

NEWS CAPSULE

8 ultras held in Barpeta, Chirang

BONGAIGAON, July 31: Police on Sunday nabbed eight militants belonging to the National Freedom Fighter of Barpeta, a newly formed outfit, from Barpeta and Chirang districts. Rs 35,000 in cash and demand notes were recovered from their possession, according to Chirang district SP Sankar Brata Raimedhi. – Correspondent

Tourism body

NEW DELHI, July 31: The Union Tourism Ministry has not received any specific proposal for setting up of a special institute for development of tourism in the North east. However, there are existing Councils constitute of Hotel Management of Guwahati and Shillong, and a State Institute of Hotel Management in Gangtok. Besides, there are two State Food Craft Institutes in Nagaon and Tura, Minister of State for Tourism Dr Mahesh Sharma said in a Lok Sabha reply to a question posed by Teesta Tasa and Ranmowar Teli. – Spi Correspondent

Govt homes

NEW DELHI, July 31: A Bill which makes eviction of owners of MPBs, dhabas and barbers from their official premises "smooth, speedy and time-bound" was introduced in the Lok Sabha today. Union Minister Rao Inderjit Singh introduced the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorized Occupants) Amendment Bill, 2017, as the existing provisions allow the unauthorized occupants to stay for years. – PTI

Truce violation

JAMMU, July 31: Pakistan last night violated the ceasefire by firing on Indian posts along LoC in Rejouri district of J and K. This month, 11 people, including nine soldiers, have been killed in ceasefire violations by Pakistan. – PTI

Certified literates

NEW DELHI, July 31: Nearly eight crore learners have cleared the basic literacy assessment tests held between 2010 and 2016 for being certified as literates, the Lok Sabha was informed today. – PTI

Mallya case

London, July 31: The Indian government has submitted the requisite "opening note" and paperwork related to Vijay Mallya's case to the legal team within the UK court deadline today. Mallya has allegedly defaulted on several bank loans in India amounting to nearly Rs 9,000 crore. – PTI

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PMO briefed by Central agencies

Modi to visit State today to review flood problem

R DUTTA CHOWDHURY

GUWAHATI, July 31: The Prime Minister Narendra Modi is aware of the damages caused by floods and erosion in Assam as breaking away from the tradition, different Central Government agencies, which are not directly or indirectly involved with floods, were also engaged in carrying out studies of the damages and send reports to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) and the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).

Highly-placed official sources told *The Assam Tribune* that stress is likely to be given on chalkling out a comprehensive plan for rehabilitation of the affected people and repairing the damages caused to



the roads and bridges, embankments, schools, hospitals, etc., during the last wave of floods in the review meeting to be chaired by the Prime Minister in the

Assam Administrative Staff College tomorrow. Modi is scheduled to visit the State with a day long programme tomorrow to review the scene in the aftermath of floods and he will have a meeting with the Chief Minister and his cabinet colleagues and other senior officers to chalk out strategies for post flood repair and rehabilitation. The meeting is also likely to discuss long term strategies to deal with the problems of flood and erosion, sources said.

However, it is still not decided whether the Prime Minister will visit any other place in the State or make any aerial survey of the affected areas.

Sources revealed that the normal practice was that the State Government, State

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Govt to fill up 626 posts of headmasters: Himanta

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, July 31: The State government will fill up the vacant posts of 626 headmasters and 146 assistant headmasters on August 7.

Education Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma today informed media persons that the long-standing demand of the department has been met after the court cases were disposed of.

The minister further informed that as many as 124 retired teachers have been roped in to oversee the functioning of as many schools, which faced poor in the recent High School Leaving Certificate examination.

"The retired teachers will act as honorary inspectors in the respective schools," he said.

Single-stream colleges: The Education Minister also

informed that five new single-stream colleges will start functioning in the State from August 4 and each one of them will be named after Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh ideologue Deendayal Upadhyaya.

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The minister said that the

principals and lecturers of these colleges will be given their respective appointment letters on August 4.

"As per our education policy, we have taken up the work for 12 new colleges, five of which are ready. As per our policy, there will henceforth be no venture schools or colleges. Wherever there appears a need, the government will set up educational institutions on its own based on the demand of the public," the minister pointed out.

"Apart from these five colleges, three more new colleges will be made functional by next year," Sarma said.

He also divulged that 11 more polytechnic institutes will be set up across the State before September and construction works of these institutes are almost over.

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producer company which sources all the required tea leaves from their own plantation for manufacturing and have a capacity to produce not more than 500 kg of made tea per day.

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planting, rejuvenation pruning, irrigation and field mechanisation. During the period from 2012-13 to 2016-17, a sum of Rs 14.82 crore has been spent for the benefit of small tea growers.

A separate Small Growers Directorate is operational in Dibrugarh to look after the developmental needs of the small tea growers

by way of extending regular technical support, training, helping them to organise Self Help Groups (SHGs) and motivating them for establishing their own processing factories.

The government has set up district-level price monitoring committees headed by the District Commissioner and District Magistrate to monitor the green leaf price paid by tea factories to the small tea growers.

Centre taking steps for small tea growers: Nirmala

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Had to quit alliance on graft issue: Nitish

PATNA, July 31: Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar said today he had no option but to walk out of the grand alliance as continuing in it would have meant compromising with corruption.

"There were corruption charges and cases were filed by the CBI (against Lalu Prasad and family). I had only told them to come out with proper answers. Instead they made fun of me saying whether I was a CBI official or the police," he told a press conference here.

Kumar said that he had never sought a clarification but wanted them (Lalu Prasad and family) to answer the queries raised regarding corruption.

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It's good that PM is coming after the flood has receded. Otherwise, it'd have been painful for him.

Transgression by China in Uttarakhand

NEW DELHI, July 31: Chinese troops entered one kilometer into Indian territory and threatened shepherds grazing cattle in the Barotai area of Uttarakhand's Chamoli district, officials said today.

The transgression took place on the morning of July 25 when a group of shepherds was asked to vacate the land by troops of the People's Liberation Army (PLA), officials in the know said on the condition of anonymity.

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Aspara Building, 1st Floor, DR. P.O. ULUBAR, ASSAM

District Court, Guwahati-781011. Address to be given to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993

ORIGINAL APPLICATION NO.: 15/2017

Versus:-

MO. ASALA, MULHABE AND OTHERS, Debtors

M. ASAMA, JEMINI AND OTHERS, Debtors

Gata No.-6, East Maliganj, Quarter No-32/A, Guwahati-781011, Darrid-Kampur

And also at: The Games Village, Flat No-02, Block-A-3, Gouria, Pionr, NH-37, Belora

Sarai, Guwahati-781038, Darrid-Kampur

(M. Assa, Jemini)

Whereas the above named Arupan Bank had filed a suit against the debtors under the provisions of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act 1993 against yourselves You are hereby summoned to appear before the Tribunal at a court or authorized agent before the Tribunal on 04/08/2017 at 10:30 A.M. and to show cause why the relief you are entitled to be relied upon by you as to why the relief prayed for by the Application Bank shall be granted.

In case of your failure to answer the proceeding, the application will be heard and decided ex-parte and in your absence. Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this 2nd day of July at Guwahati.

Registrar

Debt Recovery Tribunal, Guwahati

CDLN/1968/1

IN THE COURT OF THE CIVIL JUDGE NO. 1, KAMPURAT GUWAHATI M.S. 145 of 2015

State Bank of India

..... Plaintiff

Vs

M/s. Ayush Syntex(India) and others

..... Defendant

To,

1. M/s Ayush Syntex(India),

Proprietor: Sri Babul Agarwal,

Shop No. B-21, G.D. Sikri

Complex, 1st Floor, Darrid-Kampur

Kampur(M) Pin-781001 Assam.

2. Sri Babul Agarwal, Son of Late Shital Agarwal H/No. 18, P. B. Samanta, Darrid-Kampur-1 Assam.

3. Sri Bidyashri Borah, Son of Late Rajani Kanta Baroh Village

Paschim Jalkubari, Khanukhamuk Chikchari, Gopalganj-1 Assam.

Whereas the above named plaintiff has instituted a suit against you for recovery of Rs. 6,19,439.82 besides interest thereon as already added to be paid before the Court on 28th August, 2017 at 10:30 AM with personally or through duly authorized representative and show cause, if any, as to why the reliefs prayed for by the plaintiff should be granted.

Take note that in default of your appearance on the aforesaid date the matter will be heard and decided in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Court, this the 2nd day of July, 2017 at Guwahati.

Civil Judge No. 1,

Kampur, Assam

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Morphine, ator seized

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, July 31: Railway police seized around 2 kg of morphine from a man travelling on the Dn Rajdhani Express today. Gajendra Singh of UP was travelling from Dimapur to Kanpur in UP. A resident of UP, he told interrogators that he had bought the drugs for Rs 16 lakh at Dimapur.

Meanwhile, the Railway police also seized around 1.2 litres of ator (perfume) from a person from Hojai identified as Monirun Barbhuyan. He was travelling to Delhi on the Dn Brahmaputra Mail. The ator was been handed over to the forest department.

Blood donation camp

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, July 31: Fiden Plywood, in association with Rotary Club of Guwahati West, organised a blood donation camp at Marwari Hospital, Aitagon on Sunday. Twenty units of blood were donated by members and others.

Session on fraudulent motor third party claims

GUWAHATI, July 31: To address the issue of fraudulent motor third party claims which have witnessed a rise in the last few years, Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Company Ltd., Guwahati, organised a session for its panel advocates of North East on July 29 here.

The meet was presided over by Manohar Bhattacharjee, president and head, motor; Mangesh Gandhi, head, claims legal and Anukul Sarkar, profit centre head of North East. Other participants and speakers were Faray Khan, Dr Chennamudi Shankar, Harman Das and Yunnish Ahmed.

The session witnessed heated discussion on how fraudulent cases are filed against insurance companies on a regular basis. Mangesh Gandhi pointed to the fact that the delay and lack of proper investigation, road safety measures and negligent driving are major reasons for the inflated claims filed, with substantial part of the claims fabricated.

Fayaz Khan threw light on how fraud WC /EC claims are being filed with manipulation of facts and evidences and action being taken by Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Co Ltd.

Common examples of fraud were swapping an uninsured

Meat for sale in city soon to have quality check mark

SANJOY RAY

GUWAHATI, July 31: Often finding itself in the thick of controversies for not having any quality checkup mechanism for the sale of raw meat, despite available state-of-the-art facilities, the Guwahati Municipal Corporation (GMC) will soon have its unique stamp in place for the slaughtered animals, indicating their sale by date.

This would mean that like any other packaged items, meat lovers in Guwahati will soon have a quality check mark in the form of an indelible mark or stamp in the body of the slaughtered animal indicating its date and time of slaughter and hence its sale by date.

"Be it mutton or pork, all the slaughtered animals will have a mark on it. The meat seller cannot do away with the mark until the last piece of the meat is

sold. We will start with the sellers based at Beliha, Basistha, Dispur and Six Mile from August this year," said a GMC official, when asked about the health hazard these unregulated meat houses are posing, despite the fact that mechanised slaughter facilities are in place.

While unabated slaughtering at unsafe and unhygienic places continue to pose serious health hazards to people in Guwahati, the authorities concerned over the years has failed to encourage meat sellers to avail the facilities of the only state-of-the-art slaughter house located in the Panjabari area.

Made at the cost of Rs 4.5 crore

around five years back, the mechanised slaughter house running under the Assam Livestock and Poultry Corporation Limited meant for goats, sheep, pigs and poultry, is virtually left

with no work.

A GMC official, however, stated that they would soon take steps to make slaughtering of animals in the mechanised slaughter house a must for all meat sellers. "This may, however, result in hike in meat prices as transportation of meat from the slaughter house to the respective destination will incur extra cost," sources indicated.

Guwahatians consume over

14,200 kilograms of mutton every day, while the sale of pork is nearly 3,000 kilograms a day. Significantly, over 90 per cent of the animals are slaughtered in unhygienic locations, where the by-products of slaughtered animals are also haphazardly disposed, adding to the health issues.

"We are planning to devise a mechanism wherein the licensed meat sellers will be subjected to regular monitoring," the official said.

"As per official records, there

are at present 152 mutton sellers in Guwahati, although the number of those running their business without any licence would be at least 100, if not more. Further, records say that only 28 outlets are selling pork in Guwahati, which is also an unconvincing number," sources pointed out, adding, "along with mutton and pork, sale of chicken too is done in violation of all safety and hygiene norms."

As per the Rule 5 of the Guwahati Municipal Corporation (Regulation Slaughterhouse) Bylaws, 2012, "No person be permitted to slaughter any animal and process any meat intended for human consumption at any place other than a recognised slaughter house notified/licensed by the Corporation."

A Public Interest Litigation in this regard is still pending with the Gauhati High Court.



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Dispur MLA for issuing identity cards to labourers

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, July 31: Alleging that there has been an abnormal rise in the number of daily wage labourers in Guwahati in recent times, Dispur MLA Atul Bora today asked the government to issue identity cards to such workers.

Suspecting that there are illegal migrants among the daily wage earners, Bora said the government should formulate a law making it mandatory for the workers to have identity cards.

"These workers often demand a daily wage of over Rs



Atul Bora addressing a press conference. - UB Photos

300. If any employer pays penalised," he said in a letter to the Chief Minister, the wage, he or she should be

Minister for Guwahati Devel-

opment Department, the Labour Minister and the Guwahati Municipal Corporation Mayor.

"Many such workers indulge in anti-social activities like theft and robbery. Some even indulge in drug peddling. Issuing identity cards to this section of workers would help deal with this menace," Bora said in the letter.

Meanwhile, addressing a press conference here today, he said the workers should be categorised on the basis of their skills and a fixed daily wage notified for each category. The notification should be published from time to time, he said.

JALUKBARI, July 31: The VIII student of Bikash Sarkar (14), a Class VIII student of Pandu Colony (Maligoni) who is suspected to have drowned in the Brahmaputra is yet to be retrieved.

