

NEWS CAPSULE

Pak troops kill 2 Indian soldiers

JAMMU, June 22: Pakistani troops today carried out an attack 600 metres inside the Indian territory in Poonch sector of J-K, killing two Indians and losing one of their men in the retaliatory fire. — PTI

Rhino killed

MANGALDAH June 22: Poachers today shot dead a rhino and chopped off its horn in the Ongor National Park. The incident reportedly took place in the Gupsara forest camp and losing one of their men in the retaliatory fire. — PTI

— Correspondent

Jadhab plea

ISLAMABAD, June 22: Indian national Kulbhushan Jadhab, sentenced to death by a Pakistani court, has filed a mercy petition to Pakistan Army Chief Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa, the Army said today. — PTI

Historical sites

GUWAHATI, June 22: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal has directed the Cultural Affairs Dept to take steps for conservation of the historical sites connected with Murtok rulers. Sarbananda Singh, said an official press release today. — Staff Reporter

The Assam Tribune on Internet <http://www.assamttribune.com> & <http://epaper.assamttribune.com>

Man electrocuted ● 2 APDCL officials suspended City showers claim another life



A schoolgoing child being helped into a rickshaw at a flooded street in Guwahati on Thursday morning. — UBT Photos

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 22: For the second time in a span of mere nine days, Guwahati witnessed massive artificial flooding as a heavy early morning downpour resulted in many localities getting submerged, even as a person died due to electrocution after coming into contact with a live wire.

The death of Dulal Malakar (30) takes the number of flash-flood victims in the city this year to six. Five persons had died during the deluge of June 13.

Malakar died this morning after an overhead electric wire snapped from a pole and fell into the flooded street at Sugim Path, RG Barua Road, said an APDCL official.

He haled from Dakhin Singara, Demow, near Ranganya.

"The incident happened while Malakar was walking towards his residence, returning after completing his night-shift duty at KFC, RG Barua Road," he said.

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part of any additional Disposal Magistrate Palash Protin Bora will conduct the enquiry.

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BJP wins Karbi Anglong council polls

CORRESPONDENT

DIPHI, June 22: The Bharatiya Janata Party has won the Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council (KAAC) election convincingly, winning 14 of the 26 constituencies till the time of filing of this report.

While independent candidates bagged two seats, the Congress has not been able to capture a single seat as yet.

BJP candidate Amar Sing Tiso opened the account for his party winning the Singhasen constituency by defeating his nearest rival Pradip Singmar (Independent) by 2,409 votes. Tarendra Brahma, BJP candidate from Langhini, defeated Rajandra Basumatary (independent), bagging

13,385 votes. Basumatary got 3,823 votes.

In West Karbi Anglong, D Uping Masali, the Education EM who failed to get a BJP ticket and later contested as an independent, won from the Arni constituency.

Lusing Teron of the BJP defeated Bidyasing Rongi at Mahamaya. Teron got 5,969 votes while Rongi managed to get 4,361. Kache Rongi won from Sochenghenta. On the other hand, Richard Tokbi who contested as an independent won the Duwangor seat, defeating BJP's Ratan Enti. Darsing Enti, Darsing from the BJP, who contested from Phuloni, defeated his nearest contender, Congress candidate Sanjib Teron. Ronghang got 5,216 while Teron managed to get 4,864.

Dr Anamika Ray's death

2 doctors found guilty of medical negligence

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 22: The Disciplinary Committee of the Delhi Medical Council has found two doctors guilty of medical negligence in the controversial Dr Anamika Ray case and has directed their names be removed from the State Medical Register of the Delhi Medical Council.

Dr Anurkan Dutta, husband of deceased Dr Ray, said that he has received a copy of the verdict which states that the disciplinary panel found Dr Chandan Kumar Deba bearing Delhi Medical Council Registration No.24331 and Dr Abhijit Khundan bearing Delhi Medical Council Registration No.15761 guilty of medical negligence.

The verdict against the two medical practitioners based in Delhi was declared on June 16, Dr Dutta said.

"This verdict was declared in the light of six observations of gross medical negligence conducted by the doctors. They include not checking the medical history of asthma of the deceased, Dr Ray, by the doctors, absence of pre-assertive assessment of the patient as per the standard protocol including ultrasound to con-

cerning acute cholelithiasis, absence of pre-anaesthetic check-up, anaesthesia chart and preparation of patient as per the rules, delaying treatment of cardiac event for crucial eight hours and later refraining from taking the patient in

Cardiac Care Unit (CCU) even though the primary reason for the transfer of the patient to Jaipur Golden Hospital was due to cardiac arrest and lastly lackadaisical attitude in conducting autopsy in the wake of such a major health deterioration at that time," he said quoting the verdict.

However, Dr Anurkan Dutta stated that he is not (See page 4)

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Presidential poll

Opp to field former Speaker Meira Kumar

NEW DELHI, June 22:

The opposition today unanimously decided to field Meira Kumar, a dalit, as its joint candidate for the presidential election against NDA's dalit activist Ram Nath Kovind, with 17 parties supporting the former Lok Sabha speaker's candidature.

The decision was taken at a meeting of the 17 non-NDA parties in Parliament House Library, with the leaders endorsing the name of the former minister and diplomat, whose father, ex-Deputy Prime Minister Jagannath Jiwan Ram, was hailed as one of the tallest dalit leaders in the country.

"We have 17 opposition leaders present here and all

mia Gandhi announced after the meeting.

Asked to comment on Nitish Kumar's JD-U, which is supporting Kovind and stayed out of the meeting, she said, "We do hope that other opposition parties join us." Gandhi added that she was "not upset with anybody".

Her party colleague, senior Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad, said Kumar had been "selected unanimously". All the 17 parties had proposed her name, he said.

He added Kumar was the "illustrious daughter" of former Defence Minister Jagannath Ram. "There could not be a better (See page 4)

of us have decided to jointly field Meira Kumar as a candidate for the forthcoming election for the President of India," Congress president So-

Sonowal reviews city flood situation

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 22: Taking a strong note of the tragic death of Dulal Malakar, who died due to flash-flood-induced electrocution here this morning, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal directed the Kamrup Metro district administration to immediately release ex-gratia of Rs 4 lakh under SDRF and another Rs 2.5 lakh from APDCL to the next of kin of the deceased immediately.

The Chief Minister, while reviewing the flood situation of the city at the Brahmaputra State Guest House with officials of the district administration and the Power Department today, further directed to take necessary steps to appoint the victim's wife at APDCL.

Sonowal also directed concerned officials to constitute a joint team of the district administration, GMC, Assam Police, SDRF and APDCL to check and identify all vulnerable points and carry out necessary rectification immediately. The Chief Minister directed the team to (See page 4)

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Cases against Gurung, wife for Darjeeling violence

DARJEELING, June 22: A case has been lodged against Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM) supremo Binjal Gurung and his wife Asha for their alleged involvement in violence, arson and killing of one person during clashes in Darjeeling hills on the demand for a separate Gorkhaland State.

"We have lodged a case (against Gurung and his wife) and the investigation is on. There were allegation that they were involved in the violence, arson and killing of one person during clashes on Saturday," a senior police officer said.

Reacting to the police case against Gurung and his wife, a senior GJM leader charged that the police were implicating them in false cases.

"Three of our supporters were killed and they are filing cases against us. Cases should be lodged against the police and State administration for violating human rights and killing," the GJM leader said.

GJM, which was spearheading an agitation for a separate Gorkhaland State and observing an indefinite bandh in Darjeeling Hills, claimed that three of its supporters were killed during clashes with police on Saturday.

However, the police confirmed only one death. - PTI

WB govt open to talks for normalcy in Darjeeling

SILIGURI (WB), June 22: The West Bengal government today said it is open to discussion to restore normalcy in the restive Darjeeling Hills, but did not give any commitment to withdraw security forces, a demand made by the GJM.

State Home Secretary Maylay De, who chaired an all-party meeting here on the prevailing situation in the scenic hills, said the doors of the government "are open for talks to restore normalcy in there".

The meeting was not attended by the Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM), spearheading the indefinite shutdown, or a political party that was not named by him.

Asked about the absence of many parties at the all-party meet, he said, "We had invited all the parties without any condition. Had they given their advice on how to bring back peace and normalcy, it would have been better."

He said, "The process will be on. We hope that they will participate in the future. Eve-

rybody wants peace. But peace will not return if one adopts a confrontational attitude."

On the statement of the GJM and other parties that the indefinite bandh will be carried on till the security forces are withdrawn, the Home Secretary said, "It will depend on our assessment of the situation there."

He said, "It is the constitutional duty of the State government to maintain peace and public order and we will take steps accordingly." Normalcy should be restored as people are suffering, he said.

The TMC secretary-general and State minister, Partha

Chatterjee, who was present at the meeting, said, "They (GJM) are putting the people to trouble. Why are they doing this? They can come to the discussion table and say it."

On the withdrawal of the security forces, he said, "I would like to ask when will they stop violence?"

He asked by the process undertaken by the State government for the development of the hills will be on and that the development work will suffer if normalcy is not restored. On the suspension of Internet services there, he said, "You all know why it was done. The people should not be provoked." - PTI

Karnan admitted to hospital

KOLKATA, June 22: Arrested former Calcutta High Court judge CS Karnan was today admitted to a state-run hospital here after he complained of uneasiness.

Doctors at the SSKM Hospital conducted medical tests on Karnan and advised that he gets admitted since some results were not normal, sources in the Presidency Correctional Home (jail) told PTI.

"(He) Karnan was taken to the state-run SSKM Hospital today after he complained of uneasiness and doctors con-

ducted various tests on him. Going through their findings, the doctors advised that he must be hospitalized," an officer said. ECG, echocardiogram and other tests were again done on the former high court judge and results of which showed abnormalities, he said.

Karnan complained that he was uncomfortable and had very little breakfast today. We then took him for a check-up at the SSKM Hospital," the officer said. The former judge was taken to the SSKM Hospital last night also after he complained of chest pain, but nothing abnormal was found in his medical report, he said.

Karnan, who had been evading arrest since May 9 after the Supreme Court awarded a 6-month jail term, was arrested on June 20 night by a team of West Bengal CID from a pri-

vate resort at Malumichampatti, about 6 km from Coimbatore, where he was hiding for the past few days. He was brought from Chemai yesterday and was taken to the Presidency Correctional Home.

Karnan, who has earned the dubious distinction of being the first sitting high court judge to be awarded a jail term by the apex court, retired on June 12 as a fugitive. - PTI

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2,000 more soldiers going to South Kashmir as reinforcements

ANANTNAG (JK), June 22: Two additional Army battalions – about 2,000 men – have started moving into four troubled South Kashmir districts, being described as the new "ground zero" because of increased militant activity, officials said.

With the presence of addi-

tional forces in Kulgam, Anantnag, Shopian and Pulwama, some Army camps in Shopian and Pulwama would be revived, they said.

The officials said the forces, being sent as reinforcements, had already started moving to Kashmir and would be posted to some of the more vulnerable areas of the districts.

Major General BS Raju, General Officer Command of the Army's Victor Force, whose area of responsibility is South Kashmir, yesterday surveyed the region. The decision on redeployment was taken after intelligence reports said South Kashmir had turned into a militant hub.

The Army camps had been set up to help local people who were "possibly intimidated" by the militants. The Army has also launched a programme to meet villagers and to talk to them about the need to stay away from counterinsurgency operations. - PTI

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Modi thanks Swedish PM for support to 'Make-in-India'

NEW DELHI, June 22: Prime Minister Narendra Modi today had a telephonic conversation with his Swedish counterpart Stefan Lofven during which he conveyed his appreciation for Sweden's support to the 'Make-in-India' programme.

Sweden had participated in a big way in the 'Make-in-India Week' held in Mumbai last year, with Lofven himself attending it along with a large delegation.

"Had a good discussion with HE Mr Stefan Lofven @SwedishPM on the phone. I deeply appreciate Sweden's support for #makeinindia," Modi tweeted.

Modi and Lofven had jointly inaugurated Sweden's pavilion at the 'Make-in-India Week' last year in which over 18 Swedish companies had participated. - PTI

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WSJ fires journalist over ethical conflict

WASHINGTON, June 22: The *Wall Street Journal* has fired its highly regarded Chief Foreign Affairs Correspondent after evidence emerged of his involvement in prospective commercial deals, including one involving arms sales to foreign governments with an international businessman who was one of his key sources.

The reporter, Jay Solomon, was offered a 10 per cent stake in a fledgling company Denx LLC, by Farhad Azima, an Iranian-born aviation magnate who has ferried weapons for the CIA. It was not clear whether Solomon ever received money or formally accepted a stake in the company.

"We are dismayed by the actions and poor judgement of Jay Solomon," *Wall Street Journal* spokesman Steve Sevenhuijsen wrote in a statement to the Associated Press. "While our own investigation continues, we have concluded that Solomon violated his ethical obligations as a Reporter, as well as our standards."

Azima was the subject of an AP investigative article published on Tuesday. During the course of its investigation, the AP obtained emails and text messages between Azima and Solomon, as well as an operating agreement for Denx dated March 2015, which listed an apparent stake for Solomon.

As part of its reporting, the AP had asked the *Journal* about the documents appearing to link Solomon and Azima. The relationship was uncovered in interviews and in internal documents that Azima's lawyer said were stolen by hackers. — PTI



Britain's Prince Charles visits the tributes left at the scene of the Finsbury Mosque attack alongside Imam Mohammed Mahmoud, who protected the attacker after the incident, on Wednesday. — UNI

N Korea calls Trump a 'psychopath'

SEOUL, June 22: North Korea today called US President Donald Trump a "psychopath" as tensions soar following the death of American student Otto Warmbier, who was evacuated in a coma from North Korean detention last week.

Pyongyang's official Rodong Sinmun newspaper said the US president was in a "tough situation" at home and claimed he was toying with the idea of a pre-emptive strike on North Korea to divert attention from a domestic political crisis.

"South Korea must realise that following psychopath Trump... will only lead to disaster," an editorial carried by the paper said.

A series of atomic tests and missile launches since last year have rattled up tensions on the Korean Peninsula, and Warmbier's death has further strained relations between Pyongyang and Washington.

Trump slammed the "brutal regime" in Pyongyang, and said he was determined to "prevent such tragedies from befalling innocent people at the hands of regimes that do not respect the rule of law or basic human decency."

His language was echoed by South Korean President Moon Jae-In, who said in an interview ahead of a White House meeting with Japan and South Korea as its latest show of force. — AFP

the student's death.

"I believe we must now have the perception that North Korea is an irrational regime," Moon told CBS television's "This Morning."

Moon, a centre-left politician who was sworn in last month after a landslide election win, favours engagement with the North, rather than the hardline stance taken by his ousted conservative predecessor Park Geun-Hye.

Washington has also stepped up its muscle-flexing in the region, flying two B-1 bombers over the Korean Peninsula on Tuesday in a planned training mission with Japan and South Korea as its latest show of force. — AFP

Mourners gather for US student jailed by N Korea

CHICAGO, June 22: A long line of mourners waited to enter funeral services early today for Otto Warmbier, the US student imprisoned in North Korea, who returned home last week in a coma that proved fatal.

The services were being held in his home State of Ohio, with the funeral at his former high school and burial at a Cincinnati cemetery.

Sentenced to hard labour for stealing a political poster from a North Korean hotel, the 22-year-old Warmbier was medically evacuated in a coma last week after nearly 18 months in captivity.

Suffering from severe brain damage, he died Monday at a Cincinnati hospital. President Donald Trump slammed Warmbier's detention and eventual death as "a total disgrace."

The auditorium at the high school from which Warmbier graduated in 2013 was filled to capacity, with some 2,500 mourners in attendance, according to ABC television affiliate WCPN-TV.

'Abbas trying to spark Israel-Hamas war'

HERZLIYA (Israel), June 22: Israeli Defense Minister yesterday accused Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas of trying to spark a fresh conflict between the Jewish State and Abbas' long-time rivals Hamas.

Avigdor Lieberman said Abbas, head of the secular Fatah movement that rules the occupied West Bank, was trying to increase tensions by cutting payments for electricity and other services in Gaza.

"Abu Mazen didn't make a one-time cut," Lieberman told the annual Herzliya security conference near Tel Aviv, referring to Abbas by his nickname.

"His intention is actually to continue cuts and in a few months to stop paying for fuel,

medicines, salaries and many other things."

"In my opinion, the strategy is to hurt Hamas and also to drag

from Fatah in 2007 and the two Palestinian factions have had hostile relations since."

The Abbas-led Palestinian Authority had nonetheless continued to pay for electricity and some other services in Gaza.

Abbas recently announced the PA would no longer pay Israel to supply electricity to Gaza, prompting Israel to stop deliveries this week.

The move threatened to leave the two million Gazans with as little as two hours of power a day, prompting warnings of risks of Hamas retaliation.

Israel and Hamas have fought three wars in Gaza since 2008, most recently in 2014. — AFP

Hamas into a conflict with Israel," he said.

Islamists seized Gaza

China avoids comment on plans to build big dam in PoK

BEIJING, June 22: China today avoided commenting on claims in the Pakistani media that Beijing will fund the USD 14 billion Diamer-Bhasha dam in PoK and has agreed to include the project in the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor.

"For this specific project and

including the construction of the dam you mentioned, I am not aware of the details," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Geng Shuang told a media briefing here while responding to a question on reports from Pakistan that Beijing has agreed to include the project as part of the USD 50 billion CPEC.

For long, Pakistan has been looking for USD 12 to 14 billion needed to build the Damer-Bhasha dam located in Gilgit-Baltistan region of Pakistani-occupied Kashmir (PoK) but failed to secure the project's funding due to negotiations.

Geng skirted a direct response to the dam issue apparently to avoid a strong reaction from India which has already opposed the CPEC as it passes through PoK.

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project led New Delhi to skip China's high profile Belt and Road Forum (BRF) held in Beijing last month to highlight the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). CPEC is part of the BRI.

But Pakistan officials were positive that Beijing has agreed to take it up under CPEC, according to reports.

Pakistan's Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA) chairman Muzammil Hussain was quoted by the Pakistani media as saying that "the project with 4,500 MW installed capacity has been pending since long due to the fact that earlier in 2006, Asian Development Bank committed to fund the project. However, after 10 years, it declined to fund the project saying it was located in disputed territory". — PTI

"What I can say is that CPEC is a new cooperation framework for the two countries to achieve long-term development. This corridor will not only promote bilateral development of the two countries, but will also contribute to the development and prosperity in the region," he said.

"We know that there is some concern about the corridor, but we keep stressing that this economic corridor is just an economic initiative for cooperation," Geng said.

"It targets no third country and is not connected to any sovereign dispute. We hope that the dispute between India and Pakistan could be resolved by consultation and negotiation," he reiterated.

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diate measures for pruning of old trees to avert any potential

incident in the future, stated an official release.

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candidate than her," he said.

CPI-M's Sitaram Yechury said, "we are appealing to everybody" to support her.

After the meeting, Lalu Prasad of the RJD said he would meet Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and "appeal to him again to rethink" his party's decision to support the NDA nominee, which he called a "historic blunder."

He also said there was no threat to the Bihar Government, a coalition of the JD(U), RJD and Congress.

BSP's Satish Chandra Misra said his party leader Mayawati had earlier said that there was a "better Dalit candidate" (than Koviday), the person should be fielded by the Opposition.

"Meira Kumar is a better candidate," Misra quoted the BSP leader and former UP Chief Minister as saying. — PTI

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He who receives a benefit should never forget it; he who bestow should never remember it.

— PIERRE CHARRON

The Assam Tribune**Functioning of FTs**

In an unprecedented development, the State Government has shown the door to 19 'underperforming' Members of Foreigners' Tribunals (FTs) by refusing to extend their terms following the end of their two-year contracts. In addition, 15 Members have been 'warned' and asked to improve their efficiency in the matter of disposal of cases pertaining to determination of citizenship status of alleged Bangladeshi migrants living illegally in the State. The Government's act – unusual as it is given the normal practice of extension of their two-year tenures – was on the offing, with the former making no secret of its displeasure over a number of judgements given by the Members in the past couple of years. The Government's contention is that over 40,000 verdicts made in the past two years went in favour of the alleged Bangladeshis despite there being sufficient evidence to the contrary. The Government has now challenged 50 such orders in the Gauhati High Court and it remains to be seen how the HC views the cases. In the event of the HC overruling the FT orders, the State Government's position will stand corroborated. Such an eventuality is also fraught with the disturbing implication of eroding people's faith in the judiciary.

Given the disturbing and long-term socio-economic as well as political ramifications of the Bangladeshi issue in Assam, the alleged slack functioning of the FTs is a matter of serious concern. The FT Members have a crucial role to perform in this regard and any complacency that may act to the advantage of illegal Bangladeshi migrants has to be viewed as a body blow to the interests of the State and its populace. However, it also needs to be borne in mind that the existing FTs are insufficient in number and ill-equipped infrastructure-wise to cater to the huge number of cases and hence grossly inadequate to fulfil their mandate of detecting illegal migrants through the judicial process. Under the circumstances the State Government has no less a responsibility to provide the FTs with the required manpower and amenities so that they can function without any hindrance. And in any case, if the forthcoming developments show some FT Members to be lacking in the aptitude they need for the discharge of such a critical responsibility, there is an urgent need for a proper screening mechanism through which only the efficient candidates are chosen to preside over the FTs. The functioning of FTs apart, there are many an impediment hindering the detection and deportation of illegal migrants. Many of the declared Bangladeshi migrants simply do the vanishing act immediately after the court's pronouncement, while we are still not in a position to send back the declared illegal migrants in the absence of an extradition treaty with Bangladesh. Then, the much-talked-about sealing of the Indo-Bangladesh border is nowhere near materialization, with many stretches along Assam still remaining porous. We need both the State Government and the Centre to be sincere on the issue of detection and deportation of illegal migrants.

