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## Detention to be back in classes 5 and 8: Javadekar

**KOLKATA, JUL 22 (PTI):** Union HRD Minister Prakash Javadekar today said the Centre will soon introduce detention of students in classes 5 and 8 with support from states. "In the proposed bill to be passed in Parliament, power has been given to the states to have examinations for students at fifth and eighth standards in March, failing which they (students) will be given one last chance to appear in an examination in May," he said.

If a student fails in both attempts, he/she would be detained, Javadekar said adding 25 states have already given consent to the move.

"We decided jointly in a meet attended by all (state) education ministers that we can't allow students to go to the class 9 without qualifying in the exams in classes 5 and 8. We will grant states the power to retain students," he said at an Indian Chamber of Commerce discussion titled 'Way forward For Education Sector In Eastern Region,' here.

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## Awards for 10 Land Revenue employees of South

**NAMCHI, 22 JUL (IPR):** District Collector (South), Raj Yadav today announced the names of ten employees from Land Revenue and Disaster Management Department, South Sikkim who are slated to be felicitated by the South District Administration on 15 Aug.

The names of the awardees are Sandhya Rai, D.B.Rasaily, Bhupen Ranapal, Nima Lamu Bhutia, Subash Gurung, Manoj Rai, Trishna Toya Rai, Santosh Lamichaney, Birkha Bahadur Gurung and Bijay Gurung

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## CM dedicates honorary Doctorate to the People of Sikkim

**GANGTOK, 22 JUL (IPR):** Chief Minister, Pawan Chamling, was conferred with a Doctorate [Honoris Causa] degree on the occasion of the 4th Convocation of Sikkim University at Chintan Bhawan today. Governor, Shrinivas Patil, presented the degree of Doctorate of Philosophy award in the presence of Chancellor, Justice Ruma Pal, Vice Chancellor, TB Subba, Registrar, Shamnad Basheer, who was the chief guest for the event, Speaker of SLA, Deputy Speaker, Cabinet Ministers, officers, faculty members and students.

Mr Chamling dedicated the degree to the people of Sikkim and thanked them for always supporting his visions and for relentlessly working towards

the betterment of the state. He congratulated the students who were awarded the University gold and silver medals and also the prestigious MPhils and PhDs.

Addressing the various achievements accomplished by the State, Mr Chamling said, "Sikkim is on the threshold of achieving 100% literacy and today the Gross Enrolment Ratio of the state is one of the highest in the country."

Governor Patil who is also the Chief Rector of Sikkim University, Mr Patil, congratulated the CM on being conferred the Doctorate degree. He encouraged the students to have faith and work hard towards making a name for themselves and in serving the state.

Chancellor-SU, Justice Pal congratulated all the students who were passing out and also wished them the best for the future. She expressed hope that the wisdom which the students have got from the University will take them forward in the world.

Earlier the welcome speech was given by Vice-Chancellor-SU, TB Subba, who also gave a brief report of the University. He highlighted several contributions of the CM like the peace, tranquility, development and political stability in the state.

Mr Subba said that the achievements of the CM are both significant and multi-faceted but the most important achievement has been in the field of environment for which he was

ranked the Greenest Chief Minister of India in 1998. He was also honoured with a PhD by Sikkim Manipal University in 2003.

In appreciation of his achievements as a distinguished leader who made Sikkim the first Organic state in the country and without whose sincere efforts Sikkim University would perhaps not have come into existence, Mr Chamling is being bestowed with the degree of Doctor of Philosophy on its 4th Convocation Day, he added.

Earlier the function saw the conferment of degrees by the Chancellor and award of M.Phil and PhD (including honoris causa) degrees and presentation of University silver and gold medals and special gold medals and citations.

## Vacant police outpost set afire in Jaldhaka, ridicule of Darj MP continues

**DARJEELING (WB), JUL 22 (PTI):** A police outpost was set on fire by pro-gorkhaland agitators in Darjeeling hills and posters were distributed saying local MP SS Ahluwalia "has not been seen in the hills in the last few months" on the 38th day of the indefinite shut-down today.

The agitators threw petrol bombs at a vacant police outpost in Jaldhaka in the afternoon and also tried to set ablaze a forest bungalow in the hills but failed, the police said.

The GJM youth wing continued their fast-unto-death, which they launched yesterday at four places of the hills in support of a separate Gorkhaland state.

Meanwhile Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM) activists and other hill parties held a demonstration outside the district magistrate's office here demanding resto-

ration of internet services in the hills.

Internet services have been suspended for the last 32 days.

The posters of BJP MP from Darjeeling S S Ahluwalia were distributed among people by the GJM, GNLF and other hill parties.

"We want to know where is the MP? He has not come to the hills since the unrest began. Will he only come to the hills at the time of election? If he tries to do that the BJP will get a befitting reply from the people of the hills," GJM MLA Amar Singh Rai said.

Yesterday the GNLF and other hill parties had lodged a missing person complaint for Ahluwalia, who, they alleged, "has not been seen in the hills in the last few months."

Some political party activists dressed in traditional Nepali attire, took out processions in the morning.

## BCCI announces Rs 50 lakh each for India women's team

**NEW DELHI, JUL 22 (PTI):** The Indian cricket board (BCCI) on Saturday announced a cash prize of INR 50 lakh for each member of the Indian team for their performance in the ICC World Cup in England.

The support staff of the team will receive INR 25 lakh each. India stunned six-time champions Australia to reach their second ever final in the World Cup and will play England in the final at Lord's tomorrow.

"I would like to congratulate the Indian Women's Cricket Team for their exemplary show in the ICC Women's World Cup," said Committee Of Administrators (CoA) chairman Vinod Rai.

"The team has shown tremendous character and the girls have raised the bar with each passing game under the able leadership of Mithali Raj.

BCCI acting president CK Khanna said, "The BCCI acknowledges the performance of the Indian Women's Cricket Team. The team has a good blend of young talent and experienced campaigners."

## Landslide near new Secretariat disrupts water supply in Gangtok

**REBYNA RANA  
GANGTOK, 22 JUL:**

A landslide that occurred below the under construction Secretariat building in Gangtok at around 5.30 p.m. on 21 July has damaged the 600 ft long water pipeline that fills the zonal tank and consumer lines to Deorali, Namnang, Lal Bazaar, New Market, Kazi Road, Tadong, Lingding, Lumsey and Central Referral Hospital. Hence, it is informed that the water supply to the aforementioned areas will be disrupted till restoration work is completed.

Officials of Disaster Management department informed that a new protective wall was being erected and road widening work was under progress on the road towards RMDD premises. The old [existing] wall below the new wall collapsed due to incessant rainfall as a result of which the entire under construction wall along with the road was damaged.

The landslide has also caused dam-

age to the Mines and Geology Department building located just below the site of the incident with mudslide entering the ground floor of the building that served as the laboratory of the department and a tree landing on its roof.

Forest Department personnel along with Quick Response Team of Disaster Management Department and civil rescue personnel have been working on clearing the fallen tree and the debris.

The PHE officials stated that all restoration works are being carried out on a war footing to restore the damaged pipeline. They have appealed to the public to cooperate with the department as there will be inconvenience caused for a few days.

Temporary measures are also being looked into so that the supply of water continues eve if in reduced quantity to all the areas that the tank connects to.

It is informed that the PHE department has closed the water supply of the damaged pipeline in order to avoid further damage.





# Awareness on Drug Abuse & Mental Health for Kitam students

SUMMIT REPORT  
NAMCHI, 22 JUL:

A sensitization and awareness programme on Drug Abuse & Mental Health was organized for the students of Kitam Senior Secondary School by Sikkim Against Addiction and Towards Healthy India [SAATHI] Club of the school in collaboration with Kitam Manpur Zilla Territorial Constituency, South district, at Kitam SSS premises in South Sikkim today, a press release informs.

Panchayat President, Savitri Chettri, attended the programme as chief guest accompanied by Zilla Panchayat, KN Pradhan, Panchayats, teachers and students. Psychologist from Namchi Hospital, Reshma Subba, social worker of mental health, Binita Sharma, and Senior Superintendent of Police-South, Pratap Pradhan, were the main resource persons of the day.

Ms Subba highlight-



ed the different stages of addiction and urged the students to stay away from locally available

drugs. Ms Sharma gave a speech on various symptoms of mental illness

and precautionary measures to be taken while Mr Pradhan stressed on Sikkim Anti Drugs Act

[SADA] and Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act [POCSO] and highlighted the various

legal issues and acts.

Chief guest Ms Chettri, in her brief address, applauded the stu-

dents for joining hands to make the State free from drug and mental illness.

## Disability awareness camp at Singtam hospital

GANGTOK, 22 JUL [IPR]: Disability awareness-cum-assessment and distribution of aids/appliances camp was held today at the conference hall of Singtam Hospital in East Sikkim.

The camp was organized by District Disability Rehabilitation Centre [DDRC], Social Justice, Empowerment & Welfare Department [Government of Sikkim], under ADIP Scheme, and Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment [Government of India].



During the camp, 44 eye cases, 67 ENT, 72 ortho, 29 psychiatry and 08

multiple disability cases were registered. Disability certificate along with

60 aids and 34 appliances were distributed to the people.

## Modi should address incidents against poor, oppressed: King III

BENGALURU, JUL 22 (PTI): American civil rights activist Martin Luther King III today said the "state or central" administration of the day "should be held" responsible for incidents against Dalits and poor in India.

King, the son of Martin Luther King Jr was responding to a query as to how the present central government could be held responsible for lynching incidents like in Dadri, when incidents against Dalits and poor had been taking place under different state and central governments for decades and that law and order was a state subject.

"When incidents against Dalits, oppressed and the poor take place, whoever is in power, he or she at the state or central level, should be held accountable for such incidents," he told PTI in an interview here.

However, the facts show that such incidents against the oppressed and poor people have risen and the Indian Prime Minister should address the issue, he said.

On the popularity of Modi still going up as reflected in repeated election victories, he said it is for the people of India to choose their rulers.

"I think the real and biggest question is what do the people want. People in the last election chose the Modi administration. Whether people of India will rechoose Modi in the next election,

has not done so far.

He said that in 2015, there was not much environment of hatred in the United States.

"When Donald Trump started running his rhetoric in 2016, things started going up. By the time he got elected, it kept going further up. He has to acknowledge this, but he hasn't so far. He should acknowledge," he said.

