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Internal security

NEW DELHI, June 13: Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh has called a meeting of all state home ministers on July 3 to assess the internal security situation in the country. Home ministers of all states are expected to join the conference. – PTI

Parliament

NEW DELHI, June 13: The month-long Monsoon Session of Parliament is likely to commence from July 12. As per a proposal before a Cabinet panel, the session will begin from July 12 and conclude on August 11, sources said. – PTI

Landslides

AIZAWL, June 13: Three persons were killed, while seven others feared dead in landslides in Tlabung in Mizoram near the Bangladesh border. Nearly 400 houses were also inundated in the area due to floods. – Correspondent

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School holiday

GUWAHATI, June 13: The Kamrup Metro district administration has declared that all schools in the city will remain closed tomorrow on account of the heavy rain and flooding witnessed in Guwahati today. – Staff Reporter

Boys rescued

RANGIYA, June 13: The Government Railway Police late last night rescued two teenage boys hailing from Gohpur in Sonitpur district at Rangiya railway station. The boys were handed over to NGO Childline. – Correspondent

Body found

DOOMDOOMA , June 13: Tension prevailed in Garumara Tup village under Doomdooma PS after recovery of the body of five-year-old girl Kamala Kishan around 7 pm yesterday. The child was kidnapped on Monday. – Correspondent

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Monsoon's first deluge claims 2 lives in city

Vehicles navigate through a flooded street in Guwahati on Tuesday. – UB Photos

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 13: Heavy downpour since last night brought Guwahati to a virtual standstill today disrupting normal life and killing two persons, including a minor, in an incident of flash flood-induced electrocution near the Assam State Zoo. The Kamrup (Metro) district administration has identified the deceased as Pushan Kalita, a Class-VIII student of Maria Montessori School and Anowar Hussain, a rickshaw puller.

Kamrup (Metro) Deputy Commissioner Dr M Angamuthu has ordered an inquiry into the incident of electrocution. Additional Deputy Commissioner Palash Pratim Bora will conduct the inquiry. An ex gratia of Rs 4 lakh to the next of kin of each of the deceased has also been announced by the district administration.

Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal has been continuously monitoring the catastrophic situation even as the Guwahati City Police has made an arrangement for night patrolling in the flash flood-hit areas using boats. Sonowal has directed the district administration and other agencies to strictly monitor the situation and take prompt measures as deemed fit.

Rainwater inundated many localities and led to miles-long traffic jams on the arterial roads of the city, and in the process exposed hollowness of the tall claims of the government and local authorities of having undertaken steps to prevent such a catastrophe.

Waterlogging was reported from Anil Nagar, Nabin Nagar, RG Baruah Road, parts of GS Road, MRD/GNB Road in

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Rajnath calls for precaution along Myanmar border

AIZAWL, June 13: Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh today asked the Assam Rifles personnel to take extreme precaution while guarding the porous Indo-Myanmar border so that India's cordial relations with the neighbouring country do not get hurt.

Addressing a 'Sainik Sammelan' at the headquarters of the 46 battalion of India's oldest paramilitary force, the Home Minister said the country's relations with Myanmar are friendly and hence extreme precautions have to be taken while guarding the international border.

"The Assam Rifles has to make sure that this relation does not get hurt. You have to take precautions so that the warmth in our relations is maintained," he said.

Unlike a completely sealed border, guarding an open or porous boundary is a tough task and requires patience and wisdom, he said, adding, "In such a situation, the Assam Rifles is doing a great job which should be appreciated."

The Home Minister said the Assam Rifles has to play a multidimensional role while securing the border that include maintaining friendly relations with the people of the Northeast so that it can get various types of information.

The Home Minister also referred to a recently launched mobile app where the paramilitary personnel can write about their grievances and seek redressal. "I have decided to check that platform personally once every month so that your problems are solved," he said.

The Home Minister said steps have been taken to provide at least Rs 1 crore to the next of kin of each of the martyred soldiers of the paramilitary forces. "We would make sure that the families of martyred soldiers get at least Rs 1 crore. A portal has also been launched to help the families of martyred soldiers," Singh said. – PTI

SE Monsoon heralds rainy season in NE

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 13: The South West Monsoon has covered the entire northeastern region now and it has led to the beginning of the rainy season in the region since yesterday. Under its impact, Guwahati has been receiving a heavy rainfall and between 8:30 am and 5:30 pm today, it has received around 106 mm of rainfall. However, from the rest of the region, no report of such a high amount of rainfall has been

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State to lodge complaint with Centre

RITURAJ BORTHAKUR

GUWAHATI, June 13: Unhappy at the sloppy progress of highway repair works being carried out by the National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd (NHIDCL) in Assam, the State Government is readying a status report of the works to lodge a written complaint with the Central Government.

Sloppy NH repair works

"A status report has been prepared and submitted to the Chief Minister. He will take it up with the Union Road Transport & Highways Minister," PWD Minister Parimal Suklabaidya told *The Assam Tribune* today.

Suklabaidya said both he and Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal have held several review meetings with the NHIDCL and had been raising the issue off and on, but "their response has been not at all satisfactory."

"People are facing severe hardships as stretches in several national highways in the State are in bad shape," the minister admitted.

"Earlier, there were issues of land acquisition, but the problem is no longer there. Sometimes they (NHIDCL) blame it on the weather. But we have not seen them doing even the primary works," the apparently annoyed minister said, adding that a written representation is likely to be sent to the Central Government in a day or two.

The NHIDCL, a wholly owned company under the Ministry of Road Transport and

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Presidential poll process begins today

NEW DELHI, June 13: The process for electing India's 13th President will be set in motion formally tomorrow when the Election Commission issues a notification paving the way for filing of nominations for the July 17 contest in which the ruling NDA seems to have an edge.

The last date for filing of nominations is June 28. Scrutiny will follow on June 29 and the last date for withdrawal is July 1. The vote count will be

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Govt to challenge Tribunal orders

SANJOY RAY

GUWAHATI, June 13: The State Government has decided to challenge 20 new orders of Foreigner Tribunals (FTs) before the Gauhati High Court questioning the merit of the orders.

The government, meanwhile, has also directed the deputy commissioners concerned to fast-track screening of orders wherein the procedee (suspected foreigner) in question has been declared as 'Not Foreigner' by the tribunals contrary to the submissions made by the police.

So far, the State Level Screening Committee headed by Additional Chief Secretary TY Das had challenged 50 such cases which would now be heard before the special bench constituted to deal with suspected foreigners cases in the high court in a phased manner.

As the deputy commissioners are the heads of district level screening committees, they have been asked to fast-track the screening process in their respective districts and recommend the same to the State level committee in the quickest possible time.

"We have recommended the 50 cases after assessing

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No shortfall of power in State: APDCL

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 13: There is no shortfall of power in the State these days. The Assam Power Distribution Company Ltd (APDCL) is supplying power to its consumers as per demand. However, due to some localised technical problems, power cuts have been resorted to in some areas, said sources in the APDCL here today.

When pointed to the frequent power cuts resorted to by the APDCL, the sources said localised technical problems like storm-related damage to the transmission network, rising floodwater, etc., have been compelling the power utility to resort to power cuts these days.

The sources said the power demand for the peak-load-hour today was projected to be around 1,400 MW and accordingly, the APDCL has managed to ensure supply of the required amount of power from the Assam Power Generation Corporation Ltd (213 MW), NEEPCO (454 MW), Palatana plant of the NEEPCO (151 MW), NHPC Loktak HE Plant (29 MW), Eastern Region

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600 paramilitary troops rushed to Darjeeling

NEW DELHI, June 13: The Centre today rushed 600 additional paramilitary personnel to Darjeeling to assist the administration in restoring normalcy and sought a detailed report on the prevailing situation in the hill district from the West Bengal government.

A home ministry spokesperson said as many as 600 paramilitary personnel, including 200 women, were sent to Darjeeling.

Around 400 personnel, already stationed in West Bengal, have also been deployed in Darjeeling along with the additional forces.

The home ministry also sought a detailed report on the prevailing situation in Darjeeling which has witnessed violence in last few days.

The home ministry is closely monitoring the situation in the hill district and is ready to offer all required assistance to the state government to restore normalcy there.

As their indefinite shutdown entered its second day today, protesters demanding a separate state of Gorkhaland pelted the police with stones at various parts of Darjeeling as they were stopped from enforcing their shutdown in many government offices.

Yesterday too, Gorkhaland supporters vandalised government offices in Darjeeling as the Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM)-sponsored indefinite shutdown forced tourists out of the picturesque hill station due to threat of violence. The Morcha, which controls the Gorkhaland Territorial Administration (GTA), has called a shutdown of all state and GTA offices to press its demand for creation of a separate State. – PTI

'Centre will surely consider Gorkhaland demand'

DARJEELING (WB), June 13: Gorkha Janamukti Morcha (GJM) chief Bimal Gurung today said he is in constant touch with the Centre and is hopeful that its ally the BJP will consider its demand for a separate Gorkhaland "compassionately".

"I am constantly in touch with the Central government and various ministers. I am very hopeful that they will understand our pain and struggle and will consider our demand for a separate state of Gorkhaland... The government at the Centre is our ally and they will surely consider our demand compassionately," Gurung said.

The BJP, he said, has always been in favour of small States.

The GJM chief slammed West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee for calling in the Army to control the situation in the hills and advised her to stay out as "the people of Darjeeling are well-equipped to take care of themselves".

"My advice to Mamata Banerjee is please stay away from the hills. We don't need your charity. The people of the hills will not accept the TMC's hegemony," he said.

Hitting out at the Chief Minister for calling in the Army to control the situation in the hills, Gurung said, "Mamata Banerjee is just pursuing opportunist politics. In December last year, she had accused the Army of trying to attempt a military coup. She can do anything for the sake of cheap politics. – PTI

'Chardham road strategically important'

NEW DELHI, June 13: The Chardham highway project connecting four pilgrimage towns of Uttarakhand is extremely important from a strategic point of view as it is close to the China border, the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) has told the National Green Tribunal.

The BRO said the improvement of the national highway will facilitate better connection with India-China border roads. However, all possible precautions will be taken to ensure that stability of mountain does not get disturbed in the process.

"The road is extremely important from strategic point of view, as it is close to the China border. Moreover, defence preparedness will get adversely affected in case the roads are not improved as per the requirement of defence forces. "In the eventuality of any aggression, movement of heavy weapons and equipment, artillery guns, etc., would not be possible in case roads are not improved," the BRO said. – PTI

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UN agency to help Kerala to eradicate malnutrition

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, June 13: The Kerala government will collaborate with the United Nations' World Food Programme (WFP) to make the State 'hunger and malnutrition-free'.

The southern State has been selected by the UN agency to implement the hunger-free state initiative as part of its ambitious sustainable development programme, Chief Minister's office here said.

The State government would evolve a comprehensive project in this regard with the support of WFP, which has offered technical help to achieve the target, it said.

The decision was taken in a meeting attended by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and WFP Country Director Dr Hameed Nuru and WFP Deputy Country Director Jan Delbaere here today.

The State Planning Board would take up the matter and consider about the implementation of the WFP directives in connection with the project, Vijayan said. The government can collaborate with the UN agency to ensure adequate nutritious food to all in the State," he told the UN representatives during the meeting.

Small children and students should be given priority while implementing the project to eradicate malnutrition, he said.

Nuru said Kerala was selected for the project considering its achievements in the fields of education, health and sanitation. – PTI

Enough evidence to prove my case: Mallya

LONDON, June 13: Embattled Indian tycoon Vijay Mallya, who is wanted in India on loan defaults to several banks, today claimed that he has "enough evidence" to plead his case as he appeared before Westminster Magistrates' Court here for his extradition case hearing.

The 61-year-old former chief of erstwhile Kingfisher Airlines, who has been out on bail since his arrest in April, arrived for the hearing in Court Room 3 after a number of other extradition cases on schedule for the day.

Vijay Mallya arrives for an extradition hearing at Westminster Magistrates' Court in London, on Tuesday. – UNI

"I have not alluded any court...I have enough evidence to prove my case," Mallya told reporters outside the court.

Chief Magistrate Emma Louise Arbuthnot will preside over what is referred to as a "case management hearing", when a final hearing date is expected to be set. Britain's Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) will present the case in court on behalf of the Indian authorities.

Mallya's defence team is being led by the firm Joseph Hague Aaronson LLP. They have instructed barrister Clare Montgomery, a specialist in criminal, regulatory and fraud law, to argue in court on their behalf.

The CPS have instructed Mark Summers to act as barrister for the CPS Extradition Unit and the Government of India. Summers is a leading expert in extradition and international law matters.

"There might be a few more hearings in this case in the coming months to deal with case management or any issues that arise, before the final hearing takes place, at which the full arguments from both sides in this case will be heard by the Judge," explained Jasvinder Nakhwal, partner at Peters and Peters Solicitors LLP and member of the UK's Extradition Lawyers Association. – PTI

Hope Qatar issue will be resolved soon: Sharif

ISLAMABAD, June 13: Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has met Saudi King Salman and expressed hope that the current crisis in the Gulf countries involving Qatar will be resolved soon.

Sharif, who returned today after a short visit to the Gulf kingdom, yesterday held talks with King Salman in Jeddah, which was focused on the "emerging situation in the Gulf countries", Radio Pakistan reported.

The Prime Minister expressed hope that the current impasse in the Gulf countries will be resolved soon in the best interest of the Muslim community.

Qatar has found itself isolated following a decision by Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Bahrain and others to cut ties with Doha over its support for "terrorism", a charge the tiny Gulf emirate vehemently rejects.

Sharif also reaffirmed the strong commitment of the people and government of Pakistan to territorial integrity and sovereignty of Saudi Arabia and safety of the two grand mosques in Mecca and Medina. While expressing solidarity with Saudi Arabia, Sharif said the Gulf kingdom has a very special place in the hearts of Pakistanis.

Salman thanked Sharif for his visit and appreciated the exceptional success of Pakistan against extremism and terrorism.

He also reiterated strong commitment and support of the Gulf-nation for all issues of interest for Pakistan, including matters of national security.

The Prime Minister was accompanied by Finance Minister Ishaq Dar, Chief of Army Staff General Qamar Javed Bajwa and Advisor on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz. – PTI

'Don't call pupils genius, it's not gender-neutral'

LONDON, June 13: Cambridge University academics are being told to avoid using words like "genius", "flair" and "brilliance" when assessing students' work because they are associated with men and "carry assumptions of gender inequality", according to a varsity lecturer.

Lucy Delap, a lecturer in British history at Cambridge University, said that History tutors are discouraged from using these terms as some of them, in particular genius, have a "very long intellectual history where it has long been associated with qualities culturally assumed to be male."

"Some women are fine with that, but others might find it hard to see themselves in those categories," she was quoted as saying by *The Telegraph*.

Delap, who specialises in gender history, said that one of the reasons why men get more first class degrees at Oxford and Cambridge than women is because female students struggle with the "male dominated environment". Examples include reading lists which are dominated by male academics and portraits hanging on college walls which are either of men or by men, she said.

Academics are told to stick closely to the mark scheme when marking History essays, which assesses students' ability to answer the questions, analytic skills and breadth of knowledge.

"We want to use language that is transparent," Delap said.

"We're rewriting our first two years of our History degree to create a wider set of paper choices, to make assessment criteria clearer, and to really try and root out the unhelpful and very vague talk of 'genius', of 'brilliance', of 'flair' which carries assumptions of gender inequality and also of class and ethnicity," she said. Cambridge University's History Faculty runs confidence building workshops in the run-up to exams, as it is thought that one reason why male and privately-educated students are more likely to get first class degree is due to increased self-assurance.

Earlier this week, it emerged that Oxford University's History Faculty is to allow students to sit exams at home in an attempt to close the gender gap. The university was criticised for the "insulting" decision, with a leading academic warning that the decision implies women are the "weaker sex". – PTI

Director Sofia Coppola (C) poses with cast members (L-R) Nicole Kidman, Elle Fanning, Kirsten Dunst and Emma Howard at a premiere for The Beguiled *in Los Angeles, California on Monday. – UNI*

UK explorer's 118-year-old painting found in Antarctica

LONDON, June 13: A 118-year-old watercolour painting of a dead bird by a celebrated British explorer has been discovered inside a hut in Antarctica, researchers said today.

The painting labelled *1899 Tree Creeper* has the initial T on it and is believed to be by Edward Wilson, who died on the ill-fated Scott expedition to the South Pole in 1912.

The Scott Expedition, officially the British Antarctic Expedition, which took place between 1910 and 1913, was led by Robert Falcon Scott of the UK.

The painting was found in a pile of papers covered in mould and penguin excrement in a hut built by Norwegian explorers, *BBC News* reported. "There was this gorgeous painting, I got such a fright that I jumped and shut the portfolio again," said Josefin Bergmark-Jimenez, paper conservator at the Antarctic Heritage Trust in the UK.

"I then took the painting out and could not stop looking at it – the colours, the vibrancy, it is such a beautiful piece of work," said Bergmark-Jimenez.

The discovery was made last year but had been kept as a secret so that conservators could restore some 1,500 other artifacts from two huts built by Norwegian explorers in Cape Adare in 1899. – PTI

Einstein letters on quantum theory, God to be auctioned

JERUSALEM, June 13: Letters from Albert Einstein giving colleagues his thoughts on physics, God and Israel in the 1950s go under the hammer at a Jerusalem auction house on June 20.

The website of Winners auction house describes five signed letters written in English between 1951 and 1954.

The site gave current estimates of their combined value as between USD 31,000 and USD 46,000.

In a 1951 letter to eminent physicist David Bohm, Einstein discusses Bohm's linkage between quantum theory and "relativistic field theory".

"I must confess that I am not able to guess how such unification could be achieved," Einstein writes. The typed letter includes an equation added in neat handwriting and the writer's signature.

Bohm, born in the United States to Jewish immigrant parents, had worked with Einstein at Princeton University before fleeing to Brazil after losing his post in Senator Joseph McCarthy's anti-communist witch-hunts.

In a 1954 letter to Bohm, who was living in Sao Paulo, Einstein empathises with his friend's struggles in his complex theoretical work.

"If God has created the world his primary worry was certainly not to make its understanding easy for us. I feel it strongly since fifty years," he writes.

Winners said the letters came from the estate of Bohm's late widow.

Another 1954 letter refers to the possibility of Bohm moving to Israel, which had been founded in 1948.

Einstein, who had turned down an offer to be the fledgling country's President, believed the time was not ripe for such a move. –AFP

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Dibrugarh received 0.6 mm of rainfall during this period, while Tezpur received around 28 mm of rainfall, North Lakhimpur around 8 mm and Jorhat received 2 mm of rainfall. There was no rainfall in Dhubri, Agartala and Kohima during this period.

Sources in the Borjhar-based Regional Meteorology Centre (RMC) here this evening informed this newspaper that rainfall activities over the region will get reduced tomorrow. But such activities will resume again from the evening of June 15 and on June 18 and 19, the region is expected to receive heavy rainfall, sources said.

War-torn Kabul becomes a protected site for migratory birds

KABUL, June 13: A rare Afghan marsh that was once a royal hunting ground is set to come under the official protection of the UN environment agency, with the aim of saving hundreds of migratory bird species.

On the long, arid journey to the Caucasus and Siberia, across the Hindu Kush massif, the Kol-e-Hashmat Khan wetlands outside Kabul provide sanctuary for the thousands of storks, egrets, pelicans and flamingos that head north every spring from southern India.

But after 40 years of conflict and neglect, their habitat is being threatened by the growth in new homes, irrigation systems, rubbish and global warming which is gradually changing the local environment.

Now the UN has designated the wetlands a conservation site, the Afghan government said on Sunday, as it also looks to help preserve the water supply of the capital.

"There are probably more than 300 or 400 species that pass through, though without an accurate count it is hard to be sure," says Andrew Scanlon, head of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in Afghanistan.

They are migratory birds and "tourists" who stay for a very short period of time to find food, he adds. At daybreak, the marsh comes alive with the morning chatter of the birds hungry for breakfast. Binoculars in hand, Scanlon stands atop a tower that dominates the landscape.

In the distance is the silhouette of Bala Hissar, an ancient fortress that defended the city for centuries. Opposite, mud houses and sturdier dwellings made from bricks seem to spring up at random, hurrily erected during wars for tides of refugees and displaced people.

It was once a favoured place for royals to go hunting, though Scanlon stresses any activity would have been carried out "in a sustainable way".

But with the invasion of the Soviet Army in 1979 and the succession of conflicts afterwards, including the civil war in the early 1990s, Afghans were preoccupied by their own survival and the environment suffered. – AFP

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(142 MW), bilateral purchase (65 MW) and purchasing from the power exchange (295 MW). A similar arrangement was also made during the off-peak-load-hour (6 am to 6 pm) to meet the power demand of around 1,000 MW, sources said.

Interestingly, there was 77 MW excess power available with the APDCL during the off-peak-load-hour today.

The problems faced in some areas of the city today are due to power cuts following severe waterlogging. This was done with a view to preventing any incidents of electrocution, sources said.

It needs mention here that some areas of the city like parts of Chandmari, Gandhibasti, Anil Nagar and Nabin Nagar faced severe power cut today.

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Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal is learnt to have taken up the issue with Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari over telephone a few days back.

Sonowal, who recently travelled from Dibrugarh to Kaziranga by road, had expressed his displeasure over the appalling condition of the NH-37. There have also been numerous complaints from the public regarding the poor condition of national highways in the State.

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Monsoon's first deluge ...

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Chandmari and Guwahati Club areas, VIP Road, Kahilipara, Bamunimaidam, Noonmati, Ambari, Six Mile, Sarumataria, Wireless, Fancy Bazar, Ulubari, Dr B Borooah Road and parts of Santipur and Gandhibasti areas, among other places.

Among the worst affected were office-goers, students, daily wage earners and others who had to wade through streets which resembled water bodies. Many vehicles had engine failure while trying to navigate through flooded stretches.

There were reports of minor landslides from many places as well as incidents of guard walls collapsing. Officials said that minor landslides took place at Bonda, Nizarapar, Kamakhya, Hengrabari and Maligaon.

However, officials in the district administration and the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) said that there are so far no reports of any casualties from anywhere in the city from such incidents.

"Very heavy rainfall has been reported in the city and its spread is almost uniform covering the entire city. Waterlogging and inundation have been reported at various places in the city," Dr Angamuthu, who is also the chairman of DDMA, said.

