government.

The party has also alleged that the State Government's announcement to provide

proper medication and to build health centers in rural areas including footpaths, ICDS centers, protective walls in landslide prone areas are limited to 'election speeches only'.

"The reality is entirely different which the people are suffering," the party has said.

"Unemployed youth have to leave their old and sick parents to work outside the State in order to earn their livelihoods as petty workers due to lack of effective youth centric programmes in the State and employment crisis under this SDF regime," the release reads.

## GPU level training on Organic Certification at Tintek BAC

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 08 APR:

International Panaacea Limited [IPL], a service-provider agency under the Sikkim Organic Mission, organized a Gram Panchayat Unit level training on Internal Control Systems [ICS] for Organic Certification and organic vegetable production on 07 Apr at Tintek Block Administrative Center in East Pendum, a press release informs.

Block Development Officer [Tintek], Uttam Chettri attended the programme as chief guest accompanied by Agriculture Inspector [Food Supplies and Agriculture Development Department], Janny Basnet, Horticulture Inspector [Horticulture and Cash Crops Development Department], Didup Bhutia, panchayat members, Village Level Worker, IPL field functionaries and farmers of the area.



Agriculture Inspector, Ms Basnet, informed about the different types of schemes such as Pradhan Mantri Kishu Vikas Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sichai Yojana and Rashtriya Krishi Vikash Yojana. She also emphasized on Mission Organic Value Chain Development [MOVCD] and Crop In-

surance for the farmers' community.

She further talked about the present market value of leafy and leguminous vegetable and educated farmers on crop rotation, land and manure preparation and organic seeds and seed treatment for different crops.

IPL block in-charge,

Tashi Bhutia mentioned about the standard of Organic Certification and mandates for ICS such as Aadhaar Card Number and Bank Account of each farmer to be recorded in the documentation. He also briefed the gathering about National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP) and National Organic Pro-

gram (NOP).

Horticulture Inspector, Didup Bhutia explained about the schemes under Horticulture & Cash Crop Development, Government of Sikkim. He further urged the participants to follow the policy and methods of organic farming practices in the villages.

# Manika Batra leads India to historic women TT gold at CWG

**GOLD COAST, APR 8 (PTI):** Padler Manika Batra inspired India to a historic gold medal with her stunning singles victories, fashioning an unthinkable 3-1 win over formidable Singapore in the final of the women's team event at the Commonwealth Games here.

World No. 58 Batra first scored the biggest win of her career by humbling world number four and multiple Olympic medallist Feng Tianwei 3-2 and then brushed aside 100th-ranked Yihan Zhou 3-0 to engineer a sensational win over the mighty Singapore table tennis side.

It was mother of all upsets as prior to this final, the Singapore women's team had never lost in the Commonwealth Games since the sport was inducted in the program way back in 2002.

"Even in my wildest dream I had not thought that I will beat an Olympic medallist and world number four," Batra told PTI after her shock win over Feng Tianwei.

"I knew that she was having



problems with my pimped rubber and I realise that but I did not use it as my strength all the time. I kept changing my game. I did not want to kept her settle so I changed my rubber after the second game," she added.

"It was my first time playing against Feng, the moment I knew I won against the world number four, I felt on top of the world."

The victory tasted even sweeter as the women had returned empty handed from the Glasgow edition four years ago. It was only the second table tennis team gold for India at the Games with the men achieving the feat in the 2006 Melbourne

edition.

Earlier today, India had blanked England 3-0 to reach the women's team final for the second time.

While Batra was the architect of India's historic win, the experienced pairing of Madhurika Patkar and Mouma Das played the supporting role to perfection by winning the crucial doubles tie 3-1 (11-7 11-6 8-11 11-7) against Zhou and Mengyu Yu for a 2-1 lead in the final.

After Batra shocked Feng 3-2 (11-8 8-11 7-11 11-9 11-7) in the opening singles, Mengyu had equalized for Singapore with a straight game win over Patkar.

Batra then proved to be too good for Yihan, who failed to read her deceptive strokes. The Singaporean put a back hand long as the Indian completed a 3-0 (11-7 11-4 11-7), leading to wild celebrations.

Batra's childhood coach Sandeep Gupta said, "She always had the game to upset top players and she has done it again. It is time we get over the mentality that pimped players cannot survive at the highest level."

"You just need to have an attacking game with the defence of the pimped rubber. Her strength is that she can change gears from defense to counter attack very fast," said Gupta.

## Art of Living-Sikkim to conduct Yes+ workshop

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 08 APR:

Art of Living, Sikkim Chapter, in a press release issued today, has announced plans to organize a 'Youth Empowerment and Skills [Yes+]' Workshop from 11 to 15 Apr at Sikkim Government College, Tadong.

The workshop is scheduled to be attended by International Yes+ faculty and soft skills trainer, Amit Periwai.

"Yes+ is a powerful life-skills program designed specifically for students and young professionals in the age

group of 18-35 years" the release says.

The five-day workshop will be participated by students from colleges and universities and working professionals from across the State.

Founded in 1981 by Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, The Art of Living is an educational and humanitarian movement engaged in stress-management and service initiatives. The organization operates globally in 155 countries and has touched the lives of over 370 million people.

## Blackmoney SIT reviews cryptocurrencies; directs clampdown

NEW DELHI, APR 8 (PTI):

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) on black money has asked probe agencies to check and curb the use of cryptocurrencies as it reviewed their operation and circulation in the country and links to shady off-shore transactions.

Officials said the SIT recently held a meeting in the national capital during which it was briefed about the overall scenario of the operations of this virtual currency in the country.

The SIT, official sources said, called cryptocurrencies like bitcoins "illegal" and asked probe agencies such as the Income Tax Department, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) to detect and stop their usage and check transactions being done over the Internet, including those with cross-border ramifications.

The panel, they said, would also prepare a report that would be submitted to the government in sometime.

"The government is the final authority to frame rules and law to regulate these virtual currencies and the SIT would provide its report to it on the subject," a senior official said.

During the meeting, the NCB informed the SIT that about four cryptocurrency-fuelled drugs smuggling transactions have been unearthed in the country in the last over two years time while the tax department informed the panel about the searches it conducted on bitcoin exchanges across the country last year.

A reported prepared by the banking regulator --the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) -- was also taken up during the meeting, they said.

Finance Minister Arun Jaitley, in his speech on February 1, had said that cryptocurrencies were not legal and affirmed to eliminate their usage.

The RBI, in the past, has come out with three specific warnings to discourage public from investing in the virtual currencies. A government-appointed panel constituted to study the subject and suggest measures to tackle it had submitted its report to the Union Finance Ministry early this year.

The Supreme Court-appointed SIT on black money was notified by the government in 2014 and is headed by Justice (retd) M B Shah and has multiple central probe, enforcement and regulatory agencies as its member.

### WRITTEN EXAM FOR RECRUITS JOINING ARMY

#### CONDUCT OF COACHING CLASSES FOR STUDENTS APPEARING IN WRITTEN EXAM FOR ARMY RECRUITMENT.

It is for information of those students who have passed medical tests for Army Recruitment and now appearing for written exam to be held in the first week of May 2018.

A special coaching camp is being organized at Capacity Building, Karfector, Jorethang from 10th April 2018 to 25th April 2018 to prepare these students for written exam.

These students will report to Karfector, Jorethang on 09 April by 1400 Hour without fail.

Please bring your light bedding, plates and mugs plus writing materials.

JAI HIND

Sd/-  
Col D.N.Bhutia  
Secretary



**Gangtok on  
Monday,  
09 Apr**

**Temp:** 24°C / 10°C  
**Forecast:** A morning  
shower or thun-  
derstorm in the  
area, otherwise,  
intervals of clouds  
and sunshine.  
**Sunrise:** 05:18 AM  
**Sunset:** 5:57 PM

## Sikkimese Women referees pass Category-2 exam

**SUMMIT REPORT  
GANGTOK, 08 APR:**

Two Sikkimese wom-  
en football referees,  
Reshmi Chettri and Phur-  
ki Lhamu Bhutia, have  
passed the AIFF Catego-  
ry-2 Referees' examina-  
tion, a press communi-  
qué from Sikkim Football  
Association president,  
Menla Ethenpa, informs.

