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Mrigendra Nath Sarma, Assistant Professor of the Baroda College has been awarded the Degree of Ph.D. by Gauhati University for his thesis entitled "Yuddhisthar Asamya Kabitai Pascyata Kala Saikri Prabhray Eli Bidesmatmuk Adhyayan" (1940-1970). He carried on his research work under the supervision of Dr. Parag Kr. Bhattacharya Ex-Principal of Baroda Prashad Chalita College in the Department of M.L. & Literary studies, G.U. Dr. Mrigendra Nath Sarma is the son of Late Rajani Kanta Sarma and Dewajani Devi of Belora Gosbarah. Achieve/P/PA043/1



Jui P. Pathak, Assistant Professor in Amity School of Communication, Amity University, Noida has been awarded the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) by Gauhati University for her thesis entitled "Post Globalisation Advertising Ethics in Indian Television vis-a-vis Human Rights." She carried out her research work under the supervision of Dr. Sitamati Lahkar (Former Principal, Coton College) and Prof. (Dr.) Kandarpa Das (Head, Dept. of Foreign Languages & Former Director, IDOL, GU). She is the elder daughter of Mr. Pranabananda Pathak and Mrs. Tandrimi Pathak of Lachit Nagar, Guwahati and wife of Mr. Pranesh Kumar Roy. Achieve/P/PA035/1



Sri Jugal Kishore Barman, Associate Professor in the Department of Accountancy, Gauhati Commerce College, Guwahati has been awarded Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) by Gauhati University for his thesis entitled "Corporate Reporting Practices of Select BSE Sensex Companies". He carried out his research work under the guidance of Dr. He Chandra Gautam, Professor, Department of Accountancy, Gauhati University. He is the eldest son of Mrs. Sandhya Barman and Late Atul Chandra Barman of Chandrapur, Barpeta Road and husband of Mrs. Ponasmita Barman. Achieve/P/13385/1

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I, Sasin Deka, have changed my daughter's name Jinita D. Rutes to Jinita Ruteswar Deka, son's name Pipal D. Rutes to Pipal Rainewars Deka by affidavit before the Notary Public Kannarp (M) at Guwahati on 04.07.2017. PNP/P/13381/1

I, Mrs. Dipali Medhi, W/o Dr. Bimal Ch. Medhi residing at Kokrajhar town have changed my surname from Gogoi to Medhi vide an affidavit before the Notary Public, Kokrajhar on 01.7.17.

I have changed my daughter's name from Grace Hoimunawi to Grace Hoimunawi Haokip by an affidavit before the Magistrate First Class at Shillong on 10th March 2014. Henceforth, I shall be known as Grace Hoimunawi Haokip. Smti K. Holboi Gangle. PNP/P/13407/1

I have change my son name from Henry Mangoulien to Henry Mangoulien Haokip by an affidavit before the Magistrate First Class at Shillong on 11th March 2014. Henceforth, I shall be known as Henry Mangoulien Haokip. Smti K. Holboi Gangle. PNP/P/13408/1

I have change my daughter name from Ruby Nienglai to Ruby Nienglai Haokip by an affidavit before the Magistrate First Class at Shillong on 11th March 2014. Henceforth, I shall be known as Ruby Nienglai Haokip. Smti K. Holboi Gangle. PNP/P/13409/1

I hereby notified that Smti. Biswajeet Pandey resident of 201, Jyotiokhali, Lokhra Road P.O. Udbabekha near Hanuman Mandir, Guwahati-781034, Assam, is no longer in the employment of M/s Chirag Enfield opposite, Railway Gate, No. 1, A.T. Road, Maligaon, Guwahati. 900101 Assam. Will Effect From 25 July 2017. It is not authorized to represent the company in any matters what so ever. Any person dealing with him shall do at their own risk and responsibilities. Legal action has been taken against him.

According to Disaster Management and Relief Ministry Secretary Shah Kamal, authorities had already rushed disaster response teams to carry out rescue work, distribute relief materials and supervise centres where nearly 2,000 families took shelter.

"Some 900,000 people

were affected due to floods in three districts," Kamal told Xinhua news agency.

He said the affected dis-

tricts include Sylhet and

Motubazar in northeastern Bangladesh and Cox's Bazar in the country's southeast.

Floods triggered by heavy seasonal rains and runoff of water had caused widespread damage to habitat, crops, roads and highways across vast areas of the country. In many places, the floods eroded large portions of villages, agricultural land and washed away buildings. Hundreds of educational Institutes were also shut down.

Authorities evacuated residents of hundreds of villages to higher ground in the districts that were prone to torrential rains between June and September.

A flood monitoring centre

in Dhaka said people in flood-affected villages in the country's northeast and southeastern regions were marooned as their homes went up to waist high water.

TV footage on Wednesday showed the residents wading through flooded roads or on boats in search of shelter or a dry ground to live temporarily. Officials said that no disaster-related deaths from injuries or illness were listed so far.

Among the 90 monitored water level stations, water levels at seven monitored river stations were flowing above their respective danger marks while 65 river stations

showed rising trend. - IANS

modelled or described algorithmically, researchers said. "But we found quite the opposite. Human behaviour in dilemma situations can be modelled by a rather simple value-of-life-based model that is attributed by the participant to every human, animal, or inanimate object," said Leon Sutfeld, from University of Osnabrück in Germany.

"This implies that human moral behaviour can be well described by algorithms that could be used by machines as well," he said.

Researchers asked the participants to drive a car in a typical suburban neighbour-

hood on a foggy day when they experienced unexpected life-and-death choices just like humans, say scientists who have for the first time developed a mathematical model of morality that may be applied to robots in the future.

Until now it has been assumed that moral decisions are strongly context dependent and therefore cannot be modelled by statistical models leading to rules, with an associated degree of explanatory power to explain the observed behaviour.

They found that moral decisions in the scope of unavoidable traffic collisions can be explained well, and modelled, as a single value-of-life for every human, animal, or inanimate object. - PTI

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BEIRUT, July 5: US-backed forces in Syria have breached the wall around Raqqa's Old City, the US military said on Tuesday, marking a major advance in the weeks-old battle to drive ISIS militants out of their self-declared capital.

The head of the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, Rami Abdurrahman, said the breaching of the wall was the most important development to date in the battle for Raqqa.

He said three SDF units advanced toward the wall under air cover, breaking through the IS defenses, and that heavy clashes were underway.

Footage provided by the SDF showed their fighters roaming Qasr al-Banat, a historic quarter inside Raqqa's Old City. Another unit entered through the so-called Baghdad Gate, opening up a second front

inside the Old City. Brett McGurk, the top US envoy for the international coalition against the Islamic State group, hailed the breach, saying it was a "key milestone" in the campaign to seize the ISIS

stronghold. The US military said SDF fighters were using the historic wall as a fighting position, and had planted explosives at several openings. It said coalition forces were making every effort to protect civilians and

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Free education

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, July 5: The All Assam Gorkha Students' Union, Kamrup District Committee, has arranged for providing free higher education to needy, meritorious Gorkha students in prominent educational institutions here.

Students securing 70 per cent and above marks and interested in pursuing education in hotel management and paramedical, engineering and MBA courses can contact the students' body, a press release stated.



New forest rules hit PWD projects

RITURAJ BORTHKUR

GUWAHATI, July 5: Nearly 100 projects of the Public Works Department and Guwahati Development Department in the city – both big and small – are in a limbo, with contractors expressing their inability to complete them on time due to forest royalty hassles and inclement weather. The projects are mostly related to road repair.

PWD Minister Parimal Sulkalaiya had yesterday called the contractors for a meeting to review the progress of work.

Sources said the unhappy minister sought to know the reasons for the poor progress of work. While seeking cooperation from the contractors, Sulkalaiya also struck a warning note, saying the department would be forced to take action in case of any lapses on their part.

The contractors have, however, blamed certain new rules enforced by the Forest department which has triggered a shortage of construction materials.

Works worth around Rs 250

crore under Guwahati Development Department and another Rs 150 crore under Performance Based Maintenance Contract (PBMC) are going on in the city, but all have come to a standstill since the last two months.

"When we make a requisition request to a DFO concerned, he seeks a mining plan to extract materials. How can a small contractor prepare a mining plan? After the DFOs allow

for the requisition, it takes one to two months to get the materials due to cumbersome procedures," the contractors said and asked as to why the system has not been made online yet.

The contractors have also claimed that unlike in the past, the Forest department is now insisting on royalty payment in advance.

"Earlier, royalty and other government taxes used to be deducted from the final bills

during payment. There was no lapse whatsoever. It is not easy for all contractors to pay the royalty in advance," the contractors said.

All these factors have led to a sharp increase in prices of construction materials, the contractors alleged, adding that the stone chips (3/4 inches) were being sold at Rs 2,800 per cubic metre now as compared to Rs 1,400 about two months back.

"The Forest department

should have a clear-cut policy on forest produce. They should first decide if they want to do business with them for the service of the country. They should have a clear policy as to how they will issue the forest materials," the contractors, who held a meeting this evening to decide on their future course of action, said. The contractors also cried foul on the way sand and stones quantities were being leased out.

The contractors are aggrieved at the imposition of 18 per cent GST on construction materials. "What will happen to the projects awarded before July 1? Earlier, there was 5 per cent VAT. If the GST is imposed on the contracts, there will be no profit for the contractors. The government should give some relief to the contractors in such works," they demanded.

Construction materials have also stopped coming from Meghalaya due to legal hassles in the neighbouring State, adding to the shortage of materials.

It points otherwise. There are ample instances of wasteful expenditures as well. It is precisely because of the poor upkeep that animals are dying in the zoo," it said.

Ironically, it added, the zoo authorities have not been in a position to repair a broken switch board near the ticket counter for the past two years.

The committee further said that the zoo lacks facilities for drinking water and toilets for visitors.

The committee also expressed concern at the move of the zoo authorities toobliterate the open space just outside the main gate of the zoo which used to provide shade to tired visitors. "Now construction work is on at the site to build some shops. This is totally uncalled for and has destroyed the aesthetics of the zoo surroundings," it said.

"Huge amounts of money have been spent in the recent past in the name of improving the zoo's upkeep, but the real computerisation of the ticket counters is adding to the financial anomalies."

Meet on July 8 to discuss 'pathetic' condition of State Zoo

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, July 5: Expressing concern at what they termed apathy and corruption in the management of the Assam State Zoo, local residents of Jorapigog area have convened a convention on July 8 to devise ways and means to put an end to the 'worsening situation in the zoo.'

In a statement, the convenor of the committee said that the convention would take place at the Chirakhana Shishu Balyapith at 10 am. It urged conscious people to attend the deliberations.

Alleging that it is the sheer neglect of the zoo resulting in unhygienic conditions that have been responsible for the deaths of a large number of animals in recent years, the committee said that the empty cages and the dirty surroundings testify to the abysmal upkeep of the zoo.

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Bangla Minister's remark on influx

Centre's apathy towards Assam exposed: AJYCP

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, July 5: Strongly criticising the Union government for not initiating formal talks with the Government of Bangladesh on the issue of illegal migration in Assam, the Ason Jatiyatabadi Yuba Chatra Parishad (AJYCP) today said that the Bangladeshi Minister's statement on the issue has exposed apathy of the Union government towards the people of Assam.

During the eighth round of Indo-Bangladesh friendship dialogue in Guwahati, the neighbouring country's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Md Sahariyar Alam had stated

that the Government of India had never officially informed the Government of Bangladesh regarding the illegal infiltration of Bangladeshi nationals into Assam.

President in-charge of AJYCP Ranjan Upadhyay and general secretary Palash Changmai said the issue, for which the local people and many organisations have been fighting so long, has been ignored outright by the Government of India for many years.

"The issue has been used in Assam as a political tool of the ruling parties to garner votes. Unfortunately, de-meaning the prolonged Assa-

movement, all the political parties in Assam are also doing politics over the issue. The Bangladeshi Minister's statement has yet again brought to light the hypocritical agenda of the political parties," the AJYCP leaders said.

"Starting from Assam movement leader and former Chief Minister Prafulla Kumar Mahanta to the present Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, everyone uses the issue of illegal infiltration from Bangladesh as an instrument to build their political careers," the youth body further alleged.

Also criticising the present BJP government at the Centre, it stated that instead of tak-

ing up the matter of deportation of illegal foreigners, the government has chalked out a plan to provide citizenship to Hindu Bangladeshis to suit its political agenda.

Questioning the effectiveness of the entire exercise of NRC update, it wondered how the State government would deport the illegal migrants detected during the update process in the absence of a proper treaty between the two countries.

"If a proper repatriation treaty is not in place, the neighbouring country would never take back its nationals who have infiltrated into Assam illegally," the AJYCP added.



Opposition Presidential candidate Meira Kumar and other Congress leaders during a meeting with MPs and MLAs of Assam and the North East at the Srimanta Sankaradeva Kalakshetra in Guwahati on Wednesday. – UB Photos



BEAR OUR WEIGHT: Bears climbing a tree at the State Zoo in Guwahati on Wednesday. – Photo: Somendra Sarma

Flurry of activities at Cotton University post merger

STAFF REPORTER

enrolled in each of the evening Science and Arts sections.

GUWAHATI, July 5: The Cotton University family is now united and the teachers' associations of the erstwhile Cotton College and Cotton College State University (CCSU) have decided to merge themselves into one entity. It is expected that the students' unions of both the erstwhile Cotton College and CCSU will soon follow in the footsteps of the teachers' bodies in this respect.