Path-breaking deal

The deal between the American aerospace giant Lockheed Martin and iconic Indian industrial house of the Tatas to manufacture the combat proven F-16 fighter jets in India is indeed a path-breaking one. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Make in India' policy, begun by the NDA Government with much fanfare, has been something of a damp squib so far. Things had taken a fair less rosy turn with the elevation of Donald Trump as the new US President, his 'America First' slogan and his disavowal of the Paris Accord which would deprive nations like India the promised transfer of technology. In fact, if the Tata-Lockheed Martin deal has been inked and implemented, it has been because a policy decision on it had been made during the previous Obama administration. It is most whether Trump would have allowed Lockheed Martin to relocate an entire jet-making set-up from Texas to India, even if the American company had promised not to cut local jobs in the process and pointed out to the billions of dollars that were to be made from the shift. Aeronautical experts as well as economists see the venture as a win-win one – though many nations fly the F-16, the one to be manufactured in India would be the F-16 Block 70, which is the most advanced version of a jet fighter that is preferred by many nations around the world.

Thus sales are expected to be high and India, apart from being able to use the fighter jet for its own defences, would rake in profits through exports. Thus Narendra Modi has to thank Barack Obama for giving his 'Make in India' policy a booster shot in the arm. The F-16 Block 70 is ideal for the Indian Air Force's single-engine fighter needs and will go a long way to fulfil the Centre's objective of augmenting our defence production capabilities. At the same time, this jet fighter scores over others in the F-16 series because its software further enhances the capabilities of the plane through an advanced data-link precision GPS navigation and Automatic Ground Collision Avoidance system. This will make it a sought-after product even by nations which already possesses the F-16s still flying in the global air-space. However, if this remains simply a one-off deal it will not fully serve the 'Make in India' policy, and both the Indian Government and corporate entities need to keep looking for new opportunities. For instance, Aml Ambani's Defence Ammunition Company has entered into an agreement with Serbia's State-run Yugoimport to manufacture ammunition in India using the latter's advanced technology. Though not as hyped as the Tata-Lockheed Martin deal, yet such cooperation too is required if the 'Make in India' policy is to be energized, something Modi will surely keep in mind on the eve of his US visit.

Palatable food but disappointing narrative

■ Paresh Malakar

We tend to forget that the most palatable food we relish at home and outside come from our farmers. While we feast on all kinds of food and relish them, we do not find the discussion on farmers and their problems charitable; rather we find them boring strew with stale data. The problem is, from the choicest of food served at fashionable restaurants to the barest of food cooked and served at humble households, no one can survive without it. So occasionally, the producers of food, the farmers, too deserve our attention. We should also know that if the situation so warrants, the farmers can intrude upon our indifference and draw our attention to their woes. The farmers who are agitating across States in India just did that.

Before discussing the present crisis of the farmers, it would not be unwise to remember some of the harrowing years of food scarcity in the history of our country. In the late 60s, India fed its people on imported food, mostly the wheat imported from the US. "1965 and 1966, the Indian Supply Mission, a wing of Indian Embassy, shipped to India no less than 14 million tons of food grains at a cost of well over \$1.5 billion. Grain ships, at one time, were leaving from various ports of the United States at the rate of one every 10 minutes," – thus wrote BK Nehru in his memoir, *Nice Guys Finish Second*; he headed the Indian Supply Mission in the USA as the Indian Ambassador at that time. That was the time when "India lived from ship to mouth". In the bargain for food

grains, India was almost on the verge of compromising its sovereignty. This followed the 'Green Revolution' which subsequently made India by large and self-sufficient in the production of food grains. Earlier the scarcity of food was a problem. Now plenty of food is a problem.

The present farmers' unrest, spread over several States in the north and south India, is only the manifestation of a deep crisis gripping our agricultural sector. The immediate cause may be the domino effect of the loan waiver to the farmers by the UP Chief Minister or the cash crunch caused by the sudden demonetization by the Central Government last November. But that our agricultural sector is ailing for decades is no secret and it is not only the present Government but all the preceding Central governments and their policies that have precipitated this crisis. The crisis is so grievous that more than 3,00,000 farmers have committed suicide in the last two decades failing to cope with the crisis. This situation is unprecedented and alarming. So, it may be necessary to delve deeper to understand the crisis. Here, the studies and commentaries by P Sainath, Jogenra Yadav, Mihir Shah and few others may help us. Their views are important because unlike others, they are no armchair experts. They have been engaged with the issues of farmers and Indian rural economy for decades.

Why should we be concerned with the issues of farmers? First, more than 60% of Indian households are engaged in some sort of agricultural activities and second, we need to produce our own food. The present crisis of Indian agriculture may be traced to the Green Revolution in the 1970s. The Green Revolution was both a boon and a bane to Indian farmers. It was a boon, because through its introduction the productivity of our food grains grew in leaps and bounds. After few years of its introduction, India became

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Avoiding electricity-related accidents

Training of APDCL staff to maintain power lines crucial: Experts

AJIT PATOWARY

GUWAHATI, June 22: Monitoring of overhead power lines and training of Assam Power Distribution Company Ltd (APDCL) employees to maintain these lines are crucial to avoid electricity-related accidents like electrocution, according to experts here.

Talking to this newspaper, experts said that behind the latest incidents of electrocution — that claimed two human lives in the city on June 13 and one today — it is believed that there was slackness in matters of maintenance and monitoring of the overhead power lines.

Nowadays, the APDCL is outsourcing the maintenance as well as construction of these power lines and this is leading to the engagement of unskilled labourers by the contractors on a daily wage basis. This results in deficiencies in the construction of these lines.

It is not known as to what has happened to the system developed some time back to train up the APDCL workers for the

purpose, the experts said.

Regarding the elongated overhead power lines, experts pointed to the fact that elongation of the overhead electric wires is connected with the flow or load of electric current. Elongation or sagging is a common phenomenon. Measures like proper sagging calculation while drawing the power lines are needed to keep their elongation under control. When wires get elongated, some spacers are also to be tied between the wires so that short-circuits can be avoided.

Moreover, guard wires are to be provided in vulnerable areas per norms.

Again, to avoid short-circuit related accidents, the electrical fuses used in the distribution transformers for the low tension feeders should also be rated of capacity. Nowadays it is seen that these fuses are not properly fitted and ad-hoc arrangements are made in this respect. This has been leading to short-circuited related accidents.

It is regrettable that the project for laying underground cables for power supply in the city, which was started in the Fancy Bazaar area in the 1990s and for execution of which one division was also created, was virtually abandoned long since. Under such a situation, it has become mandatory for the authorities concerned to remove the deficiencies in maintenance and to introduce a robust monitoring system with regard to the overhead power lines.

Aerial bunch cables may be used to replace the overhead power lines in the city. This will facilitate avenue plantation to make the city green. This cable drawing system will also help interruption-free power supply.

On top of all these, the transformers as well as the main switches meant for the fuse protection of the lower tension feeders are to be installed on elevated platforms much above the respective high flood levels of the city areas. Such arrangement may help avoid accidents as well as in continuation of power supply in the city areas during the floods, said the experts.

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REFINERY DIVISION
JALUKKAHATI, DILCHAR, LENDER
NIT NO. : OC08000968**

JOB NAME : Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of pipeline network for the proposed Gas Pipeline Project at CGF Colony, EMD : ₹ 100000.00/-

**Pre-Discussion Date : 05/07/2017
Bid submission date & time : 12/07/2017 before 11:00 am & Opening date & time : 13/07/2017 before 11:00 am
Email ID : bhupen.hora@nrl.nic.in
Ph. : 03776-265481; Fax : 2655151**

**General Refinery, Refinery Division
Tender No.: RGRM/17PA02**

Tender Name : Supply & installation of Ultra Filtration Unit for Water treatment at Guwahati Refinery.

Tender ID : 0317-17-5647-1

Download date : 23-06-17 to 21-07-17

Submission date : 21-07-17, 3:00 PM

Opener's Date : 23-07-17, 11:00 AM

Opposite : Plot No. 309, Main Ph. : 03771-259721-259722-259723-259726, Fax : 03775215; Email : vandhyar@nrl.nic.in

Website : <http://tenders.onrc.co.in/> & <http://onrc.co.in/> (for e-bid). In case of exigencies ONGC at its option may decide to extend the sale/Technical-commissioning and closing dates. Dates will be posted on the above referred website for information. Bidders should regularly visit ONGC tender website for the latest information in this regard.

New vendors should ensure to approach ONGC for issue of vendor code number along with the entire required documents minimum 5 working days prior to bid closing date.

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ASAA-Basin, ONGC, Jorhat invites e-bids (International Competitive Bidding) as per details given below.**

Tender No.: L27JC17002. Brief description: Procurement of 2700 Kg Hydroquinone. Contract period: WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF NOA. Tender Fee : ₹6000.00 (Rupees Six Thousand Only) per document. From 02/07/2017 to 10/07/2017 at 10:00 hrs. Bid opening date & time : 02-08-17 at 14:00 hrs. Techno-commercial bid closing / opening date & time : 02-08-17 at 14:00 / 15:00 hrs.

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ASSAM POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED APPOINTMENT

The Assam Power Distribution Company Ltd. invites application from Professional candidates for filling up of (one) post of Deputy General Manager (F&A) and 4 (four) posts of Assistant General Manager (F&A) against the vacancies in the Finance and Accounts wing of APDCL.

Eligibility, Qualifications & Experience

(i) Candidates must be a citizen of India.

(ii) Candidate for the post of Deputy General Manager (F&A) must possess a degree from a recognised University and must be Chartered Accountant or Cost accountant from a recognised Institute. He must possess post qualification experience in financial and accounting work of not less than 5 (Five) years in a responsible position in Central / State Public Sector undertakings or in any large organization of repute.

(iii) Candidate for the post of Assistant General Manager (F&A) must possess a degree from recognised University and must be Chartered Accountant or Cost accountant from a recognised Institute. He must possess post qualification experience in financial and accounting work of not less than 3 (Three) years in a responsible position, in any large organisation of repute and capable of holding independent charge of Accounts.

Age:

The candidate shall not be less than 21 (Twenty one) years and not more than 45 (Forty five) years as on 01-01-2017. The upper age limit is relaxable to the extent of 52 (fifty two) years, in the case of highly experienced candidates.

Pay & Allowances:

(1) For **Deputy General Manager (F&A)**

Pay Band – Rs. 14200 - 45000/- and Grade Pay of Rs. 6600/- plus DA as admissible from time to time and any other allowances as per Company's rule.

(2) For **Assistant General Manager (F&A)**

Pay Band – Rs. 14200 - 45000/- and Grade Pay of Rs. 6300/- plus DA as admissible from time to time and any other allowances as per Company's rule.

Application fees:

Rs. 500/- (Rs. 250/- in the case of ST and SC Candidate) should be submitted along with the application in the form of Bank Draft to be pledged in favour of Chief General Manager (F&A), APDCL, Guwahati.

Application with Full Bio-data with attested copies of required certificates and testimonials along with two recent passport size photographs must reach the undersigned on or before 30/6/2017.

Those, who are already in service in Govt/Semi Govt/Public Sector undertakings fulfilling the above qualification must apply through proper channel. Those who does not possess the above qualifications, as well as, criteria, they need not apply. The candidates who have applied for the above posts with reference to the advertisement published in Assam Tribune dated 08/06/2017 do not require to submit another application. Submit their application in reference to this advertisement to the undersigned along with all supporting documents/Certificates and earlier payment records. Eligible candidates will be informed about the appearing before the selection committee in due course.

Sd/-, Chief General Manager (HRA), APDCL, Bijulee Bhawan, Paltanbari, Guwahati-1

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ASSAM POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED SHUTDOWN NOTICE

It is for the general information of the public that power supply from 33/11 KV Phukan Nagar Sub-Station will be affected at the following date and time for unavoidable maintenance of the Sub-Station.

Date	Name of Feeder	Shutdown time	Affected Area
24-06-2017	1. 33KV Gargaon to Phukan Nagar 2. 33 KV Belbari to Phukan Nagar	9 AM to 4 PM	All areas covered by Sivasagar ESD-I and Gaurisagar ESD-II including Sivasagar Town, Rangghar chariali, Joyasgar, Jengonikola Darbar field, Daripara, Station chariali, Gaurisagar, Kharibari, Kharibari, Kharibari, Konwarpar, Dikhowmukh, Chikowora, Salagon, Paribessa, Kalugon, Bogidale, Mogaonhat, etc.

The undersigned reserves the right to change the line at any moment. The public are cautioned not to climb up on the poles, cut trees near to the line, etc. during the above mentioned shutdown period.

Sd/- Assistant General Manager
Sivasagar Electrical Division
APDCL, UAR, Sivasagar

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ASSAM POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED INVITATION FOR BID

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Due to unavoidable reasons the walk in Interview for the post of Assistant Professor in the department of Tourism and English notified through advertisement No. AWU/Estt/17/2016/2681 has been rescheduled on 20th July, 2017. Inconvenience caused is highly regretted.

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International Day of Yoga celebrated across State

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TEZPUR, June 22: On the occasion of the third International Day of Yoga, the Blazing Sword Division stationed here at the nation's second largest Army cantonment in Sonitpur district and at Mili Station here, organised special yoga programmes at various stations under its jurisdiction in Assam and Arunachal Pradesh.

Participated by over 1000 Army jawans, including GOC, 4 Corp, Tezpur, Lt General AS Bedi and other officials, jawans and their family members, the yoga session started at 6:30 am. It was conducted by Hemanta Gogoi from the Art of Living Foundation, Dibrugarh.

The men behind the entire arrangement of the special yoga session, Colonel HP Singh and Subedar Someswar Kalita, talking to the Correspondent, said that members of the civil society were also invited to join the celebration and practice yoga. "The programme was organised to encourage the Army jawans and their families to translate the practice of yoga into a way of life with an overall intent of enabling them to achieve harmony of mind and body which would lead to a healthy and happy life," the duo said, adding that Army has inculcated yoga practices in its physical training programme and is regularly being practised by troops as it harmonises the mind and the body.

Meanwhile, briefing mediapersons on the sideline of the programme, GOC, 4 Corp, Tezpur, Lt General AS Bedi said that yoga is an invaluable gift of India's ancient tradition that embodies unity of mind and body, thought and action, restraint and fulfilment of harmony between man and nature.

"It is a holistic approach to health and well-being, which is not about exercise alone but to discover the sense of oneness within yourself, the world and the nature. By changing our lifestyle and creating consciousness, it can help in our well-being," the Army official said.

It is beneficial for the Army jawans as they have to face many challenges while they serve in high altitude in border areas. Besides physical development, it also helps in developing mind and soul, he added.

At Meghna Stadium near here, another yoga event was organised in a befitting manner where all of officials, Army jawans and family members of civilians took part and practised yoga.

At Church Field here, the district administration centrally organised a yoga programme with the participation of a good number of people from every walk of life.

NORTH LAKHIMPUR: The International Day of Yoga was celebrated in North Lakhimpur along with the rest of the world with mass yoga sessions and deliberations on the benefits of this physical activity for development of body and mind.

The Lakhimpur district administration organised a yoga event at Vasudevi Kaliya Trust's hall in North Lakhimpur in association with Lakhimpur Yoga Samaj, District Yoga-Patanjali and Krishi Bharati. The yoga session was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner, Barun Bhuyan.



Children taking part in an event during the 3rd International Day of Yoga celebration, organised by Sonitpur district administration, at Tezpur on Wednesday. — UB Photos

sioner, Barun Bhuyan.

President of Lakhimpur Yoga Samaj, Azad Hazarika led the yoga session followed by Rajesh Malpuri, president of district Yoga-Patanjali. A symposium on yoga was also organised on that occasion which was attended by Ayurvedic expert, Dr Mridul Borah and naturopath, Dr Sanjeev Borah.

Similar yoga programmes were also organised in various schools and colleges and public organisations across the district.

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the programme as instructors, wherein around 800 participants learned about 'yoga'.

HAILAKANDI: In order to get rid of prolonged illness and mental unrest, regular practice of yoga is the only answer. This was the message spread on the occasion of International Day of Yoga in Hailakandi on Wednesday, organised by the district administration.

The main function was organised at the office premises of Deputy Commissioner, who was attended by Deputy Commissioner Krishnendu Bhuyan, Hailakandi MLA, Anwar Hussain, Laskar, Additional Deputy Commissioner Arunava Dey, Additional Police Superintendent Jagadish Das and other officials of the district, leading citizens, teachers and students.

Inaugurating the day-long programme, the DC in his address urged the people of all age groups to practise yoga for keeping the body and mind healthy.

Another event on the yoga day was organised at Ramakrishna Nimbarka Sanskrit Vidyapeeth in Hailakandi town under the auspices of Nehru Yuva Kendra. It was inaugurated by the principal of the school, Ranjeet Bhattacharjee and purpose was explained by the district youth coordinator of Hailakandi Nehru Yuva Kendra, Sekhar Ranjan Deh.

He explained the benefits of practising yoga on a regular basis. Three yogis — Apa Paul, Samiran Paul and Abhijit Nath — were felicitated in the programme. A competition on yoga was also held on the occasion among the students. Hitesh Paul and Riton Paul were declared first jointly, while Representative of Patanjali Yoga Samiti, Narayan Pao and retired teacher Dharmo Gogoi attended the event.

Bidyushi Nath Mazumdar and Anwesha Dey were adjudged second and third, respectively. Altogether 22 boys and girls participated in the yoga competition.

The NSS unit of SS College here also organised various programmes to mark the day. The district committee of BJP, Radhanath Trust, RSS, Brahman Samaj, Hindu Jagran Manch and Women's Patanjali Yoga Kendra also observed the day with the performance of yoga.

All the organisations also demanded the setting up of a permanent yoga camp in Hailakandi district. Several schools and other organisations of the district, including Lila, Katicherra, Alipur, Maturi, also observed the day with yoga events.

MIRZA: Kamrup district administration organised a camp to celebrate the International Day of Yoga at Numalijah Parade Ground in association with IYNS, Sardana and Sewa Bharati.

Several students from eight schools, besides senior officials from different departments and general public, took part in the camp.

Kamrup (Rural) Deputy Commissioner Vinod Seshan delivered the welcome address in the event. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi has become successful in placating the United Nations Organisation to adopt a resolution on June 21, 2015, declaring June 21 as the International Day of Yoga and since then yoga camps are being organised all over the world," he said.

A seminar on 'Yoga Therapy' was also held on the occasion at Aminagon which was participated by yoga therapy experts like Rashmi Sinha, GG Bonik and Poh Koch.

Training prog on handicraft products ends at Jonai

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block were imparted training in three groups and batches.

The project director of WDC, Bhagwati Bhuyan informed that the women artisans during the training made traditional attires and home decoration of Mising tribe, while EPCH provided their designer support.

The project director briefed the participants about the need of the EPCH and said that entrepreneurship training availed under the programme would provide livelihood to women self-help group members through weaving and other handicraft activities.

She informed that NABARD has sanctioned a grant assistance of Rs 4.88 lakh for conducting livelihood entrepreneurship training on handicraft in La-

khipur and Dhemaji districts of North Assam.

The concluding programme at Junekongong was attended by Director Development Manager (Lakhimpur and Dhemaji) of NABARD, Samarendra Das, branch manager of Allahbad Bank (Laimukh branch) of Assam Co-operative Apex Bank (Jonai) M Pegdu and ADG (agri) Jayanta Das and other dignitaries.

The NABARD officials in the meeting briefed the participants on credit support, purchase of machinery inputs related to handicraft production and its commercial links.

He urged the educated youths to avail free training on entrepreneurship development and come forward for bank finance against their entrepreneurial activities.

Another project titled, 'Joint Liability Group (JLG) for rural entrepreneurs' was also launched in the meeting. The resource persons present explained the participants about the rules and regulations of group formation for farming activities in cluster approach with the provisions of bank finance against their entrepreneurial activities.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks offered by Tarun Barua, secretary of the Kiran Bala Memorial Trust and singing of the State anthem 'O' Maa Apurush Desh'.

Mihiram Kalita, Kiran Bala Kalita Memorial Trust prizes awarded

GUWAHATI, June 22: The 33rd Mihiram Kalita memorial prize distribution ceremony and the sixth Kiran Bala Kalita Memorial prize distribution ceremony were jointly held at Hazarikapara of Darang district recently under the presidency of Tarini Saharia, president of the Mihiram Kalita Memorial Trust. Badar Saikia, an educationist of Sipajhar, was the chief guest. This was stated in a press release.

This year the Mihiram Kalita memorial prize went to Bharat Saharia of Gandhi Smriti Bidyalay while the Laxminarayana Kalita memorial prize was bagged by Kuldip Goswami of Hazarikapara, Jatiya Bidyalay. They qualified for the prizes by securing the highest marks among the school candidates appearing in the aforsaid examination from the schools affiliated to the Trust.

Nananta Bharadwaj of Hazarikapara, who stood 4th in the HSLC examination appearing from Mangaldoi HS School, was felicitated in the meeting.