Police sources said Bikashand

seven of his friends had gone to the Brahmaputra (Pandu Ghat)

to bathe around 10.30 am today,

when he met with a water grave. A joint action team of SDRF and River Police tried to retrieve the body. Retrival efforts will be resumed tomorrow, said police sources.

- Correspondent

Unheralded conservationist Rajen Bodo honoured

STAFF REPORTER

Dr Mridul Hazarika, Vice Chancellor of Gauhati University and Justice (retd) Dhiren Narayan Choudhury of Gauhati High Court, presented the award to Bodo. The award comprises a trophy, a citation and Rs 1 lakh.

Addressing the function as chief guest, Dr Hazarika lauded Bodo's efforts and said that the acknowledgement of his in-



Rajen Bodo receiving the award.

Wildlife Conservation at a function held at the Pragyoti-ITA Centre for Performing Arts here yesterday evening.

The award, instituted by the Development Foundation of Assam (DFA), seeks to recognise efforts of insuring heroes of conservation working in difficult, remote areas. A short film by Gauhati Bodo on the man-elephant conflict along the Indo-Bhutan border areas in Daulghar and the role played by Bodo was also screened on the occasion.

"It is possible to balance both

and many countries are doing

that. Sadly, In India, environmental concerns are not being

adequately addressed," he said.

Dr Hazarika also underlined the urgent need for sensitising the younger generations, especially children, on the environment so that it could lead to an enduring legacy vis-a-vis conservation.

"If you mould the young minds at an early stage, they will be the best guarantee against environmental degradation," he said.

Bodo thanked the organisers

and said the award would help

put sustained focus on the press-

ing conservation issues in re-

mote areas bordering Bhutan.

"I am trying my best to involve the communities in conservation, espe-

cially in checking man-elephant

conflict, and the endeavour is

showing positive results," he said.

"I am also proud that my name will be associated with the legacy of the late BK Hazarika, parliamentarian and a conservation crusader," he added.

Guest of honour Justice Choudhury stressed protection of the environment in the face of growing anthropogenic pres-

"It is possible for elec-

trants and humans to coexist

peacefully. The problem has its roots in the intrusion of humans

into wildlife habitats and the re-

sultant loss of forest cover. We

all must resolve to protect and

regenerate forests," he said.

DFA president Geetartha

Darshan Barua also spoke.

Adivasi team meets Governor over demands

GUWAHATI, July 31: The All Adivasis Students' Association of Assam (AASA) met Governor Baruah Parulal at Raj Bhawan here today.

The eight-member team led

by AASA president Pradeep Nag and general secretary Joseph Mintz submitted three memorandums demanding ST status to advisories of Assam.

According to the AASA, the One Nation One Wage policy for tea garden workers, the AASA demanded Rs 450 as daily wage

for tea labourers of Assam.

The AASA also demanded

admissions for their chil-

dren into the universities on

special grounds as the advance

is educationally backward.

Student feared drowned

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Farewell accorded to Tribune employee

GUWAHATI, July 31: Daksha Kalita, an outgoing employee of the advertisement-layout section of *The Assam Tribune*, was accorded a warm farewell and felicitation at a meeting held today.

PJ Baruah, Executive Editor of *The Assam Tribune*, presided over the meeting where Willy Matthews, general manager of the Assam Tribune Group, was the chief guest.

Several of Kalita's colleagues including Ratan Kumar Rai Hajong, Tankeswar Kakati and Santanava Hazarika recalled Kalita's contribution as a dedicated worker and their association with him.

Kalita thanked his colleagues and urged all to work together for bringing greater glory to the Assam Tribune Group.

The outgoing employee was felicitated with a bouquet, a saree and other gifts. - Staff Reporter

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citizens' voice

Citizens are requested to express their specific views within 100 words and mail the same to citizensvoice06@gmail.com

Seats in city buses

It seems, today's young generation have lost their humanity. In the city buses, a minimum of 50 per cent seats are reserved for women so that they can travel safely. However, majority of the young people can seem misusing the facility given to women passengers. These young people don't even feed eye for misbehaviour with elderly men in city buses and often ask them to leave their seats. The authorities concerned should take some immediate initiatives for increasing the number of seats in city buses, especially for elderly men so that they can travel comfortably.

- Roushni Shaikh, Gauhati University

No end to traffic jams

The district administration has totally failed in controlling traffic jams on city roads and it has become a daily affair, causing severe hardship to common people.

Regular dharnas near Dighalipukhuri are one of the main reasons behind traffic jams in the city. The venue for such protests should be shifted to the outskirts of the city for public convenience. Such protests in the heart of the city not only create problems for the citizens, but also make the city polluted and dirty.

One cannot afford to spend hours to reach their destinations, miss

- J Deka, Guwahati

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MESSAGE FOR TODAY

Defer not till tomorrow to be wise, tomorrow's sun to thee may never rise.

— WILLIAM CONGREVE

The Assam Tribune

Tea 'crisis'

With many quarters predicting hard days ahead for the State's tea industry in view of the rising cost of production and waning demand, it is time for the industry to think pragmatic and evolve ways to tide over the 'crisis'. For quite some time now, the tea industry has been plagued by constraints but it is still not clear how debilitating the consequences have been, with even experts differing on the issue. What, though, has been conspicuous is that the industry has not been able to chart out a corrective course to address the growing challenges. The main reasons cited for the slump include a decline in both price and production besides demand in the current year coupled with increased cost of production. Last year, however, tea yield in Assam recorded an increase by 11 million kg compared to that of the preceding year. Perhaps, the phenomenon of diminishing demand is a bigger cause of worry for the industry, and arresting this trend needs to be treated as a bigger challenge. As for yield-related issues, high temperatures, erratic rainfall and resultant heavy precipitation as well as prolonged dry spells in recent years are definitely concerns for long-term sustainability of the industry. Solutions for this have also to be sought in micro management of climate. This has successfully been experimented by an Upper Assam tea estate through water harvesting. Such models should be replicated elsewhere.

Among other things, the tea industry urgently needs investments and structural restructuring. A British-invented industry which is among the oldest in the State, it needs to effect some changes in its functioning with the changing times. Despite all the constraints, it is still a rewarding venture and the required investments should come from the industry itself. Curiously, there is hardly any new player in the industry, with the old expecting government help to tide over the difficult phase rather than doing its own bit. The role of the Government-run Tea Board, too, has not been up to the expectations. Along with the industry, it, too, apparently needs some structural reform. The small tea growers in Assam who are contributing significantly to the industry are still an unorganized lot and need to be given a level playing field. While a huge number of entrepreneurs are engaged in the small tea sector, constraints do persist. Despite being a two-decade-old industry, the small tea sector is far from organized with the consequence that the hazards of an unorganized industry continue to impede its growth. The small tea sector is credited with having brought about a silent revolution of sorts by creating a new breed of first-generation young Assamese entrepreneurs but any compromise on quality is bound to self-defeat in the long run.

Earthquake preparedness

The north-eastern region of India is located in one of the most seismically active regions in the world. People of this region are no strangers to frequent earthquakes. While quakes do tend to occur across the world almost every day, most of them are of very low magnitude. But when the big magnitude quakes strike anywhere, they cause massive death and destruction. Many senior citizens of Assam still remember the catastrophe wrought by the 1950 earthquake. That was a time when the population of the State was much less than what it is now and the high-rise buildings were virtually non-existent in Assam of that time. The demographic situation has changed tremendously since and so our urban landscape. This has increased the danger in case of a high magnitude quake or any other severe natural calamity. Now, in what is likely to cause major concern, the National Centre for Seismology (NCS) has stated that 29 Indian cities and towns, including Delhi and capitals of nine States, fall under 'severe' to 'very severe' seismic zones. A majority of these places are in the Himalayan zone. Guwahati also figures in the list of the 29 cities and towns which have been dubbed as highly vulnerable to earthquakes. Besides Guwahati, other major cities and town falling under seismic zones IV and V are Delhi, Patna, Srinagar, Kohima, Puducherry, Gangtok, Shimla, Dehradun, Imphal and Chandigarh. These cities have a combined population of over three crores. The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has classified different regions in the country into zones II to V, taking into consideration earthquake records, tectonic activities and damage caused. Zone II is considered the least seismically active, while Zone V is the most active. The entire north-eastern region, along with parts of Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, the Rann of Kutch in Gujarat, parts of north Bihar and the Andaman and Nicobar archipelago, falls under Zone V.

Unfortunately, even though Guwahati and other parts of Assam fall in the zone classified as 'very severe', not much has been done by successive administration with regard to disaster management and preparedness to deal with eventualities like a big magnitude earthquake. There is urgent need to sensitize the population about preparedness measures including knowing about the risks, learning to be self-sufficient in case a major disaster strikes by stocking up on food and other essential items and caring for the vulnerable. Government agencies and other stakeholders must work together and formulate regional plans, training and exercises as well as continuous public education. In many cities of India, including Guwahati, there has been a lot of unplanned growth where building permissions were given without proper thought to future safety. That has to change. Rules must be implemented rigorously. There is also a need to invest in critical infrastructure so that in case of any major natural calamity, the system can survive and recover.

Of tests and examinations

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In India, there is a fairly well-demarcated examination season that extends from February to June. This examination season relates mainly to educational institutions and the public examinations connected with the end-of-school examinations and the numerous other tests and examinations connected with entry to different college courses. Except for the very bright students, examinations in India are a matter of fear or at least trepidation in the case of the majority of students. Of course, we have a sizeable number of bright students in every school who eagerly await examination time because there seems to be nothing better at which they excel to prove their merit. When I look at the school-leaving examination results, I am fascinated with the number of highly intelligent students who will finish with the best marks in examinations.

The idea of tests and examinations being designed to discriminate needs to be accepted without question when we dwell on the subject. Here the word *discriminate* is usually a substitute for *select*. No matter how formal or informal a test or examination may be, it will have to perform the task of discriminating between the suitable and the unsuitable candidates in respect of skills, tasks, abilities and levels of excellence for which it was designed. One generally uses the term *test* for less formal selection processes and examination for more formal and wide-ranging tasks of evaluation. An individual's attitude to tests is often revealed by the person's interest in solving sudokus, crosswords, puzzles and other such tests of certain mental abilities that we encounter every day. The person who is keen on solving cross-

aminations is unable to discriminate between the meritorious and those lacking in merit, between skilled individuals and unskilled ones, between people with commendable stamina and those lacking in the kind of stamina required for certain jobs, that test has failed in its very objective. We are quite used to talking about people who fail in tests and examinations, but we seldom stop to think about tests and examinations that fail in their objectives because they are rather imperfect due to being improperly designed for the task. The very idea of tests and examinations themselves failing in their task should seem a humorous deviation to the many candidates who fail in examinations.

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criterion of practicability would also take into account issues like whether a particular test (for instance, one related to phonetics) can justly be administered in a region where there is an acute shortage of qualified examiners of the subject. How reliable would the results of such a test be? The criterion of practicability is related to how practicable a test or examination would be in the context of the physical and human resources available to conduct the test.

Unfortunately, many of the criteria that we keep in mind for valid and reliable examinations are turned on their heads when the chairman of the Public Service Commission of a State (like ours for instance) chooses to write answers himself or chooses to tinker with the answers written by candidates of important examinations like the ones for the civil services of the State. When something like this happens, the very purpose of conducting selection examinations even for the civil services of the State becomes meaningless. We not only end up destroying the accepted notions of reliability of major selection examinations, but of the institution that conducts such examinations. In the case of the APSC, one man, given a great deal of freedom and immense powers to do a good job, perversely chose to misuse such powers for very gross personal gains. In the process, he succeeded not only in destroying himself, but also people's trust in examinations and the august public institution that he had the privilege of heading. What is most saddening for a former teacher like me is that in the process, the most valuable tool for selecting the right people for the right job, namely examinations, has suffered very serious damage.

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important of them are validity, reliability and practicability. In the first place, a test has to be valid. In other words, a test has to truly evaluate what it was designed to evaluate, and not create the notion that it has performed its function merely because the test was administered and candidates appeared at it and submitted their answer scripts for evaluation. A test of Mathematics has no business to evaluate language ability. In other words, it would be quite unfair to deduct marks for spelling mistakes in a Mathematics test because it was designed to test certain mathematical abilities (including computational abilities) and not spelling. As long as the candidate was able to give satis-

factory evidence of mathematical abilities, there can be no justification for deducting marks for spelling mistakes in a Mathematics test. But sometimes people who construct tests and design question papers lose sight of what they really set out to test. There is the example of an examiner who set out to test the courage of candidates in an examination designed for civil servants. He asked them to hold on to an electrified metal bar and rated their courage on the basis of the duration for which they were able to keep holding the electrified bar. What the examiner did not realize is that the ability to bear needless pain or discomfort is not a sign of courage, but rather a sign of stupidity! As such, the candidate who let go of the electrified bar quicker than the others should have been treated – not for courage, but rather for smartness and quick reflexes. It is doubtful whether one can design a valid test for courage that is not too elaborate or one that can be repeated for a large number of candidates appearing for the same examination. In any case, a test for courage is likely to fail the criterion of practicability.

There are countless instances of tests failing short of the criterion of validity because they ended up testing something other than what they were designed to test. Then there is the criterion of reliability that has more to do with the scoring process than the actual content of the test. The ultimate question would be whether the scoring procedure of the test or examination is completely reliable and whether it can be replicated for similar tests. The

Less governance, more realpolitik

■ Bhaskar Phukan

It is more than three years since the BJP won the mandate to rule over the Republic of India with a comprehensive majority that was unseen since 1971. The mandate was against the major shortcomings of the UPA regime, corruption being the prime among them. Next it was the incumbency of the UPA that the people voted against. The stage for change of power was set more by the Congress itself with corruption, non-performance, economic stagnancy and policy paralysis. The BJP with Narendra Modi as the Prime Ministerial face only took the matter to the logical conclusion.

Now after more than three years of the BJP rule, despite the attempts on the part of Prime Minister, the propaganda machinery engaged at an image makeover of the country, the attempt at projecting India at a rank at par with the developed countries of the world and despite claims about growth of the country at a phenomenal pace, the country seems to be in the same state before Modi rose to power.