Meanwhile, 650 students have got themselves enrolled in the Higher Secondary (HS) classes of the new university, which was created by upgrading the erstwhile Cotton College and merging the historic college and the CCSU for the purpose. According to information available with this newspaper, 350 students got themselves enrolled in the day shift of the HS Science section, while 150 students got themselves

enrolled in each of the evening

Cotton College Teachers' Association (CCTA) general secretary Dr Arup Hazarika told this newspaper that the apprehensions of the teachers and non-teaching staff of the university concerning their salary and leave rules, etc., have been allayed. The Registrar of the university has been made the drawing and disbursal officer (DDO) of the university, said Dr Hazarika.

He stated that it is likely that the university would introduce faculties like law, business administration, medicine, engineering and several modern branches of humanities like international relations, comparative literature, museology, cloth designing, etc., to cope with the growing demands in the job market.

Meanwhile, Prof Mihir Kant Choudhury, former Vice-Chancellor of Tezpur University, has been appointed adviser to the Higher Education department with a Cabinet rank.

Initially, an apprehension concerning their fate disturbed the teachers, employees of the university when the university was formally inaugurated on June 1 last by Education Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma. Sarma expected that the entire family would work together to make the new university a leading one in the glo-

bal perspective.

Language Movement martyrs remembered

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GUWAHATI, July 5: Assam Sammilata Mahasangha yesterday organised a programme at the SRB Hostel of Cotton University to remember the martyrs of the Language Movement – Swahid Ranjit Borpujari, Surjya Bora and Motifuddin Ahmed.

Working president of the Mahasangha Matru Rehnuma said the programme included lighting of lamps and observation of a minute's silence in memory of the martyrs. Several members of the Mahasangha participated in the programme.

"It is unfortunate that the Language Act has still not been implemented in Assam. It is disrespectful shown to the martyrs. In no other state of the country, there was any language agitation," Rehman said.

Mob tries to block train at Narengi, dispersed passengers.

"Some passengers got down and started protesting. They were also joined by some unruly locals who then tried to block the train movement by sitting on the tracks. A train carrying oil tankers was also blocked," a police official said.

Nominal ACP Purabi Mazumdar said a team of police and CRPF personnel was rushed to the station.

"The mob was dispersed within 45 minutes. Train movement was normal after that. Some citizens of the area also helped the security forces," the ACP said, adding that no one was injured in the skirmish.

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State highway in poor shape due to neglect

The Narengi-Chandrapur Mayong-Monona Bhaktapur Road is a State Highway (SH No. 3) and an important road providing connectivity to Jagiroad and other

Over the years, population in areas like Bonda, Panikhaiti, Tatmara, Chandrapur, Mayong and other places has increased manifold along with the rise in the number of vehicles, leading to traffic congestion on the road. A lot of brick kilns, stone quarries and various industrial units have also come up in the area, adding to the increased traffic congestion on this road.

To maintain this arterial road on which vehicles of different types ply on a daily basis, proper strengthening, widening and regular maintenance works are urgently required.

The Assam Public Works Department (Roads) is entrusted with the upkeep of this important road. But for the last three or four years, the department concerned has done nothing for its maintenance. As a result, the condition of the road has deteriorated with big potholes dotting a large stretch of the road. The condition of the road gets aggravated

during the rainy season, resulting in a lot of accidents.

It is learnt that the repair works of the road were recently allotted to some contractors, but the work is being done at a tardy pace.

The Assam Government should look into the matter and take immediate steps to improve the condition of this important road by expediting the maintenance works.

— Monteswar Rohang, Pragjyotishpur
Flood threat
Artificial floods have become the most important cause behind the destruction of the city's civic infrastructure and loss of human lives. Of late, the problem of artificial floods has not only become a serious issue for the city, but also for the entire State.

The RG Baruah Road area is one of the worst affected places in the city. During the recent flood洪, at least three

residents lost their lives due to electrocution when several places of the city were reeling under artificial deluge.

The State Government and the Guwahati Municipal Corporation authorities must take this issue seriously and take immediate remedial steps. — Labanya Sharma, Gauhati University
Traffic rules
There are strict traffic rules in place for drivers of private vehicles and two-wheelers, requiring them to wear seat belts and helmets, but the same rules do not apply to drivers of public transport vehicles. Are these rules not nec-

essary when it comes to drivers of city buses, autorickshaws, Trekkers, trucks, etc.? I request the authorities concerned to look into this issue seriously.

— Kamakhya Prasad Chahal, Gauhati University
Better hygiene

Garbage collection is conducted across the city during the daytime. The garbage collectors load the trash on to trucks haphazardly, triggering massive jams on the roads and causing great inconvenience to office-goers and other commuters. The entire process of garbage collection also creates inconvenience and discomfort to pedestrians. The Guwahati Municipal Corporation authorities should ensure that workers wear masks, gloves and boots for better hygiene during the process of garbage collection.

— Dhrubajyoti Sarma, Kahilipara

important places in upper Assam and beyond. The road has currently an intermediate lane pavement (5.5 metre width).



MESSAGE FOR TODAY

Before you make a life changing decision, think on it for 24 hours.

— PATRICIA AKINS



Killer landslides

Killer landslides that have turned into a routine feature of the monsoons in the city have claimed the life of a child on Monday. Indeed, this frightening trend has been conspicuous for around a decade now, extracting a large toll of human lives besides destroying property. The phenomenon is attributable to several factors – not the least being the prevalent trend of unplanned urbanization with the government authorities choosing to ignore every act of violation of urban development norms. Large-scale encroachment and unplanned settlements on the city hills including in the reserved forests have eroded a substantial portion of the green cover, making those vulnerable to landslides. Then, the expanding settlements on the hills are rather forced to adhere to norms of construction on hilly terrain, making the situation even more dangerous. The government authorities including the district administration and the civic bodies entrusted with the city's upkeep such as GMC and GMDA have to share much of the blame, as they completely failed to enforce the norms of construction besides preventing encroachment that has led to the mushrooming of human habitations on the hills. Regrettably, the mounting fatalities caused by landslides have failed to move the thick-skinned authorities into some meaningful action.

The biggest failure of the authorities relates to large-scale encroachment on the city hills. An insensitive and land-hungry citizenry is also to blame for the sorry state of affairs, as they keep illegally settling on hills through organized, aggressive encroachment – often with political backing. Growing anthropogenic pressures including earth-cutting and deforestation have disturbed the fragile soil structure and ecology of the hills, with the inevitable consequences in the form of killer landslides, flash flood, water-logging, etc. Preventive action on the part of the administration and the Government has never gone beyond issuing the occasional prohibitory order with little intent to enforce it. Every year, more and more people are encroaching upon the hills, and the process has only hastened with many so-called people's organizations lending their weight behind the clamour for allowing settlement on the hills – effectively ensuring that the vandalism on the hills gets perpetuated. The foremost need before the administration and the Government is to shift the people residing in areas highly vulnerable to landslides during the monsoons. A study had earlier identified some 360 such spots on the hills, and the residents in those areas should see reason and shift to safer places – temporarily at least if not permanently. Then, the practice of constructing houses and walls without adhering to the required norms should end. Across the North-east there are innumerable settlements on its hilly terrain but most of those who have traditionally been dwelling on hills are doing so by blending scientific knowledge with traditional wisdom and without disturbing the hill ecology. Unless the city authorities act today, tomorrow could be too late.

Totally unexpected

Even as India attempts to project an image of a modern State, certain elements are bent on taking us back to a medieval era! The founding fathers of independent India could have never visualized a dark period when Dalits and Muslims would become repeated targets of attacks on issues such as cow-slaughter and beef-eating. Yet, despite the protection seemingly offered by our Constitution, such a period has arrived with the emergence of criminals styling themselves as *gau-rakshaks* who have repeatedly been launching deadly attacks on minorities. These assaults had begun just after the BJP was voted to power at the Centre with the lynching of Mohammad Akhlaq in UP in September 2016, followed by other heinous incidents such as the beating up of Dalits while they were engaged in their profession of skinning dead cows. The thrashing to death of Pehlu Khan, the deadly assault on Jumad Khan, these were not isolated incidents but part of a deliberate and insidious pattern. Sadly enough, those who have been invested with the power to administer the nation according to the Constitution have not only failed to do their job, but in many cases actually connived to create an ambience of intolerance and hatred. The craftily orchestrated cow-protection and anti-beef campaign has vitiated communal harmony, something that Prime Minister Modi should have condemned much earlier than he did.

However, condemnation of lynching people in the name of cow protection has now come from totally unexpected quarters, perhaps being in the nature of a rebuke to the PM for the delay. The BJP's right-wing ally in Maharashtra, the Shiv Sena, while welcoming the condemnation of *gau-rakshaks* by the PM, has asserted that no one has the right to take the law into own hands and that lynching people is against the principles of Hindutva. The Sena, normally not known for voicing liberal principles, is suddenly speaking sense while putting the issue in its proper perspective. Its mouthpiece, *Samsana*, has rightly stated that "the issue of beef is related to eating habits, business and employment," and there should be a national policy on it. The Sena's stance should be an eye-opener for other Hindutva organizations, some of whose members are behind the attempt to create an ambience of intolerance. The trading of cattle, their slaughter for meat and leather, forms an important component of rural economy which is hurting because of the fearful ambience that is sought to be created. Moreover, the State should have no say in what people should or should not eat, and trying to rouse criminal elements against so-called 'beef-eaters' is against the principles enshrined in the Constitution. It is to be hoped that the Shiv Sena's stance would help the BJP to rein in some of the extreme Hindutva elements and give Modi greater leeway to take suitable action.

Lost kingdoms and border entangles

The Mailed Fist
Pradip Phanjoubam

In the current stand-off between India and China in the Doklam tri-junction of Bhutan, Tibet and Sikkim, China cited the 1890 agreement between itself and the British Government fixing the boundary between Sikkim and Tibet. First, the truth is Tibet and Sikkim like Bhutan were once all independent principalities. Second, though Britain did sign this agreement with China in acknowledgment that China had suzerainty over Tibet, there are more to this than meets the eye. For one, Tibet disputed that they were under the Chinese and refused to recognize the 1890 treaty together with another signed in 1893 on setting up of a British India trade mart at Yatung in the Chumbi valley. The build-up to these treaties a decade earlier is not only interesting but also marked an important turning point in the diplomacy between the British, Chinese and the Tibetans.

The British had at the time been for long looking for a permanent presence in Tibet and towards this end in 1886, they planned a trade mission to Lhasa under the command of an officer, Colman Macaulay. This was in keeping with the Chefoo Convention between the British and the Chinese in 1876 in Peking. The Chinese were not in a position to oppose the British but weakly conveyed their reluctance saying the plan would be opposed by the Tibetans, indicating they were unsure of their control over Tibet.

The Macaulay mission was ultimately suspended, but for reasons little to do with British wanting not to embarrass the Chinese at their inability to control the Tibetans, but

after tacitly coercing the Chinese to recognize the British annexation of Upper Burma in 1885, a country the Manchu rulers considered as their tributary state.

Events that followed proved the Chinese apprehension right. Not knowing the mission had been called off, the Tibetans "sent a detachment into the British-protected State of Sikkim, ... and at the village of Lingtu, on the main road from Darjeeling to the Tibetan border at the Chumbi Valley, along which Colman Macaulay was expected to travel, the Tibetans set up a military post". (Alastair Lamb)

What followed is of importance. Despite repeated appeals by the British to the Chinese to have the blockade lifted, the Chinese could do nothing. It was then that Lord Dufferin in 1888 authorized the clearing of the blockade by force, which was done promptly and without much problem. Dufferin also became convinced that the only way to deal with Tibet was to

deal with them directly and not through Peking. However, despite the Lingtu episode, the British did not abandon its policy outlook toward Tibet immediately, and the 1890 boundary treaty and the 1893 trade treaty were signed with Peking, not with Lhasa.

Things however changed under Lord Curzon. When towards the turn of the century, he became convinced that the 13th Dalai Lama was leaning towards Russia, he authorized the Younghusband Mission in 1904, to invade and teach the Tibetans a lesson. Col Francis Younghusband did precisely this and in a brutal act of aggression captured Lhasa. Though

the 13th Dalai Lama managed to escape to Mongolia before he entered Lhasa, Younghusband forced the Lhasa Convention with the Tibetan Government. Among the many humiliating concessions, the Tibetans were coerced into agreeing to pay a war indemnity of Rs 75 lakh, an amount thought to be beyond the capacity of Tibet to pay, and until this amount was paid, Chumbi Valley was returned to Tibetan custody in three years.

What became evident at the time

was also the difference in security perception between British India and the British Empire. For men like Curzon in India, controlling Tibet was important for India's security. For men like Morley in London, this interest was only a small and incomplete picture on the larger security map of the empire. In Morley's words, what Britain does in Tibet, other rivals may want to do in other sensitive regions like Mongolia, Afghanistan, Iran, etc. He even derisively referred to men like Curzon as "these frontier men", calling them too raw to

understand the intricacies of the larger interest of the empire. But in the end, it was the empire which dissolved, leaving the colonies to bear the burdens of the sacrifices made on its behalf. The uncertainties over India's northern boundary for instance.

The Bhutan case is also interesting. British India concluded an important treaty with it in 1910 by which Bhutan was to pursue its foreign policy in consultation with India. What prompted this treaty was the Chinese forward policy that began in 1908 in what is generally described as the Qing Dynasty's last burst of desperate energy before

its collapse in 1912 in the face of the Republican Revolution, a tumultuous period in Chinese history, captivatingly depicted in the Hollywood classic, *The Last Emperor*.