Several speakers including Monoranjan Saikia, Nareswar Deka and Gunendra Sarm

spoke in the meeting eulogizing the activities of the Trust.

As part of the prize distribution ceremony, a quiz competition was also held in which the 1st, 2nd and the 3rd prizes were won by three students, namely, Akashdwip Kalita, Dwipanmita Sarma and Bidisha Saharia of Hazarikapara Jatiya Bidyalay. They were given a dictionary and a cash prize each. Three consolation prizes were also given to Angsuman Saikia, Kangon Saikia and Hridayavoti Deka. They also received a dictionary and a cash prize each.

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Case filed against UP CM
BISWANATH CHARIALI: June 22: The victim of 2007 Beliota incident, Lakshmi Orang of Japun village under Biswanath Chariali PS in Biswanath district filed a case against UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and Tenzin Lotek. Saha MP Ran Prasad Sharma from the All India Radio and noted social activist Hari Narayan Verma conducted a quiz among the villagers on national integration.

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Fake certificate issuing racket busted in Dhubri; 2 held

CORRESPONDENT

DHUBRI, June 22: Police have apprehended two persons from Dhubri town area who were allegedly engaged in making fake certificates and issuing PAN cards with the help of those fake certificates.

It was informed by the police that they have arrested one Bipul Saha of LNB Road, ward no. 1, Dhubri and Bahadur Chaudhury of Bahadurhat, ward no. 11, Dhubri from the LNB road area where the

accused were operating a full-fledged office through which PAN card issuing applications were provided.

It was also informed that the duo served their clients by helping them with fake certificates, particularly birth certificates for applying for PAN cards.

Police also informed that the duo has been operating in Dhubri town area since long and has connections with such groups in other places too. Bipul is a tax and an insurance investigator and consult-

ant and is an authorised PAN card agent.

While talking to this correspondent in this regard, the Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) Dhukri, G Deka said that the matter is serious, especially for a sensitive area like Dhubri.

"With the use of fake certificates, these accused were issuing original PAN cards which is a valid and authorised document," he said while cautioning that this act can be a threat to national security.

The ASP also assured that an investigation into the matter has already started and they will try to identify all the clients of the accused who have been issued such documents.

Meanwhile, the police recovered 150 fake birth certificates, PAN card application forms, two CPUs along with a scanner, printer, laptop and seals. The police have also registered a case no. 708/17 under section 120B, 21A, 468, 471 and 420 IPC.

Wrong construction of dykes causes inundation of 14 villages in Lakhimpur



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Pradesh and has inundated a wide area of Rowdang Pathar, Rohali, Gelahati and Goshnebari.

The flood damaged all the road communications in these villages and submerged houses, schools and other public places. The continued inundation of Singra for the last one month have left the villagers on the contrary, become the cause of unprecedented inundation of about 14 villages in the Nowbocha Revenue Circle of Lakhimpur district.

The dykes, which have blocked the natural course of river Singra, have now left a wider area of Goshnebari Pathar area marooned in floodwaters for more than a month. River Singra, which is known for its annual havoc of flood in Nowbocha region of Lakhimpur, has been in spate since early May due to heavy rain in neighbouring Arunachal

One dyke was constructed by Barchala-Mahghuli-Paandhwa gaon panchayat near number-1 Barchala village with the supervision of Karunabari Development Block early this year. The second one was constructed by Rangnadi gaon panchayat through Nowbocha Development Block, some distances up on the river in Singra village.

It is learnt that both the Rural Development Blocks allowed the respective gaon panchayats to construct the dykes without consulting the district Water Resources Department, which already has constructed an embankment on the other side of the river.

As the river became full in flow on the setting of the monsoon, the two dykes prevented it to flow on its original course. As a result, the flow of the river hit the left hand bank flooding an entire area.

On public demand, the Lakhimpur district administration pulled down the dyke constructed by the Barchala-Mahghuli-Paandhwa gaon panchayat last week after a brief resistance of some local villagers. However, the existence of the other dyke, constructed by Rangnadi gaon panchayat is still blocking the flow of the river water on its normal course and, hence, causing flood in Goshnebari area.

Though the district authorities sent a team to remove the Singra dyke three days back, they were resisted by local villages fearing similar flood in their village. The villagers of Singra sought two days' time to decide on the removal of the dyke following a public meeting held at the office of Nowbocha Revenue Circle recently.

Discourage foul play in govt works: Dy Speaker

CORRESPONDENT

SILCHAR, June 22: In a bid to spread awareness regarding the developmental schemes launched by the government among the villagers of Cachar district, the Directorate of Field Publicity, Silchar and Haflong branch organised a special awareness camp at Chengku tea garden recently. In a release issued to the

media, Saswati Bhattacharjee, the field publicity officer of the department informed that Deputy Speaker cum Silchar MLA Dilip Kumar Paul was the chief guest at the awareness camp. Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Speaker urged upon the villagers not to encourage foul play in the implementation of the government schemes. He also highlighted the developmental schemes launched by

the government for the benefit of the end users. The awareness camp began with a rally followed by exhibition, video show and usefull inputs by experts from various departments including banking, health etc. Sanjeev Sharma from the All India Radio and noted social activist Hari Narayan Verma conducted a quiz among the villagers on national integration.

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STAFF CORRESPONDENT

INVITING TENDER NOTICE
 Sealed tender offering court fee stamp Rs. 8.25 (Rupees eight and twenty five only) of non-refundable amount and hereby invited from the registered Firm Suppliers to supply Batteries of this Unit vehicles were as per list enclosed. The tender will be received by the undersigned up to 12.00 Hrs. on 30-06-2017 and the quotation will be opened on the same day at 13.00 Hrs. in the presence of the tenders or their authorized agent if desired. The tenders shall follow the following terms and condition while submitting their quotation.

- A copy of firm registration certificate and up to date ITCC/STCC/VAT registration certificates and VAT certificate including all taxes against the vehicles. Batteries.
- The copy of PAN/GSTR No. issued by Income Tax Department.
- The tender must be accompanied with Rs. 1000/- (Rupees one thousand) only and earnest money in the form of NSC/KYC which pledged at any recognized Bank of India in favour of the Commandant, 2nd A/P ITT, Lumding, Dibrugarh, Assam, India.
- A copy of valid driving license will be enclosed.
- The undersigned is not bound to accept the lowest tender and reject any or all tender without assigning any reason thereof.
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The responsible concerned authorities of apartments who of the Lifts and Escalators are hereby requested to duly apply within 30 (Thirty) days of publications of this Notice for immediate renewal of operating licenses for the Lifts/Escalators in prescribed format to this office and failing which all such defaulting Lifts/Escalators will be informed to Civil & Police Authorities for appropriate steps for ensuring Public Safety in addition to drawing penal procedures under the Assam Lifts & Escalators Rules.

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Sec 144 in Kokrajhar
CORRESPONDENT

KOKRAJHAR, June 22: In apprehension of possible law-and-order problems in the district, the District Magistrate of Kokrajhar, Bihukananda Choudhury, today imposed Section 144 of the CrPC, prohibiting the assembly of five or more persons, taking out processions, shouting of slogans, holding of meetings or rallies, dharnas and demonstrations at public places, pillar riding, use of full-mask helmets by motorcycle riders, use of tinted glass in vehicles, use of microphones outdoors.

However, children below 12 years of age, women and senior citizens, executive magistrates, police and other security personnel have been exempted from the purview of the order.

The order came into force with immediate effect and would remain so till further notice.

Trader shot dead at Laluk

NORTH LAKHIMPUR, June 22: Gular Hussain (40), a local businessman of Yuva Nagar under Laluk Police Station in Lakhimpur district, was shot dead by unknown assailants last night. The incident took place at 9 pm on Wednesday when Hussain was on his way to the market at Yuva Nagar. Trinali. The protesters also alleged manipulation of the valid postal votes and demanded a re-election.

Rabha Divas in Goalpara
CORRESPONDENT

GOALPARA, June 22: Kalauguru Bishnu Prasad Rabha, the great artist, poet and icon, was paid deep homage at a function organised by the Democratic Youth Federation of India (DYFI), Goalpara district committee, at Gandhi Bhawan here on the occasion of Rabha Divas on Tuesday.

The function started with the rendition of his stirring song, *Biswar chhand chhando*, in the form of a chorus by a women's group. The keynote speech was delivered by noted writer and journalist Ratna Bharali Talukdar who eloquently spoke on the multifaceted personality of Rabha.

Rabha dreamed of a classless society free from all kinds of exploitation and he used all means, political as well as cul-

tural, to motivate the poor people to overthrow the regime backed by exploiters. His revolutionary campaign in this regard earned him the title of "Sainik Slipi". Talukdar said, adding that due to his intimate association with the common people, Rabha could become the "people's artist."

On the cultural front, Rabha not only enriched Assamese culture through his invaluable contributions, he also brought people from all castes and creeds on to a common platform in the greater interest of the society.

Talukdar rued that the present political forces were trying to destabilise society by replacing the age-old traditions. She also observed that the growth of politics based on ethnic and religious identity was a dangerous portent as it

culminated in the rendering of his stirring song, *Biswar chhand chhando*.

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Admission schedule	Undergraduate Programmes	Post Graduate Programmes
	Bachelor of Physiotherapy, BA in Psychology	BBA, MCA, MUS, MTTM, MA in Mass Communication
Issue of Online application forms	June 21, 2017	June 21, 2017
Last date of submission of Application forms	August 02, 2017	August 02, 2017
Online announcement of list of eligible candidates for entrance test	August 04, 2017	August 04, 2017
Entrance Test	August 05, 2017	August 05, 2017
Online declaration of Merit list	August 08, 2017	August 08, 2017
Admission	August 10, 2017	August 10, 2017
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SHORT NOTICE INVITING QUOTATION

Short Notice inviting quotation affixing non refundable court fee stamp worth Rs. 8.25/- (eight rupees twenty five paise) only is hereby invited from individual/register firm/travel agencies for hiring of vehicles(A/c, Non A/c)to be used for transport of Juveniles to different J.D.B. and medical purpose etc. at Observation Home, Boko, Bamungena.

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Sl. No.	Name of Posts	Reservation category	Scale of Pay
1.	Data Entry Operator	UR=4	Pay Band-II (5200-20200+ GP Rs. 2400 p.m.)
1. Age limit not lower than 18 years and exceeding 38 years as on 01.01.2017. Relaxation of age is admissible as per existing Rules.			
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Diploma holder in Polytechnic with minimum 60% marks in aggregate or equivalent grade from UGC/AICTE approved recognized institutions in Computer Science/Computer Engineering/Electronics/Telecommunications Engineering/Information Technology.			
a. Desirable conditions: Candidate must have typing speed of not less than 8000 key depressions per hour. A certificate of typing/Skill Test is needed.			
b. Other preferences: Typing knowledge in languages like Assamese/Bengali/Devanagri would be preferable.			
c. Experience: Minimum 2 years of experience in data entry operator is needed.			
3. Candidates already in Government service should apply through proper channel.			
4. Mandatory particulars to be enclosed with the application are HSLC Admit Card, Pass Certificate & Mark sheets of HSLC and Graduation, PRC, Caste Certificate, Employment Exchange Registration Card, four copies of recent passport size photograph on front side with name of applicant and address of the applicant written on the rear side and 1 (one) of which will have to be pasted on appropriate position of the application.			
5. The last date for submission of application is fixed on 06.07.17. Incomplete and incorrect applications will be rejected.			
6. Candidate applying for the post of Data Entry Operator will have to appear in a written test of 100 marks comprising General English, General Knowledge, General Aptitude & Current Affairs and the date for which will be intimated in due course of time through an Assamese daily news paper. Call letters for the same shall be issued to candidate. Successful candidates of written test for Data Entry Operators will be called for an interview and proficiency test in typing and computer. The dates of interviews and test of proficiency in typing and computer shall be advertised and call letters dispatched to successful candidates of written examination.			
7. If any eligible candidate does not receive the call letter before through Postal Department, he shall collect his call letter from the Personnel Branch, Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Sivasagar on or before the date of respective interview. No admission to any interview hall would be permitted without production of call letter pasted with attested photograph of the applicant.			
8. A selection committee shall be constituted to select the candidates for the said post. Candidature of committee is provisional and the Committee has the right to accept or reject the candidature of any candidates at any stage of recruitment after proper scrutiny of the documents/testimonials etc.			
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10. While considering for appointment, other claims under different Rules and the Govt. instructions as well as cases covered by Hon'ble High Court etc. would be placed before the Selection Committee as per Law. The onus for making various claims as above lies upon the applicant who shall submit the same along with applications. The onus for providing proof of special claims lies upon the applicant. Documents relating to various claims have to be submitted directly to the Deputy Commissioner, Sivasagar physically or on or before the last date of test (either interview or test & proficiency whichever is later).			
11. The applications should be sent to the following address through Post or by hand super scribing the post applied on top of the envelope. The address of recipient is office of the Deputy Commissioner, Sivasagar District, PO. Sivasagar, PIN-785640, Assam.			
12. No TA/DA will be admissible to the candidates.			

Sd/- Deputy Commissioner
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CAPSULE**Passbook details**

MUMBAI, June 22: The RBI today asked banks to provide "adequate details" of transactions in the passbooks and statements of accounts so that customers can cross-check them. Earlier the Reserve Bank had advised them to avoid inscribable entries in passbooks/statements of accounts, noting that brief, intelligible particulars are invariably entered with a view to avoiding inconvenience to depositors. —PTI

Tata Tea campaign

MUMBAI, June 22: Tata Tea aims to connect one million people with the second edition of its iconic 'Jaago Re' campaign that will highlight issues such as women's safety and sports encouragement in the country. Tata Global Beverages Ltd, which owns Tata Tea, has roped in Indian gymnast Dipa Karmakar and women's rights activist Ranjana Kumar for the campaign. —PTI

Jet Airways

MUMBAI, June 22: Budget carrier Jet Airways today announced expansion partnership with Air France, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, and Delta Air Lines. Under the expanded pact, the carriers will expand choice and connectivity options for guests flying from India and Europe. Jet Airways said in a release. —PTI

Tally Solutions

NEW DELHI, June 22: Business software provider Tally Solutions will unveil GST compatible solution on June 26, about a week ahead of the launch of the indirect tax regime. The 'Tally ERP 9 Retail 6' will be launched on June 26, which is an easy-to-use, GST-ready accounting and compliance software solution. Tally Solutions announced here today. —PTI

Monte Carlo

GUWAHATI, June 22: Leading apparel brand Monte Carlo has introduced a specially curated collection of apparels in green hues, which promises to give fashion enthusiasts a refreshing and soothing summer wardrobe. In line with the Pantone Color of the Year 2017, Monte Carlo's 'Greenery' collection for men, women and teens encompasses most shades of green in a wide range of clothes including T-shirts, tops, tunics, dresses, trousers, waist coats as well as shringas, a press release said here today.

GSTN to launch helpline on June 25

NEW DELHI, June 22: GST Network, the company providing IT backbone for the GST, will launch two call centres on Sunday to handle queries from taxpayers and tax officials.

The goods and services tax will be rolled out from July 1, and GST will have a major role to play as it will have to handle the huge traffic of invoices and turnover details of companies.

GSTN has partnered with IT giants Infosys and Tech Mahindra for launching the call centres. For any enrolment queries, taxpayers may call on the call centre number 0120-4888999.

The call centre for taxpayers will be manned by over 200 trained professionals, and will be increased to 400 going forward. —PTI

Sinha assures 'corrective steps'

NEW DELHI, June 22: Communications Minister Manoj Sinha said "corrective steps" would be taken by the government to ensure orderly growth of the telecom sector, after he met representatives of telecom companies here today.

"The necessary corrective steps will be taken by the government for ensuring orderly growth in the sector in terms of services to the common man, including in rural areas," the minister told reporters after the two-hour meeting.

He said an inter-ministerial group (IMG) is examining systematic issues affecting viability and repayment capacity in telecom sector and the panel would soon furnish its recom-

mendations for resolution of stressed assets.

The telecom service providers discussed the financial stress they are facing. They already had meting with the IMG. The IMG has been formed to examine the systematic issues affecting viabil-

ity and repayment capacity in telecom sector and furnish recommendations for resolution of stressed assets at the earliest.

Among industrialists, Anil Cellular, Reliance Jio, Tata Tel-
services, Telenor India and Reliance Communications met the minister and Telecom Secretary Aruna Sundararajan, besides other government officials in the ministry.

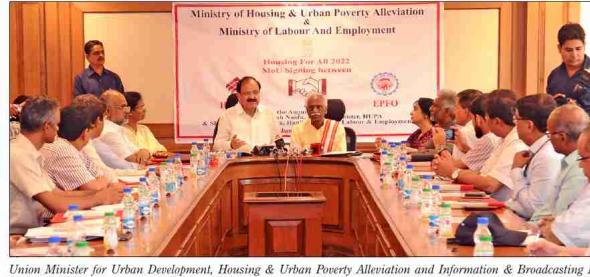
Initially, the company chiefs met Sinha separately. The government had set up the inter-

Telecom sector stress

ministerial group which has been holding hearings with all the stakeholders. The group members have already met the main telecom companies, including MTNL and BSNL.

The task of the inter-ministerial group is to examine systemic issues affecting viability and repayment capacity of the telecom sector and furnish recommendations for resolution of stressed assets. It is expected to submit its recommendations within three months.

The group, comprising officials from the Finance and Telecom ministries, was set up after top banks expressed concern about financial stress in the industry. —IANS



Union Minister for Urban Development, Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation and Information & Broadcasting M Venkaiah Naidu along with the Minister of State for Labour and Employment (Ind Charge) Bandaru Dattatreya addressing the signing ceremony of an MoU between EPFO and HUDCO, in New Delhi on Thursday. —PIB

GST to lower overall tax burden over time, says RBI Governor

MUMBAI, June 22: Reserve Bank Governor Urjit Patel today said the soon-to-be-implemented goods and services tax (GST) will not only create a national market but will also broaden the tax base which in turn will lower the overall tax in the long-term.

"The prudent point is that GST itself is part of the digitisation revolution, which along with the reforms on the information tax side in terms of the processes and operations, have the potential to broaden the tax base considerably," Patel said at an event organised by industry lobby INC Chamber of Commerce and Indus-

try here today.

The Governor also said GST is a precursor to a low-tax regime in the country at a later stage.

With a four-rate structure, GST will come into force from the midnight of June 30. Except J&K, all the States have passed enabling laws for its implementation. He said the broadening of tax base is an important outcome of the new uniform taxation regime and other initiatives on e-payments and digitisation.

Besides creation of a national market, GST will also reduce many inefficiencies within the States while moving

goods from within a State and across the country, the Governor said.

Talking about fintech, he said with the emergence of technology-enabled innovation in financial services there will both opportunities and risks to the financial sector stability which need to be addressed by policy makers, regulators and supervisors, as many innovations have not been tested through a full financial cycle.

"You really come to know what works and what doesn't when you go through a full cycle. The decision taken at an early stage can set important precedence on what is the right

time and the wrong time. Therefore, caution in this respect is not unwarranted, especially when you consider that the world is yet to recover even from the 2008 global financial crisis," he said.

Patel said even the country's fintech industry has almost tripled its size since 2013 and the value of transactions has touched \$30 billion already.

Patel said the Central Bank has taken several steps such as the licensing payment banks, Bharat Bill Payment System and launch of UPI, IMPS, among others, to facilitate innovations, payment systems and digital banking. —PTI

Trade, industry grievances on GST

Will take up issues with govt: Nirmala

COIMBATORE, June 22: Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman today assured trade and industry that their grievances on GST would be taken up with the government and she would personally recommend having a review three months after its implementation.

Responding to queries about fixing the slabs for different trades and industries during an interactive session organised by BJP's Coimbatore district unit here, Sitharaman, who is Minister of State for Commerce and Industry, said there should not be any confusion about GST rates on various products.

Assuring that no penalty would be imposed for three months if small and medium entrepreneurs failed to submit GST returns, she said the government was forward to raise their doubts and objections, she added.

The Minister said there would be some teething problems during implementation of the system, which was conceptualised by taking the people into confidence and trust, and was also passed by various State Assemblies.

Later, she clarified that changes in the duty drawback scheme would definitely not affect the export performance since India exports products and not tax.

Coir Board Chairman CP Radhakrishnan said that GST would be a boon and the issues raised by industries would be solved only in due course.

The country can expect judicial reforms and electoral reforms soon on the lines of tax reforms like GST, Radhakrishnan said. —PTI

Assuming that no penalty would be imposed for three months if small and medium entrepreneurs failed to submit GST returns, she said the government was

expected to expand from 750 million to almost one billion. Without adequate education and training, such population growth poses increased risk of the emergence of a growing class of the under- or unemployed who are unable to achieve the Indian middle class dream," the study noted.

The study suggested developing more practical, applied, experience-based education, embracing technologies that improve educational access, experience and outcomes, and building deeper relationships with ecosystem partners which will be instrumental in transforming the educational system.

The IBM study took insights

from a survey of academics, corporate-recruiters, and emerging education leaders in India. In addition, the study analysed results of recent surveys of start-up entrepreneurs, venture capitalists and corporate executives. —PTI

A few more weeks needed for fully functional solution: GSPs

NEW DELHI, June 22: Hoping for a smooth ride for any services tax (GST) regime, GST Suvidha Providers (GSPs) have said that the two-month extension was expected as software for filing tax returns or application programme interfaces (APIs) would only be available by the end of June.

Once the APIs are available, it will take them a few weeks for testing the software.