Narendra Modi rose to power

riding on a number of planks that caught the imagination of the people. One among them is the fight against corruption at all levels and bringing back black money stashed out at foreign banks. The elimination of government interference in matters of governance as much as possible and the engineering of a functioning and vibrant government was another. Another important issue was of equal pace of development for all regions and populations and equal opportunities to all.

Very intelligently, the BJP party spokespersons, electioneering agents of the party or the prime ministerial candidate himself never spoke about controlling price rise nor promised to provide food or other items of day-to-day life at a price affordable to all. The reason for not doing so is clear and simple because here we have a government 'sponsored' by corporates, capitalists and traders whose clear motive is profit and profit only. To make a dent into the six-decade-strong bastion of power of the Congress and the allies, the oratory skills of Naren-

dra Modi and the political game plan of the BJP were not enough nor were there enough ammunition in their poll manifesto as policies for the benefit of the people.

But to win elections by undoing the UPA, a marketing plan taking Modi as a 'brand' was devised and projection of this new-found leader was engineered in a manner that would take the population by storm. The campaign for election was done in a whirlwind manner. Modi the star of the BJP travelled from one end of the country to another in a manner that was never witnessed in history of electioneering of the country.

A question was asked as to how the BJP could outdo a party as resourceful as the Congress that had access to all the wealth of the country. This is where the new capitalist houses came forward to answer the question by opening floodgates of finances and helped the BJP meet its high election expenses. On the way of outdoing the Congress in electioneering, huge support came from these sources that envisaged windfall benefits the support to and installation of Modi as the Prime Minister would bring to them. The investment made by these classes

of business houses and people are paying dividends with their having control over all essential items of day-to-day use including medicines. They are having a gala time with profits multiplying getting uncontrollable liberty to raise prices at their will.

The BJP is a party of the rightists and very tactfully, the present Government desists itself from speaking anything about socialist approach to issues. Nor does it have anything to do with secularism. Quite conspicuously the party is in favour of national capitalists and corporate. So far as the religious stance is concerned, the hidden force behind the BJP is undoubtedly the RSS. Though the BJP quite often tries to ridicule any attempt to link up the RSS to governance, but the active involvement of the RSS in statecraft and political functioning is quite visible. Even in the matter of policy of a State, it is the RSS that apparently rules the roost. Modi's promise of minimum government and maximum governance seems to have got into oblivion and a new phenomena unannounced and unpredicted, seems to have surfaced in the political scene of the country.

It can conveniently be said that till date what one clearly sees is a shade of realpolitik in action of the BJP. It is a plain and simple policy of gaining power at any cost and winning State after State leaving aside political principles and norms. It was sheer lust of power that made the BJP forge an alliance with the PDP in Jammu and Kashmir.

In Assam, the issues of illegal immigrants and lack of development were highlighted to garner votes but the motive was just winning elections as the last three years saw nothing as to settling the long-pending issues. In Uttar Pradesh, polarization was achieved by bagging the Hindu votes, and a campaign to rebuild the Ram temple at Ayodhya managed to corner the rest of the political benefits.

It's politics of convenience for the BJP now with a smart marketing expert in Narendra Modi the Prime Minister. Governance that was the keyword of success, the word that laid the ladder for the BJP to the present height, has been replaced by another word, opportunity. It is more precisely the politics of electioneering election triumphs by any means.

Letters to the EDITOR

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Government. Before issuing the card to an individual, the particular individual must be properly verified. The AAA is for the one who cannot afford the treatment cost but still will be applicants, who can otherwise afford the cost, who will claim for the card to save money. So there can be a special cell to deal with the scheme beneficiaries regarding false or fake documents and papers. The Government should also be strict to prevent hospitals and health care institutions from submitting fake bills and making false claims.

As it is the taxpayers' money, it must reach the people who really need it. To make the benefits reach the people who deserve, the Government should organize camps and workshops to make people aware of the scheme and its benefits. Yours etc., DR GITARTHA ROYMEDHI, Survey, Guwahati.

In insensitive comment

Sir, — The latest remark by a State Cabinet minister in which he defended the PM's visit to Gujarat and the instant 500-crore-rupee package announced for flood relief and the negligence

shown towards Assam's flood havoc is a totally insensitive remark, keeping in mind the seniority of the minister who passed the same. We all know that floods not only cause damage but also affect the people's health.

and until the agencies and

stakeholders concerned sit together to find a permanent solution to the annual menace, noting will improve in this regard. Yours etc., DHIRAJ KAKATI, Guwahati.

ASTC buses

Sir, — Through your esteemed daily, I would like to draw the attention of the authority of the Assam State Transport Corporation that in our Barak Valley, there is no provision for reservation of seats for females, senior citizens and the differently-abled persons in the ASTC and its undertaking buses as is seen in the city buses of Guwahati and in various other places. The ASTC should introduce such steps in view of the problems being faced by these categories of people, many of whom are daily travellers. Yours etc., SURAJ K KANOU, Karimganj.

Good parenting

Sir, — As we all know, the issue of sexual harassment is very sensitive, more so when we talk about the young children. When I was a child, I really can't remember whether

my parents talked to me about such issues ever. Today's scenario has changed totally. The parents of today are very smart and aware of this, especially in the urban areas. Parents talk to their children about sexual abuse, about good touch and bad touch at a very early stage, which is commendable. They try to make their children understand how to take care of themselves. It is good parenting, no doubt, but the question is do they prepare their children in a proper way?

Being a teacher I have seen some children who are very alert about good touch and bad touch. Sometimes, they misunderstand and cannot find the difference between the two and as a result, the teachers and peers have to face some awkward, embarrassing situations. So, it is necessary for the parents to make sure they teach their children according to their age and understanding level. Yours etc., KARABI ACHARJYA, Mazbat, Udalguri.

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Flood waters of Ranganadi which entered from the breached embankment at Bogoliaan, submerging the PWD road at Jorhat Hatiung, in Lakhimpur on Sunday. – UB Photos

Illicit liquor seized in Bokajan

CORRESPONDENT

DIPHU, July 31: A truck loaded with illicit liquor was seized by Excise officials of Karbi Anglong from Sambutan locality of Bokajan subdivision on Saturday. The particular brand of liquor manufactured in distilleries of Arunachal Pradesh was seized from a truck heading towards Dimapur at around 10:00 am.

A team of Bokajan excise enforcement caught the truck and after verifying the documents confirmed it as illegal delivery.

"Altogether 1,100 cartons worth around Rs 16 lakh in Arunachal Pradesh and Rs 25 lakh in the Assam market belonging to one Ringku Barua was seized," Excise officials informed.

The seizure was made by Inspector Pawan Deori, Noni Engti, assistant inspector Pranjal Sharma, AIE Samu Mabonga along with excise constables.

A few months back, several raids were conducted in Khatkhatai and Lahorjan areas and large quantity of illegal liquor were seized. After that raid, bootlegging on a big scale had come to a halt in the border area. This incident indicates that the illegitimate trade is back again in the area.

Bangladeshis held

ANN Service

BADARPUR, July 31: Two Bangladeshi nationals were arrested at Karimganj on Saturday at Karimganj Railway Station, by Railway Protection Force personnel, while they were walking in the premises of the station. Karimganj GRP sources informed ANN Service, Badarpur that, the two entered India illegally, through Umking along the Indo-Bangladesh border of Meghalaya. They have been identified as Rubel Ahmed and Shamim Ahmed. Police sources said that a birth Certificate and some Bangladeshi goods were recovered from them.

Jagannath Hazarika: a tribute

My only brother, Jagannath Hazarika passed away on July 21 at his residence at Krishnanagar, Guwahati at the age of 89. Born to Late Lakshminath Hazarika and Late Labanya Hazarika of Golaghat, Jagannath Hazarika was a well-known personality in the oil industry. He was also the nephew of Late Kirtinath Hazarika, former editor of *Dainik Asami*.

He joined Digboi Oil Refinery of the then Assam Oil Company (now IOC) after obtaining his BSc degree from Cotton College.

With exemplary honesty, integrity and dedication, he served the organisation for more than three decades. He rendered his services in various capacities and roles during his long, distinguished tenure, enjoying considerable popularity and respect among colleagues and juniors. Besides being an officer of AOC, he was also responsible for the development and smooth functioning of the Digboi Club, one of the oldest such associations in the State (and the Northeast). He was a ranked tennis player of

Digboi for which he received recognition and awards. His favourite hobby was the playing of cards with his circle of friends and acquaintances, a routine he continued for almost every day until his retirement till his death. At Krishnanagar, the place of his residence after retirement, he was associated with the development of several organisations and was regularly involved in their activities.

May his soul rest in eternal peace.

— Arati Phukan

itself and joined his service life in the software sector till his return only last year.

But destiny had something harsh in store for him and death finally snatched him away from all of us on the fateful day of July 22 when he died suddenly out of a major stroke paralysing the entire fami-

ly in utter shock. At the time of his death, he left behind his parents, wife and a little daughter besides a host of friends, relatives and admirers.

Today on the day of his *adhyashradh*, I pray to the Almighty to grant eternal peace to his departed soul.

— Dibyendu Goswami

Jyoti Prakash Goswami

Jyoti Prakash Goswami (Nitu) was born to Ram Narayan Goswami and Bonti Goswami of Beljola as their lone child in May 1978. He did his schooling from Don Bosco, Guwahati and later moved to Bangalore for further studies after finishing higher secondary from Cotton College in science stream. He stayed back there

Smuggling of subsidised rice, kerosene rampant in Dhubri dist: Daimary

CORRESPONDENT

DHUBRI, July 31: Admitting that the smuggling of subsidised rice and kerosene, that are meant to be distributed to the poor under the National Food Security Act, is rampant in Dhubri district, Food and Civil Supply Minister, Rihon Daimary has instructed the administration to take strict action against those responsible for it.

While addressing a gathering on the second day of the State-level convention of Seemantha Chetna Manch, Purvottar on Border issues at the District Library here recent-

ly, the minister has noticed that the miscreants are misusing the Public Distribution System (PDS).

He further added, "We have received various reports and complaints that the goods under the system particularly rice and kerosene are being smuggled to the neighbouring country in an alarming rate."

It is to be mentioned here that various organisations and individuals in the district have been complaining to the minister. According to the complainants, an active syndicate is hampering the PDS and the Superintendent of Police has also been asked to take strict action against those responsible.

Daimary has asked the adminis-

tration to take strict action against the responsible people at the earliest. "I have asked the Deputy Commissioner to look into the matter seriously and the Superintendent of Police has also been

asked to take strict action

against all the accused indulging in such illegal activities," said Daimary.

He further added that such an illegal activity is not only dangerous for the entire sub-sidised system of the nation but is also taking away the rights of the poor.

According to the minister,

such an activity can be curbed by making the locals of the border areas aware of the danger. However, Deputy Commissioner Dhiraj Chaudhary along with a host of other dignitaries from all over the nation were also present in the convention with the minister.

ONGC donates hopper tippers, tricycles to Sivasagar Municipality Board

ANN Service

SIVASAGAR, July 31: The Sivasagar district administration bid a hearty farewell to Budhini Deori, the outgoing Executive Director and Asset Manager, ONGC, Nazira while welcoming the new ED & Asset Manager Surendra D Maske at a function held at Sukapha Bhawan, Sivasagar. The meet was presided over by Sivasagar DC, Narayan Konwar.

Konwar generously praised Budhini Deori for his unstinted support for the cause of the people of Sivasagar and in realising three major financial aids

from ONGC – for Jamuna clearance, wall construction around Sivasagar Borpukhuri and District Library Auditorium construction. Narayan Konwar also said that on the last day at his Nazira HQ, Deori managed to eke out time to make a big contribution to Sivasagar Municipality Board in the form of three hopper tippers, three tricycles and numerous bins for garbage collection and disposal worth over Rs 20 lakh under Social Capital Responsibility scheme.

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speech thanked the Deputy Commissioner and others in the meeting and expressed the hope that he would be able to continue the good work initiated by his predecessor.

Monirul I Bora, Member, Minority Development Board, Dr Sayalachchi Mahanta, Professor Sivasagar College, Jadav Gogoi, President, Brihannali Aonyya Yuva Mancha, Manoj Borthakur, journalist, and Saro Hazarika, AASU education secretary spoke on the growing relations of the ONGC with the people of the district and the need to keep those up for the welfare of the district.

Case filed

NAGAN, July 31: A case has been registered against senior officials of SBI, Haibagona branch at Nagaon Sadar PS (No. 9997/2017) on the complaint of retired DSP Islam who alleged that an amount of Rs 1,30,754 was withdrawn from his account between June 25 to July 23. However, the bank has denied any involvement and has decided to start an inquiry. — Correspondent

the park for 42 years and won two gallantry awards recalled his working days with emotion. Sania Sarkar also shared his thoughts about the heroic battles fought with the poachers.

In the audio-visual session, Sankleswar Nath exhibited several bird species of the park.

Two documentaries *Truth about Tiger* and *Rhino* were presented at the end of the programme. Kushal Dutta, journalist-cum-writer attended the programme as a special guest.

Brahma appreciated the WWF and MEWS for their initiatives to protect the park as well as to make the people aware about the conservation of Manas.

A drawing competition with the theme 'My Tiger' was organised among the school children. It was followed by an interaction-cum-felicitations programme with two valiant employees – one retired and one working forest employee being felicitated.

Babal Orang who served

as a special guest.

Meat being sold in Goalpara town under unhygienic conditions

shops clearly shows the lack of sensitivity of the civic authorities, especially the Goalpara Municipality Board.

Some of the butchers told this correspondent that the civic authorities has allotted limited space in the market for them because of which they are selling the hanged meat openly. This also clearly shows that the Goalpara Municipality Board has till now turned a blind eye to the open sale of meat, which is considered to be a hazard. The board should have allotted space in the market to set up glass-covered kiosks to the meat vendors for maintaining a clean and hygienic condition.

On the other hand, hygiene has never been an issue with most of the people, who buy meat from shops which have come up in every corner of the town. It is also not clear whether these shops have obtained proper permission or not from the licensing authorities.