Now, they are full-  
fledged national referees  
recognised by All India  
Football Federation and  
Asian Football Confedera-  
tion, he further details.

While Ms Chettri hails  
from Pangthang here, Ms  
Bhutia is from Bhusuk,  
East Sikkim.

Ms. Chettri is cur-  
rently with the Sports  
& Youth Affairs Depart-  
ment, while Ms Bhutia  
is presently working in a  
private school in Gujarat.

Earlier, the two ref-  
erees had attended the  
FIFA Member Associa-  
tion Course in New Delhi  
from 17 to 21 Nov 2014.  
Both of them had passed  
the course and were  
qualified to attend the  
2nd round of FIFA MA  
Course held in New Delhi  
from 10 to 16 Sept 2015.

They also attended  
Project Future India at  
Gandhinagar, Gujarat  
from 23 to 25 Dec 2014.

The SFA president  
has congratulated them  
on their achievement.

## IHRACO condemns attack on journalists in WB, writes to WB CM

**SUMMIT REPORT  
GANGTOK, 07 APR:**

Condemning the re-  
cent attacks on media  
personnel in West Ben-  
gal, International Human  
Rights & Anti-Crime Or-  
ganisation (IHRACO) has  
written to Chief Minister  
of West Bengal, Mamata  
Banerjee, and the Chair-  
person of Human Rights  
Organisation, Kolkata,  
to take stringent action  
against the culprits, a  
press release informs.

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**GANGTOK, 08 APR:** In the first match of the quarterfinal round of the ongoing inaugural Dr. BR Ambedkar Football Tournament 2018 being held at Paljor Stadium in Gangtok, East Sikkim, United Brothers Kalimpong defeated Sikkim Sports Academy 1-0 cementing a slot in the semifinal round of the tourney. The match was attended by Minister for Tourism and Aviation Department, Ugen T. Gayto as chief guest.

## BJP leaders visit Yangthang

**SMMIT REPORT  
GANGTOK, 08 APR:**

A team of Bharatiya  
Janata Party's Sik-  
kim unit toured Sedang,  
Kabirthang and Chum-  
bung villages under  
Yangthang constituency  
in West Sikkim.

The team, led by  
BJP-Sikkim president,  
DB Chauhan, interacted  
with the people and not-  
ed down their grievanc-  
es, informs a BJP press  
release.

The release contends  
that a hydel project  
helmed by Sega Compa-



ny was started at Sedang  
in 2009 and was com-  
pleted in 2017 but the  
people of the area have  
not received compen-

sation of their land till  
date.

The release further  
states that the area  
does not have a primary

school or a health centre  
as assured in the agree-  
ment between the State  
Government and the  
hydel project developer.

## KASS volunteers beautification drive for three Govt schools

**SUMMIT REPORT  
SINGTAM, 08 APR:**

A general meeting of the  
Krypton Art Society  
Singtam (KASS) was  
held today during which  
the group resolved to  
carry out a beautifica-  
tion drive at three gov-  
ernment schools here

with its artists painting  
the schools.

The three chosen  
government schools  
are Bardang Secondary  
School, Tanak Primary  
School and Rekep Pri-  
mary School, informs  
Kripesh Singh, the  
KASS working presi-

dent. "The idea behind  
this initiative is to en-  
courage and inspire  
students. Painting is  
a skill and a hobby for  
many, but for KASS it is  
a passion and we wish  
to convey some of this  
with the latest effort,"  
he added.

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## 28 arrested for Birbhum clash

**SURI (WB), APR 8 (PTI):**  
Twenty eight people have  
been arrested in connec-  
tion with yesterday's  
violence in Mohammad  
Bazar area in Birbhum  
district, police said today.

Bombs were hurled  
in the area yesterday fol-  
lowing a clash between  
the BJP and TMC workers  
over filing of nominations

for the Panchayat polls  
early next month. One  
person was injured during  
the clash, police said.

The arrested persons  
were produced before  
a Suri court which re-  
manded 24 of them to  
judicial custody.

The court sent the  
remaining four to police  
custody and directed the

cops to produce case di-  
ary on April 10.

ADGP (law and or-  
der) Anuj Sharma had  
told reporters yesterday  
that additional police  
force was being rushed  
to Birbhum.

He said that outsid-  
ers from Jharkhand have  
sneaked into Birbhum to  
create trouble.

## ANTHESHTHI KRIYA



**Smt. GOPINI MAYA PRADHAN**

**With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad  
demise of our beloved Smt. Gopini Maya Pradhan  
who left for her heavenly abode on 31/3/2018.**

**Her antheshti kriya will be held on 12/4/2018,  
thursday at MARUT BHAWAN, NAMCHI BAZAR.**

### REMEMBERED BY:

**Bhoj Raj Pradhan- Husband  
(Bhoj sahuji)  
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Dirgha Raj Pradhan - Son  
Divya Raj , Yuwa Raj,  
Sri Raj - Grand Sons.  
Vrishank , Akansh - Great  
Grand Sons.**

**Rupa Devi Shrestha  
Indira Pradhan- Daughter in  
law .  
Sumita - Grand Daughter.  
Jyoti , Ashmita- Grand  
daughters in Law.  
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## Mary Kom assured of medal, Vikas enters quarters at CWG



**GOLD COAST, APR 8**

**(PTI):** Five-time world  
champion M C Mary Kom  
(48kg) assured herself of  
a medal on debut at the  
Commonwealth Games  
by advancing to the semi-  
finals, while Vikas Kris-  
han (75kg) entered the  
men's quarterfinals here  
today.

The 35-year-old Mary  
Kom quite literally sailed  
past Scotland's Megan  
Gordon to make the last-  
four stage with a 5-0 win.  
Her victory assured the  
Indian boxing contingent  
of its first CWG medal.

Also advancing, but  
to the quarterfinal stage,  
was world champion-  
ships bronze-medallist

Vikas Krishan.

Vikas also claimed a  
unanimous 5-0 verdict  
over Australia's Campbell  
Somerville but his endur-  
ance was once again put  
to test in the final three  
minutes of the bout as  
the local favourite turned  
on the intensity .

Mary Kom, a sitting  
Rajya Sabha MP, will face  
Sri Lanka's Anusha Dil-  
rukshi in the semifinal on  
April 11.

"This will be my first  
Commonwealth Games  
medal and I am happy  
to achieve that but gold  
is what I'm after," Mary  
Kom said after her win.

"I am fighting for 16  
years. I know Megan and

she will do well. I gave  
her advice to keep trying.  
Young people need ex-  
posure and preparation,"  
she added.

The Indian veteran is  
the favourite to win the  
gold, which would be  
her third in the last five  
months.

She had won gold  
medals at the Asian  
Championships and the  
India Open before set-  
tling for a silver at the  
Strandja Memorial tourna-  
ment in Bulgaria.

Vikas is also a top  
contender in his weight  
category and has come  
into the tournament on  
the back of a gold medal  
in Bulgaria.

## HC stops infringement of Patanjali trademark

**NEW DELHI, APR 8 (PTI):**

The Delhi High Court has  
restrained four ayurveda  
firms and a trust from  
manufacturing, selling  
or advertising any goods  
or services bearing the  
mark or word Patanjali',  
the registered trademark  
of yoga guru Ramdev's  
company.

The order by Jus-  
tice Rajiv Sahai Endlaw  
came on a plea by Ram-  
dev's company Patan-  
jali Ayurved Ltd which  
has contended that the

four firms -- Karamveer  
Ayurveda, Dr Zee Bio-  
tech, Dhatri, and Diwai  
Gramodyog Sewa Sans-  
than -- were manufactur-  
ing and marketing prod-  
ucts similar to its own by  
infringing its trademark.

Patanjali also con-  
tended before the court  
that the firms were  
passing off their prod-  
ucts as that of the com-  
pany and they were  
claiming to do so under  
authorisation of the  
trust, Maharishi Patan-

jali Vedic Foundation.

The court noted that  
Patanjali Ayurved has  
made out a prima facie  
case for grant of an  
ex-parte order in its fa-  
vour restraining the four  
firms and the trust from  
infringing its trademark.