"On the GSP front, we have improved the audit process as per the agreement with Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN), but the services will be available a few weeks later since it has to work in coordination with the GSTN roadmap," Bharat Goenka, Managing Director of Tally Solutions, told IANS.

"GSTN has its roadmap for release of APIs and we continue to believe that time is too short for testing. We will be ensuring that we do not make hasty product releases in the market but only release robust solutions," he said. —IANS

Unsustainable AI should be privatised: Panagariya

NEW DELHI, June 22: Air India should be privatised as its debt level is "simply not sustainable" and government action on the airline's future course is likely within six months, NITI Aayog Vice-Chairman Arvind Panagariya said today.

The government is looking at various options, including possible privatisation, to revive the loss-making national carrier and the Tata Group is believed to be interested in buying a stake in Air India.

"I think really where Air India stands now, it is almost a matter of existence. The debt is already about Rs 52,000 crore (and) we are adding on Rs 4,000-crore debt every year. So this is simply not sustainable," Panagariya said.

In an interview to CNBC-TV18, he said: "In the end, I think the airline does need to go with management on the private hand." —PTI

Patowary calls for creating congenial industrial environment in State

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ing, skill building, employment generation, thus changing the economic and industrial scenario of the entire State.

Chairman, AIDC, Mission Ranjan Das said that bamboo can be grown with minimum effort and through bamboo processing, building materials can be produced which can last longer than wood as it is tenacious and maintenance-free.

Chairman, Assam Khadi and Village Industries Board, Dr Kamala Kalita said a long cherished dream has been fulfilled with the setting up of the Bamboo Technology Park and called upon the industrialists and entrepreneurs to maximise the utility of the facilities in the Park to create a quality goods.

Chief Secretary VK Pimpreniya said, "The Bamboo Park will be a common facility centre for bamboo processing and will give the local entrepreneurs a competitive edge in the global market."

Commissioner, Industries and Commerce, Dr KK Dwivedi, hoped that the Park will facilitate entrepreneurs to take up manufacture of various products from bamboo by utilising the sophisticated machinery at the Park at a very nominal charge.

Later, Abhijit Baruah, Chairman of the Bamboo Technology Park, briefed the Industries Minister on the functioning and utility of the various equipment available in the Park.

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Quotations are invited from reputed Manufacturer/Authorised distributor/s for supply of following scientific equipment/instrument for the Institute of Advanced Study in Science and Technology (IASST), Bid document with other terms & conditions can be submitted with bid fee as per following:

Bidfee/DID	Last Date and Time for submission of bids (not extendable)	Venue for submission & Opening of Technical Bids
Rs. 100/-	Dt: 14.07.2017 by 5 P.M.	Office of the Registrar, IASST, Guwahati-781035 Dt.: 17.07.2017 at 11 A.M.

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PROGRAMME

Friday, 23 June 2017

First Session : 10.00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.
Emerging Trends in North Eastern Literature
Chair : Esther Syiem
Speakers : Arindam Borkakati (Assamese)
Monalisa Changkija (North East - English)
Rashmi Sharma (English)
Ph. Iboymala Sharma (Manipuri)
D. Kuolie (Tenyide)

Second Session : 11.45 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.
Short Story Reading
Chair : H. Behari Singh
Readings : Dipankar Kar (Bengali)
M. Paomiall Haokip (Thadou Kuki)
H. Satyabati Devi (Manipuri)
Thailow Mog (Mog)

Third Session : 2.00 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.
Sankaradeva: Dynamics of Literary Vision
Pradip Jyoti Mahanta, eminent Assamese writer will deliver a special lecture on the subject

Fourth Session : 3.45 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.
Poets' Meet
Chair : Premananda Machahary
Readings : Arupna Barua (Assamese)
Biswajyoti Barman (Dimasa)
Takop Zirdo (Garo)
Wilberth D. Marak (Garo)
Joyasing Tokbi (Karbi)
Raghunath Leishangthem (Manipuri)
Kaisa Fozie (Mao)

Saturday, 24 June 2017

Fifth Session : 10.00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.
Impact of North East on Indian Literature
Chair : Margaret Zama
Speakers : Leena Sarma (Assamese)
Anil Boro (Bodo)
Anful Nalding (Dimasa)
S. S. Majaw (Khasi)
Mdhi Hasan Chowdhury (Manipuri)

Sixth Session : 11.45 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.
Mulakat: reading by young writers
Chair : Sylvanus Lamare
Readings : Digya Jyoti Borah (Assamese)
Ano Brahma (Bodo)
Kusum Chakma (Chakma)
Venibyrithsingh Ch. Marak (Garo)
Ashit Debbarma (Kokborok)
Kh. Krishnamohan Singha (Manipuri)
Lalhlimpui (Mizo)
Deepa Rai (Nepali)

Seventh Session : 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.
Poets' Meet
Chair : Karabi Deka Hazarika
Readings : T. Senka Ao (Ao)
Nilim Kumar (Assamese)
Kalyanibrata Chakraborti (Bengali)
Aurobindo Uzir (Bodo)
Josua Halami (Halem)
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Convocation of IIT-G today

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 22: The nineteenth convocation of the Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati will be held tomorrow at the Dr Bhupen Hazarika Auditorium of the institute.

Prof CNR Rao, National Research Professor, Lata Pauling Research Professor and Honorary President, Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research, Bengaluru, will be the chief guest and deliver the convocation address, said a press release.

Prof Rao will also award the President of India Gold Medal to the institute's topper among the B-Tech and B Des programme students, and Dr Shankar Dayal Sharma Gold Medal to the graduating student adjudged to be the best in terms of general proficiency. The institute silver medals will also be awarded to each branch topper in B Tech, B Des and M Sc programmes.

'Udyog Samvaad' launch today

GUWAHATI, June 22: With the objective of enabling a progressive entrepreneurial ecosystem in all states, India SME Forum, India's largest initiative for small and medium entrepreneurs, in association with the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises and Businessweek magazine, will launch an initiative 'Udyog Samvaad' focusing on the North East, in Guwahati tomorrow.

The initiative will be attended by Kalraj Mishra, Union Minister for MSME, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, Industry Minister Chandra Mohan Patowary, brand guru Prakash Kakar, among others.

The initiative has been conceptualised as a series of 'Conversations for Progress' that will include daylong seminars and open houses with leaders, business and management gurus, policymakers, bureaucrats and smart entrepreneurs in 24 cities across India in two phases. — Staff Reporter

Yoga Day

GUWAHATI, June 22: International Yoga Day was observed by the Guwahati Refinery on Wednesday, said a press release today.

On this occasion, a programme was organised at the Jubilee Hall, which was attended by a large number of employees of the refinery, along with their families. Jyoti Prasad Mizumdar, a yoga teacher, conducted a yoga session. — Staff Reporter

Ambubachi Mela gets under way

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 22: The doors of Kamakhya temple were closed down for the devotees with the beginning of Ambubachi Mela that started today atop the Nilachal Hill. A sea of humanity gathers in Guwahati every year during the five days of the annual fest to pay obeisance to the Mother Goddess.

The temple doors would be opened for the devotees from the morning of June 26.

Other than the main temple, the Nilachal Hill is also the abode of 'Dasa Mahavira', ten forms of the goddess, and doors of all the temples would stay shut during the four days, including the temples of the other deities.

Amid tight security and



Devotees at Kamakhya temple on the first day of Ambubachi Mela on Thursday. — AT photo

elaborate arrangements for devotees and tourists throng-

ing from all parts of the country and abroad, the Nilachal

Hill would bask in the spiritual mysticism during the

fest. It may be noted that Kamakhya is also believed to be a seat of tantra cult and a sizable number of sanyasis and ascetics gather here from all over the country during this time.

"Since the Prabriti timing was from 1.15 am today, darsana was allowed in the morning for the visitors. Morning puja started from 5.45 am and the daily bhog was offered at around 11.30. The devotees were allowed to queue up till 9 am," said Sanjib Sarma, an office bearer of the temple management committee.

The Guwahati Municipal Corporation (GMC) is looking after maintaining the cleanliness at the surroundings of the temples and also the designated camps for the devotees.

challenge during the monsoons that has to be tackled after every downpour.

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The Corporation has engaged at least 40 additional workers in drain cleaning in each of the six divisions of Guwahati. However, with a significant number of GMC workers engaged in the Ambubachi festival now on in the city, the drain cleaning work is likely to get affected, stated GMC sources.

35 landslide-prone localities identified

PRANJAL BHUYAN

□ Residents to be moved to temporary shelters □

GUWAHATI, June 22: With the south-west monsoon already covering the region and heavy rainfall already resulting in a number of landslides in the hilly areas of Guwahati, the local authorities have identified around 35 highly vulnerable localities from which families are to be evacuated.

However, officials admitted that the implementation of the evacuation plan will not be easy — not only because nobody is willing to leave their homes and shift to temporary shelters, but also because there is an apprehension that any forcible plan for moving residents of vulnerable locations will result not just in lengthy court litigations but allow political parties and other organisations to exploit the situation as well.

Many senior officials told this newspaper on the condition of anonymity that without sufficient political backing from the State government, the plan to evacuate around 350 highly vulnerable families residing in the sensitive zones will be extremely difficult.

"We have appealed to the residents of such locations to leave and we are ready to arrange shelter and temporary accommodation. How-



ever, not even one family has expressed willingness to move," said a senior official.

He added, "So we are in a dilemma, as if we can only exert its influence to a certain extent. We cannot go the whole way without backing of the executive."

Last year, there were around half a dozen

But the plan is fraught with danger as families may move court seeking stay order

If there are any incidents of major slides and anybody gets hurt or killed, we will be blamed for not acting. And if we force people to move there will be allegations that we are resorting to forcible evacuation. And local bodies and the district administration

deaths in Guwahati due to landslides. So far, this monsoon season, there has been a number of minor slides and damage to some houses and properties, but no deaths or serious injuries. However, the rainy season has only just started and there is apprehension

SFI decries UGC move to defer NET

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 22: The Students' Federation of India (SFI), Assam State Committee has strongly condemned the 'atrocious' move of the University Grants Commission (UGC) to defer the National Eligibility Test (NET) scheduled for July 2017 till November 19, 2017.

This will automatically defer the NET scheduled for December next year. This effectively means that the total number of NET qualifying students will be reduced by 15 per cent compared to the current bi-annual mode.

The programme initiated by the Union Human Resources Development Ministry will automatically make the bi-annual NET an annual event. The number of students qualifying the NET will thus be halved if it is reduced to an annual event, said the student body.

It alleged that this being without any policy document of the UGC, the functioning of the UGC lacks absolute transparency and this also exposes the nature and authoritarian way of functioning of the Union government. In another draconian move, the Centre is

lowering the total percentage of the NET qualifying students from 15 per cent under each category to six per cent of overall studies appearing for NET.

Although the UGC claims that the reservation criteria will be implemented within this six per cent of students who qualify, that will also result in a sharp decrease in the total number of NET qualifying students. This effectively means that the total number of NET qualifying students every year will come down to three per cent as compared to the current bi-annual mode.

There are thousands of teaching posts lying vacant in higher educational institutions of the country, but with a drastic reduction in the number of NET qualifying candidates, this is an attack on the rights of the thousands of qualified unemployed youths.

A fraction of the students who pass the NET are eligible for Junior Research Fellowship (JRF). The lowering of the total number of the NET qualifying students on Wednesday.

Awareness prog on GST today

GUWAHATI, June 22: An awareness programme on goods and services tax (GST) would be held at the All Assam Small Scale Industries Association (AASSIA) Hall, Industrial Estate at Bamunimaidam here from 4pm.

The programme is being organised by the AASSIA and the Industrial Estate Entrepreneurs Association, Bamunimaidam in cooperation with the Office of the Commissioner of Taxes, Assam and the HDFC Bank Limited, Shreila Rahman, ACS, Secretary to the Government of Assam, Industries & Commerce Department, will grace the occasion as chief guest. Staff Reporter

Suicide bid foiled

JALUKBARI, June 22: One Pallabi Kalita (22) tried to commit suicide by jumping into the Brahmaputra from the Saranghat Bridge at around 11.30 today. Police sources said she was under depression for some domestic reasons.

The girl was rescued by the police with the help of Ganmon workers. — Correspondent

Indifferent attitude of Centre Aggrieved employees form human chain

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 22: In protest against the indifferent attitude of the Central Government towards different demands of its employees, more than 400 Central employees, workers and pensioners participated in the 'human chain' programme in front of Meghalaya Legislative Assembly here today.

The protest programme was organised by the Coordination Committee of Central Government Employees & Workers, Assam State Committee on Thursday.

In a statement issued here on Thursday, the Coordination Committee of Central Government Employees & Workers, Assam State Committee said the government at the Centre is yet to fulfil different demands of 32 lakh Central Government employees and 33 lakh Central Government pensioners.

The Coordination Committee

Rathayatra festival from June 25

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 22: The International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) will organise the Guwahati Jagannath Rathayatra Festival-2017 with a colourful programme from June 25 to July 3, a statement issued by ISKCON said.

The main purpose of organising the programme is to promote peace and social harmony in the State in particular and the region in general.

On July 25, the Rathayatra will start from Ulubari Higher Secondary School playground and culminate at Jagannath Temple cum Cultural Complex at Jayanagar, Beltoia after passing through GS Road, Ganeshguri, Dr RP Road, Last Gate, Beltoia-Basistha Road and Beltoia Tiniali.

Nurturing the tender minds

The recent news of an eight-year-old girl drowning in a swimming pool in Guwahati not only left everyone grief-stricken, but also raises a very important question: Are we pressurising our children too much?

CCTV footage of that tragic incident clearly shows that the child was reluctant to go into the water, but her mother seemed stubborn and forced her to do so. I wouldn't blame the mother entirely for the incident as I believe no mother would ever hurt her child knowingly, although she should have tried to understand her child's feelings better instead of applying force.

The instructor, who should have obviously been more cautious once the child was in the swimming pool, was also at fault. The problem is much larger and the root of the whole thing lies in our society

and its prevailing system. Nowadays we see kids who are busy trying to prove themselves in the rat race of life, from education to every possible extracurricular activity. These children simply don't get time to nourish their innocent minds.

Instead of teaching them to keep on learning by applying their thought process, we are feeding designed materials to their brains in a way that is in fact a threat to their mental and physical well-being.

It is really sad to see these tiny tots running after grades and medals when it is actually their age to chase butterflies and squirrels. Education should be in the best interest of the child's overall growth, but parents should be more careful. They should not turn their children into mindless robots by putting unnecessary pressure on them.

Without blocking their creativity and fostering mindless obedience to authority, the young minds should be given sufficient freedom and time to pursue their own interests and passions.

— Plabita Baruah, Assistant Professor, GITM Tezpur

Streetlights

I would like to draw the attention of the GMDA towards

citizens' voice
Citizens are requested to express their Guwahati-specific views within 100 words and mail the same to citizenvoice36@gmail.com

the fact that many streetlights are switched off at night, causing inconvenience to pedestrians and motorists as the

Cleaning silt another challenge for GMC

STAFF REPORTER

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Former Chief Minister Prafulla Kumar Mahanta and others attending an iftar party organised by the Ason Gana Parishad at Burha Jame Masjid on Thursday. — UB Photos

roads become pitch dark, I urge the GMDA authorities to look into this matter with the seriousness it deserves.

— Basudeb Sharma, Guwahati Passengers' woes

The new transport rule requiring passengers to get in and out of the front door of a city bus in Guwahati is not only unsatisfactory and cumbersome, but may also lead to accidents. There is a heavy rush of passengers at the front door when the bus halts at a designated stop. In addition, there is great suffocation at the rear end of the bus and pickpockets may also find it easy to operate. Lady passengers have been put to a great deal of inconvenience due to the new rule. Senior citizens and children are also suffering in these days of sweltering heat. We hope the whimsical directive will be withdrawn soon in greater public interest.

— Ashwin Kr Chakraborty, Pandu Port Road, Guwahati

Filthy food stalls

It is heartening to note that the GMC, the instruction of the Deputy Commissioner of Kamrup (M), has decided to take action against street meat and fish sellers.

But why only the meat and fish sellers? We have a lot of other vendors selling rotis, momos and rice from stalls set up on roads and drains. Are these not unhygienic? The stalls on the roadside next to the Assam State Zoo is a case in point. The zoo attracts tourists from all over the State and outside. Can we not remove these stalls and allow the vendors space at designated places for the cause of better hygiene?

— Dhriraj Kakati, Japorog

JNUSU president suspended from varsity panels

NEW DELHI, June 22: Jawaharlal Nehru University has suspended three office-bearers of its students' union from the varsity's statutory bodies and committees for alleged misconduct and indiscretions.

Jawaharlal Nehru University Students' Union (JNUSU) president Mohit Kumar Pandey, general secretary Satyajit Chakraborty and joint secretary Tabrez Hasan have received suspension letters for using "unparliamentary language", "unruly behaviour" and "unauthorised video-recording" during the last Academic Council meeting.

The administration has constituted an inquiry committee to look into the happenings at the Academic Council meeting. JNUSU members have alleged that they were heckled and manhandled by a section of teachers at the Academic Council meeting on June 16. The administration, however, claimed that the student representatives disrupted the meeting.

"There is prima facie evidence of misconduct and indiscretions by Mohit Kumar Pandey. He is hereby suspended from participating in all statutory bodies and committees of the varsity with immediate effect until the final outcome of the Proctorial Enquiry Committee," read a letter issued by the administration to Pandey.

The JNUSU said, "True to its dark history, the JNU administration under the leadership of VC Jagadesh Kumar yet again attempted to silence critical voices." — PTI

No going back to NDA fold: JD(U)

PATNA, June 22: A day after backing Ram Nath Kovind's candidature for the President's post, the JD(U) today said that there was no question of going back to the NDA fold and it continued to be an integral part of the united Opposition.

"The decision to back Kovind's candidature is an isolated incident... We'll never go back to the NDA fold again," the JD(U) national spokesperson KC Tyagi told PTI over phone from Delhi.

Tyagi said Kovind, the ex-Governor of Bihar, had played a positive and non-confrontational role in functioning of the State government.

During his nearly two years'

tenure as the Bihar Governor, Kovind handled himself with dignity and poise and Chief Minister Nitish Kumar was quite impressed with his demeanour and grace which convinced him to back his candidature for the President's post, he said.

He said Kumar, who is the JD(U) national president, and CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechuri during the DMK founder M Karunanidhi's 94th birth day celebrations at Chennai on June 4 had discussed the name of former West Bengal Governor Gopal Krishna Gandhi as the Opposition's candidate and it would have stayed the course but for the NDA throwing a sur-

prise by announcing Kovind's candidature.

"We are bound to support the former Bihar Governor's presidential bid as he had discharged his duties with grace and poise," Tyagi said, adding that having decided to back Kovind's candidature it did not make sense to attend the meeting of the Opposition parties in Delhi today to decide on the presidential elections.

The JD(U) national spokesperson asked the NDA to refrain from nursing any illusion about his party going back to the ruling alliance at the Centre and charged the Narendra Modi government with failing on all fronts.

Stating that the JD(U)'s decision to stand by Kovind's candidature for the President's post is an "isolated incident,"

Tyagi said that his party would continue to be an integral part of the united Opposition. — PTI



Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar with BJP senior leader Sushil Kumar Modi and Deputy CM Tejashwi Yadav in Patna on Thursday. — UNI

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Application from the citizen of India preferably inhabitant of Naharkalita, Dibrugarh are invited for the post of Muslim Marriage Registrar for Naharkalita, Dibrugarh as informed by the Assmt. Inspector General of Registration, Assam vide his letter No. IGR/MMR/B/Naharkalita/2016/4 dtd. 21.10.2016. Interested candidate may apply in Standard Form of Application (Assam Gazette Part - IX) along with either a certificate that he/she passed the Assam Senior Madrasa final examination or a certificate that he/she possesses sufficient acquaintance with the Arabic language and the Muslim law of Marriage and divorce signed by three Mahamadhan gentlemen of respectable position. Application form along with (i) Testimonials (ii) Two copies of recent passport size photograph (Colour) and (iii) Age proof Certificate should reach this office on or before 28.06.2017.

Sd/- District Registrar, Dibrugarh

Office of the Mission Director NATIONAL HEALTH MISSION ASSAM

No. NHM/NCD/NDP/2016-17/1335485 Date: 22.06.2017

EXTENSION NOTICE

E- Tender for establishing Dialysis Unit in PPP mode at District Hospitals.

This has reference to the e-tender No. NHM/NCD/NDP/2016-17/133/3796, dated: 01/06/2017 for establishing Dialysis Unit in PPP mode at District Hospitals.

The scheduled date for bid submission has been extended as follows:

SN	Scheduled	Start date	Time
1	Start date and time of upload of tender document.	10/07/2017	Up to 2.00 PM
2	Last date and time of upload of tender document.	10/07/2017	Up to 2.00 PM
3	Date and time of opening of tender document.	15/07/2017	At 3.00 PM

Sd/- Mission Director, NHM, Assam



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From experienced Caterer/Catering/Restaurant owners for a Budget Caterer at Assam Science and Technology University, Tetelia Road, Jalgukbari, Guwahati-781013, website: www.astu.ac.in in detail information.

Sd/- Registrar/LC.

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Sd/- Registrar/LC.

Govt assessing feasibility of different time zones in India

NEW DELHI, June 22: The Department of Science and Technology (DST) is conducting a study to assess the feasibility of having different time zones in the country.

