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# War of words ratchets up between Kim Jong-Un and Trump

WASHINGTON, Sept 22: An escalating war of words between Donald Trump and Kim Jong-Un ratcheted up a notch today as the US President dubbed North Korea's leader a "madman," a day after the reclusive regime hinted it may explode a hydrogen bomb over the Pacific Ocean.

Hours earlier, in a rare personal attack, Kim took aim at Trump, branding him "mentally deranged" and warning he would "pay dearly" for his threat to destroy North Korea if challenged, uttered before the United Nations General Assembly.

The verbal clash came a day after Washington announced tougher sanctions aimed at curbing North Korea's nuclear and ballistic missile program, on the heels of a Trump speech in which he which he branded Kim "Rocket Man" and declared him to be on a "suicide mission."

"Kim Jong Un of North Korea, who is obviously a madman who doesn't



*Kim* *Trump*

mind starving or killing his people, will be tested like never before!"

Trump posted early today in the first of a barrage of unrelated tweets.

Kim had delivered a tongue-lashing of his own - vowing to surely and definitely tame the mentally deranged US dotard with fire, "in an address read out on state television

protege of the supreme command in the US pay dearly for his speech."

Russia and China have both appealed for an end to the escalating rhetoric between Washington and Pyongyang. On the fringes of the General Assembly, North Korean Foreign Minister Ri Yong-ho told reporters Pyongyang might now consider detonating a hydrogen bomb outside its territory.

"I think that it could be an H-bomb test at an unprecedented level perhaps over the Pacific," he said - while adding: "It is up to our leader so I do not know well."

Washington today authorized a tough new raft of sanctions in the latest effort to tighten the screws on Pyongyang over its banned weapons programs, following its sixth nuclear test - the largest yet - and the firing of two missiles over Japan in recent weeks. - AFP

by a star news anchor before a still image of Kim at his desk.

Trump "insulted me and my country in front of the eyes of the world and made the most ferocious declaration of a war in history," Kim said, according to the official Korean Central News Agency.

"I will make the man holding the

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# Rouhani vows to strengthen missiles despite US criticism

TEHRAN, Sept 22: President Hassan Rouhani vowed today that Iran would boost its ballistic missile capabilities despite criticism from the United States and also France.

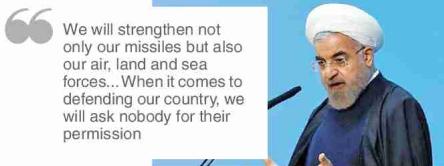
"Whether you like it or not, we are going to strengthen our military capabilities which is necessary for deterrence," Rouhani said in a speech marking the anniversary of the outbreak of Iran's devastating 1980-1988 war with Saddam Hussein's Iraq.

"We will strengthen not only our missiles but also our air, land and sea forces... When it comes to defending our country, we will ask

Thus far, the UN nuclear watchdog and the US State Department have reported that Tehran has complied with the terms of the nuclear deal.

But Trump, who this week described the deal as an "embarrassment", is due to report to the US Congress on October 15 on whether or not he believes that Iran is in compliance.

If, as now appears increasingly likely, he decides that it is not, it could open the way for renewed US sanctions and perhaps the collapse of the agreement.



nobody for their permission."

Criticism by the Donald Trump administration of a 2015 nuclear deal between Iran and major powers, including the United States, has focused heavily on Tehran's continuing missile programme.

Tehran says that the missiles are entirely legitimate under the terms of the deal as they are not designed to carry a nuclear warhead.

But Washington says they breach the spirit of the agreement as they have the potential to carry a nuclear warhead and imposed new sanctions over Tehran's continuing launches and tests.

There has been some sympathy for the US position from France, whose President Emmanuel Macron said the deal could be expanded to ban missile tests and cut a sunset clause in the nuclear agreement that would see Iran resume some uranium enrichment from 2025.

But even he insisted that the core deal not be dumped.

Trump said on Wednesday he had made his decision but was not yet ready to reveal it. Washington has also taken aim at what it says is Tehran's failure to meet expectations that it would play a more stabilising role in the Middle East.

"Regrettably, since the agreement was confirmed we have seen anything but a more peaceful, stable region and this is a real issue," Secretary of State Rex Tillerson told reporters at the United Nations.

Washington has been particularly concerned about Iran's heavy intervention in Syria on the side of the government of President Bashar al-Assad and its support for Shiite rebels in Yemen who control the capital in defiance of its Saudi-backed government.

But Rouhani ruled out any change of policy in the region.

"Whether you like it or not, we are going to defend the oppressed peoples of Yemen, Palestine and Syria," he said. - AFP

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# Fresh fires, bomb blast in Myanmar's Rakhine

SIWTWE, Sept 22: Twenty homes caught fire and a bomb was detonated near a mosque in Myanmar's Rakhine state, the government said today, the latest unrest in a region that has seen hundreds of thousands of Rohingya Muslims flee in under a month.

The violence comes days after Myanmar's civilian leader Aung San Suu Kyi declared that the military had ceased its "clearance operations" in the border area.

The army claims it is trying to flush out Rohingya militants who attacked police posts on August 25.

But civilian refugees streaming into Bangladesh say they were terrorised by soldiers and vigilante Buddhist mobs who torched their villages to the ground.

The testimony, alongside satellite images of some 200 villages reduced to ash, have fuelled accusations that Myanmar's army is systematically purging a Muslim minority haunted by years of persecution.

The UN has described the military campaign as "ethnic cleansing".

The latest violence saw 20 homes catch fire in Maungdaw's Kyauk Chai village last night, according to a statement posted by the government's Information Committee.

"Security members went and checked the fire and are investigating its cause," said the statement, adding that the flames burned through a community previously hit by fire.

The following morning a bomb detonated outside of a mosque in Mi Chaung Zay village in nearby Butthidaung township, according to the government.

The statement said "terrorists" were to blame for the blast, without specifying if they were linked to the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA) - the Rohingya militancy group behind the ambushes on police posts.

No deaths or injuries were reported in either incident. Myanmar's government admitted that scores of villages have been burned down over the past month.

But it has previously accused Rohingya militants of setting the fires and driving the communal violence that has also displaced some 30,000 Buddhists and Hindus.

Those refugees have largely fled south, with some crammed into temples and even a derelict football stadium outside the state capital of Sittwe.

The government has blocked independent media access to the conflict zone in northern Rakhine, making it difficult to verify the swirl of claims and counterclaims that has amplified Myanmar's already bitter ethnic divides.

Suu Kyi, who lacks control over the army in a delicate power-sharing agreement, broke her silence on the crisis Tuesday in a televised address pitched to an international community baffled by her failure to speak up for the Rohingya. - AFP

**Syria Kurds hold first local vote to cement federal push**

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# India slams ...

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# Water resources ...

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However, since most of these embankments have outlined their lives, there is an urgent need to strengthen all of them. Under the Eleventh and the Twelfth Plans 809.79 km of the embankments have been strengthened.

Besides the embankments, the WRD has so far implemented 598 anti-erosion schemes, installed 98 main sluices and 545 minor sluices, among others, sources said.

# State loses ...

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# Anti-witchcraft ...

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still maintaining a "mysterious" silence on the views and clarifications given by the State government more than a year back on aspects related to granting of anticipatory bail to the accused in the witch hunting cases, which till now was believed to be the only bone of contention.

The fresh issue raised by the Centre has come as another roadblock for the much-awaited legislation against witchcraft.

State home department Principal Secretary LS Changson, when contacted by this reporter, confirmed having received the communication from the Centre stating that the State will revert to the Centre as the proposed law on witch hunting will have a sweeping effect, irrespective of caste, creed, class or religion.

Thus far, the UN nuclear watchdog and the US State Department have reported that Tehran has complied with the terms of the nuclear deal.

But Trump, who this week described the deal as an "embarrassment", is due to report to the US Congress on October 15 on whether or not he believes that Iran is in compliance.

If, as now appears increasingly likely, he decides that it is not, it could open the way for renewed US sanctions and perhaps the collapse of the agreement.

Trump said on Wednesday he had made his decision but was not yet ready to reveal it. Washington has also taken aim at what it says is Tehran's failure to meet expectations that it would play a more stabilising role in the Middle East.

"Regrettably, since the agreement was confirmed we have seen anything but a more peaceful, stable region and this is a real issue," Secretary of State Rex Tillerson told reporters at the United Nations.

Washington has been particularly concerned about Iran's heavy intervention in Syria on the side of the government of President Bashar al-Assad and its support for Shiite rebels in Yemen who control the capital in defiance of its Saudi-backed government.

But Rouhani ruled out any change of policy in the region.

"Whether you like it or not, we are going to defend the oppressed peoples of Yemen, Palestine and Syria," he said. - AFP

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## MESSAGE FOR TODAY

*The first step to getting the things you want out of life is this: Decide what you want.*

— BEN STEIN

**The Assam Tribune****GI for gamosa**

For a State that takes pride in the originality of many a time-tested indigenous product that have also remained ingrained to its cultural ethos for centuries, it is unfortunate that rightful recognition of such a unique heritage continues to elude us. This becomes evident from the long list of Indian products that have been registered under Geographical Indication (GI) — a name or sign used on certain products which correspond to a specific geographical location or origin like a town, region, or country. GIs have been defined under Article 22(1) of the WTO Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) Agreement as "indications which identify a good as originating in the territory of a member, or a region or locality in that territory, where a given quality, reputation or characteristic of the good is essentially attributable to its geographical origin". While the number of Indian goods in the GI list runs close to 300, very few items from Assam — Muga silk, Jhara rice, Assam orthodox tea, Tezpur litchi, and Karbi Anglong ginger — find mention in the list. This is disappointing because we do have many other items — especially handloom and handicrafts and agro-products — that deserve to be listed under GI but the lack of any push from the government authorities has ensured that those remained unrecognized. Many Indian States have a large presence in the GI list, with Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh, etc., boasting of dozens of GI-marked products. Indeed, the North-east as a whole scores disappointingly *ris-a-vis* GI appreciation whereas this region with its rich, diverse and unique landscapes, ethnicity, cultures, and practices should have had a dominating presence in the GI list. The blame for this should go squarely to the governments in the north-eastern States which, because of their khalakdasi attitude, have failed to do the needful for the rightful recognition of their products.

It is in this context that the move by the Assam Government, albeit delayed, to secure the GI mark for the indigenous *gamosa* deserves appreciation. A household item with wide-ranging uses and a symbol of the famed Assamese hospitality, the *gamosa* has been a part of Assamese culture since ages. Aside its antiquity, this traditional handloom item has unique features that are its own, and which should be sufficient to earn it GI recognition. The need for this is more urgent today as the *gamosa* is facing an identity crisis in view of large-scale sale of similar-looking machine-made textile from outside the State. As the GI tag ensures that none other than those registered as authorized producers (or at least those residing inside the geographic territory) are allowed to use the popular product name, the brand can be protected from cheap imitations. *Gamosa* apart, the State's handloom and handicrafts industry as a whole is in urgent need of promotion by all its stakeholders, including the Government.

**Targeting shells**

The Oxford English Dictionary diplomatically defines a shell company as "a non-trading company used as a vehicle for various financial manoeuvres". Such a definition does not, naturally, mention that such 'manoeuvres' are more often than not questionable and these shell companies are used as vehicles for financial hanky-panky! Quite a few Indian corporate houses practice setting up of shell companies in order to launder money and deposit black money into spurious accounts. Such entities have all the outward appearance of corporate houses, with Boards of Directors headed by presidents, as well as shareholders! But, in reality, they are fake set-ups designed to convert black money into white and evade paying applicable taxes. It is surprising, therefore, that the NDA Government, which had declared itself to be determined to unearth black money and stop corrupt trade practices have not cracked down sooner on shell companies, both Indian and foreign. However, in a clear case of better late than never, the Centre, with the signing of a pact between the Union Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) and the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), has now created a data sharing mechanism which will, hopefully, help it to target shell companies. This Agreement for Automatic and Regular Exchange of Information entails that tax authorities relay audit reports of corporate houses and specific information from their IT returns to the MCA along with PAN data.