Yesterday, in his inaugural address at BR Ambedkar International Conference - Quest For Equity - 2017, King drew a parallel between India and the US, saying both the countries are ruled by people who have "little regard" for the poor, and where there is no respect for the rule of law.

King had said both India and the US are seeing a rise in hate crimes.

"If my father were here, he would have stood by the Dalit demonstrations that the country is seeing in different places," he added, drawing a parallel between the values espoused by Ambedkar and civil rights movement icon Martin Luther King Jr.



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class 1 to class 8 has only affected the students, the Union minister said.

"The purpose then was to take everybody along ... As there was no examination many government schools in the country that became virtual mid-day meal schools where students would only come to have the meal and leave thereafter.

"We want to inspire students to be more inquisitive and innovative in their approach to stud-

ies aided by able teachers," he added.

Replying to a question, he said the government was hopeful that the bill would be passed following the passage of two other bills on other issues in Parliament earlier.

Talking about imparting skill in education, he said, "Everything changes with the quality of education you offer.

We talk of our advantage of having more young people but the real advantage is if we impart

skills to them properly.

Knowledge is one part of education, skilling is another part."

On the issue of linking Aadhar to students' admission forms in higher education institutions, Javadekar said, "Like you are asked to give your mobile number, mail Id details - we are just asking AADHAR number for admission to the universities."

India has a population of 127 crore out of which 113 crore have AADHAR cards, he added.

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## Man accused of sexual assault of minor

GANGTOK, 22 JUL: A 36 year-old resident of Ranipool, East Sikkim has been accused of sexually assaulting a 16-year-old girl.

According to a police report filed at Ranipool police station on 21 Jul by the victim's mother, the accused had been working as a domestic helper in their house since last year. The case came into light when the victim's mother found out that her daughter shared an intimate relationship with the accused.

The victim revealed that the accused had promised to marry her and the two had established physical relations. The mother then accordingly narrated the incident to the police after which the accused was brought under police custody.

A case under Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 was registered against the accused. However, when the accused was directed to undergo a medical examination at Manipal Hospital in Tadong the Medical Officer on duty said that the accused was medically 'unfit' due to which his arrest has been put on hold for now.

He will be arrested as soon as he is discharged from the hospital, reports Ranipool police station.

## Couple arrested under SADA

GANGTOK, 22 JUL: A married couple from Kerabari, West Bengal, presently residing at Majhigaon, South Sikkim was booked and arrested under Sikkim Anti Drugs Act, 2006 by Jorethang police on 20 Jul.

The couple has been accused of selling contraband substances from their rented tea stall located in Majhigaon.

The police were informed about the couple by a credible source who said that the couple was dealing with illegal substances from their shop.

The police then conducted a search of the stall accordingly. 144 Spasmodic tablets and 05 illegal cough syrup bottles were recovered from the tea stall. The recovered items were seized, sealed and sent for chemical analysis.

The couple on the other hand was formally placed under police custody. Interrogation of the couple revealed that they had acquired the contraband substances from Singla in West Bengal.



**Gangtok on Sunday, 23 July**

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## SHRA interaction meet on GST

### SUMMIT REPORT

#### GANGTOK, 22 JUL:

Sikkim Hotels and Restaurant Association organized a GST (Goods and Services Taxes) interaction meet for its members on 21 Jul at Orange Village Resort, Gangtok, a press release informs.

Assistant Director of Commercial Taxes Division, Government of Sikkim, Bikash Diyali and SHRA member, Yash Marda interacted with the SHRA members and delved on the various aspects of the new tax legislation and also answered many questions and doubts raised by the members.

The members also observed a minute long silence to pay their respects to the departed former Chief Minister, Nar Bahadur Bhandari, informs the release.

## Coordination meet discusses 1-Day celebration at Singtam

### SUMMIT REPORT

#### SINGTAM, 22 JUL:

A coordination meeting was conducted by the organizing committee of Singtam Independence Day celebration at the Community Hall of Singtam Nagar Panchayat with regard to the upcoming 71st Independence Day.

The meeting was chaired by president of Singtam Nagar Panchayat, SK Pradhan.

During the meeting, issues like organizing a cultural programme, interschool and open football tournament, interschool parade competition, sponsorship, refreshments, ground maintenance, security, and other such matters were discussed.

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# Sikkim's NK Pradhan to represent India at World Police & Fire Games

### SAGAR CHHETRI

#### GANGTOK, 22 JUL:

Navin Kumar Pradhan is all set to represent the country in the upcoming World Police and Fire Games 2017 to be held from 07 to 16 Aug at Los Angeles in USA. He won a silver medal for the country in the last edition of the Games held in 2015 in USA.

42-year-old, Mr Pradhan hails from Rhenock in East Sikkim and is a Head Constable with the Sikkim Armed Police.

A former Mr Sikkim, he has been shortlisted by the Indian Bodybuilding and Fitness Federation, which is affiliated to the International Bodybuilding Federation, to represent the country in this event.

Speaking to media persons here today, Mr Pradhan expressed his happiness on being shortlisted to represent



the country once again in this prestigious international competition.

"I have been practicing rigorously since five months for this competition. I will give my best to win the gold medal

this time for the country," he said. He also thanked everyone who has supported him in preparing and participating in the competition.

Sikkim State Body Building Association

[SSBBA] has congratulated and extended best wishes to Mr Pradhan for the event. SSBBA general secretary, Arun Gurung stated that it was a proud moment for the State and the Country when

Mr Pradhan won a silver medal in the last edition of the Games.

"We are confident that he will come back with the gold medal for the country from the Games," he added.

## ...must break the habit

When they started out in the early 2000s, Linkin Park's music captured the general angst and chaos that pervades our younger years. Their music provided a release for such emotions and made it a tad bit easier for the young to cope.

Just the knowledge that somebody else understands or feels the same way you do can be a powerful aid in the healing process. Songs and their lyrics can be interpreted in many ways and sadly one of the band's popular songs from the Meteora album, Breaking the habit, comes to mind today.

Many see the song as being about suicide and the words 'breaking the habit' conveying the surrender to one's demons; ending the suffering. There is no doubt that darkness and turmoil dominate the song's verses but the chorus could very well be interpreted as a breaking away from all that precedes it, breaking the habit as it were.

The band's frontman, Chester Bennington ended his life on Thursday. He was only 41.

According to news reports, Chester lost his battle against drug and alcohol addiction as well as depression. His death is a tragedy that urges us to look at substance abuse, mental illness and suicide afresh. In Sikkim's case, we must keep reminding ourselves that these are problems that exist. In the past 7 days, we have lost 7 lives to suicide. That's one life a day. Much has been said and written, little done. Sikkim needs to...must break the habit.



## Officials inspect Singtam bazaar shops



**SINGTAM, 22 JUL:** A team of officials comprising of Food Inspector Shyam Kumar Rai, Sub Inspector Kabita Gurung from Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs department accompanied by Sub Divisional Magistrate (Rangpo), Mahesh Sharma, Sub Divisional Police Officer (Rangpo), Ajay Kumar Rai, Sub Inspector, Laxman Gajmer conducted an inspection drive in and around Singtam bazaar, today. During the inspection, some vegetable stalls were found to be selling commodities at higher prices. Two shops were fined Rs 5,000 each when they were found using domestic cylinder for commercial purpose. [from YOGEN THATAL]

## Renzong FC enters semis of C-Div Sikkim League

### SUMMIT REPORT

#### GANGTOK, 22 JUL:

A brace from Chunku Sherpa helped Renzong Football Club secure its berth in the semi-final of ongoing knock out round of Sikkim Football Association C-Division Sikkim League here at Paljor Stadium.

Renzong FC outplayed Almost 30 FC 2-0. Chunku Sherpa scored his first goal in the 20th minute and completed his brace in the 80th minute of the match today.

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## SJA conducts workshop on Marriage and Succession law

### SUMMIT REPORT

#### GANGTOK, 22 JUL:

Sikkim Judicial Academy organized a Workshop on the Law of Marriage, Succession and Guardianship for Judges and Counsellors of the Family Courts and Lawyers of 5 years of practice in the Bar on 22 Jul at Sikkim Judicial Academy.

my, High Court premises in Gangtok, an SJA press release informs.

Judge-High Court of Sikkim, Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, and former Judge-High Court of Sikkim, Justice AP Subba, were the resource persons. Director-SJA was also present on the occasion.

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## ANTHYESTHI KRIYA

The Anthyesthi Kriya of former Chief Minister Nar Bahadur Bhandari who left for his heavenly abode on 16 July 2017 falls on Friday 28 July, 2017. All relatives, friends and well wishers are requested to join us in offering prayers for the departed soul at our residence, Primula Cottage, Church Road, Gangtok.

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## LT Seats Need Consensus, Not Confusion

*Let's revisit what the CRESP report had recommended many years back*

It is nearly a month past since the deadline for feedback and suggestions to the seat reservation option proposed by the Ministry of Home Affairs for the Limboos and Tamangs of Sikkim by virtue of their having becomes Scheduled Tribes ran out on 26 June last month. It is not clear who all made the effort to respond to the MHA circular. This is unfortunate because it would have helped the situation if the positions had been more widely shared so that they could also have been more publicly discussed. Of course, one is speaking specifics here because responses to the MHA circular, for them to be taken seriously, would require to be more reasoned and more detailed than is normally expected of routine press releases and statements that the issue has so far received. The general positions of most political and community organizations which have joined cause with the seat issue are relatively well known, and these are dictated as much by their political alignments as by their interpretation of facts or understanding of possibilities. As far as the State Government is concerned, its position has been relatively consistent and the MHA circular is largely based on it. There are some inconsistencies between what the MHA has circulated and what the State Government has sought, and while that was touched upon in this section a while back, let's still revisit it via what the CRESP report had recommended and why.