He said pumps have been pressed into service to flush out rainwater from localities, and drain cleaning and emergency services are continuously going on. As per data from the Water Resources Department, there was 68 mm rainfall in Khanapara since last night, 73 mm in Rehabari and 69 mm in Gandhi Mandap, he said.

The GNB Road along the southern boundary of the Guwahati Refinery and near the main gate of the Bamunimaidam FCI Godown was also inundated. Rainwater entered the Arya Vidyapeeth College campus. NDRF and SDRF have been kept on alert to deal with any contingency, sources said.

"This is only the start of the monsoon season and already this has happened. It proves that all the recent announcements about schemes to prevent artificial flooding in Guwahati are nothing but hogwash," said social activist and Nabin Nagar resident Dwip Baruah. He said Senduri Ali in his locality resembled a river with water everywhere and people were forced to keep indoors.

"Nothing will happen unless concrete steps are taken, including diversion of water from Meghalaya hills to Silsako Beel and Deepor Beel, increasing the retaining capacity of the city's water bodies, creating artificial channels for diversion of rainwater and installation of silt traps in the hill areas," he said.

At many places, cabs, auto-rickshaws and cycle rickshaws used the opportunity of waterlogging to charge exorbitant rates from commuters. City buses were forced to stop commuting at Guwahati Club and near Gauhati Commerce College for some time due to rising water levels.

Govt to ...

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the merit of the ground and we are sure that these orders would not hold any ground in the high court. It is not that all the cases, wherein the accused has been declared 'Not Foreigners' would be challenged," sources privy to the development told this reporter.

Sources also informed that the 20 new orders that would be challenged before the high court are from different districts and the order apparently deserves a relook.

"We are in a way setting accountability on the part of the members of the tribunals so that the orders are not passed overlooking the evidence in hand. Performance appraisal is what we intend to do so that no illegal Bangladeshi national is spared," sources pointed out, stressing that the members, who show below par performance, would also have to face the music.

Sources further said that the evaluation is done across the board encompassing all the 100 FTs functioning in the State.

Presidential ...

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on July 20, four days before incumbent Pranab Mukherjee's term ends. The new President is set to take charge the next day.

The electoral college for choosing the President consists of 4,896 voters. While the Lok Sabha has 543 voters and the Rajya Sabha 233, the overwhelming majority (4,120) come from state assemblies – MLAs.

The total value of votes in the election is 10,98,903 – 5,49,408 for MPs and 5,49,495 for MLAs. The value of each vote of an MP is 708 but this differs for MLAs from state to state. The value of an MLA's vote in Uttar Pradesh is the highest (208) and the least (7) in Sikkim.

The NDA is short of the halfway mark by about 18,000 votes. But it expects to gain the support of many smaller parties, besides all the factions of the feuding AIADMK which alone has a vote value of over 26,000.

In 2012, Mukherjee, the nominee of the Congress-led UPA, got 7,13,763 votes while his sole rival PA Sangma, fielded by the BJP-led NDA, secured 3,15,987 – of the total vote value of 10,29,750. Mukherjee assumed office on July 25, 2012.

The election will see secret ballot and political parties can't issue a whip to MPs or MLAs.

The Election Commission has said special pens will be provided to voters in view of a row that surrounded voting for a Rajya Sabha seat in Haryana last year.

"Electors have to mark the ballot only with this pen and not with any other pen. Voting by any other pen may lead to invalidation of the vote," Chief Election Commissioner Nasim Zaidi has said.

The election is held in accordance with the system of proportional representation by means of single transferable vote. Lok Sabha Secretary General Anoop Mishra will be the Returning Officer. Votes will be cast in Parliament House and in state assemblies. The vote count will take place in Delhi. – IANS

WEATHER GUWAHATI

LOCAL FORECAST: Mainly cloudy sky. Rain/thundershower is most likely to occur. Maximum temperature is most likely to be 33°C on Wednesday.

TEMPERATURE: Max 26.0°C Min 23.4°C

Doordarshan phone-in prog

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 13: Doordarshan Kendra Guwahati is organising a phone-in programme on composite farming of *'kusia* and *magur* fish' which has immense scope in the State, at 5.30 pm tomorrow. Fish expert and District Fishery Development Officer, Baksa Bipul Khataniyar will interact with the audience as a resource person, a press release said.

Charitable trust formed

GUWAHATI, June 13: A new charitable trust by the name Loka Tirtha was inaugurated by Dispur constituency MLA Atul Bora at Khanapara here recently.

The trust has been created in memory of late Kaliram Hazarika and late Kosheswari Hazarika, parents of Dr Mineswar Hazarika, Professor and Head, Department of Livestock and Product Technology, College of Veterinary Science, AAU, Khanapara, who is its founder.

A board of trustees has been formed to work in the broad fields of science and technology, propagation of art and culture, and religion and spirituality.

A seminar was held on the occasion on the theme, 'Science, Spirituality and Society - Integration vs Differences'. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Hazarika said a building has been set up on the trust premises to lodge patients (belonging to the marginalised section of society) coming for treatment to Guwahati, at a very nominal rate. He also said the trust is working in upper Assam to arrest erosion and the Brahmaputra Board is all set to adopt its erosion control technology.

A vehicle parked on the Gauhati University campus was damaged when a tree that got uprooted following incessant rains fell over it on Tuesday. – Photo: Jalukbari Correspondent

Industrial trade fair from tomorrow

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 13: The State Department of Industries & Commerce, in association with Laghu Udyog Bharati, an all-India organisation of micro and small industries, is organising a five-day industrial and business trade fair titled Udyam-2017 at the Maniram Dewan Trade Centre from June 15 to 19.

The fair aims at showcasing the industrial capabilities and opportunities in Assam. It will give an opportunity to the micro and small industrial sectors to highlight their products and facilitate marketing linkage.

Over 200 stalls representing various industries from across the State and the North East are to be set up in the event. The fair will bring the Department of Industries and investors together on a common platform for interaction and presenting their proposals.

The Assam State Transport Corporation (ASTC) will be providing bus services from all parts of Guwahati on all the five days to the event venue during the fair timings from 10 am to 8 pm.

The fair will also feature a number of seminars on industry and related matters such as food processing and plastic processing on June 16, Skill India, Stand up, Start up India on June 17 and GST and Tourism on June 18.

Govt out to crush SEBA: APCC

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 13: The Assam Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC) has described the State government's advertisement (No RMSA/Special TET/842/2017/2) for holding special TET tests to appoint teachers in model schools under the Rashtriya Madhyamik Siksha Abhiyan, as the product of a well-prepared design to crush the Board of Secondary Education, Assam (SEBA) and the government-run vernacular medium schools.

This advertisement has indicated that the State government is out to set up English medium model schools and to fund them. These schools would be placed under the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE).

The said advertisement has made English medium education in school level mandatory for candidates interested in appearing in the proposed special TET tests. Even those aspiring for the jobs of Assamese teachers are to complete their school education in English medium schools.

The State government would set up these schools and it would also bear the expenses for running these schools. Some of these schools would be set up under the public-private-partnership mode.

The APCC has condemned the purported design of the State government to crush the SEBA and the vernacular medium schools and demanded immediate revocation of the decision to set up such schools. Or else, it said it would be compelled to take to the path of agitation.

The APCC said the decision of the State government is a product of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangha's (RSS) hidden, diabolic agenda to shape India as a country of a uniform language, culture and religion contrary to the long-cherished idea of the scholars that India is a country of diverse languages, cultures and religions, which laid the very foundation for its secular, democratic character.

The RSS' hidden agenda has made it obligatory for the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led State government to eliminate the diverse cultural elements of Assam's peoples and their national consciousness, alleged the APCC.

Afghan national's wife approaches HC

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 13: The Indian wife of an Afghan national, who was declared an illegal foreigner in 2014, has filed a writ petition in the Gauhati High Court seeking early deportation of her husband.

Sarowar Khan, an Afghan national, is currently in a detention camp in Goalpara, and despite a court order, his deportation to Afghanistan has not become a reality till date.

The court, in response to the petition, has showcaused the Centre asking the latter to explain the situation.

Khan's wife Sahida Begum in her petition pleaded that her husband be deported to his country of origin in the quickest possible time, and till that point of time he should be released on interim bail.

Sahida Begum moved the court on May 5 via a writ petition (3290/17) after which the court has asked the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of External Affairs to take necessary action in this regard.

Assistant Solicitor General of India SC Keyal informed the court that the MEA in an official communication has stated that it is only after the nationality verification by the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan that deportation of Sarowar Khan can be facilitated. The response from the Afghani authorities is awaited.

The next date of hearing has been fixed on August 7.

The Gauhati High Court recently took strong exception to the fact that even after two years have passed since the petitioner was declared a foreigner residing illegally in India, neither the Centre nor the State government has shown any urgency to deport him.

Sarowar Khan detained in Goalpara camp

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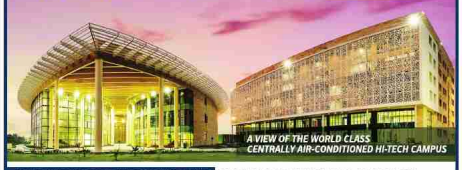

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চিকিৎসা বিজ্ঞানৰ অতি গুৰুত্বপূৰ্ণ 'ব্লাড গ্ৰুপ' (ৰক্ত গোট) আৱিষ্কাৰৰ স্বীকৃতি স্বৰূপে নোবেল বঁটা বিজয়ী ডাঃ কাৰ্ল লেণ্ডষ্টেইনাৰৰ জন্মদিন ১৪ জুনৰ দিনটো সমগ্ৰ বিশ্বই 'বিশ্ব ৰক্তদাতা দিৱস' হিচাপে পালন কৰি আহিছে। বিশ্ব স্বাস্থ্য সংস্থাই এই বিশ্ব ৰক্তদাতা দিৱসটো এটি বিশেষ জনস্বাস্থ্য অভিযান দিৱস হিচাপে চিহ্নিত কৰিছে।

আমি সকলোৱে জানো যে ৰক্ত সঞ্চাৰৰ দ্বাৰা প্ৰতি বছৰে কোটি কোটি লোকৰ জীৱন ৰক্ষা কৰি অহা হৈছে। অতি জটিল তথা জীৱনৰ প্ৰতি ভাবুকি থকা ৰোগীক জীৱন দান কৰাত ৰক্তদাতাসকলৰ ভূমিকা সকলোতকৈ উৰ্ধ্বত আৰু অতুলনীয়। বিশ্ব ৰক্তদাতা দিৱস পালনৰ দ্বাৰা স্বেচ্ছামূলক আৰু নিয়মীয়াভাৱে ৰক্তদান কৰা ৰক্তদাতাসকলৰ প্ৰতি কৃতজ্ঞতা জ্ঞাপন কৰা হয়। আমি অসমত এশ শতাংশই সুৰক্ষিত ৰক্ত সংগ্ৰহৰ বাবে স্বেচ্ছামূলক ৰক্তদাতাসকলক প্ৰাধান্য দিবই লাগিব।

আজিৰ এই মহান দিনটোতেই আমি ৰাইজলৈ গোহাৰি জনাওঁ যে ১৮-৬৮ বছৰ বয়সৰ সকলো সুস্থ পুৰুষ-মহিলাই স্বেচ্ছামূলকভাৱে ৰক্তদান কৰিবলৈ আগবাঢ়ি আহক।

(ড° হিমন্ত বিশ্ব শৰ্মা)

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MESSAGE FOR TODAY

When a father gives to his son, both laugh; when a son gives to his father, both cry.

– WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

The Assam Tribune

Snowball effect

Politicians in India have a propensity to decide on populist measures without thinking about the potential consequences. When such measures remain confined to a small area, the extent of disaster can be contained and greater adversity staved off. But when a measure has the capability to create a snowball effect and cause a stir across the entire nation, there is no possibility of containment or mitigating the after-effects. Adityanath, Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, by announcing loan-waiver for farmers in his State against the advice of those responsible for maintaining fiscal discipline in the country, has set the cat amongst the pigeons. A decision of such magnitude should not have been made in haste; unfortunately, the NDA Government at the Centre and the BJP which leads it, did nothing to stop the UP Chief Minister from taking such a populist decision. On the contrary, BJP leaders had egged Adityanath on to make loan-waiver for farmers a campaign pledge and are only now realizing what the possible adverse outcome at an all-India level the decision can lead to. Currently it is the farmers in the BJP-ruled States like Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra who have taken to a no holds barred agitation making demands for loan-waiver. But all indications are that, with farmers' organizations in other parts making similar demands, a country-wide movement might ensue, creating an economic pitfall.

It is in such a context that Finance Minister Arun Jaitley's statement that the Centre would not bail out a State which announces waivers for farmers, and it must use other means to raise the revenue lost in the process, must be seen. Clearly Jaitley, known not to be in favour of such waivers, has appreciated the potential adverse outcome. For UP the cost to the exchequer is estimated to be Rs 36,000 crore. It is not known what the figure would be for Madhya Pradesh, a State whose administration has been coerced to accept the farmers' demand, but it would be about the same. Economists estimate that if a blanket loan-waiver is made for the entire country, the cost to the nation might be a whopping Rs 3 lakh crore! Thus every State in India is currently placed in a self-contradicting position, since they would have to concede an economically unsustainable demand if it is raised, for obvious political reasons. That such an explosive issue is emerging just as the GST regime is set to be rolled out has added another dangerous element of unpredictability, because no one really knows if the regime will create volatility in State finances. Since the GST will decrease the capacity of States to raise funds through imposition of levies, the most they can do is borrow equivalent amounts from the Centre, a course which most economists agree would create more problems than it solves.

NFR's green initiatives

With the world already on the brink of a major catastrophe due to environmental degradation and climate change, countries across the world are looking more and more towards going 'green', including adoption of alternative and clean sources of energy. Green technology is the need of the time. In this regard, Maligaon-headquartered Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) has taken some steps which are praiseworthy. Adoption of green technology not only helps our environment, but such technologies are also cost effective. NFR has been able to bring down its energy bill in recent times on account of its various green initiatives and the zonal railway is now seeking to adopt some more such measures. The zone's electricity bill has fallen from Rs 988.80 million in 2014-15 to Rs 960.74 million in 2015-16 and further to Rs 948.77 million in 2016-17. Consumption of conventional energy has also shown a decline during this period. From later this month, the 81-km-long Chaparmukh–Silghat Town section of Indian Railways will be converted into a discharge free 'green corridor'. In addition, plans are also afoot to convert four sections – Rangiya–Murkongselek (448 km), Badarpur–Agartala (225 km), Silchar–Jiribam (50 km) and Silchar-Bhairabi (83 km) – green corridors within this fiscal. In a biodiversity hotspot like the north-eastern region, such initiatives are very timely. Ecological degradation can have serious repercussions in the region, and already climate change and change in rainfall patterns have started showing effects. NFR has also adopted energy saving LED lights in a big way and use of solar energy has been promoted by the railways in Assam and the other States falling under the zone. Already 40 railway stations under NFR have been converted into 100% LED stations, while solar panels have been commissioned at level crossings, workshops and other places. The zonal railway has also set a target of March 2020 for converting all toilets in trains to environment-friendly and zero discharge bio-toilets.

Steps like strengthening the solid waste management system in railway areas taken by NFR are also noteworthy and need to be emulated by local civic bodies in this part of the country. However, the biggest contribution that the Indian Railways can make for the region with regard to adoption of green technology would be to fast-track electrification. Already work has been taken up in this regard. Electrification in the North-east will not only boost the shift towards cleaner fuel and energy efficiency but also give a major fillip to both passenger and goods services in the region. Generally, projects undertaken in the North-east over the last few decades have witnessed time and cost escalations. The Government must ensure that the electrification project does not share the same fate. If properly implemented, the green initiatives of Indian Railways in this region will benefit all.

Countering terrorism

■ Harekrishna Deka

In countering terrorism, there are two kinds of State responses that are not only inadequate but also incorrect –to take counter-terrorism in a manner of fire-fighting operations. By the time the fire is put out, the house is also destroyed and the evidence is consumed by fire. In this attitude, the responder's presumption is that his main responsibility is to put out the fire and the house is saved by default. And the other wrong response is to take police actions in military terms and to treat counter-terrorism as a 'war on terror', a 'low-intensity warfare', etc.

Borrowing from Sapir-Whorf hypothesis and somewhat deviating from it, I would venture to say that the language used in such a response shapes the attitude of the responders. The responders see themselves as the defenders and the so-called terrorists as the enemies of the country. In their psychological attitudes, the responders assume that they are counter-terror soldiers and imagine a border behind which are these enemies. They then forget that there is an in-between space which is peopled and where law is prevailing. In war, many legal norms are presumed to be suspended and so are in counter-terrorism war. It is not seen in terms of a social conflict and that its genesis may lie in the peopled space. The political unconscious of the social space is ignored or not understood.

Unfortunately, routine and mechanical approaches to terrorism have made these two kinds of attitudes dominant amongst the security forces engaged in counter-terrorism, and in India, that approach began with counter-insurgency operations with a mindset in which terrorism and insurgency were treated in the same plane. From the beginning of insurgency in this country, which is from the start of the Naga rebellion, the Army is being used to deal with such internal security situations and the police have been playing a secondary role. The war rhetoric has been dominant in counter-terrorism (and counter-insurgency) ever since. In this language, the imaginary enemy line is not on the actual state border but in the internal social space and as a result, the fighting frontier is within the country's governed space. In this frontier-zone, the elimination of enemy becomes the primary responsibility and upholding of law takes the back seat. Since the imaginary enemy line gets drawn up within the internal space of the State, the identity of the rebels and that of the other members of the community to which they belong often get jumbled.

No doubt, the group or the sections of the people who adopt terror as a method to achieve some political goal develop a psyche in which the suffering of others is seen as a triumph of theirs. But one needs to be aware that behind such psychological deviation, there are root causes and these causes arise in the State's own socio-political space. The unresolved causes take the form of social conflict, and when they are protracted, a desperate group may see solutions only in their liberation from the prevailing power-mould. They may move into a terror psychology in which the resistance to the state power or the ruling elite is sought through extreme violence. Innocent victims become their soft targets whose destruction is used to communicate a strong message. However, since resentments erupt from the political unconscious of the society, the State needs to be conscious of this dimension in addressing the problem.

> A hard-nosed military approach, where it is presumed that there is no room for dialogue because of radicalization of a section of the people of an affected region, will only allow the radicals more scope for spreading disaffection among the moderate sections living life in desperation.

The use of a simple crime control method or treating the radicalized elements as enemies to be engaged in a battle appear to me to be inadequate as well as wrong. The main responsibility in this regard is that of the State, and therefore, in addressing the whole gamut of the problem. The State cannot allow police or military response to be isolated. Police response to terrorism has to be an integral part of the socio-political action plan of the State. Forgetting this, if a repressive policy is undertaken, it does not affect the terror perpetrators alone but its rigour affects the people in general and this in turn increases disaffection that only helps the terrorists. The cycle of violence continues instead of being broken.

However, when terrorism is sponsored by one State against another or when it has foreign private origin based on ideology, it turns into a proxy war and the conflict turns into an international fighting scenario. In such a scenario too, the discontent within needs to be addressed through a dialogic approach by identifying root causes behind such discontent while military action should be at the border against the instigating power. While all efforts may be made to win the hearts and minds of the common people, the radicalized elements are to be identified and isolated by addressing genuine suffering and the causes of discontent of the people. A hard-nosed military approach, where it is presumed that there is no room for dialogue because of radicalization of a section of the people of an affected region, will only allow the radicals more scope for spreading disaffection among the moderate sections living life in desperation. The people cannot bear the trauma of a war-like scenario if the country's internal space turns into an intense conflict zone, where all channels for communication with a government are shut down, and if the government's attention is focused only on punishing the radicals. Where social psyche operates, there is another zone of attrition in that psychological area and the State must not lose sight of this subterranean region of the society's psyche. Where a foreign power has its own design to spread disaffection by means of psychological operations, it will use all means to do so and will even make efforts to gain over the civil society organizations by whatever means possible – including bribes. In such a scenario, the State should be sensitive enough to cognize the inner mood of the people and should not shut out dialogic channels in favour of punishing actions.

There needs to be an international consensus to deal with international terrorism, first, by properly defining international terrorism and second, by finding a mechanism for mutual cooperation and intelligence-sharing. Unfortunately, a common definition of terrorism is eluding the UN due to international power struggle in a superpower syndrome and in absence of an unselfish approach above self-interest. How difficult it is to get UN sanction against a known international terrorist if it does not suit the interest of a superpower! Terrorism is thriving through international fault lines. The most dreaded future scenario is that such international terrorism may cause intense regional war that may be the prelude to a third world war. One can visualize a nuclear war in such a scenario that can cause disaster to the human civilization itself. The world should use all its sanity to prevent such a scenario.

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Importance of voluntary blood donation

■ Dr Dharmakanta Kumbhakar

Blood and transfusion of blood components are an essential part of modern-day health care system and most of the time, a life saving one. Patients who require blood/blood components transfusion as part of their clinical management have the right to expect that sufficient safe blood/blood components will be available to meet their needs. Safe blood/blood components transfusion comes under the legal protection as it is life saving and also fatal. Article 21 under Part III of Indian Constitution spells out that no person shall be deprived of his life. The Consumer Protection Act of 1986 also covers blood as a commodity.

The quantity and quality of blood pool available for transfusions is still a major concern across the globe, especially in the developing countries. In India, safe blood/blood components are constantly on high demand. To transfuse the safest blood/blood components to the needy patients, it is globally accepted that the best source of blood is from voluntary blood donations (VBD) and preferably from Voluntary Non-Remunerated Blood Donors (VNRBD). WHO advocates and recommends to its member states to develop national blood transfusion services based on voluntary non-remunerated regular blood donation in accordance with World Health Assembly resolution, adopted in 1975. WHO's goal is for all countries to obtain all their blood supplies from voluntary donors by 2020. As on today, in just 62 countries, national blood supplies are based on 100% VBD, with 40 countries including India still dependent on family donors and even paid donors. The Indian national level of VBD is about 70%. The States like Tripura, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra are having more than 95% of VBD, while Assam is about 57% only. Even after 42 years of World Health Assembly resolution, the issue of blood safety, equitable access to safe blood/blood components and their safe and rational use are still remaining as major challenges in India.