While restraining the  
five defendants from in-  
fringing the trademark of  
Patanjali, the court also  
issued notice to them  
seeking their replies to  
the plea by May 16, the  
next date of hearing.



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## Turbulence Ahead

*Smooth sailing might be boring, but inviting rough weather is foolish*

These are uneasy times we live in. A time, when people, despite years of education teaching them otherwise, throw all decencies and basic courtesies to the wind and get possessed by paranoia: the minority starts fearing being swamped out by the majority; the majority views minority efforts at furthering their cause as unjustified, even unconstitutional appeasement; the powers that be get distrustful of the fourth estate and the media gets carried away by sensationalism. It is all a babble of voices and the decibels keep rising and the cacophony reinforces confusion and distrust. The region knows of these sentiments rather well and despite the obvious shallowness of parochial positions, continues to manifest it in new avatars and new divisions despite a history of dense with examples of how insularity can harm and distract.

The usual provocateurs during such periods of hyperbole are the politicians and the wannabe leaders. But there are no real surprises in that because political currency has become more about teasing fears than promoting visions and collaborations born more shared insecurities than universal prospects. Turn to any “camp” and each will solemnly proclaim that the pollution of society is the handiwork of “vested” interests. Look deeper and it becomes apparent that given how things have shaped up, deteriorated rather, and where it could lead, the situation can serve no one’s “vested” interest. No politician, bureaucrat, “social worker,” community leader or professional can benefit from the animosity which are being recklessly sown. Divisions along religion, caste and community lines exist in all societies, but because we claim to be civilised, these divisions are kept blurred and under-played. When we ignore its ugliness, we do more than just brush our filth under the carpet, we accept that these things are wrong. But we are now allowing our country to become one where this ugliness is being swept back into the public domain, not to be thrown out for good but to be sprinkled over everyone as acceptable and normal. It is this new development that should get Sikkim more wary of its own weakness to suspect and block out.

It is easy to put up a harmonious front with combined cultural programmes and mutual back-slapping during less turbulent times. The test of a society’s maturity and that of its democracy comes when this camaraderie can be maintained even during difficult times. Social Media groups and platforms are littered with warning signs flagging a noticeable passion for regressive ideas. Such sentiments, which were earlier limited to anonymous pamphlets and phone calls are now broadcast more widely on Facebook. People are less careful in private and it is more than obvious that the divide which was papered over has cleaved back into Sikkim. Unless the leaders and elders restore empathy, the people will get pushed over and thus bring down all facades of tolerance and amity.

The problem with such situations is that it plays in the grey zone where everything is not black & white, right and wrong. It is more about what is proper and acceptable and what is potentially harmful and damaging. Working as it does in the realm of subjective interpretations, the larger picture gets blurred. What each side should realise here is that democracy was never about confrontation and snatching claims, it is about collaborations and compromise. Given the way things have panned out of late, it appears that no side is willing to approach the middle ground. If one enters an argument convinced of the righteousness of their cause and unwilling to make any compromises, no matter what the other’s point of view, the issue can hardly be resolved without painful hostility.

Imagine a showdown for Sikkim (not of violence, but of ideas and claims)! No matter who comes out victorious, no one will be left standing when the dust settles. Given the puerility that we have been forced to suffer through, it is time for Sikkim to relearn the rules which weaved its social fabric. If every side were to tone down their defiance and listen to the other voices in the fray, they would realise that everyone wants more or less the same thing and no matter what each groups priority may be, their difference can be worked out. Most importantly, when everyone around you is losing their mind, it is necessary for the leaders to keep their cool.

It is embarrassing that such moralising needs to be spelled out, but alas! things keep coming to such a pass.

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# Winnie Madikizela-Mandela: revolutionary who kept the spirit of resistance alive

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No other woman – in life and after – occupies the place that Winnie Madikizela-Mandela does in South African politics. A stalwart of the African National Congress (ANC), she nevertheless stands above, and at times outside, the party. Her iconic status transcends political parties and geographical boundaries, generations and genders. Poets have honoured her, writers have immortalised her and photographers have adored her.

Her life has been overburdened by tragedies and dramas, and by the expectations of a world hungry for godlike heroes on whom to pin all its dreams, and one-dimensional villains on whom to pour its rage. Yet perhaps it is in the smaller and more intimate stories of our stumbling to make a better world that we are best able to recognise and appreciate the meaning of the life of Madikizela-Mandela.

In her particular life, we may see more clearly the violence wrought by colonialism and apartheid, the profound consequences of fraternal political movements to whom women were primarily ornamental and, yes, the tragic mistakes made in the crucible of civil war.

Her political power stemmed from the visceral connection that she was able to make between the everyday lives of black people in a racist state, and her own individual life. State power, in all its vicious dimensions, was exaggerated in its response to her indomitable will – and in its stark visibility, personified.

Fearless in the face of torture, imprisonment, banishment and betrayal, she stood firm in her conviction that apartheid could be brought down. She said what she liked, and bore the consequences. Her very life was a form of bearing witness to the brutality of the system.

A life of misrecognition

Many obituaries will outline the broad sweep of her life; few will mark the extent to which her revolutionary ideas were shaped before she even met Nelson Mandela. To most of her social circle in the 1950s, for a long time into the 1980s, and certainly for Nelson Mandela’s biographers, Madikizela-Mandela was a young rural naif who charmed the most eligible (married) man in town.

This way of seeing her as primarily beautiful, and not as an emerging political figure, has coloured both contemporaneous accounts of Madikizela-Mandela (for she was surely too young and beautiful to have a serious political idea) as well as scholarly accounts of the period (which focused on the thoughts and actions of men).

This misrecognition resonated in the ANC, which had no way of accommodating Madikizela-Mandela’s political qualities other than by casting her in the familiar tropes of wife and mother. Astutely, she embraced the role of mother and wife of a political leader and fashioned it into a platform for her own variant of radicalism, drawing on recent memories of the forcible dispossession of land and its impact on the Eastern Cape peasantry, and black consciousness.

She kept those traditions alive in the ANC, especially in the everyday politics of the townships, when the leadership of the party was crafting new forms of non-racialism and at times vilifying black consciousness. Even though she was not part of the inner circle of the black consciousness movement, being older than the students leading it at its height, she was an ally in words and spirit.

In the tumult after the 1976 uprising, she built a bridge between different political factions. In the early 1990s, when Nelson Mandela was urging armed youths to give up violent strategies, it was Madikizela-Mandela they called on (along with the then leader of the South African Communist Party Chris Hani) to defend their change in tactics.

She played a similar role in brokering between moderates and radicals in the ANC and its breakaways up until her death. This was a form of gendered politics made possible by her status as mother of the nation, uniting warring sons and holding together her political family, even if peace was maintained only in her presence.

**WHITE POWER AND BLACK SUFFERING**

Winnie Madikizela was born in a rural Eastern Cape village called Bizana in September 1936. Her parents, Columbus and Gertrude, were teachers and her childhood was marked by the stern Methodism of her mother and the radical Africanist orientation of her father.

Rural life, with its entrenched gender roles, shaped her childhood. Not only was she aware of her mother’s desire to bear another son, but she and her sisters were expected to care for their male siblings. She was barely eight when her mother



died months after giving birth to Winnie’s brother. Her childhood was cut short, and she had to leave school for six months to work in the fields and to carry out, with her sisters, all the daily chores of the household, from preparing food to cleaning. In her large and rambunctious family in which her parents upheld discipline with physical punishment, she learned to defend herself with her fists, if necessary.

Her rural background made her aware of land dispossession as a central question of freedom. By her own account, she learnt about the racialised system of power early in her life. From her father, she learnt about the Xhosa wars against the colonisers, and later would imagine herself as picking up where her ancestors had failed:

If they failed in those nine Xhosa wars, I am one of them of them and I will start from where those Xhosas left off and get my land back.

She was to retain the theme of land dispossession by colonialism throughout her political career. Associated with this was the idea that race was central to colonialism. Taught by her grandmother that the source of black suffering was white power, her framing of politics was defined completely by the ways in which her family understood the relations of colonialism, and by their personal experiences of humiliation.

As with many other ANC members with Eastern Cape roots, she did not think of urban struggles as the only space of resistance, or workers as the only agents of change. She warned, in 1985, that

The white makes a mistake, thinking the tribal black is subservient and docile.