Chinese troops entered Tibet, forcing the 13th Dalai Lama who was on his way back to Lhasa from his exile in Mongolia, to flee to India. The Chinese not only took Tibet, but also began probing neighbouring principalities Nepal, Sikkim and Bhutan. The British were not worried about Sikkim which was their protectorate, not too much about Nepal either for the latter had a robust army, but they became very concerned about Bhutan. The British, at the behest of Charles Bell, who was then their political officer in Sikkim, in 1910 visited the Bhutan king, and had the latter agree to sign a new treaty which merely added one more clause to a 1865 treaty that Bhutan would pursue its foreign affairs in consultation with India. Subsequent treaties between independent India and Bhutan have not radically altered this position. The Chinese threat however did not last as the Qing Dynasty soon fell. Not long after in 1913, the British called the Simla Conference in an effort to secure India's boundaries in this sector.

The history of this boundary is murky, and it gives no one any credit to invoke it to justify present policies. The current stand-off between India and China on this border probably has, as so many commentators have pointed out, nothing to do with this history, but with current realpolitik.

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Presidential polls and equality of opportunities

■ Dr Roman Sarmah

The election of the first citizen of the country is in the offing. The presidential position cannot remain vacant for any reason whatsoever, which obviates holding of the presidential election prior to the expiration of the term of the existing incumbent.

The Constitution of India, in Article 52 holds out: "There shall be a President of India." In Article 53 it is adopted that "the Executive power of the Union shall be vested in the President and shall be exercised by him either directly or through officers subordinate to him in accordance with the Constitution. In the same Article, it is held out: "...the supreme command of the defence forces of the Union shall be vested in the President and the exercise thereof shall be regulated by law."

The eligibility criteria and conditions for election to the office of the President of India are enshrined in Article 58 and 59 of the Constitution of India. The President of India is elected by the members of an electoral college consisting of the elected members of both the Houses of Parliament and the elected members of the Legislative

Assemblies of the States.

The presidential election is conducted within the ambit of the Constitution of India under the provisions of the Presidential and Vice-Presidential Elections Act, 1952 and the Rules made thereunder. However, the Election Commission of India in consultation with the Central Government appoints the returning officer for the election. So, it is assumed that the supervisory capacity of the election rests with the Election Commission of India.

Article 14 of the Constitution guarantees equality before law or equal protection of the laws. Article 16 guarantees the equality of opportunities for all citizens. Article 19(1)(g) guarantees the right to practise any profession, or to carry on any occupation, trade or business. Article 21 guarantees the right to life or personal liberty which embraces within its ambit the right to livelihood and dignity, etc., as interpreted by the Supreme Court from time to time. Article 32 endows the right to the citizens to move the Supreme Court for protection and preservation or enforcement of the fundamental rights.

The people of the country elect

the MPs and the MLAs to espouse the cause and interest of the people and not to foreclose their legitimate paths towards fulfilment of various aspirations. Election of the MPs and MLAs does not ipso facto give unbridled powers to do any act, decided at the party forum, which might not be in the interest of the common citizens. The present practice of choosing a candidate at the party forum for such a long time, albeit not challenged in a right earnest – and perhaps not thought of by the right thinking people, acquiescing such an action as detrimental to public interest – seems to be anti-people, and therefore, unconstitutional.

During the past period, quite a number of citizens filed nominations for the office of the President of India, deriving nothing out of it than having the name published in the media as a presidential candidate. This farcical process of terminating the 'choosing' of the President as election may rather be dispensable. On the contrary, the choosing of a candidate by the political parties at the party forum requires to be stopped, if the election of the first citizen of the country is to be endowed a status of an election in the true sense.

The Supreme Court, which is

the protector of the Constitution, may suo motu take up the matter and pronounce the rightful judgement upholding the interest of the people or, more particularly, the citizens have equality before law and equal opportunity to contest the presidential election to make it an election in the true sense of the term.

Any dispute or any matter relating to the election of the President of India can be agitated before the Supreme Court only as per the provisions of the Presidential and Vice-Presidential Elections Act, 1952. The Act nowhere envisages choosing of a candidate by the political parties, which, having control over the members, impose the direction to cast votes in favour of the chosen candidate, which itself is an illegal act to compel someone to exercise the right of franchise for someone in particular. There certainly is a necessity to delve deeper into the matter. The constitutional experts, legal luminaries, researchers, thinkers, prudent citizens, etc., are required to brainstorm over the matters, and if situation calls for, impress upon the Supreme Court to deal with it in greater public interest so that the interest of not a single citizen is infringed upon.

Central pay panel allowances

of Dalits who were at their duty of skinning the dead cows, killing of 15-year-old Junaid Khan, and lynching of the owner of a dead cow in Jharkhand. Recently, the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has made a statement that killing people in the name of cow protection is not acceptable. This seems to be a remark after tacitly approving of the crimes by his resounding silence. It is unthinkable that the minority could be so vulnerable in India under a democratically-elected government. Can a Dalit or a tribal not continue their traditional food habit? I belong to the Munda tribe; we honour cow, bull, goat, sheep, etc., and celebrate *gora parab* (cow festival) in their honour. On that day we give them bath, apply oil on their horns and body, and feed them. The shepherd boys happily eat with them. But tribal wisdom tells us that they are not divine. We do not worship them. We honour them only because they are useful to us. On the *gora parab*, we cannot eat beef, but on other festivals, beef is our delicacy. This is our custom.

This is our religion. Can the Government infringe on it? Yours etc., WILLIAM MUNDA, Chutia Goan, Moranhat.

CBSE students

Sir – Through the columns of your esteemed daily, I would like to draw everyone's attention towards the discrimination being meted out to the CBSE students during admissions in the different colleges of Assam. A recent media report stated that the CBSE students are going to suffer because of the proposed standardization of marks in Cotton University and other such colleges of the State. This is totally unjustified on the ground that the CBSE HS answer scripts are evaluated according to rules made by experts. The other universities and colleges outside the State are not doing such standardization. Such standardization will discriminate against the CBSE students. This is unfair and will deprive many deserving students from admission in reputed colleges. I would like to appeal to the authorities concerned

not to make such standardization. Yours etc., UTPAL CHAKRAVARTY, Silpukhuri, Guwahati.

Border face-off

Sir – Till date, 17 rounds of dialogue were held between India and China to sort out the border disputes. But, nothing concrete has come out from these talks. Lately, the LAC in Donglong (called Dokola) area in the Arunachal sector has been witness to a face-off between the Indian and Chinese troops. Recently, Chinese troops entered India and jostled with the Indian troops and destroyed two bunkers. Further, China has proposed to build a road in the disputed Dokola region, a move that has been opposed by India. All the border disputes between India and China should be settled through talks in order to maintain peace in this region. Yours etc., MAHESWAR DEKA, Rangiya.

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Limited grasslands, erosion, siltation affecting KNP

DEBASISH BARUAH

KAZIRANGA, July 5: The biggest worries concerning Kaziranga National Park are the limited grasslands to shelter the ever-increasing population of the one-horned Indian rhinoceros, erosion which has caused the loss of 80 sq km area of Kaziranga National Park till date since the last 40 years and the siltation in the water bodies which has led to less water retention capacity. This was observed by the Chief Conservator of Forests and Director, Kaziranga National Park Satyendra Singh in his address at the two-day national level conference on 'Emerging Issues of Biodiversity and its Conservation' organised by the Kaziranga Study Centre, at JDSG college of Bokakhat in association with Kaziranga National Park authority and collaborated by Aranyak, The Corbett Foundation and Wildlife Trust of India.



which ended recently.

CCF Singh said even though there is a problem of rhino poaching in Kaziranga, but managing the park to sustain the existing ecological balance had become the biggest challenge for the park managers since some portion of grassland is being occupied by wooden forests and there are limitations of food and shelter for the wild

herbivores of Kaziranga National Park including the rhinos whose population is increasing day by day. He added that effective measures had already been taken to control poaching in Kaziranga. The Director said that during annual floods there is heavy siltation leading to silt accumulation in water bodies which has resulted in less water retention capacity.

parts of the country and Assam had led to extinction of some small living organisms like insects, microbes and even amphibians which play important role in maintenance of balanced ecosystem.

Prof Bhattacharya also informed the distinguished gathering that rural people whose livelihood depends on the nature for fishing, cultivation of crops with organic manure have maintained a healthy life having exceptionally high percentage of haemoglobin in their body against urban people having unhealthy life adding that about more than 60 per cent of people depend on nature for their livelihood. He said that even though much of the Government and NGOs efforts had been concentrated on the safety of big wild mammals but less importance was being given to smaller organisms living in wild forests which play an important role in our rich biodiversity. He also spelt out the importance

of 3,500 wetlands of Assam. He said there are two biodiversity hotspots in Assam. One is on the northern side of the Brahmaputra and other is on the southern side.

Altogether 25 scientific papers were presented in the national seminar.

Prof Bhattacharya appreciated the Principal of the college Dr Jayanta Gogoi for his initiative in organising this national-level seminar at the JDSG College which helped the student community a lot. An exhibition on wildlife and others was also organised at the College by Aranyak, to showcase the nature and beauty of forest and wildlife.

Earlier, the Principal of the College, Dr Jayanta Gogoi welcomed all the participants which was attended by the president of the college governing body Prof Akhil Baruah, Dr Bibhab Talukdar of Aranyak, Dr Navin Pandey of the Corbett Foundation. The vote of thanks was given by Sasanka Saikia.

KV, Bongaigaon refuses admission to poor students

CORRESPONDENT

BONGAIGAON, July 5: Three local children belonging to the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) have been deprived of getting admission in class-I at Kendriya Vidyalaya, New Bongaigaon because of the haughty decision of the school authority.

The school authority had selected these children through a formal process and allowed them to take admission into class-I. Accordingly, the guardians of these children had submitted supporting documents of EWS category.

The documents included an income certificate from the local revenue circle officer and a legal declaration paper of their economic status.

But the school authority rejected these documents and demanded specific certificate of EWS from the guardians as per the guidelines of the Central Government and disallowed these three children to take admission in the school

which is a sheer violation of child rights and the Right To Education.

When these aggrieved guardians approached the district authority for a specific certificate of EWS, the district officers were unable to issue such certificate as per the State Government guidelines.

Organised by the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme of the district in association with NVBDCP, Sonitpur and chaired by KK Sharma, ADC (H) Sonitpur, it was attended by Dr Juri Bhattacharyya, Joint Director of Health Services, Sonitpur district, besides others.

Despite repeated efforts, the participant could not be contacted back at his office in this connection. Later, the guardians wrote a letter to the Prime Minister's Office and intimated their grievances. But they have not received any response from the Prime Minister's Office as yet.

The guardians have now decided to approach child rights bodies and the Human Resource Development Ministry with their grievances.

CM lays foundation of admin block

ANN Service

KALIABOR, July 5: In a simple but solemn function organised at the Kalabari College, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal laid the foundation stone of a three-storey Gold-en Jubilee Administrative Block of Kalabari College on July 1 in the presence of teachers and students.

The Principal of the college, Dr HK Chalha read out the welcome speech. In his speech Sonowal said that Kalabari College has contributed a lot for the student community and he hoped that it would be an ideal college through which all will be educated. Keshab Mahanta, Water Resources Minister was the chief guest.

Among others Rajen Gohain, Union Minister of State for Railways, Atul Boru, Minister of Agriculture attended as special guests while Prafulla R. Brahma, Minister for Environment & Forests attended as the guest of honour. Keshab Mahanta, Water Resources Minister was the distinguished guest.

CORRESPONDENT

TEZPUR, July 5: A district-level forum meeting of Sonitpur district chapter on Japanese Encephalitis held recently at the Deputy Commissioner's conference hall.

Organised by the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme of the district in association with NVBDCP, Sonitpur and chaired by KK Sharma, ADC (H) Sonitpur, it was attended by Dr Juri Bhattacharyya, Joint Director of Health Services, Sonitpur district, besides others.

Highlighting the status of the last three years on AES/JE and dengue cases in Sonitpur district, it

was stated that every year IDSP is involved in active surveillance of AES/JE and dengue cases and sample of AES/JE and dengue from all private and Government health institutions of near about 409 units are collected.

Stress was laid on inter-sectoral coordination for controlling AES/JE cases and in-case definition of the diseases, so that judicious use of test kits for proper diagnosis can be done.

Due to the impact of JE vaccination, the case fatality rate and JE cases have come down.

The emphasis was on timely reporting and timely interventions for control and prevention of AES/JE and dengue cases"

the meet was told.

Issues related to mitigation of vector, larval control, adaptability of the mosquitoes etc were also discussed, while proper management of JE and dengue were explained, besides discussing about various methods the department has experimented in their research, which includes impregnation of piglets to save them from mosquitoes, use of indigenous practices like dhuna in piggyback, use of repellants etc.

A brief presentation on how to use neem and urea in paddy fields to control mosquitoes was demonstrated. The meet shed

light on some very basic things regarding breeding places of dengue vector, which are generally ignored. In rural areas, half-cut bamboos are the main breeding place of vectors after rain, and in urban areas, tyres and containers are the main breeding place. Hence, utmost care in this regard was necessary, the participants were told.

Dr SA Khan, Scientist 'E' (Deputy Director) RMRC (ICMR), Dibrugarh in his speech insisted on having an open discussion regarding all the aspects of AES/JE and dengue along with all other vector-borne diseases that are prevalent in Sonitpur district.



The RO-RO ship which started ferrying passengers from Dhubri to Hatisingamari from July 1, seen at Dhubri on Tuesday - UB Photos.

Vanmahotsav launched in Jonai

ANN Service

JONAI, July 5: Jonai Forest Range under Dhemaji Forest Division is observing 68th Vanmahotsav with a massive plantation drive and awareness campaign, which was launched at Jonai Range office here recently.