This correspondent also witnessed brutal slaughtering of animals in front of customers in the narrow dirty aisle between two lines of shops of the Goalpara municipality fish market, which was not a pleasant sight, especially for the sensitive ones. Besides, contamination of meat may also take place in the dirty place, which may be harmful and dangerous for human health.

Conscious people have expressed the need to sensitise these butchers and meat vendors to change their mindset and also have urged the civic authorities to wake up and make suitable arrangements for the butchers. They also demanded a modern abattoir in Goalpara town. It may be mentioned here that even though vertical extension of the fish market was carried out but the first floor has been used for other commercial purposes instead of using it as a total fish and meat market.



A dilapidated wooden bridge that connects Baragbari with Taliachuk PWD road near Ghaghagon, in Gopur, as seen on Sunday. – UB Photos

GRP rescues teenage girls from Tangla

CORRESPONDENT

KALAIKAON, July 31: The Government Railway Police (GRP) team rescued two teenage girls at Tangla railway station before July 29. A reminder with the message was also circulated stating that the matter is to be treated as urgent.

In order to provide facilities and assistance to the Assam Agitation victims under various government schemes, the State government has directed to prepare the list in six categories. They are – 1) names of persons who had sustained bullet injuries during the Agitation from 1979 to 1985; 2) people who were rendered physically

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All – all from Baksa district. Nuruddin had introduced himself to the girls as Rahul earlier. All the youths in their 20's were apprehended from Murkongsele– Rangia DN Passenger express at Tangla station at 4.30 pm. Both the girls are studying in class IX.



A dilapidated wooden bridge that connects Baragbari with Taliachuk PWD road near Ghaghagon, in Gopur, as seen on Sunday. – UB Photos

Underpasses only for wild animals: expert

DEBASISH BARUAH

KAZIRANGA, July 31: The proposed flyovers and underpasses at different corridors on the National Highway 37 passing adjacent to Kaziranga National Park shall have to be constructed in such a way that it ensures the free movements of wild animals through the underpasses only. Underpasses should be made only for the movement of wild animals. This was stated by noted Senior Scientific Advisor to Brahmaputra History Society (BNHS), Dr Asad Rahmani during an exclusive interview at a resort in Kaziranga recently.

He said the flyovers should be constructed only to allow plying of vehicles over it in Kaziranga so that there would be no disturbance in the movement of

wild animals in underpasses while trying to cross over to either side of the National Highway 37. Dr Rahmani said that the roads below should be gradually disused and only people going to the local villages should be allowed to use them. He suggested that those flyover and underpasses if constructed at the corridors must be long enough for the safety of wild animals of the Kaziranga National Park.

Dr Rahmani informed this correspondent that proper research work on the part of Brahmaputra river must be carried out further as it is said that Brahmaputra river has highest density of turtles in the world. He said Assam has 900 different species of birds and so he urged the wildlife NGOs to carry out research work on those interesting bird species.

However, the negligence of circle officers and lack of documents have complicated the process of preparing the correct list. The victims and their family members have been queuing up before the district jail and the district AASU office for collecting their documents.

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Sonowal call to imbibe Natasurjya's ideals

CORRESPONDENT

TEZPUR. July 31: Urging the people to follow the revolutionary ideology of cultural icon Phani Sarma, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today said that the Natasurjya was a source of inspiration to all.

Attending the Natasurjya Phani Sarma Award-giving function organised by the State Government in sync with the 47th death anniversary of the cultural icon, the

Chief Minister stated that not only within Assam, but Tezpur held an enviable position throughout India as many a dozen like cultural icon Kalioguru Bisnu Prasad Rabha, Rupkonwar Jyoti Prasad Agarwala and Natasurjya Phani Sarma, among others, were based in this historic town, which was subsequently converted into a cultural hub.

Confering the award which carries a *sorai*, a traditional *phulam ghamus*, a memento



Eminent artistes Prasanna Kumar Goswami and Hiramont Goswami being conferred the Natasurjya Phani Sarma Award by Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal at Tezpur on Monday. - UB Photos

DIVERSION OF TRAIN SERVICES

Due to 32 days track maintenance works between Tezpur and Barasara and Karna Subarna - Kharaghat Road in Katwa - Azimganj single line section from 01-08-2017 to 01-09-2017, the following trains will be diverted as under:-

(1) 15643 Up (Puri - Kamakhya) Express scheduled to leave from Puri on 05-08-2017, 12-08-2017, 19-08-2017 & 26-08-2017 will be diverted from Bandel via Bardhaman Jn. - Rampurhat Jn. - Gumanji Jn. with stoppages at Bardhaman Jn., Digha, Jharghat and Nalhati Jn.

(2) 12033 Up (Howrah - Burdihati) Express scheduled to leave from Howrah on 01-08-2017, 07-08-2017, 08-08-2017, 14-08-2017, 21-08-2017, 22-08-2017, 28-08-2017 & 29-08-2017 will be diverted from Bandel via Bardhaman Jn. - Rampurhat Jn. - Gumanji Jn. with stoppages at Bardhaman Jn., Rampurhat Jn. and Nalhati Jn.

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2nd Floor, Sunstar Shopping Complex, L.J.B. Road, Mangaldoi (Dolby Surround sound system, Luxurious Puja back seats with delicious food court and Ambience, Luxurious Puja back seats)

26th July to 3rd Aug, 2017

MUBARAKAN (Hindi)

Stg. Arun Kapoor, Ileana C. Cruz etc.
For booking: www.bookmyshow.com
Or 09854017771

AMBICA CINE PALACE
Digital Picture & Dolby Sound Centrally Air Conditioned & Puja back seat.
At 11.30 am & 5.30 pm

RAMAN (Hindi)

Stg. Priti Saha, Sharmiha Khan etc.
For booking: # 07665-1817
99571-90400, 87518-03896
www.bookmyshow.com For any query please call at: 0313-222223

GALLERIA CINEMA
HUB, G.S. Road, Guwahati (showing 28th July to 3rd Aug '17 with following timings)

At 9.15 am & 2.45, 6.35 pm

RAAG DESH

At 9.00 pm - **INDU SARKAR**
Env. 11.00 am - **MUBARAKAN** (Hindi)
For Online Booking Please Visit:
www.bookmyshow.com
TicketBooking: # 073621-701

GOLD CINEMA
Rajdhani Complex, 1st Floor, Rd. No. 150-A, Guwahati - 781030
On 2nd Floor, Rd. No. 150-B, Guwahati - 781030

MICHAEL (Hindi)

Stg. Priti Saha, Sharmiha Khan etc.
For booking: # 07665-1817
99571-90400, 87518-03896
www.bookmyshow.com For any query please call at: 0313-222223

GALLERIA CINEMA
Dibrugarh, Junction Mall (showing 26th July to 3rd Aug '17 with following timings)

At 9.30 am & 5.30 pm

MUNNA MICHAEL

At 12.30 & 15.15 pm
INDU SARKAR

At 3.00 pm - **MUBARAKAN** (Hindi)
Screen-2

At 10.00 am & 6.15 pm
RAAM

At 12.30, 3.20 & 8.40 pm

MUBARAKAN

TicketBooking: # 07665-1817
8978569002
(Term and Condition apply:
Ticket Price: Regular Show: Rs. 120/-, Rs. 209/-, 250,-
Rs. 300/-, Rs. 350/-
Morning Show: Rs. 80/-, 150/-, 180/-, 200/-, 300/-
Website: www.bookmyshow.com

URVASHI CINEMA
AJANTA (Assamese)
AJANITY (Assamese)
At 12.00 & 5.00 pm & 8.00 pm

MUBARAKAN (Hindi)

Chief Minister stated that not only within Assam, but Tezpur held an enviable position throughout India as many a dozen like cultural icon Kalioguru Bisnu Prasad Rabha, Rupkonwar Jyoti Prasad Agarwala and Natasurjya Phani Sarma, among others, were based in this historic town, which was subsequently converted into a cultural hub.

Confering the award which carries a *sorai*, a traditional *phulam ghamus*, a memento



Eminent artistes Prasanna Kumar Goswami and Hiramont Goswami being conferred the Natasurjya Phani Sarma Award by Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal at Tezpur on Monday. - UB Photos

their unmatched contributions.

Sonowal mentioned that the amount of artiste pension was increased to Rs 8,000/- from Rs 4,000/- and the number of beneficiaries has been increased from 20 to 70. "On the other hand, the amount of lifetime pension for the artistes has been increased from Rs 40,000 to Rs 50,000 and it will be given to 50 people this year," he mentioned.

The Chief Minister mentioned that over and above the day-to-day welfare works, the State is going to build seven more bridges over the Brahmaputra.

"Earlier, Guwahati which was considered as the gate-

way to the North East, is soon going to be the gateway to South East Asia under the Look East Policy."

He said that Rs 20 crore had been released for development of the historic city and urged the Sonitpur district administration to utilise the precious funds judiciously.

Along with other dignitaries, the function was attended by State Minister Nabu Doley, Palaw Lochan Das, Tezpur MP RP Sharma, Tezpur MLA Brindaban Goswami, Dehakiauli MLA Ashok Singh and Barsala MLA Ganesh Limbu.

Prior to the function, the Chief Minister visited the historic Mahabhairav Temple,

portrayed the online campaign. The total amount raised is Rs 2,66 lakh, which may rise to Rs 2,66 lakh. This money will not be utilized to buy mosquito nets, baby food, sanitary pads, bleaching powder, rice, dal, dettol soap, etc. Additionally, 50 families will be supported with paddy saplings so that they may continue with their farming.

This aid will be distributed among the people who have returned home from the relief camps and are no longer receiving Government aid.

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Online funds mobilised for flood victims

SPL CORRESPONDENT

fans and followers. Angaraag fans and followers. Angaraag "Papon" Mahanta reached out to his 1 million Twitter followers. Popular Telugu actor Ram Charan supported the campaign which resulted in many of his fans contributing to the Assam floods.

Lok Sabha MP Jayotiraditya Scindia also took to Twitter to raise awareness and garner support for the campaign. The Indian National Congress social media team in Delhi also pitched it with financial help and promoted the cause.

Many celebrities joined this cause and encouraged their

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Hand-raised rhino calves at CWRC making good progress



STAFF REPORTER

Kaziranga National Park authority and people from all walks of life across Assam has been critical.

"I remember that a group of children from a remote school had given up a mid-day meal to buy milk formula for the rhino calves," says Dr Rithin Barman, WTI Joint Director and centre-in-charge, CWRC.

"There have been several such touching expressions of support. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the people of Assam and all well-wishers for their support and encouragement over the past year."

When the rhino calves were first brought to CWRC, they were stabilised at the centre's Large Animal Nursery. Once they had recovered from their flood-related trauma and injuries, they were shifted to a small outdoor paddock attached to the nursery. Gradually, having acclimated to the outdoors, they were introduced to three larger paddocks with a natural stream running through them. This allowed the calves to wallow

and play – an important part of their natural developmental behaviour.

"The calves have grown fast," says Dr Panit Basumatary, the lead veterinarian at CWRC. "Importantly, they've experienced all four seasons now in an approximation of their natural habitat. It was touching to see how the younger calves huddled close to the older ones at night to keep warm during the winter, as they would have with their mothers. Now, as they play in the mud, enjoy the rain or nap together as they would in their natural environment, we feel a sense of satisfaction that they are making good progress towards a life in the wild."

CWRC currently has ten rhino calves under care. The eight calves rescued last year had already bonded with an older calf that was rescued in 2015. Another undercar four to six-month-old calf displaced by the monsoon floods was rescued from Buraphapar and brought to the centre earlier this month during the flood season.

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PRESS NOTICE

The Superintending Engineer, PWD, Guwahati Building Circle-II, Chandmari, Contd... on behalf of the Governor of Assam invites bids for the following works having experience of similar nature from APND registered Class-I (A, B & C) and Class-II contractors. Details of the bids may be availed on the procurement portal website: www.assamtenders.gov.in and also in the office of the undersigned during office hours. The bidders must be enrolled in www.assamtenders.gov.in for participating in the bidding process.

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Aprox. Value of Work	Bid Security	Bid Security Drawn in favour of	Time of Completion	Cost of Bid Document
1.	Construction of Maternity Room at Hajo PHC (Assam type of 50x25 feet size) under NABP, 12th plan in Kamrup District	Rs 22,50,972.00	Rs 45,019.00 General Category	EE, PWD, Guwahati Building Division-II, Dispur, Guwahati-6	06 (six) months	Rs 1,000.00

Note:- 1. Any modification of tender may be seen in the PWD portal www.assamtenders.gov.in.

2. The prospective bidder may visit the proposed work site before submission of tender.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, PWD, Guwahati Building Circle-II, Chandmari, Guwahati-3.

Corrigendum No. 02

Short e- Procurement Notice/Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 12 of 2017-18
It is for general information of all concerned that the revised date of receipt and opening of the proposals invited vide Short e-Procurement Notice/Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 12 of 2017-18 and Bid ID No. 2017-18_PHE_2748-1, are as follows:

Point	As in Short e-Procurement Notice/ Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 12 of 2017-18	Now to be read as
4	Period of availability of Bid document in website www.assamtenders.gov.in from 18.07.2017 at 16.00 hr to 08.08.2017 at 16.00 hr	Period of availability of Bid document in website www.assamtenders.gov.in from 18.07.2017 at 16.00 hr to 08.08.2017 at 16.00 hr
6	Date and time of closing of bid submission by the bidder : 01.08.2017 at 16.00 hr	Date and time of closing of bid submission by the bidder : 08.08.2017 at 16.00 hr
7	Date and time of opening of technical bid : 02.08.2017 at 12.00 hr	Date and time of opening of technical bid : 09.08.2017 at 12.00 hr

Sd/- Chief Engineer (PHE), Sanitation, Assam Hengrabari, Guwahati-36.

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DNZ-21/2017/ SHORT QUOTATION NOTICE

Sealed quotation in plain papers affixing Non Refundable Court Fee Stamp worth Rs. 0.25 (Rupees Eight and Twenty Five Paisa) only are invited from the reputed Govt. Registered firms for supply of following items as per following item and conditions.

