

NEWS CAPSULE

Sonowal meets Shah

NEW DELHI, May 16: Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal on Monday night met BJP national president Amit Shah to brief him about the preparations for the first anniversary celebration of his government to be attended by the Prime Minister. The Chief Minister, who flew in last afternoon, left for Guwahati this morning. – **PTI Correspondent**

Silapathar case

GUWAHATI, May 16: The bail petition of Dr N Rajamarthandan, SSP (CID), who was arrested on charges of sabotaging the investigation into the Silapathar violence case and later sent to judicial custody, has been rejected by Gauhati High Court today. The case diary was submitted by the investigators on Monday. – **Staff Reporter**

Pak shelling

JAMMU, May 16: About 1,200 rounds have been discharged from the areas close to the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district because of shelling by the Pakistani Army which continued through the last night, a senior official said today. – **PTI**

Sri Lanka stand

BEIJING, May 16: Sri Lanka, which attended the just concluded Belt and Road Forum here, has backed India's concern over the Kashmir issue, saying it is difficult for New Delhi to accept the USD 50 billion China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) as it goes through the 'heart of Indian interests'. – **PTI**

GST agencies

NEW DELHI, May 16: Amid of mixed view on GST rollout, on July 1, the government is strengthening the body responsible for detecting tax evasion and will set up two new agencies, including one for business intelligence and analytics. – **PTI**

Monsoon meet

NEW DELHI, May 16: The government will hold a day-long conference of relief commissioners of all states tomorrow to discuss crisis situations arising out of extreme monsoon conditions and other disaster management preparedness. – **PTI**

JE deaths

GUWAHATI, May 16: Twenty-six people have lost their lives in Japanese encephalitis and acute encephalitis syndrome (AES) across Assam this year. This was stated here today by health and family welfare department's principal secretary Samir Kumar Sinha. – **PTI**

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Centre unhappy with poor quality police probe in NE

SPL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI, May 16: The police chiefs of northeastern states were taken aback when Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh today did some tough talking expressing his concern at the poor quality of investigation and low prosecution and conviction rates.

The meeting was convened by the Union Home Ministry to review the internal security situation of the Northeast, which was attended by the state chief secretaries and DGPAs.

Singh chaired the meeting which was also joined by Minister of State for Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) Dr Jitendra Singh, Minister of State for Home Affairs Kiren Rijiju, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and senior officers from the Central Government and northeastern states.

"Unfortunately, prosecution and conviction ratio in criminal cases in some northeastern states is very poor. In one

Rajnath reviews internal security



Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh chairing the meeting on internal security issues related to the Northeast, in New Delhi on Tuesday. – PIB

state the prosecution ratio is

only five per cent in comparison to all-India average of 86 per cent. In some states, kidnapping, abduction, extortion are rampant, but in all such cases the ratio of prosecution and conviction is less than one per cent, which is unacceptable," Singh said.

"When a criminal goes scot-free then people lose their confidence in the justice system. When the ratio of acquittal is so high then moral legitimacy of the state is undermined and at the same time, it incentivises the crime. The

basic reason of high number of acquittal is result of poor investigation. It has been observed that scientific tools are not being adequately used during investigation," the Union Home Minister said.

In some states of the Northeast, the state of forensic sci-

ence laboratories is not satisfactory. The respective police chiefs should pay special attention in this direction, Singh suggested.

The Union Home Minister said proliferation of illegal arms is also rapidly increasing, though most part of the Northeast has become free from militancy. But due to large number of illegal arms, the crime rate is still high in the region. "I would advise all the state DGPs to launch massive campaigns against illegal arms traders and holders," Singh said.

"Barring the Siliguri corridor all northeastern states have international border. And through these borders illegal arms, narcotics, fake Indian currency are being smuggled into the country. These border areas are practically unpolicied. There is a need to accord top priority to policing and opening police stations in these areas," he opined.

"If we think about future security threats radicalisation has emerged as a big challenge. Radicalisation is a trans-national

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Opp cries foul CBI, IT raids on properties of Lalu, Chidambaram

NEW DELHI, May 16: Law enforcement agencies today raided the residences and properties of two opposition leaders P Chidambaram of the Congress and Lalu Prasad of the RJD as well as business men in a multi-city crackdown

day of accountability for the "corrupt." Finance Minister Arun Jaitley stoutly defended the searches, asserting that the "day of reckoning" has come for many and they will be held accountable for their misdeeds.



The CBI searched the homes and offices of Karti Chidambaram, son of P Chidambaram, a former finance minister, across four cities including Chennai for allegedly receiving money from a media firm INX owned by Indrani and Peter Mukerjea to allegedly manipulate a tax probe.

The Income Tax department conducted raids

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Triple talaq matter of faith, AIMPLB to SC

NEW DELHI, May 16: The All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB) today told the Supreme Court that triple talaq is a matter of faith and there is no question of constitutional morality," Sibal told a five-judge Constitution Bench headed by Chief Justice JS Khehar. He also referred to the fact that the source of triple talaq is the Hadith and that it came into being after the time of Prophet Muhammad.

The Muslim body also equated triple talaq with the Hindu belief that Lord Rama was born at Ayodhya.

"Triple talaq is there since 637. Who are we to say that this is un-Islamic. Muslims are practicing it for last 1,400 years. It is a matter of faith. Hence, there was no question of constitutional morality and equity," former Union Law Minister and senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for AIMPLB, said.

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JNU students welcome HC order on Najeeb, but still wary

NEW DELHI, May 16: Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) students today welcomed the Delhi High Court order transferring the Najeeb Ahmed case from Delhi Police to CBI, but wondered if the government's investigation agency would be given a free hand to probe the disappearance of the JNU student.

"It is a good move, but we were demanding an independent inquiry monitored by the court. Even the CBI functions under the ambit of the Central government and can be influenced as we have seen in several cases," JNU Students' Union (JNSU) president Mohit Kumar Pandey said.

Former JNSU vice president Shekhar Rashid said the order was a "vindication" of the contention that the Delhi Po-

lice had failed to do its job in finding Najeeb, who has not been seen for the last seven months.

The High Court's order is a welcome move. But the question is, will the Central government allow the CBI to function independently?" she asked.

Rashid said a court-appointed Special Investigation Team (SIT) — "something that is free of Modi government's influence" — would have been a better move.

A bench of Justices GS Sistani and Rekha Pallavi transferred the case to the CBI on a plea from the student's lawyer after the Delhi Police said it had no problems with the case being moved.

The court said the probe by the CBI would be supervised by an officer, holding a rank not lower than that of a DIG.

The student disappeared on October 14, 2016, a day after he allegedly had an altercation with students of the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad, a students' group affiliated to the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party. The ABVP has denied any involvement in Najeeb's disappearance.

"It is a very good step. We hope to trust the system. We hope Najeeb is found," the general secretary of the Alumni Association of JNU, Devendra Chouhan, said.

JNU student Rahul Rajkhowa, who mentioned Najeeb in a rap song that went viral on the social media last week, said it was "essential" that the CBI took over the case. "They might not be the best ones to handle it, but will be better than the Delhi Police," he said. — PTI

UP Governor deplores MLAs' behaviour

ALLAHABAD, May 16: Uttar Pradesh Governor Ram Naik today deplored the behaviour of MLAs belonging to the Samajwadi Party, BSP and Congress who had yesterday disrupted his address in the State Assembly and bombard- ed him with paper balls.

"What happened inside the Vidhan Sabha was unfortunate. Incidents like these lower the esteem in which the House is held... I am bewildered by the objections raised over the contents of my speech when it is well-known that the Governor's address is prepared by the State government", Naik told reporters.

In the city to take part in an event, Naik however supported the Yogi Adityanath-led BJP government on the law-and-order front.

Asked about the allegation that he was being partisan in refusing to take note of the opposition's charges on the law-and-order issue while having been vocal on the issue in the past, Naik said, "As far as I have been able to observe, the current government has the resolve to tackle law-and-order problems

with a firm hand."

He was replying to journalists' queries before delivering a speech at a symposium organised by UP Rajarshi Tandon Open University on the occasion of the birth anniversary of RSS ideologue Deen Dayal Upadhyay.

Yesterday, opposition MLAs had flung paper balls at Naik, which marshals tried to frantically deflect with files, during the opening session of the new Uttar Pradesh Assembly which presented a spectacle of complete mayhem.

The ear-splitting sound of a whistle and uninterrupted slogan-shouting by opposition members continued through the 35-minute customary address by the Governor, but the 83-year-old Naik had stood his ground and read out the 84-page speech.

In his speech today, Naik called for drawing inspiration from the ideal of "simlicity in life as exemplified by Deen Dayal Upadhyay" and his philosophy of "integral humanism" wherein "equal importance has been given to material well-being and spiritual enlightenment". — PTI

Hacking bid

KOLKATA, May 16: Hackers today made an attempt to steal money from Kolkata Municipal Corporation mayor Sovan Chatterjee's wife's bank account. The Mayor and his wife came to know about the unsuccessful attempt after Chatterjee's wife received a text message alerting her against insufficient cash balance, the Mayor said today. Chatterjee then blocked the debit card and lodged a police complaint. He said that the hackers could not withdraw money from his wife's account since the amount of money they were looking for was not in the account. — PTI



Mahmoud Abbas, President of the State of Palestine, being received by President Pranab Mukherjee and Prime Minister Narendra Modi for a ceremonial reception at Rashtrapati Bhawan in New Delhi on Tuesday. — UNI

Centre stalling Delhi govt's activities: Kejriwal

NEW DELHI, May 16: Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal today accused the Centre of "stalling" the Delhi government's activities by allegedly holding back files relating to the appointment of two new ministers in his Cabinet.

Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia also amounted it to the violation of the Constitution and accused the Centre of "paralyzing" the Delhi government.

Kejriwal said the people of Delhi should not suffer due to the BJP-led Centre's "enmity" with the Aam Aadmi Party government.

"The Centre is sitting on the file for the last 10 days. Many Delhi government activities are stalled due to this. Your enmity is against us, don't take revenge from the people of Delhi," the Delhi Chief Minister tweeted.

Addressing a press conference on the issue, Sisodia said that it is the Chief Minister's prerogative to induct elected persons in his Cabinet, adding that it is a very "surprising"

that the Central government is not approving the files.

He said the Delhi government had on May 6 sent the files relating to the induction of two AAP MLAs — Rajaendar Pal Gautam and Kailash Gehlot — in the Delhi Cabinet, but the Centre is yet to clear the same.

"I want to know why the Centre is trying to paralyse the Delhi government by violating the Constitution. Why are they doing this? What is the Constitutional intent that the Centre has been considering for the last 10 days?", Sisodia asked.

He said that in the last 25 years, the Centre has not held

such files pertaining to the appointment of ministers.

The Deputy CM also said that there is presently water crisis in Delhi and in this situation, the appointment of water minister should be made at the earliest.

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MCD MAYORAL POLLS

All BJP nominees had defeated AAP rivals

NEW DELHI, May 16: All three BJP mayoral nominees had defeated candidates of the AAP as their immediate rivals in the Delhi municipal polls, which was swept by the saffron party. Elections to the mayor in the three corporations are due on May 18 (NDMC), May 19 (SDMC) and May 22 (EDMC).

The BJP is set to get the posts of mayor and deputy mayor unopposed in all three civic bodies.

In the high-stakes municipal contest last month, the Aam Aadmi Party was pegged as the closest competition to the BJP, which retained its control of the corporation, it had assumed in 2007.

In South Delhi Municipal Corporation, BJP's Kamaljeet Sehrawat had trounced AAP's Sushma Bansal in Dwarka-B ward by a record margin of 9,865 votes, the highest margin in the entire polls. Sehrawat polled 14,613 while Bansal could just get 4,747 votes. She is the BJP's mayoral nominee in the SDMC.

BJP's Preety Aggarwal, the mayoral nominee in the NDMC, had defeated AAP's Abhina Mishra for the Rohini-F ward by a margin of 5,413 votes. Aggarwal had bagged 11,723 votes while Mishra finished second with 6,310. — PTI

The saffron party won 70 out of the 104 wards that had gone

to polls in areas under the South Delhi Municipal Corporation.

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As per the rule, the mayors are to be elected in the first meeting of the municipal house after the elections. The MCD polls were held on April 23, in which the BJP registered a thumping victory by winning 181 of the 270 wards.

In the civic elections, the Arvind Kejriwal-led party had finished behind the BJP in 48 wards in its kitty, while the Congress suffered a humiliating loss managing only 30 wards.

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Italian SC rules against Sikh migrant

LONDON, May 16: The Italian Supreme Court has ruled against a Sikh who wanted to carry a *kirpan* in public and said that migrants in the Western world must conform to the values of the society they have chosen to settle in. The Italian High Cassation Court yesterday ruled against the Sikh yesterday migrant who wanted to carry a *kirpan*, a dagger considered sacred in Sikhi, as it was against the Italian law, the Italian news agency ANSA reported. The court said migrants who choose to live in the Western world have an obligation to conform to the values of the society they have chosen to settle in, even if its values differ from their own. —PTI

Centre unhappy with poor...