Opening the plantation programme on account of Vanmahotsav at Jonai HS School, retired principal Dr Hara Kanta Pegu, termed the occasion as best opportunity to increase greenery through conducting plantation in large scale. Stating that plants give shelter to

animals of different kinds, he asked all sections of people to adopt plantation habit to protect the greenery.

The Forest department has distributed 2,500 saplings to the PRI members and officials to conduct plantation in gaon panchayat offices and road sites. The department officials are also conducting awareness meetings at different villages to mobilise the common people on the importance of plantation and conservation of the natural vegetation in the wake of environmental pollution and global warming. It also conducted essay writing com-

petitions on environmental issues among the school students in two categories.

Forest department sources informed that it would conduct a public meeting at Jonai to discuss various issues pertaining to forest resources of the State and its protection measures on the concluding day of the week-long Vanmahotsav.

Sit-in demo: Members of Jonai unit of AASU staged a sit-in demonstration in front of Jonai SDO's office in protest against the State Government's decision to set up English medium Adarsha Vidyalaya in the State.

The AASU activists said that the government's exercise tantamount to undermining the mother tongue (vernacular) educational institutions and an act of compromise on the mother tongue of the Assamese community. It has urged the government to promote better English teaching methods in the vernacular schools instead of setting up English medium model schools.

The students' union has given the government to give up the idea of setting up English Adarsha Vidyalaya in the State.

MORIAGON, July 5: A devastating fire that broke out in Morigaon Sadar Circle Office at about 2 am on July 4 completely destroyed computerised revenue records.

The Morigaon Revenue Circle office was established in the British era in 1925 and Assam type building in the heart of the town that caught fire causing serious concern among the local people. The fire extinguisher team of Morigaon and CRPF jawans fought for three hours to douse the flames. The cause of the fire is yet to be ascertained though it was suspected that electric short circuit might be the cause of the fire. The local people demanded a high-level inquiry into the fire incident at Morigaon Sadar Circle Office.

Erosion causing havoc in Palasbari

ANN Service

MIRZA, July 5: The tall claims of the State Government on protecting the people living in the riverine areas has fallen flat on its face as the recurring flood and erosion problem is yet to be sorted out.

Sources said that formidable erosion of the Brahmaputra river has been reported in several villages of Palasbari LAC in Kamrup district but the concerned authorities have been turning a deaf ear to the erosion menace and the concerned machineries have failed to protect the erosion-affected areas.

A team of Asom Gana Parishad (AGP) led by Pankaj Lochan Goswami, secretary, AGP, Kamrup District Committee visited the worst-er-

sion-affected areas of Futuri, Bartari and Makadhuji villages under Palasbari LAC in Kamrup district on July 2 (Sunday).

Residents of Futuri and Bartari villages apprised the AGP team about the formidable erosion the team to take urgent steps to take up the issue with Assam Water Resources Minister, Keshab Mahanta - who is a minister from the AGP and urge him to take urgent steps to launch anti-erosion measures to protect the people from erosion.

Talking to ANN Service, AGP leader Pankaj Lochan Goswami said that erosion of Brahmaputra river has taken a formidale turn at the Land Spur No. 1 located at Future village under PGP (WR) Division in Palasbari LAC in Kamrup district and a huge plot of agricultural land located in the

left (west side) of the land spur No. 1 (at Future village) has already been eroded during the last one month.

"Over 23 metres of the crucial Land Spur No. 1 located at

not been taken so far to fight the erosion at the Land spur No. 1 and its adjoining areas of Future, Bartari and Makadhuji villages of Palasbari LAC. Villagers have apprised the

AGP team that the crucial Land Spur No. 1 an anti-erosion infrastructure constructed in 1985-86 which is considered as the lifeline of thousands of families of South Kamrup - is on the verge of being eroded / washed away by the erosion of the Brahmaputra river in a short time if adequate anti-erosion measures are not taken to protect the crucial Land Spur No. 1.

The AGP team also visited the erosion affected Abhipara (Bartari) village under PGP (WR) Division under Palasbari LAC and took stock of the erosion situation there.

AGP team leader Pankaj Lochan Goswami told this correspondent that a major plot of agricultural land has already been eroded in the last one year at Abhipara (Bartari) village and the concerned PGP (WR) Division has not taken

adequate measures to curb erosion in those areas.

The AGP team assured the erosion-ravaged families that it will immediately meet the Assam Water Resources Minister, Keshab Mahanta and ask him to launch projects to deal with the erosion menace at the earliest.

Sources said that formidable erosion has also been reported at Makadhuji village under Palasbari LAC in Kamrup district and the concerned machinery has been showing a step-motherly treatment to the plight of the affected families, sources said.

Erosion of the Brahmaputra has also been posing threat to the Simina and Guimara villages under Palasbari LAC in Kamrup district. During the last three years, nine families of Simina village and 33 families of Guimara village had lost their habitations to erosion of the Brahmaputra river, sources said.

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NABH accreditation for Chandraprabha Eye Hospital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

small health care organisations category with effect from April 2017 to April 2020.

Explaining about the accreditation, the director said that NABH accreditation will ensure high quality service to patients while providing treatment by undertaking all safety measures as specified by the organisation.

Bordoloi said another important factor specified by NABH based in New Delhi, is a constituent board of the Quality Council of India, set up to establish and operate accreditation programme for healthcare organisations. The board is structured to cater to much desired needs of the consumers and to set benchmarks for progress of the health industry.

Addressing newsmen

here on Tuesday, the medical director of the Chandraprabha Eye Hospital, Narayan Bordoloi, who is also a noted ophthalmologist, said after three years of continuous efforts to meet all conditions and criteria specified by the NABH, the institute has achieved the coveted distinction of being awarded NABH accreditation.

Stating that Chandraprabha was the first eye hospital in the North-east and the third in the state after two general hospitals in Guwahati to achieve the feat, Bordoloi said the certificate has been issued in the

last

inspection in November last the NABH team found total compliance of all the norms and the process of issuing the certificate began which was received recently.

Statue of Bhabani Charan Deka unveiled

CORRESPONDENT

wani termed him as 'Mahiruha'. He also praised the efforts of Dr Bijoy Ch Deka who has tried to keep alive the memory of his late father. These type of efforts will encourage the new generation to show due respect to their parents and elderly people, he added.

The statue was constructed by promising sculptor Manjil Kalita and was installed at the initiative of Dr Bijoy Ch Deka, son of the late social worker in front of his residential campus. The statue was formally unveiled by Bani Kanta Goswami, president of Nalbari Zilla Sanskrit Sahitya Sabha and Nalbari Zilla Satra Mahasabha.

In his speech, Goswami said that Late Bhabani Charan Deka was a very simple man with a multifaceted vision. For his simplicity and helpful attitude, he was respected by people. Gos-

Land records gutted

CORRESPONDENT

MORIAGON, July 5: A devastating fire that broke out in Morigaon Sadar Circle Office at about 2 am on July 4 completely destroyed computerised revenue records.

The Morigaon Revenue Circle office was established in the British era in 1925 and Assam type building in the heart of the town that caught fire causing serious concern among the local people. The fire extinguisher team of Morigaon and CRPF jawans fought for three hours to douse the flames. The cause of the fire is yet to be ascertained though it was suspected that electric short circuit might be the cause of the fire. The local people demanded a high-level inquiry into the fire incident at Morigaon Sadar Circle Office.

Govt won't hesitate to take 'bold decisions': Sinha

NEW DELHI, July 5: Telecom Minister Manoj Sinha today said the government will not hesitate to take "bold decisions" to continue the success story of telecom sector, which currently is going through a financial stress.

The minister further said that an inter-ministerial group, which is looking into the financial woes of the telecom industry, is likely to submit its report "within a fortnight".

The government, said told PTI in an interview, "is not scared to take bold decisions".

"The government has information

about all facts... It does not take decision based on views of one side... I will wait for the IMR report. In our country, there is a success story of telecom sector and we will make all efforts to continue it," Sinha said.

Maintaining telecom success story

The minister promised that the government will act swiftly on the recommendations of the inter-ministerial panel, which has been formed to look into the financial stress of the telecom sector and to suggest remedies. Sinha said that the

IMR will submit the report very soon. "Shortly, Maybe, a fortnight," he said when asked about the timeframe for submission of the report.

The telecom industry's debt has touched Rs 4.6 lakh crore, and opera-

tors, even the large ones, are facing severe pressure on revenue and profitability after the entry of aggressive newcomer Reliance Jio.

The IMR has held extensive dialogue with all telecom players as well as large banks to discuss the industry's financial difficulties and look for measures to ease the situation.

Leading players Bharti Airtel, Vodafone Idea Cellular as well as other telcos are making an aggressive push for reduction in levies (like licence fee, spectrum usage charge), and are also seeking an extension in the deferred payment liability for spectrum.

Reliance Jio, on the other hand, has ascribed the financial stress in the telecom sector to existing operators' running businesses on debt and investing heavily in unrelated sectors. - PTI

Passing on GST benefit

Tata Motors, Renault cut prices

NEW DELHI, July 5: Auto majors Tata Motors and Renault India today reduced prices of passenger vehicles by up to Rs 2.17 lakh, passing on GST benefits to customers.

Tata Motors cut passenger vehicle prices between Rs 3,300 and Rs 2,17 lakh while Renault's price reduction ranged from Rs 5,200 to 1.04 lakh.

"We are offering a price reduction of up to 12 per cent ranging between Rs 3,300 and Rs 2,17,000, depending on the model and variant," Tata Motors President, Passenger Vehicles Business Unit, Mayank Pareek said in a statement.

The Mumbai-based company has cut prices of its SUV Hexa ranging between Rs 1.04 lakh and Rs 2.17 lakh, hatchback Tiago by up to Rs 52,000 and compact sedan Tigor by up to Rs 60,000.

Renault has also cut prices of its hatchback Kwid Climber AMT between Rs 5,200 and Rs 29,500, SUV Duster RXZ AWD between Rs 30,400 and Rs 104,700 and that of Lodgy Stepway RXZ between Rs 25,700 and Rs 88,600.

"Reflecting our customer-first approach, we have decided to pass on GST benefits to our customers, further enhancing the value proposition of our products," Renault India Operations Country CEO and MD Sumit Sawhney said. - PTI

EPFO ties up with 5 banks

NEW DELHI, July 5: Retirement fund body EPFO today inked pacts with five banks for collection of PF dues and to make payments of PF withdrawals, pensions and insurance.

The tieups with Bank of Baroda, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank, Axis Bank and Kotak Mahindra Bank will help EPFO save around Rs 125 crore a year and expedite its investments as well as payment of benefits to its members.

Now, employers having bank account with these banks can deposit PF dues directly in EPFO's account using internet banking in real time basis or aggregate mode.

In the absence of this arrangement, the EPFO has to collect dues and make payments through aggregator mode, each transaction costing around Rs 12.

"The transaction charges for making payments to members in their accounts in different banks used to cost us Rs 350 crore a year. This was reduced to Rs 175 crore after PNB, Allahabad

Bank, Indian Bank, Union Bank of India started online collection of dues, in addition to SBI."

Central Provident Fund Commissioner VP Joy told reporters here.

After inking agreements with five more banks today, these charges would be reduced to around Rs 50 crore a year, he said. - PTI

MILITARY ENGINEER SERVICES NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS

Chief Engineer Shillong Zone, Military Engineer Services, Spread Eagle Falls, Shillong, Meghalaya-793011 on behalf of the President of India invites online item rate bids on single stage two cover system for the following works:-

Set No. 1: Name of work: ADDN/ALTN TO JCO'S ACCN AT UMRO MIL STN UNDER GE UMROI

Estimated Cost: Rs. 225.75 Lakhs

Period of execution: 728 Days

Tender ID: 2017_MES_127606_1

Set No. 2: Name of work: ADDN/ALTN TO OFFICERS ACCN AT UMRO MIL STN UNDER GE UMROI

Estimated Cost: Rs. 365.00 Lakhs

Type of Contracts: Item rate

Period of completion: 546 Days

Tender ID: 2017_MES_127606_1

For further detail refer website www.eprocurements.gov.in/

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Minister of State for Power, Coal, New and Renewable Energy and Mines (i/c) Piyush Goyal poses after the launch of MERIT (Merit Order Despatch of Electricity for Rejuvenation of Income and Transparency) app at a function in New Delhi on Wednesday – UNI

Telcos see 15% dip in services revenue

NEW DELHI, July 5: The revenue of telecom operators from services dipped by about 15 per cent to Rs 4,831 crore in the January-March quarter this year, a TRAI report said today.

The revenue was Rs 48,379 crore in the same period last year.

"The year-on-year (y-o-y) growth in GTR (gross revenue) andAGR (adjusted gross revenue) over the same quarter in last year has been (-) 7.35 per cent and (-) 15.60 per cent respectively," TRAI's performance indicator report for quarter ended March showed.

The GR includes revenues generated by the companies

from all their resources while AGR comprises earnings only through telecom services.

The revenue from access services, which are part of AGR and earned by retailing to subscribers like mobile phone and landline services, declined by 20.79 per cent to Rs 31,594.91

crore during the quarter from Rs 39,885.55 crore in the same period a year ago.

Access services contributed 77.38 per cent of the total AGR of telecom services in the reported quarter.

Government's earning from the sector depends on the AGR of telecom companies. The li-

cence fee and spectrum usage charges, the two main form of government earnings, also declined in the reported quarter.

"The licence fee declined from Rs 3,698 crore for the quarter ended December 2016 to Rs 3,361 crore for the quarter ended March 2017. The quarterly and the year-on-year growth rates of licence fee are -9.09 per cent and -13.19 per cent respectively in this quarter," the report said.