Presently, the blood centres in India operate in a particular way – if a patient needs blood transfusion, a replacement donor from his/her family or friends should donate. In some conditions where blood transfusion is required off and on, sometimes more than 100 units to a particular patient, then how can the family or friends bring all the required number of replacement donors? This gives rise to involvement of professional or paid donors disguised as replacement donors. It is well established that paid donors constitute a group with high risk behaviour leading to greater chances of transfusion transmissible infections in the recipients. The Indian Panel Code Chapter XIV, Sections 269 and 270 provide protection against spread of infectious diseases due to negligent and malignant acts. The Supreme Court of India has banned paid blood donation since January 1, 1998. Moreover, there are frequent incidents of mass casualties in India during bomb blasts, gunshot injuries, road traffic accidents and natural calamities, etc., which require emergency massive blood transfusion; this at times creates the crisis of safe blood. If our blood centres do not have enough blood stocks, what will be the fate of these victims? Maintaining a constant reserve of safe and sufficient blood all the time is a big challenge for most of the blood centres in India.

To maintain a safe and sustainable supply of blood and blood components to all those in need, healthy VNRBD should come forward for VBD. Without a regular flow of actual voluntary blood donors to keep the blood/blood components stock sufficient, delivery of good quality blood/blood components in the right quantity at the right time can never be ensured. Moreover, 100% VBD is not a magic figure for India. Blood donation by 1% of the population can meet India's basic requirements for blood. People from every section of the society should come together and join hands to formulate strategies to achieve 100% VBD, so that any patient who needs blood/blood components transfusion can get the required blood/blood component units from the blood centres without replacement.

The most precious gift that we humans can give each other is the donation of blood, a gift that can save lives and give a new lease of life to many persons in need. Donating blood is a noble work and it gives opportunity to the youth to directly connect with a social issue of the area where they live. Timely provisions of quality blood also give life to many and make them happy. There are many ways to be a better human being and to serve the mankind. Blood donation is said to be one amongst the best services that a man can do. Donating blood means giving life to someone and it is believed that voluntary blood donors command the highest respect for their sacrifice. VNRBD donates blood or its components of his or her own free will and receives no payment, either in the form of cash or in kind which could be considered a substitute for money. The only reward they receive is personal satisfaction, self-esteem and pride. They are saviours of mankind.

In India, any healthy person aged 18 to 65 years old having weight more than 45 kg and haemoglobin level more than 12 g/dL can usually donate whole blood, although other limits apply to donations of plasma and platelets. For safety reasons, users of injectable drugs, carrier of transmissible infections (HIV, HBV, HCV, syphilis and malaria, etc.), recipients of organ transplants or transfusion can no longer be blood donors. As a rule, at the interval of three months, any healthy person can donate blood up to four times per year. Plasma and platelet may be donated frequently. If someone really loves oneself and other fellow beings, the only way to express it is to donate blood voluntarily. All the eligible donors should come forward with a pledge to promote 100% VBD.

(*Published on the occasion of World Blood Donor Day today.*)

Letters to the EDITOR

The elusive neutrinos

Sir, – India has been one of the pioneers in the study of particle physics. In the 1950s and 60s, the scientists at the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research had first discovered some unusual experimental observations in the Kolar gold mines of Karnataka. Since then, numerous experiments in different countries have been carried out on 'neutrinos'. Neutrinos are elementary particles resulting out of nuclear fusion in the sun. They are also produced from stellar explosions and gamma ray bursts. Although similar to electrons, neutrinos have no charge and are completely harmless and nearly massless. As per observations made by scientists, every second, billions of neutrinos pass through our body but without interacting with a single atom or a molecule. They are abundant in the atmosphere and yet are shy and elusive. The INO project proposed to be built in the Bodi West Hills in the Theni district, Tamil Nadu, aiming to study these tiny particles, would house the largest magnet in the world, four times larger than the CERN's Compact Muon Solenoid (CMS) detector's magnet. But allegations made by some activists and critics that neutrinos are radioactive are damaging the very purpose of the decades-old research. Complaints as such have been made to the National Green Tribunal and a regional court in Tamil Nadu. The NGT's suspension of the environmental clearance granted to the India-based Neutrino Observatory (INO) and the subsequent order to file a fresh application for clearance, is leading to a procedural delay for India's initiative of joining the privileged class of countries (including China) involved in neutrino research. It is natural for the general public to raise their doubts, but it is also necessary to bring the scientific community and the public closer to each other, so that such apprehensions and misunderstandings are cleared out. Yours etc., DEBOLINA C BAKSHI, Dibrugarh.

UK poll and Brexit

Sir, – The result of the recently-held general election of Britain has revealed that Prime Minister Theresa May's Conservative Party has lost its majority in the House of Commons and the nation now faces a minority government. While the Conservative Party has secured 318 seats out of 650 total seats, the Labour Party is behind at 261 seats. Hence, the Conservatives have a shortfall of eight MPs for an outright majority in the House of Commons. Prime Minister May has decided to form a minority government with the support of 10 DUP (northern Ireland's Democratic Unionist Party) MPs and will lead Britain through the Brexit talks beginning on June 19. The view of the Conservative Party or of others is that the date of Britain's departure from the EU cannot be delayed and a delay would mean a weaker deal for the UK. It is argued that Brexit would enable the UK to reclaim its national sovereignty, to manage immigration, to free itself from onerous regulations and spark more economic growth.

It appears that May is determined to move towards a Brexit deal enabling Britain to exit from the EU. Further, she is in favour of a harder Brexit which means limiting trade and immigration with the EU. However, Brexit might prove to be a curse for the UK too. With Brexit, the UK might have a disruption in its large financial sector and a fear of the break-up of the UK itself will linger on. Yours etc., MAHESWAR DEKA, Rangiya.

Contentious issue

Sir, – The recent advertisement of the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhijan (RMSA), Assam (AT, June 11) for the appointment of graduate teachers in the Adarsha Vidyalayas has been a contentious issue among those who have done their schooling from the vernacular-medium schools. The advertisement offered distinctive criteria that the candidates must be passed out from English-medium schools for applying in the Adarsha Vidyalayas. However, candidates from the vernacular-medium schools have been shining across the spectrum of the society, be it in IAS, IITs, IIMs, NET or other national competitive exams. It is worth mentioning that many of the teachers in the prominent English-medium schools are from the vernacular medium. The Government is promoting and trying to improve the conditions of the vernacular schools through Gunotsav, but a different picture is found for the appointment of teachers. I urge the Government to think on this issue and seek an immediate roll-back of the advertisement so that the door remains open for all the graduate candidates keeping the other criteria intact. Yours etc., RUPAK DAS, Tezpur University.

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Sir, – The Assam Government has done some discrimination on the grounds of school mediums. The Government will hold TET for the posts of graduate teachers in Adarsha Vidyalayas. In the advertisement, it is clearly mentioned that a candidate who wants to apply for this post must be passed out from English-medium schools. This way, the Education Department has neglected the Assamese-medium students as they are in no way less efficient than the English-medium students. The Education Department should revise the advertisement through a little modification. Yours etc., LAKHYAJIT NATH, Napam, Tezpur.

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Training for forest guards

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 13: Aaranyak, together with the forest departments of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh and Dharetree, an NGO, organised a series of five one-week-long training programmes for forest guards of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh working in hoolock gibbon habitats, with support from the US Fish and Wildlife Service and Great Ape Conservation Fund.

The training programmes started on February 22 and till now 92 individuals from forest divisions of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh have participated.

The fifth training camp in the series held from June 1 to 7 was inaugurated by Gunin Saikia, DFO, Social Forestry, Golaghat, where 17 trainees from Assam and Arunachal attended. "Aaranyak is planning to train other forest officials of the north-eastern states taking the hoolock gibbon as the flagship species for conservation of the gibbon in particular and biodiversity in general in a phased manner," Dr Dilip Chetry of Aaranyak said.

The western hoolock gibbon (Hoolock hoolock) and the eastern hoolock gibbon (Hoolock leuconedyes) species are distributed in north-east India on the southern bank of the Dibang-Brahmaputra river system.

The population of hoolock gibbon – India's only ape – is less than 10,000 in the country. Unfortunately, habitat fragmentation and hunting are pushing the gibbon to a corner.

"Added to this situation is the lack of basic information and poor conservation awareness about the species among different sections of people including the frontline staff of the forest department, which is yet another major hindrance in conservation of the gibbon. The forest guards who actually work in the field are unaware about the various facets of the hoolock gibbon conservation strategy," Dr Chetry said.

Water being pumped out into the Bharalu river at Anil Nagar as persistent rains throughout the day inundated the area on Tuesday. – UB Photos

Emergency management exercise conducted

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 13: The District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Kamrup Metro, conducted a Gaon Panchayat Emergency Management Exercise (GPEMEx) in 14 gaon panchayats (GP) of three revenue circles under Kamrup Metro district on Monday.

The basic objective of the exercise was to build a participatory approach and involve the community in disaster management work.

It was also intended to highlight the response capabilities of various responding agencies like SDRF, NGOs and grassroots level functionaries.

The exercise in the 14 GPs started with events among children like art competition, quiz competition, debate and extempore speech.

Public meetings on topics like disaster preparedness, water-body conservation, open space and green space preservation were also held in all the 14 GPs.

Streetplays were conducted as well as demonstration on fire safety, flood preparedness and first aid. Mock drill on earthquake and fire safety was the highlight of the event.

Over 7,000 participants comprising students, teachers, civil society organisations, members of village land management committees and people from the community were involved in the exercise in all the 14 GPs.

Iftar get-together at Guwahati Blind School

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 13: Women's Hub, a group of young girls and ladies involved in various socio-cultural activities and empowerment of women, recently organised an all-faith iftar get-together at the Guwahati Blind School in which about 100 people including the students of the school participated.

Speaking on the occasion, Bhaben Barman, Principal of the school said, "It is indeed a memorable day today for we are having the first ever iftar get-together at our school. Even though we have a few students observing roja here, we never had an iftar programme before."

Dr Swabera Islam, former principal of KC Das Commerce College and a senior member of Women's Hub, deliberated on the background and the objective of holding the iftar programme.

Columnist and writer Mitra Phukan, Gurpreet Singh Uppal, a practising lawyer of the Gauhati High Court, Dr Navanil Barua from the GNRC Hospitals, Florence Handique Rabha, teacher and TV anchor, Assamese singer Kalpana Patowari, Aman Wadud and Nurul Laskar, representing the Stars of North East Group among others, took part in the programme.

Probe into road repair works

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 13: PWD minister Parimal Suklabaidya today directed the Additional Chief Secretary (works) to institute a high level inquiry into the reported embezzlement of public funds meant for repairing and maintenance works of Harijan Pally, Dispur.

Annual meeting

GUWAHATI, June 13: The Pub-Guwahati Consumers' Cooperative Society Limited is organising its annual general meeting (AGM) at the Pub Guwahati Girls' ME School here on June 18. General secretary of the society Ranjan Das has asked all the members to attend the meet, a press release stated.

Summer hobby camp at RSC from July 1

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 13: As in previous years, Regional Science Centre (RSC) Guwahati will be organising a summer hobby camp for children and others on its premises here from July 1 to 26.

The camp will be organised on six different topics – science with magic, art and craft, designing with Photoshop, fun with electronics, science with creativity and robotic.

There will also be an educational trip to Biotech Park, IIT Guwahati, for all the students.

A computer course – 'Designing with Photoshop' – has also been introduced for senior citizens and housewives as part of the camp.

RSC Guwahati project coordinator B Mandal said that the summer hobby camp provides students a unique platform to develop their innovative ideas into meaningful kits or models.

"This also provides children an opportunity to work in a team and in effective utilisation of the summer holidays. It is a nodal point for all those students who have a desire to explore science by practically doing experiments with fun. The activities of a hobby camp help in building the self-confidence of the children," he said.

Registration will be on first-come-first-serve basis at RSC Guwahati as the number of seats is limited. Certificates will be given to all participants on the last day of the camp.

Members of Sadou Asom Pragatisheel Nari Sanstha voicing their protest against rising crime against women, in Guwahati on Tuesday. – UB Photos

10-day training on candle making

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 13: Under the aegis of the Commissionerate of Industries and Commerce (CI&C), a 10-day training programme on candle-making got under way on Monday at the Quality Control Office of the industries and commerce department, Bamunimaidam. Altogether 30 women have been selected from Kamrup (Metro) for the programme.

"Numaligarh Refinery Limited and IOCL, Digboi produce some of the finest wax in the country. Though there is no dearth of raw materials of wax, yet there is no cottage industry in this sector here," informed Minakshi Debi, Deputy Director and in-charge of Women Cell, CI&C. "Hence, this training programme aims to empower the women in this business sector and make them self-reliant," she added.

Puberun Sarmah, resource person from NEDFi informed that the programme will be followed by a year-long training on advanced designing, capacity building, hand-holding in candle-making. "The goal is to brand Assam candles, facilitate the market linkages and take it to the global arena," stated Sarmah.

The CI&C plans to hold a similar training programme in Tezpur as well.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER
No. IITG/ENGG/17/NIT/25 Dtd. 06.06.2017

Sealed tenders are invited from experienced and registered contractors/firms for 'Repair of false ceiling and partition wall of the Gymkhana office at old SAC Building in IITG Campus.'

Download of tender paper	14.06.2017 to 20.06.2017

For further details visit IITG website www.iitg.ac.in. Any further clarification including corrigendum, amendments, time extension etc. for the above tender will be posted in the website only. Bidders should therefore regularly visit the website.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS FOR FURNISHING WORKS FOR 4 NOS. BRANCHES – JORHAT, SILCHAR, DIMAPUR, SIBSAGAR AND FURNISHING & ELECTRICAL FOR IMPHAL BRANCH

Vijaya Bank, Guwahati Region invites sealed & super scribed tenders from empanelled contractors of any PSU/PSB/Govt. office for TENDERS FOR FURNISHING works for 4 Nos of existing branches at Jorhat, Silchar, Dimapur, Sivsagar. ELECTRICAL AND FURNISHING FOR IMPHAL BRANCH. For further details, please visit our Bank's website **www.vijayabank.com**.
Last date for submission of the bids: **29.06.2017 up to 05:00 PM.**
Place: Guwahati
Date: 13.06.2017 **Sd/- DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER**

OIL AND NATURAL GAS CORPORATION LTD.
ASSAM & ASSAM ARAKAN BASIN, JORHAT, ASSAM

NOTICE

Ministry of Environment, Forest Clearance & Climate Change (MoEFCC), New Delhi has accorded Environment Clearance to Assam & Assam Arakan Basin for following projects.

S.No	Name of Proposal	File number	Date of issue
1	Drilling of six exploratory wells (RBK-1,LBAA, RPAA, RLBK-1, RTDN-1 and RBK-3 in Pre NELP Block AA-ONJ/2 at Cachar, Assam	J-110011/91/2012-IA-II(I)	06.03.2017
2	Proposed 8 no. of exploratory drilling in ML area of Sivasagar, Assam by M/s ONGC Ltd.	J-11011/343/2014-IA-II(I)	20.03.2017
3	Proposed exploratory drilling of 13 exploratory wells in PML area of SAS Block in Sarupathar Tehsil District Golaghat, Assam by M/s ONGC Ltd,	J-11011/111/2015-IA-II(I)	31.03.2017
4	Drilling of Exploratory wells (25Nos.) in PEL & PML blocks of Cachar Forward Base, in Assam by M/s ONGC Ltd.	J-11011/229/2012-IA-II(I)	19.04.2017

I/C HSE, A&AA Basin, ONGC, Jorhat

State Bank of India
STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH
GIRISH MANSION, M.R.D.ROAD, BAMUNIMAIDAM, GUWAHATI-781021
PH. NO.: 0361-2655154, 150. FAX NO. : 0361-2655155

AUCTION SALE

The following vehicles financed by State Bank of India and seized from the concerned defaulting borrowers are available for sale. Persons interested to buy the vehicles may contact the undersigned for details of the vehicles. Intending buyers may submit their offer in sealed envelopes with superscription "Quotation for purchase of vehicle Nos. (as given below)" and the same should reach the undersigned **by 2:00 P.M. On 21.06.2017**. Offer letter should accompany a refundable/ adjustable Banker's Cheque or Pay Order as caution (EMD) money for the vehicles, favouring SBI, SARB, Guwahati and payable at SBI, New Guwahati towards interest free caution money deposit. Sealed Quotations will be opened at 4:00 P.M. on 21.06.2017 in presence of intending buyers who have submitted their offer. Successful bidders will have to deposit the quoted price in full within ten (10) working days from the date of opening of the quotations or any such time as may be extended by the Authorised Officer, failing which, the earnest money deposited by them shall be forfeited and the vehicle will be sold forthwith. The vehicles are being sold on "as is and where is" basis and will not be sold below the Reserve Price fixed by the Bank. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject all or any of the offers without assigning any reason thereto.

Vehicles can be inspected at Balaji Parking, Gorolia, Guwahati. (Nripen- 9954121437)

SL. NO.	BORROWER	VEHICLE MAKE	YEAR OF MFG	VEHICLE NO.	RESERVE PRICE	CAUTION MONEY (EMD)
1	M/S Travel Solution N.E. India	TATA MAGIC	2014	AS 01 FC 3428	32,000/-	3,200/-
2	DO	DO	2014	AS 01 FC 3433	40,000/-	4,000/-
3	DO	DO	2013	AS 01 FC 3435	32,000/-	3,200/-
4	DO	DO	2014	AS 01 FC 3436	12,000/-	1,200/-
5	DO	DO	2013	AS 01 FC 3432	30,000/-	3,000/-
6	DO	DO	2013	AS 01 FC 3438	32,000/-	3,200/-
7	DO	DO	2014	AS 01 FC 3429	30,000/-	3,000/-
8	DO	DO	2014	AS 01 FC 3430	30,000/-	3,000/-
9	DO	DO	2014	AS 01 FC 3431	30,000/-	3,000/-
10	Rupam Majumdar	M & M Truck	2014	NL 01 L 5674	10 Lacs	1,00,000/-

Date : 12.06.2017 Authorised Officer SARB, Guwahati

NUMALIGARH REFINERY LIMITED
(A Govt. of India Enterprise)
REFINERY DIVISION
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Corrigendum against tender No. CC03000119. Due date extended upto 3.7.2017 & amendments of tender clauses.
Pre-bid meeting (Mandatory) : 11.00 am 14.06.2017 at commercial department of NRL site.
NIT NO: OC09000160
Job Name: Supply of Anaesthesia Work Station at VKNRL Hospital, NRL Township.
NIT NO: OC09000162
Job Name: Supply of Ultrasound Machine 4D at VKNRL Hospital, NRL Township
NIT NO: OC09000163
Job Name: Supply of Dedicated Neonatal Ventilator at VKNRL Hospital, NRL township
Bid submission end date & time: 03.07.2017 before 11.00 a.m. & **Opening date & time:** 04.07.2017 after 11.00 a.m. (http://e-procure.gov.in / e-procure / app.).
NIT NO: OC09000157
Job Name: Supply of Neonatal Resuscitation Unit for VK-NRL Hospital, NRL Township
NIT NO: OC09000158
Job Name: Supply of Choledocoscope for VK-NRL Hospital, NRL Township.
Bid submission end date & time: 28.06.2017 before 11.00 a.m. & **Opening date & time:** 29.06.2017 after 11.00 a.m. (http://e-procure.gov.in / e-procure / app.).
email id: raja.ahmed@nrl.co.in, Ph: 03776-265439; Fax: 265514
NIT NO: OC25000070
Job Name: One time contract for hiring and operation of excavator, Dumper and hydra for Special housekeeping of Refinery premises in the month of July-Aug'17.
Bid submission end date & time: 28.06.2017 before 11.00 a.m. & **Opening date & time:** 29.06.2017 after 11.00 a.m. (http://e-procure.gov.in / e-procure / app.).
email id: susen.das@nrl.co.in, Ph: 03776-265409; Fax: 265514
NIT NO: OC02000168
Job Name: Procurement of Submersible Agitator Sand Pump
Bid submission end date & time: 03.07.2017 before 11.00 a.m. & Opening date & time: 04.07.2017 after 11.00 a.m. (http://e-procure.gov.in / e-procure / app.).
email id: Sanfano.bhattacharyya@nrl.co.in Ph: 03776-265491; Fax: 265514
NIT NO: OC15000215
Job Name: High Rise Barricading Works at NRL Project Site at Guwahati. EMD ₹4500.00
Bid submission end date & time: 03.07.2017 before 11.00 a.m. & **Opening date & time:** 04.07.2017 after 11.00 a.m. (http://e-procure.gov.in / e-procure / app.).
email id: sarmistha.dutta@nrl.co.in Ph: 03776-265498; Fax: 265514
NIT NO: OC29000044
Job Name: Clearing of Jungle in Open Storage Yards of NRL Warehouse.
Bid submission end date & time: 28.06.2017 before 11.00 a.m. & **Opening date & time:** 29.06.2017 after 11.00 a.m. (http://e-procure.gov.in / e-procure / app.).
email id: arati.devi@nrl.co.in Ph: 03776-265479; Fax: 265514

For all tenders upto Rupees five lakhs, and details of tender and subsequent corrigendum, addendum (if any), please look for details in the websites (www.nrl.co.in/www.tenders.gov.in).