The terms of reference of the Commission for Review of Social and Environmental Sector Policies, Plans and Programmes [CRESP] were enhanced by the State Government on 27 December 2005. One of the "terms" added for reference was the reservation of seats for Limboo and Tamang communities in the Sikkim Legislative Assembly consequent to their inclusion in the Scheduled Tribes list. CRESP was not asked how many seats should be reserved for the two communities because that is already prescribed under Article 332 (1) of the Constitution of India which stipulates that seats reserved for Scheduled Tribes in the Assembly should be in proportion to their population. The issue forwarded for deliberation was whether seats could be exclusively reserved for representatives from the Limboo and Tamang communities to the exclusion of Bhutia and Lepcha since the BLs were already enjoying reserved seats in the same Legislative Assembly. To this, the CRESP Report pointed out that BLs get their reserved seats not as Scheduled Tribes, but as a "sequel to a political agreement" made in 1973. Although the argument that the Limboos and Tamangs, as also some other communities of Sikkim, should have been accorded Scheduled Tribe status along with the BLs in 1978, is a very strong one, fact remains that ST status for LTs came about only in the year 2003. Seats reserved for them will thus have to be as Scheduled Tribes, expanding its interpretation will further complicate the matter not so much because of the existing scheduled tribes of Sikkim – BLs and LTs – but because of future additions to the list which might come about sooner rather than later. The CRESP Report had explained as much. The Report explains that "segmented reservation of seats for a section of STs is not provided for in the Constitution of India."

But the MHA circular suggests that the proposed reserved seats be community-specific to LTs. While this may sound a simpler solution for now, it does very little to settle the issue of the still-awaited tribal seats for Sikkim in the long run. Of course, neither the CRESP Report nor the MHA circular is binding. These are but recommendations and opinions and open to further deliberations and drafts before a final amendment to the Representation of People Act is tabled in the Parliament. The stakeholders need to understand that need for reserved seats for Limboos and Tamangs need no more recommendations, they are already guaranteed that by the Constitution. The delay is not because the requirement of seats does not have a strong enough basis, but because of the mathematical conundrum [for fresh reservations] posed by the existing seat reservation format in Sikkim. This is a challenge that only a consensus can surmount, confusing interpretations and conspiracy theories will not help. It is also an opportunity to settle inconsistencies.

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In the post-truth haze that has enveloped public discourse, a free press is more crucial than ever in educating the public and holding leaders to account. Reliable, accurate news is an essential public good, while false or misleading news can foment confusion and distrust.

In this regard, the practice of journalism has much in common with the practice of medicine. The best medical practice can enhance the public's health, while careless treatment can lead to real harms. One of these professions is tightly regulated. The other is practised without any formal systems of oversight.

Doctors are granted a licence to practise medicine by a medical board, or a college of physicians. Licensure typically requires proof of completion of medical school, as well as passing a series of examinations, and payment of an annual fee. Many physicians are additionally registered with other professional bodies that require evidence of continuing medical education, to better ensure that practitioners stay current in their fields.

Medical colleges establish clear rules and guidelines about how, in general terms, a physician's practice should be carried out. Clear policies govern the professional standards that must be met, as well as how investigations and disciplinary actions are to be brought forth in the event of a suspected violation.

Certain types of misconduct — be it a failure to maintain the standards of the profession, disgraceful behaviour, abuse of a position of authority, or other misdeeds — can land a physician before a disciplinary committee with the power to revoke their licence if they are indeed found guilty of malfeasance. **BOARD SERVES PUBLIC AND PROFESSION ALIKE** Medical boards serve the public, providing mechanisms through which patients can lodge complaints about physicians. They also serve physicians, who use credentialing to demonstrate good standing.

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A good place to start when considering a proposed solution is to ask what problem that solution is aiming to fix.

That's a good way to approach suggestions that journalists should be licensed as a means to address concerns about "fake news" in an era in which journalists are often no longer trusted by the public.

But are those real problems?

"Fake news" — to the extent that the concept means anything — has been with us forever, on display at supermarket checkout counters every day. What's new is not "fake news," but the ability to distribute it quickly, easily and widely online through social media.

Licensing journalists can't prevent that.

In fact, "fake news" as a concept now seems to mean factual information that those in positions of authority would rather not see published or broadcast — all the more reason to ensure it is distributed as widely as possible.

**MANY DON'T TRUST NEWS ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

Interestingly, public opinion surveys over the past year conducted by the Public Policy Forum in conjunction with the Canadian Journalism Foundation as part of the PPF's Shattered Mirror report, and by the Reuters Institute at Oxford, both suggest the mainstream media in Canada enjoy a considerable degree of trust. That's quite different from the situation in the United States.

What isn't trusted, those same surveys show, is the accuracy of anything distributed via social media.

On one level, that leads to an intriguing question. Shouldn't we be spending less time worrying about the spread of "fake news" and more time (assuming you can define "fake news") trying to figure out just how many people believe any of it.

With that as a preamble, there are more questions to ask about licensing journalists.

Start with how to determine who's a journalist at a time when anyone can distribute text, audio or video widely online. Traditional media are no longer information gatekeepers. A smart phone is all you need to become a "journalist" and record, edit and distrib-

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## We regulate doctors to protect the public from harm - why not journalists?

Importantly, medical boards and colleges do not represent an additional layer of government bureaucracy. Rather, they are formed by groups of doctors, patients and members of the public.

The potential parallels with journalism are easy to spot. The media fulfils an essential role in public life. Anyone writing and publishing news stories is given a potentially powerful voice. While our hope is that journalists will use their voice to reliably inform the public, we must also recognize their potential to lead people astray.

Not long ago, accurate, fact-based and ground-breaking reporting was valued — think Knowlton Nash, Woodward and Bernstein or the Boston Globe's Spotlight team. Highly respected journalists collected information first-hand, bringing stories to press or to air only after the most stringent of vetting and corroboration.

The upside of the hard work that goes into producing and filing a story included nothing more than a good reputation and a modest pay cheque. Though by no means perfect, reporting was for the most part done with the best of intentions, by those most qualified to do it.

**ANYONE CAN NOW REPORT ON A STORY**

Our current media ecosystem presents a far different picture. The internet has given voice to anyone wishing to report on a story, enabling shoddy research based on secondary sources (or even pure fantasy). It has become possible to publish at the push of a button, at any time of day.

The upside now includes an influx of cash from clicks and page views; being provocative may be more profitable than being correct. As a consequence, the lines between news and entertainment are now blurred. Consumers of news are adrift in a sea of stories, left to disambiguate the fake news from the real thing.

This state of affairs constitutes a threat to the public good.

One needs look no further than recent votes in

the United States and the United Kingdom to see that elections have serious and far-reaching consequences. While failing to vote may be a dereliction of one's civic duty, voting while uninformed can be downright dangerous.

This state of affairs — in which a profession has a duty to protect the public but the means to do harm — underscores the need for a journalism licensing body.

**JOURNALISTIC BONA FIDES**

A self-regulating college of journalists could determine what sort of education is needed in order to become licensed. Standards of journalistic practice and norms of professional conduct could be established based on a consensus of expert opinions. Formal processes to investigate malpractice and strip wrongdoers of their credentials could be put in place.

A licence in good standing would be a visible sign of a journalist's bona fides, akin to the post-nominal "MD" that medical school graduates use.

A college of journalists would in no way infringe upon free speech or freedom of the press, much as a medical board does not preclude patients from seeking treatment from complementary and alternative sources.

In fact, seeking health treatments or news stories outside the mainstream may in many cases be a safe and reasonable thing to do. The difference is that the consumer becomes better informed about their choices, and practitioners can't as easily claim to provide a service they aren't qualified to deliver.

Physicians inhabit a unique place of trust in society, conferred at least in part by the recognition that their practice is regulated, and that those operating outside of accepted bounds face consequences.

Trust in journalists is no less important, but increasingly scarce these days. While the licensing of journalists may do little to stem the tide of fake news, it might at least make it easier to call it out for what it is.

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## Why licensing journalists won't end the scourge of 'fake news'

ute any chosen mixture of video, audio, photos, data and/or text. Look at the daily online flood of material about traffic accidents, fires, demonstrations, bad behaviour in parking lots or on public transit, encounters with police and almost anything else.

**WHAT ABOUT BLOGGERS?**

Senate Bill S-231, now under consideration by the House of Commons to give journalists the ability to protect the confidentiality of their sources, defines a journalist as "a person whose main occupation is to contribute directly, either regularly or occasionally, for consideration, to the collection, writing or production of information for dissemination by the media, or anyone who assists such a person."

That's as good a definition as any but excludes anyone who starts a blog, tweets or distributes information other than through "the media" as it was once defined. Such individuals can produce and distribute whatever comes into their minds in whatever format they want, while facing the legal consequences if it's libellous or violates Criminal Code provisions regarding hate speech. Others can pick it up and circulate it through social media. Licensing journalists won't stop that.

It's also difficult to compare journalism to self-regulating professions such as doctors, lawyers, engineers and architects. Those professions require lengthy training, specific detailed knowledge and a demonstration that you can apply all that successfully to be given a licence.

**A SMART PHONE IS ALL THAT'S NEEDED**

Who would determine what knowledge and skills someone should learn and be able to demonstrate to get a journalism licence?

You don't need any technical skills — comparable in detail to the other professions — to write, shoot video, record audio, put it all together online and distribute it. You can do it, although perhaps badly, with almost no instruction. It's no more complex than figuring out how to use your smartphone and laptop.

Nonetheless, there's no question that journalism schools teach would-be reporters much more than that — everything from defining a story to pitching it to editors, interviewing people, digging out information that authorities would prefer remain hidden, structuring and presenting stories to audiences in

different formats, not to mention the hands-on experience with the technical elements (shooting, editing, data visualization, content management systems, etc.) of online journalism. That gives journalism graduates the significant advantage of skills training when seeking employment — something someone with just a smartphone doesn't have.

Licences also mean there are certain rules you must obey or risk sanction. What are those rules for journalism? As one example, journalism schools tell students they should have at least two sources for every story. If that was applied in practice, every news organization in Canada would likely be sanctioned every day.

**WHO WOULD BE THE ENFORCER?**

Who would establish the rules? Provincial press councils tried to do that informally but they dealt only with print, were underfunded, membership was voluntary and their only sanction was publicizing that the council had rapped a newspaper's knuckles. They have since disappeared, replaced by a National NewsMedia Council that is trying to develop a consensus around defining good journalism while also mediating public complaints about media coverage.

Finally and more important, who enforces the rules and imposes penalties if a licensed journalist breaks them? Certainly not a government agency subject to political direction against news stories that those in power might not appreciate. Remember Justin Trudeau's ill-considered and short-lived refusal to answer questions from Sun Media while leader of the opposition or Stephen Harper's decade-long battle with the media while prime minister?

"Fake news," yellow journalism, tabloid exposés, bad reporting and sensationalism won't end with the licensing of journalists. Much better to focus on educating audiences about the elements of good journalism and the cost of producing it, what to look for when they see, listen to or read a news story and how to question and hold to account news organizations and journalists about their reporting. That's something both the educational system at all levels and the media itself can do.