The study is being conducted to give "scientific inputs" on the matter, DST Secretary Ashutosh Sharma said.

Recently Pema Khandu, the Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, had demanded a separate time zone for the Northeast.

"The DST has been conducting studies on this, looking at what is the potential of energy saving if you have two different time zones," Sharma said.

"One can actually save energy because the sunrise and sunset timings are different (in the country), but the office timings are across the nation," he added.

The study is also expected to cover the overall impact, especially on the transportation system. Leaders from the Northeast region argue that a separate time zone, a long pending demand, would increase daylight savings and efficiency.

Or one of the arguments is that early sunrise means that by the time they start their day, almost half the day has passed.

This means an early sunset which requires extra lights in both homes, offices and public places, hampering the productivity.

Similar is the case with the archipelagos of the Andaman and Nicobar and the Lakshadweep where sunrise and sunset timings are different from the mainland. — PTI

Rural Haryana has become open defecation free: state govt

CHANDIGARH, June 22: All rural areas, including 6,025 gram panchayats in the State have been declared ODF," Dhankar said.

Lauding the people of the State, he said that a significant role had been played by women officers and representatives of panchayati raj institutions for making this "difficult" task achievable.

The rural areas of the State have, in fact, achieved the target before urban areas, the minister said.

"After Prime Minister

Narendra Modi set the goal of achieving ODF status in the country by 2019, the State took it upon itself the challenge to become ODF by 2017... As per a survey conducted in 2012, of the total 30,24 lakh rural households in the State, 7,3 lakh households were without toilets.

"Today, more than 7,51 lakh toilets have been constructed and 100 per cent coverage of toilets in rural areas has been achieved," he said. — PTI

request the Indian government to help us in building a mausoleum in Karachi as Hassan saab enjoyed a huge fan following across the border," he said.

Hassan, the melodious voice behind evergreen hits like 'Patta patta, boota boota' and 'Kabhi Bichare' and known as Shehenshah-e-Ghazal, was born on July 18, 1927 in Luma village in Rajasthan's Jhunjhunu district. Post-Partition, he and his family migrated to Pakistan.

Arif said his father's grave is in a pathetic condition.

"Only fencing work was done and that too after our tireless efforts. There is a lot of filth and sewage water there. Kids play cricket and people rear their goats in the area. It has also become a hub for anti-social elements," he added. — PTI

Hassan's six sons Arif has requested the Indian government to help them out. "After arif's demise, the government had promised to build a library and a mausoleum in his memory. Five years have passed and we are still waiting. Last week, we observed his fifth death anniversary," Arif told PTI from Karachi. "We have run out of patience and so we

Sons seek India's help to build Mehdi Hassan mausoleum

NEW DELHI, June 22: Five years have passed since the voice of ghazal legend Mehdi Hassan fell silent and his sons now sought India's help for building a mausoleum of their illustrious father in Pakistan and better upkeep of his grave.

After his death in Karachi on June 13, 2012, the Pakistani government as well as the provincial government of Sindh had promised to build a mausoleum in his memory but so far no progress has been made, they claim.

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ASSISTANT PROFESSORS

SL. NO.	SUBJECTS	DATE	TIME	VENUE
1	Chemistry	22nd & 23rd June, 2017		
2	Zoology	24th & 25th June, 2017		
3	Botany	26th & 27th June 2017		
4	Mathematics	28th June, 2017		
5	Statistics	29th June, 2017		
6	Physics	30th June & 1st July, 2017		
7	Assamese	2nd & 3rd July, 2017		
8	English	4th & 5th July, 2017		

LIBRARIAN

SL. NO.	SUBJECTS	DATE	TIME	VENUE
9	Librarian	10th July, 2017	10 AM Onwards	DC Office Biswanath

CHOWKIDAR & GRADE IV

SL. NO.	SUBJECTS	DATE	TIME	VENUE
10	Chowkidar	11th July, 2017	10 AM	DC Office
11	Grade IV	12th July, 2017	Onwards	Biswanath

BEARER

SL. NO.	SUBJECTS	DATE	TIME	VENUE
12	Library Bearer	13th July, 2017	10 AM	DC Office
13	Laboratory Bearer	14th & 15th July, 2017	Onwards	Biswanath

SENIOR ASSISTANT

SL. NO.	SUBJECTS	DATE	TIME	VENUE
14	Sr. Asst.- Grade III	17th & 18th July, 2017	10 AM	DC Office Biswanath

JUNIOR ASSISTANT

SL. NO.	SUBJECTS	DATE	TIME	VENUE
15	Jr. Asst.	19th & 20th July, 2017	10 AM	DC Office Biswanath
16	Assistant Librarian	21st July, 2017	10 AM	DC Office Biswanath
17	Library Assistant	22nd July, 2017	10 AM	DC Office Biswanath

IMPORTANT:
ALL THE CANDIDATES ARE REQUESTED TO ATTEND THE INTERVIEW ALONG WITH THEIR SUPPORTING ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS AND ESPECIALLY THE PRC (ORIGINAL AND XEROX COPY, IF AVAILABLE)

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O.O. Order 75
SHORT TENDER NOTICE FOR SALE OF MINOR MINERALS

Sealed tenders in prescribed form affixing court fee stamp of Rs. 8.25 are invited from the intending tenderers, for grant of Mining Contract for collection Minor Minerals in 1.00 (One) ha. area inside RF/PRF as schedule below under various division in Assam, and will be received in the office of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer upto 3.00 PM (IST) of 14th July/2017. The tenders will be open on 14th July/2017 at 3.30 PM, in presence of interested tenderers or their representatives, in the concerned Divisional Forest Office.

In case, the office remains closed on that day for any unforeseen or unavoidable reason, the tenders will be received on the next working day, upto the same time and will be open at 3:30 PM. The intending tenderers may collect the detailed tender form / bidder documents from the office of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer, during working hours on payment of Rs.100/- (Rupees One Hundred) only through Treasury Challan for each tender form.

SL. No.	Name of the Division	Name of the Mining Contract Area	RF/PRF	Type of Minor Minerals	Minimum Stipulated quantity for 5 (Five) Year (M)	Earnest Money @10% on Reserved Price (Rs.)
1	Golaghat Division	1 No. Hanupani Sand Gravel Mahal	Doyang Reserve Forest	Sand & Gravel	Sand - 10,000 Gravel - 40,000	9,40,000.00
2	2 No. Hanupani Sand Gravel Mahal	Doyang Reserve Forest	Sand & Gravel	Sand - 10,000 Gravel - 40,000	9,40,000.00	
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5	Madhupur Gravel Mahal	Rengma Reserve Forest	Gravel	Gravel - 50,000	10,00,000.00	
6	Doyapuri Gravel Mahal	Rengma Reserve Forest	Gravel	Gravel - 50,000	10,00,000.00	
7	Silonjan Gravel Mahal	Rengma Reserve Forest	Gravel	Gravel - 50,000	10,00,000.00	
8	Kamrup East Division	Heleppu Stone Quarry No. 1	Budlung Reserve Forest	Stone	Stone- 50,000	10,00,000.00
9	Bonita Stone Quarry No. 1	Kumikhumatani PRF	Stone	Stone- 50,000	10,00,000.00	
10	Rakhyni No.A	Rakhyni PRF	Stone	Stone- 50,000	10,00,000.00	
11	Rakhyni No.B	Rakhyni PRF	Stone	Stone- 50,000	10,00,000.00	
12	Rakhyni No.C	Rakhyni PRF	Stone	Stone- 50,000	10,00,000.00	
13	Rakhyni No.D	Rakhyni PRF	Stone	Stone- 50,000	10,00,000.00	
14	Rakhyni No.E	Rakhyni PRF	Stone	Stone- 50,000	10,00,000.00	
15	Rakhyni No.F	Rakhyni PRF	Stone	Stone- 50,000	10,00,000.00	
16	Aie Valley Division	Bhairab Hill Stone Quarry	Bhairab Hill PRF	Stone	Stone- 50,000	10,00,000.00
17	North Kamrup Division	Gopeswar Stone Quarry No.4	Gopeswar Reserve Forest	Stone	Stone- 50,000	10,00,000.00
18		Gopeswar Stone Quarry No.5	Gopeswar Reserve Forest	Stone	Stone- 50,000	10,00,000.00
19		Gopeswar Stone Quarry No.6	Gopeswar Reserve Forest	Stone	Stone- 50,000	10,00,000.00
20		Gopeswar Stone Quarry No.7	Gopeswar Reserve Forest	Stone	Stone- 50,000	10,00,000.00
21		Gopeswar Stone Quarry No.8	Gopeswar Reserve Forest	Stone	Stone- 50,000	10,00,000.00
22		Boramboi Stone Quarry No. 1	Boramboi RF	Stone	50,000	10,00,000
23	Nagaon South Division	Buringanga Sand and Gravel Mahal	Daboka RF	Sand & Gravel	Sand - 10,000 Gravel - 40,000	9,40,000.00

The undersigned reserve the right to withdraw any or all of the above mentioned mining contract area from sale without any intimation and assigning any reason thereof.

Sd/- Principal Chief Conservator of Forest

& Head of Forest Force, Assam

Aranya Bhawan, Panjabari, Guwahati - 37.

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Those who celebrated Pak's win should live there: Rizvi

NEW DELHI, June 22: Those who celebrated Pakistan team's victory in the recently-concluded ICC Champions Trophy final should go and live there, National Commission for Minorities (NCM) Chairman Gauri Hasan Rizvi has said.

Rizvi made the remarks in Meerut on Tuesday while responding to queries by journalists about reports of celebrations in parts of India after Pakistan won on last Sunday.

The NCM Chairman was in the Uttar Pradesh town to attend an iftar party.

Asked about the remarks, Rizvi today said he is firm on his comments. "Some people in India reportedly likened Pakistan's victory to Eid before Eid. I was asked about it... So, I said those who feel happy about Pakistan's victory should go and live there or they can be sent packing for their hearts lie in that country," he added.

Rizvi, appointed to the Commission last month, said he had refused to comment on the query, it would have meant he "supported" the celebrations by those who live in India but enjoy Pakistan's win.

"I feel those who did so, were on the wrong side. Therefore, I said what I said," the former leader of BJP's minority wing said.

According to media reports, 15 persons were arrested on sedition charges after they allegedly celebrated the neighbouring country's victory. Similar case was reported also from Kerala where 23 persons were charged on a complaint by a BJP leader. - PTI

Strir against wall around defence land

THANE, June 22: The farmers protesting construction of a boundary wall around a plot of defence land in the district today set vehicles on fire and clashed with police, leaving 22 persons, including 12 police, injured.

The aggrieved farmers had earlier this month approached the Bombay High Court challenging the acquisition of over 1,600 acre land by the Ministry of Defence at Nevali for an airstrip requisitioned during the World War II.

According to the farmers, the land was requisitioned by the government through an order passed by the then Thane Collector in February 1943, under the Defence of India Rules. Farmers have challenged the validity of the requisition order.

The protests erupted after the Navy began constructing a peripheral wall to protect the around 1600 acre of the defence land from further encroachment.

The agitated farmers also blocked a busy road in the area by throwing burning tyres on it, the police said.

"Around 400 acre land has been encroached. The Navy has sought the State government's help to remove these encroachments and help us complete the perimeter wall building work," an official said.

Minister of State for Defence Subhash Bhamre told PTI that a meeting has been convened on the issue in New Delhi on June 29. - PTI

India's eye in the sky to get sharper, wider

HYDERABAD, June 22: India's 'eye in the sky' is set to become sharper and wider with the launch of a third spacecraft in Cartosat-2 series – a dedicated satellite for defence forces – from the Sriharikota spaceport tomorrow.

The previous satellite in the series had a resolution of 0.8 metres and the images it took on India's neighbourhood had helped New Delhi carry out surgical strikes on seven terror-launch pads across the Line of Control last year, ISRO sources said.

The latest remote sensing satellite slated to be launched

on board PSLV-C38 tomorrow morning has a resolution of 0.6 metres, which means it can spot even smaller objects. "It can recognise objects within that square (0.6 m by (0.6 m), an ISRO official told PTI on condition of anonymity.

"Defense surveillance will get a leg-up. It can be used in identifying terrorist camps and bunkers... some formations."

Once this satellite becomes operational, it would be "handed over" to the defence forces, which have their own "set-up," including ground-stations and trained manpower to access data.

On the need to have a third

satellite in the series, the official said, "The revisit time is the one which determines your data accessibility. More the number of satellites, the better and shorter revisit time you will have and more data you will get."

"They (Cartosat-2 series) are agile satellites – agile in the sense they can take pictures of the places that you want, you can choose and programme it," he said.

According to ISRO, the latest spacecraft is similar in configuration to earlier satellites in the series with the objective of providing high-resolution

Online system to process graft cases against govt employees

NEW DELHI, June 22: To cut delay, an online system to process corruption cases against government employees was launched here today.

Minister of State for Personnel and Training Jitendra Singh said the new system will expedite the proceedings against such employees. The online system for monitoring of disciplinary proceedings will make the whole system transparent and cut down time.

"While we proceed to punish corrupt expeditiously, the government is ensuring that those doing their job honestly do not suffer or face any harassment," he said after launching the system.

According to Central Vigilance Commission (CVC), 3,500 government officers working in various departments are being probed for their alleged involvement in corruption.

A CVC study had also pointed out that government departments take about three years

on average to complete disciplinary proceedings against government employees.

He said bureaucrats are essential tool for good governance and that they should not be

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SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER
The Chief Engineer PWD (ROADS), Assam, Chandmari, Guwahati-3 invites Bids on behalf of Governor of Assam for the work "Development of a new office at Chandmari Industrial Complex or SBI Dispur".
Bharat ABBHYAN under CSR initiative of OIL India Limited" from approved & eligible Contractors of PWD, Assam amending to Rs. 24,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Four Lakh and Forty Thousand/-) inclusive of Construction cost and 2(2) years maintenance cost. Details may be seen at website www.assamatenders.gov.in. Annexure-A, Annexure-B, Annexure-C, Annexure-D and further notifications shall appear in this website and also at the office of the undersigned during office hours. The contractor shall be required to register with Electronic Tendering System (ETS) of PWD, Assam website www.assamatenders.gov.in.
Sd/- Chief Engineer PWD (Roads), Assam, Chandmari, Guwahati-3
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NOTICE

In pursuance of Govt. Letter No.HLB.506/2016/Pl-I/3 dated 22nd June 2017 the date of submission of EoI for setting up of 100 Yoga Blocks is hereby extended further upto 3:00 PM of 30th June/2017 and will be opened at 3:30 PM on same date at the office of the Director of AYUSH, Assam.

Sd/- Deputy Director of AYUSH, Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-6
Jansanyog/1399/17

No. CS/CE/BLD/ELECT/71/2016-17/26

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Dated: 16.06.2017

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Sd/- Chief Engineer PWD, (Building), Jansanyog/1365/17
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IMPORTANT DATES OF THE E-TENDER

S.No.	Scheduled	Start Date	Start Time	End Date	End Time
1.	e- Tender Publishing	23-06-2017	11:00 AM	-	-
2.	e- Tender Download	23-06-2017	11:00 AM	24-07-2017	12:00 Noon
3.	Pre-Bid meeting	30-06-2017	11:30 AM	-	-
4.	Bid Submission	01-07-2017	11:30 AM	24-07-2017	1:00 PM

Brief Schedule	SL. No.	Description (Name of Items)	Bid Security (E.M.D.)	Delivery/Installation schedule/Completion period	Tender fees in Rs.	Eligibility
1.	Details of the 21 nos. item list may please be seen in the e-tender	10,000 lakhs	25 days	Rs.5,000/-	Manufacturer/ accredited Dealer	

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Jansanyog/639/17

Book traces Delhi's journey through printed maps

NEW DELHI, June 22:

The siege of

Delhi,

structures during World War II

and key memorials,

roads and market-

places – these are some of the interesting

aspects brought to light in a new book

which presents an exquisite study of the

maps of Delhi, from the onset of the 19th

century till the master plan of 2021.

In "Maps of Delhi", Italian architect

Pilar Maria Guerrieri seeks to

the development of the city's planning,

the diversity of its cartography and the

impact that foreign influences have had

upon it. Published by Nyiyoga Books, it

is based on a first organised collection

of the maps of the city, which

unfold through the maps, mirrors the

political, social, and historical progres-

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The author says the collection ena-

bles a study of the territory as such,

further helps in understanding the

relationships between its individual parts

while facilitating an analysis of the

morphologies that developed within.

The maps indicate varying pur-

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tourism, complex irrigation or sew-

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The book includes a chronology of

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sion of the city they represent." - PTI



Police officers inspecting a route ahead of the 140th Rath Yatra of Lord Jagannath in Ahmedabad on Thursday. - UNI

Seeking loan waiver has become fashion these days: Venkaiah

MUMBAI, June 22: Union Minister Venkaiah Naidu today said seeking loan waiver has become a "fashion" now, but it is not the final solution and should be considered in extreme situations.

Farmers in Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Odisha recently protested over various issues concerning them, including the demand for waiving off their loans.

"Most importantly we should create adequate infrastructure and facilities, like godowns, cold storage, refriger-

ator vans, among others. Also, we will have to ensure that affordable credit is available to these farmers," Naidu said.

So far States like Maharashtra, Karnataka, Uttarakhand,

and Goa have announced loan waiver schemes for farmers.

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set up a state-run carrier Air India, Naidu said the government's role is more of a facilitator and an administrator which should focus on creating infrastructure.

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ISIS targets children to hold Mosul civilians hostage: UN



BAGHDAD, June 22: Fighters for the ISIS group are targeting children in Mosul to prevent civilians from fleeing the city as Iraqi forces push into the last stronghold held by the militants there, the United Nations said today.

The UN children's agency said it has documented a number of cases in which ISIS fighters killed the children of families trying to escape from neighbourhoods controlled by the militants.

"They are using children as a weapon of war to prevent people from

fleeing," said UNICEF's Iraq representative, Peter Hawkins. "This just highlights how indiscriminate and catastrophic this war is."

Iraqi

fighters are slowly clearing the last pockets of ISIS fighters from Mosul's old city in an operation launched earlier this week. But an estimated 100,000 civilians packed into the dense terrain have slowed progress.

UNICEF said 1,075 Iraqi children have been killed and 1,130 wounded since ISIS militants overran nearly a third of Iraq in 2014.

In the past six months alone, violence in Iraq has killed 152 children and injured 255, it said. In addition, the agency said, more than 1 million children have had their educations put on hold by either militant rule or displacement.

Children have also been forced to take part in violence. UNICEF said at least 231 children under the age of 18 were recruited by ISIS and other armed groups.

"The country's future security and economic strength is determined by what is happening to its children today," Hawkins said.

The fight to retake Mosul is estimated to have killed and injured thousands of civilians. The Iraqi government says more than 850,000 people have been forced from their homes by the operation, which was launched in October. On the city's west, entire blocks have been flattened by clashes, airstrikes and artillery fire.

Late yesterday, the al-Nuri Mosque and iconic leaning minaret in the Old City were destroyed. Iraqi and coalition officials said ISIS fighters blew up the landmarks. ISIS released a statement blaming an US airstrike. - AP

Russia has no info on Baghdadi's fate: official

MOSCOW, June 22: Russia said today it has no information on the fate of Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, the chief of the ISIS terror group, nearly a week after the Russian military said it may have killed him in an airstrike.

"I have got nothing (to report)," the Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said when asked to comment on the possible death of Baghdadi in Syria last month.

The Russian Foreign Ministry has no information on the fate of the ISIS' leader al-Baghdadi, Zakharova was quoted as saying by the official Tass news agency.

The airstrike was conducted on May 28 on a command post where the ISIS leaders were discussing exit routes for militants from Raqa

Last Friday, the Russian Defence Ministry reported that Baghdadi had been presumably killed by the airstrike on Raqa's southern suburbs carried out by Russian warplanes.

According to the ministry, the airstrike was conducted on May 28 on a command post where the ISIS leaders were discussing exit routes for militants from Raqa through the so-called southern corridor.

US defence officials last week said they were unable to confirm the reports about Baghdadi's death.

There have been a number of previous reports of Baghdadi's death or being critically injured by US-led coalition air strikes.

Baghdadi has not been seen in public since proclaiming himself "caliph" in the Iraqi city of Mosul three years ago. - PTI



Protesters rally outside the federal court just before a hearing to consider a class-action lawsuit filed on behalf of Iraqi nationals facing deportation, in Detroit, Michigan, US on Wednesday. - UNI

Around the WORLD

Holding your partner's hand can 'ease her pain'

WASHINGTON, June 22: Dads-to-be, take note! You may be more useful in the labour room than you realise, as a study has found that holding your partner's hand during birth may help ease respiratory rates and dissipates heat.

The study of 22 couples is the latest in a growing body of research on "interpersonal synchronisation," the phenomenon in which individuals begin to physiologically mirror the people they are with.

"The more empathetic the partner and the stronger the analgesic effect, the higher the synchronisation between the two when they are touching," said Pavel Goldstein from University of Colorado at Boulder in the US. - PTI

Breastfeeding may cut heart attack, stroke risk

NEW YORK, June 22: Breastfeeding is not only healthy for the baby, but also reduces the mother's risk of suffering a heart attack or stroke later in life, a study claims. Researchers, including those from the University of Oxford in the UK, found that breastfed mothers who breastfed their babies had a nine per cent lower risk of heart disease and an eight per cent lower risk of stroke. - PTI

Rare US total solar eclipse

WASHINGTON, June 22: For the first time in almost a century the United States is preparing for a coast-to-coast solar eclipse, a rare celestial event millions of Americans, with caution, will be able to observe.