The gross revenue of the telecom service providers declined by 7.35 per cent to Rs 63,315.18 crore in the January-March 2017 period, from Rs 68,335.39 crore in the year-ago period. - PTI

OGO app-based mobility service launched

BUSINESS REPORTER

GUWAHATI, July 5: OGO, a Guwahati-based start-up, launched its app-based on-demand mobility and delivery service here recently.

Announcing the launch at a press conference on Monday, Rahul Sharma, an official of the start-up, said, "OGO will provide app-based transportation services such as cars, auto, e-rickshaws, and women-driven taxis, which will make commuting within the city very convenient, safe and affordable."

Sharma said OGO will also provide the service of delivery of parcels, packets and gifts from one location to another at very affordable rates.

"OGO will provide app-based delivery services which will allow people to deliver their packets, gifts and parcels such as clothes, grocery, envelopes from one place to another within the city. This will not only make the lives of the people convenient, but will also save time and money. This will in a way contribute towards making Guwahati a smart city," Sharma said.

Explaining about the app, Sharma said, "The OGO app will allow users to select Assamese as their default language. It will be very convenient for the non-tech-savvy people of Assam to take the benefits of the app."

IOC conducts special inspections at NE depots

GUWAHATI, July 5: PSU major Indian Oil Corporation is carrying out surprise inspections at its retail outlets in the North-East to detect any irregularities, after some cases were reported from a few States in India.

The drive, which started on June 15, has unearthed various types of irregularities in 14 fuel depots so far in Assam, Meghalaya and Nagaland.

"We initiated this inspection drive to check quality and quantity standards of fuel sold to customers by the depots. Accordingly, we have formed 45 teams comprising almost 100 officers," Ray said. - PTI

ONGC revokes pacts with Schlumberger, Halliburton

NEW DELHI, July 5: State-run ONGC has rescinded the initial pacts for outsourcing production from its ageing fields in Gujarat and Assam to international service providers Schlumberger and Halliburton after the Oil Ministry objected to the contract being handed over without bidding.

Oil and Natural Gas Corp (ONGC) had on December 7 last year signed Summary of Understanding (SoU) to give its Kalol field in Gujarat to Halliburton and Geleki field in Assam to Schlumberger to help in raising production above the current baseline output. - PTI

INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDY IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

An Autonomous Institute under Department of Science and Technology, Paschim Boragam, Garchuk, Guwahati-781035

Recruitment of Program Executive

Date : 20/06/2017
IASST is a nationally acclaimed autonomous premier research institute under the Department of Science & Technology, Government of India, IASST is planning to establish a business & technology incubation center with an aim to encourage entrepreneurship development in North-East region of India. The center is looking for suitable dynamic candidate for the post of Program Executive who will take care of various activities of the center.

Name of the post: Program Executive

Type of Employment: Contractual
Qualification: Post Graduate degree in any Science discipline with training/ experience in the concerned area and working knowledge of MS- Office & Accounting application. Candidate having MBA degree with similar training/ experience from reputed institution will be preferred.

Age : Upto 40 years (Preferred) as on 01.03.2017.

Duration : Initially for a period of one year

Pay : Rs. 40,000.00 (four thousand) PM

Interested candidate should apply by sending the application either email or as hard copy in the prescribed format to the Registrar, IASST, Paschim Boragam, Garchuk, Guwahati – 781035; Assam. E-mail. devarishi@iasst.gov.in within twelve days from the publication of advertisement. The candidate should bring their original mark-sheets and certificates at the time of interview, date for which will be intimated in due course of time. No TA/DA will be provided to the candidate for appearing the interview.

Details of advertisement and other relevant information (terms and conditions), working experience etc. can be downloaded from institute website: www.iasst.gov.in before applying for the post.

Registrar, IASST.

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

No. TECH-09/SK/BID/2017-18/07,

Dtd. Kokrajhar, the 1st July/2017

The Superintending Engineer, PWD, Kokrajhar Building Circle, Kokrajhar invites bids from eligible contractors with a validity of 180 (One Hundred and Eighty) days from the date of bidding from the Class I (A, B&C) and Class II Category of registered Contractors under PWD/Assam/BTC only for the works as detailed below.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Approx Value of work (in Rs.)	Cost of Bid document for each Group (in Rs.)	Bid Security for each Group (in Rs.)	Bid Security is to be Drawn in favour of
1	Constr. of Auditorium Hall Cycle stand, R/R Bldg, Bishnupur, Dibrugarh ME School, Dibrugarh, Assam.	Rs. 39,00,416.00	1,200/-	40,000/- for SC/ ST / OBC / MOBC / UGC / DEU	Executive Engineer, PWD, Chirang (R&B) Division, Kajalgaon
2	Constr. of Boundary wall and Repairing of School Building (Excluding Furniture) at Bhabanpur ME. School, Chirang	Rs. 28,57,873.00	900/-	29,000/- for SC/ ST / OBC / MOBC / UGC / DEU	Executive Engineer, PWD, Chirang (R&B) Division, Kajalgaon

N.B :

- Location of work : CHIRANG DISTRICT.
- Time of completion : 420 days (Four hundred and Twenty days) from the date of issue of the Notice to proceed with the work.
- Bidding Documents may be purchased from the office of the Superintending Engineer, PWD, Kokrajhar Building Circle, Kokrajhar on 17-07-2017 & 18-07-2017 (Up to 1615 Hrs) production of registration valid Certificate, registered VAT, PAN card along with non - refundable fee (for two sets) as indicated, in the form of Demand Draft drawn on any scheduled Bank payable at and in favour of the Principal Secretary, Bodoland Territorial Council, on or before 11-07-2017 to 1615 hrs, interested bidders may obtain further information at the same address.
- Bids must be accompanied by Bid security of the amount specified for the work in the table, and drawn in favour of the Executive Engineer, PWD Chirang(R&B) Division, Kajalgaon payable at Chirang. Bid Security will have to be in any one of the forms Call Deposit/ TDR and as detailed in the bidding document and shall have to be valid for 45 days (forty five days) beyond the validity of the bid. Bid Security for SC/ST/OBC/UGC and UDE will be half of the amount as specified above. Bid w/o requisite bid security shall be summarily rejected.
- Bids must be delivered to Superintending Engineer, PWD, Kokrajhar Building Circle, Kokrajhar on or before 24-07-2017 hours on 14.00 and will be opened on the same day i.e on 24-07-2017 at 14.30 hours in the office of the Superintending Engineer, PWD, Kokrajhar Building Circle, Kokrajhar to clarify the issues and to answer questions on any matter that may be raised at that stage as stated in Clause 9.1 of "Instruction to Bidders" of the bidding document.
- Prospective bidders may be inspect the site and details of the project at any suitable date before submission of bid, with due permission of the Executive Engineer, PWD, Chirang(R&B) Division, Kajalgaon.
- Contractor/ bidders must submit solvency certificate from scheduled / Nationalised Bank along with the bid. Contractors should quote rates considering the latest Govt, orders / circulars / notifications on Taxes etc.
- Contractor / bidders who do not fulfill the requirement need not apply for bid. The Superintending Engineer, PWD, Kokrajhar Building Circle, Kokrajhar reserves the right of issuing of bidding document or outright rejection of the application.
- No interim payment will be made to the contractor i.e. only final payment will be made to the contractor after completion of work.
- Other details can be seen in the bidding documents.
- This IFB will form a part of the contract agreement.

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Industry to add \$280 bn to GDP from GST in 8-9 years: Study

NEW DELHI, July 5: Industry is expected to contribute \$280 billion to India's GDP in eight to nine years due to a positive fallout of the goods and services tax (GST) as structural changes in ease of doing business will propel growth, a study said today.

The study was done by Assocham-Ashvin Parekh Advisory Services. The Mumbai-headquartered body is a global management consulting firm with footprint in India and the UK.

Describing the GST, in the short-term, as a "mini budget short of projection of estimated revenue", the paper said most businesses would be able to get significantly more credits under the new indirect tax regime, leading to a benefit for most of them.

"It will bring a systematic approach and

enhance transparency which will aid growth of business and would help the industry to concentrate on its core business," the paper said.

"We believe that GST is a structural reform and is expected to accelerate the pace of GDP growth in India, despite implementation challenges in the near term. It would usher in lower taxes, seamless input tax credit, logistics savings and market share swells from unorganised to organised players," the paper added.

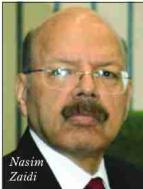
Eventually, GST will turn these SMEs more competitive with a level-playing field between large enterprises and them. Furthermore, the Indian SMEs would be able to compete well in foreign competitions owing from cheap cost centres such as China, the Philippines and Bangladesh," he said. - IANS

New 'tamper-detect' EVMs to be used in 2019 polls: CEC

NEW DELHI, July 5: A new M3 electronic voting machine (EVM) that is "tamper-detect" and will stop functioning if someone tries to tinker with it, is under production and will be used in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, Chief Election Commissioner Nasim Zaidi disclosed on Wednesday.

"I must say that the Commission has always been welcoming suggestions and measures to further tighten the EVM's integrity. Our machines are evolving with new technologies, and currently we are producing M3 machines (third generation EVMs) which have many security features. In common man's language, this is if you fiddle with any part of the machine or try to open any screw, any box, it will become dysfunctional," Zaidi told IANS. "By 2019, we will have M3 machines in place," the CEC said.

The M3 EVM production is starting from August at



Nasim Zaidi

the Electronics Corporation of India Ltd (ECIL) and Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL) plants. These machines will replace the existing machines in phases. By September next year, the required number of machines will have been produced.

Zaidi, who denies office on Wednesday, said that apart from this, by 2019 all the EVMs will be attached with a voter verifiable paper audit trail (VVPAT) units as the EC has already got funds and placed a certain percentage. - IANS

Another feature of these new machines, he said, is self-diagnosis. That is, it can automatically detect any fault with the software or system and will show it in the display.

"The third part is digital certification. The Control Unit and Ballot Unit can communicate with each other. If someone plants a Ballot Unit or Control Unit from outside, the digital signature will not match and the system would stop functioning," Zaidi said.

Thirdly, the operation deadlines of EVMs in terms of their productions, transportation, storage, maintenance and security etc are being tightened. The vehicles carrying the EVMs will be fitted with GPS to monitor their movement," Zaidi said.

He said that as part of a huge mass awareness programme the EC is launching about VVPATs, paper trail slips in every constituency will also be counted along with the votes upto a certain percentage. - PTI

Rs 300-cr benami assets of Bhujbal, family attached

NEW DELHI/MUMBAI, July 5: 'Benami' assets worth Rs 300 crore of NCP leader Chagan Bhujbal and his family have been seized by the Income Tax Department, which has slapped charges under a newly enacted criminal law against them.

The department said the assets were allegedly created by them using a maze of about four shell companies.

In fresh trouble for the jailed

former deputy chief minister of Maharashtra, the IT department has issued notices for provisional attachment of assets of Bhujbal, his son Panjaj and nephew Sameer Bhujbal, and has identified them as "beneficiaries" of the alleged benami assets. The attachment notice, accessed by PTI, has been issued under Section 24(3) of the Benami Transactions (Prohibition) Act, 2016 where the taxman thinks the person in possession of the property held benami may alienate the property. - PTI

Lalu Prasad is Robert Vadra of Bihar: BJP

NEW DELHI, July 5: Attacking RJD chief Lalu Prasad over his alleged 'benami' (proxy) land deals, senior BJP leader Sushil Kumar Modi on Wednesday called him the "Robert Vadra of Bihar" and questioned Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's silence over the issue.

"Lalu Prasad is the Robert Vadra of Bihar as he knows well how to use shell companies to buy 'benami' properties. Now he is the biggest landlord of Bihar," Sushil Kumar Modi told the media here.

Robert Vadra is the son-in-law of Congress President Sonia Gandhi and had courted controversy in the past for his certain land deals in Haryana during the Congress rule in the state. - IANS

Why no law for CEC, ECs' appointment: SC

KOLKATA, July 5: The Supreme Court today asked the Centre as to why no enabling law as mandated under the Constitution has been made for the appointment of the chief election commissioner and election commissioners in the poll panel.

The court, however, acknowledged that till now good persons have been appointed in the poll panel.

A bench comprising Chief Justice JS Khehar and Justice DY Chandrachud said that Article 324 of the Constitution provides that the appointments of the CEC and the ECs be made as per the enabling law, but the law has not been enacted so far.

"The expectation is that Par-

Situation still tense in WB

liament will make the law. The law has not been made then can the court lay down the procedures," the bench asked Solicitor General Ranjit Kumar, representing the Centre.

The bench was hearing a PIL filed by one Anoop Parwanal through lawyer Prashant Bhushan seeking various re-

lief including that there should be a fair and transparent procedure for appointment of CEC and ECs in the poll panel.

The PIL has referred to the

independent procedure of ap-

pointment of judges in the

higher judiciary and said that

similar kind of procedures may

be laid down with regards to

the appointments of CEC and

ECs in the poll panel. - PTI

GST ki Master Class

All officers of CBEC and State Governments, Tax Practitioners and Traders etc. are requested to watch this class online.

Schedule

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Tuesday (12.07.2017)	1630 - 1730	Composition and Record Keeping

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Chinese media asks India to withdraw with dignity

BEIJING, July 5: The Chinese official media today stepped up its attack on India with editorials asking Indian troops to move out of Dokalam area in Sikkim sector "with dignity or be kicked out" and describing the situation as "worrying tense".

While China's nationalistic tabloid *Global Times* said India should be taught a "bitter lesson", another of official newspaper, *China Daily*, said India should look in the mirror.