The shared data will include financial statements by corporate houses filed with the Registrar of Companies and returns of allotment of shares and statement of financial transactions received from banks. While data sharing will enable the MCA to scrutinize these for discrepancies, a Steering Group would regularly meet to review the data exchange status. Since September 6 when this agreement was signed, already three companies have been placed on the radar with the SEBI ordering forensic audits against them. Also, the MCA has already picked up 2.09 lakh companies which have not indulged in any trading activity for quite some time and would be cancelling their registration. Similarly, it has identified over a lakh 'directors' who stand to be disqualified because of their association with shell companies. This sharing of data would enable the Government to undertake multiple scrutiny of information, thereby rectifying a big lacuna in the system. As is by now acknowledged, the bulk of the money in circulation before demonetization has come back to the RBI, though the action taken by the Income Tax Department so far against hoarders do not reflect this. If the Government had failed in its objective of unearthing black money, the suspicion is ripe that elements within the tax authorities had been complicit in ignoring violations. Any such collusion would be rendered difficult due to multiple scrutiny and, if the mechanism is operated with integrity, eliminate to an extent shell companies.

**Water worlds in the universe****■ Dr Sanjeev Kalita**

**G**eologically speaking, water in our Earth covers nearly 70% of the planet. The formation and evolution of living organisms are inextricably associated with the distribution of water in the primordial Earth. Oceans of the Earth contain nearly 95% of all the water content of the planet. According to the mostly-accepted theory of origin of life on the Earth, a pre-biotic mixture of organic molecules in the primordial water gave rise to the first single-cell living organisms which slowly evolved into complex multicellular organisms. Stars contributed to this process of biological origins! The elements of organic compounds in the early Solar System came from ancient exploding stars of our galaxy — the Milky Way. The consistent picture is that these chemical elements were carried by the comets and asteroids or small planetary bodies (small rocky objects which grew into planets by the process of merger during the formation of the Solar System) to the primordial oceans of the Earth and formed the pre-biotic soup. The first life forms on this planet appeared in water.

It is this reason that search for water on the other planets and their moons in our Solar System has proved to be an ambitious endeavour of the human race to answer the question — are we alone in the universe? Modern astronomical observations have uncovered thousands of extra-solar planets (planets outside our Solar System) in our galaxy. Ours is no more holding a privileged position in the universe. Now the search for extraterrestrial

life involves search for water in these newly-discovered planets.

Stars are gigantic cosmic factories for production of the chemical elements some of which are essential ingredients of life. Stars are formed out of the gravitational instability of giant and cold molecular clouds of hydrogen containing traces of other chemical elements. After formation they synthesize the chemical species in their hot interiors (with temperature of millions of degrees Celsius!) by the process of nuclear reactions. They

throw out the synthesized material into interstellar space when they explode as supernova — a kind of stellar explosion that releases matter with a speed of about tens of thousands of kilometres per second and with brightness of about a billion Suns! The supernovae enrich the interstellar space with chemical species out of which new stars and stellar systems form. Numerical estimates in astrophysics show that our galaxy contains oxygen in interstellar space with one billion times the mass of Sun! This is a large amount. As water is made of two units of hydrogen and one unit of oxygen (chemical formula is H<sub>2</sub>O), it is expected that the galaxy is awash with water.

As synthesis of elements inside stars is a universal phenomenon, it is expected that distant galaxies in the universe must also contain

organic compounds including water. There have been recent findings of voluminous amount of water in our Solar System as well as in unexpected environments of a distant galaxy.

Liquid water is found to be abundant beneath the surfaces of most of the planets and their moons. Evidence of a watery Solar System is our own planet, atmospheres of Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune and the icy comets living at the boundary of the Solar System. Most surprising water worlds in our Solar System are Ganymede, Callisto and Europa —

the newly-born stars in our galaxy. The gas clouds orbiting the infant stars form the proto-planetary discs out of which planets form. Our Solar System with several planets orbiting the Sun is assumed to form out of such a primeval proto-planetary disc with prominence of water content.

Liquid water is also found to be abundant in the extragalactic world (galaxies outside our Milky Way). Since 2008 a team of astronomers in Pasadena has been studying a quasar named as APM 08279+5255 at about 12 billion light years away from us. A quasar is an abnormally bright galaxy (nearly 10,000 times brighter than the total brightness of all the stars in our Milky Way) emitting light from a very compact central region housing a super-massive black hole. As the black hole consumes gaseous matter or stars nearby, it releases radiation which outshines the entire host galaxy. This is the quasar

phenomenon. The quasar APM 08279+5255 harbours a black hole as massive as 20 billion Suns with a disc of gas circulating around it. The disc discovered water vapour and carbon monoxide near the black hole by using California Institute of Technology's Sub-millimetre Observatory equipped with a 10 meter telescope. The total amount of water near the black hole is 140 trillion times the water in all the oceans of the Earth. This is for the first time astronomers have found water in a

very distant galaxy and hence in the early phase of the evolution of the universe (looking further in space means looking back in time). The discovery confirms the theoretical prediction that water molecules exist in the early universe.

Where did all the water come from? The first hydrogen atom of the universe formed around 380,000 years after the Big Bang. It constitutes nearly 75% of the visible matter in the entire universe. Oxygen (along with other elements) in the early hand was synthesized in profusion by nuclear fusion reactions that went on inside the cores of the first generation stars. The first stars in the universe rapidly vanished by exploding as supernovae and distributing the newly synthesized oxygen. Combination of the hydrogen and oxygen in cooler regions of the early galaxies formed the water content. The water vapour recently found near the quasar is an example of such a process.

Water in the distant galaxies enlarges the opportunity of mankind to search for habitable worlds of living organisms beyond our Solar System. It is very likely that life is out there in the remote galaxies and is much advanced than we contemplate! Possible signature of water in extra-solar planets will be revolutionary as it will uncover our next homes if the human race has to migrate from the Earth to other worlds due to possible catastrophe over here. The Big Bang, primordial stars, the extragalactic water worlds and extra-solar planets are together going to form previously unanticipated pictures of the universe with uncharted adventures.

**Whither the redoubtable Assamese spirit?****■ Debojit Barthakur**

**R**efreshing images from more than three decades back in time, of the streets of Assam teeming with people, rich and poor young and old, marching for a cause, unfazed by a malevolent state bent upon crushing their free spirit, are still fresh in our minds. The student movement of the 80s, which rocked the nation and created headlines around the globe as the biggest student movement in Asia, not only set an example of success achievable through unarmed protests, but also established in the minds of all observers a belief that the Assamese are a race jealously attached to their culture, tradition and identity, and any force seen imminent to the well-being of these values will be met with stiff resistance. Able led by the All Assam Students' Union in the six-year-long agitation, the spirit which drove that great movement appears to have disseminated. 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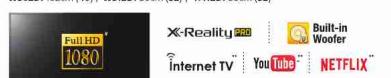
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**Barak students' body alleges flouting of norms**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

SILCHAR, Sept 22: The All Cachar Karimganj Halakandi Students' Association (ACKHA) has labelled allegations of favouritism against authorities of Assam University Silchar following the mysterious postponement of the elections to form the new body of Assam University Students Union (AUSU). According to the members of the students' association, Vice-Chancellor Prof Dilip Chandra Nath, and the concerned teachers in charge for conducting the election are favouring a particular student organisation (hinging at the ABVP) by postponing the elections from its scheduled date of September 20 to after the Durga Puja holidays.

Members of the students' body termed this attitude of the varsity to be an attempt to the democratic model of the university system. "The university authorities have taken sides in relegating the elections to mid-October. We strongly condemn this step," said Rupan Nandi Purkayasha, chief advisor of the students.

### Book released at Jagirod College

CORRESPONDENT

JAGIROD, Sept 22: Eminent historian and litterateur Dr Rajen Saikia here on Thursday formally released a book titled, *Assamese Literature during Pre-Independence Period: Contributions of Assam Civil Servants*, authored by Dr Dipak Jyoti Baruah, faculty of department of English of Jagirod College.

The book, published by EBH Publishers (India), was released at a meeting at the college conference hall in presence of a large gathering.

Giving a brief outline about the book, author Dr Baruah said that during the critical period of State's existence before Independence, a section of Assamese civil servants worked arduously towards giving a new lease of life to Assamese language and literature. The humanistic and secular tradition was introduced to Assamese literature by them and, in turn, they ushered in a renaissance for Assamese literature. The book, he said, was thus a means of tribute to this Assamese modern intelligentsia.

While releasing the book, Dr Saikia lauded the author for choosing a unique subject for his study. In his brief address, he also called upon both the scholars and the students to take up some incisive studies into the lives and works of all those litterateurs who vowed to trail the path for modern Assamese literature and who had been the virtual moral guardians of the people of the State.

### OBITUARY

#### Mahesh Prasad Rai

CORRESPONDENT

MORIGAON, Sept 22: Mahesh Prasad Rai, distinguished citizen of Morigaon town and Vice President of All Assam Small Newspapers Association breathed his last yesterday at a private hospital at Chenna following a prolonged illness. He was 62.

A man of amiable disposition, Mahesh Prasad Rai's death has cast a pall of gloom in the entire Morigaon district. He was the publisher and editor of the *Saptahik Morigaon*, a weekly published from Morigaon. Apart from his newspaper, he was associated with Morigaon Natya Samanlal, Morigaon Geeta Satra and several socio-cultural organisations of the district. Morigaon District Journalists' Association has deeply mourned the death of Rai.

Rai leaves behind his wife, two daughters besides a host of relatives.

## TRA scientists, employees urged to help in tiding over crisis

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

JORHAT, Sept 22: The Tea Research Association (TRA) chairman PK Bezboruah has urged scientists and employees of the TRA to pull up their socks in order to tide over the unprecedented crisis the organisation was facing in recent times.

TRA is the world's oldest tea research centre – Tocklai Tea Research Institute – as its headquarters.

Bezboruah, who is a tea planter himself and also the chairman of the Tea Board, was speaking at the 53rd annual general meeting of the TRA held at Tocklai at Cinnamara outskirts here.

The TRA AGM was held at Tocklai after a gap of 29 years at Tocklai as per the suggestion of Jorhat MP Kamakhya Prasad Tasa. The TRA has its headquarters in Kolkata.

Bezboruah in his address, gave a ringside view of the TRA and elaborated on the problems faced by it and sought cooperation and sacrifice of the rank and file to overcome them.

Speaking about the strengths of TRA, he said the association has a glorious research history, a good reputation in the international research community, strong capabilities of our research personnel along with satisfactory equipment bank and scientific infrastructure".

On weaknesses, Bezboruah pointed out lack of funds, unclear objectives, poor research direction, lack of cohesion and cooperation among the scientists, unhealthy internal politics in the organisation and the alleged chauvinistic environment at Tocklai.

Urging all to contribute to tide over the crisis, especially due to the Central Government holding back its share of funds to TRA, he pointed out the opportunities which could lead forward the TRA.

"I am hoping that our scientists and employees will realise the gravity of our predicament and rise to the occasion. If we all persist in believing this is business as usual, we probably will not survive. In this kind of environment everyone will have to be ready to make sacrifices," Bezboruah said.

He said parallel research efforts in well-funded agricultural universities, unauthorised use of TRA findings by research institutes in other countries, pilferage of TRA genetic material, moonlighting by the scientists who then commercialise findings generated at TRA outside, in collaboration with external commercial partners were among the threats posed to the TRA.

"We are committed to

achieve self-sufficiency at TRA from industry support, by augmentation of self-generation to an annual level of about Rs 10 crore by 2020," Bezboruah said.

He said as instructed by the Government, Tocklai will be downsized to a level of 100 scientists and 50 supporting staff employees by 2020.

The chairman spoke about the need to rationalise and regularise land holdings of Tocklai by 2018, including relinquishment of the loss-making tea garden that the institute is managing.

Tora director, Dr AK Baruah, in his address, presented the highlights of research and development activities of the institute in re-

cent times. He said the institute will be working hard to convert the adverse situation it was facing into advantages and overcome the odds.

Sustainability, quality production, irrigation system, pest management are key areas Tocklai was working apart from and being a partner in global research project in climate change.

Baroah said as part of the out-of-the-box ways to overcome the crisis, Tocklai was planning to develop the institute's sprawling 40 acres pristine campus with bungalows into a tea tourism hotspot.

Assam Assembly Speaker Hifendra Nath Goswami, who was the chief guest, in his speech, said he would allot Rs five crore from government funds to promote tourism. He said the Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal was aware of the crisis faced by Tocklai and has apprised Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the new Union Commerce minister Suresh Prabhu and was hopeful of a positive announcement.

Tasa, in his address expressed his concerns about the problems faced by Tocklai and said he along with Sonowal has been taking up the matter with the Centre several times including Modi and was hopeful of government intervention.