During the eclipse on August 21 – the first of its kind since 1918 – the moon will pass between the sun and Earth, casting a dark shadow across the US, partially obscuring the sun's corona as well as bright stars and planets. Observers will be able to see the moon's 70-mile wide shadow from Oregon in the west to South Carolina in the east over the course of more than two daylight hours, with two minutes of darkness engulfing 14 states. - AFP

At UN, India raises questions about source of terror funding

UNITED NATIONS, June 22: In a veiled reference to Pakistan, India has asked the UN member states to find the source from where the "anti-government elements" in Afghanistan were getting weapons, training and funds to fight one of the biggest collective military forces in the world.

"We see a growing tendency of treating violence in Afghanistan as a routine occurrence. Brutalities by terrorist and criminal networks are ignored under the label of anti-government elements or a consequence of a civil and political conflict. In doing so, we appear to be failing in asking some crucial questions," India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador

Syed Akbaruddin said yesterday.

Mincing no words, Akbaruddin speaking at a Security Council debate on Afghanistan, questioned where are these anti-government elements getting their weapons, training and funds from?

"Where do they find safe havens and sanctuaries? How is it that these elements have stood up against one of the biggest collective military efforts in the world? How is it that these elements collaborate with the world's most dreadful terrorists in killing and brutalising the Afghans?" he asked.

Akbaruddin's remarks ap-

Pakistan, which is accused by both India and Afghanistan of supporting, training and funding terrorist groups.

He also asserted that the international community should not differentiate between good and bad terrorists, as they are admonished attempts to play one group against the other.

"The Taliban, Haqqani Network, Al-Qaeda, Daesh, Lashkar-e-Taiba, Jaish-e-Mohammad and others of their ilk are all terror organisations, many of them proscribed by the UN. They should be treated like terrorist organisations with no justifications offered for their activities," he said. - PTI



Members of Saudi Arabia's royal family and dignitaries attend an allegiance-pledging ceremony for Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman in Mecca, Saudi Arabia on Wednesday. - UNI

Muslim-majority Arab nations join celebrations

CAIRO/DUBAI, June 22: Muslim-majority countries Egypt and the UAE joined the world in celebrating the third International Yoga Day with a large number of people performing yogic asanas which have gained popularity in the two Arab countries over the years.

In Egypt, the most populous Arab country, a large number of people gathered before Iftar at the Baron Palace, a distinctive historic Indian-inspired mansion in Helipolis, to practice yoga with professional trainers. In his speech during the celebration, India's Ambassador to Egypt Sanjay Bhattacharya thanked the Indian ambassador and Ministry of Antiquities for their

support in organising the event. He said Indian Embassy chose this year to hold the event at the Baron Palace as it is the only building in Egypt with architecture which is similar to Indian temples. "We have been changing the

International Yoga Day

venues of the celebrations for the past years. The first time was at the India House (in Zamalek), last year it was at Al-Azhar Park and this year we thought to bring it to India," the ambassador said.

He said the celebration was held later in the day and not early in the morning due to the holy month of

Ramadan. Muslims observe fast during the day time in Ramadan. Besides Cairo, the Indian Embassy is organising another IDY celebrations at the beachfront of Sheraton Montazah Hotel, Alexandria and at Nadi Momi, Gama-al-

50, the Indian envoy said. Yoga is one of the major classes offered by the Maulana Azad Centre for Indian Culture in Cairo and it is attended by a large number of people from different governorates in Egypt.

"I have been practicing yoga for years and I am so happy that there is a yoga championship in Egypt," said 27-year-old yoga trainer Amina Habib, who participated in the yoga championship last month and received the first award in the category of above 18 years old.

"I think that now Egyptians became more understandable for yoga, which is the science of the right living. It changes the body shape and benefit the soul," she added. - PTI

Adams, Jamaica

Although yoga is part of India's intangible cultural heritage, it has emerged as a global brand and is now being practiced internationally, including in Arab countries.

During the past few years, schools and centres that teach yoga in Egypt have increased to about

50, the Indian envoy said.

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Prince Philip leaves hospital

LONDON, June 22: Queen Elizabeth II's husband Prince Philip was today discharged from a hospital in London after being admitted as a "precautionary measure" for an infection arising from a pre-existing condition.

The Duke of Edinburgh was admitted to King Edward VII Hospital in central London, Buckingham Palace said.

The 96-year-old was said to be in "good spirits" after his two-night hospital stay. He was admitted as a "precautionary measure" for an infection arising from a pre-existing condition.

It is understood the duke was not admitted to hospital as an emergency but, on a doctor's advice, was driven from Windsor Castle on Tuesday evening.

A Buckingham Palace statement said: "The Duke of Edinburgh was admitted to King Edward VII Hospital in London, as a precautionary measure, for treatment of an infection arising from a pre-existing condition".

"Prince Philip is in good spirits and is disappointed to be missing the State Opening of Parliament and Royal Ascot".

According to reports, the pre-existing condition is likely to be the recurrence of the bladder infection the royal suffered from twice in 2012. He was also treated for a blocked coronary artery in 2011. - PTI

Six killed in Cameroon suicide attack

YAOUNDE, June 22: A double suicide attack killed six civilians in Cameroon's restive Far North, which is regularly hit by Nigeria-based Boko Haram jihadists, security sources said.

The deadly blasts happened yesterday in Kolofta, where nine people died in a double suicide bombing in early June.

"There were eight killed, six civilians and the two attackers," a source close to Cameroon's security service said of yesterday's violence.

Another security source confirmed the death toll, but no further details were immediately available.

The Far North region, which borders Nigeria, has seen a resurgence in attacks blamed on Boko Haram after months of relative calm.

In mid-June two civilians were killed in an attack in Limani, which is near Kolofta and the Nigerian border. Earlier in the month a soldier was also killed in Kolofta. - AFP

Pit bull mauls 2 kids strapped in car seats

LANCASTER (US), June 22: A pit bull burst through a backyard fence, made its way into a nearby minivan and mauled two young children as they sat helplessly strapped into their seats, police said. For years Helmand proved, which of Lashkar Gah is the capital, was the centre-piece of the Western military intervention in Afghanistan, but it has recently slipped deeper into a quagmire of instability.

The Taliban effectively controlled or contested 10 of the 14 districts in Helmand, blighted by a huge opium harvest that helps fund the insurgency, and has repeatedly threatened to seize Lashkar Gah. - AFP

Myanmar forces kill 3 in raid on 'terror camps'

YANGON, June 22: Myanmar security forces have killed three people in raids on "terrorist" training camps run by Rohingya Muslim militants in the north of Rakhine state, state media reported yesterday.

The government has refused to allow a UN fact-finding mission to investigate.

The training camps found this week were allegedly run by the same group that carried out the October raids that killed nine policemen, according to state media.

The report said security forces killed three "armed attackers in self-defence" during the two day clearance operation, which was launched after they received a tip off the militants were training inside a secret tunnel at night.

The militants, now called the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA), were subsidized by "foreign monetary aids" and spent months training recruits in martial arts and the use of light weapons, according to the government report. - AFP

Several other people in the area also helped the mother, who drove to a nearby hospital after the dog was removed from the vehicle. She was treated for scratches, but her children are being treated for serious injuries.

The mayhem ended when the owner of the 5-year-old pit bull terrier came out and secured the dog, authorities said.

The dog's owner is cooperating with the ongoing investigation, and the dog is in quarantine.

No charges have been filed,

and the identities of those involved have not yet been released.

The Lancaster police department did not immediately respond to requests for more details. - AP

'Pak downing Iran drone won't enable India to drive wedge'

BEIJING, June 22: India will not succeed in driving "a wedge" between Iran and Pakistan by "hyping" the USD 50 billion China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, a Chinese expert said, days after Pakistan shot down an Iranian "spy" drone.

An Iranian drone allegedly on a "spying mission" was shot down by a Chinese-made PAF JF-17 Thunder fighter jet in Baluchistan's Panjgur area on June 19.

Pakistani Foreign Office told media that the Iranian drone was shot down by a JF-17 after it ventured "deep inside Pakistani airspace" on a spying mission.

China is concerned about deterioration of ties between Iran and Pakistan as it apprehends that it will affect the CPEC which connects Gwadar Port in Balochistan near Iranian border with China's Xinjiang.

However, a Chinese expert asserted that

the downing of the Iranian drone by a Pakistani Air Force (PAF) fighter jet will not affect ties between the two countries, State-run *Global Times* reported.

"India won't succeed in driving a wedge between Iran and Pakistan by hyping the USD 50 billion China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)," the expert said.

"The downing of the drone is not an indication of cooling Pakistan-Iran relations,"

Hua Liming, a former Chinese ambassador to Iran, was quoted by the report.

The project is opposed by Baloch nationalists over concerns that it will further entice people from the powerful Punjab province to strengthen grip on their resource-rich province. India has protested to China over the project as it traverses through the areas of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK).

"Although Pakistan enjoys close ties with

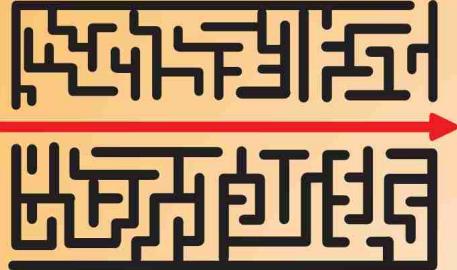
Saudi Arabia, which is Iran's arch rival in the Middle East, Islamabad practices an independent foreign policy, since it doesn't follow Riyadh on many issues, including breaking off ties with Qatar and getting involved militarily in Yemen," Hua said.

Iran and Pakistan are neighbours and their relations have not experienced too many problems. But India is trying to make Iran believe that the CPEC, especially the con-

struction of the Gwadar port, will also impair Iran's interests, so the two countries might experience some friction, Hua said.

"China hopes their ties remain healthy and stable since they are all friendly to China," Hua added.

There is tension between the two countries since April 26 when 10 Iranian border guards were killed in a militant attack near the Pakistan border. - PTI



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Bairstow seals England rout of S Africa



England's Jonny Bairstow smashes an unbeaten half-century during the 1st T20I against South Africa at the Ageas Bowl, on Wednesday.

Malinga in hot water over 'monkey' comment

COLOMBO, June 22: Sri Lanka fast bowler Lasith Malinga faced an investigation today after he compared a government minister to a monkey following criticism that the country's cricketers were too fat.

Sports minister Dayasiri Jayasekera said he ordered an inquiry after Malinga lambasted him for questioning the endurance of Sri Lankan players following their failure to reach the Champions Trophy semifinals.

"He is now under investigation for making statements to the media in breach of his contract with Sri Lanka Cricket (board)," Jayasekera told AFP.

"In my criticism of the appalling fitness levels of our players, I did not name Malinga, but he has chosen to put the hat on and attack me publicly."

Malinga told a television network the minister knew nothing about cricket.

"I don't care about criticism from those who are simply warming chairs," he said. "What does a monkey know about a parrot's nesting hollow? This is like a monkey getting into a parrot's nest and talking about it." Jayasekera said some Sri Lankan players had pot bellies that stopped them moving and that often they could not hold catches. - AFP

SOUTHAMPTON, June 22: Jonny Bairstow made a dashing 60 not out as England thrashed South Africa by nine wickets in the first Twenty20 international at Southampton on Wednesday.

England, who just 143 to win, reached their target for the loss of only one wicket with 33 balls left.

Opener Alex Hales was 47 not out, his unbroken second-wicket stand with Bairstow worth 98 runs. But the foundations for a victory which put England 1-0 up in this three-match series were laid by their bowlers.

They restricted South Africa to 142 for three after Proteas skipper AB de Villiers took the toss.

De Villiers made 50 not out and Farhaan Behardien an unbeaten 64 in an innings where fast bowler Mark Wood took two for 36.

The fourth-wicket pair's unbroken partnership was worth 110 runs after they came together with South Africa 32 for three – which represented a recovery after they had slumped to seven for two.

But South Africa's total still looked short of a competitive score on what is usually a good batting pitch.

Spinners Liam Dawson (four overs for 17 runs) and debutant Mason Crane (four overs for 24) both bowled tidy

on their Hampshire home ground.

"The result doesn't look good for us," de Villiers told Sky Sports.

"We lost our way at the start, had to rebuild and we were 20-30 runs short in the end," the skipper added after a match where South Africa failed to get the boost they were looking for after their first-round exit in the Champions Trophy one-day international tournament.

Bairstow's innings followed his 43, made after replacing Jason Roy, in England's eight-wicket Champions Trophy semi-final loss to eventual tournament winners Pakistan in Cardiff last week.

"I'm trying to progress all the time and I played a few shots I didn't have a few months ago," said Test wicketkeeper Bairstow, whose fifty took just 29 balls. England captain Eoin Morgan paid tribute to Dawson and Crane by saying: "Our spinners were impressive and never let AB and Farhaan get away from us."

"They managed to tie down one of the best players of our generation (of Villiers) and a very good international cricketer (Behardien)."

England new-ball duo David Willey and Wood both struck with their opening deliveries.

Left-arm paceman Willey had Jon-

Jon Smuts out for a golden duck when he pushed forward tentatively and played on. Wood then followed suit when Reeza Hendricks pulled his first ball to a leaping Willey at mid-wicket. Left-hander David Miller fell for nine when caught behind off Wood.

De Villiers, stepping well outside of stump, slog-swept Willey to complete a 49-ball fifty. Behardien pulled Wood for four for his fifty and next ball hit him straight back over his head for six but it was little too late.

Roy, returning to England duty, was in good touch. After managing just 51 runs in eight One-Day International innings so far this season, Roy made 92 for Surrey in their One-Day Cup semi-final win over Worcestershire last week.

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South Africa: J Smuts b Willey 0, R Hendricks c Willey b Wood 1, C Jordan b Willey 9, F Behardien not out 64, D Miller b Willey 9, F Behardien not out 64. Extras: (w) 1 Total: (3 wickets; 20 overs) 142. Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-7, 3-32. Bowling: D Willey 4-0-31-0, M Wood 4-0-36-2, C Jordan 4-0-31-0, L Dawson 4-0-37-0, M Crane 0-24-0.

England: J Roy c Behardien b Willey 26, A Hales c Behardien b Wood 50, L Dawson 4-0-31-0, M Wood 4-0-36-2, C Jordan 4-0-31-0, L Dawson 4-0-37-0, M Crane 0-24-0. Extras: (w) 20, (b) 10. Total: (1 wicket; 14.2 overs) 143. Fall of wickets: 1-45. Bowling: J Smuts 3-0-20-0, W Parnell 2-0-26-0, A Philander 1-0-11-1, Imran Tahir 3-0-37-0, T Strevens 3-0-23-0, D Prentis 2-0-20-0. - AFP

Will never reveal dressing-room details: Kohli

PORTE OF SPAIN, June 22: Opening up for the first time, Virat Kohli today said that he will never reveal dressing-room details, in an apparent reference to the now retired coach Anil Kumble's statement that their partnership had become "untenable".

Kumble stepped down a couple of days back due to differences with the India captain.

Kohli said "he respects" Kumble's decision to quit and that there is highest regard for him as a player.

"Obviously Anil bhai has expressed his views and he has taken a decision to step out and we will respect that decision. It's something that has happened right after the tournament," Kohli said on the eve of the first ODI against the West Indies.

While he felt that Kumble is entitled to his opinion, in a roundabout manner, the skipper spoke about how dressing room details are sacred to him, which, at any cost, can't be shared with the public.

"One thing for sure is that I have had 11 press conferences that have happened during the Champions Trophy. We have created a culture over the last 3-4 years that whatever happens in the change room, we have tried to maintain the sanctity of the change room throughout. That is what the whole team believes in. For us that is paramount," Kohli stated.

The skipper said that he and his players respect Kumble's achievements as a player.

"I have total respect for him as a cricketer and what he has achieved for the nation. All the years that he has played. There's no taking away that aspect of him at all. And we all respect him totally." Kohli very consciously made it clear that he won't talk about coach Kumble's role. - PTI

Hermitage cat fur-casts winners in Confed Cup

SAINT PETERSBURG, June 22: A white cat named Achilles who normally keeps down mice at Saint Petersburg's famed Hermitage museum has begun work as the official forecaster for the Confederations Cup hosted by Russia.

The cat – hired in a blaze of publicity – fastidiously chose between bowls of food decked with national flags on Thursday, picking between Australia and Cameroon which were to play later in the day.

Australia came first by a whisker after Achilles jumped onto the bowl. He previously correctly predicted that Russia would beat New Zealand last week.

Known as Akhill, the Russian name for Greek mythological hero Achilles, he is one of some 50 feline guardians at the revered classical art museum and former tsarist Winter Palace.



The cats keep down vermin in exchange for lodgings in the cellar and have become a tourist attraction in their own right, featured on calendars. Staff periodically give away kittens with the sought-after Hermitage pedigree.

"We chose Akhill for this role due to his very sociable and stress-resistant nature," said Maria Khatunen, who is responsible for the museum's cats.

The white-furred blue-eyed cat aged around one will not be susceptible to a quiet word from either side, since he is deaf, Khatunen said. - AFP

Afghanistan, Ireland get Test status

LONDON, June 22: In a very significant development in cricketing world, the war-torn Afghanistan today were confirmed as 'Full Member' of ICC thereby granting them Test status alongside Ireland as the 11th and 12th nation respectively.

Afghanistan has made rapid strides with their premier leg-spinner Rashid Khan making waves in T20 franchise leagues including IPL. Recently, they beat West Indies in an ODI drawning an away series 1-1.

Afghanistan Cricket Board Chief Executive Shafiq Stanizai said: "For a nation like Afghanistan, it is a huge and remarkable achievement, the entire nation will be celebrating across all five regions and different provinces, it is the perfect Eid gift."

"Everyone has wanted for this news and has been so keen to hear this news. Afghanistan Cricket has gone from strength to strength and we dreamt that this would happen and today it has become a reality."

Cricket Ireland Chief Executive Warren Deutsrom was ecstatic. "We are delighted and proud with today's historic announcement. It is an extraordinary testament to the talent and endeavour of thousands of passionate players, coaches, volunteers, staff, clubs and committee people." - PTI

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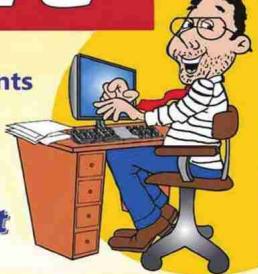


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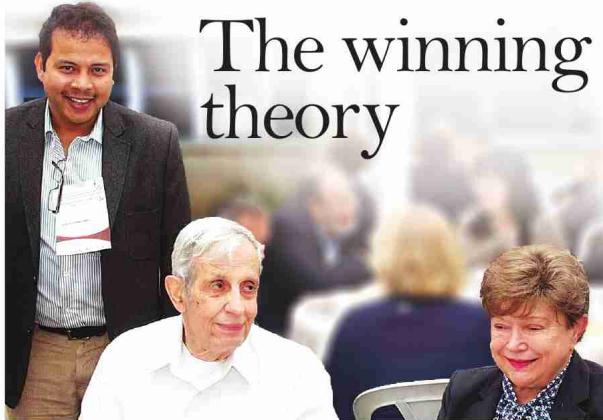
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ANKUR BORA on how John Nash's game theory can change our outlook on diverse issues.

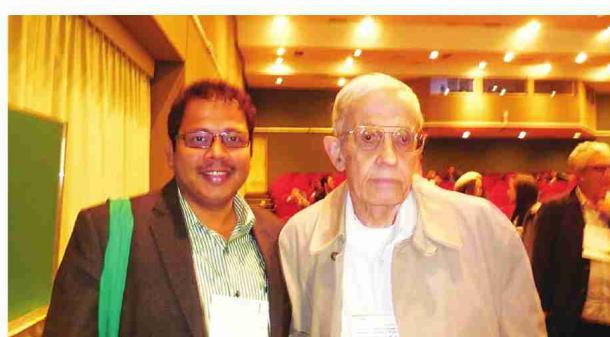
Washington, D.C., December 1994: In the ballroom of a downtown hotel, a most unusual auction was in progress. For sale was nothing but air – airwaves that could be used for a new generation of cell phones, pagers and other wireless communication devices. Hailed as the greatest auction ever, the event garnered more than seven billion, dispensing more than 2,500 licenses, thereby breaking all records for the sale of public groups in America. The brain behind this auction was an unlikely group of economic theoreticians and experts in the mathematical field of game theory. These economists had been using Nash equilibrium, as it became known, in a conceptually simple but powerful mathematical tool to develop a detailed picture of how bidders would behave in different types of auctions and which strategies work best in such a competitive situation – and the equilibrium theory passed with flying colours.

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, October 1994: Carl-Olof

Jacobson, the Secretary General was revealing the announcement of Economics Nobel Prize to John Forbes Nash, "the greatest moment" – he later said of his 20-year tenure at the academy. The saga of Nash's Nobel Prize is almost as extraordinary as the life story of the laureate. Regarded as one of the greatest mathematicians of the 20th century, John Nash was awarded for his seminal work on game theory, or the mathematical study of decision-making. Although it was his devastating mental illness that has been more familiar to a wider audience, thanks to the 2001 Oscar-winning film *A Beautiful Mind*, in which his character was played by Russell Crowe. In the late 1940s, mathematician Nash, then a young graduate student at Princeton, realised that in any finite game there is always a way for players to choose their strategies so that none will wish they had done something else. In his PhD thesis, Nash came up with the notion of a "strategic equilibrium", a collection of strategies, one for each player, such that if all the players follow these strategies, no individual

player has an incentive to switch to a different strategy. Nash's famous equilibrium, perhaps, was the most important idea in economic analysis, though it took several decades to take root. Today, game theory is applied in a wide range of goods and services, including electric power, timber contracts, online auction services such as eBay and multi-billion-dollar government sales.

