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## Cyclone Amphan proves deadly

Yash harma

Cyclone amphan was the second super cyclone to hit the Bay of Bengal in nearly 2 decades. Both the state government's of West Bengal and Orissa were alerted in time and that is why they evacuated nearly 5 lakh people from the coastal areas.

The cyclone made landfall in the coastal areas of West Bengal and Orissa on the 20th evening. Winds speeds were recorded upto 160-170 km/h in the coastal areas. The state of West Bengal was the worst affected as countless trees were uprooted which caused loss of human life and property. Many cell phone towers were destroyed and that impacted cell phone connectivity. Several houses could not survive the cyclone as they perished, which took many



lives.

Due to heavy rainfall many areas were water logged and crops across the state were destroyed. The districts of East and West Medinipur, South and North 24 parganas, Howrah and Kolkata were affected the worst as 85 people lost their lives (as of writing this report). The Prime minister and Chief minister of the state took an aerial survey of the places affected on 22nd morning. The Prime minister announced a 1000 crore adv-

ance relief package to the state of West Bengal. Three days after the cyclone the state government struggled to restore essential services like drinking water, drainage, and electricity in the storm-ruined areas, the state government sought the help of the Army. Protests against the state government continued across the city of Kolkata as people had no access to power or water supply. The coastal states along the Bay of Bengal have experienced many cyclones in the recent past. While the storms' frequency and intensity have increased, a phenomenon blamed mostly on climate change but on the other hand deaths have fallen as compared to the past thanks to faster evacuations, better technology and more shelters.

## Global pursuit of covidcure

Jyoti Bhattacharya

The Covid virus surfaced early 2020, origins are unclear and hence a topic of allegations and counter allegations. This argument is now best avoided, since the measures for the prevention and cure are more important now.

Sensibly the scientists have turned their focus on finding an antidote to this virus. Encouraging advances had been reported by the Jenner Institute, Univ of Oxford, UK ; but their stage-2 results are discouraging. Moderna a pvt biotech company in the USA has reported the most promising results till date. China is also working on the vaccine, however like all things Chinese, not much detail is available. Closer home ICMR, Serum Institute Pune, Bharath biotech is working towards a possible solution.

The most promising cure in all possibility is Moderna, which is currently at the stage-3 trials. While most researchers are using an attenuated dead virus to induce antibody formation in the vaccinated, Moderna is working on the mRNA route to prepare the vaccine. Antibodies produced in the body, are presumed to disable the crown protein spikes from attaching to a human cell thus making infection impossible in vaccinated individuals. Further 1gm of the vaccine is able to vaccinate 1 million people, hence hinting at a possibility of fast availability of the cure.

In all probability the cure is still some months away..we need to wait and hope for the best.

## Work from home: only solution

Shreya Dana

By the end of 2020, the employees of tech giants Google, Facebook and Amazon, get the opportunity to work from home. Now the whole world is undergoing a terrific situation of the corona outbreak.

In this situation, almost every companies are allowing their employees to work from

their home. The CEO of Facebook, Mark Zuckerberg said, "Facebook has cancelled all its major events through 2021. It will slow it's plan to return to office. It will open very slowly in staggered waves." In this context, Sundar Pichai, the CEO of Google, informed that most of its employees will work from home until the end of

2020. He also informed that Alphabet and Google will slow down the hiring process for this year.

In this horrible situation, many are getting benefits to work from home and many are not. Now the question arises, will the entire world can run through the work from home protocol?

## Locust attack in India: areas of Rajasthan, Haryana and Delhi majorly affected.



# CAMPUS, CORONA & MORE



Amphan effect at Brainware Campus, Barasat

## Unique lockdown marriages



Shalini jha

There are 10 unique marriages held during lockdown, they are unique because these weddings are held without any crowd and noise. And by using masks and sanitisers.

In narsinghpur madhya Pradesh due to lack of Hindu priest, SI completed the whole marriage by 'mantra uchaaran' and lightning a diya only.

In Mahoba when police doesn't allowed for going for marriage a groom went for the wedding on his cycle and after marriage they both backed to Mahoba on cycle. Many marriages are held on the borders one of them is really unique where police completed the 'kanyadan'. A bride reached to grooms house for marriage.