Members of the Sonari Press Club staging a sit-in protest demonstration against the killing of journalists, at Sonari in Charaideo district, on Thursday. – UB Photos

## Golakganj ready to celebrate Durga Puja

CORRESPONDENT

GAURIPUR, Sept 22: Golokganj, a mini town and an important business centre of western Assam and located on the bank of the river Gangesbari is ready to celebrate Durga Puja, the biggest festival of the year with pomp and gaiety.

This year altogether there will be 30 puja mandaps. The Chilariat Nagar Durga Puja Committee will celebrate the silver jubilee of Durga Puja with various programmes. Various competitions will mark the occasion among the Puja rev-

ellers.

Meanwhile, the local administration had held a public meeting and an immersion committee was formed as immersion takes place on the Ekadashi Tithi here traditionally.

The administration declared three prizes for maintaining discipline during the period of Puja. The committee has also been requested to install CCTV camera on the premises of the Puja pandals, stated circle officer Chayanika Thakuria.

Puja. The Loknath Mandir Puja Committee fixed a budget of Rs 4 lakh and the pandal will cost Rs 1.50 lakh. The idol of Ma Durga will cost nearly rupees 75,000. The Jatradar committee of Golakganj will celebrate Durga Puja in the Purani Durga Mandir located in the heart of the town with all traditional rituals. The Bazar committee will celebrate the 99-year-old Durga Puja with various programmes. Various competitions will mark the occasion among the Puja rev-

## Organ donation motivation meet held at Tangla

CORRESPONDENT

KALAGAON, Sept 22: In order to create awareness among people on cadaver organ donation, specially among the youths, 'Rising Hands', an NGO of Tangla in association with the Zulbee Foundation, organised a programme on cadaver organ donation at Tangla recently.

Teachers and school students were present at the awareness meet besides other citizens to understand and support the cause of organ donation. Several distinguished people attended the meet including Zubee Baruah, playback singer and head of Zulbee Foundation, Amitabh Gohain, Director and Priyanka Baruah, CEO of the foundation.

Addressing the gathering, Zubee said that teenagers must understand organ donation first and then create awareness

among people. She said that organ donation was vital since millions die due to organ failure and unavailability of organs.

Supporting the organ donation campaign in Assam, Priyanka Baruah, CEO requested the people to draw the attention of the government to take necessary steps to make cadaver organ donation possible in Assam. The meet was inaugurated by social worker Boli Ram Deka, which was also addressed by Dr Bijoy Chakravorty, Superintendent, Tangla CHC and Dr Nirmal Barua, Joint Director of Health, Mangaldoi Civil Hospital.

A voluntary blood donation camp was also organised by Rising Hands in association with Mangaldoi Civil Hospital. According to Bilkam Das of Rising Hands, 35 people pledged their organs and nearly 60 persons voluntarily participated in the blood donation camp.

## 98-year-old Durga Puja at Sahpur Rajghat

CORRESPONDENT

TIHU, Sept 22: The people of greater Paschim Barakarapara will be celebrating the 98th Saradhi Durga Puja at Sahpur Rajghat with a five-day colourful programme under the aegis of Dharmapur Jyotinayini Sabha (Durga Puja) from September 26. In this connection, a strong celebration committee has been formed with Sadananda Talukdar as president, Umesh Patowary and Nagen Sarma as vice presidents and Arindab Barman as secretary.

The first day's programmes will start with a cleanliness

drive followed by the hoisting of flags by Sarbananda Talukdar, president of the celebration committee, *bentri prajatantram*, *smitriti*, *tarpitan*, tree plantation, dance competition etc. The competition will be inaugurated by Avatar Singh, a prominent dramatist. The other programmes of the remaining days will be *puijarambha*, *ojapali*, *dhula*, *sandhi puja*, 100 lamps to be lit by the DC, Nalbari, Jayanta Malla Barua, Panjaki Gohinda Medhi etc. Again, a 'Sendurana' programme among women will be inaugurated by Krishna Baruah, CEO, Nalbari Zila Parishad and Gayatri Mahan-

ta, popular artist.

It needs to be mentioned here that a religious discourse will be also held on the subject 'Significance of Saptapitri' to be attended by Umakantha Dev Sarma, retired professor, Krishna Kanta Handique Sanskrit College, Minalini Devi, president Asom Sanskrit Sahitya Sabha, Nripendra Kr Bhagawati, publication secretary, Kamrup Zila Dev Damodar Sangha, Nabajit Sarma, secretary, Asom Sanskrit Mahasabha will anchor the seminar.

Besides, Hengul Theatre

will also stage their drama on September 29, 30 and October 1 to enthrall the public.

## Govt team visits 74th Sabha session venue

CORRESPONDENT

TINSUKIA, Sept 22: As per the direction of the Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, a team of the State government led by the Principal Secretary, Higher Education, Government of Assam, Ajoy Tiwari visited the venue of the 74th session of Assam Sahitya Sabha at Ritupather and Mohong Pathar under Buridilung Mauza of Margherita subdivision on Thursday.

The team comprised Deputy Commissioner, Oinam Sanikumar Singh, Superintendent of Police, Mugdha Jyoti Mahanta, officers of Public Works Department, ASEB etc., of both Tinsukia and Dibrugarh districts, SDO (Civil), Margherita Bikrambari, CEO of Tinsukia Zila Parishad, Lakhminda Gogoi besides local MP, Rameswar Teli, MLAs of Tinsukia, Margherita and Digboi, Sanjay Kishan, Bhaskar Sharma and Suren Phukan respectively and prominent office bearers of Assam Sahitya Sabha including the President of Tinsukia unit of the Sabha, Prabin Bora.

The team, among other topics, discussed the facilities of water and power supply, road communication etc., for the Sabha session. The team also interacted with the locals and assured them to make the Sabha session a grand success. The Principal Secretary and other officers including the Deputy Commissioner appealed the people to extend cooperation for the success of the session.

On September 15 evening, violence broke at the garden during the process of bonus payment after a mob comprising garden workers turned violent after a word a spread that the management had paid them less bonus instead of the maximum rate of 20 per cent as announced by the company earlier.

A senior Labour department official here said on Thursday

## Unauthorised parking of commercial vehicles

## Lawyers' group moves court

CORRESPONDENT

MANGALDAI, Sept 22: Disappointed with the alleged apathy of the authority concerned to check the unauthorised use of the busy stretch of the NH-15 within the Mangaldai municipal area by commercial vehicles, a group of lawyers of Mangaldai led by senior lawyer and prominent human rights activist Jayanta Deka recently moved the court appealing its interference over the matter.

They pointed out that commercial passenger vehicles use the entire stretch of NH-15 within the municipal area as their parking station much to the inconvenience of other road users thereby turning the nation-

al highway into a unsafe place for private vehicular movement or pedestrian traffic.

Moreover, these passenger vehicles owners totally ignore the two designated parking station located at Begumkhali and Bluebarghat on the edges of the NH at a distance of some three kilometer. And, in stead, they park their vehicles along the highway.

The worst affected areas are eastern side of the Ram Janmabhumi temple near no. 1 traffic police point and the Bluebarghat Chariali. With almost all the important offices and institutions located in this stretch of the road including DC office, Mangaldai Police Station, Revenue Circle Office, Mangaldai College, Mangaldai Town

Girls' HS School etc., walking in the area during peak hours becomes perilous.

The manner in which these vehicle owners park their vehicles on the NH treating it as their own yard has caused public nuisance and such nuisance has badly affected the free and safe movement of common men including the petitioners.

The petitioners demanded

before the court to declare the said stretch of the NH-15 within the municipal area as 'Parking Free Area' and no passenger vehicle should be allowed to use that stretch of the highway for picking up and dropping passengers. The petition was filed on the provisions of the National Highway (Land & Traffic) Act-2002.

## Labour dept's clean chit to TE over bonus payment

CORRESPONDENT

JORHAT, Sept 22: The Labour department on Thursday gave a clean chit to the management of Heleekhal Tea Estate at Kharikhati under Mariani police station over allegations levelled against the management of paying less amount of bonus to the workers, the workers.

On September 15 evening, violence broke at the garden during the process of bonus payment after a mob comprising garden workers turned violent after a word a spread that the management had paid them less bonus instead of the maximum rate of 20 per cent as announced by the company earlier.

The report stated that "after verification of registers and other records of the garden, the calculation of bonus was found to be correct and without any discrepancy" of the workers to the workers.

The estate management had declared lockdown on Saturday immediately, which was withdrawn on Tuesday after talks were held under the mediation of the La-

bour department on Monday evening between management and the workers' union in presence of officials of Titabar subdivisional administrative and the Police department.

The management earlier had outrightly rejected the allegation of paying less and termed it as a 'rumour' which was spread by some 'mischievous mongers' when the payment of bonus was under way.

Though the manager had tried to pacify the mob on September 15, but the mob failed to understand and resorted to stone-pelting and damaged the manager's office chamber. A police team, subsequently, arrived in the garden and brought the situation under control.

## Contributions of Dr Syama Prasad Mookherjee recalled

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dr Mookherjee ensured that the same attitude and farsighted approach to lead India." The inaugural session of the event was chaired by Prof Dilip Chandra Nath, Vice Chancellor of Assam University Silchar who lauded the efforts of Subimal Bhattacharjee, the director of Jookto for such a noble initiative. Dr KP Chakraborty, who was once the polling agent of Dr Mookherjee, also shared his experiences of working with the legendary political personality.

Monalisa Goswami Sarma delivering a speech on the occasion of World Alzheimer's Day at a function organised by Karunadbari Nyas & Karunadbari Sonitpur Zila Samiti, at Tezpur on Thursday. – UB Photos

## Share taxi routes extended

GUWAHATI, Sept 22: The Regional Transport Authority of Kamrup (Metro) has extended the share taxi routes in two sections of the city.

Patharkuchi-Patharkuchi route has been extended up to Bonda via Bonda-Sopaidang and the Kha-

npara-Kalitakuchi route has been extended up to Bonda via Six Mile. — Staff Reporter

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Arunachal media condemns killing

ITANAGAR, Sept 22: The media fraternity in Arunachal Pradesh condemned the killing of Tripura journalist Santanu Bhownick, saying it was an attempt to "muzzle" the freedom of the press.

A joint statement issued by the Arunachal Press Club (APC), Arunachal Pradesh Union of Working Journalists (APUW) and Arunachal Electronic Media Association (AEMA) said, "such brute force should be dealt with an iron hand, so that crusaders of truth are protected."

Expressing solidarity with the family members of the deceased and the press fraternity of Tripura, the joint statement demanded exemplary punishment for the perpetrators involved in the killing.

"It is an inhuman act and an attempt to muzzle the independent voice and freedom of the press," the joint statement said. The statement also demanded that Tripura government should ensure safety of the journalists. - PTI

### 35 NCC cadets conferred with Governor's Medal

GANGTOK, Sept 22: Sikkim Governor Shrimanta Patil today conferred medals to 35 NCC cadets from the state for their participation in various national and state level events.

The cadets were presented with the medals by Governor Patil. First Lady Rajani Devi Patil, and senior State Government officers at the Ashirwad Hall here.

C P Upadhyaya, Additional Chief Secretary said the event was a historic moment for the tiny Himalayan State.

The 35 cadets from different institutions across the State were recognised for their professional excellence and devotion to duty since joining the National Cadet Corps, he said.

Upadhyaya said that Sikkim was the only State in the entire nation that has the highest concentration of NCC cadets as per population as compared to the rest of the country.

The Governor said that he was elated that such an event was being held for the first time in Sikkim. - PTI

## Home Ministry urged to publish status report on killing of scribes

### SPL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI, Sept 22: Protesting the killing of Santanu Bhownick, a group of journalists today urged the Union Home Ministry to publish a status report on killing of journalists.

A protest meeting called by the Press Club of India, North East Media Forum (NEMF), Indian Women's Press Corp (IWPC), Press Association and Federation of Press Clubs, have also decided to stage a protest march on October 2 in defence of the rights of journalists.

The protest meeting was held to condemn the killing of Bhownick, who was killed on Wednesday in Tripura was ad-

dressed by senior journalists belonging to both electronic and print media including Rajdeep Sardesai, Nalin Singh, Amit Baru, Gautam Lahiri, Vinay Kumar, Jay Hazarika, Nadeem Kazmi and Partha Bora among others.

"The meeting resolved that the attacks on journalists is a worrying trend and unacceptable in a democracy like ours. We demand that concerned State Governments should take stern action under Indian laws against those involved in intimidating and killing of journalists.