State Bank of India
BASUGAON BRANCH, DIST- CHIRANG, ASSAM

Appendix-IV
Rule-8(1)
POSSESSION NOTICE
FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Whereas,
The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **STATE BANK OF INDIA** under the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued a demand notice dated **08.09.2016** calling upon the borrower/ guarantor,
MR. SUKUMAR BARMAN,
S/O. LT. SACHINDRA CH. BARMAN,
PROP. OF M/S. MAA MANASHA EGG CENTRE,
W/NO. 3, THURIBARI ROAD, P.O.- BASUGAON,
P.S.- BASUGAON, DIST.- CHIRANG, PIN- 783372, ASSAM.
Repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.14,89,040/-** (Rupees fourteen lacs eighty nine thousand fourty only) plus interest & cost, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said act read with rule 9 of the said rules on This **9th day of June of the year 2017.**
The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **STATE BANK OF INDIA** for an amount of **Rs.14,89,040/-** (Rupees fourteen lacs eighty nine thousand fourty only) plus further interest & cost thereon.
Description of immovable property:
ALL THE PART AND PARCEL OF THE PROPERTY CONSISTING OF THE LAND MEASURING 1 KATHA, 17 LECHAS IN THE NAME OF MR. SUKUMAR BARMAN COVERED BY DAG NO. 287/213 OF PATTA NO. 286 SITUATED AT REVENUE VILLAGE BASUGAON TOWN IN THE DISTRICT OF CHIRANG, ASSAM.
Bounded by :
On the North by : Municipality Road; On the South by : Yudhistir Mandal;
On the East by : Nilakanta Barman; On the West by : Suprasanna Guha.
Dated: 09.06.2017 Authorized Officer
Place : Basugaon STATE BANK OF INDIA

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, GUWAHATI
First Floor, Apsara Building, Dr. B. Baruah Road, Guwahati-781007
DRPC No. 1652 dated 17.06.2015 arising out of O.A. No. 48 of 2009
In the matter of
INDIAN OVERSEAS BANK, PANBAZAR BRANCH
VS
M/S L.P. AUTOMOTIVE CORPORATION & OTHERS

SALE NOTICE

The under mentioned property will be sold by online e-auction through web portal **https://drt.auctiontiger.net** "AS IT IS WHERE IT IS" basis for recovery of Certificate amount in case number mentioned hereinabove.
Description of the Properties: All that piece and parcel of land measuring 10 (ten) Lecha covered by Dag No. 197 under K.P. Patta No. 876 situated at Sahar Guwahati Part - I, Mouza - Guwahati, District-Kamrup (Metro) and bounded by North - Rituraj Hotel, South - Road, East - Akhil Chandra Das and West - Rituraj Hotel. **The property is vacant.**
Date and time of e-auction : 24th day of July, 2017 at 15.00 hours (3.00 PM) to 16.00 hours (4.00 PM) with auto time extension of 5 (five) minutes, till sale is conducted.
Reserve Price : The reserve price of the entire property is fixed at Rs. 51,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty One Lakh only).
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) : EMD is fixed at Rs. 5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh only). The intending purchasers are required to pay Earnest Money deposit in form of Demand Draft / Pay Order / NEFT / RTGS in favour of "Recovery Officer, DRT Guwahati, A/c No. 0568050012591", IFSC Code - UTBI0SPK385, in United Bank of India, Shilpukhuri Branch, Guwahati, Assam **on or before July 19, 2017 by 4.00 P.M.**
Bid Increment: Incremental bid value for the sale is fixed at **Rs. 25,000/-** (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) **or in multiple thereof.**
Submission of Bid : Bids in prescribed format given in the Annexure I & II shall be submitted to the Recovery Officer II in office of the Debts Recovery Tribunal, Guwahati on or before **July 19, 2017 before 16.30 hours (4.30 PM) along with proof of EMD.** However, bidders are also allowed to submit duly signed and filled up bid form and declaration in **PDF Format** along with proof of EMD to the Recovery Officer to his official e-mail ID **drtguwahati-dfs@nic.in within the above mentioned date and time.** No bid will be accepted after the said date and time.
The other details and terms and conditions of the sale are available on the proclamation of sale that has been uploaded on the following websites
(i) https://drt.auctiontiger.net,
(ii) https://tenders.gov.in
(iii) https:// drt.gov.in/Alldrtdratview.aspx?page=drtguwahati
Intending purchasers may contact Mr. Bishnu Goyari, Senior Manager, Indian Overseas Bank (Phone: 0361-2600006).

(K. MUKHERJEE)
RECOVERY OFFICER-II

North Eastern Development Finance Corp. Ltd.
Regd. Office : NEDFi House, G. S. Road, Guwahati-781006
Ph. : 0361-2222200, Fax : 0361-2237733 / 2237734
CIN No. U65923AS1995GOI004529
ISO 9001 : 2008

IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL AT GUWAHATI
(The Tribunal of Assam, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Manipur, Tripura, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh & Sikkim)
Apsara Building, 1st Floor, Dr. B. Barooah Road, Ulubari, Guwahati-781007, Assam
ORIGINAL APPLICATION NO. 141 OF 2017 I. A. No. 57/2017
North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Limited -Applicant
Versus-
M/s. Lainingthou Sidaba Constructions Pvt. Ltd. & Others -Defendants
To,
1. M/s. Lainingthou Sidaba Constructions Pvt. Ltd., having its registered office at F-85, Rituraj Enclave Silpukhuri, Guwahati-781003. Also at 1st Floor, Rangpee Market, A.G.Colony Road, Beharbari, Guwahati-781029, Assam.
2. Shri R. K. Ranjan Singh, Director of M/s. Lainingthou Sidaba Constructions Pvt. Ltd., son of Manisana Singh,1st Floor, Rangpee Market, A. G. Colony Road, Beharbari, Guwahati-781029, Assam.
Also at, son of Manisana Singh, Brahmapur Nahabam, Puritmayum Leirak, Imphal East-795001, Manipur.
3. Smti.Wahengbam Babysanta Devi,Director of M/s. Lainingthou Sidaba Constructions Pvt. Ltd., wife of Shri R. K. Ranjan Singh, 1st Floor, Rangpee Market, A. G. Colony Road, Beharbari, Guwahati-781029, Assam.
4.IDBI Bank Ltd., Main Branch, G.S. Road, Guwahati-781005, Assam, Represented by its General Manager.
5.The Chief Engineer, Constructions-V,N.F.Railway, Maligaon, Guwahati-781011, Assam.
WHEREAS OA No.141/2017 was listed before this Hon'ble Presiding Officer on 05.06.2017.
Whereas, this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/ notices on the said applications under Section 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act,1993 against you for the recovery of sum of Rs.3,34,39,059/- (Rupees three crore thirty four lakhs thirty nine thousand and fifty nine only) as on 16.03.2017 together with current and future interest and other reliefs.
In accordance with sub-section(4) of section 19 of the Act, you are directed as under-
(i) To show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why the reliefs prayed for should not be granted.
You are also directed to file the written statement and written objection in the above-referred applications with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before the Hon'ble Tribunal on 17.07.2017 at 10:30 A.M. to answer the claim in writing along with copies of documents to be relied upon by you, failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.
Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this 8th day of June, 2017.

Sd/- Registrar I/C
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Guwahati
Assistant Registrar I/C
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Guwahati

Diarrhoea Control Fortnight launched in Sonitpur district

CORRESPONDENT

TEZPUR, June 13: Along with the rest of the nation, the District Health Society of Sonitpur launched the Intensified Diarrhoea Control Fortnight centrally at the Kanaklata Civil Hospital here yesterday.

The programme was inaugurated by the ADC of Sonitpur, Krishan Kumar Sarma. Inaugurating the programme, he said that diarrhoea is the major cause of child mortality under five years of age owing to use of unsafe drinking water, improper handwashing etc. He urged every person to participate in the programme in order to disseminate proper information among the masses in the collective effort to control diarrhoea and other communicable diseases.

Emphasising the importance of the programme, District Nodal Officer Dr Durlov Chandra Saikia said that the fortnight which began on June 12 will end on June 24.

"Under the scheme, our health workers will provide doorstep ORS packets to each under-five-year-old child by visiting every household. In this venture, altogether 1,876 health workers will be involved, who will distribute 2,81,400 packets of ORS in Sonitpur district alone. If any diarrhoea case is detected during their visit, they will provide 10 mg of elemental zinc for 14 days. They will also

demonstrate proper handwashing technique and how to prepare ORS."

"Under the programme, the RBSK team with school teacher will demonstrate proper handwashing technique and conduct awareness meetings on prevention and control of diarrhoea," Dr Saikia said, adding that, "about 3,00,000 children die in India every year due to diarrhoea, which has been a major public health concern in the country."

"Diarrhoea cases are common during the summer season. Poor sanitation and unhygienic conditions become risk factors. The mode of water transportation, poor handling of water at the household level, presence of waste water in the street, refuge storage, collection and disposal, domestic water reservoir, faeces disposal and presence of vectors predispose the under-five minors to diarrhoea," he maintained.

He also stated that oral rehydration therapy (ORT) with ORS remains the cornerstone of appropriate case management of diarrhoeal dehydration and is considered the single-most effective strategy to prevent diarrhoea deaths in children. Zinc supplementation (10 mg of elemental zinc for 14 days for children aged 2-6 months and 20 mg/day for older children) has the potential to reduce morbidity and mortality by reducing the duration and severity of diarrhoeal episodes and lowering their incidence.

Dr DC Saikia also emphasised that for prevention of diarrhoeal diseases, use of safe drinking water, handwashing, food safety, safe disposal of excreta, promoting exclusive breastfeeding and immunisation against measles are major factors.

"Handwashing before preparing food is a particularly important opportunity to prevent childhood diarrhoea and it works best when it is part of a package of behaviour change interventions. Washing hands after defecating or handling children's faeces and before handling food entails an average of 32 hand washes a day," he said.

Parag Saikia, District Programme Manager of NHM Sonitpur also spoke on the subject and urged all concerned to extend their helping hand to make the programme a grand success.

Students of 5 Assam Battalion NCC and 73 Assam Girls (I) Coy NCC of Tezpur taking out a rally to mark World Day Against Child Labour, on Monday. – UB Photos

Rajib overcomes all odds to shine in HSLC examination

ABHIJIT KHATANIAR

DOOMDOOMA, June 13: Rajib Deka, a student who hails from a poor family secured first division with distinction marks in the HSLC examination, 2017. He appeared from Doomdooma Jatiya Vidyalaya and secured 89.3 percent marks.

Rajib's father Dinesh Deka is a 4th grade employee of Doomdooma Jatiya Vidyalaya, who has to manage his family with the little money he earns. Moreover, he along with his family of four members reside in a small rented house at Azad Road of Doomdooma. Fortunately, Rajib overcame all these hardships with his sincerity and hard work to achieve such a brilliant result.

Rajib, who wants to be an administrative officer in future, said that his father Dinesh Deka and mother Bobita Deka always inspired him to do better. Rajib will now study in the Commerce stream.

Doomdooma Jatiya Vidyalaya from where Rajib appeared in the HSLC examination organised a special programme in the school recently to felicitate him along with six other students who secured first division in the HSLC examination from the school. They are Pritam Pujari (86.7%), Richa Barman (78%), Deba Gogoi (77.8%), Jyotirmoy Borgohain (76.2%) , Siddartha Bhumij (72.5%) and Upasana Das (70%). All these students along with Rajib Deka were congratulated by the school authority with a *phulam gamosa* and a bundle of books each.

In this programme, the former Principal of Doomdooma Jatiya Vidyalaya Beenapani Gogoi awarded Rajib Deka with a cash award in memory of her Late husband Pradeep Gogoi.

On the other hand, a guardian named Suren Borgohain also awarded Rajib with a cash award. Moreover, Jhikananda Borgohain, who retired as Principal of Hoonlal HS School, Doomdooma and is vice-president of the managing committee of Doomdooma Jatiya Vidyalaya, also awarded Rajib with a cash award for securing above 90% marks in General Mathematics and General Science.

A rally being taken out on the occasion of Gaon Panchayat-level Emergency Management Exercise at 14 GPS of Kamrup (M), on Monday. – UB Photos

Emergency management exercise begins in Cachar

CORRESPONDENT

SILCHAR, June 13: In sync with the rest of the Gaon Panchayats in the State, the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) along with Cachar District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) and local NGOs, including Chotto Prochesta began the 'Gaon Panchayat- Level Emergency Management Exercise (GP-EMEx)' across 163 Gaon Panchayats under five development circles of Cachar district on Monday.

As a part of the programme, the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) conducted a mock drill at the Ramani Mohan High School under Berenga Gaon Panchayat in the presence of Cachar Deputy Commissioner S Viswanathan.

Speaking on the ocassion, Viswanathan stressed on increasing awareness on how to combat disaster and its preparedness. In his words, " the impact of natural calamities can be lessened through proper application of disaster preparatory measures. The exercise on disaster preparedness were carried out across 2,202 Gaon Panchayats in the State and Central Government agencies are extending total support to the cause."

Shamim Ahmed Laskar, District Project Officer of DDMA, Cachar, claimed this to be a first of its kind initiative which aims to take forward the Swacch Bharat campaign by generating mass awareness on local issues, including environment will be highlighted through this initiative.

ADC-cum-CEO of DDMA, Cachar, Rajib Roy along with Kishore Dutta, an officer from ASDMA and other officials and NGO representatives were also present on the ocassion.

Dacoit nabbed, arms recovered

RANGIYA, June 13: Acting on a tip-off, in a joint operation launched by Mahar Regiment of the Indian Army and Rangiya Police, one Mozammil Hoque was apprehended from Borkukuria village under Rangiya Police Station yesterday in connection with a number of dacoity cases in the area. A pistol was recovered from the history-sheeter's possession during search operation, besides other arms. – Correspondent

Carcass of wild elephant found

TEZPUR, June 13: The villagers of Rabarbari area (Lakhara) near Balipara under Chardwar Police Station in Sonitpur district found the carcass of a mature wild elephant on Monday morning and subsequently informed the Forest Department. However, the reason behind the death of the wild elephant is yet to be known. – Correspondent

Futile bid by quacks to resurrect corpse!

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

DIBRUGARH, June 13: Two days after 22-year-old Deepak Dungdung of Rajgarh Bhalukmara was bitten and killed by a poisonous snake in his brother-in-laws village at Shalmari Hatigarh, the body of the ill-fated youth was laid to rest yesterday after attempts to resurrect the corpse by quacks failed.

The superstitious belief is that quacks can resurrect the dead, if caused by snake bites.

The boy was bitten by a snake at around 7 pm on Saturday evening. He initially applied some herbal medicine, but fainted after two hours. The family members called for quacks, but since neighbours insisted on taking the boy to the hospital, he was rushed to a Government hospital in Rajgarh, though the doctors present there reportedly referred the patient to the Assam Medical College and Hospital at Dibrugarh.

The family members allegedly ignored the doctor's advice and took the patient back home. The boy's body had become stiff and cold by then. Neighbours said the boy had breathed his last at around 12 midnight. A few superstitious people influenced the family members to invite quacks again to restore life into the dead boy.

Several quacks took turns to perform what they called 'mantra', though nothing changed. The corpse was already beginning to emit a foul smell by Sunday afternoon. By evening, all the quacks had left, the neighbours informed.

OBITUARY

Gunjan Kumar Karan

NORTH LAKHIMPUR, June 13: Gunjan Kumar Karan, Assistant Professor in English of Lakhimpur Girls' College passed away on Sunday evening following a brief illness. He was 43.

He breathed his last en-route to Guwahati for advanced treatment, at Biswanath Chariali. He leaves behind his wife, a son, his mother, a younger sister and two younger brothers. A popular teacher with a pleasant demeanour, Gunjan's untimely death was widely mourned. He was cremated on Sunday night at North Lakhimpur Hindu Crematorium.

Bordubi AJYCP stages road blockade

CORRESPONDENT

TINSUKIA, June 13: In protest against increasing the level of pollution by thoughtless dumping of garbage near the Tingrai river bridge along the Tinsukia-Bordubi Road by the Tinsukia Municipal Board, the Bordubi unit of Asom Jatiyatabadi Yuba Chatra Parishad (AJYCP) blocked the Tinsukia-Bordubi Road for quite sometime yesterday.

The Parishad demanded that burning of garbage in the area should be stopped forthwith as this compounds the problem of environmental pollution. Submitting a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner in this regard, the protesters demanded that the garbage should be treated in a scientific manner and the area should be developed into a recreational area by setting up a park along with adequate lighting facilities, etc.

They threatened that if the district administration did not pay heed to their demands, then they would be compelled to build up a massive long-drawn democratic protest in the near future.

It may be mentioned that the area by the side of the river Tingrai has been used as a dumping ground for garbage as well as burning of the collected waste by Tinsukia Municipal Board since a long time, thus creating pollution in the area.

Irrigation Dept performance reviewed

CORRESPONDENT

MORIGAON, June 13: State Irrigation Minister Ranjit Datta visited several areas in Mayong and Baha subdivisions on Sunday where irrigation schemes are being implemented within Morigaon district and took stock of the performance by his department.

Later, the Minister formally inaugurated the new Morigaon Division Irrigation Office building constructed at the cost of Rs 35 lakh. An open meeting was held on the occasion which was presided over by Luit Hazarika, Chief Engineer of the Irrigation Department.

Addressing the gathering, Datta said that due to sincere efforts of the staff and employees of his department, 49 irrigation schemes are effective in Morigaon district as on date. The department has chalked out more schemes in Morigaon district so that the poor and marginal farmers may get adequate water to irrigate their fields.

He further said that outdated schemes will be completely overhauled and an additional amount was earmarked for the purpose. All the top officials of the Irrigation Department attended the meeting.

Members of Dhekiajuli Municipal Workers' Union staging a dharna in protest against non-fulfilment of their various demands, on Monday. – UB Photos

Condition of roads pathetic in Palasbari LAC

ANN Service

MIRZA, June 13: That the tall claims of the State Government in bringing about development in the rural areas of Assam is just not true is proved by the poor road condition in over 30 villages in Palasbari LAC in Kamrup district.

Sources said that over 20,000 families under Mirza PWD Subdivision in Palasbari LAC in Kamrup district have been facing many hardships as the nine-km long Batarhat-Nahira-Futuri PWD road is lying in a very pathetic state and not a single effort has been made by the Government concerned to renovate it.

The said road, a lifeline for over 1 lakh people living on the northern side of Palasbari LAC, was blacktopped nearly 12 years back, but since then has been damaged by heavy vehicles. Further, a dilapidated bridge located over a stream at Dahali-Korka area on the road has added to the problems of the people. The bridge is not conducive for plying of even bicycles, not to speak of vehicles and hence all type of vehicles have stopped plying through this dilapidated bridge, pushing the commuters to great trouble.

Though the Batarhat-Nahira -Futuri PWD road is not conducive for plying of heavily-loaded vehicles (carrying load beyond 10 metric tonnes) but heavy vehicles carrying 18-20 tonnes of load are regularly sighted plying through the road.

Sources said that another road linking Bhagawatipara and Nahira in Palasbari LAC in Kamrup district is also in a bad shape. The one-km stretch of the road between Bhagawatipara and Rajapukhuri village is full of big potholes which become waterlogged during rainy season and hence requires urgent renovation work.

The two-km road between Futuri No 1 spur and Sumo Stand at Futuri village under Palasbari LAC in Kamrup district too is lying in a bad shape. The two- km road that connects Dhalipar via Roumari to Bartari is also in an extremely bad shape and not a single effort has been made by the Government for blacktopping of the road. The public of Roumari village has met the concerned MLA of Palasbari LAC several times but the road is yet to be blacktopped.

The road running between Bartari via Water resources embankment through Panikhaity to Gumi is also in a bad shape and requires urgent blacktopping. The road was earlier blacktopped at the initiative of the MLA of Palasbari LAC, Pranab Kalita about 7-8 years back but the continuous plying of heavy vehicles laden with sand have totally damaged the road. Sources said that a four-km segment of Kukurmara -Ziakur No 2 - Bartari road is also in very bad shape for the last five years and requires urgent renovation.

It may be mentioned here that the 20-km long embankment under Water Resources Department has passed through Dakhala via Nahira-Guimara (Palasbari LAC) towards Gumi (Chhaygaon LAC) and that this 20-km stretch of the embankment needs to be blacktopped which will solve a long-standing problem of the over 2 lakh population living along the north bank of Palasbari LAC in Kamrup district.

Official sources said that over 35 roads have this year been taken up for blacktopping at Palasbari LAC under NREGA and other schemes under the initiatives of the Palasbari MLA and the concerned people have urged the MLA to take up the most vulnerable roads so that grievances of the most deprived people could be redressed at the earliest.

Excise officials transferred

CORRESPONDENT

MANGALDAI, June 13: Dealing seriously with the allegation of extortion and sexual harassment against three constables of the Darrang Excise department, the Office of the Commissioner of Excise, Rakesh Kumar on Tuesday has taken departmental action against all the three erring Excise officials.

The action came into effect immediately after a news item with the headline 'Excise officials accused of extortion and sexual harassment' published in Monday's issue of *The Assam Tribune* drew the attention of the State Excise Minister Parimal Shuklabaidya, who quickly responded with a direction to take necessary departmental action against the Excise officials accused of serious criminal offences. Accordingly, the Office of the Excise Commissioner on Tuesday vide its order no. III-322 / 2016-2017/ 26 has transferred Iskander Mirza and Noor Islam from Darrang and posted them in Tinsukia while the other accused constable Padmaram Nath was by the same order transferred and posted to Dibrugarh with immediate effect. Several public organisations of Darrang district including the AJYCP, Darrang District Mahila Samiti, Mangaldai Media Circle among others have welcomed the initiative taken by the Excise Minister in the interest of the public of Darrang.

Effort to promote eri, muga among foreign buyers

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 13: Assam is collaborating with the Union Ministry of Textiles in organising a mega international event – Textiles India 2017 – taking Indian textiles to the global arena with major focus on attracting foreign buyers, showcasing India's strength in the textile sector.

The textiles fair will be held from June 30 to July 2, 2017 at Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat and is scheduled to be inaugurated by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Assam, as one of the two partner States for the event, would be promoting eri as the Ahimsa (non-violence) silk and the world famous muga (golden silk) apart from a range of other handloom and handicraft items.

Addressing the media here, Subrata Gupta, Joint Secretary (Export), Ministry of Textiles stated that as a partnering State for the event, the silk and other items of Assam would get significant exposure in all components of the event including the promos, business to business meetings, conferences etc.

"The event is getting a magnificent response and till now, 1838 foreign buyers have registered for the same from all over the world. More than 87 countries are likely to participate in the mega event," Gupta added.

Andhra Pradesh is another partner State for the event and Jharkhand, Maharashtra and Karnataka would be the focus States for the exhibition.

It may be noted that Indian textile sector has both richness and variety to offer, to the international market. Moreover, the country has a strong presence in the entire gamut of textile and apparel value chain, from fibre to fashion.

Nearly 1300 exhibitors will showcase their products and services to more than 2,500 international buyers and more than 15,000 domestic buyers.

"Producing 99 per cent of the world's muga silk and 92 per cent of the eri silk, Assam would mainly be promoting its silk and other natural fibres. Eri production, which does not involve killing of the silkworms, would be promoted with a USP of 'Ahimsa Silk," Mukti Gogoi, Commissioner and Secretary, of the State Department of Handloom, Textile and Sericulture told the media.

The silk sector, through the Indian Silk Export Promotion Council (ISEPC) will have a larger display in an area of around 1350 square metres in Textile India venue at the Mahatma Mandir as one of the major product categories. ISEPC will have the participation of more than 100 member exporters with best of silk and other allied silk products from all parts of the country. The total exhibition area for the event is 125,000 square meters.