Militant to the core

After six short years together, Madikizela-Mandela’s husband, Nelson, was sentenced to life imprisonment. By this stage, she too was inextricably involved in the national liberation movement, politics with single parenting. She was attuned to the mood of people, and was more of an empathic leader than a theorist or tactician.

She was an effective speaker, and had a gift for winning over an audience. Adelaide Joseph, a friend and fellow ANC activist, recalls that

when she made her first public speech...right on the spot, while she was speaking, the women composed a song for Winnie Mandela. And they started to sing right in the hall.

She joined the ANC Women’s League and the Federation of South African Women, and participated in several campaigns. She was militant to the core. On one occasion, when a policeman arrived at her house with a summons and dared to pull her arm, she assaulted him and had to defend herself in court for the action.

She was far from being a bystander, or a passive wife patiently waiting for her husband’s release from prison. In her autobiography, Madikizela-Mandela credits several other women for influencing her politically. Among these were Lilian Ngoyi, Florence Matomela, Frances Baard and Kate Molale, all leaders of the Federation.

For her, they were the “top of the ANC hierarchy” although at the time no women were in fact in any formal leadership positions in the ANC. The ANC only allowed women to become full members in 1943, and during the 1950s, women were locked in an intense battle for recognition within the movement.

In the ANC Women’s League and in the Federation, she held positions as chairperson of her branch in Orlando, and was a member of their provincial and national executives. In the 1970s, with her close friend Fatima Meer, she formed the Black Women’s Federation. It was a short lived organisation with few campaigns, but signalled an adherence to the new township based politics that was sweeping the country.

Her mode of work in any case was not that of painstaking organisation-building; she was more capable as a public speaker and as someone who could connect with people in the harsh conditions of life in apartheid’s townships. She attended funerals and counselled families, acts of public

courage that sustained activists. She offered a form of intimate political leadership, instinctively aligning herself with people in distress.

Gender was her political resource, enabling her to draw on effective qualities to form political communities and providing a mode in which she could enter into the lives of people in the townships. She embraced the role of mother and wife of a political leader and fashioned it into a platform from which she challenged the apartheid state.

**BANISHMENT AND BRUTALITY**

If the apartheid state had hoped to break her, they failed. She was fearless in the face of the state’s attempts to

silence her. Her home was repeatedly invaded and searched, and she was arrested, assaulted and imprisoned several times. Then, in 1977, in an act of extreme cruelty, she was served with a banishment order to a place in the Free State called Brandfort – a place she had never heard of nor had she ever visited.

It was a horrendous uprooting from her family and community in Soweto, a form of exile that she described as “my little Siberia.” Madikizela-Mandela grasped very clearly the power that could derive from associating actions against her with actions against the nation. As she put it,

When they send me into exile, it’s not me as an individual they are sending. They think that with me they can also ban the political ideas. But that is a historic impossibility... I am of no importance to them as an individual. What I stand for is what they want to banish.

But although the state did not break Winnie, by her own account it did brutalise her. Talking about her long period of solitary confinement and torture in 1969, she told a journalist that

that imprisonment of eighteen months in solitary confinement did actually change me ... We were so brutalised by that experience that I then believed in the language of violence and the only to deal with, to fight, apartheid was through the same violence they were unleashing against us and that is how one gets affected by that type of brutality.

The consequences were awful, not just for her but also for Paul Verryn, and especially for the families of Stompie Seipei and Abu Asvat. This period in her life, and in South African politics generally, is one that will not only occupy our moral energies, but also shape the ways in which narratives of violence in the 1980s are written. These were dark times in a country weighed down by states of emergency and militarised control. The exaggerated quality of Madikizela-Mandela’s life had to bear, too, the nightmares of our nation’s struggles to free itself.

The ANC could barely contain the nature of leadership that Winnie represented. Like many women in the movement, she was marginalised from its powerful decision making structures. Unlike male leaders, her personal life was constantly under the spotlight (no doubt aided by a zealous security machinery that kept her under constant surveillance), and she was judged harshly and unfairly for her private choices. Although she was a masterful player of the familial categories of wife and mother, she felt reduced by them too.

Commentators like to use words such as maverick and wayward to describe her, but these tendencies developed because the regular structures of the ANC could not easily accommodate a powerful woman with a radical voice. Stepping outside the agreed parameters of the official party line, as she frequently did, was a form of asserting her independence, a form of refusal of the terms of political cadreship that were available to women in the ANC and in society more generally. It also allowed her to build alliances with the new voices emerging after 1994, from standing with the Treatment Action Campaign against Thabo Mbeki’s policies on HIV/AIDS, to supporting the formation of the Economic Freedom Fighters. It accounts for the tremendous affection for her among young activists who are equally wary of the sedimented power structures in politics.

The endless stream of photographs that picture her in romantic embrace with Nelson Mandela, even now in her death, and despite their divorce, miss this fundamental point: the marriage was only a small part of her life, not its definitive point. To present her simply as wife, mostly as mother, is to erase the many struggles she waged to be defined in her own terms.

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China objects to India’s ‘transgression’ in Arunachal; Our land, says India

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**KIBITHU (ARUNACHAL PRADESH), APR 8 (PTI):** In a fresh incident of friction, the Chinese military last month strongly protested against the Indian Army’s “transgression” into the strategically sensitive Asaphila area along the disputed border in Arunachal Pradesh, but the Indian side roundly rejected the complaint, official sources said.

The sources said the Chinese side raised the issue at a ‘Border Personnel Meeting’ (BPM) on March 15 here but the Indian Army dismissed it, saying that the area in the upper Subansiri region of Arunachal Pradesh belongs to India and it has regularly been carrying out patrols there.

The sources told PTI that the Chinese side called India’s patrolling in the area a “transgression” and the Indian Army objected to the terminology.

“China’s protest to our patrolling in Asaphila is surprising,”

said a source, adding there were several instances of Chinese intrusions in the area which had been taken up seriously by the Indian side in the past.

Under the BPM mechanism, the two sides can register their protest over any incident of transgression as there are varying perceptions about the Line of Actual Control (LAC) between the two countries.

The delegation of China’s Peoples Liberation Army specifically mentioned extensive patrolling in Asaphila by Indian troops, saying such “violations” may escalate tensions between the two sides in the area.

However, rejecting the Chinese protest, the Indian side said its troops were aware of the alignment of the LAC and the Army would continue to carry out patrols up to the LAC, the de facto border between the two countries.

Perceptions of the border in the area between India and China

are vastly different.

The sources said the Chinese military specifically mentioned large-scale Indian patrolling in Asaphila near Fishtail 1 on December 21, 22 and 23 last.

Indian and Chinese troops hold BPMs to resolve issues triggering tensions along the border.

There are five BPM points along the LAC at Bum La and Kibithu in Arunachal Pradesh, Daulat Beg Oldi and Chushul in Ladakh, and Nathu La in Sikkim.

The BPM on March 15 had taken place at the Daimai post on the Chinese side in the Kibithu area.

At the BPM, the Chinese also accused the Indian side of damaging its road building equipment when a road laying party left its gear in Tuting in December last year following a protest by India.

The Indian Army rejected the allegation, the sources said.

The Chinese road building team had crossed into Indian ter-

ritory, about 1 km inside the Line of Actual Control in the Tuting area, in the last week of December.

The road construction team left the area after Indian troops asked them to stop the activity.

The team brought in two excavators which were later returned.

The sources said the Indian Army has increased war-fighting drills to deal with all possible scenarios along the LAC following the Doklam standoff.

“We are fully prepared to deal with any situation,” said a senior Army official.

India has been adopting a more assertive approach to counter China’s aggressive behaviour along the LAC.

Activities along the LAC by the two countries have increased following the Doklam standoff.

Troops of India and China were locked in a 73-day face-off in Doklam from June 16 last year after the Indian side

stopped the building of a road in the disputed area by the Chinese Army. The impasse ended on August 28.

Sources said India has deployed more troops and increased patrolling in the mountainous terrains along the borders with China following the Doklam face-off.

India is also strengthening its surveillance mechanism to keep an eye on Chinese activity along the borders in the strategically sensitive

Tibetan region and has even been regularly deploying choppers to carry out reconnaissance missions.

