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WEB EDITION

FLASH BACK

HISTORY OF SINO-INDIAN FEUDS

NATHU LA CONFLICT (1967)

1 Better known as the India-China war of 1967, the Nathu La conflict sent a strong message to China that the mistakes of 1962 won't be repeated. India landed a stern blow on the People's Liberation Army's (PLA) pride at the Nathu La post. In August 1967, when the Chinese troops infiltrated the Nathu La region, Indian troops asked the Chinese to withdraw from the Indian territory. However, repeated infiltrations, despite verbal warnings, led to a scuffle between two sides in September 1967. Though the Chinese went back to their own territory following dialogues, clashes erupted again. On Sept 11, the PLA launched an attack on Indian post at Nathu La. It lasted till Sept 15, 1967, resulting in a major setback for China, with the loss of 400 soldiers.



As India-China agree to initiate dialogue on the ongoing LAC conflict, a look back at times when China had to back down...

CHO LA CONFLICT (1967)

2 After the September humiliation at Nathu La, the Chinese shifted the action to the Cho La post. According to reports, the Chinese troops intruded into Cho La sector, situated near Nathu La, on October 1, 1967, claimed the region and raised questions on Indian Army's position there. Arguments soon turned into a fight. Although China eventually lost, 88 Indian Army personnel died and 163 were wounded in the conflict.

ARUNACHAL BORDER STAND-OFF (1987)

3 Arunachal Pradesh, one of the contentious issues between New Delhi and Beijing, was one of those incidents that almost took both the nations on the verge of war. When Arunachal Pradesh was granted statehood by India in late 1986, China protested. The Chinese troops reportedly crossed LAC, entered the Sumdorong Chu valley in Arunachal Pradesh, and started building helipads and permanent structures. The then Army Chief Gen K Sundarji launched Operation Falcon. The Indian army stood at the border eyeball-to-eyeball with Chinese troops until the PLA agreed to back off in 1987.

DOKLAM (2017)

4 The 72-day stand-off began in June 2017, when Chinese troops attempted to construct a road near the Doklam plateau, close to India's border. Indian troops stepped in to prevent the construction of the road in the territory, claimed by Bhutan as it lay close to an Indian highway. Following skirmishes at Doklam, India warned China that the road construction will have an impact on the status quo with serious security implications, and suggested that both sides pull back troops for any talks to take place. After 6 weeks of diplomatic talks, the two countries reached an agreement to pull back military personnel from the site.

X-PLAINED

COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION OF COVID-19

WHAT The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has reiterated that there is no community transmission yet in the country. The term community spread is used when you do not know the source of the infection — you are unable to trace it back to someone who has travelled in an affected area overseas, or got it through contact with someone, who is infected.

HOW It implies that the virus is now circulating in the community, and can infect people with no history — either of travel to affected areas, or of contact with the infected person. In a situation of community transmission, there is a risk of the spread of infection from every person, regardless of where they are from, or whether they have been in contact.

SCIENTISTS DETECT WIDESPREAD STRUCTURES NEAR EARTH'S CORE

Analysing thousands of recordings of seismic waves, or sound waves travelling through the Earth, scientists have detected widespread, heterogeneous structures—areas of unusually dense, hot rock—at the core-mantle boundary than previously known. The new research provides the first comprehensive view of the core-mantle boundary over a wide area with such detailed resolution. The researchers focused on echoes of seismic waves travelling beneath the Pacific Ocean basin.

■ The analysis revealed a previously unknown structure beneath the volcanic Marquesas Islands in the South Pacific and showed that the structure beneath the Hawaiian Islands is much larger than previously known. ■ It also revealed a few surprises in the structure of the core-mantle boundary. ■ Scientists found that the large patch of very dense, hot material at the core-mantle boundary beneath Hawaii produced uniquely loud echoes, indicating that it is even larger than previous estimates. ■ Better understanding of the shape of the structures at the core-mantle boundary can help reveal the geologic processes happening deep inside the Earth.

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INDIA CAN'T HANDLE PRESSURE IN CRUCIAL GAMES: GAMBHIR

Former opener Gautam Gambhir feels that Indian players lack "mental toughness" to handle pressure in crunch situations. Talking on a chat show, 'Cricket Connected', Gambhir said, "What sets you apart from being a good player to being a very very good player in a team squad is what you do on crucial games, like the World Cup." I think we have not

been able to handle the pressure properly, probably other teams have been able to handle it better than our team, he added. "After playing really well in the league stage and then losing out in the semi-final or knock out and final reflects the mental tenacity as well," the former batsman said, adding that the team management should work more on the players' mental toughness.

"We can keep talking that we've got everything... we have the ability to be the world champions, but till the time you prove it on the cricket field at crucial junctures, you will never be called the world champions"



REALITY CHECK

India won the ODI World Cup twice in 1983 and 2011 but have been knocked out in the semi-final stage in four editions, including the last two editions in 2015 and 2019. In T20 World Cups, India had triumphed in the inaugural edition in 2007 and reached the finals in 2014

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WEARING MASKS CAN HALT SPREAD OF VIRUS: STUDY

Masks have emerged as the most important non-pharmaceutical intervention in containing the spread of Covid-19, along with physical distancing and hand washing. **Even 75% mask adherence in a population can lower Covid-19's reproduction number to less than 1, without resorting to lockdowns, studies showed.** "If widespread facemask use by the public is combined with physical distancing and some lockdown, it may offer an acceptable way of managing the pandemic and reopening economic activity long before there is a working vaccine," said researchers of the study. The study was based on the theory that the coronavirus can be transmitted through airborne droplets when talking, coughing or sneezing. The researchers found that when people wear masks in public, it is twice as effective at reducing the R number than if masks are worn after symptoms appear.

Reproduction number, or the R number, is the number of people that an infected person can pass the virus on to. A figure of less than 1 is needed to slow the spread of the disease

BREAKTHROUGH

EACH FILM PROJECT IS A CHALLENGE: AMITABH BACHCHAN

For Amitabh Bachchan, each project comes with its own challenges and his latest, 'Gulabo Sitabo', was no less. While talking about the film, the actor said, "Yes (there was) the prosthetic make-up routine each day for four to five hours and its discomfort, the posture of the old Mirza (his character in the film), and the extraneous weather of the summer of May. But if you wish to call yourself a professional, then it all comes with the territory, and you damn well accept and enjoy it," he added.

ENTERTAINMENT

In 'Gulabo Sitabo', scripted by Juhi Chaturvedi, the actor plays Mirza, landlord of an old dilapidated 'haveli' in the heart of Lucknow, named Fatima Mahal, while Ayushmann Khurrana is his shrewd tenant, Baankey. Their situation is akin to that of Tom and Jerry, with witty banter, adding to the quirk factor of the script



TOURISTS RETURN AS EUROPE EXITS LOCKDOWN



Tourists took gondola ride on the Grand Canal in Venice and visited other tourist spots as life limped back to normalcy post lockdown in Europe



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KEEP A FOLDAWAY BAG WHILE GOING OUT

Statistics say that by 2050 there could be more plastic by weight than fish in our seas. Moreover, scientists estimate that around 8 million metric tons of plastic ends up in our oceans each year. These numbers alone should convince you to stop using single-use plastic bags. So, invest in a reusable, foldaway shopping bag, and ask your family to do the same.



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Their numbers are depleting rapidly due to drought, habitat destruction, air pollution, global warming, intensification of farming and increased use of pesticides. As pollinators, bees play a huge role

in every aspect of the eco-system, and are vital to our biodiversity. So, educate yourself.

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