No.	Nomenclature of Items	Size	Number
1	Chair with arm including Cushion Back	Standard	600 Nos.
2	10 seater Table with single drawer on each seat	10'X 4'	30 Nos.
3	08 seater Table with single drawer on each seat	08'X 4'	25 Nos.
4	06 seater Table with single drawer on each seat	06' X 4'	20 Nos.

Terms & Conditions:
1. The Deputy Commissioner, Dibrugarh shall have the right to accept or reject any quotations without assigning any reasons thereof and is not bound to accept the lowest quoted rate.

2. Quotator shall quote term wise including GST and other relevant taxes.

3. The quotations shall be submitted in PAN card, registration certificate along with their quotation.

4. Legal jurisdiction of the concerned firm shall be within Dibrugarh District only.

5. The selected firm has to supply the items within 4 days of receipt of supply order.

6. The tenders have to deposit an amount of Rs. 10,000/- (for CGST/STC category) and Rs. 20,000/- (for General category) in the form of bank draft in favour of Deputy Commissioner, Dibrugarh as security deposit.

7. In case of non-receipt of Govt. sanction, the tender will be deemed to be cancelled and security deposit will be returned to the tenders.

Sd/- Deputy Commissioner, Dibrugarh.

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DATE: 31/07/2017 TENDER NOTICE

1. MISSION DIRECTOR,RUSA (ASSAM) Guwahati, invites short e-Tender through eProcurement portal: www.assamtenders.gov.in in two bid system(Technical Bid & Financial Bid) only from reputed firms/manufacturers/authorized Dealer for supply of furniture.

Sl. No.	Reference No.	Items	Qty	EMD(Rs) in the form of DD	Tender Document Fee (Rs.)
01	RUSA/E-Procurement/135/2017/377	Supply of Furniture etc. at PANDIT DEEN DAVAL UPADHYA MODEL DEGREE COLLEGE, TULUNGIA(Commerce)	1 PACKAGE	Rs.57000	1000.00

DATE OF AVAILABILITY OF BIDDING DOCUMENT ON

: 31-7-2017

LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION : 10-8-2017 14.00 hrs.

LAST DATE AND TIME FOR OPENING OF HARD COPY SUBMISSION : 10-8-2017 14.00 hrs.

TIME AND DATE OF OPENING OF TECHNICAL BIDS : 10-8-2017 15.00 hrs.

TIME AND DATE OF OPENING OF PRICE BIDS : 14-8-2017 14.00 hrs.

Venue of Bid Opening at RUSA Office, Guwahati (Assam)

The Technical bids will be open in the presence of representatives of tenders, if any. If the date of submission/opening happens to be a holiday, the bids shall be submitted/ opened next working day at the same time. Requests for postponement will not be entertained. Delayed tenders and tenders received after the stipulated time shall not be accepted.

The Mission Director, RUSA reserves the right to change the opening time and date of the tender due to administrative reason by notifying the same on the website. The department will not liable for delay in submission of tenders and system errors (if any) & The Mission Director, RUSA, reserves the right to accept any or all tenders either in part or in full without assigning any reasons thereof.

Sd/- Mission Director

Rashtriya Uchchatar Shikshak Abhyani.

Jansanyog/976/17

NOTIFICATION

It is for general information for the candidates who appeared in the interview for various Free of Cost Training courses (excluding food and lodging) held on 22.05.17 at Rabha Hasong Autonomous Council Secretariat, Duhnoi.

The Selection Committee has selected the following candidates/applicants who have been found eligible for the training courses at Solace Institute of Nursing, Golapara.

The list of selected candidates is given below:

Name of Course: GNM

Sl. No.	Candidate St. No.	Name of the Candidate	Name of Father & Address	Remarks
1				

CAPSULE**Chinese goods**

NEW DELHI, July 31: Chinese products are cheaper than Indian goods because of the opaque subsidy regime prevailing in China, the government said today in Parliament. "The products manufactured in China are reportedly of lower price mainly because of their opaque subsidy regime and distorted factor prices," Minister of State for MSME, Hanbindra Pathak said in a written reply in the Lok Sabha. —PTI

LG AC sales up

NEW DELHI, July 31: Consumer electronics major LG has recorded a 21 per cent growth in sales of the residential air-conditioners in the first half of 2017. LG, which has moved to more energy-efficient inverter ACs, has also begun exporting to Sri Lanka and is exploring opportunities in neighbouring markets such as Bangladesh. —PTI

Honda Motorcycle

NEW DELHI, July 31: Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India (HMSI) today said it has commenced the deliveries of 1000 cc CBR1000 Africa Twin motorcycle in the country. The model is HMSI's first one-litre engine capacity motorcycle to be manufactured in India. "Africa Twin is possibly the most reliable, versatile and proven adventure touring motorcycle ever launched in India," HMSI Senior Vice-President, Sales and Marketing, Yadinder Singh Guleria said in a statement. —PTI

Jeep Compass SUV

NEW DELHI, July 31: Fiat Chrysler Automobile (FCA) India today launched its first SUV in the market, the Jeep Compass SUV in the domestic market, at a price starting at Rs 14,95 lakh (ex-showroom Delhi). "Due to the overwhelming public response to the Jeep Compass, coupled with a significant number of pre-bookings and enquiries, we decided to advance the price announcement..." Kevin Flynn, President and MD of FCA India said in a launch. —PTI

ITDC CMD

NEW DELHI, July 31: State-run India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) today announced appointed Ravneet Kaur as the Chairperson and Managing Director. Kaur is the first woman to be appointed as full-time Chairperson and Managing Director of ITDC. —PTI

GCPL net slumps

NEW DELHI, July 31: FMG major Godrej Consumer Products Ltd (GCPL) today reported an 8.70 per cent decline in consolidated net profit at Rs 225.17 crore for the quarter to June due to tepid sales post-GST and higher expenses. The company had posted net profit of Rs 246.65 crore in April-June a year ago. Net sales during the period under review were up 3.42 per cent at Rs 2,266.69 crore as against Rs 2,191.64 crore of the corresponding quarter of the previous fiscal, the company said in a BSE filing. —PTI

SBI cuts interest rate

NEW DELHI, July 31: Country's largest lender State Bank of India has slashed interest on savings account by 50 basis points to 3.65 per cent or up to Rs 1 crore, ahead of RBI's policy review this week. However, the bank will continue to offer 4 per cent interest on savings account balance of Rs 1 crore and above. —PTI

SAT to decide on plea maintainability on Aug 7

Tribunal stays IRDAI's order against Sahara Life

MUMBAI, July 31: The Securities Appellate Tribunal today ordered 'status quo' for a week on insurance regulator IRDAI's direction for transfer of embattled Sahara group's life insurance business to ICICI Prudential Life Insurance.

The tribunal fixed the next hearing in the matter on August 7 when it will decide on the maintainability of the petition filed by Sahara Life Insurance against the IRDAI order.

Last Friday, the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) had asked ICICI Prudential to take over the assets and liabilities of Sahara Life from July 31.

Sahara Life today approached the Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT), which is mandated

to hear pleas against orders passed by financial sector regulators like SEBI, IRDAI and PFRDA, against the insurance regulator's order.

A two-member bench of SAT comprising Justices C.K. Nair and Jagdip Singh ordered a status quo in the matter.

Sahara Life Insurance was represented by the law firm Markand Gandhi & Co.

Following the SAT decision, Sahara group also said in a statement that the tribunal has granted "status quo" until it completes the hearing on August 7.

This means, the order passed by IRDAI has been stopped from being implemented until further orders, Sahara said.

Earlier, the IRDAI had appointed an administrator to take over the control of business of Sahara Life.

IRDAI subsequently directed ICICI Prudential to take over the business of Sahara Life.

Sahara alleged that the IRDAI order was passed "to benefit a third party and in violation of principles of natural justice".

Challenging the order, Sahara Life said its business was continuously in profit and the company has been in "absolute and strict compliance of all regulatory norms/directions issued by IRDAI and that there has not been even a single case of any complaint of non-payment of any claim to any policy holder".

Though the regulatory requirement of solvency margin is only 15, Sahara Life has been maintaining solvency margin of more than 8 which reflects the sound financial health of the company," Sahara said.

"However, it was unfortunate that IRDAI has stopped Sahara Life from selling new life insurance policies and to underwrite new business and directed ICICI Prudential, to take over the existing life insurance business portfolio of Sahara Life."

"IRDAI had not even framed any scheme, to safeguard the interest of policy holders, which is a statutory requirement before transferring the business to ICICI Prudential," the group said. —PTI



A delegation of FICCI led by its President Pankaj Patel meeting the Minister of State for Development of North Eastern Region (i/c), Prime Minister's Office, Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh, in New Delhi on Monday. —PIB

CAIT demands relook at items under 28% GST slab

NEW DELHI, July 31: Traders' body CAIT today said that the GST Council needs to have a relook at the 28 per cent slab as many of the items placed in this bracket ought to be brought under lower rates of the new tax regime.

The body claimed that there are still "anomalies, disparities and contradictions" in various tax slabs under GST that should be addressed by the Council.

"Anomalies, disparities and contradictions set in various tax slabs under GST and as such it needs to be re-considered by the GST Council."

"Moreover, the slab of 28 per cent requires a relook as many

of the items falling under this slab ought to be placed under other lower tax slabs," the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) said in a statement.

A lot of confusion prevailed among traders over GST rates, applicability of HSN codes, implications of reverse charge and claiming of input tax credit during the first month of the rollout, it said.

While CAIT is satisfied with the broader aspects of GST, it has been making representations regarding rationalisation and simplification of procedures and simplification of procedures, the statement said.

It said a major government campaign for direct interaction with the traders at district level is the need of the hour. —PTI

IndiGo net soars over 37%

MUMBAI, July 31: Inter-globe Aviation, that owns the country's largest airline IndiGo, today reported its highest quarterly profit with a 37.1 per cent increase in bottom line at Rs 811 crore for the three months to June.

The new Delhi-based carrier, that enjoys over 40 per cent market share, said its revenue clipped past 25.6 per cent to Rs 5,955 crore, driven by higher passenger revenue that grew 5.5 per cent and higher load factor that grew 4.7 per cent pushing up the overall yields by 200 bps.

The airline attributed the good set of numbers to overall improvement in all key operational metrics, including overhead cost, which declined by 2.5 per cent. —PTI

Enable account number portability: RBI to banks

MUMBAI, July 31: RBI Deputy Governor SS Mundra has asked banks to work towards account number portability as it will be a far-reaching step towards enhancing competition and improving customer service.

Speaking at the annual conference of banking industry here recently, he said banks should look forward to providing more choices to the new generation of customers who are more technology-savvy.

"A scenario thus emerges wherein customers would be able to silently walk out from one institution to another, in case of any dissatisfaction with the services," RBI said in a release today, quoting Mundra.

Mundra said this will be further accentuated with the possibility of portability of accounts and urged the banks to work towards account number portability.

Mundra also referred to the rising trend of loss of cheques from drop boxes and the lack of alacrity shown by banks in redressing such complaints.

In such cases, the Deputy Governor suggested that the customer "must be compensated immediately".

He asked the banks to look at the possibility of setting up a common account and compensate the customers immediately from the pool, without

any new item emerges having a distinct name, character and use."

"Therefore the saries, whether, embroidered or not, would be taxed at the same rate at which the fabric is taxed," the CBEC said in a set of frequently asked questions (FAQs).

It said 5 per cent GST is levied on job processes relating to the textile yarn (other than man-made fibre/filament) and fabrics.

With regard to dress materials, the FAQ clarified that if the sarees will be treated as garments or fabric, the Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC) said sarees are treated as fabric and it remains so even after embroidery, etc., as no new item emerges having a distinct name, character and use."

Clearing the air over whether sarees will be treated as garments or fabric, the Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC) said sarees are treated as fabric and it remains so even after embroidery, etc., as no new item emerges having a distinct name, character and use."

As per the GST rate decided by the GST Council last month, all categories of fabric attract a 5 per cent rate. Man-made apparel up to Rs 1,000 will attract a 5 per cent tax and those costing above Rs 1,000, will attract 12 per cent GST. —PTI

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ASCI upholds complaints against 117 commercials

MUMBAI, July 31: Advertising sector watchdog ASCI upheld complaints against 117 misleading advertisements in May this year, including those of Reliance Jio, Airtel, Amazon, Asian Paints, LG, among others.

The Customer Complaints Council (CCC) of Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI) received 154 complaints for the month and it upheld 39 in healthcare category, 33 in education category, eight each in the personal care

and telecommunication segment, five in e-commerce, among others.

"The advertisement's claim, enjoy internet for the full month at just Rs 29, is misleading by ambiguity and omission as 75 MB being given at

Rs 309" misleading by ambiguity and omission.

Similarly, it pulled up Bharti Airtel for its advertisement "enjoy internet for the full month at just Rs 29" as it was misleading by ambiguity and omission.

The regulator said it depicts a dangerous act which is likely to encourage minors to emulate such acts in a manner

which could cause harm or injury to such minors. —PTI

wheeler without helmets as it violated traffic rules.

It also noted that company's advertisement claim of the price offer of Rs 63 (73 per cent off) on American-style cream and onion flour - party pack was false and misleading as the actual MRP of the product is Rs 65 and not Rs 230 as claimed by the advertisement.

It observed that Asian Paints Royale Atmos advertisement claim of air purifying paint as it was misleading by am-

Air India's current business not sustainable: Govt to House panel

NEW DELHI, July 31: Air India's current business is "not sustainable" as it is neither able to generate enough cash flow nor start repaying even the principal amount on its debt, the government has told a Parliamentary panel. With the Cabinet giving

in-principle" approval for selling stake in the loss-making Air India, a ministerial panel is working on the final contours of the proposed disinvestment. Against this backdrop, a par-

liamentary panel has sought de-

tails on Air India disinvest-

ment move. Sources said the Civil

Aviation Ministry has provided to

the panel a brief overview of the

factors leading to the decision to

sell Air India stake. —PTI

Advertisement

No RMSA/Special TET/842/2017/70 APPLICATIONS FOR APPEARING IN THE TEACHERS' ELIGIBILITY TEST (TET) ARE INVITED FROM THE INTENDING CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE TEACHERS IN SECONDARY EDUCATION FOR BODDO MEDIUM ONLY .