The government has been focusing on strengthening its defences along the border with China.

In January, Army Chief Gen Bipin Rawat had said the time had come for the country to shift its focus from its borders with Pakistan to the frontier with China, reflecting the seriousness of the situation.

3 new polytechnic institutes to become functional soon

**KOHIMA, APR 8 (PTI):** Three new polytechnic institutes will soon become functional in Nagaland, state Technical Education Minister Temjen Imna Along said today.

While a polytechnic has already been inaugurated at Seithekema C in Dimapur, the second institute at Tuensang would be inaugurated on April 11 and the third institute at Phek within few days, he said.

Interacting with media persons on the sidelines of a regional workshop on technical education for the northeastern states, Along said, “the available infrastructure is poor, but we will try our best to use the infrastructure that is available now.”

On the possibilities of upgradation of Khelohshe Polytechnic Atoizu in Zunheboto district into a full-fledged engineering college, the minister said extensive study is being made on the feasibility.

“There are many issues and the department needs sometime to deal with issues concerning landowners, but we will make sure that a degree engineering college comes up in Nagaland,” he said.



IIT-KGP pilot project to protect heritage along Hoogly river

**KOLKATA, APR 8 (PTI):** IIT Kharagpur, the oldest and largest one in the country, has initiated a pilot project to protect the rich cultural heritage of the cities and towns along the Hooghly river.

The project would focus on five former trading posts and garrison settlements near Kolkata along the Hooghly river - Bandel, Chinsurah, Chandernagore, Serampore and Barrackpore, an IIT KGP statement said here today.

The pockets bear traces of Portuguese (Bandel), Dutch (Chinsurah), British (Barrackpore), French (Chandernagore), Danish (Serampore)

presence, as well as India’s own rich culture.

The pilot project has been initiated by IIT Kharagpur’s department of humanities and social sciences, in association with the University of Liverpool, UK, the statement said.

Principal Investigator on behalf of IIT KGP, Prof Jenia Mukherjee said, “These places, being peripheral cities surrounding Kolkata, are not getting enough exposure. And yet, in these cities too, heritage buildings are making way for apartments, multiplexes and so on.”

Among the top priorities of the project is the conservation of centuries-old buildings, which are mainly private houses, she said.

Lack of funds makes maintenance difficult for even those willing to preserve their properties, Mukherjee said adding, “We will be seeing if it is possible to build up a public-private-partnership for the upkeep of these structures.”

The project is being jointly funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council, UK, and the Indian Council for Historical Research and the idea is to involve the people of the region as “owner-custodians” of this heritage, she said.

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# Bhaker, all of 16, claims gold; silver for Heena

**BRISBANE, APR 8 (PTI):** Manu Bhaker was in a league of her own as she shattered two records en route to adding the Commonwealth Games gold medal to the glowing list of achievements in her relatively nascent career, while compatriot Heena Sidhu bagged silver in the 10m air pistol event here on Sunday.

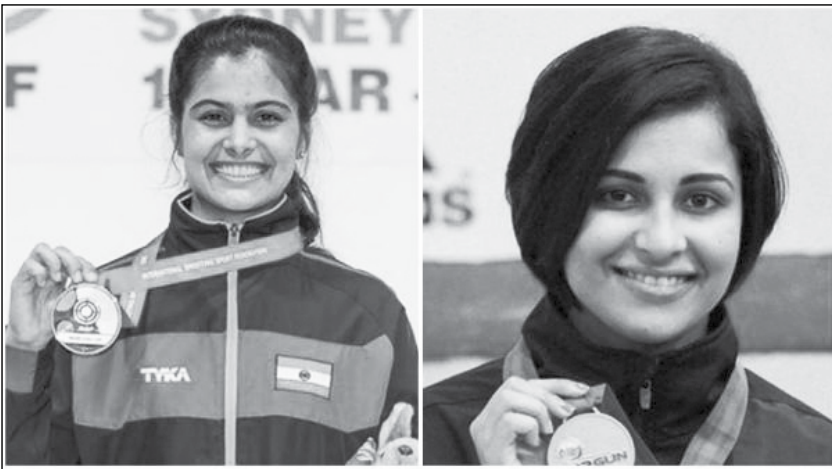
The 16-year-old Bhaker's calm demeanour belied her age as she shot a CWG finals record 240.9 to finish well ahead of her senior teammate Sidhu, who staged a stirring comeback to aggregate 234 at the Belmont Shooting Centre.

In the end, Bhaker finished a whopping 6.9 points ahead of Sidhu.

Appearing in his maiden Commonwealth Games like Bhaker, Ravi Kumar (224.1) claimed the bronze medal in men's 10m air rifle event after surviving a shoot-off, while Saniya Sheikh had to be contend with a fourth-place finish in the women's skeet finals with 32.

Deepak Kumar finished sixth in the 10m air rifle, while Maheshwari Chauhan could not make the skeet final.

A dominant Bhaker led



throughout the two stages in her maiden Commonwealth Games outing. The previous qualification record was 386 by Dina Aspidiyarova of Australia.

The bronze medal went to Australia's Elena Galiabovitch who ended with 214.9.

Bhaker was the overwhelming favourite to win the event, having

bagged multiple gold medals at the 2018 ISSF World Cup in Guadalajara, Mexico and the subsequent Junior World Cup in Sydney.

The event in Mexico was also a maiden appearance for the young girl from Jhajjar district in Haryana.

Sidhu too did well to win silver after she was on the verge of elimination at one stage. She had also

won a silver at the Delhi Games in 2010.

On expected lines, Bhaker produced some excellent shooting and notched up 10 and above scores on 14 occasions in the eight-women finals, ending with a 10.4 to finish way ahead of pack.

Entering the Games after being embroiled in a controversy over

the Sports Ministry's initial decision to refuse accreditation to her husband-cum-coach Ronak Pandit, Sidhu was off to a poor start and was staring at elimination at one stage, only to pull off a fine fight-back and prove her detractors wrong.

After a series of 9, Sidhu found her bearings and shot 10-plus scores nine times to not just widen the gap but finish well ahead of the eventual bronze medallist.

There was no doubt about Bhaker -- she was miles ahead and certain to emerge champion when Sidhu and Galiabovitch were tied with 195 points with four more shots left in the finals. Bhaker had tallied 201.7 points by then.

After struggling to get going, Sidhu was back in medal contention with 175.3 points, courtesy a few 10-plus scores, even as Bhaker led with 180.2 points with six shots left.

Bhaker led with 141.5 points in Stage 2 Elimination, while Sidhu was placed sixth with 134.9 points.

Bhaker set the tempo when she recorded 101.5 at the end of first stage, leaving the others to play

catch up for the rest of the finals. Her concentration was unwavering and she held her nerve all through to continue her golden run.

In the 24-shot final, Bhaker began from where she left off in qualifying, going 1.5 points clear of Galiabovitch after the first five-shot series itself.

Shooting happened to her by chance after a brush with contact sports and for someone who took to the sport just a little over two years ago, winning with such consistency would easily qualify as some achievement.

She stole the limelight at the last National Championships in Kerala, where she won nine golds and broke the national record, held by Sidhu. This was after she attained her maiden success - a silver at the 2017 Asian Championships.

Making her debut in the ISSF senior World Cup in Guadalajara, Mexico last month, Bhaker defeated two-time champion and home favourite, Alejandra Zavala, to win the individual gold and then teamed up with Om Prakash Mitharval to claim the top honours in mixed team event.

## CWG: Women's hockey team stuns Olympic champions England

**GOLD COAST, APR 8 (PTI):** The Indian women's hockey team rallied from a goal down to script a stunning 2-1 triumph over Olympic champions England in its third Pool A match of the 21st Commonwealth Games here today.

India, aiming to do better than the fifth-place finish at the last two CWG editions, are now second on the points table behind England and look set to qualify for the semifinals.

Gurjit Kaur and Navneet Kaur sounded the board for India in the 42nd and 48th minute after England captain Alexandra Danson had put her team ahead just 35 seconds into the game.

"This is the first time we have beaten England, they are the Olympic champions so we are very happy," India captain Rani Rampal said after the match.