(Contd from page 1) phenomenon, if it is not stopped, it could take the form of terrorism. The Northeast is very vulnerable to such threats, so it is necessary to identify the agents of radicalisation," he said.

"Some operate in the garb of religion and some in the garb of NGO and sociocultural and economic development. Their activities should be closely monitored and if necessary, preventive action should be taken. Funding of such organisations could be from abroad. So flow of foreign funds should be monitored," Singh said.

He also raised the issue of repatriation of Bru tribals from Tripura to Mizoram. The grant of citizenship to Chakmas and Hajongs pending for long should

be resolved, he opined. "Resolution of these issues will lead to decrease in crime and tensions. The states concerned should take urgent steps to resolve these issues," he said.

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and surveys on at least 22 locations in Delhi and adjoining areas in connection with alleged baniwal deals stated to be worth Rs 1,000 crore linked to Lalu Prasad, who is the chief of Rashtriya Janata Dal, and some of his family members. RJD is a partner of the ruling alliance in Bihar that also comprised the JD(U) and the Congress.

CBI sleuths fanned out across the Chidambarams' properties in Chennai, Mumbai, Delhi and Bangalore early in the morning, a day after the agency filed an FIR against Karthi, his company Chime Management Services, the Mukerjea (currently in jail on charges of murdering their daughter Sheena Bora), INX Media, Advantage Strategic Consulting Services and its Director Pad-

ma Vishwanathan.

The FIR related to charges of criminal conspiracy, cheating, offering illegal gratification, influencing public servants and criminal misconduct. The CBI, which searched Chidambaram's home in Nungambakkam in Chennai, also carried out searches at the houses of Peter Mukerjea, a former media baron, in Mumbai, sources said.

It is alleged that Karti received money from INX Media, which was promoted by the Mukherjeas, for using his influence to manipulate a tax probe against him in a case of violation of Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) conditions to receive investment from Mauritius.

P Chidambaram came out with a strong statement in response to the searches, saying

the government's aim is to silence my voice and stop me from writing, as it has tried to do in the cases of leaders of opposition parties, journalists, columnists, NGOs and civil society organisations," he said. But he would continue to speak and write, he declared. —PTI

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OIL acquires stakes...

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The CMD revealed that the OIL has initiated steps for increasing the capacity of its pipeline from Daulajia to Barauni. He pointed out that as it was becoming increasing difficult to meet the demands of the State's refineries with the crude produced in the State, a mechanism for reverse pumping of oil from Barauni to Bongaigaon was used and now steps have been initiated for reverse pumping through the pipeline from Bongaigaon to Guwahati and in the next phase, the same facility would be extended to Numaligarh.

On the CSR activities of the OIL, Bora said that though a budget is earmarked yearly for the purpose, the actual cost always exceeds the budget provisions.

Giving a brief account of the new schemes, Bora said that an amount of Rs 25 crore has been earmarked for the beautification of Kamakhya, while the OIL has agreed to take up a river front beautification scheme in Dibrugarh in collaboration with the GAIL and IOC. The OIL has also taken up Tinsukia town beautification scheme, while, one more "super 30" coaching centre would be established in Nagaon in addition to the existing five. The capacity of the Nurse training school in Daulajia will be increased from 30 to 100, while, the proposed Skill Development Institute will start functioning shortly. The driving training institute to be set up in collaboration with Martini is also likely to start functioning soon as the State Government has allotted land for it at Aitingaon.

Judicial custody...

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and it is only on the date of next hearing (May 30) that we will come to know whether the petitions violate the Article 19 of the Constitution or not."

Meanwhile, investigating officer of the case, Surjeet Singh Panesar and additional special public prosecutor Nayan Das have left for Delhi this evening in appear before the Supreme Court where the bail petition of Rakesh Paul will be heard tomorrow.

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ACHIEVEMENT



Mr. Hrishikesh Sarma has been awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Chemistry by Gauhati University for his thesis entitled "Nanocrystalline zeolite materials : Synthesis, characterization and use as environmental catalysts". He carried out his research work under the supervision of Dr. K.G. Bhattacharya, a Research Professor, Department of Chemistry, Gauhati University. Dr. Hrishikesh Sarma is the youngest son of Mr. Pabitra Sarma and Mrs. Bina Devi of Indira Nagar, Basistha, Guwahati. Achieve/P/AP426/1

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Sl. No.	Name of Posts	UR	OBC	MOBC	SC	ST	STH	Total
1	English	2	1	—	—	—	—	3
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5	Mathematics	2	1	—	1	—	4	4
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iv) A relaxation of 5% may be provided at the Graduate or Master's level for Schedule Castes and Tribes and Other Backward Classes categories for the purposes of eligibility and for assessing good academic record during direct recruitment to the teaching position. The eligibility Marks of 55% marks and the relaxation of 5% to the categories mentioned above are permissible based on only the qualifying marks without including any grace marks procedure.

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5. Application Fee : Rs. 300.00 to be deposited in the form of Demand Draft in the name of Deputy Commissioner, Karimpang District.

6. Last date of receipt of Application : 24.05.2017 till 5.00 PM.

7. Other : Candidate must be Indian Citizen having proficiency in local language. Candidates serving elsewhere must apply with an NOC from the employer. If no NOC from present employer submitted, application is liable to be rejected NOC can be produced on the date of interview.

The eligibility of age education qualification except Ph.D and M.Phil will be reckoned with reference to the last date of application i.e. the candidate must acquire educational qualification on the last date of applications Ph.D, M.Phil, papers publications/ NOC/ Teaching Exp. Certificates can be submitted on the date of interview.

8. How to apply : Application form can be downloaded from the website of Director of Higher Education from the website www.dhe-assam.gov.in from circular section. Application in other format will not be accepted. Application to be submitted to the office of the Deputy Commissioner, (Dev. Branch) Karimpang on or before 24.5.2017.

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Guwahati reels under water scarcity

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WEATHER GUWAHATI

LOCAL FORECAST:

Partly cloudy sky to generally cloudy sky. Rain/thundershower is very likely to occur. Maximum temperature is likely to be 34°C on Wednesday.

TEMPERATURE:
Max 32.5°C
Min 22.8°C

Review meeting on civic issues

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GUWAHATI, May 16: As summer sets in, residents in many localities of Guwahati are reeling under severe water crisis, much of it blamed on short supply of water by agencies responsible for providing piped water supply to the people in the city.

There are complaints from various places, including Anil Nagar, Nabin Nagar, Hengrabari, Sarumukhara, Rukminigong etc.

"While we have restricted our daily usage, we have been forced to buy water due to short supply. The urban water supply here provides water just once a day. They are supposed to supply water from 5-5.30 in the evening for up to three hours. But the supply actually starts from around 7.30 and lasts less than an hour. The force of

the supply water is poor. It hardly suffices even half our daily requirement," says Pranati Das, a resident of Hengrabari Road where piped water is supplied by the Assam Urban Water Supply and Sewerage Board.

"The government is talking about smart city. We feel it should divert its energy in making Guwahati a decent city first by providing the basic amenities like drinking water and public sanitation facilities." Das adds sarcastically.

The problem has been persisting for the last few weeks, and the authorities appear unmoved despite the growing inconveniences faced by the people of the capital city.

There are allegations that the agencies have installed supply lines beyond their capacity. There are also reports of unscrupulous people extracting water from the

supply lines using motors (pumps), thus reducing the flow to other lines.

"In our locality we used to get water

Smart city? First give us a decent city with basic amenities, say suffering citizens

supply at full force for up to four hours every day in the afternoon. That was the norm all these years since the last 1990s. However, during the past one month or so the supply of water through the pipes

has become very erratic and the flow has gone down drastically. Even the main tank of our house is not getting filled up. Some day there is no water at all. With the summer months approaching fast, residents of our locality are very apprehensive about what the situation will be and how we will manage with the reduced supply," said Pranali Bhuyan, a resident of Gokul Path of Pabup-Sarmatiatoria locality.

According to GMC sources, water supply in some areas of the city has been affected due to the old and obsolete machinery of the Satsukhuri water plant. The GMC has already initiated the bidding process for repairing the plant.

"Moreover, the residents getting water supply through the Nabagraha line are also getting irregular water supply. Though separating the Nabagraha pipeline is the

only solution to this problem, it will entail a huge cost of Rs 50 lakh, which is not feasible at this juncture in view of the major water supply schemes coming up in the city," the sources added.

The Corporation however, is taking up some immediate measures and short-term restoration work to ease the problems.

Recently, a CAG report had highlighted the pathetic state of piped water supply in Guwahati.

Only 29 per cent of the city's population get piped water supply, which too is inadequate, the CAG report had noted.

Of the 69 functional piped water supply schemes (PWSS), only 34 were supplying sufficient water. In the remaining 35, quantity of water supplied is irregular and not sufficient to meet the requirements of the consumers, the report had pointed out.

Car parking facilities on two arterial roads soon

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Automated multi-level car parking facility on RG Baruah Road in Guwahati. - AT photo

completed and would be inaugurated within a couple of days, stated GMDA sources.

The car parking lot near the MMCH has been constructed on one *bigha* of land with a project cost of around Rs 11 crore under the non-lapsable central pool of resources (NLCPR) with 90:10 cost sharing between the Centre and the State government.

"After initiation in 2011,

the project faced some initial hitches due to fund crunch and land problem, for which, the work was totally stopped for one year. The project with a capacity of 250 cars, has made around 80 per cent physical progress with all mechanical systems, including the four modules of the facility in place. The service building and boundary wall are being constructed and it will be

ready to function by June this year. The parking zone would have its entry and exit points through the MG Road," the GMDA sources said. Construction engineering company Simplex, which is constructing the project, would also ensure that it would be run by the urban local body.

Panbazar and Fancy Bazar being the busiest localities in the heart of the city, more

parking arrangements are required, from both the convenience and security points of view. Sources at the GMDA further stated that two more facilities – one near Panbazar flyover and the other in the old jail complex – would come up shortly.

The car parking facility near Shradhanjali Kanan was started in 2014, and it cost Rs 14.33 crore. The fund was derived from the special plan assistance of the State government. The project, constructed by the Ram Ratna Infrastructure Pvt Ltd, can accommodate 300 cars and a limited number of two-wheelers as well.

Plans are also on the anvil to construct an automated car parking at Ganeshguri near Kora Baruah. Though the authorities are exploring the possibility of a similar project near the Gopal Boro High School, nothing concrete has come up till date.

"To run the parking facilities smoothly, a reasonable percentage of occupancy is also a must to at least break even the project cost," sources added.

Govt asked not to ban non-ICAT e-rickshaws



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have already sold a number of such e-rickshaws to unemployed youths and others and added that the government was miffed when such vehicles were being sold.

It added that many unemployed youths purchased such vehicles to become self-employed and said that a grace period of three years should be provided for those who have already bought such e-rickshaws.

In a memorandum to the State Transport Minister, the Santia said that there is apprehension that e-rickshaws, which do not have rating of the International Centre for Automotive Technology (ICAT) may be banned.

It said that many dealers

The people's representatives also asked the GMC to accomplish the street lighting work at the earliest possible.

The officials were asked to take steps to save the stretch around Tetelia along the National Highway 37 from encroachments and to carry out evictions at various localities.

Senior officials from the GMC, City Police and other departments also took part in the meeting.

Mr and Mrs Communika

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GUWAHATI, May 16: Sabir Syed Saif and Poomam Das were adjudged the winner of Mr and Mrs Communika, 2017 held recently under the aegis of the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism, Gauhati University. The event was choreographed and directed by Pratim Datta.



Blood pressure awareness camp on the occasion of World Hypertension Day at Down Town Hospital from 9 am.



GMC workers painting dividers in Guwahati on Tuesday ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's daylong visit on May 26 for inauguration of Dholka-Sadiya bridge. - UB Photos

Timber worth over Rs 2 lakh seized, 7 held

JALUKBARI, May 16: Gorukhuri Police arrested seven alleged timber smugglers from Gorukhuri area last night as part of a crackdown. Timber worth over Rs 2 lakh has been seized from the smugglers.

Police sources said the seven smugglers who were apprehended are Lakshman Kumar, Monjor Kumar, Bhaskar Bora, Rohini Bora, Rupak Das, Mukesh Agarwal and Sandor Panjyari. Police sources further added that two timber-laden trucks bearing registration numbers AS-01-PC-7843 and AS-25-CC-2017 were intercepted near Lalmahing.

Recent events in the museum included release of two oil paintings: a portrait of Dinanath Bezbarua by artist Late Pragya Priya Sundar Devi and another named 'Yatra' painted by artist Late Madan Mohan Labkar and also calligraphy by the latter.