As majority of journalists are without any social security benefits like pensions or health insurance, and many of whom are sole bread earners in their families,

the meeting demanded that the State Governments should establish journalists' welfare funds to meet the conditions of precarious employment, social and health security of journalists.

"In view of the growing attacks on journalists and attempts to polarise journalists, we urge the journalists' community to be vigilant against divisive forces and remain united in the interests of strengthening Indian democracy and the freedom of the Press," the resolution said.

Meanwhile, the killing of 28-year-old journalist Shanhanu Bhownick in the course of his work in Mandai, Tripura, is another sickening assault on freedom of expression. Amnesty International India said today.



A school being submerged by flood waters in Imphal on Friday. The State has been witnessing a series of floods for the past several months. - Photo: Correspondent

## PPA urges BJP for concrete policy on Chakma-Hajong refugees

ITANAGAR, Sept 22: The People's Party of Arunachal Pradesh (PPA) has called upon the BJP Government in the State to come out with clear policies on the Chakma-Hajong refugee issue.

The PPA suggested that the State Government should hold a referendum of all the Legislators, MPs, representatives of various political parties, civil societies and student organisations to draw a concrete strategy to tackle uniquely the sensitive issue.

"There has to be a policy based on legislation within the framework of Bengal Eastern

Frontier Regulation Act, 1873," the PPA said in a statement here today.

The Act is a regulation for peace in certain districts on the eastern frontier of Bengal.

Pointing out that regional political parties could also safeguard the interest and sanctity of indigenous tribal communities to Chakma-Hajong refugees, so that rights of indigenous people of Arunachal Pradesh are not diluted.

The Minister's remarks, however, came days after he stated that a "middle ground" would be chosen so that the 2015 Supreme Court order can be honoured and the rights of the local

population are not diluted.

"The recent statement of Kiren Rijiju is contradictory to his earlier statements on the issue," PPA secretary-general Kaling Jerang said in the statement.

The Union Home Ministry's decision to grant citizenship to Chakma and Hajong refugees in North East has evoked resentment in the State.

All the Arunachal Pradesh Students' Union (APSU) had called for a state-wide bandh in protest against the Centre's move, on September 19, which was marred by violence. - PTI

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## AMRIT pharmacy inaugurated

SHILLONG, Sept 22: Debt-ridden, Meghalaya Energy Corporation Limited (MECL) would foot worth Rs 800 crore, with the State Government as the guarantee.

She said there are cases where patients stopped treatment due to unaffordable costs of medicines expressing hope that this pharmacy will serve its purpose for the benefit of the State.

Besides cancer and cardiovascular medicines and implants, the pharmacy will also provide medicines for other diseases as well, she said, adding that Amrit Pharmacy outlets will also be set up at the Ganesh Das Maternal and Child Hospital and other government hospitals in the State. - PTI

At the inaugural function, Wajri lauded the initiative taken by the Government of India to facilitate the setting up of Amrit pharmacy in the State hospital where patients

Mizoram gets new Minister

### CORRESPONDENT

from the weaker section of society can afford to buy medicines at a highly subsidised rate.

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## Meghalaya Energy Corporation to issue bonds

### STAFF CORRESPONDENT

SHILLONG, Sept 22: Debt-ridden, Meghalaya Energy Corporation Limited (MECL) would foot worth Rs 800 crore, with the State Government as the guarantee.

Informing about the decision, Chief Minister, Mukul Sangma said after a Cabinet meeting that the power department, MECL and a private company would together float the bonds.

He said the bonds would be floated for a period of 10 years. During the current fiscal, MECL's projected earning has been placed at Rs 800 crore whereas its estimated expenditure is Rs 1175 crore, leaving a cash flow gap of Rs 287 crore.

Sangma termed the floating of bonds as a "mini-fiscal reform" of the MECL. The Government has been constantly bailing out the debt-ridden corporation over the years.

"The MECL would be able to narrow the gap of the cash flow," Sangma added.

Meanwhile, the Cabinet also decided to constitute a corpus fund of Rs. 35 crore to compensate for any delay in payment of wages to its four lakh job-card holders under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act.

Sangma said it's mandatory under MGNREGA that job-card holders are compensated in the event of late payment of their dues, at the rate of 0.5 per cent of their total dues.

"The corpus fund would not only address the issue of compensation, but also be able to provide payment if there is delay in release of funds from the Centre," he added.

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## Rally in Agartala to protest journalist killing

### CORRESPONDENT

streets of the capital town.

Senior journalists from various newspapers took part in the rally demanding strong punishment against the culprits involved in the brutal killing.

Police have already arrested two suspected killers but others still remain at large putting a question mark on the police role.

Although there is no fresh violence in trouble-torn Jirania subdivision, Assam Rifles jawans have already begun operations in vulnerable pockets. In some areas, prohibitory order has remained in place as

part of precautionary measures.

Keeping in mind of growing subversive activities of IPFT supporters, Chief Minister Manik Sarkar held a high-level meeting with the top security officials yesterday.

Chief Secretary Sanjeev Ranjan, DGP AK Sulda and top officials of Assam Rifles, BSF and CRPF joined the meeting where overall law and order situation was reviewed.

In the meeting, the Chief Minister stressed that the law enforcement agencies must deliver to maintain peace and tranquility in the state.

No. ATDC/C/S/585/2017/

### PRESS NOTICE (QCBS)

Date: 21-9-2017

Managing Director, Assam Tourism Development Corporation Ltd., Paltanbazar, Guwahati-8 invite Bids for the following work from the contractor registered under ATDC Ltd., APWD, CPWD and other State and Central organization. Public sector undertaking in appropriate category having experience in similar nature of works.

State/ Package	Name of work	Approx. value of work (In Rs.)	Time of completion	Bid security (In Rs.)	Cost of Bid Document (In Rs.)	Class of Bidder
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Details of the Bid may be seen at e-procurement portal : [www.assamtenders.gov.in](http://www.assamtenders.gov.in), ATDC portal : [www.assamtendersonline.com](http://www.assamtendersonline.com) and also in the office of the undersigned during office hours from 11.00 AM of 10.10.2017 to 2.00 PM of 17.10.2017.

The bidders must be enrolled in [www.assamtenders.gov.in](http://www.assamtenders.gov.in).

Sd/- Managing Director,  
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### TENDER NOTICE NO. 01 OF 2017-18

Sealed tender in prescribed form eventually to be drawn up in APWD F-2 form affixing Court fee stamp of Rs. 8.25 (Rupees eight and paisa twenty five) only are hereby invited from the registered Contractors of Irrigation Deptt./reputed firms for the following works and will be received up to 2.00 P.M. of 07.10.2017 and will be opened at 2.15 P.M. of the same date in presence of the tenders/ firms or their authorized agents if any, who would like to present at the time of opening.

Sl. No.	Name of work	Estimated value	Earnest Money	Time of completion
1.	B 8 & shallow Tube Well by 2(two) HP Electric Driven Single phase submersible Pump set in different MAC constituency under Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council = [35 thirty five Points ]	Rs.1,76,545.00 x 35 = Rs.61,79,075.00	2% ( 1 % in case of SC/ST/OBC )	30(thirty) days

Details particulars, terms & conditions etc may be collected from the Office of the undersigned on written request by depositing Rs. 100.00 (Rupees One hundred) Only in Cash on all working days up to 5 p.m. of 06.10.2017.

If last day of receipt of tenders fall in holiday or "BANDH" the tender will be received on the next working day remaining all terms and condition same.

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Executive Engineer,  
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No. MCH/2017/18943

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2. The tender documents containing detailed information terms and conditions for the purpose can be downloaded from website [www.assammedicalcollege.in](http://www.assammedicalcollege.in). Those who download the tender document from website should enclose the DD/Bankers cheque for Rs. 500/- (Rupees five thousand only) non-refundable and EMD of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees one lakh only) should be paid in the form of Demand draft in favour of the Superintendent, AMCH payable at SBI Assam Medical College Hospital, Branch. The tender documents are not transferable.

3. Sealed Tender duly superacted "Tender for outsourcing of dietary services" addressed to the undersigned may be sent by post so as to reach by 10 AM or before (date) or deposited in the Tender Box installed at office of the Superintendent, Assam Medical College Hospital, Dibrugarh. Tender received after stipulated date/time shall not be entertained under any circumstances. The Tender will be opened in the presence of the tenders/ firms or their authorized agents who are likely to be present.

4. Any future clarification and/or corrigendum(s) shall be communicated through [www.assamtenders.gov.in](http://www.assamtenders.gov.in).

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#### Key Dates:

Sl. No.	Scheduled	Start Date	Start Time	End Date	End Time
1.	e-Tender Publishing	23/09/2017	11:00 AM	—	—
2.	e-Tender Download	25/09/2017	11:00 AM	09/11/2017	12:00 Noon
3.	Pre-Bid meeting	12/10/2017	11:30 AM	O/o The Directorate of Medical Education, Assam	
4.	Bid Submission	13/10/2017	12:00 Noon	09/11/2017	12:00 Noon

Superintendent  
Assam Medical College Hospital  
Dibrugarh

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### INFORMATION FOR E-BID (IFB)

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The detailed information of bidding documents is available in online through e-procurement system i.e. through website [www.assamtenders.gov.in](http://www.assamtenders.gov.in). The bidders would be required to register in the website for submission of the bids. The bidders are required to have Digital Signature (DSC) from any of the Certifying Authorities. Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-procurement may obtain the same by registering in the [www.assamtenders.gov.in](http://www.assamtenders.gov.in). The requirements to register with the e-procurement portal are available on the website indicated above. The tenders fees is non refundable and payable in favour of the Director of Medical Education, Assam, Siem Reap, Khanapara, Guwahati-781022, at SBI-Dispur (Guwahati) Branch.

Sd/- Director of Medical Education,  
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**Ukrainian envoy's phone snatched**

NEW DELHI, Sept 22: Ukrainian Ambassador Igor Polikha's mobile phone was snatched while he was taking pictures of the Red Fort, the police said today.

Polikha was alone at the time of the incident that happened on Wednesday morning. He was clicking pictures of the Red Fort while standing on a road near the monument when a man came towards him, they said. In his complaint, the envoy claimed that the man snatched his iPhone within seconds and fled from there.

Senior officers claimed that they have clues to the accused and are scanning CCTV footages from the area. They have rounded up more than 100 suspects and are questioning them.

Policeman said Polikha is a photography enthusiast. His phone contained pictures he had clicked and some personal information. — PTI

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**2 new observers appointed at disputed Ayodhya site**

AYODHYA, Sept 22:  
Two Additional District Judges have been appointed as observers at the Babri Masjid-Ram Janambhoomi site in Ayodhya by the Allahabad High Court.

The observers are Additional District Judge, Basti, Ifran Ahmad and Additional District Judge, Faizabad, Amrejat Tripathi. They will submit fortnightly reports to the Supreme Court on the disputed site's status quo and the adjacent excess area that was occupied.

Faizabad Divisional Commissioner and Receiver (Authorised Person) of the disputed site, Manoj Mishra told PTI, "On the apex court's

instructions, the Allahabad High Court appointed the new observers."

The judges will start their job as observers from Sunday, he said.

A three-judge special bench of the apex court had on September 11 ordered to replace judges TM Khan and SK Singh who were appointed by the high court in March 2003, during an excavation conducted by the ASI at the Babri site.

The bench headed by Chief Justice Dipak Misra passed the order after senior advocate Rakesh Dwivedi, appearing for the Allahabad High Court, registry, informed it that one of the observers has

retired and the second one elevated as a judge of the high court.

The apex court had on Sept 11 said it would commence the final hearing in the long-standing dispute from December 5, the eve of 25th anniversary of the Babri Masjid's demolition.

The court had reached a consensus on commencing the hearing on a total of 13 appeals filed against a 2010 judgement of the Allahabad High Court in four civil suits.

The high court had ruled a three-way division of the disputed 2.77 acre area at Ayodhya among the parties - the Sunni Waqf Board, the Nirmohi Akhara and Lord Ram Lalla (deity). — PTI

**CBI again summons Lalaji, Tejaswi**

NEW DELHI, Sept 22: The CBI has issued fresh summonses to RJD supremo Lalu Prasad and his son Tejaswi Prasad Yadav for questioning in connection with alleged graft in giving maintenance contracts of two IRCTC hotels to a private firm, officials said today.