The *Global Times* said in its editorial that India will suffer "greater losses" than in 1962 if it "incites"

border clashes with China.

As the standoff in the Dokalam area continued for the third week, it said India should be taught a "bitter lesson".

It also claimed that the Chinese public was infuriated by India's "provocation".

"We believe the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) is powerful enough to expel Indian troops out of Chinese territory. The Indian military can choose to return to its territory with dignity, or be kicked out of the area by Chinese soldiers," it said.

"The face-off in the Donglang area will end with the Indian troops in retreat"

"We need to give diplomatic and military authorities full power to handle the issue. We call on Chinese society to maintain high-level unity on the issue. The more unified the Chinese people are, the more suffi-

cient conditions the professionals will have to fight against India and safeguard our interests. This time, we must teach New Delhi a bitter lesson," it said.

The editorial said it "firmly" believes that the face-off in what it calls the Donglang area will end with the Indian troops in "retreat".

"If New Delhi believes that its military might be used as leverage in the Donglang area (referred to as Doklam or Dok La), and it is ready for a two-and-a-half front war, we have to tell India that the Chinese look down on their military

power," it said.

The paper was referring Indian Army Chief General Bipin Rawat saying that India was ready for a two-and-a-half front war".

"Jaitley (Defence Minister Arun Jaitley) is right that the India of 2017 is different from that of 1962 - India will suffer greater losses than in 1962 if it incites military conflicts," it added.

Jaitley on June 30 said India of 2017 is different from what it was in 1962, hitting out at China for asking the Indian Army to learn from "historical lessons". - PTI

Philippine ultimatum behind 2 Vietnamese hostages: army

MANILA, July 5: Islamist militants have beheaded two Vietnamese sailors held hostage for eight months in the southern Philippines, the military said today.

Philippine troops found the remains of the two hostages early today on the island of Basilan, a stronghold of the notorious Abu Sayyaf kidnap-for-ransom group, military spokeswoman Captain Jo-Anne Pettingay said.

"This is a desperate measure of the Abu Sayyaf Group because they see they have no gains from their kidnap-for-ransom activity," Pettingay told AFP.

Abu Sayyaf, originally a loose network of militants formed in the 1990s with seed money from Osama bin Laden's Al-Qaeda network, has splintered into factions, with some continuing to engage in banditry and kidnappings.

One faction has pledged allegiance to the Islamic State group, with members among those holding parts of Marawi, the largely Catholic nation's most important Islamic city.

Militants continue to occupy parts of Marawi despite a US-backed military offensive there that has claimed more than 460 lives and displaced nearly 400,000 people since it began in May. - AFP

N Korea says ICBM can carry 'large, heavy nuclear warhead'

SEOUL, July 5: North Korea's intercontinental ballistic missile is capable of carrying a "large, heavy nuclear warhead" that can survive reentry into the Earth's atmosphere, its official news agency said today.

Washington described the device, launched yesterday in a watershed moment for Pyongyang's weapons ambitions, as an ICBM, and independent experts said it was capable of reaching Alaska.

The Korean Central News Agency said that after personally overseeing the test, leader Kim Jong-Un "said American bastards would not be very happy with this gift sent on the July 4 anniversary", the United States' independence day.

In response, US and South Korean soldiers fired ballistic missiles simultaneously in a drill today simulating an attack on the North's leadership, South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said, "as a strong message of warning."

The live-fire training was held at the order of President Moon Jae-In, Yonhap news agency said, who backs engagement with Pyongyang to bring it to the negotiating table. - AFP

with an armistice rather than a peace treaty, and Pyongyang says it needs nuclear weapons to defend itself against the threat of invasion.

The North's long confrontation with Washington had entered the "final stage", KCNA cited Kim as saying, and Pyongyang would not put its nuclear weapons and ballistic missiles up for negotiation under any circumstances, "unless the US hostile policy and nuclear threats come to an end completely".

The North is subject to multiple rounds of United Nations sanctions on its nuclear and missile programmes, and the launch triggered a new chorus of condemnation.

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Hongsong-14 missile and "expressed satisfaction, saying it looked as handsome as a good-looking boy and was well made".

North and South Korea have been divided since the war on the peninsula ended in 1953



President Donald Trump concludes his remarks while First Lady Melania Trump applauds as they welcome military families who have gathered for a Fourth of July picnic on the South Lawn of the White House in Washington, on Tuesday. - UNI

Modi meets 'Baby Moshe'



TEL AVIV, July 5: In a special gesture, Prime Minister Narendra Modi today met Moshe Holtzberg, the Israeli child who was just two years old when he lost his parents in the 2008 Mumbai terror attack.

Modi's decision to meet Moshe, now 11, along his grandparents was an emotional moment for the family.

Modi also met Moshe's Indian nanny Sandra Samuels, who managed to escape with him from the Nariman House which came under attack by Pakistan-based LeT terrorists, and his grandparents Shimon and Yehudit Rosenberg.

Moshe was two when his parents Rivka and Gavriel Holtzberg, serving as emissaries of Chabad in Mumbai, were killed along with six others by terrorists at the Nariman House, also popularly known as Chabad House.

The Nariman House was one of the five places targeted by the terrorists, killing 166 people.

Moshe now lives in Afula, Israel, with his grandparents - Rabbi Shimon Rosenberg and his wife Yehudit Rosenberg. He now goes to a yeshiva (religious school).

He is still very attached to his nanny Sandra who works in Jerusalem and joins the family over the weekends.

Israel honoured Sandra with an honorary citizenship in September 2010.

She works with young kids in Jerusalem during the week and joins the Rosenberg family in the north during the weekends. - PTI

ADVISORY ON LANDSLIDE & URBAN FLOOD



During a Landslide:

- Stay alert and awake. Listen to a radio or television for warnings of intense rainfall. Be aware that intense, short bursts of rain may be particularly dangerous, especially after longer periods of heavy rainfall and damp weather.
- If you are in areas susceptible to landslides and debris flows, consider leaving if it is safe to do so. Staying out of the path of a landslide or debris flow saves lives.
- Listen for any unusual sounds that might indicate moving debris, such as trees cracking or boulders knocking together. A trickle of flowing or falling mud or debris may precede larger landslides. Moving debris can flow quickly and sometimes without warning. Don't delay! Save yourself, not your belongings.
- Be especially alert when driving. Embankments along roadsides are particularly susceptible to landslides. Watch the road for collapsed pavement, mud, fallen rocks, and other indications of possible debris flows.

What to Do If You Suspect Imminent Landslide Danger:

- Contact your local fire, police, or public works department. Local officials are the best persons able to assess potential danger.
- Inform affected neighbours. Your neighbours may not be aware of potential hazards. Advising them of a potential threat may help save lives. Help neighbours who may need assistance to evacuate.
- Evacuate. Getting out of the path of a landslide or debris flow is your best protection.

After the Landslide:

- Stay away from the slide area. There may be danger of additional slides.
- Check for injured and trapped persons near the slide, without entering the direct slide area. Direct rescuers to their locations.
- Help a neighbour who may require special assistance - infants, elderly people, and people with disabilities. Elderly people and people with disabilities may require additional assistance. People who care for them or who have large families may need additional assistance in emergency situations.
- Watch for flooding, which may occur after a landslide or debris flow. Floods sometimes follow landslides and debris flows because they may both be started by the same event.
- Look for and report broken utility lines to appropriate authorities. Reporting potential hazards will get the utilities turned off as quickly as possible, preventing further hazard and injury.

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- Switch off electrical and gas appliances, and turn off services at the main switch.
- Carry your emergency kit and let your friends and family know where you are going.
- Avoid contact with flood water it may be contaminated with sewage, oil, chemicals or other substances.
- If you have to walk in standing water, use a pole or stick to ensure that you do not step into deep water, open manholes or ditches.
- Stay away from power lines as electrical current can travel through water.
- Look before you step after a flood, the ground and floors are covered with debris, which may include broken bottles, sharp objects, nails etc. Floors and stairs covered with mud and debris can be slippery.
- Listen to the radio or television for updates and information.
- If the ceiling is wet shut off electricity.
- Make sure that each person has lantern, torch, some edibles, drinking water, dry clothes and necessary documents while evacuating or shifting.
- Evacuate low lying areas and shift to safer places
- Put all valuables at a higher place in the house.

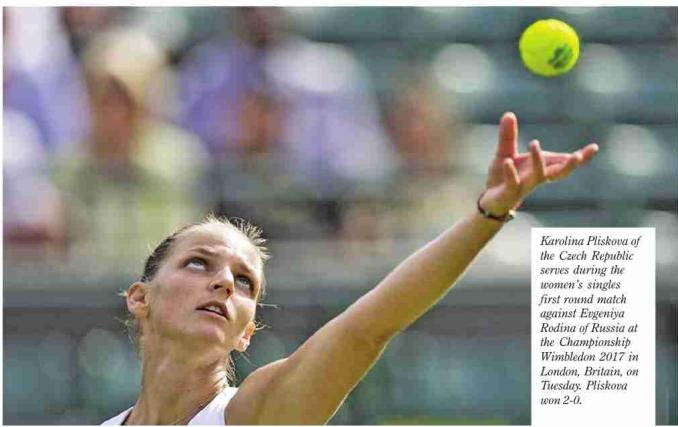
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- Do not litter waste, plastic bags, plastic bottles in drains
- Don't walk through flowing water - currents can be deceptive, and shallow, fast moving water can knock you off your feet.
- Don't swim through fast flowing water - you may get swept away or struck by an object in the water.
- Don't eat any food that has come into contact with flood water.
- Don't reconnect your power supply until a qualified engineer has checked it.
- Never use electrical equipments while standing on wet floors, especially concrete.

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Wozniacki, Ferrer, Karolina in 2nd round



Karolina Pliskova of the Czech Republic serves during the women's singles first round match against Evgeniya Rodina of Russia at the Championships Wimbledon 2017 in London, Britain, on Tuesday. Pliskova won 6-4, 6-4.

LONDON, July 5: Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark cruised into the women's singles second round at the Wimbledon tennis tournament after defeating Hungarian Timea Babos 6-4, 6-4.

The fifth seeded Wozniacki needed one hour and 42 minutes to get rid of the 24-year-old Babos on Tuesday, reports Efe news agency.

In the men's singles category, Spain's David Ferrer advanced to the second round after beating Richard Gasquet. Wozniacki, former world no. 1, broke her rival's serve twice to seal the first set, but one break was all Babos needed to push the match to a third set.

However, Babos did not win with any of her serves in the third set as she managed to clinch just one game from a break.

The Danish player, who has never passed Wimbledon's fourth round, is now set to play against Bulgarian Tsvetana Pironkova who defeated Italian Sara Errani 6-1, 6-4.

Chesk Karolina Pliskova, seeded no. 3, eased

past Russian Evgeniya Rodina 6-1, 6-4.

Pliskova, who reached the 2017 French Open semifinals, is set to play against Slovak Magdalena Rybarikova, Polish Agnieszka Radwanska, seeded no. 9, got into the second round at the cost of Serbian Jelena Jankovic 7-6 (3), 6-4.

Radwanska, the 2012 Wimbledon finalist, is set to play against American Christina McHale, who got the better of Briton Katie Boulter. In the men's section, Ferrer had to endure a strong fightback from Gasquet before ensuring his passage into the second round.

The 35-year-old Spaniard carved out a 6-3, 6-3, 5-7, 6-2 victory over the World No. 22 Frenchman in two hours and 54 minutes.

Ferrer is unseeded at Wimbledon this year, the first time this has happened at a Grand Slam since the Australian Open 2005.

In the second round, Ferrer is set to play against Belgian Steve Darcis, who defeated Lithuanian Ricardas Berankis 4-6, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3 in three hours and five minutes on Tuesday.

Earlier, Roger Federer and Novak Djokovic barely had to break sweat to make winning starts at Wimbledon as their injury-hit partners retired hurt from their first round matches.

Federer is chasing a record eighth Wimbledon title and he was already well on top at the start of his 19th All England Club campaign when Alexandr Dolgopolov was forced to quit with an ankle injury.

The world number three raced into a 6-3, 3-0 in 43 minutes on Centre Court before the Ukrainian limped off.

Federer, who hit his 10,000th career ace in the eighth game of the first set, will face either Dusan Lajovic of Serbia or Greek qualifier Stefanos Tsitsipas for a place in the last 32.

Djokovic, a three-time Wimbledon champion, was leading 6-3, 2-0 when Slovakian world number 47 Martin Kizan retired after just 40 minutes on Centre Court due to a calf problem. — Agencies

Indian eves beat SL by 16 runs

Derby, July 5: India defeated Sri Lanka by 16 runs in an ICC Women's World Cup match here today and put one step forward for the semifinals with an unbeaten record in the league phase.

Batting first, India made 232 for eight in the stipulated 50 overs, and then restricted Sri Lanka to 216 for seven.

For Sri Lanka Dilani Manodara top scored with 61 as Poomam Yadav (2/23) and Ishani Gowami (2/26) were the major wicket takers for India.

Earlier, Deepthi Sharma (78) and skipper Mithali Raj (63) helped India post 232/8.

After a poor start by the top order batswomen, Deepthi and Mithali forged a 118-run third-wicket partnership in 26 overs to stabilise the Indian innings.

But just when things seemed good at the middle, Deepthi was sent packing in the 37th over by pacer Ama Kanchana. Deepthi slammed 10 boundaries in her 110-ball knock.

New batswoman Jhulan Goswami (9) was dismissed in the 40th over and in the same over Mithali was adjudged leg before wicket off Sow left-arm orthodox Inoka Ranawera.