On June 6, the museum is planning to celebrate Bharat Ratna Gopinath Bordoloi's birth anniversary in Raha which will involve 'Object Display'.

"Amar kamor moje beg (The thrill in the work we do is different). We never get bored. We get to meet dignitaries from everywhere and we also get to have a memorable time with art lovers," said Sharma.

The efficiency of the CCTV cameras is still doubtful and the museum is in the need

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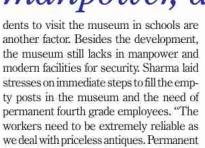
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Museum enjoys more footfall, but lacks manpower, amenities

A CORRESPONDENT



dents to visit the museum in schools are another factor. Besides the development, the museum still lacks in manpower and modern facilities for security. Sharma had stressed on immediate steps to fill the empty posts in the museum and the need of permanent fourth grade employees. Permanent workers need to be extremely reliable as we deal with priceless antiques.

The museum has taken many initiatives to preserve the history and culture of the Northeast. "We are planning to open a Northeast Gallery for textiles which is still under construction. We have celebrated the platinum jubilee of the museum in 2015, organising different programmes for the entire year. We also organised a workshop on 'Storage Reorganisation' which was under INGCA and a drawing competition," said Kumar.

Recent events in the museum included release of two oil paintings: a portrait of Dinanath Bezbarua by artist Late Pragya Priya Sundar Devi and another named 'Yatra' painted by artist Late Madan Mohan Labkar and also calligraphy by the latter.

On June 6, the museum is planning to celebrate Bharat Ratna Gopinath Bordoloi's birth anniversary in Raha which will involve 'Object Display'.

"Amar kamor moje beg (The thrill in the work we do is different). We never get bored. We get to meet dignitaries from everywhere and we also get to have a memorable time with art lovers," said Sharma.

The efficiency of the CCTV cameras is still doubtful and the museum is in the need

In six months, we have almost 70 students visiting the museum on regular basis. In recent years, we have also seen an increase in the number of visitors coming from other north-eastern States. We also have groups of students from field trips from various schools visiting the museum almost on a weekly basis," said Receptionist Pukur Bordoloi.

According to Kumar: the increase in the number of visitors has been primarily because of the upgradation of the museum and digitalisation is working in favour for the museum.

Sharma and Kumar hold the popularity of Archaeology and inclusion of the course of Museology in state universities responsible for taking the legacy of museums in Assam further. Teachers encouraging stu-

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MESSAGE FOR TODAY

Gratitude helps us to see what is there instead of what isn't.

— ANNETTE BRIDGES

The Assam Tribune**Uncertain outcome**

Though India has challenged the verdict by a military court in Pakistan, to await the death sentence to Indian national Kulbhushan Jadhav on the charge of being a spy, before the International Court of Justice (ICJ), what positive hope it will hold for him remains uncertain. Conducted in camera, with Jadhav not being given consular access, the trial was, as Union Minister of External Affairs Sushma Swaraj had rightly asserted, patently "farcical". India has, therefore, while expressing her apprehension that Jadhav might be executed at any moment, petitioned the ICJ that it immediately intervene to suspend the capital punishment awarded to the ex-naval officer, with the plea that it ultimately quashes the punishment itself. However, certain precedents contradict the position India has taken on this occasion and might perhaps work against her objective in seeking the ICJ's intervention. Eighteen years ago there was a case of India shooting down a Pakistani naval aircraft when it intruded into her airspace and Pakistan had petitioned the ICJ after the incident to pass strictures against India. India had then argued that her recognition of the ICJ's jurisdiction was limited, a judicial facet pointed out by the counsels now arguing on behalf of Pakistan. This past commitment, according to these counsels, would also nullify the impact of any directive the ICJ might make since it would not be binding upon her.

Moreover, while listening to the arguments of both parties, the court had declined to look at the evidence sought to be presented by Pakistan to establish Jadhav's guilt, thereby indicating that it was not interested in judging the merits of the case and was more focused on the timeline of execution. Rebutting India's contention that Jadhav might be executed even while the issue was pending before the ICJ, the Pakistani counsels pointed out that Jadhav had at least a five-month window of opportunity to appeal to Pakistan's army chief and if that could be, to the President for clemency. Such a commitment might tend to dilute India's assertions before the court about the "urgent" nature of the appeal and the ICJ may come up with a verdict merely pertaining to its jurisdiction. However, no matter how uncertain the outcome, by taking Jadhav's case before the ICJ, India has succeeded in bringing it to global attention, something Pakistan surely wishes to avoid. Pakistan has today become a breeding ground for terrorists, a reality acknowledged by the international community, and needs to project herself as a 'victim' rather than a 'perpetrator'. Having heard arguments, the justices of the ICJ have assured that they would pass judgement in due course of time. Even if they decline to concede India's request and not intervene, and the latter might have to take recourse to other measures, she has succeeded in exposing how 'justice' in Pakistan works.

Challenges for OIL

Against the backdrop of dwindling crude oil production in recent years, the news that Oil India Limited (OIL), the public sector major, has recorded an increase in production makes for a refreshing development. While OIL, which is having a presence across India as well as a number of foreign countries, is on the verge of completing six decades of its successful operations, the oil industry in Assam has a legacy dating back to 1889 when crude oil was discovered at Digboi during the British days. As OIL has been having a major share of its operational areas in Assam, it has attained the stature of a household name in the region. Apart from contributing to the State's exchequer and providing employment to thousands, it has also been contributing meaningfully to various socio-economic causes, including infrastructure development in its areas of operation. While OIL's past exploits have been remarkable, especially at its nascent stages in the face of technological and logistical constraints, the time has come for the company to shoulder greater responsibility against the backdrop of a global recession and depleting energy sources coupled with multiplying demands.

The challenges before OIL are stiff, and how it tackles those in the coming days will have a bearing on not just the country's growing energy needs but its economy as a whole. With the country importing 70% of its crude oil requirements, there is an urgent need for increasing domestic production. As for the State, its four refineries ought to be fed with crude oil produced in the North-east. For meeting all these challenges, OIL has to intensify its exploration activities and discover new hydrocarbon reserves. According to geologists, many areas across the North-east still abound in hydrocarbon reserves that await exploration. Apart from stabilizing energy demands, new discoveries would also enable the company to fulfil its commitment to supply gas for the mega gas cracker project at Lepetaka. Oil would also do well to expand its overseas operations. It is to its credit that OIL has been able to establish its presence in eight countries in less than three years after being empowered by the Government to acquire overseas exploration and production blocks. As the people of Assam perceive OIL not as a commercial entity but as their own organization, the expectations from the company on the part of its stakeholders would always be high. It is for the OIL management to ensure that the enterprise continues to look beyond business and take up different community welfare initiatives. The perverse culture of bandhs and blockades besides forcible donations by various organizations has also hindered OIL's functioning in recent years. This is a serious matter and it is for the State Government to ensure that the company's functioning and the morale of its staff do not suffer on account of such unwarranted developments.

The eluding Lokpal

■ Partha Pratim Hazarika

While amendments to the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013 (LL Act) are languishing in Parliament for the last three years, the Supreme Court of India has seemingly cleared the way for setting up the apex anti-corruption investigation and prosecution agency at the Centre. In the matter of Common Cause, etc. vs Union of India and related matters [Writ Petition (Civil) No. 245 of 2014, judgement dated April 27, 2017] delivered by Justice Ranjan Gogoi, the Apex Court has interpreted the law to show that the technical difficulties, which the Central Government was pointing out as an excuse for not setting up the Lokpal, are not insurmountable.

The enactment of a comprehensive anti-corruption law was one of the outcomes of a very vibrant people's movement led by the redoubtable Anna Hazare and others, during the initial years of this decade. The LL Act was both enacted and enforced in January 2014, towards the end of the UPA regime. The Selection Committee for recommending candidates to the President of India for appointment to the Lokpal could not be constituted because an eminent jurist, the fifth member of this Committee, could not be found. While there was opposition to the candidature of at least one renowned senior advocate of the Apex Court, an eminent jurist turned down the invitation to serve on the Selection Committee. A few months later, a retired Justice of the Supreme Court refused to chair the Search Committee that would propose names to the Selection Committee for consideration. So the UPA went to elections without setting up the Lokpal.

Thanks to multiple PIL suits challenging some of the Rules made under the LL Act and also demanding the setting up of the Lokpal immedi-

ately, the SC has suggested the way forward for the Government to establish this apex anti-corruption agency. The Apex Court's reasoning and directions may be summarized as:

As Section 4 of the LL Act is designed to prevent the decisions and actions of the Selection Committee from becoming invalid merely on account of a vacancy in the House of the People. Despite staking its claim to the office of the Leader of Opposition (LoP), the Lok Sabha Speaker after a round of consultations, decided to reject the INC/UPA's claim to the same.

Subsequently, in December 2014, the NDA Government brought in a slew of amendments to the LL Act and related laws to iron out the difficulties, they claimed, that the law in its original form posed. One of these proposals was to amend the provision relating to the LoP as member of the Selection Committee and allow for the leader of the largest party in Opposition to become a member of the Committee, because there is no LoP in the 16th Lok Sabha. Almost a year later, in 2015, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice gave its recommendations on these amendment proposals. Since then, the amendment proposals have never come up for discussion in the Lok Sabha, session after session. Now, the Supreme Court of India has lobbed the ball back to the Government's court to take action to set up the Lokpal.

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mately to the President of India, names for appointment as the chairperson and members of the Lokpal. So the Selection Committee with the Prime Minister as the chair and two members, namely, the Speaker, Lok Sabha and the Chief Justice of India or any judge of the SC that he may nominate, can go ahead with the selection process. On the face of it, the roadblock appears to have been cleared for setting up the Lokpal quicker than the Central Government's programme of pushing the pending amendments through the next monsoon of Parliament.

However, this well-intentioned interpretation of the SC may create serious problems and pave the way

for establishing a precedent that is completely contradictory to the intention of the LL Act and the aspirations of the people who struggled for a strong anti-corruption law. For those yet to be initiated, under Section 4 of the Act, the chairperson and members of the Lokpal are required to be appointed by the President on the recommendations of a Selection Committee consisting of (a) the PM as chairperson; (b) the LS Speaker as member; (c) LoP in the Lok Sabha as member; (d) CJ or a judge of the SC nominated by him as member; (e) one eminent jurist, as recommended by the chairperson and members, to be nominated by the President as member.

As such, there seems to be no legal disability in a truncated Selection Committee to constitute a Search Committee for preparing a panel of persons for consideration for appointment as the chairperson and members of the Lokpal, and also for such a truncated Selection Committee to make recommendations to the President for the appointments.

But, experts in the field are of the opinion that a truncated Selection Committee without the LoP cannot select the eminent jurist as its fifth member even though it may appoint a Search Committee. The savings clause in Section 4(2) is applicable only to the process of appointing the chairperson or the members of the Lokpal. It cannot be employed to validate the selection of the fifth member in the absence of the LoP. The eminent jurist must be selected by the chairperson and the four members. In other words, an LoP must be available to select the fifth member.

Interestingly, after the President gave his assent to the Lokpal Bill (which turned into law after publication in the official gazette) and that law was brought into force through another gazette notification two weeks later in January 2014, there is a third step that must be taken in order to initiate the selection process. The Government must issue a formal gazette notification stating that a Selection Committee comprising the chairperson and members, as provided for in Section 4 of the LL Act, is set up. Unless such a notification is issued, the Selection Committee, whether whole or truncated, cannot be constituted, i.e., it cannot be populated with the requisite members. The Selection Committee must be first established and then constituted (by naming all individuals who will sit on it).

Further, while interpreting the LL Act, the SC said that in the absence of the LoP, a truncated Selection

Committee is referred to as advanced metering infrastructure (AMI). Here the utility can communicate with the meter and the meter can also communicate with the utility for exchange of information. This will help in peak load management as the consumers may be requested to reduce his energy demand during peak load hours. This will avoid tripping of feeders for load-shedding.

There are several consumer benefits from smart grid. It will improve reliability of supply to all customers as the consumers participating in the programme will be spared of load-shedding due to their participation in load curtailment process which will mean that there will be no power cuts, no more DG sets and inverters. It will empower consumers to save money by using less electricity or reducing peak consumption (shifting loads from peak to off-peak periods). It will improve quality of supply as it will monitor the consumer's receiving-end voltage and get area specific feedback from smart meters and take action wherever necessary for improvement in quality of power supply to consumers. It will increase the efficiency of the electrical network by avoiding overloading of distribution transformers and other network elements. It will also increase the amount of energy saved to customers leading to higher consumer satisfaction.