Lalu, a former Railway Minister, has been asked to appear on September 25, and Tejaswi the next day, CBI sources said.

They had earlier been called on September 11 and 12 but Lalu did not turn up, citing an ongoing case in Ranchi where his presence was required, while Tejaswi claimed he had political commitments to take care of.

The CBI has alleged that Lalu, as Railway Minister, had ordered maintenance of two hotels run by Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC), a subsidiary of the Indian Railways, in Ranchi and Puri to Sujata Hotel, a company owned by Vinay and Viji Kochhar, in return for a prime plot of three acres in Patura through a benami company. — PTI

**Cow vigilism SC asks 22 States to file compliance reports**

NEW DELHI, Sept 22: The Supreme Court today asked the Chief Secretaries of 22 States to file compliance reports in pursuance of its order on laying down a mechanism to sternly deal with cow vigilante groups, saying "nobody can wash off their hands".

The top court, on September 6, had directed all 29 States and seven Union Territories (UTs) to take steps to stop violence in the name of cow protection and asked them to appoint a senior police officer as the nodal officer in every district within a week to check such vigilante groups.

A bench, headed by Chief Justice Dipak Misra, said, "Let the compliance reports be filed... Nobody can wash off their hands (from their duty). We will give directions to all the States." — PTI

**QUOTATION NOTICE**

No. ACE-18/TECH/Qn/Pt-II/2017-18/13

Dated 21/09/2017

Sealed quotation are invited from the eligible Firm/Contractors affixing a non-refundable court fee stamp of Rs.8.25 (Rupees eight & Paisa twenty-five only) with a validity period of 180 days, for Installation of EPBAX in the office of the Asst. Executive Engineer, PWD Udagul Rural Road Sub-Division BTC, Udagul and will be received by the undersigned upto 12.00 Noon on 07-10-2017 and will be opened on the same date & Place at 2.00 PM in presence of quotainer or their authorized agent.

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## Pak rakes up Kashmir at UN, warns India against 'limited war' doctrine

UNITED NATIONS, Sep 22 (PTI) Pakistan Prime Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi today urged the UN to appoint a special envoy to Kashmir and warned India against pursuing the doctrine of "limited war" against its country, saying it will evoke a strong and "matching response".

Abbas in his maiden address to the UN General Assembly, raked up the Kashmir issue, alleging that the struggle of the people in the Valley is being "brutally suppressed" by India.

In his anti-India rhetoric, Abbas accused India of indulging in terror activities against

Pakistan and warned of a "matching response" if it "ventures across the LoC (Line of Control)" or acts upon its "doctrine of limited war" against the country.

The Kashmir dispute should be resolved justly, peacefully and expeditiously. As India is unwilling to re-

sume the peace process with Pakistan, we call on the Security Council to fulfil its obligation to secure the implementation of its own resolutions on Jammu and Kashmir," he added.

He said the UN Secretary General should appoint a special envoy on Kashmir. "His

mandate should flow from the longstanding but unimplemented resolutions of the Security Council."

He lamented that despite over 600 ceasefire violations on the India-Pakistan border since January this year, Pakistan has acted with restraint. "But if India does venture

across the LoC, or acts upon its doctrine of limited war against Pakistan, it will evoke a strong and matching response," he said.

The Pakistani prime minister said the "legitimate struggle for self-determination" of the people of Jammu and Kashmir continues to be "brutally suppressed" by Indian security forces.

Abbasi, who assumed office few months ago, mentioned Kashmir a total of 17 times and India 14 times among other things in his speech.

He also claimed that from day one of its creation, Paki-

stan has faced "unremitting hostility" from its eastern neighbour (India).

"India refuses to implement the unanimous resolutions of the UN Security Council, which mandate a UN supervised plebiscite to enable the people of Jammu and Kashmir to freely decide their destiny," he said. — PTI



A demonstrator wears an EU-themed face mask and carries Italian and British flags ahead of a speech by Britain's Prime Minister Theresa May in Florence, Italy on Friday. — UNI

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Online applications are invited for the following posts as shown below under the establishment of the Principal-cum-Chief Superintendent, Tezpur Medical College & Hospital, Tazpur which will be available at the office website of Directorate of Medical Education, Assam ([www.dmeassam.gov.in](http://www.dmeassam.gov.in)) from 25.09.2017 to 13.10.2017 till midnight.

It is hereby notified for information of all concerned that the written/interviews held in regard to below mentioned posts vide earlier advertisement No. Janasanayog/9234/13, No. Janasanayog/5325/14, No. Janasanayog/3331/15 and No. Janasanayog/1103/15 are hereby stands cancelled.

Those candidates who had already applied to any of the post mentioned in this advertisement in response to our earlier advertisement should apply fresh. However, such candidates need not pay the application/examination fee again along with their online application in response to this advertisement.

Sl. No.	Name of Posts	Minimum educational qualification	Scale of Pay	Total No. of Vacant Post	Category Reservation
1	Laboratory Technician	HSSLC(Sc.) or equivalent with Diploma Certificate in Laboratory Technician from Govt. recognized Institute.	14,000/-48,000/- GP 6,200	26	Backlog STH-3 UR-13 OSCMOBC-8 SC-1 STP-2 STH-1
2	Physiotherapist	Degree/Diploma of Physiotherapy from Govt. recognized Institute.	14,000/-49,000/- GP 7,400	2	UR-1 OSCMOBC-1
3	Prosthetic/Oncotic Technician	Bachelor Degree/Diploma in Orthotic Technician Course from a Govt. recognized Institute.	14,000/-49,000/- GP 6,200	2	UR-1 OSCMOBC-1
4	Speech Therapist	HSSLC(Sc.) or equivalent with Degree in Speech Therapy from a State Central Govt. recognized Institute.	14,000/-49,000/- GP 6,200	2	UR-1 OSCMOBC-1
5	Assistant Physiotherapist	Degree/Diploma in Physiotherapy from Govt. recognized Institute.	14,000/-49,000/- GP 6,800	1	UR
6	Radiographer	HSSLC (Sc.) or equivalent with Radiographer Technician Certificate/Diploma or equivalent from any Medical College of Assam or any other Govt. of Assam.	14,000/-49,000/- GP 6,200	2	UR-1 OSCMOBC-1
7	ECG Technician	Certificate/Diploma in ECG Technician Course or Diploma in Cardiac Care Technique.	14,000/-49,000/- GP 5,600	1	UR
8	OT Technician	HSSLC (Sc.) or equivalent with Diploma in OT Technician Course from Govt. recognized Institute.	14,000/-49,000/- GP 6,200	4	UR-2 OSCMOBC-1
9	Audio-Visual Technician	IT passed Certificate unreleased NCVT certificate in TV Mechanic.	14,000/-49,000/- GP 6,800	1	UR
10	Audiometry Technician	Bachelor Degree in Audiometry and speech pathology or equivalent as per N.P.C.D Guidelines	14,000/-49,000/- GP 6,200	1	UR
11	Animal House Technician	HSSLC or equivalent with Diploma in Animal Operation or its equivalent from recognized Institute.	14,000/-49,000/- GP 5,600	1	UR
12	Multi Rehabilitation Worker	HSSLC (Sc.) or equivalent from recognized board with Diploma in Multi Rehabilitation worker/MR Technician Course from recognized Institute.	14,000/-49,000/- GP 5,600	4	UR-3 OSCMOBC-1
13	Dresser	HSSLC (Sc.) with Diploma in Physician Assistant Course/OT Technical course.	14,000/-49,000/- GP 5,000	2	UR-1 OSCMOBC-1
14	Technician (Radiotronics)	HSSLC (Sc.) or equivalent with Diploma in Radiotronics Technician Course from a Govt. recognized Institute.	14,000/-49,000/- GP 6,200	2	UR-1 OSCMOBC-1
15	Dark Room Assistant	HSSLC (Sc.) or equivalent with 1 year experience in Dark Room related X-Ray processing works	14,000/-49,000/- GP 5,000	6	UR-3 OSCMOBC-2 STP-1
16	Dental Technician	HSSLC (Sc.) or equivalent with 2 year diploma in Dental Technician.	14,000/-49,000/- GP 6,200	4	UR-3 OSCMOBC-1
17	Modeler	HSSLC with training in Modeler in Medical colleges of the state	14,000/-49,000/- GP 6,200	5	UR-3 OSCMOBC-1 STP-1
18	Occupational Therapist	Diploma in Physiotherapy	14,000/-49,000/- GP 7,400	2	UR-1 OSCMOBC-1

**Reservation:** Reservation of posts for different categories woman candidates and physically handicapped candidates will be as per prevailing Govt. rules.

**Age:** Candidates should not be less than 18 years and not above 43 years as on 01.01.2017. The upper age limit is relaxable by 5 years for SC, STP, STH candidates only.

**Fees:** The application fee of Rs. 250/- (Rupees Two Hundred Only) for General Category candidates and Rs. 150/- (Rupees One Hundred Only) only for SC, ST, STP & STH categories candidates. They may apply online through the website ([www.dmeassam.gov.in](http://www.dmeassam.gov.in)) for the application form. The application fee is non-refundable. The application fee is to be paid while filling the online application form. No fee is required for BPL candidates and they are required to upload their BPL certificate from the competent authority for such exemption of fee along with the application. Candidates who had applied earlier should upload the Admit Card/Call Letter issued earlier in repeat of the post applied for towards fee exemption.

#### Terms & conditions:

- Interested candidates shall have to fill up the online Application Forms available at the official website of Directorate of Medical Education ([www.dmeassam.gov.in](http://www.dmeassam.gov.in))
- Two recent documents in original will be produced at the time of document verification and photocopies of all certificates etc. etc. to be submitted:
  - 2 (two) Copies of recent passport size colour photograph duly self attested.
  - BPL card or birth certificate for age proof.
  - All marks sheets and pass certificates.
  - Cast certificate (where applicable).
  - Proof of residence certificate.
  - Employment Exchange Registration Certificate. Certificate of training experience Extra Curricular etc.
  - Admit Card issued earlier in respect of the post applied for, if applicable.
- Detailed list of eligible candidates for each post along with the details of written test shall be notified in due course of the time and shall be displayed in the website [www.dmeassam.gov.in](http://www.dmeassam.gov.in). The date of uploading in the website shall be published in the local newspaper for information of the eligible candidates.

**Sd/- Principal-cum-Chief Superintendent**  
Tezpur Medical College & Hospital, Tezpur

## 13 dead as Hurricane Maria pummels Puerto Rico

SAN JUAN, Sept 22: Puerto Rico was today battling dangerous flooding after Hurricane Maria ravaged the island, as the death toll there jumped to 13 and authorities rescued nearly 700 people from high waters.

Puerto Rico Governor Ricardo Rossello called *Maria* the most devastating storm in a century after it destroyed the US territory's electricity and telecommunications infrastructure.

"Part of the island is lacking communications so what we have are some preliminary assessments about 13 deaths at this juncture," he told CNN early today.

"We're 24 hours post-hurricane warning and right now our efforts are to make sure we have everybody safe, that we can rescue people. Our efforts have already produced almost 700 rescues so we're clearly focused on that."

The National Hurricane Centre said some areas in Puerto Rico could see 40 inches (more than a metre) of rain from *Maria*, and Rossello warned of dangerous mudslides brought on by the deluge.

"We have a lot of flooding, we have reports of complete devastation of vulnerable housing. Of course it's still raining over here."

*Maria* was blamed for at least 23 deaths, including 15 in Dominica, three in Haiti and two in Guadeloupe.

"Puerto Rico is absolutely obliterated," US President Donald Trump told reporters yesterday after declaring the territory's 3.4 million people a disaster area, a move that will free up emergency relief funding.

"Puerto Rico is in a very, very, very tough shape," he said. — AFP

## UNSC warns against holding Iraqi Kurd vote

UNITED NATIONS, Sept 22: The UN Security Council has warned that a referendum planned for Monday could hinder efforts to help refugees return home and weaken the military campaign against the Islamic State group.

In an unanimous statement, the 15-member council yesterday said the referendum planned for Monday could hinder efforts to help refugees return home and weaken the military campaign against the Islamic State group.

The move heightened pressure on Iraqi Kurds leaders to call off the vote after Turkey and Iraq urged them to abandon the plan that is also opposed by the United States.

Council members "expressed concern over the potentially destabilising impact of the Kurdish regional government's plans to unilaterally hold a referendum next week," said the statement.

"The planned referendum is scheduled to be held while counter-ISIL (Daesh) operations – in which Kurdish forces have played a critical role – are ongoing," it added.