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## Use technology to solve social problems: Satyarthi

**BENGALURU, JUL 22 (PTI):** Nobel laureate Kailash Satyarthi has asked professionals to use technology to solve social problems in addition to their business requirements.

"The world is at your fingertips," Satyarthi said at an event hosted by social networking platform for professionals, LinkedIn India here yesterday to interact with its employees in Bengaluru, Delhi and Mumbai about his work against the sexual exploitation and trafficking of children.

Satyarthi also spoke about the challenges, struggles and opposition he faced when he started his journey, 37 years ago.

He reminisced about how at the time, India did not have a law when it came to protecting children from abuse and trafficking and how far it has come today.

"It is easy to walk on the available path, it's difficult to walk on an unexplored path or to create your path. The day 36 children were freed, was

the day I felt liberated and I never looked back.

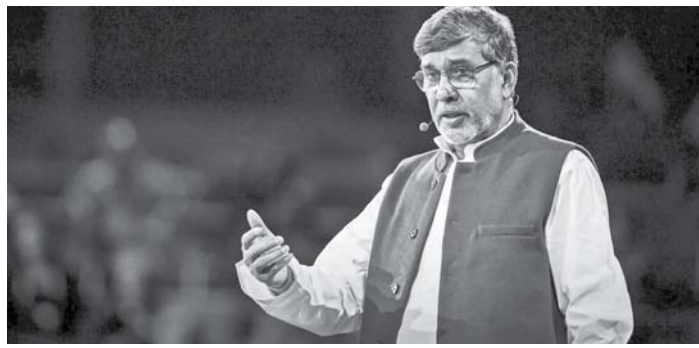
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against child trafficking and sexual abuse was one of the company's favourite ways to support the mission of making professionals more productive and successful.

A tireless advocate of children's rights for over three decades, Satyarthi and the grassroots movement founded by him, like Bachpan Bachao Andolan have liberated more than 87,000 children from exploitation and developed a successful model for their education and rehabilitation.





Zeliang ministry expanded

**KOHIMA, JUL 22 (PTI):** Nagaland Chief Minister T R Zeliang, who was sworn-in amid high political drama, today expanded his ministry and inducted 10 cabinet ministers.

Governor PB Acharya administered the oath of office and secrecy to the 10 ministers at a glittering ceremony at the Raj Bhavan this evening in the presence of Lok Sabha MP Neiphiu Rio, BJP state President Visasolie Lhoungu.

Zeliang was sworn-in on Thursday after the governor sacked the then Chief Minister Shurhozelie Liezietsu, who failed

to turn up for the vote of confidence. Zeliang yesterday won the trust vote in the assembly by securing 47 of 59 votes.

Eight of the new cabinet ministers are from the NPF and two from the BJP. G Kaito Aye, Imkong L Imchen, Tokheho Yepthomi, Y Patton, Kipili Sangtam, Dr Neikiesalie Nicky Kire, Kejong Chang and Neiba Kronu are from the NPF, while Imtilemba Sangtam and Mmhonlumo Kikon are from the BJP.

Kezong Chang (88) is the oldest among the ministers. Their portfolios are yet to be distributed to them.

After the swearing-in, Zeliang told reporters that one more cabinet minister would be inducted on Monday.

Parliamentary secretaries who will look after various government departments would also be appointed next week.

There was disgruntlement among some legislators who sided with Zeliang over not being included in the cabinet.

Asked about the discontent among some of the senior legislators, Zeliang said, "Every thing will be fine. They misunderstood the sitting arrangement."

One more person dies, but flood situation in Assam improves

**GUWAHATI, JUL 22 (PTI):** The flood situation in Assam improved today although one person died in the deluge and nearly 90,000 people are still affected in 11 districts of the state.

According to a report by Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA), one person lost his life at Mayong revenue circle in Morigaon district.

With this, the total number of people losing their lives in this year's flood related cases has gone up to 76, including eight in Guwahati.

The ASDMA said around 90,000 people are suffering at present in Lakhimpur, Biswanath, Barpeta, Morigaon, Nagaon, Karbi Anglong, Golaghat, Jorhat, Sivasagar, Karimganj and Cachar districts.

Till yesterday, 1.65 lakh people were affected in the latest wave of flood across 14 districts in the state.

The ASDMA said 294 villages are under water at present and over 20,000 hectares of crop areas are inundated.

The worst affected is Golaghat, where over 31,000 people have been affected by the deluge, followed by Barpeta with more than 17,000 people.

Authorities are running 58 relief camps and distribution centres in eight districts, where 11,611 people are currently taking shelter.

Due to the impact of the flood waters, many roads, embankments and bridges have been damaged in many districts.

Currently Dhansiri river at Golaghat town and at Numaligarh in Golaghat is flowing above the danger mark.

Crisis of Confidence

**EDITORIAL/ The Nagaland Page**

Nearly six months after TR Zeliang was forced to step down and hand over the top chair to Dr Shurhozelie Liezietsu in a compromise to bring normalcy in the State, Shurhozelie has been dethroned and TR Zeliang has made a comeback to the Chief Minister's chair.

The political games and the tussle for the top chair since former Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio suddenly decided to leave state politics and try his fortunes in national politics more than three years back has painted our people and state politicians in a very bad light. In fact, political events in the last three years have shown where the priorities of our elected legislators lie - themselves and not to their constituencies. So it is no wonder that our people's confidence in the political class is at an all time low today. The members of our legislative assembly, which not only represents people but also makes laws and sets the moral parameters of the socio-political discourse, is today finding itself credibility-challenged. People who are elected with whatever little or more electoral participation, evoke little confidence in their integrity. This is a malaise that afflicts the entire political class in India but in Nagaland, the situation is more complicated. Here the issue is not only about corruption. It is not only about the institutional decay. It is about the decay of people, perhaps the most pernicious of all rots. In fact over the years, this crisis of confidence in our leaders or their lesser versions in the form of elected representatives has not remained limited to them. There is now no aspect of life that is not riddled with this malaise - the breakdown of trust among people in one another. And the damage to collective psyche seems so deep and endemic that even if a spotless leader exists or were to emerge, he will barely survive the whispers, murmurs and asides - the frenzied collective rush to judge and take him down. The absence of an overarching figure we can look up to, lack of an everyday role model and the sense of being betrayed by those we venerated has in turn undermined our faith in ourselves as a people.

The sense of being let down by our own kind runs deep. But as a community we have chosen to deal with this problem in the most negative sense possible. Today everybody suspects everybody. We have become a land of agents: Indian agents, agents of this or that factions/party/group, double agents, etc. It is not only about politician versus politician, it is political party versus political party, bureaucrat versus bureaucrat, men versus women, everyman versus everyman, etc. At its most vicious end, this tendency has created a breed of people who have developed a cannibalistic urge to devour reputations, to shred and tear them apart. How does one manage one's subjectivity or neutrality, how to engage or disengage from the system? Where to draw the line? When system is like water in which we all swim? Those who are outside can have the luxury to speak "purely" about it, invoke the idealism of the pristine variety at their command. But those working on the ground here through the blood and guts of the better part of past two decades, being brushed and nicked by the system, sometimes bruised by it while trying to do just their jobs, have no such luxury. But so thick with suspicions is the environment in which we operate that it is not only the strangers that suspect one another but even friends do it with least compunction, even while they may have known each other for years. But those who pick on others are not free from the blame too. They are also talked about in hush-hush asides, whispers and murmurs. People for all their outward appearances, their dispositions, their work, may count for little. There can be no such thing as personal integrity. People evoke the sense of a flesh and blood conspiracy, are seen as inherently perfidious, compromised entities with contradictory outer inner selves.

Who did this to us? Conflict is the obvious reply. This is part of the psychological fallout of the conflict, but one we could self-address. But the mean thrill of smudging reputations and its vicarious buyout by others can be too much of an addiction to give up. The world of suspicions and conspiracy can be too darkly alluring to forgo. The only remedy for this state of decay is for politicians to show character and evolve into leaders. And why only them, all of us, including the ones accusing others have to measure up.

No tarmac access for Lalu, wife at Patna airport

**NEW DELHI, JUL 22 (PTI):** RJD supremo Lalu Prasad Yadav and his wife Rabri Devi will no more be able to drive straight to their aircraft at Patna airport as the central government has withdrawn tarmac access for their vehicle, according to officials.

"Previous order (allowing access) was for Patna airport only, which has been withdrawn," an official at the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) told PTI on the condition of anonymity.

The move comes after the Ministry of Civil Aviation wrote a letter to the BCAS informing that it had decided to revoke permission granted in 2009 allowing Lalu Yadav and his wife's vehicle to drive up to the tarmac.

"It has now been



decided that the permission accorded to Shri Lalu Prasad Yadav and Smt Rabri Devi under the AVSEC order No 13/2009 dated 1/08/2009 maybe with-

drawn forthwith," says the letter dated July 21.

The letter asks BCAS to take "immediate action to issue necessary instructions" to ensure implementation of the

ministry's decision.

Under the earlier order, the two former chief ministers were "permitted access in their own vehicle up to the tarmac of Patna airport during their departure/arrival by air at Patna airport".

Lalu was the chief minister of Bihar from 1990 to 1997 when he was forced to step down following corruption charges.

His wife Rabri took over as the chief minister and served three terms until 2005.

Lalu's RJD is an alliance partner in the Bihar government and his son Tejashwi Yadav holds the post of the deputy chief minister. Lalu was convicted in a fodder scam case in 2013 and is facing fresh allegations along with his wife and son.

TMC govt responsible for unrest in Darj: Vijayvargiya

**SILIGURI (WB), JUL 22 (PTI):** BJP general secretary Kailash Vijayvargiya today alleged that the Mamata Banerjee government is responsible for the ongoing unrest over demands for a separate Gorkhaland in Darjeeling hills.

Vijayvargiya alleged that the Trinamool Congress government was not interested in solving the unrest in Darjeeling hills.

On the CID summoning him, BJP Rajya Sabha MP Roopa Ganguly and two other leaders in connection with the Jalpaiguri child trafficking case, he termed it "political vendetta" by the TMC government.

Talking to reporters at Bagdogra airport here he said he would file case against the West Bengal CID for summoning him the in the Jalpaiguri child trafficking case.

US admits inconsistency in describing JK, but no policy change

**LALIT K JHA WASHINGTON, JUL 22 (PTI):** US officials have acknowledged that there have been inconsistencies in the American description of Jammu and Kashmir, but insisted there was no change in its policy saying the "pace, scope and character" of any discussion on Kashmir is for India and Pakistan to determine.