Smart grid and its benefits to consumers

■ Anuj Goswami

As smart grid is an electrical grid with automation, communication and IT system that can monitor power flows from points of generation to points of consumption (even down to the appliances level) and control the power flow or curtail the load to match generation in near real time. The increased visibility, predictability and even control of generation and demand bring flexibility to both generation and consumption and enable the utility to better integrate intermittent renewable power. In smart grid system there is a two-way interaction between the meters in consumer premises and grid operator which enables several applications such as self-healing smart grid system and demand load management and demand response, loss reduction, renewable energy integration, outage management, power quality and customer management, etc.

A self-healing smart grid can provide a number of benefits that lead to a more stable and efficient system. Three of its primary functions include real-time monitoring and reaction, which allows the system to constantly tune itself to an optimal state; anticipation, which enables the system to automatically look for problems that could trigger larger disturbances; and rapid isolation, which allows the system

to isolate parts of the network that experience failure from the rest of the system to avoid a spread of disruption and enables a more rapid restoration.

As a result of these functions, a self-healing smart grid system is able to reduce power outages and minimize their length when they do occur. The smart grid is able to detect abnormal signals, make adaptive reconfigurations and isolate disturbances, eliminating or minimizing electrical disturbances during storms or other catastrophes. And, because the system is self-healing, it has an end-to-end flexibility that detects and overrules human errors that result in some of the power outages.

Beyond managing power disturbances, a smart grid system has the ability to measure how and when consumers use the maximum power. This information allows the utility providers to charge consumers variable rates for energy based upon supply and demand. Ultimately, this variable rate will incentivize consumers to shift their heavy use of electricity to times of the day when demand is low and will contribute to a healthier environment by helping consumers better manage and more efficiently use energy.

Smart grid will create a new life-style for electricity consumers. Today, customers do not know how

it is observed that such fund is utilized on unproductive purpose at the cost of the project which must be restricted – hiring accommodation, beautification of office, airfare, vehicles, office automation, paying arrears to employees, etc. A committee under the State P&D Department ought to be constituted to plan the expenditure of the earmarked amount.

Hope the aim is not to appoint a chairman with all financial benefits at this point of time of revival of the company. We need a CEO who is ready to work with a dream and ultimate goal to make APOL a profitable organization first. We the people of Assam want to see the APOL signboard in all the district of Assam as it was in the 90s. Yours etc., CHANDRA SEKHAR SARMAH, Ganeshguri, Guwahati.

Slogan writing

Sir, — This refers to the article, titled 'Buddhism: a golden thread to Nirvana' by Badan Sarma (AT, May 10). The writer referring to the *Puranas* describes the Buddha as the ninth avatar of God Vishnu. In this context, I would like to say that the ardent Buddhists do not consider Buddha to be the incarnation of Lord Vishnu as is believed by a section of people. In his lifetime, Buddha himself did not believe in God and told his followers to treat him as a man of flesh and blood. He even urged them to question him if he was wrong. Buddhism is not a religion in proper sense of the term; it is a sort of philosophy, a way of life. It will therefore be wrong to record the Buddha as an avatar of a Hindu God. Yours etc., ALOK SHYAM GOHAIN, Sonari.

Response needed

Sir, — In the recent past, three letters related to the district court employees were published in this column but without any subsequent response from the authority concerned. At this moment, I would like to ask the Gauhati High Court authority why the copyists are entrusted with the greater responsibility of *peshkars*, while their promotional avenues are closed forever without any justification, whereas an LD assistant, who gets salary equal to that of a copyist, is promoted to the higher post, subject to vacancy, when it becomes due. This kind of treatment to the copyists is not justifiable in the light of our Constitution. Yours etc., ANIMESH BORAH, Guwahati.

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Letters to the EDITOR**Revamp of APOL mill at Rangiya****Slogan writing**

Sir, — This has reference to the news published in *The Assam Tribune* dated May 11, 2017. I welcome it and express my thanks for such a positive decision of the State Government. It's really a good move to revamp the APOL, which was once a profit-making textile industry in Assam with branches in many districts, thereby providing scope for self-employment to local youths under the leadership of late Col Uma Sarma whom we must remember for his foresightedness in the establishment of the company. Now, the State Government needs to be more vigilant over the proper utilization of the fund of Rs 9.35 crore proposed to release to revamp the company. Generally

Dangers of high BP elaborated

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 16: On the eve of World Hypertension Day, the Heart Care Society of Assam, Guwahati Chapter, today held a public awareness meet in the city.

Secretary of the Guwahati Chapter, Dr Bikash Rai Das made an audiovisual presentation and spoke about the importance of awareness and also on various ill-effects of high blood pressure. He said undiagnosed and uncontrolled hypertension leads to heart attack, stroke, kidney failure and eye damage.

He said that high blood pressure or hypertension has become one of the major causes of premature deaths worldwide, claiming nearly 9.4 million lives every year.

"According to a report of the World Health Organisation, in India hypertension affects one in three adults aged 25 years of age or over. Only one in five patients suffering from hypertension is on treatment and only less than five per cent are controlled," said Dr Das, adding that regular BP check-up is very important.

The event was also addressed by founder president of Heart Care Society of India Dr NK Bhattacharjee and senior cardiologist Dr Indra Kudalipati.

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Steps to tackle dengue during monsoon

PRANJAL BHUYAN

been reported round the year," he said. Dr Salkia said dengue has "become localised or indigenous" in Assam in the recent past. While earlier most patients in the State used to contract dengue while travelling to other states, now many cases are reported locally.

"We are intensifying awareness campaigns across the district. Besides, fogging is being carried out in most vulnerable areas, where dengue cases had been reported in greater numbers during last year. Fogging operations will be intensified further as the rainy season approaches," he said.

He said GMC has around 30 fogging machines and another three-four are

with the district health department. According to officials, some localities of Guwahati including Ameriog, Lalgarh, Udhobhara, Kahlipura, Dihirpara and Fatasil had reported the maximum number of dengue cases last year.

Dr Salkia said that equal importance is also been given to control malaria and JE in the city. "Malaria and JE cases spiral during the June-September period, JE vaccination among children in Sonapur block has been completed," he said.

Meanwhile, the Kamrup Metro district administration has issued an advisory to the people regarding dengue. As per the advisory, residents of the



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city have been advised to use mosquito repellents, wear long-sleeved clothes, use mosquito nets and to get rid of places where mosquitoes can breed, like old tyres and flower pots that collect rainwater.

The district administration has also directed the GMC and the health department to undertake continuous fogging of open and vulnerable locations within the city and to take up capacity building and awareness programmes amongst vulnerable people.

The health department has directed to arrange adequate supply of essential blood test kits, while the GMC has been asked to ensure adequate supply of fogging equipment.

The municipal body has also been directed to undertake vulnerability mapping of the wards and areas within the city and to assess gaps as per past vulnerability.

A school that gives students a 'comfort zone'

A CORRESPONDENT

The aim of Bal Bhavan is not only to provide extracurricular activities to the poor children but also to provide a positive environment. They prevent the students from becoming spoilt children.

The counsellor as well as the principle ensure that the children are not just educated through textbooks, but also learn ethics and morality.

The school is a home for the children who do not get a very joyous environment in their families. The students claimed that they are happy to be a part of Bal Bhavan School and they have been supporting the teachers to guide them. The children who are into music have started making their own musical instruments and songs.



Assam Home Guard Welfare Association members demonstrate over various demands in Gauhati on Tuesday. — UB Photos

The school is actually a recreational centre that provides all extracurricular activities, including dance, music, computer, learning, art, drama etc. There is no discrimination regarding gender, caste, religion etc. They accept children from anywhere across Assam and the school gives the children an opportunity to display their talent.

Health dept for probe into vaccine rumours

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 16: The health department has sought intervention of the Assam Police in identifying those behind spreading rumours about a vaccine that could lead to infertility.

This is after students from various schools in the State reportedly left school or were taken away by their parents in fear of the vaccine.

Dismissed the rumours, Principal Secretary, Health and Family Welfare department Samir Sinha said that those spreading the rumours are against the welfare of the common people and that he would write to the Director General of Assam Police to inquire into it.

Asked if it was an attempt to derail the population policy, Shaha, however, said that the population policy is for the general well-being of the people of Assam and it has nothing to do with the vaccination programme.

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"The rumours that the JE vaccine would lead to impotency is being spread through social media and I urge people not to fall prey to such concocted notions.

We reviewed the situation today and all necessary measures are being taken to allay any kind of apprehension which may exist," Sinha said, adding, "The only remedy to fight JE virus is the vaccination."

Dr Ilias Ali, Professor, Gauhati Medical College and Hospital gave a brief presentation on the JE prevalence in the State.

May this year, there have been 252 cases of acute encephalitis syndrome (AES), accounting for 17 deaths, while 39 JE cases resulted in death of nine persons.

Sinha said that the department is trying to learn more about the early warning system which would help in making timely intervention in JE-prone areas.

Sinha added that the vaccination drive would continue as planned and if necessary, the awareness campaign would be intensified in the interior pockets.

Malika Medhi, Joint Secretary, health department said that the coverage of JE vaccine has been impressive and it has no link with fertility issues, as it is evident in so many districts where the vaccination drive was undertaken.

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Meet on semester evaluation work

GUWAHATI, May 16: An interactive session on time-bound accomplishment of the semester evaluation work by the zonal officers was organised in the New Academic Building conference hall of Gauhati University.

Around 85 zonal officers and assistant zonal officers were present at the meeting. Deadlines were set for the zonal officers to submit the TDC, 2nd, 4th and 6th semester evaluation works to the GU examination authority, Deputy Controller of Exams, GU, Dr D Talukdar said in a statement.

Suicide

GUWAHATI, May 16: A woman constable allegedly committed suicide at her quarter on 10th APBn campus located at Kahlipara here. Police found Manju Kalita hanging from the ceiling at her quarter this morning. Her husband stays at Sualkuchi. The couple has a kid. Police suspect family problems to be the reason behind the extreme step.

Retired principal of Pub Kamrup College, Dr Kunu Bhattacharya, and retired

teacher of Railway HS School, Surja Kanta Deba Sharma, were present as judges in the debate competition.

The Sahitya Divas was organised today with much zeal and enthusiasm, said a press release.

Difficult competitions were held among the students to mark the occasion. Storytelling and handwriting competitions among the students from Class I to Class III were held on May 5-6, while recitation and essay competitions among the students from Class IV to Class V were held on May 8-9 on the school campus.

On May 15, a quiz competition among the students from Class VI to Class VII, an extempore speech completion and a debate competition were also held among the Class VIII, IX and X students.

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Walk in Interview

Walk in interview for the posts of Officer on Special Duty (OSD) for Administration, Store and Purchase will be held on 19.05.2017, and for the post of OSD for Academic Planning will be held on 20.05.2017 at Assam Science and Technology University office, Telesia Road, Near ACC, Jalkukar, Guwahati-781013.

The interested candidates with 15 years of experience in Store, Purchase and experience with Academic Planning and Academic Administration are requested to attend the walk in interview.

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Air India plans NE expansion, to inject more flights

NEW DELHI, May 16: The Air India plans to expand its network in the North-east as it sees a tap into passenger demand following government's push for regional connectivity.

Air India's Chairman and Managing Director Ashwani Lohani will visit three north-eastern states next month to review the operations in the region.

"We are focused on increasing connectivity to the North-east by injecting more flights of our Airbus and Turboprop aircraft," Lohani said.

Lohani is likely to survey

several airports in the region to increase frequency, add new routes and, if required, discontinue non-profitable ones.

— Agartala (Tripura), Aizawl (Mizoram), Dimapur (Nagaland), Imphal (Manipur), Shillong (Meghalaya), Dibrugarh,

be operational as part of the winter schedule, which kicks in from October 29 this year.

From Delhi, Air India operates a daily flight each to Guwahati, Imphal and Bagdogra.

The national carrier and its subsidiary operate 19 flights from Kolkata to the north-eastern states.

Further, there are flights from Guwahati to Imphal, Lilabari and Tezpur. It may be recalled that several organisations have been demanding for increasing flight frequencies for better connectivity. — PTI

Silchar, Tezpur and Lilabari (all in Assam).

"Frequency on the Delhi-Guwahati route is likely to be increased," an airline source said.

He also added that the additional flights are likely to

Union Minister favours integrated farming

ITANAGAR, May 16: Underlining the importance of animal husbandry, Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Sudarshan Bhagat has said that animal husbandry is a blank cheque, which farmers can cash as per their need.

Paying his maiden visit to ICAR-National Research Centre on Yak at Dirang in West Kameng district of Arunachal Pradesh yesterday, the Union Minister was interacting with the scientists and staff of ICAR-NRC on Yak, state government officials, public leaders and farmers of the district.

Elaborating on different agricultural schemes and projects available for the farmers in the tribal region, he informed that the Indian Government was working hard to achieve the Prime Minister's goal of doubling farmers' income and emphasised that this could be achieved through integrated farming system, where agriculture is integrated with dairy, fisheries, poultry and others.