The one is really very unique where marriage got held online. With only 5 members in grooms house. In one case bride and groom maintained 1 meter distance and used stick for exchanging garlands.

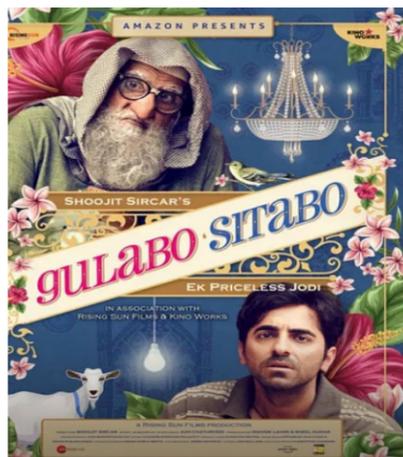
There are many other cases also which can make us smile.

## War has begun: multiplex vs OTT

Madhurima Ghosh

Several big budget Hindi films are being released on the OTT platform. Now sitting at home with popcorn in hand new movies can be seen at less than half the cost of multiplexes. The list includes several big budget Bollywood films including Sujit Sarkar's Gulabo Sitabo starring Amitabh Bachchan & Ayushman Khurana, Shakuntala Devi by Vidya Balan. The incident was protested by multiplex companies. Outraged at the film's producers, they said the release of the film on the OTT platform would affect the business of multiplexes.

According to the producers many big budget film release



is blocked due to the Corona locked down. In addition to the matter they stated that, it is not possible to block the release of all the films at once. Many films may not match multiple screens in the subsequent release. Just like the single screen cinema hall changed to Multiplexes, will OTT take over Multiplexes?

This city and movie lovers saw this change several years ago. Kolkata's famous single screen cinemas have been shut down one after another. Metro, Minerva, Purabi, Chaplin or more recently Roxy, stands nowhere due to multiplexes. Time changes. This may also be a sign of a new change which is yet to be witness.

## Change in old way of playing cricket

Sohini Porel

Corona gripped in changing the old ways of cricket. The ICC's cricket committee wants a change in the ball-polishing system. However, sweat can be used instead of saliva, as stated by the experts.

Pace bowlers would spit and polish the ball to put the batsmen in trouble. But spitting can increase the risk of infe-

ction. This fear has been debated for some time. The controversy was put to an end by the ICC's Kumble Committee. According to Kumble, "We are moving forward with the fight. So the ICC Cricket Committee is making some suggestions on how to maintain awareness as well as running cricket."

However, the then bowlers Michael Holding and Waqar

Younis do not support this method. According to them, pacers will not get swing if the ball is not polished. As a result, the competition between batsmen and bowlers will be reduced.

It remains to be seen whether the ICC will change the method of polishing the ball with sweat over spit or keep it the same.

## Quarantine culture: Nostalgic TV, Gaming & Meditation

*Debkanya Banerjee*

Motivation creates variation and directions to overcome any kind of crisis situation. For the last two & a half months, the pandemic has shown us some difficult as well as dedicated activities. We are getting adapted to the virtual world that surround us. While the situation is beyond our thinking, we all are getting closer to our nostalgic moments.

The quarantine culture has taught all to recollect our childhood days. TV series from years ago are showing huge TRP rating in India. TV Sereals from the 1980s and 90s are now re-telecast on National Doordarshan. The re-run of Ramayana, the Mahabharata, including Shaktimaan (the story of the superhero) and many more,



are viewed by the originals as well as the younger generations who were not born when they first were broadcast. Setting a world record for the most-watched TV show globally, The Ramayana was viewed by 77 million people. In comparison, the last episode of Game of Thrones was viewed by 19.3 million).

On the other hand, the quarantine culture has made all of us look for gaming devices. People of all generations are meditating through various

ranges of online games. Never before such activities were witnessed. People are craving online for gaming series. This isolation has inspired people to interact with various rituals to de-stress oneself. We all are undergoing the unusual activities of fishing, cutting wood, picking fruit, shooting bubbles, rolling dice, joining words, and many more. With the changing of weather, one would explore more the virtual world and pray for Earth to heal.