"Our policy on Kashmir has not changed," a State Department spokesperson told PTI.

The clarification came after questions were raised about the different ways the US has described Jammu and Kashmir.

Recently in one of its statements, the US described it as "Indian administered Jammu and Kashmir" and this week it said the "Indian State of Jammu and Kashmir".

In June while designating Pakistan-based Hizbul Mujahideen chief Syed Salahuddin as a "specially-designated global terrorist", the State Department had said the militant group has claimed responsibility for several attacks, including the April 2014 attack in "Indian-administered Jammu and Kashmir".

India, however, had played down the nomenclature by the US, saying similar terms had been used previously too.

In the past, the US had also used "India-held Kashmir". In the latest "Country Report on Terrorism 2016", released on Wednesday, the US used "Azad Jammu and Kashmir" to describe Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.

The use of the word "Azad Jammu and Kashmir" by the State Department was strongly opposed by the Indian Government.

US officials acknowledged that there have been inconsistency in the American way of describing Jammu and Kashmir, but insisted there has been no change in its policy.

"Our policy on Kashmir has not changed. The pace, scope, and character of any discussions on Kashmir is for the two sides to determine," the spokesperson said.

Around 30K students detained in class VIII in Assam

**NEW DELHI, JUL 21 (PTI):** Around 30,000 students were retained in class 8 in Assam schools over six years, contrary to the provisions of the Right to Education Act, a CAG report revealed.

The report pertaining to the Implementation of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009, also noted that around 12,000 students were retained in primary classes and upper primary classes in Arunachal Pradesh between 2011 and 2016.

In Assam, the by Comptroller and Auditor General observed, during the six year period ending on March 31, 2016, up to 34,000 children who attained the age of 14 years, were retained in class VIII.

The reason for retaining the students

above the age of 14 years was attributed to the non-completion of the elementary cycle as they were not enrolled in schools in time i.e. at the beginning of the academic years and in the some cases, the students were retained in same classes due to poor performance.

The Right to Education Act envisages that no child should be held back in any class or expelled from the school till the completion of elementary education.

"Audit noted that children above the age of 14 years were retained in elementary classes in violation of the Act in 15 states," the report said.

It also noted that one school in the East District of Sikkim retained 114 students out of 2105 in the same class during 2010-100 to 2014-15.

Katchatheevu's restoration to India only solution to stand-off with Lankan navy: TN CM

**CHENNAI, JUL 22 (PTI):** Restoration of Katchatheevu islet to India is the only permanent solution to a long-standing issue of Indian fishermen being apprehended by the Sri Lankan navy, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister K Palaniswami said today.

In two separate incidents in last few days, 12 fishermen from the state were apprehended by the island nation.

"The heightened intolerance of the Sri Lankan navy can be seen

from the fact that fishermen were apprehended even when they were engaged in traditional fishing using gill nets in Palk Bay waters," the chief minister said in his letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Palaniswami said the only solution to the long-standing issue "on a permanent basis" was restoration of Katchatheevu back to India and redrawing the International Maritime Boundary Line.

He also said that the Sri Lankan government keeps on "irritating the fishermen with continuing apprehension of their boats and arrests".

The chief minister requested the prime minister to use all diplomatic channels available with the Centre to find a permanent solution to the issue.

He also sought Modi's intervention to secure the release of 72 fishermen along with 148 fishing boats apprehended by the Sri Lankan navy.

Governor's role

**EDITORIAL/ Nagaland Page**

Former Chief Minister Dr Shurhozelie Liezietsu and the Naga People's Front has made serious allegations against Governor of Nagaland PB Acharya for "the partisan role" played by him in installing a Government through the backdoor without following the due process of parliamentary norms. "The haste with which he has acted favouring the RSS-friendly dispensation should be a wake-up call to the Naga people that there are elements fiercely and furiously doing the utmost to pierce the Trishul into the heart-land of Christ," the NPF has alleged. The Governor had on July 19 dismissed Dr Shurhozelie's Government and appointed his favourite TR Zeliang as Chief Minister. Shurhozelie is also the president of the NPF party.

Here let us try to understand the role of governors in India. The very process of the centre appointing governors warps the country's federal structure. They can be transferred from one state to another or sacked without cause. Initially, the draft constitution envisaged a governor elected by the state. In 1948, it was amended to suggest two alternatives; appointment by the president from a panel of four candidates elected by the legislature, or direct election by the people of the province. The constituent assembly opted for presidential appointment, with the proviso that the governor should act on the advice of the state

cabinet. The impartiality and independence of the governor was strongly emphasised by the architects of the constitution. All the leaders who intervened in the debate recognised that the chief minister's consent is an essential prerequisite to the appointment of the governor by the president. Nehru said, "He must be acceptable to the government of the province." Every safeguard was removed in actual practice. Chief Ministers were not always consulted. Governors behave, not as constitutional heads of state in a parliamentary system bound by the advice of the chief minister, but as agents of the centre. The Supreme Court's rulings are in stark contrast to the reality. In 1979, the court ruled, "It is no doubt true that the governor is appointed by the president which means in effect and substance the government of India, but that is only a mode of appointment and it does not make the governor an employee or servant of the government of India. Every person appointed by the president is not necessarily an employee of the government of India. So also it is not material that the governor holds office during the pleasure of the president. It is constitutional provision for determination of the term of office of the governor and it does not make the government of India an employer of the governor. ...His office is "not subordinate or subservient to the" government of India. He is not amenable to the directions of the government of India, nor is he "accountable to them for the manner in which he carries out his functions and duties. He is an independent constitutional office which is not subject to the control of the government of India. He is constitutionally the head of the state in whom is vested the

executive power of the state and without whose assent there can be no legislation in exercise of the legislative power of the state".

Even in 1979 this ruling seemed unreal. In the nearly four decades that have elapsed since it has acquired irrelevance. In 1983, Indira Gandhi's government appointed a commission on centre-state relations headed by Supreme Court justice R.S. Sarkaria. On security of tenure, the report made feeble suggestions on safeguards against arbitrary dismissal. Among others, the report recommended that as "It is desirable that a politician from the ruling party at the union is not appointed as governor of a state which is being run by some other party or a combination" of parties. A fortnight after the publication of the report, governors were appointed in five states in direct violation of the commission's recommendation.

The practice continues today, making a mockery of federalism and democracy. Every party in India that comes to power at the centre packs the offices of states' governors with party men, or retired civil servants, heads of armed and police forces. But the Modi government went one better. It appointed party hacks as governors in states ruled by opposition parties, who behave as if instructed to pick fights with their respective chief ministers. In fact the recent cases of governors' alleged misbehaviour will not be the last.

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Atletico de Kolkata to be just ATK from now

**KOLKATA, JUL 22 (PTI):** Two-time ISL champions Atletico de Kolkata has been rechristened to ATK, expanding to 'Amar Tomar Kolkata (Yours and Mine Kolkata)', after the end of their partnership with Spanish giants Atletico Madrid, principal owner Sanjiv Goenka said today.

It may be officially registered as Atletico de Kolkata, but after their dissociation with the Spanish team who have not "invested a penny", the Kolkata franchise it seems is not keen on expanding their team name.

Goenka never expanded ATK at the team's first media interaction ahead of season four, while the official media statement also mentioned the team name as ATK'.

"The name of the team is the name of the team. We are ATK. The full form is Atletico de Kolkata but it's also 'Amar Tomar Kolkata' (which means yours and mine Kolkata)," Goenka said on the eve of the Indian Players' Draft that will be in Mumbai.

Surprisingly, however, ATK will continue to don the red-and-white stripes, the Atletico Madrid colours, also unveiled at the team's first media interaction ahead of season four, and on the eve of the Indian Players' Draft.

'Atletico de Madrid and ATK have come to an agreement that they will not be part of ATK going forward. I don't know why there's still a speculation. We have had a good relationship and we continue to be friends.

On the investments front, Goenka said he would buy ATK's 25 per cent stakes becoming the principal owner of the side which is also co-owned by Utsav Parekh, Harsh Neotia, and former India captain Sourav Ganguly.

"Let me be very up front. Atletico de Madrid have not invested a penny till date. It was anyways funded by us not them.

"There are two aspects -- one is financial and the other is technical. As far as finances are concerned, Atletico de Madrid have not invested a penny with ATK. They had 25 per cent which they would sell to us. To me," Goenka specified as team's principal owner now.

"So it does not make a difference whether they are there or not. We have with us a competent technical team."

Moving on from their Spanish partnership, ATK will have a distinct English flavour this season with former Manchester United forward Teddy Sheringham as head coach and I-League winning coach Ashley Westwood as technical director who were also unveiled as the media interaction.

Picture this! Pensive Neymar stirs renewed PSG fever

**PARIS, JUL 22 (AFP):** Neymar's decision to post a photo of himself in thoughtful contemplation sparked a fresh wave of speculation that he is on the verge of sealing a world record 222-million-euro ( 256.8 million) move from Barcelona to Paris Saint-Germain.

The Instagram picture, even accompanied by a matching emoji, shows the 25-year-old Brazilian superstar stretched out on the pitch with his chin resting on his left hand.

It garnered more than 1.5 million 'likes' within 12 hours of it being posted in the United States where Barcelona are on a pre-season tour.

Three of the 'likes' came from PSG players -- winger Angel Di Maria, goalkeeper Kevin Trapp and midfielder Marco Verratti.

On Tuesday, PSG skipper -- and fellow Brazilian -- Thiago Silva gave a digital thumbs up to a mocked-up photo montage published by media company Esporte Interativo showing Neymar in a PSG shirt along with compatriots and prospective teammates in France.

Esporte Interativo used the montage to illustrate what they insist is an agreement reached for Neymar to move to the French capital from Barcelona where he has played since 2013.

Like Barcelona, PSG are also touring the United States where Neymar's future has dominated conversation.

Barcelona coach Ernesto Valverde described the ongoing saga as a "time of rumours".