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA : Graduate Teacher in Secondary Schools: The Assam Secondary Education (Provisional) Service (Amendment) Rules, 2012 has prescribed the amended qualification for direct recruitment to the post of graduate teachers.

As per the substituted Schedule-II, the qualification for

Graduate Teacher has been prescribed as BA/B.Sc/ B.Com with 50% marks with B.T./ B.Ed. degree from any recognized university.

2) Hindi Teacher: Pravini/ Ratna in Hindi with 50% marks having degree qualification from any recognized University or B.A with Hindi as one of the subjects with 50% marks and B.T. B.Ed. degree from any recognized University. (The candidates must have aggregate 50% marks in Degree.)

3) Classical Teacher (Sanskrit): Shastri with 50% marks having degree qualification from any recognized University or B.A with Sanskrit as one of the subjects with 50% marks and B.T. B.Ed. degree from any recognized University. (The candidates must have aggregate 50% marks in Degree.)

4) Classical Teacher such as Arabic, Urdu, Persian etc.: MM with 50% marks with degree qualification from any recognized University or B.A with Arabic as one of the subjects with 50% marks and B.T./B.Ed. from any recognized University. (The candidates must have aggregate 50% marks in Degree.)

5) Classical Teacher (Assamese Language, Manipuri Language): B.A with Honours/ Major in concerned subject with 50% marks and B.T./B.Ed. degree from any recognized University. (The candidates must have aggregate 50% marks in Degree.)

However all intending candidates may note that:

> B.T. B.Ed. from any recognized University is mandatory prerequisite eligibility for appearing for applying for the TET examination.

> The candidate must have passed HSLC or equivalent examination in Bodo language as one of the subjects or read up to HSLC level in Bodo medium school.

Provided that in case of recruitment of teacher for teaching MIL subject, the candidate passing HSLC examination with that particular MIL subject shall be considered.

> Degree qualification means a Bachelor Degree, no equivalence will be drawn.

> Degrees served from off Campus Centers shall not be accepted.

> The candidates who have applied earlier vide advertisement no. RMSA/TET/343/2014 dated 30/07/2014 need not pay the fee for this TET provided the applicant have to mention his/her earlier application number against our earlier advertisement no. RMSA/TET/343/2014 dated 02/06/2014 in the form.

> The status of the present contractual teachers who are working under the scheme of "Strengthening and Improvement of the Quality Education in the State" on contractual terms will remain same. This TET is conducted to screen eligible candidates for appointment in secondary schools in addition to the strength of the present contractual teachers. However, it may be noted that the requirement of TET for this category of contractual teachers in recruitment process of Graduate Teachers shall be subject to final outcome of the WA No. 2013/2017 and Review Application No. 14/2017.

> Further, Rule-10 of the aforesaid Service Rules provides that, in addition to such academic and professional qualification mentioned in Schedule-II for direct recruitment to the post, all candidates shall appear and pass in the Teachers Eligibility Test (TET) conducted by the Government scoring minimum 60% marks in case of General category candidates and minimum of 55% marks in case of SC/ST/OBC/MOBC/Physically handicapped candidates.

It shall be noted that merely qualification with prescribed marks in the TET examination for Secondary Education shall not confer on any candidate the right to employment as a teacher. However qualification in TET examination is a mandatory prerequisite to appear at the interview for recruitment. For interview for the post of teacher, the candidate shall be required to produce certificate obtained in the TET examination by a candidate who has qualified in the TET examination shall be counted in the interview for the teacher recruitment which will be advertised subsequently.

The teacher recruitment after TET of graduate teachers in the provincialized High School, Higher Secondary School and High Madrasa shall be governed by Rule- 8 of the aforesaid Rules. / The advertisement for the posts of graduate teachers shall be issued by the concerned School Selection Committee. The School Selection Committee shall hold interview and prepare a panel of wise select list and subject to approval of the District Approval Committee, the appointment to the post of teacher shall be made from the selection list as per merit and subject to government prescribed Reservations. However, no oral marks shall be held in an interview stage.

Who Can Apply:

A. The Candidate must be a Citizen of India and must be a resident of Assam. He/she must be a Graduate having 50% marks from a recognized University with B.T.B.Ed. from a recognized University.

B. The candidate must have passed HSLC or equivalent examination with Bodo language as one of the subjects or read up to HSLC level in Bodo medium school.

C. Age of the candidate must not be less than 18 years of age and not more than 43 years of age as on 01.01.2017. Relaxation of upper age limit will be applicable for SC, ST (P), OBC (P) and for another 5 years as per Govt. of Assam OM-A/ABP/2014 dated 02/06/2014.

D. The upper age limit may be relaxed in case of candidates who are working under the scheme of "Strengthening and Improvement of the Quality Education in the State" on contractual terms for a maximum period up to 5 years and willing to take part in the instant TET.

Minimum qualifying marks for passing TET: To qualify in TET Examination the candidate must score at least 60% marks. However, 5% relaxation in marks will be given for candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC/MOBC/PWD. Only following category of PWD/PH persons can apply for appearing at the TET:

* Persons who are orthopedically impaired or have locomotor disability. In this regard the candidate shall obtain a certificate from competent government authority like from Social Welfare Dept/Orthopedic surgeon for submission to the Mission Director, RMSA, Assam. The candidate whose degree of physical disability is more than 40% are only eligible to apply, under this category.

Notwithstanding the minimum prescribed marks secured in TET Examination, the number of candidates declared as TET Examination qualified would be a maximum of double the number of vacancies of Teachers and such candidates will be determined as per merit position.

Validity: All candidates who pass the TET will be awarded a certificate. The validity of the certificate shall be for a maximum period of 5(five) years from the date of issue of the certificate by the empowered Committee, Government of Assam subject to the condition that the candidate fulfills the eligibility criteria prescribed for recruitment to the services in Government of Assam.

Time Schedule for TET, 2017, Assam:

1. Opening of Online Application Form 22nd August, 2017

2. Last date of Submission of online Application form 6th September, 2017

3. Last date of fees Payment at Bank 14th September, 2017

4. Date of examination Will be notified later

Candidates are advised to apply early in order to avoid last minute rush.

Structure & Content of Test-: The examination shall be for 200 marks of 200 Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs), each one of them carrying equal marks. The subject areas broadly as follows.

Sl.No.	Subject	Number of Questions	Marks
1	General Studies & Current Affairs	100 MCQs	100
2	Pedagogy & General English	100 MCQs	100

Total Marks 200

Candidates have to qualify both the parts separately to qualify the exam.

IMPORTANT POINTS :

The cost of the application form is Rs 400/- (Rupees Four Hundred only)

Detailed instruction on filling up of online application form will be uploaded in the website www.rmsaassam.in

* For more information on TET candidates may please contact all Inspector of Schools offices in Districts and their RMSA cells; State Mission Director RMSA Office, Kahlipara, Guwahati, Chirang, Dibrugarh, the Director of Secondary Education, Assam, Kahlipara, Guwahati during office hours of working days.

Syllabus for the TET examination will be available on website - www.rmsaassam.in

Degrees/B.T.B.Ed degree served from off Campus Centers or unrecognised institutions/universities shall not be accepted.

Degrees means a Bachelor degree, no equivalence will be allowed.

B.T.B.Ed from recognized University is mandatory.

The Candidate must be a Citizen of India and must be a resident of Assam.

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

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Oppn hits out at Modi govt over lynchings

NEW DELHI, July 31: Opposition members on Monday accused the Narendra Modi government of encouraging cow vigilantes by not taking any concrete action against them, and also demanded a separate law to address the problem.

The debate over the issue in the Lok Sabha saw some heated exchanges between Treasury and Opposition benches, as Opposition members hit out at the government for the situation.

During the debate, Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge accused the government of indirectly encouraging cow vigilantes and alleged that there was an environment of "fear and terror" in the country.

"Government should tell the House how many of these cow vigilantes have been punished... How many have been arrested. You dismiss them, but what action has been taken," he asked.

"No action is taken, and rather they are encouraged. This government is against dalits, minorities and women," Kharge said.

Urging the government not to turn Hindutva into "lynchistan," he said the incidents of mob lynchings were not coming down.

He also demanded that Prime Minister Narendra Modi should come to the House and clear his government's stand

on the issue.

Tirumool Congress' Saugata Roy

meanwhile said 97 per cent of the

lynchings happened after the Modi government

came to power.

"I don't want to bring Hindu-Muslim

(question) into this but 97 per cent of these

killings took place after Narendra Modi

came to power... 86 per cent (of victims)

were Muslims. I want to ask members of

the ruling party, you say you want 'Con-

gress-mukt Bharat'?" he asked, demand-

ing Parliament should pass a law protect-

ing people against lynching.

Biju Janata Dal leader Tathagata Satyap-

ati said the lynchings are killing the rural

economy. Farmers are unable to sell use-

less animals. The economic cycle has been

put to stop. This money could be their

seed money to get another loan, but now

you have totally damaged rural economy.

"You have actually damaged the rural

economy by lynching process, you have

started a process where you eventually

kill the Hindu farmer... by killing the mi-

nority, you are killing the majority," he said.

Nationalist Congress Party's Supriya Sule said the House should stand united

against such incidents.

"We should give a message we are one

as parliament in condemning it. We should

No new slaughter house in Bihar, says Minister

Kerala CM meets BJP-RSS, calls all-party peace meet

T H I R U V A N A N D H A R A P U R A M, July 31: Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Monday said no new slaughter house will be opened in Bihar and that there will be a total ban on all slaughterhouses.

"No new slaughter houses will be opened and there will be a total ban on cow slaughter," Paras told media here, adding that his department would not issue any licenses to set up new slaughter houses in the state.

Paras, younger brother of Lok Janshakti Party chief Ram Vilas Paswan, was instructed by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar in his Cabinet on Tuesday.

Early this year, the then Opposition BJP demanded that illegal slaughter houses across the state should be sealed like in Uttar Pradesh.

According to officials, cow slaughter is banned in Bihar as per a 1955 law but it continues unabated because of a loophole that permits the killing of a cow, buffalo or bull that is more than 15 years old or diseased. -IANS

the meeting at state-owned Mascot Hotel.

Monday's meeting comes a day after Vijayan had a meeting with the CPI-M and BJP-RSS leaders here following violence over the killing of an RSS worker and announced an RSS

leader at the time of the killing.

The first to arrive for the meeting was state Bharata Jayanti Parbat president Kummanam Rajasekharan along with his team, including Rashtriya Swamayavak Sangh chief P Gopalan Kutty.

Vijayan then arrived along with CPI-M state secretary Kodiyeri Balakrishnan.

Vijayan, upon arriving at the venue, lost his cool when he saw the media taking visual of the meeting.

He directed his ire towards the manager of the hotel, and then while waiting at the entrance of the hall he asked the media to get out.

Vijayan entered the hall only after all the media personnel

had exited.

When the media later asked why he was angry with them, Vijayan ignored their query.

He explained the outcome of the meeting and left.

Rajasekharan said the meeting went off well. "We explained our position, and stressed that the right to work in a political party should not be curbed," he said.

"The need of the hour is that police should be given a free hand. This is not happening as the police remain mute spectators when the ruling party workers go berserk. Had the police been allowed to do their duty by intervening whenever there is a law and order issue, matters would not have reached this stage. We have agreed to cooperate in restoring peace," said Rajasekharan.

Vijayan on Sunday promised that action would be taken against law-breakers irrespective of their status and political affiliation. -IANS



Boys plunge into the Dal Lake to beat the heat during a hot summer afternoon in Srinagar on Monday. - UNI

Rain plays spoilsport for Kumartuli Durga idols business

KOLKATA, July 31: Crammed into 8-by-10 feet studios, Kumartuli artisans are hard pressed for time to spruce up and deliver the famed Durga Puja clay idols in less than two months from now. And rain has played spoilsport again.

"Our studios are small so we can only place a limited number of idols there after they have been crafted into the distinctive form. Since it has been raining very heavily this month, the idols are melting down in the water. The paint is running out. To restore them, we incur an extra cost of Rs 2,000," he said.

"This is a business of curse (abhisarpa).

"It is not enough. We need some kind of water proofing. Our appeals to the municipal authorities have fallen on deaf ears," he said.

The Met Office has forecast the possibility of one or two spells of thunderstorms during the day.

Apprehending that idols could be affected if it pours even more in the coming days, Pal estimated around Rs 2,000 loss for every four idols.

"Since the water makes the clay run out and the straw filling rots, around four to five idols in each studio is affected. To restore them, we incur an extra cost of Rs 2,000," he said.

"This has created confusion in terms of logistics. The idol delivery is usually in full swing at this time of the year but it is slow this year," he added. - IANS



Sand artist Sudarsan Pattnaik creating a sand sculpture of Lord Siva with message "We pray for flood victims" at Puri beach in Odisha on Sunday. - UNI

NIA opposes interim bail plea of ISIS suspect

NEW DELHI, July 31: The NIA today opposed before a Delhi court the interim bail plea of a suspected ISIS member, for undergoing kidney surgery, saying the relief may hamper the ongoing probe and flee from justice.

The agency urged the court to dismiss the application moved by Moniuddin Shareef Khan, arrested for allegedly recruiting and financing people to join the terror outfit, claiming that he was getting medical facility from jail authorities.

It also told the court that there

was no provision under the anti-

terror law - Unlawful Activities

(Prevention) Act - to grant interim bail to accused for medical treatment while in judicial custody.

"The case is at the stage of arguments on charge and further investigation is under progress. If the accused is released on interim bail, he may hamper with ongoing probe and flee away from justice," the NIA said.

The agency urged the court to dismiss the application moved by Moniuddin Shareef Khan, arrested for allegedly recruiting and financing people to join the terror outfit, claiming that he was getting medical facility from jail authorities.

The bail application moved through advocate MS Khan had alleged that "he is accused of having a stone in his kidney and despite directions, no arrangement

has been made by the jail administration for his surgery".

The accused has sought 15 days' interim bail for undergoing the surgery.

