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NEWS CAPSULE

Flood situation

GUWAHATI, Sept 4: Seven districts of the State are still affected by floods with the Brahmaputra and its tributaries flowing above the danger level at many places. Altogether 44,618 people are hit by floods in Dhemaji, Lakhimpur, Chirang, Morigaon, Nagaon, Jorhat and Cachar districts. - PTI

Lightning

DIBRUGARH, Sept 4: Six women tea pluckers of Khowaintia TE, Morahat sustained serious injuries after lightning struck them today. The injured – Rakhi Mal, Chanda Karmakar, Rekha Kishan, Gori Lohar, Umma Kishan and Parbati Tanti were rushed to the AMCH here. - Staff Correspondent

Jorhat mishap

JORHAT, Sept 4: Dijen Hazarika, who was riding on a motorbike, died reportedly on the spot after his bike collided head-on with a mini-truck at Katiabari area of Jorhat-Mariari Road in the district late last night. - Staff Correspondent

Body fished out

BONGAIGAON, Sept 4: State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) jawans today fished out the body of one Sumit Basu, who drowned yesterday at a pond near Bongaigaon College. A resident of Ranabati here, he was a class IX student. - Correspondent

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BRICS 'Xiamen Declaration'

Pak-based terror groups named for first time

XIAMEN, Sept 4: In a significant diplomatic win for India, BRICS countries today named for the first time Pakistan-based terror groups like the LeT and the JeM for causing violence in the region and said those supporting terror acts must be held accountable.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi was joined by Chinese President Xi Jinping, Russian President Vladimir Putin, Brazilian President Michel Temer and South African President Jacob Zuma in strongly denouncing terror activities of such groups, as they expressed determination to collectively fight the scourge.

The 43-page 'Xiamen Declaration', adopted at the end of the five-nation BRICS plenary, stressed on the need for immediate cessation of violence in Afghanistan.

It expressed "concern" over the security situation in the region and the violence caused by the Taliban, ISIS, al-Qaeda and its affiliates including Eastern Turkistan Islamic Movement (ETIM), Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan, the Haqqani network, Lashkar-e-Taiba, Jaish-e-Mohammed, Tehrik-i-Talib Pakistan (TTP) and Hizb ut-Tahrir.

Significantly, the ETIM is active in the Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region of China and seeks to establish a separate "East Turkistan". At the ninth Summit of the grouping, the BRICS leaders also condemned terrorism in all its forms and manifestations wherever committed and by whomsoever. They stressed that there can be no justification

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PF dues of ATC TEs over Rs 168 cr

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 4: The Assam Tea Corporation (ATC) gardens owe an amount of Rs 168,81,12,598.16 as provident fund (PF) dues to their workers in the period from April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2017.

Stating this in the Assembly today, Tea Tribes Welfare Minister Pallab Lochan Das said the tea garden managements had repeatedly been instructed to pay the accumulated arrears. Stern action was being initiated on the defaulters as per law, he added.

A total of 19 tea gardens have

Cong walkout over price rise

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 4: The Congress today staged a walkout in the Assembly when Speaker Nittha Nath Goswami refused to allow an adjournment motion moved by the Leader of the Opposition in the House, Debabrata Saikia, for a discussion on price rise.

The Speaker said the rules of procedure for conduct of business in the Assembly did not allow an adjournment motion on the subject as sought by the Congress even though they could have it on a later date.

This led to a heated exchange between the Treasury and the Opposition benches.

Responding to a call attention motion by Congress MLA Ajanta Neog on the dredging of the river Brahmaputra, the

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been defaulting on the matter of PF amounts.

"These tea estates owe an accumulated PF due of over Rs 168 crore. Matters worsened due to apathy of the previous Congress regimes that did nothing to realize the arrears from defaulting tea managements. A Cabinet subcommittee is now looking into the matter... We will ensure that all the defaulters pay up. In fact, property of eight tea gardens has already been attached in this connection," Das said.

The minister added that the detailed accounts concerning

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86,489 declared foreigners by Tribunals since 1985

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 4: Since the signing of the Assam Accord in 1985 till June 2017, a total of 86,489 persons have been declared as foreigners by the Foreigners' Tribunals. Of these, 29,663 have been pushed back and 71 deported to Bangladesh.

Another 41,033 have been absconding and 833 are being kept in detention camps. As of now, 1,87,985 cases are pending with the Foreigners' Tribunals.

Revealing this in the Assembly reply to a question by AGP legislator Phani Bhushan Choudhury today, Water Re-

sources Minister Keshab Mahta, who was replying on behalf of the Chief Minister, said that of the 263-km Assam-Bangladesh land boundary, portions totalling 61.49 km were unfenced. Similarly, some stretches of the 48.11-km riverine border were open.