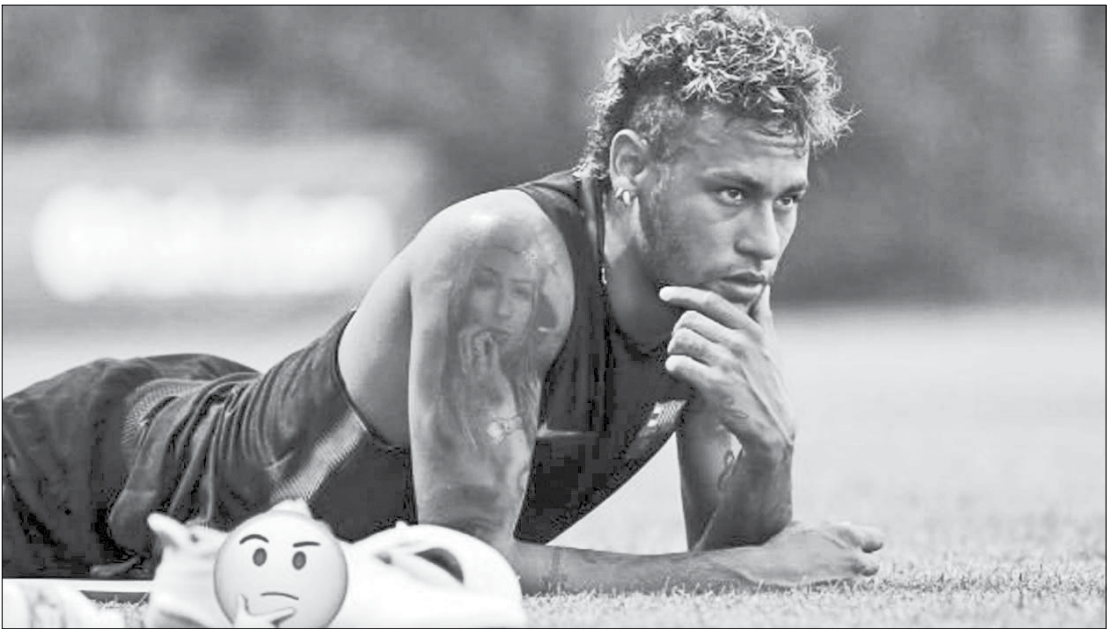
"We understand it's how it is. He is with us right now, one of us," said Valverde in East Rutherford where his team plays Juventus in a pre-season friendly on Saturday.

"He's a player we love and we want. Not only football wise, but also for the things he brings to the locker room.

"There's no need to worry about something we don't know if it's going to happen or not. If it happens in the future, we'll see."

PSG skipper Thiago Silva told Le Parisien newspaper he had no idea if the Brazilian star was about to switch to the French capital.

"I don't know. I hear a lot from journalists and a player like Neymar would be an interesting addition to the PSG project," said Thiago, speaking in Florida.



"But, for the moment, it is especially important to prepare for the new season. After and if Neymar arrives it would be a good thing for the squad."

Is Neymar going to sign? "Not yet," smiled the captain.

In Spain, it was reported by Catalan media group RAC 1 that "certain players" at Barcelona have already tried to convince Neymar not to accept the PSG offer which would dwarf the 105 million euros Manchester United paid Juventus for Paul Pogba.

Javier Mascherano said Neymar was "the future" of Barcelona as the Argentine pleaded with the striker to stay put.

"In the case of Ney, obviously he is young, and I hope he's here with Barcelona for many more years," Mascherano told American sports network

ESPN. "He is a really important player for the club. Because of his age, he's the future of the club, and we hope we can keep on counting on him."

However, it's believed the Brazilian is being seduced by the immense wealth on offer to him from the Qatari owners of PSG and by the opportunity to have a team built around him.

The daily Sport newspaper also claimed that Luis Suarez has also attempted to persuade Neymar not to split up the MSN frontline at Barcelona made up of Lionel Messi, Suarez and the Brazilian star.

Catalunya Radio said that the deal is "95 percent complete".

One of the keys would be the payment to Neymar's father and agent of a "premium exceeding the 40 million" paid when the player controversially moved to Spain from Santos.

Other reports have claimed that Neymar senior has recently met with, or is about to meet, PSG sporting director Antero Henrique.

However, Barcelona vice-president Jordi Mestre insisted Tuesday that it is "200 percent" certain that Neymar will stay at the club.

In a public game of tit-for-tat pronouncements, PSG coach Unai Emery hailed the Brazilian.

"Neymar has advanced his game massively and today he is one of the five best in the world," said Emery.

"Our president is working hard to attract top players and our fans would be content to count on a new top player to go along with the talent we already have."

Neymar, meanwhile, will display his coveted skills for the first time this summer when Barcelona face Juventus in New Jersey on Saturday.

Lyngdoh, Anas set to be top picks in ISL Players Draft

**MUMBAI, JUL 22 (PTI):** India international midfielder Eugene-son Lyngdoh and defender Anas Edathodika would be among the most sought after ones when more than 200 footballers go under the hammer during the Indian Super League Players Draft here tomorrow.

Ten franchise sides, including the two new entrants of Jamshedpur FC and Bengaluru FC, will seek to buy the best Indians on offer for the ISL season four which will be starting in November as a five-month long league.

Top players like Sunil Chhetri, Udanta Singh, Jeje Lalpekhlua, C K Vineeth and Sandesh Jhingjan will not be up for grabs as they have been retained by their respective clubs.

Chhetri and Udanta have been retained by Bengaluru while 2015 edition winners Chennaiyin FC decided to keep Jeje with them this season also.

India's defensive bulwark Jhingjan and his national teammate forward Vineeth will continue to play for 2016 runners-up side Kerala Blasters.

The clubs were allowed to retain a maximum of two senior



players from their 2016 squad, in addition to upto three U-21 players to fill up the development player quota. Eight teams have already signed up 22 domestic players, while Delhi Dynamos have opted to begin on a fresh note.

Both Lyngdoh and Anas, who were released by FC Pune City and Delhi Dynamos respectively, have been kept at the base price of Rs 1.10 crores each, according to sources.

Other players in the top price bracket include goalkeeper Subrata Paul (Rs 87 lakhs), Pritam Kotal (Rs 75 lakhs), Robin Singh (Rs 65 lakhs) and Arindam Bhat-tacharya (Rs 64 lakhs).

Goalkeepers like Paul, who was recently let off with a warning after a doping infringement,



and Arindam could be in demand as the new ISL regulations have reduced the number of foreign players a team can have in the playing eleven from six to five.

Most of the teams would want to have foreigners as outfield players instead of losing out one slot to a goalie.

The salary cap for each team (both Indian and foreign players) has been set at Rs 18 crores and only a maximum of Rs 12.5 crores can be utilised to sign overseas players. So, each team gets a minimum of Rs 5.5 crore to buy Indian players.

ISL 2017-18 Player Draft will witness a total 15 rounds.

The sequence for selection of Player Draft rounds for each club will be determined by a

draw of lots.

As the new team in ISL, Jamshedpur will get the first pick in both the first and second rounds, while Dynamos will be the second to exercise their right in the opening round.

The Instant Trading Card, first introduced in ISL 2015 Player Draft, allows teams a second chance to trade an already picked player. From the third round onwards, any club may, within 15 seconds of another club announcing its Draft pick, press the buzzer to activate the "Instant Trade" process.

Representatives of the clubs will then head to Instant Trading Table to propose, negotiate and close the deal within a stipulated time.

ISL regulations allow clubs to have a minimum of 15 and maximum of 18 Indian players in the squad, including two mandatory Under-21 development players. The maximum squad size will be of 25 players and must contain a minimum of seven foreign players and 15 Indian players. This must also include at least two U-21 players (players born after January 1997).

Eyeing spot in British Open, Aditi adds solid 68 to lie sixth

**SYLVANIA, (US), JUL 22 (PTI):** Rookie Aditi Ashok produced a stellar round of three-under 68 to be placed sole sixth at the halfway stage of the Marathon Classic on the LPGA at Highland Meadows Golf Club.

This week there is an added incentive for Aditi, as five places into the Ricoh British Open are up for grabs. The top five not otherwise qualified will get a spot into the year's fourth Major. Aditi has already played in the

first three and made cut in two of them.

Aditi is now just two behind the lead held by Gerina Pillier (63-68) and four players, including Lexi Thompson (65) are in tied second place at 10-under. Four players including Brittany Lincicome (67) are in tied seventh, one shot behind Aditi.

The Indian had four birdies, two on either side of the turn on second, seventh, 15th and 17th and her only dropped shot was 10th.

"I'm feeling good. I think I like the golf course because it sort of suits my game. Greens are pretty small, and you have to hit good approaches, but every time you're on the green, you kind of have a makeable birdie putt, and putting is my strength, so I think that's been working for me, she said.

Since she had not qualified for the Women's British Open, Aditi decided to make the journey to Ohio.

"This week I wasn't

actually supposed to play, so when I came here I just took it kind of easy and I practiced not as much as I would have usually practiced like in the last three or four weeks, and that maybe has kind of helped," she told LPGA.

"I knew five girls were going to get the spot (in the British Open), but my goal was just think that you have to be top 5 in the tournament anyway, whether the players ahead of you are already in the British or not.

"Just keep being top 5, because I've been top 10 after a couple days, so this time I was like, okay, I should be closer to the leaders than before, so that was my goal sort of for the tournament and for the British, and it kind of worked out.

"I'm sure I'm in a good spot, but I will keep watching because I think on this course, the afternoon wave gets it a little easier than the morning sometimes, so maybe there will be better scores."

Pillier backed up her season-best round on Thursday with another solid one on Friday to get to 11-under par total.

Pillier made one bogey on the back nine, her front nine, before bogeying the par-4 2nd. She ran off a string of three-straight birdies after that to close out her day.

A shot back of Pillier includes In-Kyung Kim, Peiyun Chien, LPGA Tour rookie Nelly Korda, and winner already this year Lexi Thompson.

Indian women's cricket team eyes slice of history, glory

**LONDON, JUL 22 (PTI):** History beckons the Indian women's cricket team when it takes on England in the ICC World Cup final here tomorrow, aiming to cap a fairytale run with a maiden title triumph and put some past demons to rest.

The Mithali Raj-led squad has been living a dream so far in the tournament, the biggest moment of which has been the 36-run win over six-time champions Australia in the semifinals.

And the side will look to ensure that its gritty campaign reaches the logical conclusion after putting in the hard yards consistently in the tournament.

India's best performance in the event has been a runners-up finish in the 2005 edition, where the team had lost to Australia in the final. With Australia out of the way now, tomorrow could prove to be the moment that changes the course of women's cricket in India.