The council urged "dialogue and compromise" to address differences between the Iraqi government and the regional authorities.

Iraqi Kurds will vote on September 25 in the non-binding referendum on whether to declare independence in a region that has already been autonomous since the aftermath of the 1991 Gulf War.

The United States has warned it may not be able to help Iraq's Kurds negotiate a better deal with the Iraqi government if they go ahead with an independence vote.

US Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Sunday urged the Iraqi Kurds to scrap the referendum and offered UN help to negotiate a new political deal between Baghdad and the Kurds. — AFP



## Uber loses licence to operate in London

LONDON, Sept 22: In a major blow to Uber, London's transport regulator announced today that it will not renew the US-based ride-hailing app firm's licence, citing "public safety and security implications".

Transport for London (TfL) concluded that it does not believe Uber to be a "fit and proper" operator as a taxi company for the streets of London. Uber's licence to operate in the British capital will expire on September 30.

"TfL has concluded that Uber London Limited is not fit and proper to hold a private hire operator licence," TfL said. "Uber's approach and conduct demonstrate a lack of corporate responsibility and concern for the public, which have potential safety and security implications," the regulator said in a statement. TfL said that it was particularly concerned about Uber's approach to reporting serious criminal offences and its approach to how medical certificates are obtained, among other things.

Meanwhile, Uber said it will challenge the decision, which shows the world that "far from being open, London is closed to innovative companies".

The 3.5 million Londoners who use our app, and more than 100,000 drivers who make a living with us, will be "astounded" by this decision," it said.

Under the UK's Private Hire Vehicles Act of 1998, Uber now has 21 days to appeal and can continue to operate until that process expires. The California-based company, which was founded over eight years ago, has been faced with intense criticism in the UK over claims that it unfairly skews competition and that it has not done enough to crackdown on incidents of violence involving its drivers. — PTI

No. SIFRD-124/17/10

### PRESS NOTICE AFBD

The District Institute of Papadip & Rural Development, Government of Assam invites tenders in two bid system through e-tendering on full remuneration basis on flat rate and eligible APWD (Building) registered contractor of appropriate class for the work as mentioned below on APWD 2013-14.

The details may be seen in the website <https://www.assamtenders.gov.in> from dt. 25.09.2017 to 20.10.2017 and also in the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sl. No.	Name of work & Location	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Cost of Tender	Time allowed for Construction	Av. Annual Turn over requirement (Last 5 Years)
1	Construction of Administrative Building (G+1) for District Papadip Resource Centre at Purnima Market, Purnima, Majuli, Assam	Rs. 82,41,200.00	Rs. 1,64,824.00 (For General) & Rs. 82,41,200.00 (For SC-ST/OBC)	Rs. 3,000.00	18 (Eighteen) Months	Rs. 32,96,480.00

Note:

1. The tender should be submitted through online for the work.

2. The tender should quote rate per sq. ft. or per flat percentage basis above/below the Schedule of Rates for P.W.D. Building for all Divisions

3. The cost of bid for each of the packages must be on demand draft/banker cheque of schedule commercial bank drawn in favour of DIRECTOR, SIFRD, ASSAM payable at GUWAHATI for the amount as shown above and no security also pledged in favour of DIRECTOR, SIFRD, ASSAM in the form of TDR / FDR from any nationalized bank as per guide lines of RBI.

Janasanayog/DF/8131/17

Sd/- DIRECTOR  
SIFRD, ASSAM

### SHORT NOTICE INVITING QUOTATION

No. GEL/06/QUOTATION/45 - Sealed quotation offering non-refundable court fee stamp Rs. 0.25 (Rupees eight & paes twenty five only) are invited from the intending registered printing press for printing of draft Photo Electoral Roll w.e.f. 01.01.2018 as the qualifying date and will be received upto 2.00 PM of 03.10.2017. This will be opened the same date at 2.30 PM in present of the suppliers or his/her representatives.

Sl. No.	Name of Item	Paper size	Paper quality	Type of printing Rate	Quantity	Rate
1	Draft Photo Electoral Roll	A-4	75 GSM	Single side	Per page	
		A-4	75 GSM	Both side	Per page	

#### TERMS & CONDITION

- The rate should be quoted inclusive of cost of delivery to the Election Branch, DC's office, Goalpara.
- The rate should be quoted in figures & words.
- The rate should be quoted inclusive of all taxes.
- The rate should be quoted inclusive supply of paper.
- The quotation shall be accompanied with up-to-date certificate of income tax return (Computerized Income Tax return acknowledgement) and VAT/GST Clearance certificate.
- The quotation shall be accompanied with PAN/TIN/GRN/Trade Licence/ Bank Account with FSC number. Photo copies of all the documents should be furnished.
- Requirement of item to be supplied in stipulated time with inclusive cost.
- The office gives no assurance to L-1 bidder to award the work at his/her quoted rate. If the undersigned find that the L-1 rate on the higher side, the undersigned may negotiate with L-1 bidder at the rate deemed appropriate. The undersigned reserved the right to accept or reject any quotation without assigning any reason thereof.
- Payment will be made on receipt of payment from the Government.
- Minor mistakes in bid may be ignored by authority in order to give chance to genuine bidder and better price for this office.
- Any Congruent will be published on website only.

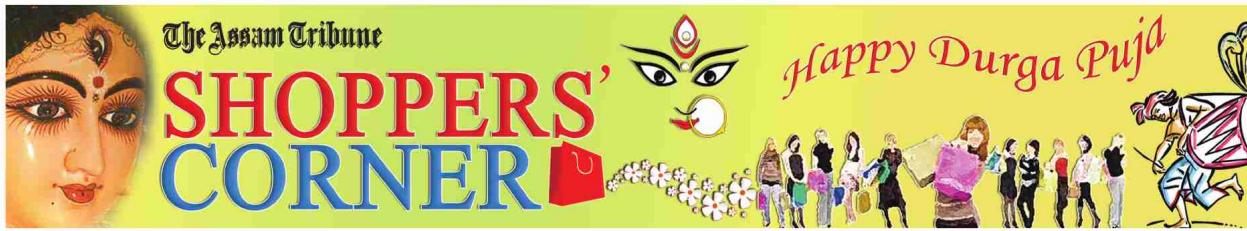
Sd/- Deputy Commissioner & District Election Officer Goalpara.  
Janasanayog/CF/1609/17

No.APCDC/MKT-4/PL/

### NOTICE (PHASE-I LOT)

It is notified to all concerned that the APCDC Ltd., having its Head Office Opposite to Sarusajai National Stadium Complex, Sawkuchi, N.H.-37, Lakhara, Guwahati-781034, Assam proposes to dispose its 7,258 (Seven Thousand, Two Hundred, Fifty-Eight) Nos. of Un-Productive Rubber Trees under Phase-I Lot located at under mentioned Rubber Estates under APCDC Ltd. by Tender-Cum-Auction. The auction will be held at 2.00 p.m. on 10 October, 2017 (Tuesday). The interested party/parties may participate in the Auction and/or Tenderer are requested to note the following Terms & Conditions -

- (1) The Tender Papers should be submitted in sealed envelope super-scripting "Tender for purchasing Un-Productive Rubber Trees" and addressed to the Managing Director, APCDC Ltd., Opposite Sarusajai National Stadium Complex, Sawkuchi, N.H.-37, Lakhara, Guwahati - 781034, Assam.
  - (2) To participate in the Tender and/or Auction, an Earnest Money Deposit Of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) only for each Rubber Estates mentioned below is to be remitted in the form of Demand Draft payable at Guwahati in favour of the Managing Director, APCDC Ltd., Tender/Auction in separate Sealed Covers super-scripting the name of Rubber Estates. The Tender Papers will be summarily rejected, if not accompanied with the Earned Money Deposit.
  - (3) On conclusion of the Auction procedures, Tenders will be opened on 10th October, 2017 at 2.00 p.m. in presence of the party/parties or in their absence if not present. The successful Bidder/Auctioneer shall be required to remit the full value at the accepted rate including AGST and CGST as applicable before felling and removal of the trees by, Demand Draft in favour of the Managing Director, APCDC Ltd., payable at Guwahati.
  - (4) The Tenders in sealed envelope and Application to participate in the Auction shall be received upto 2.00 p.m. on 10th October, 2017 (Tuesday) and under no circumstances shall be accepted after 2.00 p.m.
  - (5) Saleable of Phase-I Lot of Un-Productive Rubber Trees are in the following Rubber Estates –
- | Sl. No. | Name of Rubber Estate          | District      | No. of Trees |
|---------|--------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| 01      | Burapahar Rubber Estate        | Karbi Anglong | 474          |
| 02      | Kanchanjuri Rubber Estate      | Karbi Anglong | 251          |
| 03      | Harmoti Rubber Estate          | Karbi Anglong | 535          |
| 04      | Diffaloao Rubber Estate        | Karbi Anglong | 284          |
| 05      | Dolamara Rubber Estate         | Karbi Anglong | 450          |
| 06      | Diphali Central Rubber Nursery | Karbi Anglong | 13           |
| 07      | Chuliania Rubber Estate        | Karbi Anglong | 152          |
| 08      | Upper Delaijao Rubber Estate   | Karbi Anglong | 44           |
| 09      | Ouguri Rubber Estate           | Karbi Anglong | 2507         |
| 10      | Rongagoni Rubber Estate        | Karbi Anglong | 2548         |
- TOTAL = 7,258 Nos.
- (6) The Party/Parties offering the highest rates will have to be deposited 5% of Security Deposit on the total tendered value by Demand Draft which shall be adjusted with the sale price of the Rubber Trees in due course of time.
  - (7) The Tenderer/Auctioneer participating in the tender/auction shall be required to produce their Identity Proof viz. PAN Card, GST Registration Certificate, Income Tax Clearance Certificate, Financial Soundness Certificate etc. to the satisfaction of the Tender Committee, APCDC Ltd., Sawkuchi, Lakhara, Guwahati, Assam.
  - (8) The Tenderer may obtain the "Tender Papers" on payment of Rs.1,000/- (Rupees One Thousand) only either in Cash or in the form of Demand Draft for each Rubber Estates in the name of the Managing Director, APCDC Ltd., payable at Guwahati. The Tender Papers may also be downloaded from the Official Website [www.apcdc.org](http://www.apcdc.org).
  - (9) The Tender Committee, APCDC Ltd., reserves the right to permit/allow or not permit/not allow any person for participating in the tender/Auction without sufficient identity proof produced.
- Sd/- Managing Director,  
Assam Plantation Crops Development Corporation Ltd.,  
Opposite Sarusajai National Stadium Complex,  
Sawkuchi, N.H.-37, Lakhara, Guwahati-781034 (Assam),  
Janasanayog/CF/1594/17



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**CAPSULE****Dabur India**

NEW DELHI, Sept 22: Homegrown FMCG major Dabur India today said it has tied up with e-commerce major Amazon for an online Ayurveda marketplace which will house all Ayurvedic brands and products available in the country. – PTI

**Renault Captur**

NEW DELHI, Sept 22: French car major Renault today said it has opened bookings for premium SUV Captur which is set for launch next month. – PTI

**Reli Home Fin**

MUMBAI, Sept 22: Reli Home Finance Ltd (RHFL), the housing finance unit of Anil Ambani-controlled Reliance group, today listed its shares on the National Stock Exchange (NSE) and the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE). – PTI

**SBI Life IPO**

NEW DELHI, Sept 22: The initial share offer of SBI Life Insurance Company was oversubscribed 1.43 times so far on the last day of bidding today. – PTI

**ING Vysya Bank**  
NEW DELHI, Sept 22: Markets regulator Sebi has imposed a penalty of Rs 9 lakh on ING Vysya Bank's former official for violating insider trading regulations. – PTI

**Aditya Birla**

MUMBAI, Sept 22: Aditya Birla Sun Life AMC Ltd has launched a new fund scheme which will invest mainly in equity and equity-related securities. – PTI

**Namma TVGR**

BENGALURU, Sept 22: Namma TVGR is to hit Bengaluru's cab aggregators market next month. – PTI

**Tata Motors**

BENGALURU, Sept 22: Tata Motors today announced the commercial launch of its first compact SUV Tata Nexon here. – PTI

**MTNL staff stage protest**

NEW DELHI, Sept 22: Employees of public sector telecom firm MTNL today staged protest outside the telecom ministry, demanding immediate steps for revival of the loss-making organisation as well as to revise wage and pension.