"From Assam, seven entrepreneurs having experience of exporting have been shortlisted to take part in the fair. This apart, the products from the Northeast will have a thematic display at the venue," Jesmina Zeliang, regional convener, Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH), North-east Region, stated.

Rural journalist award

A CORRESPONDENT

MAJULI, June 13: The *Dainik Asam*'s district correspondent of Majuli, Bipul Saikia has been selected for the All Assam Journalist Union's Rohini Medhi Memorial Gramya Sangbadikata Award for this year.

He got the selection for his realistic presentation of flood and erosion-affected Majuli and it's people.

This award will be handed over to him at the 10th biennial conference which will be held on June 17 and 18 at Kaoimari of Tezpur.

AJYCP activists taking out a rally at Golaghat, on Tuesday. – UB Photos

Devolution of powers demanded

ANN Service

SIVASAGAR, June 13: The Sivasagar district unit of the AJYCP today demanded immediate action on the election promises doled out to the people of Assam by the Modi-led NDA Government at the Centre and abrogation of all policies for granting settlement to Bangladeshis.

The AJYCP led by Debajyoti Das, president and Dadul Neog, secretary, carried out a demonstration in front of the Deputy Commissioner's office and submitted a memorandum to the Prime Minister through the D C, Sivasagar which was handed over to Pranjal Das, Assistant Commissioner, Sivasagar.

The AJYCP also demanded urgent measures for completing the NRC upgradation works and devolution of all powers to the State barring finance, Defence, foreign affairs and communication on the principles of federalism that our forefathers had foreseen. Through the memorandum, the AJYCP demanded full protection to Assamese identity, culture and ethnic rights.

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Dr BN Saikia Award for Munin Baruah

ANN Service

PATACHARKUCHI, June 13: Noted dramatist and director Munin Baruah will be awarded the Dr Bhabendra Nath Saikia Award for the year 2017-18. This was disclosed in a press conference at the campus of Abahan Theatre, Pathsala recently.

The meet was addressed by Krishna Roy, producer of Abahan Theatre. It may be mentioned that the mobile theatre group constituted the award as a mark of respect to Dr Bhabendra Nath Saikia and the award is given to those persons who have made immense contributions in the field of art, drama culture, music, and literature etc.

Achyut Lahkar, the doyen of mobile theatre, artist Adya Sarma, noted poet Anupama Bhattacharya, Ratna Oza, actor director, Abdul Mazid, Jatin Goswami, Prabhat Sarma, Nuruddin Ahmed and Arun Sarma have earlier received the award. The award comprising cash and a citation will be conferred on August 8 at Pathsala, informed Krishna Roy.

AJYCP for full autonomy

CORRESPONDENT

TINSUKIA, June 13: The Tinsukia District Committee the of Asom Jatiyatabadi Yuba Chatra Parishad (AJYCP) staged a two-hour dharna programme in front of the Deputy Commissioner's office complex here on Tuesday demanding full autonomy for Assam. It has also demanded the introduction of dual citizenship, inner line permit as well as speedy preparation of the National Register of Citizens in the State.

Car lifter arrested

CORRESPONDENT

JAGIROAD, June 13: Nellie police on Monday night apprehended a car lifter at Nellie when he was planning to lift a Bolero pick-up bearing no AS 09 AC 2109. The arrested person has been identified as one Naba Das alias Dilip (31) of Bhodgaon, Chengmari under Kokrajhar Police Station in Kokrajhar district.

OBITUARY

Tridip Kumar Sarma

GUWAHATI, June 13: Tridip Kumar Sarma of Asomi Path, near Downtown Hospital, Dispur, who was residing at Bengaluru passed away in Bengaluru on June 11 due to protracted illness. An IT professional, Sarma was 43.

He leaves behind his mother, wife and two sons.

OIL helps poor students get into IIT, NIT

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

DIBRUGARH, June 13: Ajoy Doley, an orphan belonging to the economically backward Nahar Gezera village in Dhemaji district, had never heard of IIT, NIT, AIIMS etc., during his school stint but qualified for the prestigious IIT by cracking JEE Advance securing the 400th rank in the ST category with rigorous guidance from Oil India Super 30.

Doley said that even if someone had mentioned to me about IIT, I would have ignored it because of my economic backwardness. "I could hardly think of higher studies because we hardly have enough to survive. But with free coaching from Oil India Super 30, I qualified in the JEE(Advance) and now am encouraged and my morale has risen," he said.

Oil India Super 30, a social initiative of the Oil India Limited, has helped some 99 economically backward but meritorious students qualify for admissions into the country's most prestigious institutions like IIT, NIT and other engineering institutes this year.

The Oil India Super 30 was launched by Oil India Limited in association with the Centre for Social Responsibility and Leadership (CSRL), to help underprivileged students crack the country's most competitive entrance examinations.

Ashapriya Borgohain, another IIT aspirant who cracked the JEE (Advance) with free year-long coaching from Oil India Super 30 said she was only dreaming about getting into these institutes of national repute but had no idea how to realise it.

In the current year 2016-17, the Centre for Social Responsibility and Leadership with the support from Oil India prepared some 147 students for various competitive exams particularly JEE Mains and JEE Advanced in their five 'Oil India Super 30' coaching centres. Out of 147 students, 122 cleared the JEE Mains and among the 122 students 99 cracked the JEE Advance examination.

A total of 510 students have been supported under the 'Oil India Super 30' project till 2015 out of which 476 students have taken admission in various engineering colleges. Ninety-seven students have taken admission in various IITs and ISRO and top NITs. One hundred and twenty six students are presently studying in NITs and other premier institutes and 253 students are studying in various state engineering colleges and universities, said Sukanya Bharadwaj, Project Manager, Oil India Super 30, Jorhat Centre.

The Oil India Super 30 project is run under the academic mentorship of Abhayanand, retired Director General of Police of Bihar, who founded the world famous concept of Super 30 in 2002 at Patna, Tridip Hazarika,Chief Manager, Public Relations & Corporate Communications, OIL, Duliajan told newsmen during a press conference here today.

"The project provides free residential coaching to students who have the merit in them but do not have the means to achieve it. The students are also provided free hostel facilities with free food while undergoing preparations for the engineering entrance examinations. The selection of the students is done through written test, aptitude test and personal interview conducted at various district headquarters of the State. Candidates must have scored above 75% marks in the Class 12 examination to opt for free coaching in the Oil India Super 30. In Assam, the coaching centres are located in Guwahati, Jorhat and Dibrugarh. A new centre in Nagaon is being opened this year. The location of the other centres includes Itanagar and Jodhpur," Hazarika said.

The students from the underprivileged who fulfill the criteria for coaching in the Oil India Super 30 are requested to contact on phone numbers 08486023541 or 08723082147. The press conference among others was also attended by Shakshi Agarwal, Senior Public Relation Officer, OIL, Duliajan and Kendro Rabha, Project Manager, Oil India Super 30, Dibrugarh Centre.

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GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
LUIT KONWAR RUDRA BARUA STATE COLLEGE OF MUSIC
Panjabari (Near Shilpgram) Guwahati- 37
ADMISSION NOTICE
Bachelor of Music Degree Course under Gauhati University- 2017-2018

Applications are invited for admission into Luit Konwar Rudra Barua State College of Music in 1st Semester of B. Music Course of Gauhati University.

Subject : Optional Stream : A (Any one of the following)

INDIAN CLASSICAL MUSIC

(a) Vocal (b) Tabla (c) Kathak Dance (d) Violin (e) Sitar

Subjects : Optional Stream : B (Any one of the following)

SATTRIYA MUSIC

(a) Bargeet (b) Sattriya Dance (c) Khol

Subject : Compulsory

(a) English or Assamese (b) Hindi or Sanskrit (c) Musicology (d) Cultural History (e) Environmental Study

Eligibility : H.S.S.L.C passed (preliminary knowledge in music) with Diploma in Music from any recognized Board or University.

Applicants may collect their Admission Forms from the office of the Principal, Luit Konwar Rudra Barua State College of Music near Shilpgram, Panjabari, Guwahati during office hours in any working days and submit the same on or before 24.06.2017. Personal Interview and Admission will be held on 29.06.2017 from 10.00 A.M. onwards.

Applicants will have to pay a fee of Rs. 100/- (Rupees one hundred) only for Admission Form & Prospectus. Applicant will have to be present on the date and time of interview as specified above. They will have to produce all original testimonials before the Interview Board. Incomplete Forms will not be taken for consideration.

Principal i/c
Luit Konwar Rudra Barua State College of Music
Shilpgram Road, Panjabari, Guwahati- 37

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Focus on jobs, CPI (M) tells BJP

NEW DELHI, June 13: The Government should focus more on providing employment to the youth and ensuring livelihood for farmers and the poor instead of "meddling" in the personal habits of diverse people, the CPI (M) said today.

The Left party's latest attack on the BJP-led Central Government comes a day after the Meghalaya Assembly passed a resolution opposing the Centre's recent notification banning trade of cattle n animal market for slaughter.

"Clear message from States: Kerala, Meghalaya to Mizoram. BJP mustn't be in the business of meddling with personal habits of a diverse people," CPI (M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury tweeted.

He added, "Young India is crying for jobs, farmers and labour for livelihood. BJP gives vigilantes a free pass, so cows and beef remain the focus."

The Meghalaya Assembly had yesterday unanimously passed a resolution opposing the Centre's notification relating to cattle trade.

The Assembly demanded withdrawal of the notification, contending it would "impact the economy of the state and the food habit of its people".

Cutting across political lines, the assembly members supported the resolution tabled by Chief Minister Mukul Sangma. – PTI

3 killed, 10 swept away by landslides in Mizoram

CORRESPONDENT

AIZAWL, June 13: Three people were killed while seven others feared dead in landslides in Tlabung sub-division in southwestern Mizoram near the Bangladesh border and around 400 houses were inundated due to floods.

Sources from Tlabung town said that 10 persons were swept away by landslides along with their houses in three villages, including Marpara South, Changpui and Phairuangkai.

The Khawthlang Tuipui river (also known as Karnaphuli) inundated 350 houses within the sub-division, including 121 houses in Tlabung town.

Church, indoor stadium, ICDS centre, waiting shed, village council house, meat market, restaurants and playground were among those inundated by waters in Tlabung town.

Over 500 Young Mizo Association volunteers in Tlabung carried out rescue operations and evacuated the affected families and they were sheltered in community halls, schools and other safe buildings. About 130 families have been provided shelters.

The worst-affected villages are Serhuan, Tipperreghat, Nunsury-II, Silkur, Tuichawng, Balukiasuri, Lamthai, Malsuri, Diblibagh leh Kalapani. Altogether, about 1500 families have been affected by floods. Road communication has also been badly affected.

Properties damaged by the floods in Tlabung town are estimated at Rs 10 lakh.

In Sairang town near Tlawng River, about 30 km west of Aizawl, 40 families have been evacuated due to flood and they are sheltered in Young Mizo Association's community hall.

Landslides occurred in different places in Aizawl and elsewhere, snapping road connectivity in many places. In Aizawl's Saron Veng locality, a building collapsed. However, there was no casuality in Tlabung.

Awareness programme on GST

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

SHILLONG, June 13: Following the enactment of the Meghalaya Goods and Service Tax Act, 2017, a three-day awareness programme on the Goods and Services Tax (GST) has begun here today.

The awareness programme is being held at the office of the Commissioner of Taxes, Shillong, for all the stakeholders to formalise with the new tax regime and its associated laws.

During the three-day programme experts would give insight into GST Law and various aspects of the GST network portal.

Meanwhile, the office of the Commissioner of Taxes, Meghalaya has informed that the enrollment process under the GST regime is open for all Value Added Tax (VAT) payers and stakeholders.

The enrollment of existing tax payers would be continue till June 15 and from June 17 onwards enrollment for Tax Deduction at Source for all Drawing and Disbursing Officers (DDO's) and enrollment for Goods and Service Tax (GST) Practitioners would begin.

From June 21 onwards registration for new tax payers under the GST regime would begin, and from June 25 registration for dealers, opting for composition scheme under GST would start, officials here said.

No. PDDE(II)/14/2017/11 Date: 12.06.2017

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed tenders affixing non-refundable Court Fee Stamp of Rs. 8.25 (Rupees eight and paise twenty five) only are invited from interested Government Agency or Public Sector undertaking or well established registered firms for appointment of a firm for developing a "Human Capital Management System" and maintenance of a "Human Capital Management Cell" for management of employees of Panchayat & Rural Development Department. Detailed Bid Document along with terms and conditions may be obtained from the Office of the Commissioner Panchayat & Rural Development Department Assam, Panjabari, Juripar, Guwahati-37 on cash payment of Rs. 200.00 on working days upto 2 pm on 29th June 2017. The bid document can be downloaded from the official website **www.rural.assam.gov.in**. The downloaded bid document shall only be accepted provided the bidder submits the amount of Rs. 200/- as cost of bid document in the form of demand draft in favour of Commissioner Panchayat & Rural Development, Assam, Panjabari, Juripar, Guwahati-37 along with the technical Bid. The Bid document will be received upto 2.30 pm of 30th June 2017 and opened at 3 pm on the same day.

Sd/- Commissioner
Panchayat & Rural Development
Assam

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No. MCH/AMC/13-14/20/2013(A)/Pt-III/42 Date: 13.06.2017

RE-TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders in two Bid System affixing Court fee Stamp Rs. 8.25 (Rupees eight point twenty five paisa) only (for local Bidders) or IPO of Rs. 10/- (Rupees Ten) only (in case of Bidder's from outside of the state of Assam) in favour of "Hospital Management Society, GMCH, Guwahati-781032". Are invited for Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract of the Air Conditioning equipments installed in various depts. of the Gauhati Medical College Hospital, Guwahati.

All other relevant information and the detailed Bid Documents are available in the office of the undersigned from 10.00 am of 13.06.2017. Against a demand draft amounting Rs. 2000/- (two thousand only) drawn in favour of "Hospital Management Society, GMCH, Guwahati-781032". Last date of receiving the tender is 20.06.2017 at 2.00 pm and Bids will be opened at 2.30 pm on 20.06.2017.

Sd/- Superintendent
Gauhati Medical College Hospital
Guwahati-32

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BJP celebrates 3 years of Modi Govt

CORRESPONDENT

TURA, June 13: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) – East Garo Hills today held a meeting to celebrate three years of the BJP-led Narendra Modi governemt at the Centre flush with the hope of being a part of the next non- Congress government in Meghalaya.

The meeting held at the auditorium of EGH, Williamnagar saw participation of over 1,000 people despite the inclement weather.

The meeting today saw the presence of BJP national spokesperson and chief guest, Siddharth Bhattacharya (MLA from Assam) as well as senior party members, including State secretary SR Marak, State vice president Rikman G Momin, EGH district president – Rakesh Marak, EGH district general secretary – Thomas N Marak as well as state executive member from Phulbari – Binoy Kumar Ghosh.

"We are celebrating development that has been brought about by our Narendra Modi-led Government at the Centre which has benefitted crores of people in the country. We want to bring this same development to the State. Our agenda and our religion is only development," said Thomas Marak during the event.

"PMAY, PMGSY, Ujala Yojana, Old Age Pension scheme, Jan Dhan Yojana and many more have been brought about by our BJP-led Government at the Centre. We are also ensuring that the benefits of these schemes reach the poor through their bank accounts," said SR Marak.

"Developmental funds have been provided to the Congress Government in the State but after coming to this town, I can only see muddy streets without blacktopping. I felt fearful of travelling from the Circuit House to the auditorium. The time has now come to change this," said national spokesperson, Bhattacharya. Speaking after the meeting Bhattacharya claimed that the BJP would come to power in the State.

"We have begun to grow in the State and this growth is something that we hope will translate into seats in the coming Assembly elections. Our agenda has remained the same and will continue to be the same – development of every person in the country," said Bhattacharya.

Power supply restored at Phulbari

TURA, June 13: After more than a week without electricity, the town of Phulbari in West Garo Hills finally got a replacement transformer to ensure a smoother flow of electricity in the town. An 11KV transformer had caught fire on June 2 last leading to some parts of the plain belt going with rationed electricity including Phulbari, Chibinang amongst others.

The damage had been limited due to swift action taken by the Meghalaya Fire and Emergency Services.

The people in the area also began a desperate attempt to restore the power supply that forced the local MLA and Speaker Abu Taher Mondal to take appropriate action in this regard. – Newmai News

CORRIGENDUM

No RMSA/Special TET/842/2017/36

In relation to the advertisement no. RMSA/Special TET/842/2017/2 dated 07.06.17 of Special Teachers' Eligibility Test for Graduate Teachers' in Adarsha Vidyalayas In the part eligibility criteria ,It is stated that "The candidates must be passed out from English Medium Schools as Adarsha Vidyalayas are CBSE affiliated English Medium School".

Now for the Post of Classical Teachers(Assamese Language) aforesaid eligibility criteria is not mandatory for applying the said TET.

Sd/- Member Secretary,
TET Empowered Committee
for Secondary Education

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ASSAM SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITY
(A State University of Government of Assam constituted by "Assam Science and Technology University Act, 2009)
Tetelia Road, Jalukbari, Guwahati-781013 www.astu.ae.in

Advertisement for the post of Controller of Examinations in Assam Science and Technology Universitv, Guwahati

Applications are invited for the post of Controller of Examinations in the Assam Science and Technology University, Guwahati, who are Indian citizens as defined in Article 5-8 of the Constitution of India. Interested candidates may apply in prescribed form which can be downloaded along with other details of qualifications, experience etc. from the University website **www.astu.ac.in**

The last date for submission of application is 27th June, 2017 (3pm) at Assam Science and Technology University office, Tetelia. Road. Near AEC, Jalukbari, Guwahati-781013.

Those who have applied for the above post against Advertisement No:01/2017, need not apply again.

Sd/- Registrar(i/c)
Assam Science and Technology University

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Application in standard form as published in Assam Gazette in Appendix – XI are invited from amongst the Faculty members serving in the rank of Professors in Medical Colleges of Assam under Health & Family Welfare (B) Department for recruitment to the vacant posts of Principal-cum-Chief Superintendent of Medical Colleges of the state of Assam under Health & Family Welfare (B) Department as per the provision of Rule 12(3) of the Assam Medical Education Service Rules, 2008 as indicated below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Post	No. of Vacancy	Category
1.	Principal-cum-Chief Superintendent	3 (three)	OBC/MOBC -2 UR -1

Scale of Pay: Rs.37,400/- 67,000/- P.M. with G.P. of Rs.10000/- plus other allowances as admissible under Rules.

Educational Qualification and Experience:

1. Recognized Post Graduate Medical Degree from recognized Institution as per MCI norms.
2. The candidate should be in the rank of Professor (Selection Grade).
3. Additional Director of Medical Education, Assam only on completion of 10 years of service and teaching experience in the rank of Associate Professor and Professor out of which 5 years should be as Professor (including Vice-Principal), provided the Governor is satisfied about his/her ability, integrity, and character.

Other conditions:

1. Appointment of reserved category candidates will be made as per existing reservation policy of Govt.
2. There shall be 30% reservation for women candidate out of existing percentage of reservation of post earmarked for STP, STH and SC wherever it is applicable subject to fulfillment of other criteria.
3. There shall be reservation for physically Handicapped candidates as per existing rules.

All intending doctors are to submit their application in Standard application Form with photocopies of all testimonials to the Director of Medical Education, Assam, latest by 30.6.2017 till 5 P.M. in the box provided in the Office of the Director of Medical Education, Assam, Sixmile, Khanapara, Guwahati-22.

The following documents are also to be submitted alongwith the application (wherever applicable):

1) Academic History (State Examination/Board/ University), Division Position, Honours, Percentage etc,
2) Service History (name of the post, period, Medical Colleges).
3) Responsibility/ Administrative post entrusted by Government (mention duration).
4) Administrative Experience (name, duration, nature of duties).
5) Position held in International/ National bodies/ Organisation (mention duration).
6) Representing State/ Country in International/ National assignments (mention duration)
7) Award, honours in different fields.
8) Membership/ Position/ nominated/ elected to Central/ State Government bodies of professional association.
9) Publications.
10) Research/ Guide experience
11) Extra Curricular activities.
12) Any other information which candidate wants to provide.

Sd/- (Julie Sonowal, IAS)
Secretary to the Government of Assam
Health & Family Welfare Department,
Dispur, Guwahati-781006

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Tripura Govt announces pay hike for employees

CORRESPONDENT

AGARTALA, June 13: Tripura Government on Tuesday declared an average 19.68 per cent pay hike for its all categories employees with affect from April 1, 2017.

Many say the hike was decent keeping in view of the State's financial constraint and there was no way to skip the aspirations of the employees before the next year's Assembly elections.

While briefing the media Finance Minister Bhanu Lal Saha said the Cabinet accepted almost all the recommendations of the Pay and Pension Review Committee.

"An average 19.68 per cent pay hike has been approved for the employees- regular and fixed pay and pensioners after reviewing the State's financial capacity", he said.

According to the Finance Minister, the average increase for Group-D employees would be Rs 4,000, for Group-C employees it would be Rs 5,500, for Group-B officers the average increase will be around Rs 9,500.00 while for Group-A officers it would be Rs 15,000 per month.

The pensioners benefits would be effected by multiplying the basic pension or family pension by 2.25 and the minimum pension has been increased from Rs 3120.00 to Rs 7020.00 while maximum pension has been increased from existing Rs 38,500 to Rs 1,05,720.

Saha said the gratuity money has also been increased from Rs 4 lakh to Rs 10 lakh along with the hike in medical and house allowance. "Although we could not offer pay package at par with the 7th CPC, the government has given its best keeping in mind of its financial constraint", he said.

Saha said the total expenditure for implementing the new pay scales and pensions would be Rs 1242.69 crore though the allocation for the purpose in the current financial year's budget is only Rs 600.00 crore.

"The additional burden of Rs. 600 crore for providing better pay scales to the government employees will be managed in different ways. We are hoping to receive Rs. 100 crore after enforcing of the Goods and Services Tax which could be a major boost for the state government", he said.

WEATHER NORTHEAST

Forecast for NE: Moderate rain/thundershower is very likely to occur at a most places over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura.