It was at this historic Lord's cricket ground, where the men's team took its game-changing world title in 1983 with an upset win over the invincible West Indies and gradually grew into a cricketing and financial powerhouse in the world.

A win tomorrow has the potential to do the same for women's cricket in India, where they have had to arrange funds for overseas tours in the past.

It is only the second time that India will have a shot at the world title. Jhulan Goswami and Mi-

thali Raj were part of the runners-up team in 2005 and tomorrow will be their last chance to be a World Cup winner.

"For me and Jhulan (Goswami) it is very special because we are the only players from 2005 still with the team and for us it feels like going back to 2005," Raj said.

"We are all very excited to be part of the World Cup final. We knew this tournament wasn't going to be easy but the way the girls have turned up at every situation when the team needed," she added.

If India win, they will become only the fourth team to do so with England, Australia and New Zealand sharing all the preceding titles.

En route the summit clash, it has been a team performance for India and Raj has led from the front. With 392 runs she is the second-highest run-getter behind Australia's Ellyse Perry (404).

Diminutive Smriti Mandhana began the fireworks at the top of the order in the beginning of the tournament and Harmanpreet Kaur took it to a different level with her incredible power-packed 171-run knock against Australia in the semifinals.

"It definitely is not going to be easy for England, but having beaten Australia, I am sure the girls are on a high but it will boil down to how we perform on the day.

"Playing the hosts in their own country is going to be a challenge but this unit is up for it," Raj said.



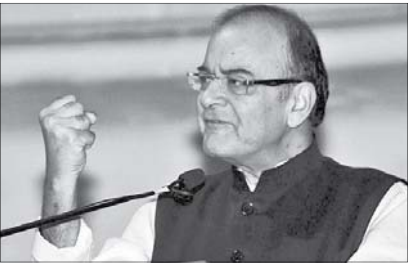
# DeMo, GST to widen tax base, make cash dealing difficult: FM

**NEW DELHI, JUL 22 (PTI):** Indian Finance Minister Arun Jaitley on Saturday said demonetisation and GST will make cash transactions a lot more difficult and lead to greater compliance as well as expansion of tax base.

Jaitley said the government has come out with laws to contain overseas black money as well as those dealing with domestic black money and cracking down on shell companies.

The minister said the country had reconciled to a Indian normal -- a very large number of tax non-compliance and very large amount of transaction which took place outside the system.

"There was almost a helplessness in trying to



deal with the situation. Every year through the Finance Bill we would announce some changes which at best had a marginal impact. I think the lasting impact of those marginal changes was not very significant.

"And therefore, steps had to be taken in order to make a very significant impact," he said, adding

that seen in totality, the steps taken by the government will have a "great long term impact" and a "substantial ethical rationale" behind it.

"Net impact of the demonetisation exercise coupled with the GST exercise, which is going to make generation of cash a lot more difficult, will certainly lead to greater compliance,

greater digitisation. And the first signs of greater digitisation, expansion of the tax base of direct and indirect taxes is already visible," Jaitley said.

Speaking at the Delhi Economics Conclave organised by the Finance Ministry, he said the first significant step taken by the government, which shook the system, was penal action against those who stashed money abroad.

He said one easy format of subversion has always been the shell companies, which are created by multi-layering of companies.

"This had almost become standard operating procedure and this was not only used by business-

es but was used to round trip corruption money by politicians, by civil servants," the minister added.

Jaitley said not only the detection of this but the decision to invoke the benami property law in acquiring these assets by the state is going to be a big deterrent and already revenue department has started doing that.

"The sooner this business of routing this money through the shell companies does collapse, I think the better it is going to be for the formal economy for this country," he said.

The amended benami property law, Jaitley said is "sending shiver down the spine" of those who conventionally used this methodology of round

tripping of tax avoided money or corruption money and bringing it back into the system.

Goods and Services Tax (GST), rolled out on July 1, is the biggest taxation reform since Independence and is expected to boost GDP growth and help tax evasion as every transaction in the value chain gets recorded digitally.

The demonetisation of 500 and 1000 rupee announced on November 8, 2016, has suck out over Rs 15 lakh crore worth old currencies from the system and move was aimed at cracking down on black money holders.

Post demonetisation, the government has taken many steps to encourage digital transaction.

## Doval's visit key to ease Sikkim sector standoff: Chinese analyst

**KJM VARMA BEIJING, JUL 22 (PTI):** Indian National Security Adviser Ajit Doval's visit to Beijing for a meeting of NSAs from BRICS countries may be key to ease tensions between India and China over the military standoff in Dokalam, a Chinese analyst said.

Doval is scheduled to visit China for the meeting on July 27-28.

The meeting is hosted by his Chinese counterpart and State Councillor Yang Jiechi. It is part of a series of meetings of officials from BRICS countries - Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa - ahead of this year's summit of the five-member bloc of emerging countries in Xiamen city in September.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to attend the summit.

Ma Jiali, a research fellow at the China Reform Forum thinktank, said Doval's visit may be key and would serve as an opportunity to ease India-China tensions.

His comments came in a piece in The Global Times, the mouthpiece of the Communist Party media group, which generally reflects the views of the ruling party, today. The tabloid has un-

leashed a barrage of anti-India rhetoric in recent weeks amid tensions between the two countries.

Chinese and Indian soldiers have been locked in a face-off in Dokalam area in the southernmost part of Tibet in an area also claimed by Indian ally Bhutan for over a month after Indian troops stopped the Chinese army from building a road in the disputed area.

Both Doval and Yang are also the Special Representatives for India-China boundary talks. The two sides have held 19 rounds of boundary talks to resolve their differences.

Chinese officials say Doval and Yang may have informal talks to resolve the standoff in Dokalam in the Sikkim sector.

"China would lodge solemn representation with the Indian side during Doval's visit, hoping it could take measures to ease the tension. India may make some requests as a bargaining chip for its pulling out troops," Ma, who specialises in India-China studies, said.

He, however, cautioned that if the two sides failed to reach an agreement on the issue, the China-India ties would be severely damaged.

## Trump appoints Scaramucci new communications director

**WASHINGTON, JUL 22 (PTI):** US President Donald Trump has appointed longtime supporter and smooth-talking Wall Street financier as his new communications director, prompting the most-known public face of his scandal-hit administration, Sean Spicer, to quit as the White House press secretary.

The revamp comes amid investigations into Russia's alleged involvement in the US presidential election last year and whether Trump's campaign managers colluded with Moscow.

Scaramucci, 53, currently serves as the senior vice president and chief strategy officer at the Export-Import Bank. He will officially begin in his new role on August 15.



**PALESTINIAN PRESIDENT FREEZES ISRAEL CONTACTS OVER METAL DETECTORS:** The Palestinian president has suspended all contacts with Israel until metal detectors near the al Aqsa mosque are removed. The new security measures at the contentious holy site in Jerusalem - known as the Temple Mount by Jews and the Noble Sanctuary by Muslims - sparked violence that left three people dead on Friday. The violence, which followed mass protests at noon prayers, saw Israeli security forces clash with Palestinians in Jerusalem and the West Bank. Mahmoud Abbas announced the move at a meeting with senior Palestinian officials on Friday evening.

# Smart City plans may adversely impact environment

**LONDON, JUL 22 (PTI):** India's plans to create 100 new 'smart' cities to support the country's rapidly growing urban population may have a significant detrimental impact on the environment, unless greater emphasis is placed on supporting infrastructure and utilities, a major study has found.

Researchers from the University of Lincoln in the UK conducted a detailed analysis of the environmental implications of the planned developments, which would see medium-rise housing (between three and five storeys) replaced with high-rise towers of 40 to 60 storeys.

"When announcing its plans in 2015, the Indian government said that this type of development

would be sustainable, environmentally friendly and 'smart'," researchers said.

The latest research suggests that the resulting increase in population density is likely to place significant extra demands on resources, including electricity and water, while simultaneously increasing the output of waste in the form of drainage, solid waste and greenhouse gasses.

The predictions are based on analysis of the Indian government's exemplar development, Bhendi Bazaar, a 16.5-acre site in Mumbai that has been put forward as a flagship of the proposed new 'smart' cities.

The study used an 'extended urban metabolism model' as a means of an-

alysing the area, providing a basis for measuring flows of resources that are both consumed by and flow from the city.

It compared the existing urban form with the proposed form, considering factors such as numbers and heights of buildings, density of dwelling and population, parking provision, open space, landscaping and street frontages.

The analysis was then extrapolated to predict the overall impact on the city if similar developments were to be carried out, as are proposed, across all of

the Island City of Mumbai.

The results suggest that in a city such this, where repeated electricity black-outs, water rationing and inadequate waste and sewage treatment are commonplace, increasing population density will have a significant further detrimental effect on the environment.

"The pursuit of cities to become 'smart', 'world-class', 'liveable', 'green' or 'eco', has been promoted alongside increased population densities and urban compaction," said Professor Hugh Byrd, a specialist in

urban planning at Lincoln.

"This planning goal must reach a point where resources are inadequate for the fully functioning metabolism of a city. In this case, the results indicate that metabolism does not increase linearly with density but accelerates instead, so the detrimental environmental impact will increase at a greater rate than the population increase," said Byrd.

While case studies such as Bhendi Bazaar offer an exemplar for the 100 'smart' cities planned by the Indian Government

in terms of increased density, improved image and urban regeneration, they do not offer an answer to the problems of providing an adequate infrastructure to support the metabolism of such developments if they were to be significantly replicated, researchers said.

"On this basis the exemplar development does not support the case for calling the proposals for Mumbai 'smart' or 'sustainable'," Byrd added.

The study was published in the Journal of Contemporary Urban Affairs.

## 46 cows die due to pneumonia, starvation at AP shelter

**KAKINADA (AP), JUL 22 (PTI):** At least 46 cows died of "pneumonia and starvation" in an overcrowded cattle protection centre here in the last few days, Andhra Pradesh government officials said today.

Police registered a case against the management of the centre for alleged negligence that caused the cattle deaths at the shelter which was filled with slush due to heavy rains, according to the East Godavari district officials.

Rains in the city filled the cattle protection centre, run by the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), with slush and led to poor sanitary conditions, leaving the cattle in a hapless situation, they said.

The SPCA, however, denied any negligence on their part. Joint Director of Animal Husbandry V Venkateswara Rao said rains and slush caused pneumonia, leading to the death of cows.

While the centre could accommodate only about 150 cattle, 480 were housed there in cramped conditions, the officials alleged.