As part of the Centre's intervention for foolproof protection along the riverine border, the 39th High Level Empowered Committee under the Union Ministry of Home Affairs has approved an amount of Rs 86.83 crore for 'Technological Solution for Border Domination', the Assembly was told.

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measures for riverine border protection. These include use of electro-optic sensors, water robots, cameras, sonars, radars, tethered UAV, gyro/GPS, optical fibre cable, etc.," he said.

On the National Register of Citizens (NRC) implementation, the minister while replying to a question by AGP legislator Ramendra Narayan Kalita, said that 96.08 per cent of the exercise had been completed and that the draft NRC would be published on December 31 this year. Claims and grievances will be settled after that, he added.

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ULFA(I) asks NEEPSCO, NHPC to leave State

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 4: The United Liberation Front of Asom (Independent) today asked the NEEPSCO and NHPC to leave Assam and threatened of serious consequences if the companies fail to do so.

The ULFA(I) in a release here said water released from the NEEPSCO's Rangnadi project created havoc in north Assam, while the 2000 MW Lower Subansiri project of the NHPC would create more trouble for the people.

The ULFA(I) also opposed the government move to set up colleges in the name of Deendayal Upadhyay and a university in the name of Rabindranath Tagore. It said naming educational institutions after persons having no contribution to the State is not acceptable. The previous Congress government also named various institutions after persons having no contribution towards Assam, it said.

1,321 murders since May, '16

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 4: Assam witnessed a total of 1,321 murders, 2,030 rapes, 9,080 assault cases and 1,514 clashes during the period from May 2016 to June 2017.

This was stated in the Assembly today by Parliamentary Affairs Minister Chandra Mohan Patowary in reply to a question by AIUDF legislator Aminal Islam.

On the issue of murder of ABMSU leader Lafikul Islam, he said three persons had been arrested and that following a request by the State government, the Centre was taking steps for handing over the probe to the CBI.

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INTERNATIONAL

US warns N Korea of 'massive military response'

WASHINGTON, Sept 4: Pentagon chief James Mattis said any threat to the US or its allies by North Korea will be met with a "massive military response".

His comments on Sunday came after a national security briefing with President Donald Trump about the secretive communist state's latest nuclear test, BBC reported.

Pyongyang says it has suc-

cessfully trialled a hydrogen bomb that could be loaded on to a long-range missile. The move has drawn international condemnation.

North Korea has defied UN sanctions and international pressure by developing nuclear weapons and test missiles that could potentially reach the US.

But speaking to reporters outside the White House, De-

fence Secretary Mattis said the US had the ability to defend itself and its allies South Korea and Japan, adding that its commitments were "ironclad".

"Any threat to the US or its territories – including Guam or our allies will be met with a massive military response, a response both effective and overwhelming."

However, he said the hope

was for denuclearisation, "because we are not looking to the total annihilation of a country, namely North Korea".

The UN Security Council is to hold an emergency meeting on Monday to discuss an international response, according to the US mission.

Meanwhile, President Trump has warned that America may stop trading with any country that does business

with the North.

The first suggestion that this was to be a far from normal Sunday in the region came when seismologists' equipment started picking up readings of an earth tremor in the area where North Korea has conducted nuclear tests before.

The US Geological Survey put the tremor at 6.3 magnitude. - IANS

Taiwan Premier quits, puts spotlight on China ties

TAIPEI, Sept 4: Taiwan's Premier tendered his resignation today, raising the possibility of changes in the island's troubled relationship with mainland China.

The Presidential Office said on its website that President Tsai Ing-wen reluctantly accepted Lin Chuan's decision to resign after more than a year in office.

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Blood donation camp

GUWAHATI, Sept 4: Lions Club of Guwahati City organised a blood donation camp on Sunday at the Marwari Hospital and Research Centre, Athgaon, said a press release today.

PABINDRA NATH SARMA AND KUNJABALI DEVI MEMORIAL AWARDS

Entries are invited for the following journalism awards for reports published during the year 2016.

(a) Pabindra Nath Sarma Memorial Award:

For investigative journalism on Human Rights

(b) Kunjabala Devi Memorial Award:

For investigative journalism on Women's Issue

The awards instituted in memory of late Pabindra Nath Sarma, freedom fighter and lawyer, and his wife Kunjabala Devi, carry a cash prize of Rs. 30,000 (Rupees thirty thousand only) and a citation each.

The entries should reach the undersigned by 20th September, 2017.