"MTNL has been registering losses because of the Government's decision. Our demand is that the Government should take responsibility for the losses and infuse capital for the revival of the organisation," MTNL, Muzaffar Singh Convenor and General Secretary Dharam Raj Singh said.

Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd (MTNL) has been making losses since 2009-10 after it was asked to pay Rs 11,000 crore for mobile airwaves and incurred additional expenses on account of the second wage revision leading to payments revision. Its total debt stands at over Rs 15,000 crore now. – PTI

# Undue fear over high GST transition credit allayed

NEW DELHI, Sept 22: The Finance Ministry today sought to dispel concerns about Rs 65,000 crore transitional credit claims, saying that the Centre's revenue kitty will not go down because of these claims.

Over 46 lakh businesses have paid taxes to the tune of Rs 95,000 crore in July.

However, businesses also claimed credit for past taxes paid in the form of excise and service tax worth Rs 65,000 crore.

The Finance Ministry in a statement said this figure of transition credit claimed is also "not incredibly high" since

Rs 1.27 lakh crore of credit of Central Excise and Service Tax was lying as closing balance as on June 30, 2017.

It said the credit claimed by taxpayers in the TRAN-I form does not mean that they would have used all of this credit for payment of their output tax liability for July 2017.

Also, some of the credits, which are claimed in TRAN-I form may be underutilised and therefore, it may not be available to the assessee to carry forward or for utilisation.

"It is from this angle that CBEC is ex-

amining the transition credits, which are claimed by assesses in TRAN-I form in certain cases," the ministry said.

It said some assesses would have committed mistake in filing the form and hence the Government will allow facilitation of revision of TRAN-I by middle of October.

The GST Council has already extended by a month the date for filing TRAN-I form till October 31.

The ministry said Rs 95,000 crore collected by July GST is the amount actually paid in cash other than availing credit. – PTI



Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs, Arun Jaitley inaugurating the 70th AGM of Indian Bank Association, in Mumbai on Friday. – PIB

## RJIL to deliver 6 mn JioPhones in 15 days starting tomorrow

NEW DELHI, Sept 22: The delivery of about 6 million JioPhones will start on Sunday and be completed within 15 days, as per a channel partner of Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd (RJIL).

Deliveries of the low-cost 4G handsets will begin from rural areas and small towns before urban centres, the partner, who did not wish to be named, told this news agency.

"The Chairman (Mukesh Ambani) had said that the JioPhone will bridge digital divide between rural and urban India. Therefore, delivery of JioPhone will start this Sunday in rural areas and small towns," the channel partner said.

Querries sent to Reliance Jio did not elicit any response.

Pre-booking of the JioPhone started on August 24 against payment of a refundable deposit of Rs 500. The remainder Rs 1,000 has to be paid by the customer when the company starts delivering the handsets. The entire amount will be refunded against return of the phone after three years.

"The delivery of the first lot of 6 million will be completed in 10-15 days," the source said. He, however, was not aware of the dates for the next round of booking for JioPhone.

According to CyberMedia Research, a total of 61.8 million phones were shipped in the second quarter of 2017. With 6 million units of sale, JioPhone is estimated to account for around 10 per cent of India's total mobile phone market in a quarter.

Reliance Jio Chairman Mukesh Ambani had announced that voice calling for customers of JioPhone would always be free and they would get unlimited data for a month against a payment of Rs 153. JioPhone will come with pre-loaded Jio apps for messaging and entertainment. The phone can be connected with television sets for watching live TV using the Jio TV app. – PTI

## CII suggestions to bolster economy

NEW DELHI, Sept 22: Increase in public spending, relaxation of fiscal deficit target and interest rate cut by 100 basis points are some of the measures suggested by CII to stimulate the slowing economy.

The RBI is slated to announce its next round of bi-monthly monetary policy on October 4.

Furthermore, interest rate subvention in certain sectors such as exports, housing and MSME would also help raise growth.

Notably, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley has already indicated that the Government was working on additional measures to bolster the economy and an announcement would be made after consulting Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in a statement has also suggested interventions for the depreciating rupee that would increase export-related jobs.

"CII looks forward to quick growth in the GDP which we expect by the year-end as industry gets over the toothpicks related to GST," said Shobana Kammeni, President of the industry chamber.

She noted that certain segments like automotive sector and personal loans are "positive" for the economy.

Putting forth the rationale behind its demand "for an interest rate cut of 100 basis points", the CII said it would

encourage domestic demand in sectors such as affordable housing, consumer durables and construction.

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The chamber further said, "there may be need to relax the fiscal deficit targets" to accommodate stimulus measures, particularly for job-creating sectors. The FRBM Act permits a deviation of 0.5 per cent of GDP on account of exceptional circumstances.

For 2017-18, the Government aims to bring down the fiscal deficit to 3.2 per cent of the GDP. Last fiscal, it had met the deficit target of 3.5 per cent of the GDP.

Two years ago, India was touted as a rare bright spot in a gloomy global economy, with GDP growing outpacing China.

But since early 2016, GDP growth has fallen from six consecutive quarters, slumping to a three-year low of 5.7 per cent in April-June quarter, making India lose the fastest-growing economy tag to China for the second straight quarter. – PTI

## FinMin to refund Rs 600 cr to exporters

NEW DELHI, Sept 22: The Finance Ministry has decided to refund Rs 600 crore of taxes to exporters in the next few days to help them tide over problems on account of GST implementation, a Government official said today.

The ministry is staying that it is legally tenable and financially viable, the official added.

The move assumes significance as Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) Director General Ajay Sahai has said that if refund does not start flowing immediately, then about

Rs 60,000-65,000 crore would be stuck by the end of October. FIEO has time and again stated that exporters are facing liquidity problems due to the implementation of the Goods and Services Tax (GST).

Earlier, they used to get ab initio exemption on indirect taxes. But now under the GST regime, they have to pay first and then seek refund, which is a time consuming and cumbersome process. – PTI

## Equities tumble on global cues

MUMBAI, Sept 22: Budget carrier SpiceJet and online travel solutions provider Cleartrip have teamed up with Google Flights to help air travellers explore possible destinations and view live ticket prices.

Launched in India in 2015, Google Flights offers travellers the facility to explore destinations and find the best flights at affordable prices.

According to a report by Boston Consulting Group (BCG), the Indian travel market is projected to grow to USD 48 billion by 2020 with the largest contributor, travel, expected to grow at 15 per cent to USD 30 billion.

Commenting on the tri-lateral partnership, SpiceJet Chairman and Managing Director Ajay Singh said, "Google Flights is an innovative offering... This partnership enables us to provide more options to India's rapidly growing air travellers."

Google flies on airlines, online travel agents and third party data providers who choose to provide their data for inclusion into Google Flights. This data is updated in real-time and people can access Flight Search by clicking on "Flights" on the navigation bar.

After selecting the flights, users can click the "Book" button to proceed to the Cleartrip or SpiceJet website to purchase tickets. – PTI

**ADDENDUM-I**

No. CE/APCP/125/2017/Pt-I  
Ref: REOI No. CE/APCP/125/2017/PT-I dated August 30, 2017 for Application Support Services for Assam PWRD e-portal.

It is informed to all concerned that the last date of submission of Request for Expression of Interest for Application Support Services for Assam PWRD e-portal is extended up to October 13, 2017 due to technical reasons.

All other terms and conditions shall remain the same.

Sd/- Chief Engineer (ARIASP & RIDF) PWD, Assam Fatasil Ambari, Guwahati-25  
Janasanyog/CF/1599/17

**CORRIGENDUM**

The last date for submission of Tender invited by the undersigned vide the press notice No. NIIFB/2017/19.9.2017 will be on 16.10.2017 in place of 15.10.2017 till 2.00 pm as the mentioned date 15.10.2017 falls on holiday and also the dates for purchase of Tender documents from the Technical Branch of AFDC Ltd. will be from 7.10.17 to 13.10.17 instead of 7.10.17 to 15.10.17.

All other detail will remain unchanged.

Sd/- Executive Engineer  
Assam Fisheries Development Corporation Ltd.  
Guwahati-36

**E-Auction Programme for the month of October 2017**

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**ADDENDUM-II**

No. CE/APCP/125/2017/Pt-II  
Ref: REOI No. CE/APCP/125/2017/PT-II dated August 30, 2017 for Application Support Services for Assam PWRD e-portal.

It is informed to all concerned that the last date of submission of Request for Expression of Interest for Application Support Services for Assam PWRD e-portal is extended up to October 13, 2017 due to technical reasons.

All other terms and conditions shall remain the same.

Sd/- Chief Engineer (ARIASP & RIDF) PWD, Assam Fatasil Ambari, Guwahati-25  
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**MANUFACTURE AND SUPPLY OF TUNING CARBIDE TAMPING TOOLS**

No. NEC/PR/493/Diary/2018  
Tender Notice No. NEC/PR/493/Diary/2018/T-1  
Tender Value: 16.93.300/- EMD: 2017-18-TSK-T-1  
Tender Date: 09.10.2017

Corrigendum is issued of the above Tender Notice No. & No. to be issued under jurisdiction of Dy/CMM/ New Jalpaiguri (for tenders received on or before 17.09.2017 has been fixed on 09.10.2017) and Dy/EPB/ Silchar (for tenders received on or before 17.09.2017 has been fixed on 09.10.2017)

Particulars of the tender document and terms and conditions shall remain the same. For details visit website [www.nfr.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.nfr.indianrailways.gov.in)

No. DWT(T)5/7/2017/10/12

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL  
On behalf of the Transport Department, Govt. of Assam, the Directorate of Inland Water Transport (IWT), Assam, P.O-Ulibari, Guwahati-781007, invites Request for Proposal (RFP) from professional Event & Media Management Houses for selection of agency for Promotion and Event Management "Namami Barak- 2017" to be held from 18th November to 20th November 2017 at Silchar, Karimganj and Halakandi in Barak Valley, Assam. The event is organised to pay tribute to the mighty Barak River and to showcase the utilization and potential of Barak Valley to the entire nation. The RFP document shall be available on IWT's website at [www.iwt.assam.gov.in](http://www.iwt.assam.gov.in)

1. Last Date and Time of Submission of Tender: 09.10.2017 (13.00 Hrs)

2. Date and Time of opening of Tender: 09.10.2017 (14.00 Hrs)

Any clarification on the RFP may be communicated before 02.10.2017 by email at [namimbarak@gmail.com](mailto:namimbarak@gmail.com)

Sd/- Director, IWT Assam  
Ulibari, Guwahati-7

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North Eastern Council

Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

Government of India

Tender Notice for Designing and Printing of NEC Diary 2018

Sealed tenders are invited from printers with ISO 9001: 2015 Certificate for designing and printing of NEC Diary 2018. The tender documents are uploaded in the NEC website [www.necouncil.gov.in](http://www.necouncil.gov.in). Tender Form may be filled up and sent along with Earnest Money and Tender Fee as mentioned in the documents. The job is required to be done by printing presses as per the specifications, terms & conditions mentioned in the tender documents. Interested printers may submit the tender in sealed covers with all the relevant documents to the Director, Information & PR, North Eastern Council Secretariat, Nongrim Hills, Shillong - 793003 by 3.00 PM on 09.10.2017. The Technical Bids will be opened at 3.30 PM on the same day and Financial Bids of the bidders selected in the process will be opened thereafter. The successful bidder will be selected on Cost-cum-Quality basis.

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The former Chairman of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister and former Governor, Reserve Bank of India, C Ranganathan with other dignitaries at the 10th International Gold Summit in New Delhi, on Friday. – UNI



Scientists who studied the fossilised skeleton of Neanderthal child have found that the growth of our ancient relatives were no different than that of a modern-day human.

"Discerning the differences and similarities in growth patterns between Neanderthals and modern humans helps us better define our own history. Modern humans and Neanderthals

coupling of certain aspects in the transition from infancy to the juvenile phase," said Rosas. "Although the implications are unknown, this feature could be related to the characteristic enlarged shape of the Neanderthal torso, or slower brain growth," he said.

The protagonist of this study was 7.7 years old, weighed 26 kg and measured 111 centimetres at the time of death. Although the genetic analyses failed to confirm the child's sex, the canine teeth and the sturdiness of the bones showed that it to be a male.

The researchers establishes that the individual was right-handed and was already performing adult tasks, such as using his teeth as a third hand to handle sticks and plant fibres.