University of São Paulo, Brazil, July 2014: An international workshop on game theory and economic applications of the game theory was taking place, attended by prominent game theorists and leading economists from around the world, including John Nash. Among the participants was a young Assamese Dr Surajit Bordotoksey. Surajit is a Math enthusiast who has had the distinction of winning the national award for the Best Research Paper in Mathematical Science at the Indian Science Congress, as well as the Indo-U.S. Research Fellowship at Louisiana State University, USA. He is currently a Professor of Mathematics, Dibrugarh University. In the summer of 2014,



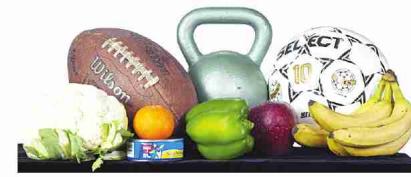
Surajit was invited to present a paper at this workshop. The conferences provided Surajit an excellent opportunity to hear from world-renowned mathematicians – the most memorable was the plenary lecture by John Nash. "He was by far the most charismatic speaker in the conference," Surajit said about his incredible meeting with the Nobel laureate. "Dr Nash was warm, easy to approach, and easy to talk to. Our brief conversation covered everything from my work in the Cooperative Game Theory to Assam tea. I was very excited to meet him in person, moments which I will cherish all my life." Over the years, I have been communicating with Surajit who is providing me an insight into game theory and how it can be applied to resolve some of the pressing issues of Assam.

The Subansiri Lower Hydroelectric Project, Gerukamukh, Assam-Arunachal border: Despite incurring a staggering 6,600 crores, the hydroelectric project ended up in a stalemate. Game theory exponents like Surajit would call it a problem in resource sharing. The opposing party, i.e. Assamese people, feel that the other party, i.e. mainland India, is exploiting Northeast's hydel resources for its benefits, while it is Assam alone who will suffer the eco-system damage and loss of land. They believe New Delhi, while setting the rules, is not assessing the serious threats to the livelihoods of the hundreds of thousands of Assamese people who depend on small-scale fishing and subsistence agriculture in the downstream areas. As per game theory, it is not a fair deal. Assam with the downstream area should have been the dominant player, not the other way around. Surajit says, "There should be an alternative set of rules which will take on board the concerns of Assamese people. The people of Assam should be included as players in this game along with the other beneficiaries and given their due share of the resource."

Kaziranga National Park: A world heritage site, the park hosts two-thirds of the world's great one-horned rhinoceros. However, the population of rhinos, of late, is under grave threat because of poachers. Rhino poaching, though, has yet another dimension – the poor socio-economic condition of the local communities. Many of the poor villagers are lured into working for poachers. "In the present context the poachers have no better option than poaching," Surajit feels that there is no solution as long as the problem is treated as a law and order issue alone – "If we provide a better strategy for their livelihood as it is done in some cases where the hunters are assigned with the responsibility of protecting the forest, the equilibrium will shift from stalemate to co-operation and better results would certainly follow."

Like Surajit Bordotoksey, there are a great number of young men and women who have been able to draw upon the wealth of basic research into game theory and its applications. John Nash, the founder of game theory would surely have approved. Figuring out the winning strategy, after all, is the name of the game.

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Performance nutrition

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Nutrition is a critical aspect of an athlete's performance. In fact, sound nutrition principles can often be the difference between winning and losing. It is often the talented athletes who put in the hours in training, fail to go beyond a certain level. In most cases, lack of optimum nutrition is the culprit. Nutrient quality, proportion and timing all play critical roles in any athletic performance. Remember, Mahavir Singh Phogat cooking chicken for his daughters in Dangal?

Every sport has its own particular nutritional requirements. For making an appropriate nutrition plan, we first have to determine the energy requirement of the given sport. Our energy metabolism can be broadly divided into three categories. Depending on the energy pathway that is used in any given sport, we can narrow down on the macronutrient profile that would be most suited for it. Besides that, other factors need to be taken into consideration like level and intensity of training; off-season, pre-season and in-season diets also vary. To put it simply, an athlete's diet planning needs to be dynamic and customised. Most athletes of our country in general and our region in particular falter in this critical aspect.

In a highly competitive environment an athlete needs to be at the top of his/her game in order to succeed. So every bit of training and preparation counts. You cannot expect to eat healthy one month before a competition and win. In order to reach the zenith in any particular sport, one needs to carefully plan and implement sound nutrition strategies, all year round.

Most athletes either do not understand the importance of nutrition or misunderstand them. Protein is a key nutrient for life and is of particular interest to

athletes. Most athletes require a higher level of protein intake than a sedentary individual. However, gulping down protein shakes is not the solution. It may be fashionable but not a prudent choice. Of course, protein does have their place in an athlete's diet, but cannot be the whole and soul of it. Nutrients are best absorbed from whole foods. Non-vegetarian athletes can easily consume eggs, fish, and chicken; all being good and complete sources of protein. Vegetarian athletes need to be making an extra effort to get in quality protein. Plant protein is incomplete by itself; so in order to get all the essential amino acids, they need to be mixed and made complete. For example, rice and beans combine and make a complete protein. Most Indian vegetarian diets allow the consumption of dairy; curd, milk, cheese, nuts and seeds, lentils, beans can fulfil the protein requirements of vegetarian athletes.

Whole wheat, brown rice, vegetables are good choices as far as carbohydrates are concerned. Another aspect which is overlooked is the importance of micro-nutrients in an athlete's diet. The body needs essential vitamins and minerals in order to perform at an optimal level. Sodium and potassium are important electrolytes that need to be replenished after training in our hot and humid conditions. For female athletes, iron, calcium and magnesium are especially important. Care should be taken to ensure adequate intake of these since young age. The best sources of micro-nutrients are fresh organic vegetables and fruits. Certain herbs and botanicals can also help in athletic performance.

Drinking too many "health" drinks, which are advertised widely, may have little or no benefits. Most of them are loaded with empty calories, which have little or no nutritional value. A diet high in processed and packaged food may be counterproductive for an athlete's goal.

Very often the body is unable to recognise highly processed foods and hence unable to absorb the nutrients (if any) present in them. As far as possible, the aim should be to get the required nutrients from locally available, fresh and organic produce.

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much-hyped American dramas and they are on their way to the top, rapidly, to replace the world's most watched American shows. In recent years, it has been claimed that it is not long before the K-Dramas become the world's most-watched TV shows.

Recently, the hit K-series *The Good Doctor* received a pilot order from ABC to be adapted to an American version. With K-Drama fans on a continuous rise all over the world, India has obviously not lagged behind. After the telecast of the K-Drama *Descendants of the Sun* (the most popular K-Drama of 2016) on Indian television channel Zindagi, the number of K-Drama fans in India has, no doubt, doubled.

Okay, let's now step into the addiction part! K-Drama is a kind of 'addiction' because once you watch one, you crave for another, the second one then leads to the third and the process continues. The internet becomes your friend as you get to know the characters and the actors by playing them and also read up on them on Wikipedia and on other celebrity sites. If you are seriously hardcore, you will even

learn the Korean language (*Hangul*) to get along without the English subtitles, and even install a *Hangul* keyboard in your mobile or PC for faster surfing. Before watching the shows, an addict will gather up everything (food, pillows, etc.) that s/he needs, and will start the struggle of battling the lure of the cliffhangers in each episode that leaves him/her squirming till the next episode. It offers a new topic of neverending conversation, if you meet an equally addicted fan.

But one good thing that comes from watching K-Dramas is that it helps to absorb information about Korean culture without the hassle of studying dreary books on them. You will even learn the basic everyday Korean words.

K-Dramas have evolved quite interestingly, as the plots are generally based on standard content found across human society, but these are topped up with elements of fiction and imagination. This is partially thanks to the strong fan-base from around the world and because of their love for Korean TV shows.

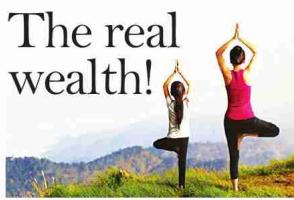
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The Korean addiction!

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You must be thinking that I'll tell you the same old thing about how substance addiction can put one's life at risk and that I will be talking about deadication techniques. But you're wrong. I am going to introduce you to a kind of addiction that is fun, not harmful at all, and also helps you learn many things. It's the great K-Drama (Korean Drama) addiction. Just watch one and you'll get addicted. With actors who are real eye-candies to heart touching stories and relatable plots, you will never want to leave this world once you enter it. With great scripts and talented actors, K-Dramas now are a threat to the

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Rains

At the end of the day, if one has to rate all the aspirations of the human civilisation from a degree of significance, the desire to increase the average lifespan continues to be priority number one. The dramatic increase in average life expectancy during the 20th century ranks as one of society's greatest achievements. Although, most babies born in 1900 did not live past age 50, life expectancy at birth now exceeds 83 years in Japan - the current leader - and is at least 81 years in several other countries. In the Indian context, we have made remarkable progress in improving average life expectancy numbers since Independence, with the present number being close to 70 years.

The credit for improved life expectancy numbers goes to advancements made in health science, medicines and availability of proper diet. But for a nation like ours, the challenge is still huge because of poverty, malnutrition and lack of basic healthcare facilities and general awareness on elementary health issues in the remote interiors. Interestingly, however, even in advanced nations, where apparently all the key factors that contribute to good health are in place, people are still grappling with a new challenge termed as lifestyle diseases. The main factors contributing to lifestyle diseases include bad food habits, physical inactivity, wrong body posture, and a disturbed biological clock.

Lifestyle diseases characterise those diseases whose occurrence is primarily based on daily habits of people and are a result of an inappropriate relationship of people with their environment. The western lifestyle, characterised by fast food, TV and PCs, has adversely impacted children as well as adults, and is producing increased numbers of overweight, passive youngsters with lifestyle diseases. As India progresses at a rapid pace, with the Indian middle class having more disposable income and propensity to spend, we are also, as a nation, exposed to the same health hazards that the advanced nations have had to tackle.

It will be the biggest tragedy of our times if we cannot learn from the experiences of the western world, which is now drawn towards the classical Indian moderate lifestyle with time-tested tools like yoga and meditation, and even food habits that in essence were designed by our ancestors to immunise the body and mind from health hazards. According to the World Health Organisation's (WHO) Global Burden of Disease Study, over 30 per cent adults in urban India, between 30 and 65 years of age, are seriously overweight; death from cardiovascular diseases is nearly 10 million; about eight lakh new cases of cancer are reported every year. Diabetes is projected to stake claim to 57 million people in 2025. And respiratory diseases by air pollution alone takes away two billion productive days every year. Yet, modern medicine could be superior in certain ways when it comes to fighting dreaded diseases of our times. But it is time that we explore the inherent strength of the great gift that we have received from our ancestors who had shown how prevention in itself shall always remain far superior to cure. The ancient Indian philosophy and the practice of yoga has now been globally accepted as a panacea to the modern-day scourge of the dreaded phrase: lifestyle disease. When the world celebrated International Yoga Day on June 21, it was also an appropriate time to reflect whether we, as Indians, have made good use of the rich culture and heritage that we have inherited from our forefathers... because if we don't take advantage of a proven life skill like yoga, which is our very own home-grown time-tested technique to strengthen our mental and physical immunity towards all the modern-day health hazards, it will, indeed, be a big tragedy.

Yes, we can't quite avoid the modern-day gadgets, the fast food or the daily stress of living on the edge on a day-to-day basis. But surely, we can ensure that our kids find a physical sport or activity they enjoy. We can avoid long sitting hours and take frequent breaks for stretching or for other works involving physical movements. We will all have worries but the best way to ensure that we do not end up getting generalised anxiety disorder (GAD) (which is all about excessive or unrealistic sense of concern about life's problems) is to make yoga and meditation a part of our lives, because all the wealth, happiness and accomplishments will be meaningless without good health. Life is not only about living long, but living healthy!

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LIFE SKILLS

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End of the Earth

Adorable, the Earth, Astonishing, the Nature, The soul of every life, But how we ruin Its tranquil soul! The Earth endures, The disquiet, There's something wrong, With us humans – The Superior beings! People should feel guilty – One day the Earth will die. Oh! We are its enemy! We, the people! Slowly... We are marching to The end of the Earth!

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SCIENCE ZONE

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Snake venom detection kits are available in some countries. The venom can be identified from a dry swab of the bite site, wound aspirate, or the victim's blood or urine.

Snake venom and antivenin

Snakebite is a common life-threatening condition in many temperate and tropical regions. Snake venom is produced in the modified parotid glands, normally responsible for secreting saliva. It is stored in structures called alveoli behind the animal's eyes, and ejected voluntarily through its hollow tubular fangs. It is a complex mixture of enzymes, low molecular weight polypeptides, glycoproteins and metal ions. Among the deleterious components are hemotoxins (hemorrhagins and hemolysins promote vascular leakage and cause both local and systemic bleeding). The various proteolytic enzymes (myotoxins) cause local tissue necrosis, affecting the coagulation pathway at various steps, causing consumption coagulopathy, and impairing organ functions. The myocardial depressant factors (cardiotoxins) cause coronary vasoconstriction, AV block and cardiac output; and the neurotoxins act either pre- or post-synaptically to inhibit peripheral nerve impulses causing muscular paralysis and respiratory failure. Vasodilators like kallikrein causes hypertension and the hyaluronidases spreads the venom.

Most snake venoms have multisystem effects in

their victims. Spitting cobras can spit venom in the person's eyes. This results in immediate pain, ophthalmoparesis, and sometimes blindness.

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swab of the bite site, wound aspirate, or the victim's blood or urine using monoclonal antibody techniques. The 20-minute whole blood clotting test is a useful bedside tool in remote areas; a two to three ml sample of venous blood from the victim is left undisturbed at ambient temperature for at least 20 minutes. The vessel containing the blood is then

tipped once and compared with a normal control. If it has not clotted, there is hemorrhagic disturbance from systemic envenoming.

The most appropriate therapy for envenoming is timely administration of the species appropriate antivenin. Modern antivenins are usually polyvalent, making them effective against the venom of numerous snake species. In India, the Polyvalent Haffkine antivenin is available. The newest available antivenin in the United States (CroFab) is an ovine antivenin produced by techniques that yield purified Fab antibodies.

Antivenin is injected into the person intravenously, and works by binding to and neutralising the venom enzymes. It cannot undo damage already caused by venom, so antivenin treatment should be sought as soon as possible, preferably within four hours of the bite. Indications for antivenin administration are – cardiogenic shock, spontaneous systemic bleeding, incoagulable blood, neurotoxicity, hematuria, other evidence of hemolysis/rhabdomyolysis and rapidly progressive excessive swelling.

Although some people may develop serious adverse reactions to antivenin, such as anaphylaxis in emergency situations, this is usually treatable and hence the benefit outweighs the potential consequences of not using antivenin. Some manufacturers recommend a skin-testing procedure for patients allergic to it. It doesn't, however, reliably predict which patients will have an allergic reaction to antivenin. Giving adrenaline to prevent the adverse effect to antivenin before they occur might be reasonable where they occur commonly.

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ISRO's Mars Orbiter Mission (MOM) completed 1000 Earth days in orbit recently. The orbiter has outlived its lifespan which is more than five times the number of days the orbiter was designated to last in the orbit. The MOM has at present completed 388 orbits of Mars and has sent 715 images back to Earth. India has plans to send Mangalyaan 2.0 and a new mission to Venus after 2020.

The Mars Orbiter Mission (MOM) was launched into space on November 5, 2013, from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre using a Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) rocket C25. The MOM entered into the orbit of Mars on September, 2014. The Mangalyaan was built in a fraction of the cost of similar space missions launched by NASA and the European Space Agency (ESA). It was indigenously designed, built and launched by ISRO in a record period of less than two years, in a 450-crore rupee (73 million USD) budget, which is considered as the cheapest inter-planetary mission till date to reach Mars. In September 2014, India created space history by becoming the first nation in the world to successfully launch an interplanetary mission to Mars in a maiden attempt. ISRO also became the first Asian and the fourth space agency in the world to reach the Mars orbit after the Roscosmos of Russia, NASA and the European Space Agency.

Meanwhile, keep writing to us with quiz reports, questions (with answers and full postal address) and interesting bits of information at: Quizone, Horizon, C/o The Assam Tribune, Maniram Dewan Road, Guwahati. SMS at: 98640-26322 and e-mail at: tossallen@gmail.com or quizonesailen@gmail.com. To read Quizone online, you can log on to paper.assamtribune.com.

MASTER'S CHOICE

1. Humbert Humbert and Dolores Haze are central characters of which controversial novel?
2. Once portrayed by David Hasselhoff, who star plays Mitch Buchannon in the *Baywatch* movie released in 2017?
3. Which book by Joseph Heller has the opening line "It was love at first sight. The first time Yossarian saw the chaplain, he fell madly in love with him."
4. Joseph Priestley invented which mixer often drunk with alcoholic drinks or cordial?
5. Which actor played the role of Batman in the film *The Dark Knight*?

QUIZ ZONE

Sailen Baishya

Picture clue:

18. She has been conferred with the MBE (Member of the Order of the British Empire) in recognition of her 40 years of service to underprivileged communities in Mumbai and the NGO Apnaya Foundation. Identify her. (From the QM)



ANSWERS

1. *Lolita*, 2. Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, 3. *Catch-22*, 4. Soda water, 5. Christian Bale, 6. Chinchilla, 7. Norwegian, 8. Louis Pasteur, 9. *War and Peace*, 10. Richard Harris, 11. Digboi from "dig boy, dig!" 12. Satish Chandra Kakati, 13. A digital or virtual currency, 14. Pompey, 15. The writing of the lives of saints, 16. Woodrow Wilson, for US President, 17. Adidas, 18. Annabel Mehta, mother-in-law of Sachin Tendulkar, 19. Aadhaar card project, implemented by the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI).

FEELINGS

Words

My inked words spill, Like blood on the page; Creating a memory, That would define the age.

My words are wrinkled, Like the rough skin; Of that veiled woman, Whose soul weeps within.

My words are a reminder, Of that unstoppable clock; Where the speedy time passes by, To make her a victim, and mock.

Her bruises tell a tale, Of shame, sorrow and sickness; In a world where she was once worshipped, Is thrown down on a memory lane.

You destroyed her body, Yet her soul remains. Her melancholy lightens my words, In silence she promises, That she will be back again.

My words tell you truths, Of a world distant and unknown; Somewhere lies a story, A making of their own.

Neha Sharma,
Sivsagar

The silhouette

That same silhouette, I see, Run across the hallway. Gently, I get down, and follow her a few steps away. "Hush," I say. "Who's there?" I scream. And I see the silhouette again.

I follow her, look for her. Behind the curtain, inside the cellar, Searched everywhere, but found nowhere.

Silence. I see no one. The storm outside shatters my window.

I turn around; that wretched face. The curtains sway with the gust of wind, I drop my candle, it catches fire.

Tongues of flame engulf me, Burning down my castle and fort.

I mumble in my sleep, disturbed and terrified.

An arm across me soothes my hair.

Kisses my cheek, rubs my back.

I feel a shower of rain pacify the fire,

Soothe my pain and my fears.

Holds my hand, gently but firmly,

Gets me back to sleep, patting my head.

I smell his scent, his breath I feel.

All across me, him I feel.

I feel our bodies intertwine, so do our souls.

He whispers in my ear, "Just a dream."

I wrap my arms across him, and sleep again.

I see the silhouette again,

This time in my room.

I catch hold of her, switch on the lights,

I find myself standing in front of the mirror!

Sumana Chowdhury,
Tezpur

The rebel

A mind left to wander, With a hope to leave a trail, A soul so wild and free, In her lived a rebel, Who refused to be tamed.

Urshti Bhuyan,
Guwahati

6. Which animal is a small, fury rodent, similar in size to a rabbit that is native to the Andes Mountains of South America?

7. Roald Amundsen, the leader of the first expedition to reach the South Pole, was of which nationality?

8. Which French chemist is renowned for his discovery of the principles of vaccination?

9. Which book chronicles the history of the French invasion of Russia through the stories of five Russian aristocratic families?

10. Which actor played Albus Dumbledore in the film adaptations of *Harry Potter* and *Philosopher's Stone* and *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*?