"It's always a special moment and achievement when you beat the Olympic champions. We've had very little chance to compete against them, and today was our day. We had to grab the chances and work hard," she added.

The Indian women's hockey team had started poorly in the event by going down to lower-ranked Wales but has since recovered, beating Malaysia and now England.

The team, after conceding the early goal, defended stoically in the first half to ensure that the gap didn't widen between the two sides.



The commitment of the Indian players to thwart English attacks was exemplified by midfielder Nikki Pradhan, who took a blow to her face in a defending attempt. She was left with a bloodied mouth.

"It's a little cut, she's a strong girl, she'll be okay," said Gurjit of her teammate's injury.

In the second half, Gurjit converted a penalty corner to bring her side back into the match. Just six minutes later, forward Navneet scored the winning field goal giving the team a morale-boosting victory.

"It is awesome, we worked hard the whole game. We defended hard in the first half and held them. We came out more aggres-

sive in the second half and put on the pressure," said Rani.

The 22-year-old Navneet said scoring against the Olympic champions is easily among the biggest moments of her career.

"It's my first biggest memorable moment, I have more confidence now for the next games. We're going to win all the matches from now on," she asserted.

"We lost to Wales so this match was important for us to win, to get to the semifinals," she added.

England skipper Danson was thoroughly disappointed by her team's performance.

"We didn't play our best. Credit to India, they took their chances," she said.

## Clinical Saina stars as India enter badminton mixed team finals at CWG

**GOLD COAST, APR 8 (PTI):** Saina Nehwal was at her ruthless best but top seeds India were tested more than usual before entering the badminton mixed team event finals with a 3-1 win over Singapore in the Commonwealth Games semifinals here today.

It was sweet revenge for India, who had lost 2-3 to Singapore in the bronze medal playoff at the 2014 Glasgow CWG.

Saina, playing her fifth match in the last four days, was in complete command as she took down Singapore's Jia Min Yeo 21-8 21-15 to steer the side through after a shock loss in men's doubles.

Despite playing with a heavily strapped right foot, Saina didn't show any signs of discomfort as she guided the Indian team to victory.

"It was expected that we would play in the finals. I never thought they (Singapore) would give us such stiff competition," Saina said on the resistance put up by Singapore in the doubles games.

"I was actually happy that I could play the match today and make that winning point for the Indian team," she added.

The proceedings were opened by the mixed doubles pair of Satwik Rankireddy and Ashwini Ponnappa against Yong Kai Terry Hee and Jia Ying Crystal Wong.

The Singaporeans gave Ashwini and Satwik quite a scare before going down 22-20 21-18 in a 41-minute clash.

"Had we lost, we would have been under pressure," Ashwini lat-



er said acknowledging her rivals' strong performance.

Singapore had won the team bronze in the Glasgow Games and that they were no pushovers was made clear when the men's doubles pairing of Satwik and Chirag Shetty came up against Terry Hee and Danny Bawa Chrisnanta.

The debutant youngsters were beaten 21-17 19-21 12-21, and were found wanting in court coverage.

"We were a bit unfortunate. The tactics that we used didn't work out for us," said Chirag.

Luckily for them, K Srikanth had provided the team with a 2-0 cushion with his singles win over Kean Yew Loh. He too had his share of toiling to do and was locked 17-17 with Loh in the opening game before moving ahead for a 21-17

21-14 victory.

"I think it is always important to have the first set under your belt. It gives you a lot of confidence going into the second set. It is the hard job done if you win the first set," he said.

"Also, to have a 1-0 lead against them (Singapore), meant that the whole team was not depending on me," he added.

Ashwini said the Indian team was better prepared to handle Singapore's tenacity this time.

"Last time we weren't too bad as a team but we didn't really have a mixed doubles partnership. So, definitely this time around we have an all round team with all five events taken care of, that gives the entire team a lot of confidence and also makes us stronger," she explained.

## Royals, Sunrisers look to overcome captains' sudden loss

**HYDERABAD, APR 8 (PTI):** Sunrisers Hyderabad and Rajasthan Royals will have to overcome the unexpected loss of their respective captains, David Warner and Steve Smith, when the two teams clash in the IPL here tomorrow.

Royals, back in the tournament after serving a two-year suspension, and Sunrisers, lost their influential players after BCCI barred them from the league following their role in the ball-tampering scandal in South Africa.

Ajinkya Rahane will be leading Royals in Smith's absence while New Zealand skipper Kane Williamson will captain the Hyderabad franchise.

Warner and Smith are irreplaceable in most teams but both Royals and Sunrisers still look well-balanced sides on paper.

While Sunrisers were able to retain a chunk of their players at the auction, traditionally frugal Royals spent big bucks on the likes of Ben Stokes (Rs 12.5 crore) and Jaydev Unadkat (Rs 11.5 crore) who ended



up as season's costliest buys.

They went big even after uncapped players like Sussex all-rounder Jofra Archer (Rs 7.2 crore) and Karnataka offie K Gowtham (Rs 6.2 crore).

They also have BBL star batsman D'Arcy Short and Smith's replacement Heinrich Klaasen of South Africa. The management has splurged this time and all they would be hoping is for a decent re-

turn on investment.

Shane Warne is back as head coach and the team would be hoping for another fairy tale run under the Australian, who led them to title in the inaugural edition in 2008.

For the 2016 champions, Warner's absence has left a huge void at the top of the order though Alex Hales is capable of doing the opening job alongside Shikhar Dhawan.

They have brought in Manish Pandey and Yusuf Pathan to boost the middle order while their bowling line-up is one of the strongest this season.

Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Sandeep Sharma will do the bulk of work in pace department while Afghanistan leggie Rashid Khan and Bangladesh star Shakib Al Hasan form a potent spin duo.

Sunrisers head coach Tom Moody has recently said here that the change in captaincy in a short notice had little impact on the team.

Though Williamson is not new to captaincy, he would be expected to quickly deliver the goods in the leadership role.

Pandey, Pathan and Hooda, would address the issue.

The teams (from):

Sunrisers Hyderabad: Kane Williamson (C), Shikhar Dhawan, Manish Pandey, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Wriddhiman Saha, Siddharth Kaul, Deepak Hooda, Khaleel Ahmed, Sandeep Sharma, Yusuf Pathan, Shreevats Goswami, Ricky Bhui, Basil Thampi, T Natarajan, Sachin Baby, Bipul Sharma, Mehdi Hasan, Tanmay Agarwal, Alex Hales, Carlos Brathwaite, Rashid Khan, Shakib Al Hasan, Mohammad Nabi, Chris Jordan and Billy Stanlake.

Rajasthan Royals: Ajinkya Rahane (C), Ankit Sharma, Sanju Samson, Ben Stokes, Dhawal Kulkarni, Jofra Archer, D'Arcy Short, Dushmantha Chameera, Stuart Binny, Shreyas Gopal, S Midhun, Jaydev Unadkat, Ben Laughlin, Prashant Chopra, Krishnappa Gowtham, Mahipal Lomror, Jatin Saxena, Anureet Singh, Aryaman Birla, Jos Buttler, Heinrich Klaasen, Zahir Khan and Rahul Tripathi.



# 1 dead, 6 injured in Trump Tower fire

**NEW YORK, APR 8 (PTI):** A fire broke out on the 50th floor of Trump Tower here, leaving one person dead and six firefighters injured, the New York City Fire Department said today.

It said a 67-year-old man, identified as Todd Brassner, was found “unconscious and unresponsive” when firefighters arrived at the scene of the fire.

Brassner, a resident of the 50th floor of Trump Tower, was rushed to a hospital in critical condition but later died, Fire Department spokeswoman Angelica Conroy said.

The medical examiner’s office will determine the cause of death, CNN reported.

The fire was contained to the 50th floor of the tower, located on Fifth Avenue in New York. It was ruled under con-



trol around 9 p.m. (local time), two hours after it was originally reported, the FDNY tweeted. It also tweeted pictures of the building with several windows of the 50th floor ablaze.

Six firefighters suffered injuries that are not life threatening, Conroy was quoted as saying by the channel.

No members of the Trump family were at the tower

during the fire, Fire Commissioner Daniel Nigro said.

President Donald Trump congratulated firefighters and tweeted that the fire was out.