Bhagat accentuated that there

should be direct interaction between the farmers and scientists and other experts in agriculture and allied sector, so that technology developed by the research centres, KVKS and other institute can directly benefit the farming community.

While visiting different laboratories of the institute, the minister appreciated the efforts of the institute working in the frontier areas of yak husbandry and for playing a pivotal role for significant achievement of the institute in conservation and multiplication of yak in the country.

Earlier, the Director of ICAR-NRC on Yak S.M. Deb welcomed the Union Minister to the institute and apprised him about the various research activities of the institute. Dr. Tsering, a public leader urged the minister for providing insurance coverage and fencing to the horticulture crops. — Correspondent



भारतीय वायु सेना / Indian Air Force

INVITES MALE CANDIDATES TO APPEAR IN RECRUITMENT RALLY FROM 01 JUNE 2017 TO 05 JUNE 2017 TO JOIN AS AIRMEN IN GROUP 'Y' (NON-TECHNICAL) MUSICIAN TRADE ONLY AT 11 AIRMEN SELECTION CENTRE, VIP CHOWK, BORJHAR, GUWAHATI (ASSAM) FOR INTAKE 01/2018

1. Indian Air Force offers opportunities for **MALE INDIAN CITIZENS** (Married candidates above 22 years of age (on the date of Enrollment in Indian Air Force) are also eligible) from the States of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Mizoram, Tripura, Manipur, West Bengal and Sikkim to join as Airmen. The Recruitment Test for Group 'Y' (Non-Technical) Musician Trade only will be held at 11 Airmen Selection Centre, VIP Chowk, Borjhar, Guwahati (Assam) from 01 June 2017 to 05 June 2017 as per the Selection Programme given below.

2. Examination/Rally venue will be open from 0600h-1000h and the examinations will be conducted as per the details given below. Candidates fulfilling the domicile requirements and eligibility conditions and reporting up to **10 AM** on 01 June 2017 and 03 June 2017 at the Rally Venue will only be permitted to appear in the Recruitment Test.

Note: The Recruitment Test is not selection as Commissioned Officers/ Pilots/Navigators.

DATE	STREAM / ACTIVITIES	STATES TO BE COVERED
01 June 2017	Proficiency test in playing musical instruments, English Written Test, Adaptability Test-1, Physical Fitness Test (PFT) and Adaptability Test-2.	States of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Mizoram and Tripura
02 June 2017	Proficiency test in playing musical instruments, English Written Test, Adaptability Test-1, Physical Fitness Test (PFT) and Adaptability Test-2.	States of West Bengal, Sikkim and Manipur
03 June 2017	Proficiency test in playing musical instruments, English Written Test, Adaptability Test-1, Physical Fitness Test (PFT) and Adaptability Test-2.	States of West Bengal, Sikkim and Manipur
04 June 2017	Proficiency test in playing musical instruments, English Written Test, Adaptability Test-1, Physical Fitness Test (PFT) and Adaptability Test-2.	Reserve day
05 June 2017		

ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS

Date of Birth Block.

- (a) Candidates born between **07 January 1993** to **27 December 2000** (both days inclusive) are eligible to appear in the Recruitment Rally.
- (b) Married candidates are eligible only if their age on the date of enrolment is above 22 years.

4. **Educational Qualification.** Passed Matriculation 10th class or equivalent with minimum pass marks from any COBSE recognized Board and should be proficient in playing at least one of the following musical instruments.

- (a) Piccolo/Bamboo Flute (b) Saxophone (c) Clarinet (d) Trumpet (e) Euphonium (f) Trombone (g) Guitar (h) Violin (i) Octa Pad (j) Tabla/Chholak (l) Key board / Piano.

Note : Boards recognized/affiliated by Council of Boards for School Education (COBSE) will only be permitted.

5. **Domicile Requirement.** To be eligible to appear in the rally at 11 Airmen Selection Centre, VIP Chowk, Borjhar, Guwahati (Assam), the candidates are required to satisfy the following conditions:

(a) The School from where candidates have passed the qualifying examination should be within the geographical / administrative limits of States of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Mizoram, Tripura, West Bengal, Sikkim or Manipur. If the name of **District/State** is not mentioned with the name of institution in the certificate / marks sheet of qualifying examination, the candidates are to produce 'Domicile Certificate' issued by the respective State Government authorities as mentioned below:

i) For Candidates from States of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Mizoram, Tripura or Manipur. SDM/DM/Executive Magistrate or any official authorised by the respective State Governments.

ii) For Candidates from State of West Bengal. DM or any official authorised by the State Government of West Bengal.

iii) For Candidates from State of Sikkim. Tehsildar/SDM/DM or any official authorised by the State Government of Sikkim.

(b) Permanent Domicile of States of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Mizoram, Tripura, West Bengal, Sikkim or Manipur who have passed the qualifying examination from anywhere in India are to produce the Domicile Certificate prior to commencement of examination from appropriate authority as given in sub-paragraph (a) above.

(c) Sons of serving Air Force personnel whose father/mother is presently serving in any Air Force Unit located in the States (as specified in para 2 above), irrespective of their domicile status, are permitted to appear in the rally subject to production of Son of Serving Air Force Personnel (SOAP) Certificate (format available on AFNET CASE website).

(d) Sons of Retired/Discharged/Deceased Air Force personnel residing in the States (as specified in para 2 above), are permitted to appear in the rally subject to production of proof of minimum stay of one year along with original and a photocopy of Discharge Book/Service Certificate issued from AFRO/DAY.

6. **Medical Standards.**

(a) General Medical Standards are as follows:-

- i) **Chest:** Minimum range of expansion: 5 cm. ii) **Weight:** Proportionate to height and age. iii) **Corneal Surgery (PRK/LASIK)** not acceptable. iv) **Hearing:** Candidate should have normal hearing i.e. able to hear forced whisper from a distance of 6 meters with each ear separately. v) **Dental:** Candidate should have healthy gums; good set of teeth; minimum 14 dental points. vi) **Health:** Candidate should be of normal anatomy without loss of any appendages. He should be free from all communicable diseases and skin ailments. Candidate must be physically and mentally **FIT** to perform duty in any part of the world, in any climate and terrain.

(b) Height, Leg Length, Visual Standards and Colour Vision are as follows:-

Height	Leg Length	Visual Acuity	Maximum limits of Refractive Error	Colour vision
162 cm (including NE & Hill States)	Not applicable	6/36 each eye correctable to 6/9 each eye	Not exceeding +3.50D including astigmatism	CP-II

7. **Body Tattoos.** Permanent body tattoos only on inner face of the fore arms (inside elbow to the wrist), Back (dorsal) part of the hand/reverse side of palm and Thighs with tattoos which are as per custom and traditions of their tribes only are permitted. However, right to decide on acceptability/ unacceptability of the individual tests with the Selection Centre. Candidates with permanent body tattoos are to submit a photograph of the tattoo with details of size and type of the Tattoo.

8. Only Sikh candidates, whose religion prohibits the cutting of hair or shaving of face of its member, will be permitted to grow hair and/or retain beard and moustache. Accordingly, those Sikh candidates willing to retain the same as per laid down specification are to get their photographs with beard and moustache.

9. Candidates discharged from Indian Army/Indian Navy/Any other Government Organisation are also eligible subject to their discharge with **NO ADVERSE ENTRIES** (Original Discharge Certificate to be produced at the rally venue on the day of testing). Candidates discharged from Indian Air Force for any reason are not eligible to appear in the rally.

10. **Writing Materials, Documents and Musical Instruments Required.** Candidates are to bring the following:-

- (a) HB Pencil, Eraser, Sharpener, Gum tube, Stapler and Black/Blue Ball Point Pen for writing.
- (b) Seven un-efaced recent (taken not before May 2017) passport size colour photograph (front portrait in light background without head gear except for Sikhs). The photograph is to be taken with candidate holding a black slate in front of his chest with his Name and Date of Photograph taken, clearly written on it with white chalk in capital letters.
- (c) Original and four self-attested photocopies of Matriculation Passing Certificate.
- (d) Original and four self-attested photocopies of Domicile Certificate (or) Original and four self-attested photocopies of duly filled Son of Air Force Personnel (SOAP) Certificate (format available on CASB AFNET website) for Sons of serving Air Force personnel (or) Original and four self-attested photocopies of Discharge Book/ Service Certificate issued from AFRO/DAY for Sons of retired/ deceased/ discharged Air Force personnel.
- (e) Candidates discharged from Indian Army/Indian Navy/Any other Government Organisation. Original and four Self-attested photocopies of Discharge Certificate (as issued from Indian Army/Indian Navy/Government Organisation).
- (f) Diploma/Proficiency/Experience Certificate if any in the field of Music.
- (g) Candidates are to bring their own Musical Instrument for practical test, from the list mentioned in para 4 above.
- (h) NCC 'A', 'B' or 'C' Certificate (if applicable).

Note: Under any circumstances the candidates will not be permitted to appear in the Rally without Original Educational Marks Sheets/Passing Certificates & Documents mentioned above in paragraph 10 (c) to (g). However, candidates with photocopies of Educational Marks Sheets/Passing Certificates can be permitted to appear in the Rally only on production of a certificate from College/School Principal certifying that Educational Certificates/Marks sheets are deposited with College/School.

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BEL says its EVMs not part of Botswana hacking challenge

NEW DELHI, May 16: The electronic voting machines (EVMs) are not just creating a stir in India, but kicking up a controversy in faraway Botswana, too.

After news portals reported Indian EVMs would be tested at a hackathon in the southern African country, Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL) – makers of the EVMs – said there were no such plans.

It denied reports that its EVMs would figure in a hackathon organ-

ised on Friday by the Independent Election Commission of Botswana, a government body.

The portals reported that BEL had been invited to the hackathon to demonstrate how the EVMs worked.

The reports prompted BEL to issue a statement saying it had not sold any EVMs or paper trail machines to Botswana's Election Commission.

"The Botswana Election Com-

mission has invited a team of BEL to show only the functionality of EVMs and VVPATS designed to meet the specific requirements of the Botswana government. These EVMs and VVPATS are different from the ones which are used by the Election Commission of India," it said.

BEL said there were no plans for holding a hackathon event with BEL's EVMs.

The reference to EVMs in the



press note issued by the Botswana Election Commission were "completely false and incorrect", it said.

According to a report in www.itwebfrica.com, Botswana's President Ian Khama had last year signed the Electoral Amendment Bill, 2016, a revision of the existing Electoral Act, paving the way for the introduction of EVMs.

The portal said the Botswana government believed this technology would improve several elec-

tion-related processes, such as registration of voters, preparation of rolls and deleting provisions for supplementary rolls.

Opposition parties, however, were concerned about the development and claimed EVMs were open to security breaches, it said.

The BEL, which is a public sector undertaking under the Ministry of Defence, and the Electronics Corporation of India Ltd, a PSU under the Department of Atomic

Energy, are the two producers of EVMs and VVPATS for the Election Commission of India.

The Election Commission of India has challenged political parties to prove EVMs used in the recent assembly polls were tampered with, after several Opposition parties questioned their reliability and demanded a return to the paper ballot system. The planned challenge could take place later this month. – PTI

Mishra knocks at CBI's door with proof against Kejriwal

NEW DELHI, May 16: A day after withdrawing his fast, ailing Delhi Minister Kapil Mishra today approached the CBI against Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal over his alleged involvement in money laundering.

Mishra claimed that he has submitted "irrefutable proof" against the Delhi Chief Minister and two AAP MLAs, whom he did not name, to the Central investigation agency over their alleged links with several fake companies.

"A person who came riding on the promise to fight the country's corrupt political system, to fight elections using donations from small sources, stands exposed today. He has attempted to run the AAP using black money," he told reporters.

On May 14, Mishra, a former close confidante of the AAP chief, had accused Kejriwal and the AAP of "massive" financial irregularities, including funneling money through shell companies, while taking donations.

Shell companies are basically fronts that do not indulge in any substantial trade, for carrying out illegal transactions.

Soon after being removed as a minister, Mishra had trained his guns at the AAP chief, accusing him of bribery. However, he is yet to support his allegations with any proof.

He had been on a six-day fast in protest against the AAP's "refusal" to disclose the details of the foreign trips of his five party leaders. – PTI

Sitharaman to Rahul What promises has Centre broken?

NEW DELHI, May 16: Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman today wondered what promises the NDA government has broken and how it has betrayed the people in the last three years as has been alleged by Congress vice-president Rahul Gandhi.

She was responding to Gandhi's statement that there is nothing to celebrate for the BJP-led NDA government as the three-years were marked by "betrayal" of the mandate, "broken promises" and "non-performance".

"Non performance", she retorted, questioning: "Who is talking about this? Somebody who was part of the 10 years of the non-performing government which led to the whole talk about us as a government in freeze. We were almost written off".