District Collector Kartikeya Mishra ordered an inquiry into the cattle deaths and disbanded the society.

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# COMIC CON 2017: BEST REVEALS SO FAR

## 1) GAME OF THRONES

The Game of Thrones panel at San Diego Comic-Con wasn't too big on the surprises and shocks—after all, we're already in the midst of season seven. However, a sneak peek at future episodes did bring two characters together—and combined, they'll have the power to change the world. That's right, it's Melisandre and Daenerys! The red witch, who last we saw had been banned from the North by Jon Snow, is at Dragonstone to recruit Dany for a higher purpose. According to Melisandre, she and "another" (presumably Jon Snow) have a role to play in the future of Westeros. This could mean they're both connected to the Azor Ahai prophecy, along with the Prince That Was Promised. But it's too soon to tell now. All we know is it won't only be dragonglass that brings ice and fire together.

Game of Thrones continues with episode two, "Stormborn," on Sunday. Given the episode description hints that Daenerys gets a surprise visitor, I'm thinking this could be when Melisandre arrives at Dany's gate.

## 2) MARVEL'S 'THE GIFTED'

The cast and crew of Fox's new show set somewhere in the X-Men cinematic/television universe descended upon Comic-Con today with one of the more impressive panels of the week so far and plenty of new information about the series. We've known for some time that in the world The Gifted is set in, the X-Men and the evil Brotherhood of Mutants existed at one point, but by the time the series begins have been mysteriously absent for some time. In the newest trailer for the series, though, rather than trying to turn its mutants into the X-Men for TV, The Gifted is bringing characters like Thunderbird and Blink together to tell a story that speaks to the premise of Marvel's X-Men comics: a hated minority living in fear of those who don't understand them.

## 3) MARVEL'S THE DEFENDERS

The Defenders have arrived on Comic-Con in a big way Friday evening giving us teasers for Punisher, a taste of what's to come in Iron Fist, and even for fans attending the panel, a sneak peak of Defenders' first episode. But

for us at home, we get this glorious new trailer to revel in, and it's so, so good. Seriously, it's got so much fun stuff going on. Sigourney Weaver's sinister villain, Elektra in action. The team constantly sniping at each other, saying they don't need super-friends or that there's no "we", despite the fact that there very much is. Jessica mocking Matt's outfit. It's got everything!

## 4) KINGSMAN: THE GOLDEN CIRCLE

Though Channing Tatum, Halle Berry, Jeff Bridges and Colin Firth showed up at San Diego Comic-Con to promote Kingsman: The Golden Circle, the most memorable on-screen moments belonged to an actress who wasn't there: Julianne Moore. In the new film, Moore plays the villain Poppy and in one of three clips shown to the Hall H crowd, we got to not just learn about her, but see her amazing home—which is buried deep in the jungle, but still looks like a kitschy '50s theme park. Beyond



the trailer, the Kingsmen panel showed two other clips; the first was the film's opening action scene and, holy crap, it is epic. The first Kingsman was a super cool movie, and with these clips, as well as the new trailer, it genuinely looks like Vaughn and his team have upped the ante for the sequel. Kingsman: The Golden Circle opens September 22.

With presentations from Warner Bros and 20th Century Fox we can expect new footage from at least some of the following films: Deadpool 2, Blade Runner 2049, X-Men: Dark Phoenix, Justice League, Aquaman, Ocean's Eight and Tomb Raider. Get hype!

## Justin Bieber Banned From Singing in China Because Of 'Bad Behaviour'

The star raised eyebrows during his visit to China four years ago when he was carried up the Great Wall of China by bodyguards.

Despite his musical success, worldwide fame and millionaire status Justin Bieber has been banned from performing in China. The 23-year-old has fallen foul of the Beijing Municipal Bureau of Culture, who objects to the Baby singer's "bad behaviour".

The city bureau said they were excluding the "talented singer" from their country in the interests of imposing standards and order and "cleaning up" the domestic performance market. Responding to a fan on their website, the bureau pointed to the fact that the "controversial" Canadian had previously caused "public dissatisfaction" in his private life.

They wrote: "We think it's not appropriate to allow bad behaviour in performances. Therefore, it's not appropriate to bring in artists who show bad behaviour." The Love Yourself singer performed in China in 2013, but raised eyebrows after he was filmed being carried up the Great Wall of China by his bodyguards.

He also stripped on stage to reveal his bare torso and rode around shirtless on a Segway in Beijing. Bieber has had numerous run-ins with the police, including an arrest for DUI and drag racing in Miami in 2014 and spray-



**SHOWING OFF: HODOR:** Game Of Thrones Actors Kristian Nairn (Hodor) , Isaac Hempstead Wright (Brandon Stark) and John Bradley (Samwell Tarly) speak onstage at Comic-Con International 2017 'Game Of Thrones' panel at San Diego Convention Center.

ing graffiti on a Brazilian hotel in 2013. Both charges were eventually dropped.

He was also charged with egging a neighbour's house in Calabasas in 2014, resulting in a large fine and five days community service. The city bureau did

however offer Bieber some constructive advice, adding that "in the process of growing up and improving his words and deeds, he can truly develop into a singer who is beloved of the masses."

Bieber will travel to Tokyo, Hong Kong the Philippines and Singapore in September and October as part of his Purpose tour. Chinese media had

reported in January that Bieber was set to return this year, however no Chinese dates have been announced.

Other musicians who have been banned from performing in China include Lady Gaga, Bjork and Bon Jovi, all of whom have met or expressed support for the exiled Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama.



## what's TRENDING

fine and five days community service. The city bureau did

**ARIES:** Take a break from the seriousness that has prevailed over the past couple days, Aries. Upbeat conversations are the way to navigate through today's waters. You might notice that others are more actively communicating and that words are especially effective. You talk and people listen. Do your share of listening, too. The conscious exchange of ideas is critical on a day like this.

**TAURUS:** Jump back on stage and say what you have to say, Taurus. Your participation in the conversation is critical to maintaining a healthy energy flow. The things you say will have a profound effect on others, so chose your words

carefully. Enjoy a physical activity that involves a group. Make it a social event. Be an active participant in all situations today.

**GEMINI:** Your solid grounding may become a bit unstable today, Gemini, but don't worry about it. Be a little more flexible and release your tight grip on the situation. Infuse laughter and playfulness into the picture. The exchange of ideas is critical. Get out of the house and into a social arena where you can enjoy lighthearted conversations.

**CANCER:** There's no excuse for laziness today, Cancer. Get out of bed before noon. The more active you are, the happier you will be. Come out of your cave and express

your thoughts to others. Get out in the open air and listen to what the wind has to say. Be active and flexible. There's nothing heavy about people's emotions today, so keep things light and active.

**LEO:** Don't let things stagnate, Leo. It's time to take action. See how far rather than deep you can go in everything you do today. Cover a wide range of topics and pick up a magazine or two. Take a break from your usual emotional intensity and enjoy the sunshine and the light conversation. Keep it all energetic and upbeat. Take action when you see that things are lagging.

**VIRGO:** You may feel like you've

come into the light today, Virgo. A weight has been lifted, but there is still a great deal of emotional drama that needs to work itself out. Go for a walk or jog this afternoon and work on increasing your lung capacity. Get your heart rate up and feel your blood pumping. The more active you are, the more you will be able to sort through your situation.

**LIBRA:** Take a break from your steady climb today, Libra. Look at things around you. Enjoy a night out with friends and take an active role in the conversation. See a movie or play. Do more socializing and you will be able to release some of the tension that you might not even realize you have inside. Get the en-

ergy moving again. Take an active role and keep up with the beat.

**SCORPIO:** Pay attention to the news today, Scorpio, and not just the mainstream news but the off-beat, smaller publications, too. Question what you hear and read. Take an active role to increase your knowledge of the world. Take responsibility for your citizenship by keeping an eye on what's going on. Information is an important part of gaining power.

**SAGITTARIUS:** Today is a great day to jump out of bed and get things done, Sagittarius. You may feel indecisive, but don't sweat it. You don't have to make any great commitments. You will do

fine jumping around from task to task. Get out into the open and say what's on your mind. Engage in some sort of physical activity that gets you breathing deeply.

**CAPRICORN:** The name of the game today is action, Capricorn. The air has cleared, and it feels like a weight has been lifted off your shoulders. You might experience a sudden burst of physical energy, pushing you to get out and walk or go for a long bike ride. Enjoy the wind in your hair. Release your pent-up emotions in the open air.

**AQUARIUS:** Take some of that knowledge you've gathered and processed over the past few weeks and begin to spread it around,

Aquarius. It's time to put your communication skills to work. Your emotions are strongly tied to your actions, and things will take on a much lighter tone than they have had in the past couple of days. Take deep breaths and find a way to release your pent-up tension.

**PISCES:** Your physical stamina is apt to be strong today, Pisces. You should consider going to the gym to release some of that pent-up energy. Engage in team sports or something that involves strategy and good coordination. Pick up a tennis racket or join a basketball game. Your high energy will be the key to coming out on top.

## THIS DAY IN HISTORY

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### 23rd July WORLD HISTORY

**1595:** Spanish soldiers landed at Cornwall, England, and burned Mousehold and Penzance before returning to their ships.

**1637:** King Charles of England handed over the American colony of Massachusetts to Sir Fernando Gorges, one of the founders of the Council of New England.

**1880:** First commercial hydro-electric power plant began in Grand Rapids, Michigan USA.

**1903:** The Ford Motor Company sold its first automobile, the Model A.

**1952:** General Mohammed Neguib seized power in Egypt. There was a revolution in Egypt, King Farouk I abdicated. Col. Gamal Abdel Nasser overthrew the monarchy and established Egyptian sovereignty after 2,300 years of foreign domination.

**1972:** NASA launched the Landsat-1 satellite. It viewed Earth at different wavelengths and opened a new era in sensing the planet's resources and environment.

### INDIAN HISTORY

**1555:** Humayun re-conquered Delhi after defeating Sikandar Suri.

**1904:** The Great Indian Peninsula Railway started First Class restaurant cars on its trains.

**1906:** Famous Indian revolutionary, Chandra Shekhar Azad was born in Bhawra in Madhya Pradesh.

**1927:** Daily radio transmission broadcasting in India started by the first commercial radio station under the aegis of Indian Broadcasting Company in Bombay.

## LOCKHORNS

- HOEST & REINER



## ARCTIC CIRCLE

- HALLATT



## BABY BLUES

- KIRKMAN & SCOTT