The terms and conditions are as follows:

1. The competition is open to all journalists working full time or part time, for registered daily, twice-a-week and weekly newspapers published from the North East region in Assamese, English, Bengali or Hindi.

2. Investigative reports on human rights issues will include violations of human rights in any form, work rendered by individuals, organisations or NGOs for creating awareness and strengthening the system to preserve human rights and such other issues. Unknown facts brought to light by investigative reporting will be more appreciated.

3. Investigative reports on women's issues will include crimes against women, injustice meted out to women, women's welfare work rendered by individuals or organisations, work done by NGOs for women's welfare, oppression of women and such other issues. Unknown facts brought to light by investigative reporting will be more appreciated.

4. The incidents/happenings covered by such reports must have the North East as locale.

5. News items/news stories appearing in the journalists' bylines are preferred. But if such reports are published without byline, the candidates/competitor must provide proof that the writing concerned is actually his/hers. All such entries published in newspapers must be authenticated by the Editor concerned.

6. Entries sent by any journalist himself/herself or sent to other reporters will be examined by a panel of judges to be appointed for the purpose and the panel's decision will be final.

7. The entries should be photo copies of the articles/news items published during the calendar year 2016 that is, between January and December, 31, 2016. The dates of publication of the items must be mentioned.

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People's movement can root out Hindu fanaticism: Karat

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 4: Only a countrywide, determined and relentless people's movement, not any a grand electoral alliance, has the power to root out the Hindu fanaticism preached by the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangha (RSS) and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and to throw the BJP out of power. The people's movement should also direct its spearhead against the neo-liberal economic policies RSS and BJP are implementing. This movement should also provide a pro-people economic doctrine as an alternative to the economic policies of the RSS, BJP and the Congress.

This was the observation made by

CPI-M Politbureau member and editor of the party journal *People's Daily* Prakash Karat at a function held on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the State CPI-M's weekly journal *Ganaskuti* at the Kumar Bhaskar Nayak Mandir here this afternoon.

He was speaking on the topic – The fight for an alternative and the role of media in it'. He also launched the internet edition of the *Ganaskuti*.

Since the last Lok Sabha elections held in 2014, the country has been facing a right-wing onslaught, he opined. Since then, corporate houses and the Hindu communal forces are engaged in taking offensive against their opponents. They are also implementing the neo-liberal economic policies. All these

have posed a serious threat of authoritarianism to the democratic polity of the country, he stated.

Every sector of the country's economy and every section of its society are made to undergo the process of privatization. The private companies of the country and abroad are assigned with the job of manufacturing the equipment and weapons needed by our armed forces. Thus the security of our country has been made vulnerable. There are moves to privatise every important sector like the railways, healthcare, education and during the past three years of the rule of the BJP government, the deleterious impacts of these policies on the common people have become obvious.

The demonetisation move undertaken by the government has also failed miserably to unearth black money as it had professed while launching the drive. Rather, this has adversely impacted the life of the poor, small traders and small entrepreneurs. Hundreds of small traders and entrepreneurs have been wiped out by this drive and the GDP growth of the country has now come down to a poor 5.7 per cent, said the CPI-M leader.

Quoting a Credit Suisse report, he said during the three years of the Modi government, inequalities have become sharp and only top one per cent of the country's rich people now owns 58 per cent of the country's wealth, which is more than the global average

in this respect. Credit Suisse Group is a leading global financial services company headquartered in Zurich.

On the issue of media's role in bringing about a massive change in the political arena, he said those who have been working for bringing about this change should also use the social media, besides the print media. 'All the latest technologies are to be utilized for the purpose. We should have an alternative media. Since running electronic media is highly expensive, we should use the social media,' he said.

The function, presided over by CPI-M Central Committee member Uddhab Barman, was also addressed by senior CPI-M leader Hemen Das and *Ganaskuti* editor Suprakash Talukdar.

BBCI celebrates Lokabandhu Day

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 4: The doctors, staff, general public and patients at Dr B Borooah Cancer Institute (BBCI) today celebrated Lokabandhu Day with a daylong programme.

Lokabandhu Day is celebrated on the birth anniversary of Dr Bhubaneswar Borooah, who was an eminent physician, freedom fighter and philanthropist. Today was the 124th birth anniversary of the late Dr Borooah. On the occasion, Dr Anil Chandra Kataki, Director of BBCI, recalled the contributions of Dr Borooah in the field of healthcare in the State.

The programme started with distribution of sweets to cancer patients admitted in the BBCI. This was followed by paying of floral tributes to Lokabandhu Bhubaneswar Borooah's statue on the Institute premises. A tree plantation drive was also held in the staff campus.