"I am shocked at all three descriptions. Either he is ill informed or does not know what he is trying to tell us. I completely reject it," she told PTI in an interview.

Sitharaman said that on each of the description, the Congress leader has gone "grossly wrong".

She further said, "Where is the betrayal? We are keeping up every word mentioned in our manifesto".

The minister said the govt

government has kept all promises and added it has never overlooked malpractices.

When asked about former Finance Minister P Chidambaram's statement that the government was trying to silence him by using CBI against his son – Karti Chidambaram, she said the situation is allowing the law to take its own course.

"These are investigations based on some prima facie information with which ED or CBI or concerned departments move forward," she said, adding that if the departments are taking actions based on an information, "I will see it only as that and nothing more".

The CBI today carried out searches at several places linked to the former Finance Minister and his son over alleged favours granted in a foreign investment clearance to a firm, INX Media, in 2007.

"The government, using the CBI and other agencies, is targeting my son and his friends... The government's aim is to silence my voice and stop me from writing, as it has tried to do in the cases of leaders of opposition parties, journalists, columnists, NGOs and civil society organisations," the senior Congress leader said in a statement in Chennai. – PTI

LDF govt trying to stop BJP's growth through violence: Shah

KOCHI, May 16: BJP national president Amit Shah today accused the CPI(M)-led LDF government in Kerala of trying to stop the growth of the saffron party through violence.

He condemned the killing of an RSS worker in Kannur on May 12, saying the government should work as per law and the Constitution and not through the party ideology.

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"After the LDF government came to power, the manner in which the attacks are happening against BJP and RSS workers, it is clear that the way in which BJP is growing in Kerala, this Left government is trying to stop it through violence," he said.

Ever since the Left government came to power, 13 BJP and RSS worker had been killed and it was not a coincidence, Shah alleged and added that it was impossible that so many attacks could have taken place without the backing of the government.

The law-and-order situation had deteriorated and what was a matter of concern was that the government, despite the killings, was not concerned, he claimed. "The BJP/RSS workers are being attacked and killed mercilessly and the CPI(M)-led LDF government is the least concerned to stop it," Shah said. The Marxist party cannot stop the popularity of the saffron party though violence, he said. – PTI

The courses at universities remain restricted to the boundaries of their classrooms and libraries. I say they should be asked to go out and do ground-work, to go with these people, to stay at a place on GB Road for one week or a month.

"If anyone wants to do research on women and kids are treated, about their counselling, about shelter homes, they need to be out there to know the ground reality," he said.

The police officer also urged research students to carry out

thorough groundwork to understand the severity of child and women abuse, instead of limiting themselves to classrooms and libraries.

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and Child Development (NIPCD), KC George, stressed on the importance of family counselling in sensitising children about abuse.

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Indian Army's Chetak Corps carried out operational manoeuvres code named Exercise Thar Shakti in the deserts of Rajasthan. The exercise involved approximately 20,000 troops along with Tanks, ICVs, Artillery Guns. – UNI

Court takes cognisance of defamation case against Gohil

NEW DELHI, May 16: A Delhi court has taken cognisance of a criminal defamation case against Gujarat Congress leader Shaktisinh Gohil by a State-run company over his statement alleging scam in the procurement of LED bulbs for government use.

Metropolitan Magistrate Snigdha Sarvaria took note of the complaint filed by Saurabh Kumar, Managing Director of Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (EESL) which is a joint venture of PSUs of the Power Ministry.

The court fixed the matter for pre-summoning evidence on July 15. If convicted, Gohil may face a maximum jail term for two years.

The application moved through advocate Manik Dogra claimed that Gohil's statements were "false and malicious propaganda" which were made for "gaining political mileage".

Gohil in his statement of March 27 had alleged that the company had procured the LED bulbs under the Umnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for All (UJALA) scheme of the government, which transparency and in violation of the guidelines laid down by the Supreme Court and the Vigilance Commission. The EESL had in a statement then refuted the allegations made by Gohil.

The EESL was incorporated as a joint venture of four PSUs – the National Thermal Power Corporation, the Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd, the Rural Electrification Corporation and the Power Finance Corporation Ltd. – PTI

HC notice to MHA on PIL against sexual harassment law

NEW DELHI, May 16: The Delhi High Court today issued notice to the Centre on a plea challenging the constitutional validity of a penal provision on sexual harassment on the ground that it was "vague" and susceptible to misuse.

The change in Section 354A (sexual harassment) of the IPC was brought about after the horrific December 16, 2012 gangrape-cum-murder case.

A bench of Acting Chief Justice Gita Mittal and Justice C Hari Shankar sought the response of the Secretary of the Ministry of Home Affairs and posted the matter for hearing on August 30.

The petition, filed by advocate Divyadeep Chaturvedi,

sought striking down of provisions under Section 354A (sexual harassment) of the IPC, including the one which makes "a man making sexually coloured remarks shall be guilty of sexual harassment".

The expression "is too vague and makes it impossible for a person of ordinary intelligence to know what is prohibited, so that he may act contrary to the law", the plea said.

It said this puts the liberty of a person in jeopardy, merely on the basis of the object of the person conceiving himself or herself being subjected to a particular remark.

It said Section 354A is "unreasonable" and violative of Articles 14 (equality before law) and 21 (protection of life and personal liberty) of the Constitution.

The petition also said the provision does not specify the gender of the subject of crime but only of the perpetrator, which is "unreasonable".

As per the provision the gender of the perpetrator is given as man whereas the victim's gender is not specified.

After the gauntlet of a 23-year-old woman on December 16, 2012, a committee under the chairmanship of retired Supreme Court judge Justice JS Verma was constituted to suggest amendments to the criminal law to sternly deal with sexual offences. – PTI

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Atisha Pratap Singh, disciple of Dr Raja Radha Reddy and Kaushalya Reddy, and daughter of Rajiv Pratap Rudy, Union Minister of State Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (IIC) during her Kuchipudi 'Rangapravesham' in New Delhi on Monday night. – UNI

'Include child sexual abuse awareness in national curriculum'

NEW DELHI, May 16: In a country where over 50 per cent of children are reported to have been subjected to sexual abuse, it is necessary to sensitize students to tackle the issue, a top Delhi Police official today said.

Joint Commissioner Robin Hibu said it was important for educational and training institutions to include child sexual abuse awareness in their curriculums. He said such assaults must be addressed by the basic institutions of a victim's life, including family, school, places of worship, and places of worship.

"To address the issue of child sexual abuse you will have to make it part of the national curriculum at all kinds of training

institutes, including police, civil, panchayati raj, engineering and medical."

"98 per cent of sexual abuse, of both children and women, happens through a family member or someone known to the victim. How do police intervene in matters if they are not reported? That is the role of institutions like family, school, places of worship and community leaders," Hibu said.

He was speaking at the launch of a new campaign – It Takes Every Indian to End Child Sexual Abuse and exploitation – by World Vision India.

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Tattoo care

Derma experts suggest ways to take care of your tattoo and the skin during summer

Summer season is the perfect time to flaunt your tattoo in sleeveless tees, shorts and beachwear. However, with the scorching sun, it becomes all the more important to take care of your tattoo and the skin. After all, you don't want to be attacked by skin infections, allergies and heat rashes.

Rohit Barra, dermatologist at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, Vivek Mehta, dermatologist at Pulsatya's Cadle Skin Laser Clinic, Neha Mittal, aesthetic and cosmetic physician at Dermaworld Skin and Hair Clinics, suggest how to protect tattoos during summer:

tattoo done, limit your sun exposure and apply sunscreen. Reapply sunscreen every two to three hours.

* No matter how difficult it is, control your urge to flaunt your tattoo for at least initial days of recovery in order to avoid any kind of infection. Scarring, sunburn and skin problems like melanoma are other issues that may affect your skin.

* Avoid bathtubs, hot water and ocean or pool water as they may contain a harmful chemical which might cause irritation, allergy or other skin issues.

* It is quite normal to feel itchy and sensitive on the area of the tattoo, especially after a few days of a new tattoo. Therefore, use a moisturiser with an antioxidant formula.

* If you are planning to go on vacation after getting a tattoo done to places with beaches, oceans or swimming pools, then you must wait for 14 to 20 days to have your tattoo recover properly, as staying too much in water can also hamper the healing and can damage your expensive tattoo. —IANS

Therefore, sun protection is important. Apply sunscreen (SPF 30 or above) generously on the tattoo. Make sure that you do this soon after you get inked. Ten to 14 days after getting a

tattoo done, limit your sun exposure and apply sunscreen. Reapply sunscreen every two to three hours.

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Know your DAY

By JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, May 17, 2017.

This year you become more visible and content. You are more focused on your day-to-day life, especially your work and hobbies. You also are likely to network and socialize to your heart's content. If you are single, romance will not be a stranger in your life. You could meet someone of significance at any given time. If you are attached to two people, you have a lot in common and enjoy a mutual interest or hobby that you closer together. AQUARIUS makes an excellent friend for you.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Playful; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

***** You might feel as if you can handle anything that heads your way at the moment. Use this sense of well-being to take care of what needs to be done. You are likely to be witness to a change in someone's or friend's attitude. Decide to be kind to him personally. Tonight: Out with the gang.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** Touch base with an older relative. You could feel odd and as you have little choice as to what to do. You have the ability to socialize with your parents easily now. Start networking, and put yourself in the position of being noticed. Tonight: Out on the town.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** You might feel much more in touch with your priorities and with what you want to do. You could be presented with an interesting offer that seems too good to be true. Detach and take a look hard at it before accepting. You might even emerge. Tonight: As you like it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** You might want to try a different approach to a personal matter, especially if you desire a particular type of communication to take place. Add the fun and lightness of the moment. Why worry about the results? You might just pull in a loved one.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Others seem to hold your interest more than usual. You could find the present situation difficult, as you seem to have a problem getting to the bottom of the issue. Try turning on your charm, and you might find much more of what you want. Tonight: Trust in Lady Luck.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** You might want to look beyond the obvious, yet you could feel slightly held back by your routine. Your ability to make a good impression on others, especially someone who could make a difference in your life, needs to come out. Stay loose and easy. Tonight: Play it relaxed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Your emphasis is on love and romance. You could have difficulty getting to the bottom of a problem, but your positive attitude and optimistic ways save the moment. Someone close to you tends to exactly what you need to hear. Listen carefully. Tonight: Enjoy playing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** You might feel as if you can get away with nearly anything you desire. Be careful, as others are watching you more closely than you realize. You have an unkindness of doing things. Make plans to visit a friend whom you often get to see. Tonight: Take some time off.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** A conversation could end up being more positive than you expect. Be careful, as others are watching you more closely than you realize. You have an unkindness of doing things. Make plans to visit a friend whom you often get to see. Tonight: Treat yourself well.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** You might want to change direction and head down a new path. Consider having a conversation about this situation could be difficult. Explaining your thoughts and feelings to others could be challenging. Consider a new approach. Tonight: Treat yourself well.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Count on your high energy mixed with your infinite enthusiasm to get you through the day. Nothing someone at a distance could be surprising, but it is worth thinking about. Ask questions, if need be. A kind one might need your attention. Tonight: Let off some steam.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** Much of what you find around the scenes. You could be a little nervous as a result. You might feel as if you are missing some information you need to fill in the blanks. A partnership is lucky for you that you realize. Discuss a problem more fully with a friend. Tonight: Together we work.

The unexamined life is not worth living.