The NIA had filed its charge sheet before the court outlining the role of Moinuddin Shareef Khan, along with 16 others accused in a larger conspiracy of ISIS to further the terror group's ideology.

The agency had claimed that members of the banned outfit

- Islamic State (IS) or Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) or Islamic State of Iraq and Le-

vant (ISIL), in connivance with a few resident and non-resident

Indians, have been indulging in identification, radicalisation, recruitment, and training.

The final report had alleged that some Indian youths were sent by the accused, who are currently in judicial custody, to countries like Syria, Libya and Iraq for terror activities.

They were arrested under several sections of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and Indian Penal Code (IPC). A case was registered by NIA on December 9, 2015, against unknown and unidentified persons involved in the activities of ISIS in India and other Asian countries. - PTI

Mamata criticises Centre's decision to raise LPG prices

KOLKATA, July 31: West Bengal Chief Mamata Banerjee today criticised the Narendra Modi government's decision to raise prices of subsidised cooking gas (LPG) every month to eliminate all subsidies, saying the move will hit the poor.



"Now again, BJP does not care about the people," she added.

The government has ordered state-run oil companies to raise subsidised cooking gas (LPG) prices by Rs 4 per cylinder every month to eliminate all the subsidies by March next year. Oil Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said today.

The government has recently asked Indian Oil (IOC), Bharat Petroleum (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum (HPCL) to raise rates of subsidised domestic LPG (liquefied petroleum gas) by Rs 2 per 14.2-kg cylinder per month (excluding VAT).

Now, the quantum has been doubled so as to bring down the subsidy to nil, he said in a written reply in the Lok Sabha here. Every household is entitled to 12 cylinders of 14.2-kg each at subsidised rates in a year. Any requirement beyond that is to be purchased at market price. - PTI

GJM gives 10-day limit to Centre to intervene

DARJEELING, July 31: The Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM) has given a ten-day deadline to the Centre to intervene in the Gorkhaland statehood stir as the indefinite shutdown in the hills entered its 47th day today.

"We have given a ten-day deadline to the Union government to intervene. An indefinite shutdown is going on for the last 47 days. The Centre can't sit idle when the hills are burning," GJM general secretary Binay Tamang told reporters last night.

The 30-member Gorkhaland Movement Coordination Committee (GMCC), a body of all the hill parties of Darjeeling, is in Delhi for an all-party meeting. The GMCC has sought an appointment with Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh to brief him on the ongoing crisis in the hills.

"We have sought a meeting with Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh in order to brief him on the ongoing crisis in the hills. The indefinite shutdown has entered its 47th day, which is the longest-ever shutdown in the history of Darjeeling. The Centre needs to take concrete action," Bharatiya Gorkha Parishad president Sukhamon told PTI.

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'Tricked' by taste buds

Weak taste buds may lead to weight gain, say researchers

People with a reduced ability to taste food choose sweeter – and likely higher-calorie – fare, thereby paving the way for gaining unhealthy weight, says a study.

"We found that the more people lost sensitivity to sweetness, the more sugar they wanted in their foods," said lead author Robin Dando, Assistant Professor at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York.

In this research published online by the journal *Appetite*, Dando temporarily dulled the taste buds of study participants and had them sample foods of varying sugar concentrations.

For the blind tests, the researchers provided participants with an herbal tea with low, medium or high concentrations of a naturally occurring herb, Gymnema sylvestre, which is known to temporarily block sweet receptors.

During the testing, participants added their

favoured levels of sweetness to bland concoctions.

The researchers found that those participants with their taste receptors blocked began to prefer higher concentrations of sugar.

"Others have suggested that the overweight may have a reduction in their perceived intensity of taste. So, if an overweight or obese person has a diminished sense of taste, our research shows that they may begin to seek out more intense stimuli to attain a satisfactory level of reward," explained Dando.

This can influence their eating habits to compensate for a lower taste response, he said.

"The gustatory system – that is, the taste system we have – may serve as an important nexus in understanding the development of obesity. With this in mind, taste dysfunction should be considered as a factor," Dando said.

– IANS

Know your DAY

By JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2017:

This year you become more dynamic and creative. If that is even possible. If you are single, you might be viewed as extraordinarily desirable. Someone could make you feel very comfortable. Whatever choice you make, know that it needs to come from the heart. If you are attached, you and your sweetie act like new lovers. Observers often smile as they watch you interact as a couple. SAGITTARIUS often encourages you to take risks.

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

(Aries March 21-April 19)

**** You might not get the essence of someone's message. Take a break. If you're feeling upset, walk around the block, or choose another form of relaxation. You might be amazed by what was actually said. When you detach, your world seems much better. Tonight: Plan a vacation.

(Taurus April 20-May 20)

**** Do your best not to repeat a disagreement with a child or loved one. The two of you simply cannot come to an agreement at this point in time. You might want to reach out to a partner who has the same interests as you. Tonight: Visit over dinner, but keep the conversation light.

(Gemini May 21-June 21)

**** You are being frayed by today's events and by the lack of agreement or support from others. Remember that all of this back-and-forth is occurring because you are trying to reach an agreement. View what is happening as a brainstorming session. Tonight: Say yes to a vacation.

(Cancer June 22-July 22)

**** You will want to accomplish more, but others seem insecure and unwilling to join you. Distance yourself from the time being. Issues that arise now may dissipate by tomorrow! Someone might take your words differently than you intended. Tonight: Kick back and relax.

(Leo July 23-Aug. 22)

**** Your instincts are to avoid getting into a conversation that seems to be going south. You can't seem to come to a successful conclusion at this point. You might sense that a disagreement could be more important than it currently is. Tonight: Act as if there were no tomorrow.

(Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** You might sense some tension around your home and obligations. Other people's opinions, whether you want to hear them or not, can be quite annoying. Anger seems to surface from out of nowhere. Use this time to get past it. Tonight: Out and about.

(Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** Make calls, and catch up on others' news. Don't allow anyone to whisper negativity in your ears. Stay clear of people who don't have your best interests at heart. You will surround yourself with those who have a greater impact on what you might receive. Tonight: Join a friend or two for a late dinner.

(Scorpio Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** Use caution when dealing with money. You easily could go into debt. You might feel like you are not making any important decisions; you will be a happier as a result. Tonight: Let others pick up the tab.

(Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** You feel much more generous and content than you have in quite a while. Make the first move in a discussion. Be sure that a boss or someone else gets your feedback and a different opinion. You might not forge a new path as a result. Tonight: Do what you want.

(Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** Note how much is going on behind the scenes. Play it low-key. Listen. Other people's opinions, whether you want to hear them or not, can be quite annoying. Anger seems to surface from out of nowhere. Use this time to get past it. Tonight: Out and about.

(Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**** A friend makes all the difference to you, especially at the present moment. This person not only supports you in how you live but also offers you significant feedback. A loved one could be argumentative. Be careful! Tonight: Be more forthcoming.

(Pisces Feb. 19-June 20)

**** You are in the limelight. A partner seems to have a very different opinion from yours. Both of you could talk until you are blue in the face and still be unwilling to change your mind. Postpone discussions and deal with other matters. Tonight: A relative could be quite opinionated.

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Thought for the day

When in doubt have a man come through the door with a gun in his hand.

– RAYMOND CHANDLER

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15:00 Roll No. 21
17:00 Who Was Who Bears
18:30 Crime Patrol
19:00 Crime Patrol
19:30 Horrid Henry
19:45 King of Batboy
20:30 Crime Patrol
21:00 Teen Titans Go
21:30 Dragon Ball Z
22:00 Ben 10
23:00 Dragon Ball Z

Playhouse

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Pak interim PM nominee facing Rs 220-bn graft probe

ISLAMABAD, July 31: The ruling PML-N party's interim Prime Minister nominee Shahid Khaqan Abbasi is facing a Rs 220 billion corruption inquiry by Pakistan's National Accountability Bureau over an LNG contract, according to a media report.



Shahid Khaqan Abbasi

Abbasi, the former minister for petroleum and natural resources, is the principal accused in a National Accountability Bureau (NAB) case registered in 2015 over the award of a liquefied natural gas (LNG) import contract, Dawn News reported.

Other suspects in the case include former petroleum secretary Asif Saeed, Inter State Gas Systems (ISGS) managing director Momin Sault, private firm Engro's chief executive officer Emmanuel Hay and the Sui Southern Gas Company's (SSGC) ex-MD Zulhair Ahmed Siddiqui, it report said.

Abbasi is expected to be elected as the new prime minister by Pakistan's Parliament tomorrow, replacing ousted premier Nawaz Sharif.

The Supreme Court on Friday disqualified 67-year-old Sharif for dishonesty and ruled that corruption cases be filed against him and his children over the Panama Papers scandal, forcing the embattled leader out of office.

After Sharif's disqualification, the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) nominated Abbasi as its candidate for the Prime Minister's post for an interim period before Punjab Chief Minister Nawaz's brother Shehzad Sharif replaces him. — PTI

WASHINGTON, July 31: The US has said the time for talk over North Korea was "over," spurning a UN response to Pyongyang's latest ICBM launch in favour of bomber flights and missile defense system tests.

Nikki Haley, the US envoy to the United Nations, said there was "no point" in holding a fruitless emergency Security Council session, warning that a weak additional council resolution would be "worse than nothing" in light of the North's repeated violations.

North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un boasted of his country's ability to strike any target in the US after an intercontinental ballistic missile test Friday that weapons experts said could even bring New York into range – in a major challenge to Trump.

US strategic bombers on Saturday flew over the Korean peninsula in a direct response to the launch, and on Sunday Amer-



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ican forces successfully tested a missile interception system the US hopes will be installed on the Korean peninsula.

Under Kim's leadership, North Korea has accelerated its drive towards a credible nuclear strike capability in defiance of international condemnation and multiple sets of UN sanctions. The US Senate passed new bipartisan sanctions on Pyongyang on Friday.

Haley urged China, Japan and South Korea to tighten the screws on Pyongyang.

would not allow China – the impoverished North's sole major ally and economic lifeline – to "do nothing" about Pyongyang.

In two tweets, Trump linked trade strains with the Asian giant – marked by a trade deficit of \$309 billion last year – to policy on North Korea, after S. Korea indicated it could speed up the deployment of US missile defense system that has infuriated China.

"I am very disappointed in China. Our foolish past leaders have allowed them to make hundreds of billions of dollars a year in trade, yet they do NOTHING for us with North Korea, just talk," Trump wrote.

"We will no longer allow this to continue. China could easily solve this problem!"

Trump has repeatedly urged China to rein in its recalcitrant neighbor. Beijing insists dialogue is the only practical way forward. — AFP



A member of the Afghan security forces aims his rifle during gun fire at the site of an attack in Kabul, on Monday. — UNI

Around the WORLD



Newly-born cheetah cubs play in their enclosure at Prague Zoo, Czech Republic on Monday. — UNI

Deadly superbug infections

LONDON, July 31: Scientists have discovered a new strain of antibiotic-resistant bacteria found in hospitals causes life-threatening infections, an advance that will help develop new treatments against the superbug.

Enterococcus faecalis is frequently responsible for causing hospital-acquired infections such as urinary tract infections, heart valve infections and bacteraemia (bacteria in the blood), however scientists claim to have a poor understanding of how this happens.

Researchers from University of Sheffield in the UK investigated how E. faecalis – bacteria commonly found in the digestive tracts of humans and multi-resistant to antibiotics – can out-compete other microorganisms and cause life-threatening infections. — PTI

Russia defends slashing US envoys as hope over ties fades

MOSCOW, July 31: Moscow today justified its decision to purge US diplomatic personnel in the country, as the Kremlin appeared to give up on hopes of improving ties anytime soon under Donald Trump.

President Vladimir Putin announced Sunday that the US will have to slash its diplomatic staff in Russia by 755 after Moscow struck back against new sanctions passed by the US Congress.

The move represents one of the biggest single reductions of US personnel by Moscow, with Putin warning he could retaliate further even if he plans to hold off for now.

"We have waited long enough, hoping that the situation would perhaps change for the better," the Kremlin strongman said.

"But it seems that even if the situation is changing, it's not for any time soon," Putin's spokesman Dmitry Peskov today insisted that any hopes of mending Russia-US ties rest on "curing the worsening political schizophrenia" in Washington, but admitted the two sides appeared "far away" from any improvement.

But he did insist Russia remained keen on "continuing cooperation in the

areas that correspond to our interests", suggesting Moscow remains open to working together on Syria in the south of the war-torn country.

The US State Department earlier called Moscow's move "regrettable and uncalled for" and said it was "assessing the impact of such a limitation and how to respond."

US Vice President Mike Pence said: "We hope for better days, for better relations with Russia."

He stressed that "recent diplomatic action taken by Moscow will not deter the commitment of the United States of America to our security, the security of our allies."

The US Senate on Thursday overwhelmingly approved a bill to toughen sanctions on Russia for allegedly meddling in the 2016 US presidential election and its intervention in Ukraine. Iran and North Korea are also targeted in the sanctions bill.

The White House said Trump intends to sign off on the legislation despite complaining earlier it would cut off the president's room for diplomatic manoeuvring. — AFP

Philippine militants behead 7 loggers

MANILA, July 31: Islamist militants in the Philippines have beheaded seven local loggers they kidnapped last week in their stronghold in the strife-torn south, police said today.

The bodies of the loggers were found yesterday in a mountainous village on the island of Basilan, local police chief John Cundo told AFP, blaming the killings on a faction of Abu Sayyaf kidnappers for ransom group based there.

The group of senior Abu Sayyaf leader Furuij Indama abducted and killed the loggers apparently over a local business row rather than for typical ransom activities, Cundo said.

"This was an act of revenge by Indama who may have blamed the destruction of his rubber plantation on these loggers. The kidnappers did not demand ransom but immediately beheaded the loggers," Cundo said.

The Abu Sayyaf is a loose network of militants formed in the 1990s with seed money from Osama bin Laden's Al-Qaeda network.

One faction based on Basilan has pledged allegiance to the Islamic State group, with members among militants who have been occupying parts of Marawi, the largely Catholic nation's most important Islamic city, since May.