Warning: Heavy to very heavy rainfall is very likely to occur at isolated places on June 17 and heavy rainfall is very likely to occur at isolated places on June 16 over Arunachal Pradesh. Heavy to very heavy rainfall is very likely to occur at isolated places over Assam and Meghalaya on June 15 and 17 heavy to very heavy rainfall at a few places on June 16, and heavy rainfall is very likely to occur at isolated places on June 14 over Assam and Meghalaya. Heavy to very heavy rainfall is very likely to occur at isolated places over Nagaland, Manipur, and Mizoram and Tripura on June 16 and also heavy rainfall is very likely to occur at isolated places on June 14, 15 and 17.

	Temperatures Max (°C)	Min (°C)
Dibrugarh	31.7	25.0
Tezpur	26.0	24.5
Silchar	28.7	24.6
Dhubri	29.1	24.8
Jorhat	30.2	25.4
N Lakhimpur	28.1	24.0
Shillong	20.8	16.4
Imphal	27.4	21.7
Itanagar	29.3	22.9
Aizawl	24.6	10.2
Agartala	31.2	25.2
Kohima	29.0	17.8
Pasighat	29.5	24.5
Cherrapunjee	20.7	17.9

Government of Assam

3rd INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA
21st JUNE 2017

National AYUSH Mission Assam

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Banphul Nagar Path,
Dispur, Guwahati- 06
Email: namassam15@gmail.com

National Health Mission, Assam

CAPSULE

New notes

MUMBAI, June 13: The Reserve Bank of India has issued a new batch of Rs 500 denomination notes, an official said here on Tuesday. – IANS

Tata Motors

NEW DELHI, June 13: Tata Motors today announced the appointment of Girish Wagh as the head of its Commercial Vehicle Business Unit. Wagh, who will take charge with immediate effect, has also been appointed as a member of the Executive Committee (ExCom), the company said in a statement. – PTI

Berger Paints

KOLKATA, June 13: City-based paints company Berger Paints was planning to diversify into new home decor business beside its core product paints. – PTI

Zydus Cadila

NEW DELHI, June 13: Drug firm Zydus Cadila today said it has received approval from the US health regulator to market ezetimibe tablets used to treat high cholesterol. – PTI

Adani Group

NEW DELHI, June 13: The Adani group today announced the commissioning of a 50 mw solar photovoltaic (PV) plant in Mahoba in Uttar Pradesh under the National Solar Mission Scheme with an investment of Rs 315 crore. – PTI

GST to have negative impact on oil & gas industry: Report

NEW DELHI, June 13: The Goods and Services Tax (GST) will adversely affect the oil and gas industry as the sector will have to comply with both the current tax regime and the GST framework, according to a report.

The government is expected to roll out the GST, which will subsume 16 different taxes, from July 1, 2017. Next meeting of the GST Council is scheduled to be held on June 18, when it will take up lottery taxes and e-way bill.

"The oil and gas industry would have to comply with both the current tax regime as well as the GST regime leading to double compliance cost because five petroleum products viz crude oil, natural gas, motor spirit, high-speed diesel and aviation turbine fuel have been excluded from the GST, while other products such as LPG, naphtha, kerosene, fuel oil etc are included," the ICRA-Assocham said in a joint report.

Besides, it will result in non-creditable tax costs where an oil and gas company will pay the GST on procurement of plant, machinery and services, and will be unable to get credit on sale of the finished products (which are out of the purview of GST) as the input GST would not be credible against the excise duty and value added tax levied on these fuels, the report said.

Additionally, as services contribute a significant proportion to the upstream companies' capex and opex, the increase in tax rate from 15 per cent to 18 per cent would impact the upstream companies adversely, it said.

In the gas utilities segment, the report warned that gas marketers will face complexities as they will pay the GST on transmission tariffs, while sale of natural gas is outside the purview of GST.

Further, the PNG in industrial and commercial sectors is likely to become less attractive as fuel, because effective tax rate on competing liquid fuels has reduced from 26-28 per cent to 18 per cent and consumers paying VAT on PNG will not be able to get input tax credit as most of their finished goods would fall under the GST regime. Thus, PNG sales could get adversely impacted, it added. – PTI

FM to address investors meet in Korea

NEW DELHI, June 13: Finance Minister Arun Jaitley will address businessmen from leading companies and institutional investors during a two-day visit to South Korea beginning tomorrow.

As part of the visit, industry body FICCI, along with Korea Chamber of Commerce & Industry, is organising a seminar, where Jaitley will address businessmen from leading companies and SMEs as well as corporate and institutional investors.

The seminar will focus on the key achievements of the government and long-term investment opportunities in India.

"Indo-Korean relations have been growing over the past few years and this visit shall further strengthen mutually beneficial trade and investment relations between the two countries," FICCI said in a statement.

A business delegation led by FICCI Senior Vice President Rashesh Shah is accompanying Jaitley to South Korea.

The delegation will get an opportunity to highlight the progress made across various development programmes and measures taken by the government to steer the economy towards the higher growth path.

It will also highlight the potential areas for further co-operation, especially in areas like manufacturing, shipbuilding, defence, infrastructure, among others.

"India remains an attractive investment destination in the world. This visit to South Korea will provide a good opportunity for CEOs to talk about the enabling policy environment available for corporates in India as well as to highlight the advantages that India offers to foreign investors," Shah said. – PTI

Minister of Economy of Angola Abrahao Gourgel at an interactive session organised by FICCI in New Delhi on Tuesday. – UNI

Telephone subscribers grew 0.36% in April: TRAI

NEW DELHI, June 13: The number of telephone subscribers in India increased from 1,194.58 million at the end of March 2017 to 1,198.89 million at the end of April 2017, thereby showing a monthly growth rate of 0.36 per cent, data released by the sector regulator showed here on Tuesday.

The urban subscription increased from 692.97 million at the end of March 2017 to 695.99 million at the end of April 2017, and the rural subscription increased from 501.61 million to 502.90 million during the same period, the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) said.

The overall tele-density in India increased from 92.98 at the end of March to 93.23 at the end of April. The urban tele-density increased from 171.80 to 172.28 during the same period. The rural tele-density also increased from 56.91 at the end of March to 57.02 at the end of April.

Data showed total wireless subscribers (GSM, CDMA and LTE) increased from 1,170.18 million at the end of March to 1,174.60 million at the end of April, registering a monthly growth rate of 0.38 per cent.

Wireline subscribers declined from 24.40 million at the end of March to 24.30 million at the end of April. Net decline in the wireline subscriber base was 0.10 million with a monthly decline rate of 0.42 per cent.

During the month of April, a total of 4.96 million requests were received for mobile number portability (MNP). With this, the cumulative MNP requests increased from 272.76 million at the end of March to 277.72 million at the end of April, since the implementation of MNP. – IANS

Emkay, DBS ink pact

MUMBAI, June 13: Emkay Global Financial Services, has entered into a exclusive pact with DBS Bank arm DBS Vickers Securities (Singapore) for co-branding and distribution of equity research to the latter's global clients.

The agreement involves sharing of knowledge, co-branding of research and its distribution to the global clients of DBS Vickers, Emkay said in a statement today.

Besides, the partnership involves Emkay and DBS Vickers to jointly organise, arrange and participate in events to showcase and market India Research Reports and India Equities. The move would help Emkay expand its presence globally. – PTI

R&D centre inaugurated

MANESAR, June 13: France's Ambassador to India Alexandre Ziegler on Tuesday inaugurated Michelin India's state-of-the-art R&D Laboratory in Manesar, Haryana, which he said will contribute to the Indian Government's Make in India and Skill India initiatives, a statement said.

During the inauguration, Ziegler said: "Our vibrant economic partnership with India is boosted by France's leading companies such as Michelin which actively contribute to "Make in India" and bring research and development technology expertise here. Along with providing innovative products to India and other emerging markets in the region, this technology centre will also help augment skilling, thus contributing to the Indian government's National Skill Development Mission, a key parameter for global competitiveness for India." –IANS

Top retailers' meet discusses pricing, margin issues post-GST

MUMBAI, June 13: Leading retailers including Future Group, Trent Hypercity, DMart and Aditya Birla Retail today met in Mumbai to discuss issues related to the Goods and Services Tax (GST), including pricing and margins.

Over 12 top retailers met under the aegis of Retailers Association of India (RAI), which intends to approach the government on key areas like including GST as a component in the product price to avoid confusion, and clarification of taxation on packaged commodities.

"Currently, GST will appear as a separate component in the customer's bill. Some products may be exempt from GST and in such an event a separate bill has to be raised," said Kumar Rajagopalan, chief executive officer of RAI.

Retailers also expressed concern about 5 per cent tax levied on packaged goods that causes a discrepancy as loosely sold commodities are not taxed.

"Ideally, taxes should not cause price increase. They should not create variations that adversely affect consumers," Kishore Biyani, CEO of Future Group said. The common objective of all retailers is also that margins should be protected while ensuring that prices do not increase.

"We will reduce prices by 2-20 per cent for various consumer products," Biyani added. There will still be a month or two before the labelling comes in.

Jamshed Daboo, MD of Trent Hypercity, agreed that July onwards all retailers would aggressively reduce prices.

While reiterating that they are expecting July 1 roll-out of GST, he also said retailers have configured their IT systems and are aligning with FMCG partners.

"All the retailers are in talks individually with FMCG companies to ensure that their margins are retained, while ensuring lower prices to consumers," he said.

Another issue that RAI will put forth is about service tax on delivery charges.

Rajagopalan pointed out that retailers who currently deliver on their own or through marketplaces will incur service tax. It is expected that when multiple items are delivered, the item which incurs highest tax will be considered for computation of service tax. "We require clarification on that," he said. – PTI

CBI arrests company promoters

NEW DELHI, June 13: The CBI on Tuesday said it has arrested Abhijeet Group promoters – Manoj Jayaswal and Abhishek Jayaswal – and a former Canara Bank Deputy General Manager TL Pai on the charge of causing loss of over Rs 290 crore to two banks through fraud.

According to the CBI, the accused caused loss of Rs 218.85 crore to Canara Bank and Rs 71.92 crore to Vijaya Bank.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) said its probe revealed a large-scale scam in which 13 companies of the Abhijeet Group raised loans from over 20 banks and other financial institutions, which turned into non-performing assets (NPAs) since 2014 and led to outstanding loans of Rs 11,000 crore. The arrests were made in a case registered by the agency in 2015 on a complaint by the two public sector banks. – IANS

IDBI to set up exclusive vertical for NPA recovery

AHMEDABAD, June 13: As part of their turnaround strategy, IDBI Bank has announced formation of a separate vertical having around 100 dedicated staff to recover their mounting non-performing assets (NPAs), which now stand at around Rs 45,500 crore.

Apart from creating this NPA recovery vertical, the bank management has formed a 'Credit Monitoring Group' to find out potential NPAs based on early warning signals, said Deputy Managing Director of IDBI Bank, G M Yadwadkar.

"Our total NPAs stand at approximately Rs 45,500 crore. As part of our turnaround strategy, we have decided to expedite the recovery by forming a separate vertical, which will have around 100 employees across India and it will be headed by an executive director," said Yadwadkar at a press meet here today.

"This vertical will focus only on reducing our NPAs by way of cash recovery as well as sale of NPAs," he added. As per RBI statement, prompt corrective action is a supervision tool initiated in case of some public sector banks with high NPAs.

"As the RBI has advised banks to reduce fresh NPAs, we have formed a Credit Monitoring Group, which will do off-site monitoring of cash flow of the entity as well as check for any pending compliance. This system will help us identifying potential NPAs based on early warning signals," said Yadwadkar.

Apart from these measures to reduce its NPAs, the bank would also sell off its non-core assets to augment their capital.

"In this digital age, the need for physical space is reducing. Thus, we are also planning to surrender such spaces. We would also shift our back office operations from high rent areas to low-rent areas. – PTI

Govt initiates survey on services sector

NEW DELHI, June 13: The government has initiated a survey on the services sector aiming to get accounting data from service establishments on the lines of that provided by the manufacturing sector, a top official said on Tuesday.

"The service sector survey is being carried out to validate the use of establishments as a basis for conducting regular survey on services. It will examine the availability of accounts which are used in the services survey," Chief Statistician TCA Anant told reporters here in a briefing on the achievements of the Narendra Modi government in three years.

"The survey will examine whether services establishments are able to give us same kind of accounting data which

the manufacturing establishments give. The results will give a picture if it is sustainable. We will explore the possibility of carrying out an annual survey of service sector similar to Annual Survey of Industries," he said.

Anant said that the fieldwork for the survey has been completed and the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation will indicate when the survey would be released.

The ministry has also initiated an employment survey this year which will be more regular than the previous labour surveys.

"The employment survey will give quarterly data of the job sector in the urban areas and annual data from rural areas," Union Statistics and Programme Implementation Minister D.V. Sadananda Gowda told reporters at the briefing.

Currently the employment data is available at an interval of five years. The ministry launched the periodic labour force survey in April this year.

"This new survey is being tried first time. We hope the methodology and other field issues will be stabilised in a year's time. The survey will also give data on distribution of workers industry-wise as also on workers employed in informal sector," Gowda said.

The special software that has been developed by the ministry in collaboration with World Bank will make the data collection faster with improved quality. – IANS

SEBI tells commodity bourses to set up investor service fund

NEW DELHI, June 13: Commodity exchanges have to compulsorily set up investor protection and service funds, SEBI today said.

Coming out with comprehensive guidelines, the markets regulator said commodity derivatives exchanges have to set up Investor Service Fund (ISF) for providing minimum facilities at various investor service centres. SEBI said the Investor Protection Fund (IPF) of an exchange should have a maximum of five trustees.

Out of the five, three should be public interest directors and a representative from SEBI-recognised any investor association. Besides, the exchange's compliance officer will be part of the trust.

"All the penalties levied and collected by the exchange, except for the settlement related penalties (including penalties from delivery default), shall be credited to the IPF," the regulator said. The bourses can fix suitable compensation limits in consultation with the IPF trust.

However, the amount of compensation available against a single claim of an investor arising out of defaulter by a member broker should be at least Rs 1 lakh.

While the bourses can utilise the income earned on the IPF corpus towards promotion of investor education and awareness programmes, the supervision of utilisation of interest on IPF will be with the trust. – PTI

Pakistan's trade deficit widens to $30 bn

ISLAMABAD, June 13: Pakistan's trade deficit has increased by 42 per cent year-on-year to a record high of $30 billion in the first 11 months of the current fiscal year due to falling exports and a sharp increase in the import bill.

The country's annual trade deficit was $20.435 billion when the ruling Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz party came to power in 2013. The trade deficit has been on the rise ever since, Dawn reported.

Trade deficit stood at $3.465 billion in May, a rise of nearly 61 per cent compared to the same month a year ago, according to the data released by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics on Monday.

Two reasons explain the trade deficit: rising import bill of capital goods, petroleum products and food products; and a steep fall in exports despite Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's support package to boost exports.

The trade deficit is said to be posing a serious threat to external balance of payment, the daily reported.

In July-May, the overall import bill rose 20.6 per cent year-on-year to $48.54 billion. In May alone, it increased 28 per cent to $5.09 billion.

In the year 2012-13, the import bill was at $44 billion. It is expected to reach over $53 billion this fiscal year.

Exports fell 11 per cent year-on-year to $1.627 billion in May after witnessing paltry growths in the previous two months. Export proceeds grew 5 per cent in April and 3 per cent in March.

Exports are in decline despite government claims of providing the industry with round-the-clock power supply since November 2014.

Similarly, the government was also providing Rs 3 per unit concession in electricity tariff since 2016 to export-oriented industries.

In the 11 months through May, the export proceeds fell to $18.54 billion from $19.14 billion a year ago.

Under a three-year Strategic Trade Policy unveiled last year, the government set an annual export target of $35 billion by 2018.

To boost exports, Shaif announced a subsidy package of 180 billion Pakistani rupees for textile, clothing, sports, surgical, leather and carpet sectors. The government removed Commerce Secretary Azmat Ali Ranjha for failing to promptly implement the trade policy. – IANS

CEO of SBI Card Vijay Jasuja, Phee Teik Yeoh, CEO of Vistara-TATA SIA Airlines and Damodar Mall, CEO of Grocery Retail, Reliance Retail Ltd at a programme in New Delhi on Tuesday. – UNI

Don't intend to alter food habits: Govt

NEW DELHI, June 13: The government does not want to "alter" the food habits of people and put businesses in the sector in "any kind of difficulty", Union minister Harsh Vardhan said.

His remarks come amid protests over the notification issued by his ministry on the sale of cattle for slaughter at open markets across the country.

"We drafted the rules after the Supreme Court directive. Following this, the notification was put in the public domain for a period of one month.

"Some suggestions came and were incorporated into the rules. Our intention behind issuing the rules is not to alter the food habits of people in any way. We also do not have any intention of putting businesses to any kind of difficulty," Vardhan said. He said, "If anybody has any reservations, they can send it to the ministry and these suggestions will be looked at objectively. – PTI

Steps to bring back Mallya, says VK Singh

BHUBANESWAR, June 13: Minister of State for External Affairs VK Singh today said all necessary steps have been taken to bring back embattled tycoon Vijay Mallya from the UK but, "as of now", no timeframe can be specified for his extradition.

Documents required for the purpose of extradition have been sent to the UK, he said.

"...They are examining the papers and we are waiting. Whenever the UK gives a go ahead, Mallya can be brought back to India," he said.

Extradition is not as easy and simple as people think, he said, adding that some conditions are laid down when an extradition treaty is signed with a country. – PTI

NCM chief favours minority community tag for Kashmiri Pandits

NEW DELHI, June 13: National Commission for Minorities (NCM) Chairman Gairul Hasan Rizvi today favoured according the minority community status to Kashmiri Pandits and said he would take up the matter with the Centre.

Rizvi said that it would enable governments to extend various benefits to Kashmiri Pandits, which is in minority in Jammu and Kashmir.

The NCM does not have jurisdiction in Jammu and Kashmir, according to Article 370 of the Constitution, which grants it the status of Special Autonomous State.

However, Kashmir Pandits can enjoy due benefits in the rest of the country if the community gets the minority status.

At present, there are six notified minority communities in the country – Muslim, Buddhist, Christian, Sikh, Parsi and Jain.

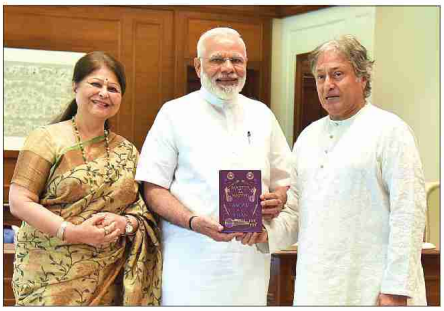
"Kashmiri Pandits should get the minority community tag, mainly because they are in minority in their State, Jammu and Kashmir," Rizvi said. Rizvi said he would take up the matter with Union Minister of State for Minority Affairs (Independent Charge) Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi and stakeholders involved. The NCM Chairman, however, said his view on the issue should be seen as personal.

Community members welcomed Rizvi's comment on the matter, which they said had taken a back seat over the past five years. The members said they would take up the issue again with the authorities.

Manoj Bhan, the general secretary of Jammu and Kashmir Vichar Manch, said the organisation and others would provide the authorities with whatever documents they would require in according the Pandits minority community status. "We had raised the issue with the authorities two-three times (during UPA-II regime), but nothing happened then... We deserve the status," Bhan said.

According to Bhan, the population of Kashmir Pandits is between 4 lakh and 5 lakh in the country.

Two of the key benefits the community members stand to gain if accorded the minority community tag:
* Students with family's annual income below Rs 4.5 lakh get scholarships,
* Educational institutions managed by them will be recognised as minority institutions and up to 50 per cent of the seats will be reserved for community students. – PTI



Sarod player Ustad Amjad Ali Khan calling on Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi on Tuesday. – UNI

AIADMK MLA at the centre of storm

CHENNAI, June 13: An AIADMK MLA belonging to the dissident faction led by O Panneerselvam in Tamil Nadu was today at the centre of a political storm over his purported claim about alleged horse-trading involving ruling party MLAs ahead of the trust vote in February.

Panneerselvam, the leader of the AIADMK's Puratchi Thalaivi Amma faction, sought an "appropriate explanation" from SS Saravanan in the light of a video footage aired by a TV channel that purportedly showed him making some claims of payoffs to ruling party MLAs ahead of the February 18 trust vote that was won by incumbent Chief Minister K Palaniswami.

Saravanan, a Madurai (South) MLA, for his part said the voice in the video footage on alleged horse trading involving ruling party MLAs was not his. The purported video footage from a 'sting' operation alleged payoffs by both the AIADMK factions led by Palaniswami and Panneerselvam.

Horse-trading claim

"It is me in the video, but the voice is not mine," Saravanan told reporters. He said the voice was an act of "mimicry, dubbed, fake voice," adding the footage was related to "some old event, which I don't remember." The MLA said he was consulting legal experts and a criminal case will be filed in this regard.

As the footage raised political temperature in the State, the DMK moved the Madras High Court seeking a probe by the Central Bureau of Investigation and the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence into the alleged payoffs. – PTI

BJP for talks with all parties on President

NEW DELHI, June 13: The BJP will talk to all political parties to evolve a broad consensus on presidential nominee in the "true spirit of democracy", senior Union minister Venkaiah Naidu said today.

Naidu is part of a three-member committee formed yesterday by BJP president Amit Shah to hold consultations with BJP's allies as well as opposition parties on the presidential candidate for the upcoming poll.

Finance Minister Arun Jaitley and Home Minister Rajnath Singh are the other two members of the BJP committee.

"We have started internal consultations. We are the ruling party and we have to taken everyone on board and work towards evolving a broad consensus (for a presidential nominee) and seek their support," Naidu said. – PTI

Scindia, Hardik stopped at Mandsaur

RATLAM/NEEMUCH (MP), June 13: Congress leader Jyotiraditya Scindia and Gujarat's quota stir spearhead Hardik Patel were today stopped from entering Mandsaur, the epicentre of the agrarian unrest in Madhya Pradesh, while on their way to express solidarity with distressed farmers.

Scindia, his party colleague Kantilal Bhuria and a large number of supporters were detained by police at Nayagaon-Jaora toll booth in Ratlam while heading to the neighbouring Mandsaur, where prohibitory orders are in force.

Earlier in the day, Hardik Patel was arrested from Nayagaon in Neemuch. The Patidar Andolan leader, heading to Mandsaur to meet kin of farmers killed in police firing, was accompanied by JD(U) leader Akhilesh Katiyar, who was also placed under arrest. – PTI

CVC seeks out-of-the-box ideas to check corruption

NEW DELHI, June 13: The Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) has sought 'out of the box ideas' from all government departments to check corruption.