## ‘Sea level will rise more than a metre by 2100’

*Vandana Singh*

Millions of people will be homeless because the oceans are likely to rise as much as 1 metre by 2100 and 5 metre by 2300. The prediction has been made by 106 international experts in a study led by the scientists of Nanyang Technology University Singapore (NTU) and co-author of the Study, Dr. Andra Garner, Assistant professor of Environmental science at the Rowan University.

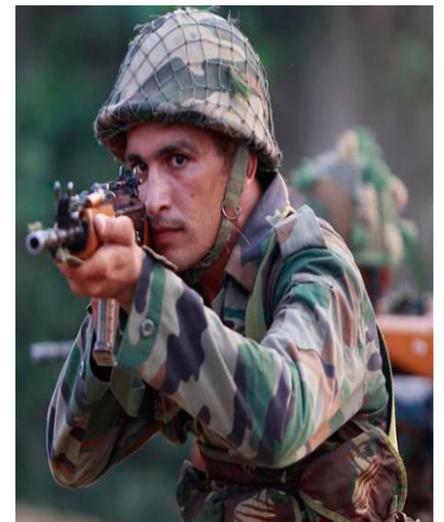
However, the survey experts also remarked that the magnitude and impact of sea level rise can be limited through a successful reduction of emissions. But if the global target on emission is not successful then sea level rise could be much worse than previously thought.

By 2300, Greenland and West Antarctica will be losing ice six times faster than previously thought of because of human activity contribut-

to global warming. Across 21 century, sea level rise will be caused mainly by melting glaciers and the evolution of ocean water.

If humans succeed in reducing Carbon dioxide and holding the increase in temperature then the rise would be manageable. But if humans do not succeed then the continuous climate change will prove deadly for the human race.

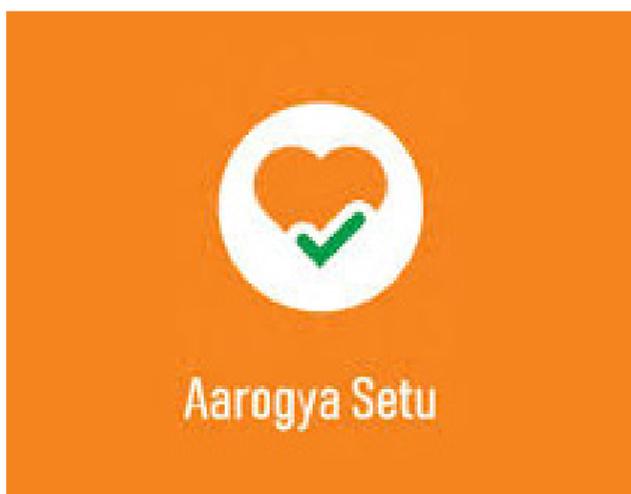
## Indian Army to recruit civilians



*Vikash Kumar*

The proposed scheme ‘Tour of Duty’ allows civilians of the country to join the Indian Army for three years as an soldier to serve the nation. Today’s youths are hesitant to join the Armed forces, partially because of ignorance and out of fear that they will be unable to take the stress of military training. It is necessary to point out that the political class never send their wards to serve in the Armed forces of their own country. If the scheme is successful, the number of vacancies will be increased. As per sources, the ‘Tour of Duty’ officer level has a salary of rupees 80,000 to 90,000 per month. The youth of India will gain benefits from the scheme, even the Army will face some financial gain.

‘Tour of Duty’ scheme will help many youngsters to make their dreams come true and help them in increasing their self confidence, teamwork capacity, responsibility, initiative, stress management, innovative and social skills. It will also make Indian Army stronger. The proposal ‘Tour of Duty’ is yet under process but it has certainly gained a lot of popularity.



### West Bengal

Confirmed	Recovered	Deceased
<b>4813</b>	<b>1775</b>	<b>302</b>
↑ 277	↑ 107	↑ 7

### Across India

Confirmed	Recovered	Deceased
<b>173763</b>	<b>82370</b>	<b>4971</b>
↑ 7964	↑ 11264	↑ 265

Source- Arogya Setu App by Govt of India.