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Deepthi Sharma of India executes a shot through the off side during their Women's World Cup match against Sri Lanka on Wednesday.



BCCI CEO set to meet Kohli and co in Jamaica

NEW DELHI, July 5: The BCCI Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Rahul Johri will be in Jamaica to meet Indian captain Virat Kohli and his team, in an attempt to get a feedback on the appointment of the new head coach.

Johri is expected to arrive in Kingston by Wednesday evening to have a detailed discussion with skipper Kohli on the appointment of the coach and other support staff.

"Yes, Rahul has left for Jamaica with permission of the Committee of Administrators (COA). He has been instructed with the task of getting feedback from the captain and the team. The team's feedback will then be passed to the Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC) to take all parameters into account," a BCCI official privy to the development told PTI.

The move is perceived by many as BCCI and COA's method of trying to gauge the mood of the team as they don't want any discord over new appointee. A few days ago, Kohli had said that he will only air his view if the BCCI asks for it.

"From a personal point of view, I can't pinpoint anything or give details. We as a team, contrary to a lot of perceptions, only voice our opinions when asked by the BCCI for suggestions. So that is something we have always gone through as a process and that's something we respect as a team," Kohli had said during an interaction with media during the Antigua leg of the series. But questions are also being raised whether taking feedback from the team tantamounts to showing CAC comprising Sachin Tendulkar, Sourav Ganguly and VVS Laxman in poor light.

The move according to many is another indicator that it's a formality before Ravi Shastri takes over the coaching role.

On a different note, it was also learnt that former medium pacer Venkatesh Prasad has not applied for coach's post, contrary to popular belief.

"Venkatesh Prasad's CV is not there among those who have applied for the coach's post. He is working as the chairman of selectors with the junior team. We don't know who spread the news. Venky on his part never confirmed that he has applied for the job," said the source.

The BCCI brass is also on a sticky wicket on the issue of criteria for being a full-time manager of the Indian team.

It has been learnt that COA wants former international and first-class players as manager but the administrative job requires a different skill set. — PTI

Priyanka Chopra may co-own franchise in Super Boxing League

NEW DELHI, July 5: Indian actress Priyanka Chopra, who famously played boxing champion MC Mary Kom in a biopic, is likely to join the Super Boxing League (SBL) as the co-owner of the North East franchise, informed sources have said.

"Talks are at the final stage and we are very keen on having Priyanka on board. She is one of the most versatile actors in Bollywood and her association with boxing will help to create the much-needed hype for Super Boxing League. We will soon make an official announcement for the same," a source from SBL told IANS.

SBL is marking the beginning of its first season from Friday by bringing in Bollywood celebrities as team co-owners of its franchises. Sunil Shetty along with Rana Daggubati of "Baahubali" fame are the co-owners of Babubali Boxers, the team from South India.

Sushant Singh Rajput, for the very first time, will be entering the sporting arena as the co-owner of the home team, Delhi Gladiators.

Showring interest is also actress Sunny Leone, who will be rooting for her team OPM Punjab Sultans. Singer Kanika Kapoor will support her team UP terminators.

Actor Randeep Hooda and Sohail Khan have also been announced as the co-owners of Haryana Warriors and Mumbai Assassins respectively. Riteish Deshmukh will be seen promoting his native team, the Maratha Lodhas.

With Priyanka, SBL hopes to add more Bollywood glamour. Bill Dosanjh, CEO and Founder of SBL, said: "We are overwhelmed by the response boxing has received from the Bollywood fraternity. It's no secret that Bollywood draws inspiration from sports every now and then."

"The stars joining us on this platform is an evidence of the immense popularity of boxing. I am delighted to welcome each and every one of them to the SBL family. I am sure this combination of some of the exciting boxers and celebrities will give fans enough moments to cheer and enjoy the five weeks of action that Super Boxing League will bring to the Indian audience."

The event will take place at the DDA Badminton and Squash Stadium, Sir Fort Road, where the inaugural match will be between Haryana Warriors and Delhi Gladiators. Amit Khan, Chairman, SBL, said he is delighted to see the excitement within the bigwigs of Bollywood for boxing. — IANS

I back myself to finish games for India: Pandya

KINGSTON, July 5: Promising "fearless" cricket in the series-deciding fifth ODI against the West Indies tomorrow, Hardik Pandya says he backs himself to be a finisher for India after failing to do the job in the previous game.

India needed 29 of 31 balls when Pandya (20 off 21) got out in the fourth ODI which the visitors eventually lost by 11 runs. Former captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni was at the other end but his 114-ball 54 too did not prove to be good enough.

While Dhoni's finishing powers are on the wane, Pandya has shown promise on his way to becoming a world-class finisher. Talking about his partnership with Dhoni, Pandya said they were confident about chasing down the modest 190-run target.

"The conversation with MS was pretty simple to be honest. The power which we both have we thought to take the innings deep and then chase it down. Most times we would chase 31 off 29 balls but then we were not able to finish. I back myself to finish the game for the team and all these instances are part of the learnings," said Pandya at Sabina Park.

"We will be fearless in the final game. Last game was one of those games where it did not click. But we will go ahead and express ourselves, that is when we play our best cricket," he said further.

Pandya looked good before a terrible mix up with Ravindra Jadeja ended his knock. The all-rounder said he was angry but it did not take him long to get over the disappointment. — PTI

Cultural extravaganza marks Asian Athletics opening

opening ceremony.

The central arena of the Kalinga Stadium turned into a big stage with four slanting screens which showed, along with three other such screens round the stadium, showed everything from world famous sand artist Sudarshan's works to Konark temple to ancient king Kharavela to other famous monuments.

Perhaps the best performance of the evening was three astronauts performing skywalk below three giant balloons in the midst of an array of laser lights.

Earlier, athletes of 44 participating countries took part in the march past at the beginning of the ceremony.

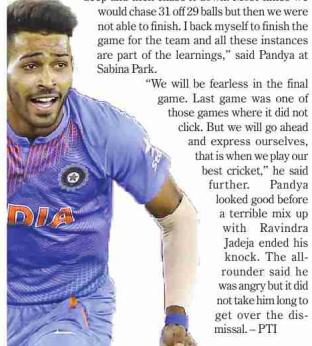
Expectedly, the large Indian contingent, which came last, received the most applause from the crowd which filled the 10,000 capacity Kalinga Stadium.

All the eight members of the Pakistan contingent – six athletes and two officials, who were given visa at the last minute took part in the march past and they received a fair amount of cheers from the crowd.

For a championships which is not that hugely significant as compared to the likes of a multi-sporting event, the opening ceremony was an extravagant and spectacular one.

The major attractions of the opening ceremony included the rendition of popular Sambarupuri folk song 'Rangabati' by music director trio Shankar-Ehsaan-Loy.

Bollywood composer and singer Shantanu Mahadevan and 'Thousand Hands' dance troupe from Thailand also enthralled the audience during the



Musical chairs? England's players help clear up after the team photo, Lord's, on Wednesday.



LONDON, July 5: A new England era will start when Joe Root captains the Test side against South Africa at Lord's on Thursday.

Root was appointed in February after Alastair Cook, still in the team purely as an opening batsman, stood down but this week's match will be England's first Test since the change of skipper.

England will hope the captaincy drives the 26-year-old Yorkshireman to ever greater heights as it has done for two fellow star batsmen – Australia's Steve Smith and India's Virat Kohli.

"The way Root goes about his cricket, he's nice and positive the way he bats. I suspect the way he will captain the team will be similar," said England's Australian coach Trevor Bayliss last week.

South Africa ended the Test captivity of several England skippers in Nasser Hussain, Michael Vaughan and Andrew Strauss. A similar fate, however, is un-

likely to befall Root, whatever the outcome of a four-match series, ahead of this year's Ashes campaign in Australia.

The immediate task for Root is to return England to winning ways in Tests after eight defeats in a 2016 that ended with a 4-0 series loss in India. Root's county colleague Gary Ballance has forced his way back into the side after piling on the runs for Yorkshire even though his last six Test innings have yielded just 49 runs in total.

Meanwhile Keaton Jennings, who attended the same Johannesburg school as South Africa wicket-keeper Quinton de Kock, is set to open alongside Cook – who has been scoring heavily for Essex this season – against the country of his birth.

With veteran new ball duo James Anderson and Stuart Broad fit to lead an attack featuring Durham quick Mark Wood, England must decide whether to hand a debut to another paceman in Toby Roland-Jones, who would be playing on his Middlesex home ground, or give Liam Dawson a Test debut following the Hampshire left-arm spinner's promising start in Chennai in December. — AFP

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Indian batsman gets ready for a net session at Kingston, Jamaica on Wednesday.

India eye series win after embarrassing defeat

KINGSTON (Jamaica), July 5: Underfire Indian batsmen would look to make amends for their startling collapse in the previous match and complete the series win when they take on West Indies in the fifth and final One-dayer, here tomorrow.

The series appeared done and dusted when India began a modest 190-run chase but their intimidating batting line-up fell short by 11 runs in a stunning turnaround on a slow pitch.

Of all the batsmen, former skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni drew the maximum flak for his slow batting as he played 70 balls but in his 54-run knock off 114 balls.

He failed to clear the boundary ropes in his first attempt at a big shot, yet again raising questions if he is the same old force as a finisher. Ravindra Jadeja too played an atrocious shot, resulting in his dismissal, which exposed India's tail to a critical situation.

The top order, led by Shikhar Dhawan and Ajinkya Rahane, who has hit four half centuries in a row, has done the bulk of scoring and India would need the two batsmen to continue in the same vein. It won't be a surprise if captain Virat Kohli, who minces words in criticising his team's shot selection, brings about changes in the middle-order. — PTI

National kung-fu meet in city

SPORTS REPORTER

GUWAHATI, July 5: The All Assam Kung-Fu Association (AAKA) will host the 15th National Kung-Fu Championship at the Bageswari Phukanand Stadium, Diphu from July 13 to 16.

AAKA vice president Bhaskarjyoti Bora and secretary Pranab Kumar Barua in a press conference today said, about 700 players and technical officials from 13 States will take part in the championship in both men and women groups.

Assam will field two teams each in men and women categories, informed the AAKA secretary.

Despite running through acute financial crisis, the organisers are working from dawn to dusk to organise the meet in a befitting manner. Assam is organising the National Kung-Fu Championship after a gap of 18 years. AAKA president Kishan Singh was also present in the press conference and highlighted about organisational aspects.

Guwahati paddlers dominate ranking TT



Riza Anirban in action during her pre-quarterfinal match against Sharmintha Das in Guwahati on Wednesday.

SPORTS REPORTER

GUWAHATI, July 5: Guwahati women paddlers are dominating in the 4th Nagen Hazarika Memorial Ali Assam Major Ranking Table Tennis Championships.

In the women and youth girls categories most of the Guwahati players entered into the quarterfinal stage. The finals of the tournament will be played tomorrow. AASU adviser Samanta Bhattacharya will be the chief guest in the closing function which will take place at 4 pm.

On the second day of the championship at the Deshkhakta Tarun Ram Phookan Indoor Stadium in the RG Barua Sports Complex here today, Trisha Gogoi (Ghy), Sharli Baruah (Ghy) bt Arpita Das (Nagom), Gargi Goswami bt (Ghy) Rima Baruah (Ghy) bt Sharmintha Das (Ghy).

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FIFA reopens Rs 48 World Cup tickets

KOLKATA, July 5: Overwhelmed by the huge interest in three cities of Kolkata, Kochi and Guwahati, FIFA today reopened the I sales of Under-17 World Cup tickets that start at Rs 48 per match when bought in a package of the entire matches at a venue.

The Saltlake Stadium here will host 10 matches including the final of the October 6-28 tournament as the football-crazy city showed maximum interest with tickets in phase one sold out in less than 12 hours.

Keeping that in mind, the Organising Committee has decided to ensure that fans, who have not yet got a chance to buy the venue package in the three cities, can access the discounted tick-

ets for another three days.

"We've been really impressed with the interest in the tournament, especially in Kolkata, Guwahati and Kochi, and we'd like to give the fans there one more opportunity before the draw to book their place for this historic event in India. This is a beautiful demonstration of the love that Indian people have for football," FIFA Deputy Secretary General Zvonimir Boban said in a statement.

The much-awaited draw for the tournament will be held in Mumbai on July 7, and the same day the phase II ticket sale will begin with higher prices. The phase will be from July 12 and will be exclusively for VISA cardholders. — PTI

Gayle to take field against India in T20 on Sunday

KINGSTON (Jamaica), July 5: Big-hitting batsman Chris Gayle has been recalled to the West Indies squad for the lone Twenty20 International against India on Sunday.

Gayle, who is West Indies' most successful batsman in the T20 format with 1519 runs at an average of 35.32, replaced Lendl Simmons, who had struggled for runs in the T20 series against Afghanistan.

It will be Gayle's first T20 match at his home ground, Sabina Park. The marauding batsman, who has two T20 centuries, last played an international match for the West Indies in the 2016 World T20 final against England at Eden Gardens. All-rounder Jason Holder, who leads the side in Tests and ODIs,

has been rested again and the side will be led by Carlos Brathwaite.

"We welcome Chris back to the T20 squad. He is the most prolific batsman in this format and will add value to our team at the top of the order," Courtney Browne, Cricket West Indies' chairman of selectors, said. "He will get the chance to play on his home ground and against a top-quality Indian team," Browne added. The hosts are trailing 1-2 in a five-match ODI series with India and will strive to equal the rubber by winning the final match tomorrow.