“Fire at Trump Tower is out. Very confined (well built building). Firemen (and women) did a great job. THANK YOU!,” Trump tweeted.

Before moving to the White House in January last year, Trump and the first lady lived in the triplex penthouse apartment, which occupies sections of floors 56-58, according to Forbes.

The apartments are listed on floors 66-68, although the building is technically only 58 stories.

The headquarters of the Trump Organisation are on the 26th floor of the skyscraper.

# Indian-origin MP elected leader of Singapore’s main opposition party

**SINGAPORE, APR 8 (PTI):** Pritam Singh, an Indian-origin lawmaker in Singapore, was today elected unopposed as the new secretary-general of the city-state’s main opposition Workers’ Party.

Singh, 41, a lawyer, took over from veteran Member of Parliament (MP) Low Thia Khiang, 61.



Elected to Parliament in May 2011, Singh moved up from the assistant secretary-general post unopposed when cadres elected their party chief at the biennial Central Executive Council elections, in the first change of leadership in 17 years.

Singh is also a town council chairman.

He is an MP for Aljunied Group Representation Constituency, a five-member group representation constituency in the north-eastern and eastern region of Singapore.

Low, who held the party’s top post since 2001, had announced in November that he would not contest the party-post election to make way for new blood.

Singh was seen as the front-runner for the secretary-general post after Low’s announcement.

The election of Singh means that the Workers’ Party will have a new leader when Parliament reopens next month after a mid-term break.

MP Sylvia Lim retained the party’s chairmanship unopposed.

# Pak plans permanent ban on JuD, other terror groups

**ISLAMABAD, APR 8 (PTI):** Pakistan is working on a draft bill to permanently ban Mumbai attack mastermind Hafiz Saeed-led Jamaat-ud Dawa as well as other terror groups and individuals on the watch list of the interior ministry, a move which has the backing of the powerful military establishment.

The bill will replace the presidential ordinance that banned outfits and people already on the watch list of the interior ministry, Dawn reported today.

Citing its sources in the law ministry, the paper reported that the proposed draft bill to amend the Anti-Terrorism Act (ATA), 1997 was likely to be tabled in the upcoming session of the National Assembly scheduled to commence tomorrow.

The law ministry was involved in the process for the purpose of vetting the proposed draft bill, the sources said, adding that the military establishment was also on board. The powerful military establishment enjoys considerable influence over policy decisions in Pakistan.

The government decided to prepare a draft bill to amend the ATA as part of its damage-control campaign after the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) approved a nomination proposal tabled jointly by the US, the UK, France and Germany to place Pakistan on the international watchdog’s money-laundering and terror-financing grey list in February.

Earlier, President Mamnoon Hussain had promulgated the ordinance amending the ATA to include entities listed by the UNSC as proscribed groups but it will expire in 120 days.

The National Assembly can extend it for another four months after which it has to be tabled before both the houses - National Assembly and the Senate - for further extension. Through the ordinance, amendments were made to ATA’s Section 11-B that sets out parameters for proscription of groups and Section 11-EE that describes the grounds for listing of individuals. In both sections, Sub-Section ‘aa’ was added.



Two people are dead and 20 injured after a van drove into a crowd in the historical centre of Munster, Germany. The vehicle crashed into pedestrians at the Kiepenkerl restaurant in Munster’s main square on Saturday, as the city experienced an unusual flux of visitors due to high temperatures. Six out of the 20 injured were taken to the hospital in a critical state. Authorities have all but ruled out a terror attack, after reportedly searching the suspect’s apartment.

# Russian embassy in UK alleges London withholding on probes

**LONDON, APR 8 (AFP):** Russia’s embassy in London today accused Britain of “deliberately” withholding information on probes into the targeting of several Russians on its soil, as the war of words between the two countries continues.

The embassy said it had asked the British Foreign Office for “detailed information” on the investigation into the March 12 murder in London of Russian exile Nikolai Glushkov.

The 68-year-old businessman, who had received political asylum in Britain after being jailed in Russia for money laundering and fraud, died from “compression to the neck”, according to a post-mortem.

The death came a week after the nerve agent poisoning of former double agent Sergei Skripal and his daughter Yulia in the English city of Salisbury.

Britain has blamed the attack on Moscow,



which has angrily denied involvement.

“Almost a month has passed since Mr Glushkov’s death, and like it happened with Sergei and Yulia Skripal, the British side provided no information,” the embassy said in a statement.

“Given our numerous requests, the only thing we can suggest is that it is done deliberately.”

It added Ambassador Alexander Yakovenko planned to request a meeting with the Commissioner of London’s Metropolitan Police for further information.

“For Russia this murder has a criminal as well as political dimension,” the statement said.

British Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson wrote on Sunday that “no other government devotes as much time and effort to the business of trying to sabotage or discredit international inquiries” as Russia.

“The essence of a Kremlin cover-up is a cynical attempt to bury awkward facts beneath an avalanche of lies and disinformation,” he added.

The attempted killings of the Skripals, who

British says were targeted with a Soviet-made military-grade nerve agent known as Novichok, has led to the biggest wave of tit-for-tat expulsions of Russian and Western diplomats in decades.

Britain’s interior ministry on Friday rejected a visa application by the niece of Sergei Skripal because her application “did not comply with immigration rules”.

Viktoria Skripal told Russias Interfax news agency Saturday that it was denied because Yulia Skripal did “not want to

see me”.

The Russian embassy in London called the decision “disappointing” and “politically motivated”.

The Skripal’s health has continued to improve this week, with neither now in critical condition.

Media reports in Britain on Sunday suggested authorities are already planning for their futures.

The Sunday Times said London is in discussions with America about giving the pair new identities and lives in the US to ensure their safety.

The Daily Telegraph reported they could be placed in Britain’s witness protection scheme.

Meanwhile, the case has continued to generate criticism of British Labour opposition leader Jeremy Corbyn, who has been more restrained in his blaming of Moscow.

Johnson on Sunday described Corbyn as “the Kremlin’s useful idiot” for his apparent scepticism of Russia’s culpability over the poisoning.

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**GAME FACE!** Pop sensation Justin Bieber keeps his eye on the ball while playing soccer with his friends in Playa Vista, Calif.

## CARDI B EXPECTING FIRST CHILD WITH FIANC OFFSET

After months of Aspeculation the "Bodak Yellow" rapper confirmed that she is pregnant! In true Beyoncé style, the dynamic rapper made sure she had all eyes on her when she literally revealed her pregnancy bump to the world, wearing a bodycon white gown during her performance on Saturday Night Live, which was hosted by Black Panther's Chadwick Boseman

Earlier in the show, Cardi, who is engaged to Migos' Offset, hid her form under a voluminous feathered frock during her first appearance as the show's musical guest.

In recent weeks, the rapper, whose first studio album Invasion of Privacy dropped one day ago, has been wearing increasingly outrageous ensembles in order to keep her body under wraps. Just last night she was outfitted in a very roomy pink metallic dress, which many (correctly) speculated was hiding her growing bump.

Following the SNL performance and the pregnancy reveal, the entertainer, who has been tight-lipped for months, went backstage and was met by an applauding crowd. The ex-



cited star jumped up and down, yelling, "I'm finally free!" The whole triumphant scene was caught by pal @brooklyn.johnny.

After his lady's performance, Offset also took to social media to thank the couple's many fans, writing, "Thank you for all of your support. We feel so blessed."

This is Cardi's first child with her fiancé, whom she got engaged to last October. Offset has three kids from previous relationships.

As her celebrity status skyrocketed over the past year, Cardi continued to shoot down pregnancy rumors. She's previously responded to the speculation on Instagram, writing to one social media troll, "No b\*\*\*h I'm just getting fat. Let me fat in peace."

Cardi is expected to perform at Coachella 2018, which takes place later this month.

**ARIES:** Money problems could be on your mind, Aries, perhaps more so than necessary. You might have a tendency to blow them out of proportion and think they're worse than they are. Try to make a special effort to be objective. You might need to cut a few corners and devise a few temporary economy measures, but your situation should be back to normal within a week or two. Relax!