- PLATO

Kids

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10:00 Rost No. 21
14:00 Ben 10 Omaverse
15:00 Rost No. 21
16:00 We Bare Bears
17:30 Ben 10 Trans Go
18:00 Lava
18:30 Ben 10 Trans Go
19:00 Ben 10
19:30 Ben 10
20:30 Rost No. 21
21:00 Ben 10 Trans Go
21:30 Lava
22:00 Ben 10
22:30 Ben 10 Trans Go
23:00 Ben 10 Trans Go
23:30 Chota Bheem
14:00 Mighty Rajput
15:00 Mighty Rajput
16:30 Mighty Rajput
17:30 Chota Bheem
18:00 Chota Bheem - Super Show
19:30 Tinkle's Castle
22:00 Chota Bheem
22:30 Benji Jerry Tales
23:00 M.A.D.
23:30 Telephoning

Star Plus

13:00 Tu Soor Main Baarith...
13:30 Uddan
14:00 Ek Dil Tak
14:30 Ek Shringar - Swabhiman
15:00 Kamasutra
15:30 Yeh Rishtey Hain Kehla Hai
16:00 Rishtey Hain Kehla Hai
16:30 Meri Angrej Mein
17:30 Meri Durga
18:00 Yeh Rishtey Hain Kehla Hai
19:30 Yeh Rishtey Hain Kehla Hai
20:00 Pardesi Mein Meri Dil
21:00 Naamkarann
21:30 Yeh Rishtey Hain Kehla Hai
22:00 Dil Bevoi Oosteri
23:00 Qissa Kaa Amala Ka?
23:30 Ek Shringar - Swabhiman

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19:30 Shringar Ki Mahak
19:45 Pyar Abhi
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22:00 Dil Bevoi Oosteri
23:00 Ek Gaata Pa LiChamps
23:30 Pyar Abhi

Liaqat

13:00 Just for Laughs
14:00 American Funniest Home...
15:00 American Funniest Home...
16:00 America's Funniest Home...
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23:30 Code Black

ZeeCafe

13:00 Di Se Dil Tak
13:30 Uddan
14:00 Ek Shringar - Swabhiman
14:30 Bhagya Balood Bhag
15:00 Rishtey Hain Kehla Hai
15:30 Thakpi Pyar Ki
16:00 Shakti
17:00 Sardar
18:00 Rishtey Hain Kehla Hai
19:00 Shakti
20:00 Shakti
21:00 Kamaal Gaata Shani
21:30 Ek Shringar - Swabhiman
22:00 Rishtey Hain Kehla Hai
22:30 Di Se Dil Tak
23:00 Shakti

Infotainment

22:25 Chasing the Sun
23:25 Andy and Ben Australia
23:30 NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL
13:00 Africa's Horrible
14:00 The Starfish
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National Geographic Channel

07:00 NEWS LIVE
08:00 Good morning Assam
10:00 Good morning India
11:30 Katha Bara (R)
12:00 Mid Day Live
13:00 National News Time
14:30 Afternoon Prime
15:00 Late Night News
16:30 News Gaurav
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06:30 NE News

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14:00 THE PHANTOM
15:00 YOUR BROTHER KIT GOES TO SCHOOL IN ASIA? WHERE?
16:00 GOOD QUESTION!
17:00 COOL!
18:00 IT'S LIKE YOU KNOW, INDIA, CHINA, SOMEWHERE AROUND THERE...
19:00 MY DAD! UM...
20:00 COOL!
21:00 IT'S LIKE YOU KNOW, INDIA, CHINA, SOMEWHERE AROUND THERE...
22:00 COOL!
23:00 IT'S LIKE YOU KNOW, INDIA, CHINA, SOMEWHERE AROUND THERE...

Dennis the Menace

14:00 BLONDIE
15:00 CAN YOU BELIEVE COMIC STRIPS STEREOTYPE TEENAGERS?
16:00 LOOK HOW THEY ALWAYS SHOW US TEXTING IN OUR MESSY ROOMS!
17:00 GET A GRIP! THEY'RE ONLY COMIC STRIPS!
18:00 I KNOW... BUT IT'S DISRESPECTFUL!
19:00 I TALK...
20:00 I TALK...
21:00 I TALK...
22:00 I TALK...
23:00 I TALK...

BLONDIE

13:00 HAGAR THE HORRIBLE
14:00 LOOK, HELGA! I'M TAKING A BATH!
15:00 YEAH YEAH
16:00 I THOUGHT YOU WOULD SOUND HAPPIER ABOUT IT!
17:00 BRONK
18:00 I THOUGHT YOU WOULD SOUND HAPPIER ABOUT IT!
19:00 SORRY! I JUST HATE TO SEE ANOTHER YEAR FLY BY!
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Hagar the Horrible

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		525	00	02	2.63
Hojai	Hojai Town No. 2	615	239	00	5.34
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China takes exception to India's stand on Belt & Road initiative

BEIJING, May 16: China took strong exception to India's stand on its Belt and Road initiative and asked New Delhi to explain what kind of "meaningful dialogue" it wants with Beijing on the multi-billion-dollar venture.

"Over the past four years since the project was initiated, we have been holding the principle of extensive consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits" for the Belt and Road initiative, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying said, reading to Ministry of External Affairs spokesman Gopal Bagley's remarks that China should hold a meaningful dialogue on the concerns over the One Belt One Road (OBOR) project.

"I do not know what the

spokesperson (of MEA) was trying to say. What kind of dialogue is a meaningful dialogue? What kind of a positive attitude the spokesman wants China to have?" Hua said when asked for her reaction to Bagley's remarks a day before the two-day Belt and Road Forum.

India boycotted the Belt and Road Forum (BRF) held from May 14-15. The meeting was attended by 29 world leaders, including Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif.

India skipped the meeting due to its sovereignty concerns over the US\$ 50-billion China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) which passes through Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK).

A day before the Summit, Bagley had said in New Delhi

that, "Guided by our principle position in the matter, we have been urging China to engage in a meaningful dialogue on its connectivity initiative, 'One Belt, One Road,' which was later renamed as 'Belt and Road Initiative.' We are awaiting a positive response from the Chinese side."

Hua, while responding to Bagley's remarks, said, "I think our ideas and actions are there for all to see. You can see the response of the international community towards this forum."

"Our attitude is always clear. We always want India to participate in the Belt and Road initiative. If they have the answer, they can give the answer to me, either in public or private," she said.

systems, and each other's core interests and major concerns." "I think these initiatives by

China have already made a clear response to the Indian side," Hua said. - PTI

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(1) Three separate envelopes should be used for submitting (i) Tender (ii) Earnest Money and (iii) Samples of Supplied Items superscribing (a) "Tender for Supply of Items" (b) Earnest Money for the Tender of Supplied Items and (c) "Samples of Supplied Items" on the cover of the respective envelope.

(2) Hypothetical conditional tender will not be entertained. Tender once submitted shall not be allowed to be withdrawn or altered, otherwise appropriate action as may be deemed fit by the Department will be taken, including forfeiture of Earned Money.

(3) The Tenderers are required to send their tender alongwith a Demand Draft of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five thousand) only drawn in favour of "The Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Secretariat Admin. (Est.) Dept., Vehicle Cell"

as Earnest Money which will be refunded to the unsuccessful tenderer on the conclusion of contract. Name of the firm, telephone number and name of the person may be written on the reverse side of the Demand Draft.

(4) The Department will deal with the tenderer directly and no middle-men agents/ commission agents etc. should be asked by the tenderer to represent their cause and they will not be entertained by the Department.

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(6) The Department in its discretion, reserves the right to reject or accept any or all the tenders, wholly or partly, without assigning any reason.

(7) The tender should be valid for a period of 1 (one) years from the date of opening of tender documents.

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Indian-origin Google techie links ransomware attack to N Korea

LONDON, May 16: An Indian-origin security researcher with Google has round evidence suggesting that North Korean hackers may have carried out the "unprecedented" ransomware cyber attack that hit 150 countries, including India.

Neel Mehta has published a code which a Russian security firm has termed as the "most significant clue to date," BBC reported today. The code, published on Twitter, is exclusive to North Korean hackers, researchers said.

Researchers have said that some of the code used in Friday's ransomware, known as WannaCry software, was nearly identical to the code used by the Lazarus Group, a group of North Korean hackers who used a similar version for the devastating hack of Sony Pictures Entertainment in 2014 and the last year's hack of Bangladesh Central Bank.

Security experts are now

cautiously linking the Lazarus Group to this latest attack after the discovery by Mehta.

Mehta has found similarities between the code found within WannaCry and other tools believed to have been created by the Lazarus Group in the past, BBC reported.

Security expert Prof Alan Woodward said that time stamps within the original WannaCry code are set to UTC +9 - China's time zone - and the text demanding the ransom uses words that reads like machine-translated English, but a Chinese segment apparently written by a native speaker, the report said.

"As you can see, it is pretty thin and all circumstantial. However, it is worth investigating," Woodward said.

"NeedMehta's discovery is the most significant clue to date regarding the origins of WannaCry," said Russian security firm Kaspersky, but noted a lot more information is needed about earlier ver-

sions of WannaCry before any firm conclusion can be reached, it reported.

"We believe it is important that other researchers around the world investigate these similarities and attempt to discover more facts about the origin of WannaCry," said Attributing cyberattacks to North Korea may be notoriously difficult – often relying on consensus rather than confirmation, the report said.

North Korea has never admitted any involvement in the Sony Pictures hack – and while security researchers and the US government have confidence in the theory, neither can rule out the possibility of a false flag, it said.

Skilled hackers may have simply made it look like it had originated in North Korea by using similar techniques. In the case of WannaCry, it is possible that hackers simply copied the code from earlier attacks by the Lazarus Group. - PTI



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KKR face defending champions Hyderabad in eliminator

BENGALURU, May 16: Two-time winners Kolkata Knight Riders will have to break the agonising sequence of debacles when they clash with defending champions Sunrisers Hyderabad in the IPL eliminator here tomorrow.

The winner of tomorrow's match will face the loser of Qualifier 1 between Mumbai Indians and Rising Pune Supergiant on May 19 in the second Qualifier, which will decide the second entrant of the final.

For KKR, it would take a significant turnaround to reach the second qualifier after they lost four out of seven matches in the latter half of the season.

The Shah Rukh Khan-owned side would like to find their form which saw them dominate the early stages of the competition. KKR would hope Chris Lynn comes to the party who has the ability to win a game on his own.

Lynn had scored a quick-fire fifty off just 21 balls, which was lead with five fours and four sixes, on his return at Chin-nawamy last month, after recovering from an injury.

Lynn had an excellent start to the season when he stitched a record opening partnership of 184 with skipper Gautam Gambhir against Gujarat Lions and went on to score an unbeaten 93.

KKR would also hope Sunil Narine gives them an exceptional start, like he did against Royal Challengers Bangalore, when he tore apart Samuel Badree and Sreenath Aravind to race to his half-century in just 15 balls and equal the record for the fastest fifty in the IPL.

Among others, the team also boasts of competitive batsmen such as Manish Pandey and Robin Uthappa, who have scored 396 and 386 runs respectively.

Gambhir was in red-hot form early in the season but seemed a tad off-colour in the business end and the skipper, who is in the third spot in the most runs list with 454 runs, will hope to lead



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from the front.

As far as their bowling is concerned, Chris Woakes (17 wickets) and Umesh Yadav (14 wickets) have been on song, and they have their task cut out to stop

David Warner and his men to keep themselves in the hunt.

Defending champions Sunrisers, on the other hand, won eight games while

lost five in their 14 league games to

end the league stage at third position with 17 points.

The team cemented their play-off berth on the back of a superb eight-wicket win over Gujarat Lions in their last league match.

Hyderabad will be hoping that skipper David Warner continues his imperturbable form as the explosive opener has registered 600-plus runs in back-to-back seasons.

He was the league's second-highest run-scorer during the franchise's maiden campaign last year. The Australian has shown great leadership qualities to keep his side on course for a second successive IPL triumph.

Unless KKR get Warner out early, they will struggle to contain Hyderabad tomorrow. They would also struggle if left-handed Shikhar Dhawan gets going.

Dhawan scored a sensational 468 runs so far this season, which forced selectors to pick him for the upcoming

Champions Trophy. Hyderabad would also like Yuvraj Singh, who started the season with a bang, hammering 70 not out in the tournament opener against Bangalore, to get runs. He has aggregated only 243 runs from 11 matches with a couple of half-centuries.

In bowling department, seamer Bhuvneshwar Kumar has been in the form of his life with 25 wickets in 13 games and boasts a four-wicket lead over Jaydev Unadkat, who is second in the list of top wicket-takers this season.

Pacer Mohammed Siraj, who was bought for Rs 2.6 crore by SRH after his brilliant bowling in domestic matches, bagged four wickets in the must-win game against Gujarat Lions to help Hyderabad qualify for play-offs.

Afghanistan spinner Rashid Khan also has been a revelation, taking 17 wickets in 13 matches. Hyderabad also have Siddarth Kaul in their ranks who has taken 16 wickets. — PTI

Batting first isn't a bad choice

There is so much to admire about Sunrisers Hyderabad. Not less than four of their bowlers have 10-plus wickets; their top order turns up everyday at the crease. Men on sidelines are ever battle-ready.

This indicates a dressing room which is fertile with imagination and bonhomie. The back room management in a long season is an under-rated study. If Mumbai could replace six and still win; if Hyderabad could still cruise without Williams and Yuvraj; there is a lot happening which is not in public view.

It is not to say KKR doesn't stack these values. It ticks every

box. But they are hurting for not making it 1-2 which was theirs for the taking. Their batters have lately been a little cold but you can never discount quality.

Last time, they went to pieces against Warner. His reverse sweeps and switch hits cleaned up the spinners. Knowing Gambhir, I don't think he would rely less on his spinners; or the aggressive fields he invariably gives them. Top

usually has yielded middling scores. Teams have found it difficult to chase down 160 or thereabout. You could be off the blocks in a flash; yet could be in swamps in middle overs. The whirlpool of middle overs has left many a team dry. Batting first isn't a bad choice.