The suggestions will form part of a campaign followed every year through Vigilance Awareness Week to raise awareness against graft.

The week has been observed every year since 2000.

In order to take forward the outreach and awareness activities during the Vigilance Awareness Week this year, the commission would request all Chief Vigilance Officers (CVOs) to give views or ideas on the theme and innovative activities for observing it, the CVC said in a communique.

The CVOs act as distant arm of the probity watchdog to check corruption.

As part of the programme, the commission had last year introduced the concept of integrity e-pledge – one for citizens and other for corporates.

Over 15 lakh citizens and 30,000 odd organisations have voluntarily taken the e-pledge committing to uphold the highest standard of honesty and integrity, and affirming to eradicate corruption.

The observance of Vigilance Awareness Week is an outreach measure where the commission proactively reaches out all stakeholders whether government employees or public at large, who are encouraged to prevent and combat corruption. – PTI

Cong MLA booked for inciting people to set ablaze police station

SHIVPURI (MP), June 13: Congress MLA Shakuntala Khatik has been booked for allegedly inciting people to set ablaze a police station, amid violent protests by farmers in Madhya Pradesh.

A video, which recently went viral, purportedly showed Khatik inciting people to set a police station ablaze.

The video was shot on June 8 when Khatik, who represents Karera Assembly segment in Madhya Pradesh's Shivpuri district, was staging a protest at Karera Police Station against the killing of farmers in Mandsaur.

Karera's Sub-Divisional Officer of Police (SDOP) Anurag Sujania said the FIR was registered against Khatik, block Congress president Venus Goyal and others early today.

The Congress MLA and others have been booked under IPC Sections pertaining to rioting, unlawful assembly, punishment for obscene acts or words in public and assault or criminal force to deter a public servant from discharging his duty, he said.

On June 8, Khatik was leading a protest march during which an effigy of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan was burnt. The police poured water on the effigy in a bid to douse the flames, in which the woman legislator got partially drenched.

This irked Khatik, who later sat on a protest at the police station along with her supporters and the video was shot during the sit-in. – PTI

Be a veggie and stay slim!

A vegetarian diet may be almost twice as effective in reducing body weight as low-calorie diets

Want to shed those extra kilos? Go vegetarian. According to a new research, eating vegetables, grains, legumes, fruits and nuts may be almost twice as effective in reducing body weight as conventional low-calorie diets.

The vegetarian diet led to reduction in muscle fat which helped improve glucose and lipid metabolism as well as an average loss of 6.2 kg compared to 3.2 kg for the conventional diet, researchers said.

"The finding is important for people who are trying to lose weight, including those suffering from metabolic syndrome and/or Type 2 diabetes. It is also relevant to anyone who takes their weight management seriously and wants to stay lean and healthy," said lead author Hana Kahleova from the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine in Washington DC.

For the small yet significant study, published in the *Journal of the American College of Nutrition*, the team randomly assigned 74 people to follow either a vegetarian or a conventional diet.

Both diets were restricted by 500 kilocalories per day compared to an isocaloric intake for each individual.

Both vegetarian and conventional diets caused a similar reduction in subcutaneous fat – fat under the skin.

Subfascial fat – fat on the surface of muscles – was only reduced in response to the vegetarian diet. Intramuscular fat – fat inside muscles – was more greatly reduced by the vegetarian diet.

"This is important as increased subfascial fat in patients with Type 2 diabetes has been associated with insulin resistance while reducing intramuscular fat could help improve muscular strength and mobility, particularly in older people with diabetes," the researchers noted.

"Vegetarian diets proved to be the most effective for weight loss. However, we also showed that a vegetarian diet is much more effective at reducing muscle fat, thus improving metabolism," Kahleova said. – IANS

Kids

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13:00 Roll No. 21
14:00 Ben 10
15:00 Roll No. 21
15:30 Horrid Henry
16:00 We Bare Bears
17:00 Ben 10
17:30 Teen Titans Go
18:00 Lanva
18:30 Roll No. 21
19:00 Mighty Raju Chhutti Ho...
20:30 Roll No. 21
21:00 Teen Titans Go
21:30 Lanva
22:00 Ben 10
23:00 Dragon Ball Z

Pogo
13:00 The Tom And Jerry Show

13:30 Chhota Bheem
14:00 Mighty Raju
14:30 Chhota Bheem
15:00 Dholakpur Ka Sultan
16:30 Chhota Bheem
17:00 Mighty Raju
17:30 Chhota Bheem
19:30 Hole In The Wall
20:30 Chhota Bheem
21:00 The Tom And Jerry Show
21:30 Takeshi's Castle
22:00 Chhota Bheem
22:30 Tom and Jerry Tales
23:00 M.A.D

Entertainment

StarPlus
13:00 Tu Sooraj Main Saanjh Piyaji
13:30 Ek Aastha Aisi Bhee
14:00 Dhhai Kilo Prem
14:30 Love Ka Hai Intezaar
15:00 Dil Boley Oberoi
15:30 Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai
16:00 Meri Durga
16:30 Ye Hai Mohabbatein
17:00 Ishqbaaaz
17:30 Jaana Na Dil Se Door
18:30 Meri Durga
19:00 Sasith Nibhaana Saathiya
19:30 Ye Hai Mohabbatein
20:00 Pardes Mein Hai Mera Dil
20:30 Chandra Nandini
21:00 Naamkaranm
21:30 Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai
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13:00 Shakti
13:30 Udann

14:00 Dil Se Dil Tak
14:30 Ek Shringaar – Swabhimaan
15:00 Kasam
15:30 Bhaag Bakool Bhaag
16:00 Chhoto Miyan Dhaakad
17:00 Thapki Pyar Ki
17:30 Bhaag Bakool Bhaag
18:00 Savitri Devi College and...
19:00 Devashri
19:30 Sasural Simar Ka
20:00 Shakti
20:30 Udann
21:00 Karmafal Daata Shani
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13:00 Zindagi Ki Mahek
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14:00 Woh Apna Sa
14:30 Kumkum Bhagya
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13:00 Just for Laughs
14:00 Top 20 Funniest
15:00 Castle
16:00 Scandal
17:00 The Big Bang Theory
18:00 Castle
19:00 Pretty Little Liars
20:00 Top 20 Funniest
21:00 Scandal
22:00 Murder in the First
23:00 Code Black

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13:00 Crime Patrol Dial 100
14:00 Crime Patrol - Satark
15:00 Crime Patrol Dial 100
19:00 Yeh Moh Moh Ke Dhaage
19:30 Peshwa Bajirao
20:00 Mahabali Hanuman
20:30 Jaat Ki Jugni
21:00 Beyhadh
21:30 Kuch Rang Pyar Ke Aise...
22:00 Crime Patrol Dial 100

Movies

STAR MOVIES
14:28 The Final Girls
16:22 Predator
18:39 Tom Yum Goong
21:00 Real Steel
23:44 Rise of the Planet of the Apes

STAR MOVIES
21:00 Real Steel

WB
13:06 The Tournament
14:44 Spy Kids
16:19 I, Frankenstein
17:49 I Know What You Did Last Summer
19:26 Daddy's Home
21:00 Underworld: Evolution
22:47 Sniper 2

WB
22:47 Sniper 2

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14:14 Taqat Wanted
17:05 Eena Meena Deeka
20:00 Aaj Ka Sharifzada
22:53 Agni Chakra

ZEE ACTION
20:00 Aaj Ka Sharifzada

HBO
23:07 The Dark Knight Rises

HBO
13:29 Puss in Boots
15:01 10,000 BC
16:56 Terminator Genisys
19:03 Deep Blue Sea
21:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows
23:07 The Dark Knight Rises

SONY PIX
21:00 Don't Breathe

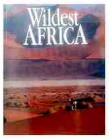
SONY PIX
13:19 Minions
15:21 Jurassic World
18:01 Terminator 2: Judgement Day
21:00 Don't Breathe
22:58 2 Fast 2 Furious

STAR GOLD
22:55 Arjun Pandit

Star Gold
15:15 Shola Aur Shabnam
19:00 Drishyam
22:35 Arjun Pandit

Infotainment

Animal Planet
13:00 Natural Born Hunters
13:30 The Pack
14:00 Fast And Fierce
15:00 Animal Attack
16:00 Jungle Safari



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19:00 Animal Planet Exclusives
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National Geographic Channel
13:00 Predator Falls
14:00 The Mastermonds
15:00 Mega Factories
16:00 Mission Pluto
17:00 The Story of Godwin Morgan
18:00 Customs
18:30 Science of Stupid
19:00 World's Deadliest
20:00 Animal Fight Club
21:00 Street Genius
21:30 Do or Die
22:00 Genius: Einstein
23:30 Brain Games: Imagination
22:30 Storage Wars
23:00 Serial Killer Earth

Discovery Channel
13:00 River Monsters
14:00 You Have Been Warned
14:30 Untamed & Uncut
15:00 Man Vs. Wild
16:00 The Island With Bear Grylls
17:00 Dual Survival
18:00 Man Vs. Wild
19:00 You Have Been Warned
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20:00 River Monsters
21:00 Deadly 60
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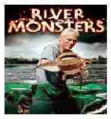
23:00 Naked And Afraid



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14:00 Food Tech
15:00 Omg! Yeh Mera India
16:00 Ancipu & Pitbull
17:00 Storage Wars
17:30 Baggage Battles
18:00 American Pickers
19:00 Food Tech
20:00 Omg! Yeh Mera India
21:00 Counting Cars
21:30 Baggage Battles
22:00 Pawn Stars

Regional

News Live
07:00 Breakfast Live
08:00 Live at 8
09:00 Good morning Assam
10:00 Asamasee news
11:30 Kotha Barta (R)
12:00 Mid Day Live
13:00 Asamasee Telefilm
14:30 Afternoon Prime
17:30 Guwahati Bisesh
18:00 Guwahati Live
18:30 Breaking @ 6:30
19:00 Asamasee Prime Time
20:00 Discussion Show
21:00 Super Prime Time
22:00 Live at 10
22:30 Noixo Guwahati
23:00 Noixo Batori

News 18
0630 Religious Prayer -naam
0830 Fast News
1100 Reality Check / News
1430 Suswasthya
1630 Gaon Connect
1700 Fast News
1730 Capital Express
1830 Asamasee Prime Time
2000 Prime Time Debate
2130 Adwitiyo
2200 Aparadhnama
2230 North East English News

Raging
1430 Anuradha
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Gaon Bangla
08:30 Goaboriya Lokogeet
08:35 Art of Living/Health Tips
08:50 Batoi
15:00 Akholor Juti
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17:02 Samshawana, 2016
17:30 Krishi Darshan
18:00 Dharabahik
18:30 Batoi
18:45 NE News

Sports

Star Sports 1
13:30 ICC CT : Pre Show - Live
14:50 ICC CT : 1st Semis: England vs. Pakistan – Live
22:30 ICC CT: Post Show - Live
23:00 ICC CT Hlts
23:30 ICC CT Hlts : India vs. SA

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14:30 FIFA World Cup Qualifiers
16:00 LCTV : ELMS Monza
17:00 WWE Smackdown
19:00 Edge Sports
19:30 Motorsport Mundial
20:00 French Ligue 1 2016/17 Hlts
21:00 LCTV : ELMS Silverstone
22:00 WWE Smackdown

Neo Sports
14:00 PGA Tour 2017 Hlts
15:00 Mobil 1 The Grid
15:30 Extreme Sailing
16:00 Dutch League 2017
18:00 PGA Tour 2017 Hlts
19:00 Extreme Sailing
19:30 Winning Post
20:00 Coppa Italia TIM Cup 2017
22:00 PGA Tour Special Show
23:00 Extreme Sailing
23:30 Global Champions League

Star Sports 2
15:00 Badminton Unlimited
15:30 ICC CT Hlts : India vs. Pak
16:00 ICC Cricket 360
16:30 ICC CT Hlts : India vs. SA
17:00 FIH Hockey World
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Sony Six
14:30 ATP World Tour Uncovered
15:00 Indian Premier League H/ls
16:30 NBA Conference Final H/ls
17:00 TNA Greatest Matches
19:00 Indian Premier League H/ls
21:00 TNA Xplosion
22:00 TNA Greatest Matches
23:00 NBA Conference Final H/ls
23:30 Indian Premier League H/ls

Know your DAY

By JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, June 14, 2017:

This year you will go with the flow as you rarely have before. You have the unique ability to read between the lines when others speak. Some of you will return to school to enhance your expertise. Many of you will do more traveling. If you are single, you are likely to meet someone of significance while out living your life. Know that this person could be a foreigner. If you are attached, the two of you share many mutual goals. As a couple, you are likely to make one of your shared desires a reality. AQUARIUS understands you, and vice versa.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You understand what is happening between a partner and a close friend. Try not to step into the middle of an argument. You might need to minimize your involvement in this particular situation. Know that this, too, shall pass. Tonight: Listen to music, and let your mind wander.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ A partner reads your mood, even if you try to hide where you are coming from. You can trust that what you say in a conversation with this person will stay between the two of you. This person tends to be moodier than many others. Tonight: Make time for a difficult loved one.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Others could be somewhat off. How you deal with a key person might change because of a new revelation. Don't make any harsh judgments until you have all the facts. Take your time to integrate new information before taking any action. Tonight: Take an overview while relaxing.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You need to pace yourself, as you have a lot on your mind. Make time for a discussion with a loved one. Sharing what is on your mind will help. You could be more concerned than you realize. A talk helps eliminate the issue. Tonight: Opt for a cozy few hours after dinner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You will be amazed by what is going on between you and others. You might find that when you pull back, many of your associates become more forceful. A loved one could be distressed or upset, but you will be able to help him or her get through it. Tonight: Be playful.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You'll stay above the fray today. Your daily routine will be affected by an unexpected event. You might be sitting on some feelings that you have chosen not to share with others. A family issue will be solved if you are willing to discuss it. Tonight: Finish up a project.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Your creativity emerges when dealing with a project. You might feel cornered by your options. Know that you will find a different way of handling a difficult person. Be open to a friend's suggestion, and don't automatically disqualify it. Tonight: Be a little naughty.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You might feel somewhat distressed by your present lack of funds. You are in the process of saving some money for a nest egg. Security on the homefront comes in many forms. Make sure a roommate or suitor is on the same page. Tonight: Head home with a favorite dessert.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Keep conversations moving, even if you feel depressed. It is necessary that you honor a sudden change of pace. You could be somewhat disappointed that you need to deal with this, but you will rise to the occasion. Tonight: Expect a loved one to be very carefree right now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Reach out to someone who knows your expectations. You are on top of your game and are able to take on extra responsibility. Good news always comes forward when you are willing to fill in for someone else. Have a long-overdue conversation. Tonight: Make it your treat.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Touch base with a friend. You might be considering an early weekend. Look at potential travel plans, and contemplate going on a fun getaway. But be financially reasonable and responsible; you don't want to break your budget. Count your change. Tonight: As you like it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You seem to be keeping a lot to yourself. You might not be able to change your direction right now. Wait until you are ready to have a discussion with a trusted friend before deciding on a course of action. A partnership will come through for you. Tonight: Do your own thing.

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Thought for the day

People are beginning to see that the first requisite to success in life is to be a good animal.

– HERBERT SPENCER

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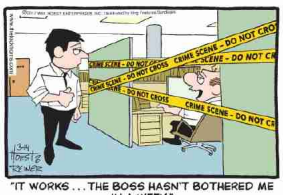

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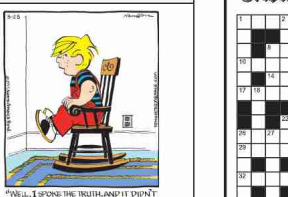

"WELL, I SPOKE THE TRUTH, AND IT DIDN'T SET ME FREE!"

THE PHANTOM ® By Lee Falk

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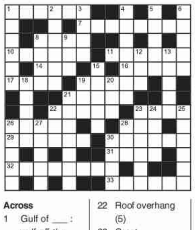

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21 Pasta variety (5)
22 Roof overhang (5)
23 Great splendour (4)
26 Ocean or Joel (5)
28 Greek letter (3)
29 Bath sponge (6)
30 Advances or makes progress ? (4,2)
31 After deductions (4)
32 Southern US state ? (8)
33 Jams tight (6)

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19 Monetary unit of Bulgaria (3)
20 Election winners (3)
21 Due (7)
22 Fairy (3)
23 Touched lightly (6)
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SOLUTION TO TRIBUNE CROSSWORD – 6005

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JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

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A fashion is nothing but an ___ epidemic. – G B Shaw (7)

SOLUTION

Answer: A fashion is nothing but an **indoor** epidemic. – G B Shaw

Words: Skirt, sunk, cadet, madame

Explosion in UK military base

NICOSIA, June 13: An explosion at the police headquarters of a UK military base has slightly injured one policeman and caused minor structural damage, a British spokesman said today.

Kristian Gray said that authorities are treating the predawn explosion at Dhekelia Garrison near Cyprus' southeastern coast as a criminal matter.

Gray said authorities are investigating what caused the explosion and cannot provide further details immediately. Cyprus state broadcaster RIK said that an explosive device was hurled at the police headquarters' entrance from a passing motorcycle.

The broadcaster said the headquarters' CCTV system captured grainy images of the motorcycle speeding off shortly after 3:00 A.M. Local time.

Cyprus's criminal underworld has used drive-by bombings to send messages to rivals or authorities that are hurting their business interests.

British Bases police at Dhekelia have been active in trying to stamp out illegal songbird trapping which is popular with area residents and supplies an illicit restaurant trade that's worth millions of Euros annually. – AP

Over 1 lakh evacuated in Chinese city

BEIJING, June 13: Torrential rains continued to lash southern Chinese city of Shenzhen after Typhoon Merbok made landfall, forcing evacuation of over one lakh people and disrupting flight operations.

From yesterday to today morning, Shenzhen city reported average precipitation of 81 mm, with 219 mm reported in the region where the typhoon landed, the city's flood control and drought relief headquarters said.

Those evacuated include people who work outdoors and many living in old and at-risk houses and prefabricated structures.

A total of 2,198 fishing boats returned to ports to take shelter from the storm. In addition, 232 flights were cancelled in Shenzhen.

The city has not received reports of casualties and major losses, state-run *Xinhua* news agency reported.

As heavy rains continued, the headquarters ordered more measures to guarantee the safety of construction sites, migrant workers, reservoirs, sea dikes and underground space.

Typhoon Merbok, the second typhoon of the year, made landfall in Shenzhen yesterday, according to the National Meteorological Center.

The typhoon was reduced to a tropical storm after making landfall, packing maximum winds of 23 meters per second at its eye. – PTI

Firing at German rail station

MUNICH, June 13: Several people were wounded when shots were fired at a commuter rail station near the southern German city of Munich today and one person was detained, police said.

"Several people were injured by shots. A female police officer was badly wounded" at an S-Bahn station in Unterfoehring, a northeastern suburb of the Bavarian city, police tweeted, and that the scene was now "secured".

A Munich police spokesman, Marcus da Gloria Martins, later told reporters there was no indication of a "political or religious" motive behind the incident.

"The sole male perpetrator was motivated by personal reasons," he said.

Martins said that the unidentified man had tried to push at least one police officer in front of an incoming train, leading to a scuffle during which he took the female officer's gun and fired.

"The police officer was shot in the head and critically injured," Martins said.

Two other people at the station were seriously injured but their lives were not believed to be in danger. They were being treated in local hospitals. "The assailant was arrested. He was also injured. There are no indications of further perpetrators," according to another police tweet. – AFP

Landslides kill over 100 in Bangladesh

DHAKA, June 13: A series of landslides triggered by torrential rains have killed over 100 people, including two Army officers, in northeastern Bangladesh, officials said today amid fears that the death toll could rise as many people remain buried under tonnes of rubble.

The highest 36 deaths were reported from Rangamati hill district where at least two Army officers were also killed by the landslides.

"So far we can confirm to you at least two of our officers were killed and several other personnel injured as they were on duty," an Army spokesman in Dhaka told PTI.

He said an Army detachment was deployed to clear the road linking the port city with Rangamati as it was blocked by an overnight landslide but while they were working a fresh landslide buried them under tonnes of mud. "But so far we can confirm only two deaths," he said.

Landslides triggered by torrential rains have killed at least 53 people in Rangamati, Bandarban and Chittagong districts, *Dhaka Tribune* reported.

A least 11 people were killed in Rangunia and Chandanaish *upazilas* of Chittagong.

In Bandarban, six people were killed and five others were injured in landslides, police officer Rafiq Ullah was quoted as saying by the daily.

Officials said Army troops were called out to join fire service rescuers to launch a salvage campaign as scores were feared to be trapped under tonnes of mud after incessant rainfall caused by a depression triggered the landslide.

The landslides prompted the authorities to order a massive evacuation campaign as they feared rocks from hills could damage vulnerable structures at the foothills and cause more casualties.

According to local media reports, many of the victims belong to the ethnic minority or tribal groups in Rangamati and Bandarban who live in makeshift structures along the hills.

"The rescue campaign is under way. We can get a clearer picture of the casualties later," a spokesman at the Disaster Management Ministry said, adding that the casualty figures could rise as many remain missing.

The officials said many people were asleep when the landslides hit, causing more casualties, especially among children. – PTI

Indian woman killed in Kuwait

DUBAI, June 13: An Indian woman was brutally beaten and stabbed to death in Kuwait and her body lying in a pool of blood was recovered from a flat, according to a media report.

The woman was found dead in a flat in Khaitan area and her husband was nowhere to be found, the *Arab Times* reported.

The flat mate of the deceased woman notified the Operations Room of the Interior Ministry about the lifeless body inside the house, and a team of rescue men went to the scene, a security source was quoted as saying.

The officers found the body in a pool of blood with stab wounds and furniture scattered all over the place. The body was handed over to the Forensics department and an investigation was in progress to determine the whereabouts of the husband and bring the suspect to justice. – PTI

'Trump was wrong to leave climate change deal'

LONDON, June 13: US President Donald Trump was "wrong" to pull the United States out of the Paris climate change deal, Britain's new environment minister said today.

"I think he is wrong. I think that we need international cooperation in order to deal with climate change," said Michael Gove, who was appointed by Prime Minister Theresa May over the weekend.