West Indies T20 squad: Carlos Brathwaite (C), Samuel Badree, Ronford Beaton, Chris Gayle, Jason Holder, Courtney Browne, Denesh Ramdin, Kieron Pollard, Romian Powell, Marlon Samuels, Jerome Taylor, Chadwick Walton and Keon Williams. — PTI

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Bodousa Cup

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DOOMDOOMA, July 5: In a league match of the 9th Bodousa Cup National Level Invitational Football Tournament played at the Doomdooma Town Field here today, Sonowal-Kachar Autonomous Council FC beat Namrup Ratu Naga 1-0.

SKAFC Gujan Karwar scored two goals in the first and fourteenth minutes respectively while for Namrup, Ratu Naga Redha reduced the margin in the 32nd minutes.

Ashim Sonowal officiated the match and he was assisted by Jibon Gogoi and Medina Khatowar, Kuleshwar Moran was the fourth official.

The match was inaugurated by Sadrahkar Biran Mabanta in presence of AFA secretary Ankur Dutta. The venue of the match was shifted to Doomdooma from Tinsukia for unavoidable circumstances.

At Nagaon, NF Railway dethroned Talap Kardanguri Sports Association 1-0 and full point of the league. Till half time Railways were leading by 5-0.

Now Railways are 4 goals and recorded double hattric.

Other goals were netted by Chayaram Basumatary, J Prabin, Bipul Khamkar and Shankar Sheel.

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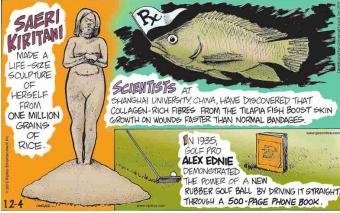
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Who was the first person to barrel-ride down the Niagara Falls?

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Taylor was not the first person to barrel-ride over the falls. In October 1869, Sam Patch, known as the Yankee Leaper, survived jumping down the 175-foot Horseshoe Falls of the Niagara River, on the Canadian side of the falls, and survived. Taylor's jump was the first to be witnessed by a crowd.

Knocked violently from side to side by the rapids and propelled forward by the current, Taylor never reached the safety of the river. It bit bashed, around 20 times after her journey began. After a brief flurry of photo-ops and speaking engagements, Taylor's time ended, and she was unable to make the fortune for which she had hoped. No matter the method, going over Niagara Falls is illegal, and survives fierce charges and stiff fines on either side of the border.

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My viewpoint

“ Why should we study Moral Science in school? ”



First and foremost I would say that Moral Science is a subject that develops our character and includes specific values in us that help us to live in the society with better behaviour. This subject helps to mould the latent potential in a child. It guides the inner core of a person's thinking and behaviour. This subject helps us to open our minds and hearts to reality. Students are like saplings and to nurture such tender saplings we need a sensible gardener. And, the gardener is none other than the subject of Moral Science.



I love Moral Science as a subject because it teaches us our right values from within. In our Moral Science textbook there are several moral stories that teach us to be kind, brave, obedient, honest, etc. There are also stories about animals and plants. So, Moral Science is an important subject. It is also known as Value Education. The values I get from my Moral Science lessons will surely make me an ideal person.



In a school, a child's mind can be moulded. Parents want their children to get good grades. In the run up to the final exam Moral Science as a subject is lost to some extent. It is rightly said that Education is not all about marks but it is about the way it moulds our soul and mind. Moral Science is an essential and integral part of education. It helps us to look forward to our life. Value education introduces lasting values in the character of a child.



Moral Science is important for a student. It mainly points towards the learning of the right kind of behaviour. This subject can be taught in school by holding temporary classes and arranging sessions of one day sessions during the morning session so that students can have a healthy day fresh, full of positive thoughts. As ever the students are taught, gets preserved for a lifetime. Moral Science is more important than any other subject because every person is judged by his or her behaviour.

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During my teen years I was fascinated by dances and won prizes in both the Sambalpur and Goalpara districts. Once, when the great artist Bishnu Rabha urged me to get into theatre. He has had a seminal influence on me.

► Happiest moment of my life.

The happiest moment was when I see my photo in the *Daksh Asom* and my achievement in dance. At 17, what could be more exciting than that?

► Turning point for me.

I have always been a person of the stage. Then Partha Das introduced me to cinema and I have turned up before the cameras.

► Change I would like to see in the society.

I would like to see children communicate with each other, instead of being absorbed in technology all the time.

► Message for today's youth.

Do explore the medium of theatre. The more you explore, the more you learn, memory enhancement, tolerance and harmonious communication. Do try it!

A science park made by kids

Apple's educational coding app gets an upgrade

Apple's educational coding app, Swift Playground, has a major upgrade as it is bringing coding for robots and other devices. With Swift's integration, students will be able to learn coding for robots, drones and musical instruments. Swift Playground lets students learn coding at the most fundamental level through an easy-to-learn programming language.



It was the month of *Phalgun* and we were at my house in a pithi at *dohar*. A day passed in the sun and we were sitting and thinking where to go. Just then, my father said we would visit *Jadav Pustak*, The Forest Man of *Bil*. I quickly checked the route to his house in *Gopinathpur* and found it to be only 13 kms away from our place. My father and I went to the District Administration and they gave us the contact number of *Jadav Pustak*. We were ready and headed towards his residence. On reaching his place, we opened the gate and walked inside to meet him. We saw him resting in the balcony of his beautiful *Ching Chir*. As he was old, he came down the stairs and sat on a chair to sit. Though he is a famous personality now, having travelled to many countries

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them after they grew so he said that there were snakes on the island again. After

he started planting trees and then soon turned into a huge man-made forest. He saw that there were no rains in the area for some days, he noted that elephants too came to his forest from *Dibrugarh* through the month of May-June.

He also noted that his forest was dying dead. He fell sick. He asked one of the elderly persons of the village what was the reason for his sickness. The person told him that the snake could

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Little Hearts

Dear Ishani Aunty,
We would like to spend our summer holidays with our son, aunt and cousins. But my father has some work and has cancelled the visit. I am feeling really depressed.

—Rana

Dear Rana,
It's quite normal to feel down in the dumps when you are away from home. But in life we don't really get what we want and you have to face that. Try to think up some other things to do at home. And there's always a next time.

Dear Ishani Aunty,
We would love to have a pup to play with, but our parents have refused to get one. Please help.

—Ricku

Dear Ricku,
All parents would like to make their children happy and I am sure they have arrived at this decision after much thought. Few parents take pleasure to feed and look after the pup when you are at school. Who will take it if you walk or to the shop? What if your mom is a working lady? Try to see things from a wider point of view.

Dear Ishani Aunty,
My parents have decided that I have to cancel the party. I am deeply moved by the sufferings of the flood-affected people and have no wish to celebrate at this point of time. Do you approve?

Dear Alina,
I do. It is a very sensible thing to do. I am proud of you and I hope more young people are attuned to the sufferings of others. Bravo!

JUNIOR PUZZLERS

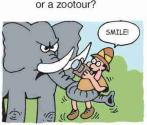
1) Is it true or false that sharks like to hunt and feed in groups?



2) Is the average life expectancy of a dolphin 20, 25, or 35 years?



3) Is a trip where you observe and photograph animals in the wild called a safari, a surfi, or a zootour?



DID YOU KNOW
by John Martin

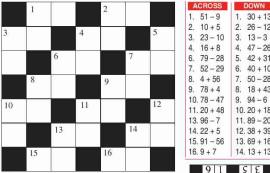
There are two types of elephants—the Asian elephant and the African elephant.



ANSWERS: 1) False. They live to hunt and feed alone. 2) Twenty-five years. Although sharks can live to 60 years or age. 3) A safari.

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Mini M@ths

SOLUTION

Calculate the clues and fill in the grids with the answers.

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JOKES

Nate: "Do you know why the sun went to school?"
Willie: "No. Why?"
Nate: "To get brighter!"

Noah: "What do you get when an elephant sneezes?"
Jenny: "Out of the way!"

Ginny: "What would be an ocean's favorite hairstyle?"
Henry: "Wavy!"

Tim: "What would you call a fat pumpkin?"
Jim: "Pumpkin."

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ANSWER: 2) Across: 1. 51 - 9; 2. 10 + 5; 3. 23 - 10; 4. 4 + 56; 5. 79 - 28; 6. 52 - 29; 7. 4 + 56; 8. 10 - 26; 9. 78 - 47; 10. 20 + 48; 11. 98 - 20; 12. 14 + 5; 13. 91 - 56; 14. 89 + 16; 15. 9 + 7. 2) Down: 1. 3, 13 - 3; 2. 50 - 26; 3. 5, 42 + 31; 4. 6, 40 + 10; 5. 11, 89 - 20; 6. 1, 20 + 18; 7. 11, 89 - 20; 8. 1, 20 + 18; 9. 94 - 6; 10. 1, 20 + 18; 11. 89 - 20; 12. 1, 20 + 18; 13. 91 - 56; 14. 89 + 16; 15. 9 + 7.

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ANSWER: 6) Across: 1. 51 - 9; 2. 10 + 5; 3. 23 - 10; 4. 4 + 56; 5. 79 - 28; 6. 52 - 29; 7. 4 + 56; 8. 10 - 26; 9. 78 - 47; 10. 20 + 48; 11. 98 - 20; 12. 14 + 5; 13. 91 - 56; 14. 89 + 16; 15. 9 + 7. 2) Down: 1. 3, 13 - 3; 2. 50 - 26; 3. 5, 42 + 31; 4. 6, 40 + 10; 5. 11, 89 - 20; 6. 1, 20 + 18; 7. 11, 89 - 20; 8. 1, 20 + 18; 9. 94 - 6; 10. 1, 20 + 18; 11. 89 - 20; 12. 1, 20 + 18; 13. 91 - 56; 14. 89 + 16; 15. 9 + 7.

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ANSWER: 22) Across: 1. 51 - 9; 2. 10 + 5; 3. 23 - 10; 4. 4 + 56; 5. 79 - 28; 6. 52 - 29; 7. 4 + 56; 8. 10 - 26; 9. 78 - 47; 10. 20 + 48; 11. 98 - 20; 12. 14 + 5; 13. 91 - 56; 14. 89 + 16; 15. 9 + 7. 2) Down: 1. 3, 13 - 3; 2. 50 - 26; 3. 5, 42 + 31; 4. 6, 40 + 10; 5. 11, 89 - 20; 6. 1, 20 + 18; 7. 11, 89 - 20; 8. 1, 20 + 18; 9. 94 - 6; 10. 1, 20 + 18; 11. 89 - 20; 12. 1, 20 + 18; 13. 91 - 56; 14. 89 + 16; 15. 9 + 7.

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wordwatch

1 Oblivious a) Unaware b) Forgetful c) Entertaining d) Uncertain	4 Accoutrement a) Burden b) Equipment of a building c) Clothing d) Tax
2 Revel a) To awaken b) Enjoy c) Uncover d) Fight back	5 Mimic a) To copy closely b) Threaten c) Misunderstand d) Talk rapidly
3 Frenzied a) Shining b) Crumpling c) Disorganized d) Fight back	6 To copy closely 7 a) To copy closely 8 b) Copy 9 c) Uncover 10 d) Fight back



SOLUTION

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100 Things To Be When You Grow Up

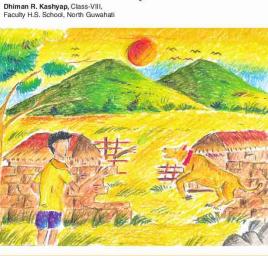
By Lisa M. Gerry

A great book of occupations with at least a dozen career potential ideas for every age group. The contents are�oshed together between pages in a seriously non-don-on-the-surface way. And it's not just for brainstorming; the contents are also great for school assignments, job interviews, or even sweepstakes of background or training, employment prospects, or income ranges. It's a great book for parents who want to introduce their children to a variety of occupations each year. And it's a great book for teachers and social workers with others that would require considerable amounts of research, like a sanguine, especially if the students are from a psychiatric setting, who've worked, skills self-promoting (professional broker, balloon twister), or unusual willpower (pet food tester, competitive eater). "Liberation doesn't make the cut, nor does any military or aside from Supreme Court Justices ever.

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Sketch of the week



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Poem of the Week

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Books – our best friends

Books are our best friends.
We all know.
They provide us with knowledge and a creative sense.
So, to the library, let's go!
Books are more friends,
Some of them are mysterious,
Some full of fantasy, but all full of wisdom.
Some are for fun, while others are for serious study.
From the ABC booklet to a huge encyclopaedia,
All books, we should read,
So that we can grow,
Grows more wisdom seeds.
Books are our best friends,
We all know.
They help
Our knowledge to grow.

My naughty brother

I have a little brother.
Who is naughty as a puppy.
He slaps when he eats,
He kicks when he walks,
He screams when he is mad,
He snaps his fingers.
He plays with my toys in the living room,
He likes to play with my things,
He likes to fight with me,
He always wants to win,
He disturbs me when my friends are at home,
He irritates me till I am angry with him.
But still, I love him.
He is my cute little brother.

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The kind-hearted villager

Once a gentleman was passing through a train. He felt thirsty and got down at a station to drink water. When he had reached the water tap that the engineer had fixed, he found that the tap was broken. But instead of leaving, he decided to stay in his hut for a day. The owner of the hut agreed. That day, the owner gave him a bed and gave him a room to stay. But did not ask or expect anything in return. That evening, the gentleman enquired about the next train. He came to know that the next train would arrive the following day. So, he decided to find a place for the day. He went to the nearby lodges to ask for a room but found none. It was in need of money but he had none. The next morning, he slipped a pocketful of coins into the room and left. When the villager came to know about it, he said, "Sir, there was a note addressed to him, which read, 'You helped me when I was in need of money. This is for what you did.'"

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