One of these two delightful teams would end their IPL today. There is no second chance. But they would stand in the

knowledge that they fought tooth and nail and did everything they could do. That ought to be enough. — TCM

teams usually go for the throat. That's how they excite fans and paralyse opponents.

The venue in Bangalore

Nehra ruled out of IPL: SRH coach

BENGALURU, May 16: Sunrisers Hyderabad fast bowler Ashish Nehra has been ruled out of the rest of the Indian Premier League, head coach Tom Moody said here today.

"Ashish Nehra won't be fit for the remainder of the tournament," he told media in an interaction on the eve of the IPL eliminator clash between Hyderabad and Kolkata Knight Riders at Chinnaswamy stadium here.

The veteran India pacer was forced off the field with a hamstring strain in a league match against Rising Pune Supergiant on May 6.

Nehra's absence will be a sizable blow to the side, considering the devastating form the opening batsmen Chris Lynn and Sunil Narine are in.

The veteran bowler has been injury-prone. He has featured in only 8 of the 17 fixtures last season, while this season he has

played 6 out of 14.

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Cavani voted Ligue 1 Player of the Season

PARIS, May 16: Paris Saint-Germain striker Edinson Cavani was named the Ligue 1 Player of the Year at the end of season awards in France.

The Uruguayan has been rewarded for a stunning season in which he has scored a career-best 35 league goals in his favoured centre-forward role, after Zlatan Ibrahimovic

left for Manchester United.

The 30-year-old Uruguayan can match Ibrahimovic's league tally of 38 from last year if he gets a hat-trick at home against Caen on Saturday.

"I would have preferred collective awards to a personal one but this season will teach us many positive things to the upcoming one," Cavani said.

Monaco swept the other awards on Monday, with Leonardo Jardim named best manager, teen standout Kylian Mbappe voted the best young player, and Croatia's Danijel Šasa basic goal-scorer.

Former Crystal Palace and Tottenham midfielder John Bosock took home the award for the Ligue 2 Player of the Year in his first season in French football.

Bosock has scored eight goals in 37 appearances for Lens this term after joining the club from Belgian side OH Leuven last summer.

Lens are one of the six clubs who could still claim the Ligue 2 title with only one game remaining this season.

Monaco also beat sealed the French top-flight title after beating Lille 4-0 on Sunday to move three points ahead of defending champions PSG with a game in hand and a vastly superior goal difference.

Monaco now need only draw against Saint-Etienne on Wednesday to guarantee their first title since 2000. — Agencies

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2024 Olympic fight set to go to the wire

PARIS, May 16: The fight between Los Angeles and Paris to host the 2024 Summer Olympics is set to go down to the wire after the head of the IOC's inspection team heaped lavish praise on both cities.

Patrick Baumann said neither city presented a risk, saying it came down to a choice of the 95 members of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) between "two different visions" on how the Summer Games be held.

Baumann also refused to be drawn whether the confirmed presence at the decisive vote in Lima on September 13 of newly-installed French President Emmanuel Macron could hand Paris the advantage should US counterpart Donald Trump not be

present for Los Angeles.

"We're fortunate that we have two city candidates who do not present major risks that we've been able to highlight to host the Olympic Games," Baumann said at his team's closing press conference in Paris, which last hosted the Olympics in 1924, Los Angeles in 1984.

"Both cities have the Olympic tradition, both cities have the venues we need, both cities have very dedicated and motivated teams that want to lead that."

But Baumann added: "Both cities are different. These two cities have the capacity to organise the Games."

"But these cities, because they're in different countries with different cultures, have differing visions. It's

one of the key elements, IOC members will have to choose between one vision or the other."

Baumann insisted that it did not matter whether the respective delegations were "made up of X or Y"

when asked about Trump, but at the same time praised his team's meeting with Macron, saying it showed "strong, solid support" from all strata of French public authorities.

"Emmanuel Macron told Patrick Baumann that he would definitely be in Lausanne for the IOC's debriefing and also in Lima on September 13," said Paris bid team member Guy Drut, France's 110m-hurdle champion at the 1976 Games.

Macron's commitment to securing the Olympics was underlined by

his one hour meeting with the IOC taking place just two days after his inauguration as France's youngest president at 39 years of age since Napoleon.

"This is evidence of commitment. It is not just a word, there is a unity up to the highest level of the state," suggested Paris 2024 co-president Bernard Lapasset.

"This could help our candidacy for sure - the new president, who receives the commission just two days after his nomination, and who is the same age as our co-president Tony Estanguet."

Macron is a strong supporter of the Paris bid to host the Olympics for the first time in a century and even before Sunday's investiture he

had telephoned Olympic chief Thomas Bach to confirm his support.

On Monday, he told Paris mayor Anne Hidalgo the bid stimulated the kind of national optimism he hopes to generate during his mandate.

"I'm right with you on your venture for the Olympics, Paralympics and the 2024 objective," he declared.

Baumann, whose team deliver their report in Lausanne on July 5, said that the "marriage between the Games and Paris was absolutely obvious".

Ever the diplomat, the Swiss head of the world basketball federation added: "The bid team responded to all our questions – all our remarks, as well as the case in Los Angeles last week." – AFP

AP to appoint Sindhu as Group-1 officer



AMARAVATI, May 16: The Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly passed a Bill to appoint Olympics silver medal winning shuttler PV Sindhu as a Group-1 officer in the government, accordingly, state Finance Minister Yamana Ramakrishna Reddy introduced a Bill to amend the Act and it was passed unanimously in the Assembly.

The Bill was later passed by the Legislative Council as well.

Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu announced in the state Assembly on the occasion that his government intended to appoint Sindhu as the state's sports ambassador.

"We will give government jobs to other meritorious sportspersons as well," he said.

Following her success in the Olympics last year, the Andhra Pradesh Cabinet had passed a resolution on August 22, 2016, offering Sindhu a Group-1 (gazetted officer) post of her choice.

The government also gave a cash reward of Rs 3 crore and a residential plot to Sindhu in Amaravati. – PTI

India U-17 football team to play Italy on May 19

NEW DELHI, May 16: India colts will lock horns with Italy on Friday, in what will be another tough test, as part of its preparation for the upcoming FIFA U-17 World Cup.

The match will be held in Arezzo.

Luis Norton de Matos' side lost 1-2 to Sporting Lisbon in the last match of its exposure trip to Europe on May 10.

Sporting Lisbon created a few chances towards the end of the game but the Indian defenders saw off the danger to keep the scoreline unchanged. Before that, the India team went down 0-3 to Portuguese club SL Benfica in a friendly match in Lisbon.

The Indians had claimed a 2-2 draw against the same club on April 27. Spanish and Barcelona legend Carles Puyol was in the Capital yesterday to launch the ticket sales for the Under-17 World Cup to be played in India from October 6-28. – PTI

BCCI congratulates Indian women's team

NEW DELHI, May 16: The BCCI has congratulated the Indian women's team for their record-breaking spree, including the highest partnership between Deepthi Sharma and Poonam Raut against Ireland, in the ongoing Women's Quadrangular Series in South Africa. Acting Secretary Amitabh Choudhary said: "The Indian women's team are on a record-breaking spree in the Women's Quadrangular Series and I congratulate them for their all-round show."

"It started with Jhulan Goswami becoming the leading wicket-taker in Women's ODIs and we have witnessed a plethora of records," Choudhary said in a statement. – PTI

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Carrom tourney

GUWAHATI, May 16: Rajip Bhuyan and Jayanta Shukla emerged champions defeating Lalit Kumar Doley and Manjiri Talukdar in the maiden edition of the Anjali Borkotoki Memorial Mixed Doubles Carrom Championship held at the KB Enclave, Ahmed Nagar here on May 14.

The championship has been instituted by Col Mridul Borkotoki in memory of his deceased wife. In the closing function Ranjana Bora and Dr Aparajita Borkotoki gave away the prizes, stated a release.

School cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 16: In two one-sided matches of the River Kine Cricket Coaching Center organised Dhan Sena Memorial 13th All Assam Inter School Axom Money Cricket Tournament played at the Latasil playground here today. Axom Vidyas Mandir posted a massive 10-wicket victory against Gurukul Grammer Senior Secondary School while South Point School outwitted St Loknath Academy by 73 runs.

In the day's first match, Gurukul boys were all out for 51 in 10.3 overs and in reply Axom Vidyas Mandir took just 5.2 overs in hitting the winning run, the second match South Point scored 195 losing five wickets in 20 overs and restricted that opponent for 121.

Brief scores: Gurukul Grammer SS School 154 (Surjani Tari 31), Koushik Deka 310, Ujal Deka 214, Axom Vidyas Mandir 550 (Ujal Deka 28, Koushik Deka 23).

South Point School 1945 (Dhrub Raj Baroh 65, Manish Baroi 53, Sayan Dey 22, Ashish Rai 219), St Loknath Academy 121 (Rajya Sarma 18, Yash Sharma 318, Dhrub Raj Baroh 10). Today's matches: Faculty HS School vs Little Star English School, Sixmille; Mother Today School, Golapnia vs Little Flower School.

Physical instructors' meet

THU, May 16: An executive committee meeting of the All Assam Sports and Physical Instructor's Association (AASPIA) will be held at the Saraswati Sports Complex, Guwahati on May 18 from 11 am onwards, informed AASPIA secretary Dilip Sarma in a release. The president and the secretary of the district associations are urged to attend the meeting.

Karate championship held

GUWAHATI, May 16: Kamruzz (M) clinched the best team title in the 4th Tenshinkan Shotokan Karate State Championship and Assam Karate-Do Association (AKA) Ranking held at the Bhogeswari Puknami Indoor Stadium here from May 14-15.

The championship was inaugurated by AKA president Vijay Kumar Gupta and vice chairman of the Sports Authority of Assam Queen Ojha. Shihon Bishen More, AKFK referee from Nepal Karate Do Federation was also present on the occasion.

Kamal Jyoti Gogoi, SEBA secretary was given honorary Black Belt by the Okinawan Shorinji Karate Association, Assam during the meet.

Sonitpur and Jorhat bagged the second and third positions respectively in the championship where 390 karatekas from Assam and Arunachal Pradesh took part.

Black Belt exam called off

GUWAHATI, May 16: The Black Belt examination which was scheduled to be held at the Cotonet Culture indoor stadium on May 13 and 14, was called off due to dispute between two organisations under the same banner of All Assam Taekwondo Association (ATAA).

One faction, with Bhaskar Das as president and Dilip Dawka as secretary, was organising the examination. But challenging the authenticity of that organisation, another faction with Agriculture Minister Atul Bora as president and Hiranya Saikia as secretary lodged a complaint at the Palan Bazar Police Station.

Later, Dilip Dawka in a written statement informed the Police that their organisation will not use the logo and registration number of the ATAAs.

Hiranya Saikia in a press release urged all the players and parents to participate in the competitions held under their organisation, which is recognised by the Taekwondo Federation of India and Indian Olympic Association.

Emergence of physiotherapy as panacea in world of sports

Manoos Khan Patnudi in his autobiography, *Tiger's Tale*, in his typical 'tongue-in-cheek' style narrates an incident that magnifies the extent of evolution and revolutionary transformation that have taken place in the minds of the administrators of all popular western ball games across the world on the need of physiotherapy and sports medicine to keep the players fit, exuberant, energetic and free from injury as far as practicable.

The story goes back to the fourth Test match played at Kolkata against West Indies in the year 1969, when all rounder Ravi Shastri required treatment on his knee due to an injury sustained while taking a diving catch. Surti was bowling and fielding superbly at that time and Patnudi wanted immediate intervention by specialists. But lo and behold, it turned out that only cardiologists were invited by the administrators to the field. No sports medicine consultant was available. Patnudi incisively commented that international cricket is played by the fittest players of the country. So, it was baffling what role cardiologists could play in offering treatment to an injured player.

In contrast, if we take a casual look of composition of present day squad of any team in any discipline of the

I hope to see Messi win a title with Argentina: Puyol

NEW DELHI, May 16: Spanish football legend Carles Puyol is hoping to see his long-time Barcelona teammate Lionel Messi win a silverware with Argentina in the near future, something that has eluded him for long.

Many believe that the Argentine magician's legacy is incomplete without a World Cup triumph – undoubtedly the biggest title on the international stage.

World Cup-winning skipper Puyol is in India to promote the upcoming FIFA U-17 World Cup.

"The one thing about Messi is that he keeps improving and he has been consistent for 10 years, he keeps getting better and that's because he has the drive, the passion."

"I hope Messi wins something with his national team and not only with his club, then he would have won everything with everyone," Puyol said during a Facebook live session today.

Messi has led Argentina to a major final in each of the last three summers but remains without a title after falling short at the 2014 World Cup, 2015 Copa America and 2016 Copa America Centenario.

The 39-year-old Puyol has no doubt that Messi is ahead

of Cristiano Ronaldo.

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