Gove, who has himself come under criticism for voting against measures to prevent climate change, said the Paris Accord was "a significant step forward".

Trump announced his decision earlier this month, prompting concern in many of the remaining 194 signatories of the historic agreement.

May told Trump at the time that the climate accord was a safety net for future generations.

"The Paris Agreement provides the right global framework for protecting the prosperity and security of future generations, while keeping energy affordable and secure for our citizens and businesses," May told Trump by phone. The US is the world's second biggest polluter after China. –AFP

Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines to join forces against ultras

JAKARTA, June 13: Indonesia says it's looking to set up joint patrols with the Philippines and Malaysia to prevent Islamic militants who have laid siege to a city in the southern Philippines from entering its territorial waters.

Indonesia's military chief, General Gatot Nurmantyo, said late yesterday that he and Defense Minister Ryamizard Ryacudu would meet next week with their counterparts from Malaysia and the Philippines on Indonesia's Tarakan island in northern Borneo, just across the border from Sabah, Malaysia. He said they'll discuss increasing security and signing an agreement to step up joint patrols.

The conflict in the city of Marawi has raised fears that the Islamic State group's violent ideology is gaining a foothold in the Philippines' restive south, where Muslim separatists have fought for greater autonomy for decades.

Nurmantyo, speaking with reporters and military officials in the capital, Jakarta, said Indonesia needs to be aware of the movement of IS-aligned militants in the Philippines who assaulted Marawi three weeks ago because Indonesia already has sleeping cells that most likely have been long embedded in the country.

He said IS-affiliated cells exist in all of Indonesia's provinces except Papua.

Authorities in Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim-majority nation, have carried out a sustained crackdown on militants since the 2002 bombings by al-Qaida-affiliated radicals that killed 202 people in Bali.

In recent years, it has faced a new threat as the rise of the Islamic State group in the Middle East has breathed new life into local militant networks and raised concerns about the risk of Indonesian fighters returning home.

Marawi is located about 500 kilometres north of Sangihe island in Indonesia's North Sulawesi province.

Maj Gen Ganip Warsito, the regional military chief overseeing the closest areas to neighbouring Philippines said Indonesia army, navy and air force have deployed extra troops to boost security in the region. – AP

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Deepika Padukone to star in 'xXx4', confirms DJ Caruso

LOS ANGELES, June 13: Deepika Padukone has bagged her second Hollywood project. Director DJ Caruso has confirmed that the actress will return in the next installment of the "xXx" franchise, alongside Hollywood action star Vin Diesel.

The latest movie, *xXx: Return of Xander Cage*, which marked the 31-year-old Indian actress' Hollywood debut, also starred Ruby Rose, Nina Dobrev, Samuel L Jackson and Tony Jaa, among others. Recalling the shooting days, Rose took to Instagram and hinted at starting the next "xXx" film soon.

"And while I'm here I can't forget my training for Adele in 'xXx'... But... More new exciting news on that soon ;)," wrote the actress, alongside a picture from the sets of the film.

A fan took a screenshot of the post and wrote to Caruso on Twitter asking if the new film is in works.

The director replied in a series of tweets confirming the news. "Yes meetings next week. Honing in on story and start dates," he wrote back.

When another fan asked, "@Deejaycar Serena Unger Aka Deepika is there in #xXx4?", Caruso replied, "Oh Yes!... All coming back."

"xXx 3" released in India on January 13.

In Bollywood, Deepika is currently busy filming Sanjay Leela Bhansali's magnum opus *Padmavati*. The actress has also signed an upcoming Vishal Bhardwaj production. – PTI

England hold edge against Pakistan in first semifinal

England's Jonny Bairstow bats during a nets session ahead of their Champions Trophy semifinal match against Pakistan, on Tuesday.

CARDIFF, June 13: England will fancy their chances of extending the search for an elusive major global ODI silverware despite drawing a mercurial Pakistan in the first semifinal of the ICC Champions Trophy here tomorrow.

Three-time World Cup finalists England have been trying for the past 42 years to lay claim to a trophy in a major 50-over tournament.

In Eoin Morgan's well-balanced unit, the world sees a chance for England to realise their dream.

Notwithstanding Pakistan's remarkable turnaround after an embarrassing loss to arch-rivals India in their tournament opener in Birmingham, hosts England will take the field at Sophia Gardens with their nose ahead.

England have come a long way in a short space of time since a humiliating first-round exit at the 2015 World Cup in Australia and New Zealand.

They thrashed Pakistan 4-1 in a bilateral ODI series last year at home, including a world record score of 444 for three at Trent Bridge, which provides ample proof of their resurgence in recent times in a format they are still in the process of mastering.

In Ben Stokes, they have one of the world's best all-rounder, who can inflict damage on the opposition with both bat and ball.

It was not for nothing that the Durham player was paid a handsome USD 2.16 million to take part in the lucrative Indian Premier League (IPL) this season.

Joe Root is a world-class batsman and is the fulcrum around whom the England batting revolves.

Morgan and Jos Buttler complete the middle order, while openers Alex Hales and Jason Roy have the ability to be devastating at the top. Roy, though, has not been in the best of form and could be replaced by Jonny Bairstow for the last-four clash.

Pacers Jake Ball and Liam Plunkett have been doing the job with the ball, while a fired-up Mark Wood revelled in his role as Morgan's strike bowler, propelling the side to the semifinals.

Wood has returned this summer after three bouts of ankle surgery but his pace remained intact, often bamboozling opposition batsmen with his 90mph missiles.

England have by far been the best team in the tournament. They are the only team still unbeaten in the competition as they sailed into the semifinals with three victories on the trot in the group stage.

Even as Sarfraz Ahmed's unpredictable Pakistan stand between them and a second straight Champions Trophy final appearance, England will fancy their chances.

Pakistan will be boosted by Sarfraz's match-winning knock in the team's three-wicket win over Sri Lanka, which put them in the semis.

That they managed to hold their own in a match where there were quite a few twists and turns, should boost Pakistan's morale.

The green shirts are also excited about the explosive entry of opener Fakhar Zaman, who slammed 50 off 36 balls against the Sri Lankans. Another round of enterprise at the top by the new man would do Pakistan a world of good.

While the middle order batting remains a concern, Sarfraz said Pakistan will address it so that the likes of Mohammad Hafeez and Shoaib Malik click when the situation demands.

Pakistan have a potent pace bowling attack in Mohammad Amir, Junaid Khan and Hasan Ali with Faheem Ali adding a fourth dimension to the triumvirate.

England are aware that the Pakistani pacers are adept at exploiting helpful seaming conditions.

And Sarfraz, knows too well that the opposition they are up against.

"England is a very good team, a very, very good team. They've been playing really good cricket for the last two years. If you're playing a world class team, definitely, you play more positive cricket against England," Sarfraz said.

TEAMS

England: Eoin Morgan (captain), Moeen Ali, Jonny Bairstow, Jake Ball, Sam Billings, Alex Hales, Jos Buttler, Liam Plunkett, Adil Rashid, Joe Root, Jason Roy, Ben Stokes, David Willey, Chris Woakes, Mark Wood, Steven Finn.

Pakistan: Sarfraz Khan (captain), Ahmed Shahzad, Azhar Ali, Babar Azam, Faheem Ashraf, Fakhar Zaman, Haris Sohail, Hasan Ali, Imad Wasim, Junaid Khan, Mohammed Amir, Mohammed Hafeez, Shadab Khan, Shoaib Malik. – PTI

MATCH STARTS AT 3PM

Chhetri strike seals India's 1-0 win over Kyrgyzstan

BENGALURU, June 13: Captain Sunil Chhetri stamped his class yet again as he scored the match-winner to fire India to a 1-0 win over Kyrgyzstan in a fast-pace and entertaining Asian Cup qualifier match here today.

Chhetri drilled a lot shot with his right foot off a fine pass from Jeje Lalpekhlua in the 69th minute to lead India to a crucial win in the home leg tie of the Group A third round qualifiers of the 2019 Asian Cup.

Chhetri, who scored his 54th goal in his 94th match, led from the front throughout the match. Playing behind the lone striker Jeje, he was in the thick of things, at times falling back deep to help the defenders, setting up his team-mates and also taking shots on his own.

With the win, India sat atop the group with six points – from two wins – ahead of Kyrgyzstan and Myanmar who both have three points from two matches. Macau are yet to open account from their two matches.

All the four teams will play home and away matches and the two top sides will qualify for the 2019 AFC Asian Cup to be held in United Arab Emirates.

The hosts, who had beaten Myanmar 1-0 in their first match of the qualifiers, notched up their seventh official international match on the trot.

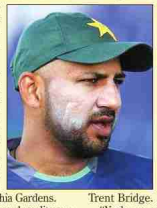
Kyrgyzstan had better ball possession and more attack but they found wanting in their finishing. The Indian back-four of Sandesh Jhingan, Anas Edathodika, Pritam Kotal and Narayan Das were also superb in defending.

The visiting side were denied by the upright in the second half while Indian goalkeeper Gurpreet Singh Sandhu made at least three brilliant saves to ensure that the hosts walked away with all three points. – PTI

Middle order a concern but Sarfraz promises positive cricket

CARDIFF, June 13: Pakistan skipper Sarfraz Ahmed says his team is feeling more positive and confident than ever ahead of the ICC Champions Trophy semifinal against England despite concerns about its fragile middle order.

Sarfraz played a stellar role in Pakistan's three-wicket victory over Sri Lanka in a virtual quarterfinal, which yet again exemplified their unpredictable side, before managing to scrape through.



At 137 for six chasing 237, Pakistan again found themselves in a similar territory and if not for Sarfraz and Fakhar Zaman's enterprise – coupled with assistance from butterfingered Sri Lankans – the green shirts' campaign would have been over.

Sarfraz thanked the almighty before opening up at the post-match press conference at Sophia Gardens.

"I think it's a great win today, and credit goes to the bowlers. They bowled really well at a crucial time. We took wickets and upped the batting order.

"Especially Fakhar Zaman, he played really well. Yeah, a little bit concern about the middle order batting. Definitely we're sitting down tomorrow, and we'll sort out the problems," the captain said.

Zaman smashed 50 off 36 balls.

Considering that they are up against a side that is miles ahead of Sri Lanka in terms of both quality and form, Sarfraz said playing positive cricket will hold the key.

"England is a very good team, a very, very good team. They've been playing really good cricket for the last two years. If you're playing a world class team, definitely, you play more positive cricket against England. So definitely, we will play against England more positively."

England drubbed Pakistan 4-1 in a one-day series and the lone victory came at the Sofia Gardens, where they chased down a 300-plus total days after conceding an ODI world record 444 for three at Trent Bridge.

"Yeah, we played against them here. Last time we played almost full series. We played last ODI here. We won that time, we chased 300, so definitely our confidence is very high playing in Cardiff. We chased down 300-plus runs and that is a good memory," he said.

Regarding his own innings, a 61 off 79 balls, Sarfraz said he was delighted to see his team through. – PTI

Limaye's impending exit big loss: Edulji

NEW DELHI, June 13: Veteran banker Vikram Limaye will soon leave BCCI's Committee of Administrators to head the National Stock Exchange (NSE) and that will be a big loss to the already trimmed panel, said CoA member Diana Edulji.

Limaye

"It will be a big loss. His inputs have been excellent in all the meetings. He has been a big help in financial dealings," Edulji told PTI today.

"Even when he represented BCCI at the ICC meet in February, he got a grasp of the subject in real quick time," she said further.

Limaye will hold his position till July 14, when the Supreme Court reopens, after which he will have to step down for his new assignment at the NSE.

With Limaye's departure, the CoA will shrink from being a four-member panel to a two-member panel.

Historian Ramachandra Guha was the first to quit, alleging that the CoA had not done enough to implement the Lodha Committee reforms mandated by the Supreme Court.

However, Limaye has been a lot more regular than Guha in being present at the meetings.

The Vinod Rai led CoA next meets on June 24 in Mumbai, ahead of the BCCI SGM on June 26. – PTI

Anand beats Caruana; bounces back in Norway

STAVANGER (Norway), June 13: Former world champion Viswanathan Anand today beat Fabiano Caruana of United States in the sixth round to register his first win of the Altibox Norway chess tournament here.

Having lost two and drawn three, Anand was under pressure to find back his winning ways and the Indian ace did that in style at the expense of Caruana who suffered his first loss in the tournament.

Anand moved up to 2.5 points out of a possible six and two white games out of the remaining three rounds might just help him recover more.

Armenian Levon Aronian was the other winner of the day, accounting for a rather out-of-sort Vladimir Kramnik of Russia while world champion Magnus Carlsen of Norway remained winless for the sixth day running as he was held to a draw by Maxime Vachier-Lagrave.

In the other games of the day, Anish Giri of Holland missed out on some chances before signing peace with Wesley So of United States and another American Hikaru Nakamura could not break the ice against Sergey Karjakin of Russia.

With three rounds still to come, Nakamura and Aronian now share the lead on four points and they enjoy a full point cushion over Giri, Kramnik, Karjakin and Wesley So. Anand, Carlsen, Caruana and Vachier share the seventh spot with 2.5 points apiece.

For Anand, the good day finally arrived but it was business as usual. Caruana went for some unwarranted complications right from the beginning and Anand did not mind any of those as he steered himself to a fine position in the middle game. – PTI

Saina, Sindhu win in Indonesia Open

JAKARTA, June 13: Top Indian shuttlers PV Sindhu and Saina Nehwal notched up contrasting wins to make a positive start to their campaign at the Indonesia Super Series Premier badminton tournament here today.

India's Saina Nehwal in action against Ratchanok Intanon of Thailand during their women's singles match of the Indonesia Open at Jakarta, on Tuesday.

Fourth seed Sindhu brushed aside World No. 20 Pornpawee Chochuwong of Thailand 21-12, 21-19, while World No. 11 Saina rallied her way to a 17-21, 21-18, 21-12 win over the eighth seeded Thai Ratchanok Intanon in women's singles.

Three-time champion Saina, who had a 7-5 head-to-head record against Ratchanok, will face another Thai player Nitchaon Jindapol in the next round. If Saina wins her next match, she is likely to clash with World No. 1 Tai Tzu Ying in the quarterfinals.

Olympics silver medallist Sindhu, who has won the Syed Modi Grand Prix Gold and India Super Series this season, will square off against USA's Beiwen Zhang in the next round.

In mixed doubles, B Sumeeth Reddy and Ashwini Ponnappa suffered a 12-21, 9-21 loss to Indonesian combo of Irfan Fadhilah and Weni Anggraini to crash out of the tournament.

Saina made a good start to the match, leading 10-4 at one stage but she blew the advantage after the break as Ratchanok clawed her way back to 14-14 and then marched ahead to earn the bragging rights. – PTI

Iran book ticket to 2018 World Cup

TEHRAN, June 13: Sardar Azmoun and Mehdi Taremi were on target as Iran confirmed their spot in the 2018 World Cup finals with a 2-0 victory over Uzbekistan at the Azadi Stadium here.

Iran celebrate after qualifying for the FIFA World Cup 2018 at the Azadi Stadium in Tehran, on Monday. Iran defeated Uzbekistan 2-0 to ensure their qualification.

It was Iran's sixth win from eight matches in Group A which took the table-toppers to 20 points, while South Korea are second on 13 ahead of their match against Qatar today.

Iran are still unbeaten in the third stage of qualifying and amazingly have not conceded a single goal during the campaign, thus underlining their credentials as one of Asia's football giants.

Yesterday, they recorded their second win over Uzbekistan on the road to Russia, with Rostov forward Azmoun first finding the net in the 23rd minute with a right-footed shot from the left of the box following a through ball from Alireza Jahanbaksh.

Iran were clearly the dominant side in front of their home fans and could have easily emerged winners with an even more impressive scoreline but for some lacklustre finishing.

In the 48th minute Taremi drew a foul from Akmal Shorakhmedov, but Masoud Shojaei fired the resulting penalty high over the crossbar.

The Uzbeks struggled for momentum and failed to break down the famed Iranian defence, eventually conceding their second goal of the match in the 88th minute with Taremi finishing from Azmoun's pass. – AFP

One-time denier Smertin tackles Russia racism

MOSCOW, June 13: Alexei Smertin once denied the existence of racism in Russia but now the former national team captain and Chelsea midfielder is in charge of tackling the problem as the World Cup looms.

Back in 2015 Smertin told the BBC that "there's no racism in Russia, definitely, because, you know, it doesn't exist" as the country marked 1,000 days to the tournament that kicks off in June 2018.

But this February the long-haired ex-player was chosen to spearhead the campaign to crack down on the sort of racial abuse that has seen ethnic minority players regularly targeted in the country.

His appointment as the Russia Football Union's anti-racism inspector raised some eyebrows as critics argued that once again it showed the authorities were not serious about tackling the issue.

Now, with one year to go to the World Cup and a few days to the warm-up Confederations Cup, Smertin appears to have changed his tune slightly – even if he remains sure racism won't be a problem.

"The fact of the existence of racism around the world is obvious but it's not only Russia's problem," Smertin, 42, told AFP.

"Russia is a multi-ethnic and multi-confessional country where different people have got along for ages, and I'm confident that no incidents of racism will take place here during the Confederations and the World Cups."

Despite his earlier statement, Smertin insists that his background playing in top-flight clubs abroad and high profile as Russia's former captain make him the right person for the job.

The workhorse player won the 2005 English Premier League with Chelsea alongside stars like Didier Drogba, and also turned out for teams including Fulham and Bordeaux. Between 1996 and 2006 he won 55 caps with Russia.

"The experience of playing in the multi-national and multi-racial teams had a very positive impact on me," he said.

"Meanwhile, my devotion to football and sometimes self-sacrifice on the pitch helped me to win the respect of my colleagues and the supporters."

Smertin remained vague on what exactly his job entails but said a major focus was reaching out to supporters of all ages to try to change attitudes.

"Our job is to educate football fans," he said.

"The youth is our primary audience as we hope to raise a younger generation with a genuine love and true respect for the game."

Russia's image has been tarnished by repeated high-profile incidents of abuse against ethnic minority players in recent years and those in charge have often been accused of downplaying the issue.

Fears of broader fan violence also spiralled after brutal clashes between Russian and English football fans at the Euro 2016 championship in France.

But Smertin insists those worries are exaggerated and pointed to examples like Rostov hosting Manchester United in the Europa League this season as proof foreign fans have nothing to fear.

"The British media warned Manchester United supporters that they should beware of the Russians and keep alert," he said.

"But in Rostov locals brought blankets to the stands of their venue to protect the visiting fans from the frosty weather during the match.

"The majority of football lovers respect their club rivals and their supporters," Smertin said.

"But a small proportion of fans choose such a wrong-headed method of expressing themselves that spoils the positive background to the game." – AFP

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Mustafizur relying on his off-cutters to tame India

BIRMINGHAM, June 13: Bangladesh pacer Mustafizur Rahman, who tormented India's famed batting line-up two years ago, is eyeing an encore in the ICC Champions Trophy semifinal clash provided his off-cutters start working in English conditions.

Two years ago during India's tour of Bangladesh, Rahman rose to the limelight by bagging five-wicket hauls in two consecutive matches against the world champions. India and Bangladesh will square off in the Champions Trophy semis on Thursday.

But Mustafizur, who picked up just one wicket from three games, is worried about the fact that his famed off-cutters are not working in England like they do in sub-continental conditions. – PTI

Borah appointed manager of Indian jr v'ball team

GUWAHATI, June 13: Assam Volleyball Association president and vice-president of the Volleyball Federation of India, Bhupen Kumar Borah has been appointed as manager of India's junior volleyball team which will participate in the BRICS tournament to be held at Guangzhou, China from June 17 to 22, stated a press release.

Kohli reclaims top spot in ICC ODI rankings for batsmen

LONDON, June 13: India captain Virat Kohli today reclaimed the top spot in the latest ICC ODI rankings for batsmen following the conclusion of the last round of league matches in the Champions Trophy.

Kohli had entered the tournament 22 points behind number-one ranked AB de Villiers of South Africa, who had been No.1 since February 25 this year, and 19 points behind Australia's David Warner.

But with brilliant knocks of 81 not out against Pakistan and 76 not out against South Africa, Kohli leap-frogged de Villiers and Warner into the number one spot.

Kohli had enjoyed just four days at the top in January 2017.

Indian opener Shikhar Dhawan has continued his love-affair with the Champions Trophy by returning into the top 10.

The left-hander has vaulted five places to 10th following scores of 68 against Pakistan, 125 against Sri Lanka and 78 against South Africa.

Dhawan's rise means his team-mates Rohit Sharma and former captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni have slipped one place each to 13th and 14th, respectively, while Yuvraj Singh has gained six places to be at 88th spot.

Fast bowler Bhuvneshwar Kumar has led the charge of India's bowlers by vaulting 13 places to share 23rd spot with Afghanistan's Hamza Hotak.

Umesh Yadav has gained two places to be at 41st position, while Jasprit Bumrah is at 43rd after climbing up three spots.

However, Indian spinners have slipped in the latest rankings with Ravichandran Ashwin dropping two places to 20th and Ravindra Jadeja falling three places to 29th.

Australia's pace ace Josh Hazlewood has achieved the number-one position in the bowlers' rankings for the first time in his career.

Amongst the England batsmen, Joe Root has moved up one place to fourth and Ben Stokes has rocketed nine places to a career-high 20th place, while in bowlers' list, Liam Plunkett has jumped seven places to a career-best ninth spot, Adil Rashid has shot up nine places to the 11th spot.

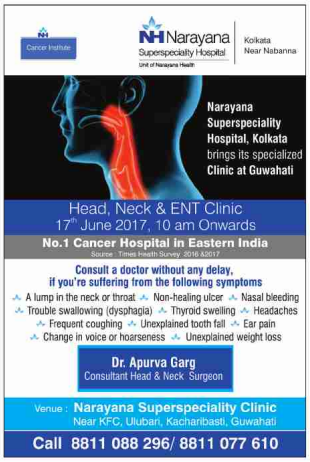
There has been no change in the top five of the all-rounders' list, which is headed by Bangladesh's Shakib Al Hasan.

Stokes has gained one spot and is now sixth, while Jadeja has broken into the top 10 to occupy the eighth position after rising three places.

In the upcoming semifinal matches of the Champions Trophy, India will have a chance to top the table.

But for that to happen, they will not only want to face England in the final but also need to retain the title.

In that case, Kohli's men will join South Africa on 119 points but will be ranked ahead of them by a fraction of a point. – PTI



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