The militants have withstood a US-backed military offensive in Marawi that has claimed 650 lives and displaced nearly 400,000 people.

President Rodrigo Duterte has imposed martial law across the southern third of the Philippines, including Basilan, to quell the militant threat.

The Abu Sayyaf, blamed for the worst terror attacks in the nation's history, is known to behead its hostages unless ransom payments are made.

The militants beheaded two Canadian hostages last year and a German captive in February after ransom demands were not met. — AFP

ISIS claims attack on Iraq embassy in Kabul



A member of the Afghan security forces aims his rifle during gun fire at the site of an attack in Kabul, on Monday. — UNI

KABUL, July 31: A suicide bomber blew himself up outside the Iraqi embassy in Kabul today and militants breached the compound, Afghan officials said, in a complex hours-long attack claimed by the ISIS group.

All the attackers had been killed and the compound secured roughly four hours after the assault began, Afghanistan's interior ministry said, adding that all embassy staff were safe and only one policeman wounded "slightly."

Earlier, black smoke billowed into the air above the neighborhood in northwestern Kabul as the sound of gunfire, blasts and hand grenade sirens could be heard. Panicked residents, including women and children, could be seen fleeing the area.

The interior ministry said at least four militants had attacked the embassy, beginning with a suicide bomber who detonated his vest at the compound entrance.

The quick-response police forces arrived in time and evacuated the Iraqi diplomats to safety

place. No embassy staff have been harmed, only one policeman was wounded slightly," a ministry statement said.

The Iraqi foreign ministry in Baghdad said the charge d'affairs was among those evacuated and that it was monitoring the situation with Afghan authorities, without giving further details.

The ISIS's propaganda agency Amaq released a statement claiming responsibility for the attack, saying two members "attacked the Iraqi embassy building in the Afghan city of Kabul".

The embassy is located in northwestern Kabul, in a neighbourhood that is home to

Venezuela claims 41.5pc turnout in violent polls



A view of a beach on the island resort of Sentosa in Singapore, on Monday. — UNI

Women's memory in later life

LONDON, July 31: Women who live in countries that face gender inequality may lose learning capacity in later life.

Researchers noticed that the differences in men's and women's scores on cognitive tests varied widely across countries.

In countries in Northern Europe, for example, women tend to outperform men on memory tests, while the opposite seems to be true in several Southern European countries. The observation triggered our curiosity to try to understand what could cause such variations across countries," said Eric Bonsang of Paris Dauphine University in France.

"This research is a first attempt to shed light on important, but understudied, adverse consequences of gender inequality on women's health in later life," said Bonsang. — PTI

Depression 'doubles death risk' for heart patients

Researchers found that post-coronary artery disease depression was the single biggest predictor of death, and remained so even after they controlled for the other factors.

"No matter how long or how short it was, patients were found to have twice the risk of dying compared to those who did not have a follow-up diagnosis of depression," said May, lead author of the study published in the European Heart Journal - Quality of Care & Clinical Outcomes.

"Depression was the strongest risk factor for dying, compared to any other risk factors we evaluated. That included age, heart failure, dia-

betes, high blood pressure, kidney failure, or having a heart attack or stroke," she said.

That association did not change for patients who were previously diagnosed with depression before their heart disease diagnosis or for patients whose angiograms were performed for various reasons, which included stable angina, unstable angina, or heart attack, researchers said.

May and colleagues studied 24,138 patients who underwent angiographies, which determined they had coronary artery disease. Patients with depression were also placed into subcategories based

on how long after their heart disease diagnosis the depression was identified.

In all, 15 per cent, or 2,646 patients, were diagnosed with depression at some point during follow-up.

This study reinforces previous research investigating the link between depression, heart disease, and increased risks of death, researchers said.

The study did not explain the reason for the elevated risk of death, although May said one possibility is that depression impacts how closely patients follow their treatment plans. — PTI



over eight million people went to the polls on Sunday to vote for the National Constituent Assembly (ANC), a body that President Maduro created to rewrite the nation's constitution.

The election was marred by violence with widespread protests that began on Saturday night and claimed at least

10 lives besides leaving over 400 others injured. The MUD has put the toll at 14.

Meanwhile, Maduro hailed the election and warned of measures against Parliament, the public prosecutor's office, opposition leaders and the private media in his first televised speech after the vote, reports Efe news. — IANS

Denmark stun Germany, England beat France

TILBURG, July 31: Germany's hopes of seven successive European women's titles were shattered when second-half-headers by Nadia Nadir and Theresa Nielsen gave Denmark a shock 2-1 victory in the quarterfinals in Rotterdam.

In Thursday's semifinals, Denmark will face newcomers Austria who beat Spain 5-3 on penalties following a goalless draw in Tilburg.

Hosts the Netherlands, who beat Sweden 2-0 on Saturday, will face England who edged France 1-0 in Deventer in yesterday's last game thanks to Jodie Taylor's fifth goal at the tournament.

It was England's first win over France in 43 years.

Germany, who have won the Euro six times in a row and eight times overall, dominated the eventual game postponed from Saturday because of heavy rain, but Denmark's counter-attacking was eventually too much for them.

Germany were out of the blocks fast with Isabel Kerschowski drawing first blood on three minutes with massive help from Danick keeper Stina Petersen who palmed her shot from just outside the box into the goal.

But Nadir put Denmark level three minutes after the break with a bullet header from a cross by Stine Larsen and Nielsen then headed home a cross from substitute Frederike Theegesen with seven minutes left.

"I'm so happy that we beat Germany. It's amazing," said Nielsen. "Everybody

dreams about scoring, but doing it is another thing. Why not today? It's a good day."

Denmark coach Niels Nielsen said the win deserved as winger Katrine Veje hit the woodwork after a Nadir pass flicked on by Perille Harder with half an hour to go, while Petersen regained her self-confidence with several brilliant saves.

"It was fairly equal in terms of the chances. Germany didn't put us under big pressure."

German coach Steffi Jones bemoaned a lack of will to win on the German side.

"There's a lot of disappointment. We weren't aggressive enough," she said.

In Tilburg, Austrian goalkeeper Manuela Zinsberger became the hero after saving Silvia Meseguer's penalty with a superb dive in the shoot-out.

"It was a very intense game," said Austria coach Dominik Thalhammer.

"Spain had a lot of possession and it wasn't easy. We defended well."

Spanish coach Jorge Vilda revamped his strikers, but his team once again resorted to a possession game with long-range shots and few clear-cut chances.

The biggest danger for Austria came from a deflected shot which bounced before Zinsberger who then cleared it off her top corner. Substitute Jennifer Hermoso fired just over the Austrian bar before the final whistle.

At the other end, Nicole Billa missed from close range in the first half while substitute Nadine Prohaska headed straight at Spanish

keeper Sandra Panos from a corner after the break.

"Today I think the side was good in general, but we needed maybe to move the ball quicker. Right now it's the most difficult defeat I've had," said Vilda.

England scored their first victory against France since 1974 owing to Taylor's shot from the right flank which French keeper Sarah Bouhaddi deflected with her palm but could not tame.

France, who lost skipper Wendie Renard to two yellow cards, had a few good chances, but Eugenie Le Sommer headed wide and Marie-Laure Delie was denied by goalkeeper Karen Bardsley.

Substitute Claire Lavogez missed from a free-kick before missing narrowly with a low left-footer, leaving France waiting for their first Euro semifinals ever.

"Incredibly proud of the players. However long the game went on we weren't going to be broken down," said England coach Mark Sampson.

"This is a French team who without a doubt are one of the best in the world, but we ground out another result."

French midfielder Amandine Henry said her team had nothing to be ashamed of.

"There were two good teams and, unfortunately, tonight we have to bow out," she said.

"It was a game decided by the tiniest margins, but that's what it's like at the top level," added French coach Olivier Echouafni. -AFP



Jodie Taylor of England celebrates after scoring against France during the UEFA Women's Euro quarterfinal at the Stadion De Adelaarshorst in Deventer on Sunday.

Delhi Dynamos sign Uruguayan Matias Mirabaje

NEW DELHI, July 31: Delhi Dynamos today announced the signing of Uruguayan midfielder Matias Mirabaje for the upcoming season of the Indian Super League.

The 28-year old attacking midfielder becomes the second foreign recruit for the club alongside Paulinho Dias.

He has previously excelled in teams such as Nacional de Uruguay, San Lorenzo, Atletico Paranaense, among others and will now be hoping to make his mark in India.

The midfielder was part of the San Lorenzo side that won the Copa Libertadores in 2014 and finished runners-up in the FIFA Club World Cup the very same year.

Matias also featured in the FIA U-20 World Cup for Uruguay, helping the side reach the Round of 16.

Upon completing his transfer, Matias said: "I am very happy with the new club and I can't wait to wear the jersey of Delhi Dynamos. It will be a great challenge for me in a league that is growing every day and is bringing in great players."

Matias's versatility can see him occupy the position behind the striker or on the wings and his lethal left foot makes him a potent threat from set pieces. Known for his blistering pace, he could prove to be a handful for the opposition defence.

Matias made his debut shortly after his 18th birthday and became a mainstay in Racing Montevideo's side, scoring nine times in 43 appearances. -PTI

Dressel emerges from Phelps' shadow

BUDAPEST, July 31: With Michael Phelps back in retirement, Caeleb Dressel stepped out of his idol's shadow to match the US legend's tally of seven golds at the world championships in Budapest.

Dressel became the first swimmer to win three world gold medals in one session on Saturday, then claimed his seventh of the week in the men's 4x100m medley relay on Sunday to match Phelps' record tally from the 2007 world championships.



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from the 2007 world championships. Dressel's tally includes three individual titles in the 50m, 100m freestyle and 100m butterfly, plus four relay golds in the 4x100m freestyle, 4x100m mixed freestyle, 4x100m medley and Sunday's 4x100m medley.

It put him level with US legend Phelps, who won five golds in 2011, and Mark Spitz, who clinched seven golds at the 1972

Olympics in Munich.

"This is probably one of the top-five best swim meets ever by an American male—the other four going to Michael Phelps and Ryan Lochte," said the USA's Olympic backstroke champion Ryan Murphy.

"To be in that company is no small achievement, hopefully this is just the beginning for him and he can have a really great career."

Dressel's feat—especially his jaw-dropping treble of golds over 98 minutes on Saturday night—is all the more remarkable given that he was virtually unheard of, even in the swimming community, before these Budapest championships.

"I don't even know if he went to the Olympics last year? He has definitely taken a really big step this year," admitted Sweden's sprint queen Sarah Sjostrom. Dressel's performances have been the icing on the cake for the USA, who finished with 38 swimming medals in Budapest—over five times more than nearest rivals Britain, who have seven, seven.

Young Indian men's doubles pair Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty will face a qualifier in the opening round, while third seeds Manu Attri and B Sureeth Reddy will be up against Chinese He Jiting and Tan Qiang.

In the women's singles, Tanvi Verma, seeded 16th, will face Indonesia's Riyanto Subagja, while Pratul Joshi will fight it out against local player Daxxon Wong.

Among others in fray in men's singles, Siddhartha Thakur will face

Ronaldo due in court over tax evasion claims

MADRID, July 31: Football megastar Cristiano Ronaldo appears in court near Madrid today accused of evading millions of euros in taxes, the latest player to fall foul of Spain's taxman.

The 32-year-old will be questioned by a court in Pozuelo de Alarcón, a wealthy suburb of Madrid where he lives, after returning from a summer break with his girlfriend and relatives and a promotion trip to China.

The Portuguese star – the world's highest paid athlete according to *Forbes* magazine – follows in the steps of his arch-rival, Barcelona forward and Argentina star Lionel Messi, who was found guilty of the same offence last year.

Other footballers have also recently run into trouble with Spain's taxman, some of them already convicted and others under investigation.

Prosecutors accuse Ronaldo of having avoided 14.7 million euros (\$17.3 million) in tax.

They allege he took "advantage of a company structure cre-

ated in 2010 to hide income generated in Spain from his image rights from tax authorities".

They say this was a "voluntary and conscious breach of his fiscal obligations in Spain".

Prosecutors accuse the four-time world player of the year of evading tax via a shell company

Ronaldo



based in the British Virgin Islands and another in Ireland, known for low corporate tax rates.

In addition, they say the Real Madrid striker only declared 11.5 million euros of Spanish-related income from 2011 to 2014, while what he really earned during that time was

Djokovic drops a place to fifth in ATP rankings

PARIS, July 31: Novak Djokovic dropped one place to fifth with Stanislas Wawrinka moving up to fourth in the ATP rankings published today.

Former world number one Djokovic will likely fall further by the end of the year as he has already announced he will not play again this season due to an elbow injury.

The main move saw German Alexander Zverev climb three places to a career high eighth.

Argentina's Leonardo Mayer was the biggest mover, up 89 places to 49th following his victory in the Hamburg Open.

And there was consolation for German beaten finalist Florian Mayer, who still moved up 45 spots to 56th.

British Andy Murray remains on top ahead of Rafael Nadal with Roger Federer third.

ATP rankings as of July 31:

1. Andy Murray (GBR)	7,750pts
2. Rafael Nadal (ESP)	7,465
3. Roger Federer (SUI)	6,545
4. Stan Wawrinka (SUI)	5,780 (+1)
5. Novak Djokovic (SRB)	5,325 (-1)
6. Marin Cilic (CRO)	5,155
7. Dominic Thiem (AUT)	4,065
8. Alexander Zverev (GER)	3,150 (+3)
9. Kei Nishikori (JPN)	3,140 (-1)
10. Milos Raonic (CAN)	3,130 (-1)
11. Grigor Dimitrov (BUL)	3,070 (-1)
12. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (FRA)	2,805
13. David Goffin (BEL)	2,560
14. Tomas Berdych (CZE)	2,480
15. Pablo Carreno (ESP)	2,350
16. Roberto Bautista (ESP)	2,335 (-2)
17. Lucas Pouille (FRA)	2,255
18. Jonny Evans (USA)	2,200 (+2)
19. Nick Kyrgios (AUS)	2,200
20. Nick Kyrgios (AUS)	1,930 (+1)

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