

TAKE IT

HIS LIST

Sunil Khilnani, professor at King's College London is penning down *Incarnations: India in 50 Lives*, to be published later this year. Selecting 50 names, all figures from the past, has been "incredibly difficult," he has told the BBC History Magazine in an interview. His list includes Mohammad Ali Jinnah but not Jawaharlal Nehru. Gird up for controversy.



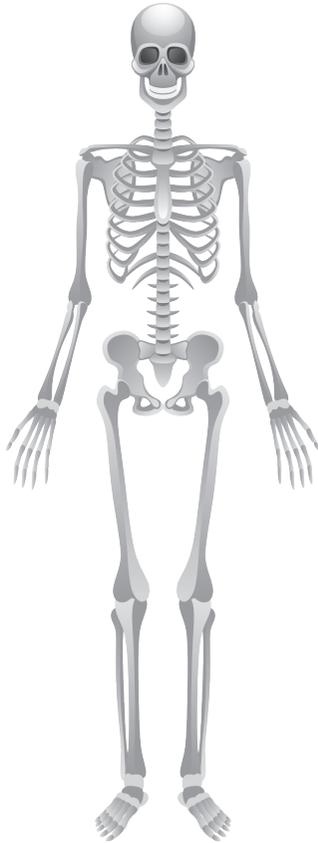
TEXT WALK

If you can't stop them, join 'em. After Washington DC and Chongqing in China, Antwerp in Belgium is the other city to paint separate lanes dedicated to smart-phone addicts who text even when they walk. Here comes the new normal: collision-free cities.



SKELETAL LIVES

A Kolkata family found living with skeletons for six months sent shivers down the nation's spine. Yet such stories of people who refused to let go of the dead are not as rare as is believed.



JUNE 1631

Mughal empress Mumtaz Mahal may have been mummified, or at least preserved in a special box of herbs, as emperor Shah Jahan went into intense mourning.



JUNE 1993

Spiritual guru Balak Brahmachari's body was preserved on ice slabs in a glass-room on the outskirts of Kolkata for 55 days, awaiting a resurrection.



August 2007

Delhi Police found two sisters in Kalkaji living with the body of their youngest sister in total isolation and suffering from psychological disorder.



OCTOBER 2013

Three members of a family, all mentally unstable, were found living with the 10-month-old body of their relative in Nagercoil, Tamil Nadu, to keep the spirits out.



JUNE 2015

Kolkata Police stumbled into skeletons of Debjani De, 50, and two pet dogs in a family, after the father committed suicide. Brother, Partho De, 45, told the police, "My sister is at home, dead."



WOE TO BE A WOMAN

Not a good week to be a woman, whichever sexy' in the workplace, as a Nobel-winning

"Let me tell you about my trouble with girls. Three things happen when they are in the lab: you fall in love with them, they fall in love with you, and when you criticise them they cry."

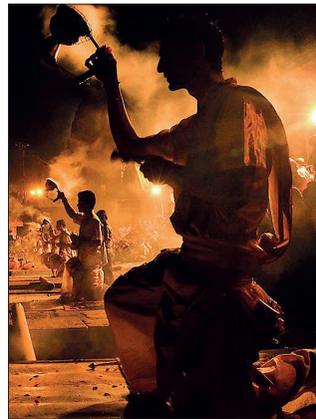
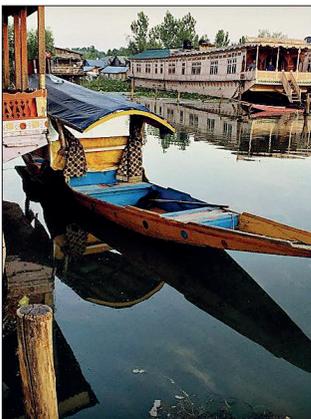
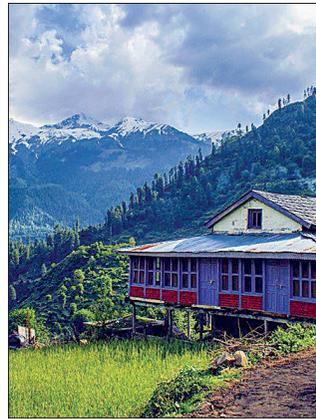
Tim Hunt, Nobel-winning physicist, during a speech at the World Conference of Science Journalists in South Korea



"UCL was the first university in England to admit women students on equal terms to men, and the university believes that this outcome is compatible with our commitment to gender equality."

University College London, after Hunt was forced to resign from the Royal Society and University College London





#INCREDIBLE INDIA

Through this month, as Prime Minister Narendra Modi invited citizens to show the world how amazingly beautiful India can be, social media has been flooded with gorgeous photographs of the country, Glimpses of #IncredibleIndia. The PM is retweeting and storing those on his Facebook page. Here are some of the pictures.

way you look at it: 'despite being a woman,' as the Indian PM said, or for being 'distractingly scientist pointed out. A taste of the online uproar that followed.

"I made it through these brain dissections without falling in love or crying. Phew!"

Sonja Vernes, scientist, Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics, #DistractinglySexy, the Twitter hashtag that started to shame Hunt

"I am happy that Bangladesh Prime Minister, despite being a woman, has declared zero tolerance for terrorism,"

—PM Narendra Modi during his speech at Dhaka University, Bangladesh



"Hahaha – No...for us—secretly we are all men—just carefully shave our moustaches off every morning :)"

Twinkle Khanna, actress, at #Despitebeingawoman, the hashtag to shame the PM



BABA YOGA

For a nation that lives on adulterated food, the stomach is the most sensitive body part. But now comes Baba Ramdev, to liberate India from its gaseous worries. "I will rid the nation of its gas with *pawanmuktasan* yoga," says the swami. All eyes on June 21, World Yoga Day, for the movement to start.



MANGO MANIA

"I and Rabri have first right over mango and litchi trees. We had planted them there." Former Bihar CM Lalu Prasad's claim about fruit from trees on premises of the chief minister's bungalow in Patna spiced up Bihar politics, with a tussle breaking out between CM Nitish Kumar and former CM Jiten Manjhi over the fruits.



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