In addition, they know who his mother was, and that the child had a younger brother in the group. Furthermore, this child was found to have suffered from enamel hypoplasia when he was two or three years old. Hypoplasia – white spots on the teeth, especially visible in the upper incisors – occurs when the teeth have less enamel than normal, the cause usually being malnutrition or disease.

Discovered in 1994, the El Sidron cave – located in Piloña, northern Spain – has provided the best collection of Neanderthals that exists on the Iberian Peninsula.

The team has recovered the remains of 13 individuals from the cave. The group consisted of seven adults three teenagers and three younger children.

The research was published in the journal *Science*.

(Source: PTI)

## Neanderthal children

Neanderthal children grew up like modern humans: says a study

emerged from a common recent ancestor, and this is manifested in a similar overall growth rate," said Antonio Rosas, from Spanish National Research Council (CSIC).

"Applying paediatric growth assessment methods, this Neanderthal child is no different to a modern-day child," said Luis Rios a fellow researcher from CSIC.

Neanderthals had a greater cranial capacity than today's humans. Neanderthal adults had an intracranial volume of 1,520 cubic centimetres, while that of modern adult man is 1,195 cubic centimetres, researchers said.

The growth and development of this juvenile Neanderthal matches the typical characteristics of human ontogeny, where there is a slow anatomical growth between weaning and puberty.

In fact, the skeleton and dentition of this Neanderthal present a physiology which is similar to that of a sapiens of the same age, except for the thorax area, which corresponds to a child between 5 and 6 years, in that it is less developed.

The only divergent aspect in the growth of both species is the moment of maturation of the vertebral column.

In all hominids, the cartilaginous joints of the middle thoracic vertebrae and the atlas are the last to fuse, but in this Neanderthal, fusion occurred about two years later than in modern humans. "The delay of this fusion in the vertebral column may indicate that Neanderthals had a de-



## Know your DAY

By JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Saturday, Sept. 23, 2017:

This year you could be on top of your game. What is clear is your willingness to take risks in order to add to the quality of your life. You enjoy more excitement in general. Only you will be desired by several different people. Only you will be able to make them feel welcome. If you are attached to someone, you have a stronger sense of connection to the person you have had in a while. You might want to add more romance to your bond. SCORPIO seems to be starting to turn up more and more at your home.

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 could be challenged by a partner or a loved one. You might not be residing on this person as closely as you like. Make no judgments, and allow others to act in an appropriate manner. You will be delighted by what some personal news can do. Tonight: Celebrate the moment.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20) \*\*\* You're a party animal. Taurus defines the quality of your day. Someone has strong feelings for you, even if he or she doesn't openly express them. Trust your intuition, rather than make the other party feel uncomfortable. Tonight: Just be yourself, and you will be smiling!

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) \*\*\* Your next few days could be more rewarding than you had anticipated. Don't ignore the high level of creativity that seems to be flooding your mind. You might want to spontaneously throw a party or get together for your friends and loved ones. Tonight: Celebrate the moment.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) \*\*\* A family member reaches out to you. Accept this person's invitation, as a surprise could be waiting through the plans. If you are single, a flirtation could be developing into a lot more. You might be in an erratic period, but it won't end very shortly. Tonight: Avoid extremes.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\* Not only are you aware that you remain appealing to others, but many of you also seem to be proud of it. You are likely to make major purchases in order to beautify your environment. Opt to invite a dear friend or loved one over for a favorite meal. Tonight: Happy at home.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\* You could be at the end of your self-restrict. You have wanted to do some shopping either for your home or to make your life feel more efficient. Play by the rules and stay within your budget, and you'll make a good impression. Tonight: Be kind for some feedback.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\* You'll greet your birthday with a lighter attitude. As a result, you might want to treat yourself to a much coveted item that others don't even know you want. Once you let go and get into the moment, you could have difficulty getting back on track. Enjoy the fun before the fun begins!

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\* The whole story of a personal matter still needs to be shared. Perhaps a loved one has yet revealed all the facts. Perhaps this person doesn't realize how much you care about him or her. Be patient and remain diplomatic. Now, everyone will be reviser of his or her feelings.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\* All eyes look to you for leadership. The issue might be who should take the lead at a party or who should make the final decision as to what to do. You could opt not to make a suggestion, but if you don't, you might not have as good of a time. Tonight: Let the moment grab you.

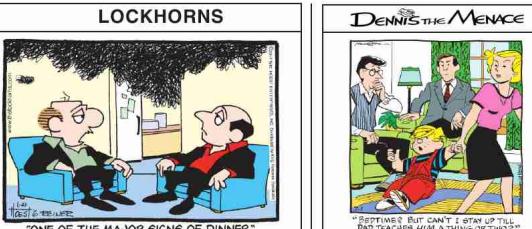
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\* You might be longing on what you want from a specific situation. There remains a possibility. Someone else also will be presented with a similar opportunity you can't make a wrong decision, but one path appears more adventurous. Tonight: Make it a late night.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\* Your desire to get past a self-imposed restriction could enhance your motivation to do something. A trip might appear as a new possibility in the near future. Use your imagination to grasp where someone else is coming from. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

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**Thought to the day**  
A diplomat... is a person who can tell you to go to hell in such a way that you actually look forward to the trip.

- CASKIE STINNETT



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## Latif got death threats, his lawyer claims

KARACHI, Sept 22: Tainted Pakistani batsman Khalid Latif, who has been banned for five years by an Anti-Corruption Tribunal of the PCB on allegations of fixing, has claimed to have received death threats.

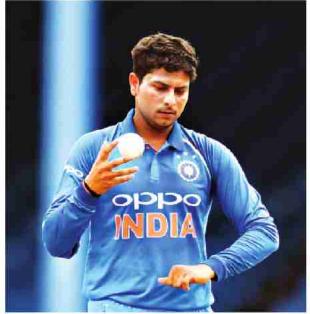
"Khalid during third week of June got a call from a private number on his cell phone and the unknown caller told him clearly that if he tried to create a nuisance or resist in the spot-fixing case he would be buried between the graves of his parents in Karachi," his lawyer, Badr Alam claimed on Geo Super channel.

Alam, who is representing Khalid in the PSL spot-fixing case since February, claimed that his client had informed him about the death threat at that time and also about some other messages and requested him (Alam) to keep silent while the spot-fixing hearing was going on before the tribunal.

"That is why I didn't say anything but now that Khalid has been banned and fined for something he didn't do, I have written to the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) drawing their attention to the matter as security is needed for my client and his family," Alam claimed.

The senior lawyer said he had no doubt that the cases of Sharjeel Khan and Khalid Latif were not as simple or black and white as they seemed or were made out to be by the PCB and its anti-corruption officials.

"I get this feeling that Khalid and Sharjeel have been given out a clear message by this syndicate that if you don't listen to us and cooperate with us you can't remain in the cricket mainstream," he said. - PTI



## Had the delivery spun in, I would not have got hat-trick: Kuldeep

KOLKATA, Sept 22: India cricket team's newest hat-trick club member Kuldeep Yadav feels that had he bowled the traditional left-arm wrist-spinner's delivery, which comes into a right-hander, he possibly wouldn't have completed the coveted milestone.

Kuldeep dismissed Matthew Wade, Ashton Agar and Pat Cummins in successive deliveries to become the third Indian bowler after

Chetan Sharma and Kapil Dev to complete a hat-trick in ODIs. Kuldeep's hat-trick victim was Cummins, who edged a wrong 'un' which Mahendra Singh Dhoni snapped up in a flash.

"For the hat-trick ball, I didn't think I would get a wicket if the ball spun in. The only way in that scenario would have been a bat-pad opportunity. There was a slip in place so I chose the wrong 'un," Kuldeep told senior

teammate Bhuvneshwar Kumar during a customary post-match interview conducted by the bcci.tv.

Kuldeep said that it was difficult to grip the ball initially which is the reason he went for a few runs in his first spell but things changed when the end was changed. "It feels really special now, as that start was not good. As the start of that I had, I never thought I would end up taking a hat-trick. I did not

bowl well from one end and it was getting difficult to grip the ball as it was getting wet.

"When my end was changed, I wanted to pick one wicket to put the pressure back on Australia. A partnership was built and it was crucial for us to get a breakthrough at that moment. I wanted to try out my variations, but was looking to land the ball in the right areas," the 22-year-old from UP said.

The familiarity with Eden Gardens surface having played last three seasons for Kolkata Knight Riders has given him a fair idea.

"Yes, I have been playing at the Eden Gardens for a few years now as it is KKR's home ground. The pitch is familiar. It felt like home ground to me today as well when I stepped out and that is why I wanted to leave a big imprint," Kuldeep said. - PTI

## We are having too many collapses: Smith



KOLKATA, Sept 22: Australia captain Steve Smith is unable to figure out why his batting line-up is falling apart in crucial situations across formats, admitting that it is happening way too often.

Chasing a modest target of 253, Australia lost their last eight wickets for 112 runs with seven of their batsmen failing to get to double digits to be bundled out for 202 in 43.1 overs.

"It's a hard to put my finger on but whatever it is. It needs to change and we need to make better decision when we are under pressure and start playing properly."

"It's not good enough," the skipper said. Smith said they must try to execute their plans in their bid to keep hopes alive during the five-match series.

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like India."

The skipper's irritation was palpable when he said that talking won't help and they need to go out there in the middle executing their plans.

"It's just easy to just sit here and say it needs to stay but when you get out in the middle, you've to change what you're doing because it's not working." Asked whether they're panicking, he said: "Not panicking as such. I thought we panicked during last game a little bit. Maybe the guys are trying to watch the ball too closely and forgetting about just playing in the deep."

Marcus Stoinis waged a lone battle with a 62 not out while Smith, in his 100th ODI, failed to convert his impressive 59 with substitute Ravindra Jadeja taking a superb forward driving catch in the deep.

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## I knew how to swing, now I also possess pace: Bhuvneshwar



KOLKATA, Sept 22: Bhuvneshwar Kumar always knew how to swing the white ball but now he feels more complete as a bowler with an ability to generate pace in the death overs.

Bhuvneshwar bowled an impressive first spell comprising pace and swing as he finished with brilliant figures of 6.1-2-9-3 including the wicket of dangerous David Warner.

India won the second ODI by 50 runs to k取 a 2-0 lead in the five-match series.

"When I first came into the

I had no clue how to go about that," Bhuvneshwar made a humble admission during the post-match news conference.

The Meerut-born pacer attributed it to the inputs from strength and conditioning coach Shankar Basu for being able to increase the pace which has immensely helped him bowling during slog overs.

"Shankar Basu introduced me to a different type of training that eventually helped me increase my pace. That, in turn, went on to help me bowl at the death too."

Bhuvneshwar said after bowling the very first delivery, he knew that conditions are ideal for swing bowling, something which has been synonymous with the Eden Gardens.

Asked about the spell, he said: "Yes, I had planned to bowl like that. As soon as I bowled the first ball, I knew there was some swing on offer. To Warner, I knew outswingers can work against him. Pitching it on the off stump and getting it to shape away." - PTI

## Would only play WC in India if security assured: PHF

KARACHI, Sept 22: The Pakistan Hockey Federation president Khalid Khokhar today threatened not to send its national team to India next year for the FIH World Cup without assurance of foolproof security and easy procurement of visa.

The PHF president told the media that during recent meetings with FIH President Narinder Batra in Dubai, he had made it clear that Pakistan team should be guaranteed top security during the World Cup in India.

"We had a very good meeting as we conveyed all our concerns to Batra and other FIH member boards. I have made it clear to them that we want assurances from FIH that we will face no problems with procurement of visa and will be given top security during the event," Khokhar claimed to have told Batra.

"I made it clear that if we face similar problems that our junior team faced in getting visas then we will not send our team to India," he added.

He said Pakistan had conveyed its reservations over the way the Indian High Commission in Islamabad had refused to issue visas for the national junior team despite the PHF applying on time for the Junior World Cup.

"Eventually our team couldn't go to India and that put our hockey back quite a lot. But this time we have told the FIH President we want complete assurances and security for the World Cup in India," he said.

The FIH recently confirmed Pakistan had qualified for next year's World Cup after it failed to qualify for the last World Cup and Olympic Games.

When asked about the despicable behaviour of the Pakistani national team with their players making obscene gestures after beating India during a 2014 FIH Champions Trophy game, Khokhar said that its time to move on.

"We want to move on and we have even suggested that Pakistan and India should play a bilateral series as a start in Muscat next year," he said. - PTI



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