READERS' CHOICE

11. In 1882, WL Lake, a Canadian engineer saw elephants emerging out of dense forests with oil stains on their feet. So the story goes that his shouts urging his men to drill the area for crude oil gave this Indian town its name. Which town is it? (Tirharaz Kalita, Guwahati)

12. Who was the first editor of *Asom Bani*, the Assamese newspaper? (Niranjan Goswami, Tihu)

13. What is bitcoin? (Manash Jyoti Borah, Guwahati)

14. The first Triumvirate was established in 60 BC by Julius Caesar, Marcus Licinius Crassus and the Roman general and Consul. He was one of Caesar's many enemies and his son-in-law. He became a ruler of Rome. Name him. (Bitumoni Boro, Guwahati)

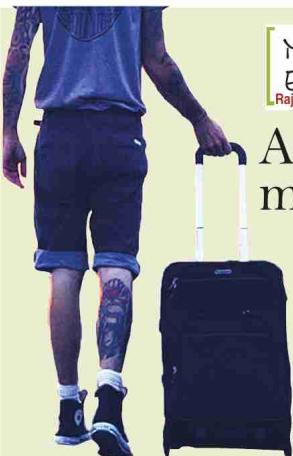
15. What is hagiography? (Mrinalini Devi, Guwahati)

16. Name the renowned scholar and statesman who is generally considered as the founder of the discipline of public administration in international politics? (Subrata Dutta, Tengnaf)

17. Adi Dassler, a German, founded which sports brand? (Rohit Hazarika, Guwahati)

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

19. Launched on January 28, 2009, its logo was designed by Atul Pande and consists of the Sun and a fingerprint. Its theme song *Yeh Hai Meri Pehchaan* is sung by Preeti Sagar and K Shalendra. What is it? (Dr Jayanta Kr Sharma, Guwahati)



Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it – Helen Keller

Accept reality, move on!

pened to me. I can't bear this anymore! It is instinctive to fight the pain we experience deep within, however, in most cases it backfires and we end up experiencing double pain. The reason behind this is our tendency to avoid, and in some cases hide, our pain or pretend that it isn't there. Deep within, we might ruminate over our suffering, without doing anything about it because of our stubbornness to accept it openly. A wise person would instead accept the reality and become light, instead of carrying the heavy load his mind, because accepting simply means that you stop trying to deny your reality. Sometimes, accepting painful emotions can reduce our suffering, because we are no longer running from them or pushing them away. It, however, does not mean that you approve of a situation or that you don't want it to change, it's all about reducing our own suffering, so if you have been hurt by someone, it's best to accept that YES you were hurt and then move on with your life, rather than pondering over the why, how and what. Remember, to forgive or not is each one's own prerogative, but acceptance is necessary to move forward in life or else we would be stuck in a quagmire of waste thoughts. Once we accept reality, our anger tends to decrease and the painful situation loses the power it has over us. There is no denying the fact that emotional pain is an intrinsic part of all our lives, however, we create needless suffering when we don't accept reality. When we practice acceptance, we let ourselves move on, we open the door to freedom and we take steps to improve our lives. Most of us may find it hard to accept the reality and still prefer to wait for time and situations to change, however, in doing so, we forget that time does not heal everything; it is acceptance that will heal everything.

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If you ask someone what is suffering, they would simply say that it is something that is caused by or is a result of the negative events that happen in our life. However, this is not so, because in actual sense, suffering is never what happens, it is how you feel about what happens in your life. We must understand that suffering is a feeling and our feelings are nothing but our emotions, and when emotions become negative, they give pain. So, in simple words, suffering is our resistance to our negative emotions and to our pain. It's a pain about our pain.

We all experience pain in our day-to-day life because it's inevitable and it is a part of being human. Our pain might stem from losing a dear one, losing a job, a bad break-up, a fatal accident or undergoing any other kind of trauma or situation. However, when we hide from facing or accepting reality, we create suffering. Therefore, it should be clearly understood that we are the sole creators of whatever is good and bad in our life and hence it's futile to blame others by saying things like – it's not fair, why me? This shouldn't have hap-



Pursuit of happiness

Mrityunjoy Khound

Today, people often stay bewildered with so many choices. With increased physical comfort, people are getting more and more indecisive: what to do, whom to please, what to eat and so on. As choices are increasing, people are getting unhappier. They are finding it difficult to search for the source of absolute bliss. Everybody is running after a good career, name, fame and money to become "happy". But with so many choices around, they are actually sinking into the deep waters of confusion.

With competitiveness, we are forgetting our relationships. If we look back, we would be in a state of bliss. During our childhood or teens, we used to have a loving relationship with our parents, grandparents, neighbours, friends, cousins and even strangers. Studies have revealed that it is only relations that make people happy. Most of us believe that wealth can lead us happiness. If it is true, business tycoons like Subrata Roy and Vijay Mallya would have been in the position they are now.

Relations, of course unconditional, are the source of true happiness. We need to forget our past grudges and enmity if we really want a relationship to blossom. We are often overpowered by prejudices that are developed over the ages during our grooming. Contributing factors to these pre-

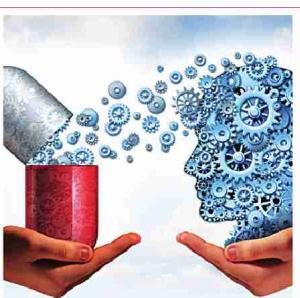
judices are social and environmental. The society we live in; various media of communication like newspapers, television, internet; our teachers, parents, siblings are a few of them. The prejudices develop deep in our psyche, which are very difficult to erase. But the question is how to get rid of those prejudices. There is no "over-the-counter" drug by which one can get rid of his/her prejudices. However, if you are insightful today, it will take another phase of life to unlearn these prejudices. The way you developed the prejudices very slowly, unlearning will also be equally slow. But the trick is in getting insightful. Instead of limiting ourselves to the cocoon of prejudices, we have to stretch ourselves to the world around us.

Let us bond ourselves with the society and its colourful people. Let us find out what others like, what others feel, what others do.

We often fantasise about a life with an enviable career, an enviable physique, unlimited physical comfort and social status as they appear to be the preconditions of a happy life. But the truth is that they are the byproducts of it, not the preconditions.

It is not uncommon that a person with a good social support will always be happy. In times of distress, he is not alone. Thousands of minds are thinking to bring him out of distress. So, let us shed our desires now and reach out to those around us as desire is the root of all misery.

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The altruist

Mental illness and the medical specialty that treats patients with mental illness, i.e. psychiatry, both are subject to negative attitudes. An individual who is well accepted in the society at large will find himself at the receiving end of discrimination and prejudice if he suffers from mental illness. Sometimes the sufferers are left all alone to fight with their mental illnesses. In such scenarios, mental health professionals, through their non-judgmental and empathetic approaches, can be of great help to rebuild the lives of these patients through successful treatment of their illnesses.

Some of these professionals stand out because of their dedication and devotion. Dr Subhendu Dhar is one such psychiatrist. As a professor, he headed the psychiatry department of Silchar Medical College Hospital (SMCH) for a long time. This dozen of psychiatry from the Barak Valley passed away on January 31.

In the commentary published in the *Open Journal of Psychiatry and Allied Sciences* (www.ojas.com), the life and works of Dr Dhar have been highlighted by Dr Himabaratna Das. A part of it describes Dr Dhar's dedication in his field of work:

"The mid-90s were a gloomy period in the history of Assam with inadequacies plaguing the Government machinery. Nurses would turn wedding invitations into writing sheets for patients' files during morning rounds, for want of necessary consumables and stationery. Despite this dreary background, Dr Dhar would spend generously, from his own resources, by recruiting workers to repair the hospital beds, which were in a deplorable condition."

The mental health community at large comes to terms with the void left behind by the passing of the towering stalwart, his life and his example will remain a source of inspiration for the generations to come. – dr.shyamantadas@gmail.com

According to a new study, the current climate change-driven heat waves could threaten the lives of 30 per cent of the world's population. If no action is taken against climate change, the study predicts the number will climb to 74 per cent by 2100. But there is some positive news too. Some countries have started construction of carbon capture and storage plants, and more importantly, the cost of solar panels is crashing like nine pins.

According to the new study published in *Nature*, climate change is pushing human capacity to survive heat waves to – and in some cases, beyond its limit. Right now, for over 20 days roughly, 30 percent of the Earth's population is exposed to climatic conditions that exceed the global threshold for mortality risk. Thankfully, efforts are already underway to combat climate change and keep the mercury from rising.

Private organisations, like Bloomberg, Apple, Microsoft, Exxon Mobil, Google, Morgan Stanley, and Tesla have taken leadership roles in climate change efforts. Even China and India have confirmed their commitment to the deal, and France has even extended an invitation to climate change scientists from the US to continue their work as part of the French com-

munity.

Solar power is pacing to make it easier for the world to dump coal once and for all and within the next four years, it will finally be cheaper than coal. Solar power is among the easiest ways for individuals to hop on to the clean energy generation train. There are many incentives afforded to homeowners who want to switch to solar power as the cost of solar energy is expected to drop 66 percent by 2040.

China has, meanwhile, started construction on the first of eight large-scale carbon capture and storage plants, as part of the country's efforts to decrease the country's carbon footprint. Once fully operational, it would capture about 4,000,000 to 8,00,000 tons of CO₂ every year. That's about the same reduction that could be expected by taking 80,000 cars off the streets for a year. The carbon-capture and storage technology has recently been in the headlines, with the opening of the world's first commercial carbon capture plant in Switzerland, earlier this month. A similar facility is expected to go live later this year in Houston, Texas. This approach to solving the climate problem attempts to make fossil fuel-based plants cleaner.

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Stopping the heat waves



TECH TRENDS
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The elephant graveyard



SEEDS OF CHANGE
Mubina Akhtar

A wild adult elephant died after coming in contact with a high voltage wire that was dangling low above the ground in Beini under the Sonapar forest range, on June 20. A day before, the carcass of a female adult wild elephant – believed to have come out of the Kaziranga National Park (KNP) – was found dead in a garden ditch in Methoni TE in the periphery of KNP. A week earlier, a full-grown wild elephant died of poisoning at Lohdha, Balsapar in Sonitpur district. On the other hand, within the span of that one week, two people lost their lives after being trampled by wild pachyderms. Both the incidents took place at Rangapara, again in Sonitpur district. Meanwhile, local TV channels have been showing footage of wild pachyderms making their way after they managed to bring down a part of the newly-built boundary wall of the Patanjal Herbal Food Park – a project mired in controversy.

Conservations allege that the Assam government, over a period of time, has transformed a critical wildlife habitat into an industrial site and the present government has given away hundreds of hectares of this site to Baba Ramdev's brand. The site continues to be an integral part of a much important elephant corridor proved when in November last year, a terrible tragedy struck the Food Park. An elephant and her calf, along with another male elephant, fell into a 10-foot deep hole. While the male and the calf could be saved, the mother succumbed to her injuries. The infant's efforts

to wake the dead mother met with grief and indignation throughout the State and the Forest Minister was quick to spell stringent action for defaulters. She even pointed that the Patanjali authorities would be consulted to redraw the boundaries leaving some space for the poor pachyderms. However, in reality nothing of that sort happened and the jumbos were forced to define their corridors – albeit in their own way!

Last year alone saw the death of some 65 elephants – from poisoning, poaching, death in trenches of tea gardens and industrial structures and a mounting number of fatalities on railway tracks. Irony also lies in the fact that in the land of *Hastividyamab*, elephants are dying for dearth of treatment! The State Forest Department has failed miserably in the conservation of the mega fauna. More than 20 districts of the State bear the brunt of human-elephant conflict. The worst case scenario happens to be in Sonitpur. Encroachment by illegal settlers as well as encroachment of protected areas, including Sonai-Rupnagar, for government projects – flouting all norms of the 1972 Wildlife Act – has seen the conflict turn into a desperate crisis. While there is no dearth of funds from the Western agencies for elephant conservation, the lion's share continues to be siphoned off by the implementing authorities. In reality, we have failed to gain even an inch of forest land – the only solution for the long-term survival of the animal!

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DILEMMA

THE use of this word has been traced to the early 16th century. It entered into English from the Greek 'dilemma' (di – twice; lemma – assertion) and was used to denote particularly to a form of argument involving a choice between equally unfavourable alternatives. In present context also, the meaning remains unchanged.

WORD SPEAK
The story behind words
Bibekananda Choudhury

DISHEVELLED

CHEVAL is the French word for hair, which according to some people, has a connection to the Latin 'capillus' (from which capillary came into use). Before shampoo was discovered, use of a headgear for any nobleman or woman was a laid-down norm, and anyone seen bareheaded would be regarded as scruffy. The original sense was 'having the hair uncovered' and untidy hair, which was the fact in those days. The word is still used with the same meaning now.





Judicious encumbrance - II

Roadblocks to accepting personal responsibility I could say it is trivially easy to start taking responsibility for your life, but there are roadblocks that you must learn to recognise. Each of the following is a defense mechanism employed by our ego to help protect our self-image. Taking responsibility makes us vulnerable, and our ego doesn't like vulnerability one bit. Judicious encumbrance has judicious reasons as to why we fail to shoulder our responsibility.

Blaming others

"Attack the evil that is within yourself, rather than attacking the evil that is in others."

When something goes wrong, do you immediately look for some external culprit? It doesn't really matter whose fault it is, anyway. The question now is: how are you going to respond to it? Unfortunately, too many people fall into the trap of responding by blaming someone else for the problem. They shift their own responsibility onto someone else, and judge the other person for having failed.

When you blame another person, you give up control of the situation and your ego feels a little bit better. But even if it's their fault, you are still responsible.

CHARISMA CHRONICLE

Anjan Chowdhury

I didn't do what you had to get done, regardless of whose fault it was. Now it's just that it's much harder to move forward and respond in a productive way.

You spend your energy focussing on the wrong thing, like resenting another person, when you could use that energy to advance in your goals.

Everyone

Making excuses is similar to blaming others, except it involves blaming circumstances instead of people. When you set new goals, you often have a sort of "back-up excuse" in case you are to fail. Think about this for a minute and you'll almost certainly notice a backup excuse for one of your goals.

For example, I want to get 1000 subscribers to this column by the end of the year. If I fail, I already know what my excuse will be: I was busy working on other things and couldn't dedicate enough time to writing. This gives me an easy way out, and I can avoid the responsibility for the failure (which, hopefully, doesn't happen).

Obviously, this is an unhealthy way of thinking. Success or failure depends on us and no one else, regardless of external circumstances. And by taking responsibility and recognising this, we are more likely to initiate corrective ways to succeed.

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WEST SIDE STORY

No power coupling, please!

ZAYN Malik has revealed that he and Gigi Hadid have been branded a 'power couple' due to their fame, as their feelings towards each other are genuine.

The 24-year-old singer gave a rare insight into his romantic life with the 22-year-old model – admitting it is far from glamorous. "That's not something I want to be a part of. I am with her because I like her and I hope she's with me because she likes me... When we come home, we just spend time together as a normal couple, cook food, watch TV, have a laugh..." Zayn said.

The smitten Swift

TAYLOR Swift reportedly jetted to London to spend Father's Day with beau Joe Alwyn and his parents.

The American singer, 27, who started dating the British rising star, 26, in October, was so keen on impressing her potential future in-laws that she even rented a North London pad on the special day where his parents cooked her a Sunday roast.

Kimye hires surrogate

KIM Kardashian, 36, and musician husband Kanye West, 40, have reportedly hired a surrogate to have their third child, after discovering that Kim suffers from placenta accreta – a condition that makes another pregnancy life-threatening.

The deal will cost the couple \$113,850, and should the pregnancy produce more than one child, the surrogate will receive an additional \$5k per extra child (\$5k extra for twins, \$10k extra for triplets and so forth), according to a *TMZ* report.

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Vibrant Hyderabad

Hyderabad, popularly known as the City of Nizams, is packed with everything a tourist looks forward to, making it a wonderful tourist destination. The old heritage buildings, parks, pearls, Hyderabadi *biryani* and the famous Irani *chai* are just a few things that come to mind when I try to describe Hyderabad.

There are many options to explore in Hyderabad, such as the Charminar, Golconda Fort, the tomb of Quli Qutub Shah and Chowmahalla palace, which leaves one spellbound. The Golconda Fort is spread across a sprawling area and one should take a guided tour to understand the significance of the fort. One would need to spare at least a day to experience this fort in its entirety. The outermost enclosure of the fort is called Fateh Darwaza. The beautiful acoustic effect at this door speaks greatly about the great engineering work of that time. The acoustic effect can be felt by clapping one's hands at this door; the beauty of the effect is that the sound can be heard from the hill top pavilion which is quite far from the door.

Apart from Golconda, the other place that is worth investing a whole day in is the famous Ramoji Film City. It holds the Guinness World Record for being the largest integrated film city in the world. It has many live shows to entertain the visitors, apart from the grand architectures inside. The film city gives ample opportunity to visitors to take beautiful pictures, and there are



many restaurants inside to take care of the hunger pangs as well.

The Salar Jung Museum is a must-visit for museum lovers. One needs almost half a day to explore the museum completely. One of the major attractions of the museum is the 19th

century musical clock and the Veiled Rebecca. However, this museum remains closed on Wednesdays, so visitors need to plan accordingly.

A trip to Hyderabad is incomplete unless a gastronomic tour is taken. Be it street food or the famous Hyderabadi *dum biryani*. Some of the famous biryani joints are Paradise Biriyani, Bawarchi, Shadab Hotel. The flavourful *dum biryani* with its well-cooked, soft meat will certainly make someone eat *biryani* more than once. However, there are many more things to try apart from *biryani*, like *haleem*, *chicken korma*, *sheer korma*, *double ka-meetha*, *kubani-ka-meetha*, Osmansia biscuits with Irani *chai*. Hyderabad is also famous for its pearls, bangles and dresses. Few of the famous markets to explore are Laad Bazaar, Kothi Sultan Bazaar, Begum Bazaar, etc. This beautiful and vibrant city is worth a visit for all travellers.

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hold of the robbers, plays his part well but he is nowhere near his best. This is certainly not a movie an actor like him could bank on to make a comeback and get into the scheme

[of things of the new age filmmakers, Ritesh once again did what he does the best. The actor thrives with his comic timing, despite the script offering very little ground for him to register his exploits.

Sahil Vaid and Rhea Chakraborty were impressive at whatever little they were assigned to do. The movie, made under the banner of Y-Films, fails to stir the interest of the audience all along and more often than not ends up trying too hard to be hilarious, without any fresh appeal.

Instead of taking the audience to a mad ride, which the director had apparently intended to, the movie leaves you to confront scenes that are stereotypes and not relatable on most occasions. The series of one-liners add to the ordeal. *Bank Chor* is certainly not a bankable offer by any stretch of one's imagination.

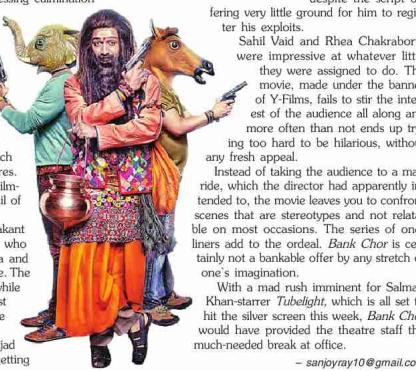
With a mad rush imminent for Salman Khan-starrer *Tubelight*, which is all set to hit the silver screen this week, *Bank Chor* has provided the theatre staff the much-needed break at office.

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BANK CHOR
DIRECTOR: BUMPY
CAST: RITESH DESHMUKH,
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PAKing a punch

Much as the die-hard supporters of Indian cricket are now cursing the missed opportunities against Pakistan in the Champions Trophy final, one must not lose sight of the fact that at the end of the day, it was just a cricket match where one team was bound to emerge as the winner, and we all know a lot of things happen on the field on a given day which change the course of a match, negating all pre-match speculations and predictions. No-ball dismissals, spilled catches, rash strokes, inexplicable run-outs, unplayable deliveries – you name it – are all part and parcel of the game over which teams sometimes seem to have



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little or no control. One may also add into this mix, factors like flat pitches, loss of form, team composition, and even flipping of the coin. Yes, India might have committed major blunders in the final and got many basics wrong, right from the crucial decision, after winning the toss, to not bat first on a batting paradise on a bright sunny day. But, what if India had managed to sneak past the nearly 340-run target in spite of all this? Then, the missed chances wouldn't have been talked about so much and every Indian fan would have gleefully accepted the mistakes saying such things happen in cricket.

Let us give Pakistan credit for coming from behind in such a spectacular fashion and having the last laugh, in a manner reminiscent of their historic World Cup triumph in 1992 under Imran Khan's captaincy. They beat big teams on the way to the summit and in the final they played well in all departments of the game, and playing freely without any fear worked handsomely to their advantage. First, the young opener Fakhar Zaman made India pay dearly for letting him go via Asifullah's no-ball, and then left-arm quick Mohammad Aamer rose to the occasion by sending back top three Indian batsmen in his first few overs to ensure India never recovered. This superlative victory brings to the fore the great pool of talent that Pakistan boasts, which also contributes to a considerable extent to the unpredictability that always makes them a dangerous unit. Pakistan has never had a great domestic cricket structure, and, of late, has been crippled by the retirement of players like Younis Khan and Misbah-ul-Haq. There have also been off-and-on allegations of match-fixing and of players being approached by bookies. During this tournament itself, former skipper Aamir Sohail had gone to the extent of changing, albeit without any proof, that Pakistan reached the final as per a script pre-ordained by bookies. Despite all this, if Pakistan succeeds in using this victory to effect a revival of sorts, it will obviously be in the interest of world cricket, as the element of surprise that they bring in always makes them an exciting team to watch.

India will, no doubt, be smarting under this embarrassing defeat, but being in the final itself was no mean an achievement, considering that Kohli's men had their backs against the wall, following the loss to Sri Lanka. They could have lost to South Africa too and their campaign would have ended there itself. The fact that they managed to go past the Proteas in the virtual quarterfinal and then vanquished Bangladesh to reach the summit proves that India had a pretty good run in the tournament. India must now take in the positives, learn from their mistakes, brush aside off-field controversies over a reported rift between captain Kohli and coach Kumble, and move on to maintain the stature they now enjoy in world cricket.

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