**TAURUS:** Today you could look in the mirror and panic about your appearance, Taurus. You might be feeling a little under the weather and look a little tired. Nonetheless, you probably look a lot better than you think you do. Don't fall into the trap of blowing every little flaw out of proportion. A little

rest is probably all you need in order to look like yourself again.

**GEMINI:** Your artistic abilities could seem a bit blocked today, Gemini. You could be anxious to complete a half-finished project, but at this point you may have no idea where to go with it. Don't panic! Do something else for a day or two and ideas will probably flow as if by magic. If you don't have a tight deadline, there's no rush to complete the work now. Give it some time!

**CANCER:** Today you could have a strong desire to get out and socialize, Cancer. You could well spend a lot of time on the phone trying to reach some friends, but not have much luck with it. If they're busy, a frustrating game of phone tag could result.

You might try just dropping by. Even if he or she can't see you right then, you can make arrangements for later.

**LEO:** Today you could receive an invitation to a social event that you'll really want to attend, Leo. People could be there who might turn out to be important contacts. Nonetheless, you might find that other responsibilities interfere with your plans, and experience a wave of disappointment. If you're creative, you will find a way to fulfill your obligations and attend the event, too. Think about it!

**VIRGO:** An opportunity to travel to a place you've always wanted to visit, perhaps for business reasons, could come your way today, Virgo. This

could be very exciting, but you might have some difficulty making the arrangements. Flights could be full, hotels too costly, and responsibilities at home might need attention. But you can find a way to deal with any obstacle. Think creatively and get busy!

**LIBRA:** Daydreams full of adventure, perhaps involving travel, could take up a lot of your time today, Libra. You're probably bored with your situation and longing to do something to break your routine. You might have no idea how you can escape from everything right now. Don't force it. Spend the afternoon in a place you don't usually visit. You'll come up with a workable idea in due time. Go for it!

**SCORPIO:** Your desire to see a romantic partner could be very strong today, Scorpio. However, if you ask, you might be turned down. Don't jump to the conclusion that your friend doesn't want to see you. If he or she says there are responsibilities to attend to, believe it! You might have to wait until another day, but that's probably the worst that will happen. Have a little faith and hang in there!

**SAGITTARIUS:** Overindulgence in food and drink over the past few days could be causing you to feel a little out of sorts today, Sagittarius. You might even wonder if the fun was worth it! A little careful attention to yourself will have you back to normal in no time. Don't be surprised,

however, if another opportunity to live it up presents itself! Take care. You don't want to feel this way again.

**CAPRICORN:** A strong desire to meet with a romantic partner could come over you today, Capricorn. However, you might not be able to reach your friend. He or she could be busy and unable to respond to phone messages or emails. Nonetheless, don't get too frustrated. If you persist, the two of you will eventually touch base. If you can't see each other today, make arrangements for tomorrow. Better late than never!

**AQUARIUS:** A moody family member could have you confused, Aquarius, and you might not be able to discern the best way to find out what's

bothering him or her. Don't overanalyze the situation. The best way is probably just to come right out and tactfully speak your mind. You'll probably find that this person simply has some minor problems to work through - nothing serious enough to worry about.

**PISCES:** You might want to spend most of today outside, Pisces, perhaps taking a walk through a park. You could have some serious thinking to do and feel the best recourse is to be by yourself for a while. Decisions won't come easily today, so don't try to force them. Just enjoy being out in the fresh air. Sometimes things come together more quickly if you forget about them for a while.

# SALMAN KHAN'S INDUSTRY FRIENDS CELEBRATE AS ACTOR GETS BAIL

As superstar Salman Khan was granted bail by a district and sessions court in Jodhpur in the 1998 black buck poaching case in which he has been sentenced to five years in jail, his friends and well-wishers from film industry expressed their happiness over the decision.

District and Sessions Judge Ravindra Kumar Joshi allowed Salman's plea for bail and suspension of sentence so that he can file an appeal against his conviction and sentencing.

Director of Salman's upcoming film "Race 3" Remo D'Souza told PTI, "I am happy that he has got bail. After working with him so closely I have become a huge fan of him not only as an actor but also as a human being. Almost 90 per cent of the shoot for 'Race 3' is over and the remaining portions will mostly be shot in India."

The 52-year-old actor, who had spent two nights in the Jodhpur Central Jail after his sentencing on Thursday, was granted bail on a bond of Rs 50,000 and two sureties of like amount, Defence counsel Mahesh Bora said, adding he is likely to be released this evening once the papers are ready and sent to jail authorities.

Producer of "Race 3" Ramesh Taurani said he is "happy" that the actor has come out of jail.

"For us Salman coming of this was more important. Our prayers have been answered. The shooting of 'Race 3' is al-



most over, a romantic song is left, which will feature Salman and Jacqueline."

Director Anees Bazmee, who has worked with Salman on "No Entry", hopes the "Sultan" star will soon be out of this case.

"I am very very happy. He is a family, a very dear friend so I wanted me to be free at the earliest from all this. At the same time, we have to follow the law of the land. We are hopeful the higher court will look at things properly and he will be out of this soon," he said.

The actor's "Prem Ratan Dhan Payo" co-star Neil Nitin Mukesh took to Twitter to express his happiness over the decision.

"?And he finally gets Bail. Salman Khan more strength to you bhai. Be-

lieve in the power of justice and the God above," he tweeted.

"The force and the force field #surakshakavach #humreallysaathsaathhai #gotyourback," Sonakshi Sinha posted on Instagram.

Salman's "Dabangg" co-actor Sonu Sood tweeted, "A Good deed is the best Prayer. Welcome brother Salman Khan."

Singer Adnan Sami, who composed the music of Salman's "Lucky: No Time for Love" said, "So happy for the bail of my dear brother Salman Khan. Relieved. Come home. JAI HO!"

Singer Mika Singh tweeted, "I'm so happy that my brother Salman Khan finally bail! Today I will dedicate 2 songs to my big brother in @IPL."



## RANBIR KAPOOR REVEALS THE RELEASE DATE OF THE DUTT BIOPIC

The Sanjay Dutt biopic, tentatively titled Sajnu has been in the headlines for a while. From Ranbir Kapoor's get up as Sanjay Dutt to the other actors playing several roles in the film, the Dutt biopic, for all the reasons, has become one of the most awaited films of the year.

While it was initially supposed to be released in 2017, the film faced postponement and was set to release in 2018 but no date had been fixed, until now. Yes, Ranbir Kapoor himself has let out the release date of Sanju and we can't contain our excitement anymore.

The first teaser of the film will be releasing on April 24th and the film is to hit the theatres on June 29th. The release date of the trailer is being considered as May

8th, which is when Sanjay Dutt had made his debut in the industry with the film Rocky in 1981.

Ranbir also shared his experience of working with Rajkumar Hirani and essaying the titular role, "I am really keeping my fingers crossed for Sanjay Dutt biopic, it was an altogether different experience shooting for the film. I can't imagine and believe how much can a man go through hell in one life. He has paid for his deeds, made mistakes and got everything in this life. While filming there were times when I would observe him a lot, talk and walk like him but then I started to distance myself from him. After the image and look of Sanjay Dutt was released it was appreciated, but the role that I am portraying is not an act. I hope everyone likes it."

## RIHANNA ANNOUNCES FENTY BEAUTY LAUNCH IN SAUDI ARABIA

After stretching Fenty Beauty's reach to Milan, Italy, Rihanna's coveted makeup line plans to plant roots in another lucrative market. On Saturday morning the singer announced the launch of Fenty Beauty in Saudi Arabia.

In September 2017, Fenty Beauty became available in countries across the Middle East like Qatar, Bahrain, and Kuwait. Saudi Arabia will join the list on April 19. The kingdom recently made headlines for another major feat concerning cinemas -- it plans to break its 35-year ban with the release of Black Panther, a Marvel film that has crushed box offices across the world.

News of Rihanna's next business move arrives just in time for the release of her luminizer, Body Lava, which according to the "Needed Me" singer's Instagram Story, is already sold out. Fenty Beauty made \$72 million in just a month after its September release. Time named it one 2017's best inventions.

"You have all these ideas of things you want for yourself, and for me, beauty was a natural fit because makeup is such a huge part of my career and image," Rihanna told InStyle. "I wanted to do a line for years, but it needed to be credible, something that industry pros and girls around the world would respect."