A general meeting was held in the auditorium of the institute, which was attended by host of dignitaries. On the occasion, an ambulance was donated to the institute by Paschim Guhati Durga Mandir Trust.

Music video released

JORAPAH, Sept 4: An international music video designed and performed by Stephen O feat Berb was released today at the Assam Don Bosco University (ADBU), Tapesia. Stephen is from Nigeria and is pursuing his masters in psychological counselling at ADBU.

Writer and actor Gitartha Royneedi and popular face from the Assamese television world Snigdha Gogoi are also featuring in the video along with Nihal Deka, Alan McPartlan from Ireland, Maximiliano and Naveen.

The music video is produced, directed, cinematographed and edited by Laishram Swital with assistance from Cyril (Nigeria), Kasturi (Sri Lanka) and Pradeep (Assam).

The beauty of Assam and the local culture are focused in the video whose intent is to strengthen international brotherhood. Fr Stephen Marveley of ADBU released the video in the university's Tepesia campus. - Correspondent

2 bars running on one licence shut down

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 4: Two prominent bars in the city were running against a single licence. After the fact came to light, the Excise department has ordered cancellation of the licence.

The licensed Dalesha Das was operating the two bars 'Woking Mama' located at Dona Planet and 'Brooklyn Blues' on GS Road without valid permission from any 'competent authority'. A showcase was earlier issued to the licensee.

"It was found that liquor was served in an additional hall also other than the actual licence holder. Virtually there were two bars in a single licence in the name and style of 'Woking Mama' and 'Brooklyn Blues' without valid permission from a competent authority. The stock and sale registration was also not updated," the Deputy Commissioner of Kamrup Metro said in an order.

"The bar is not functioning in strict adherence to licence condition and rules under the Assam Excise Act, 2016 and Assam Excise Rules, 2000. Therefore it is subject to cancellation under Section 30 (X)(C) of Assam Excise Act, 2000," the order added.

Governor's greetings on Teacher's Day

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 4: Governor Banwarilal Purohit has greeted the teaching fraternity on the occasion of Teacher's Day. In a message issued today, Purohit said, "As a mark of tribute to the great contributions by the teachers to our society we celebrate Teacher's Day. Since we commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan as Teacher's Day, we should all pay our reverence to Dr Radhakrishnan and work to emulate his ideals for

building a society of his dreams."

Purohit also said, "Teachers are pillars on which the entire society hinges. So the quality of a society to a great extent depends on our teachers. On the occasion of Teacher's Day, besides paying my deep sense of gratitude to the selfless service of the teachers, I appeal to the teaching fraternity to take the responsibility of building our society based on high moral groundings and a strong feeling for mutual and harmonious coexistence."

Art contest

GUWAHATI, Sept 4: Jyoti Primiti Bhagawati, a Class VII student of Srimanta Sankar Academy, Dispur, secured the first prize in an art competition organised by the Beltao branch of LIC recently. - Staff Reporter

WEATHER GUWAHATI

LOCAL FORECAST:
Generally cloudy sky. Rain/thundershower is very likely to occur. Maximum temperature is most likely to be 33°C on Tuesday.
TEMPERATURE:
Max. 33.6°C
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তেনে শিক্ষা অভিশাপ স্বৰূপহে হয়।”

- ডঃ সর্বেপল্লী বাধাকৃষ্ণণ

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সৰ্বানন্দ সোণোৱাল
মুখ্য মন্ত্ৰী, অসম



MESSAGE FOR TODAY

Guard well within yourself that treasure, kindness. Know how to give without hesitation.

— GEORGE SAND

The Assam Tribune

Two-sided issue

A major humanitarian crisis is brewing on the Bangladesh-Myanmar border. Tens of thousands of Rohingya Muslims are desperately fleeing from their villages in the Rakhine State of Myanmar due to a terrible reign of terror let loose by that nation's armed forces. In the initial stages, the Bangladeshi border guards had attempted to stem their entry, but later allowed them to stay in temporary shelters within the relative safety of the strip of no man's land on the Bangladesh-Myanmar border. This is a humane gesture and deserves to be applauded. Aid agencies of the United Nations too have called for international focus on the refugees and take proactive action to alleviate their plight. However, before condemning the Myanmar forces for such blatant disregard towards human lives, one must also acknowledge that the root issue for the tragedy has, like the proverbial coin, two sides to it. The Buddhist majority of Myanmar has traditionally never seen eye to eye with the Rohingya Muslim minority. The minorities have also in the past suffered persecution at the hands of the Myanmar forces, though not of the drastic extent being witnessed now. Such persecution appears to have bred defiance amongst the young and hotheaded elements amongst the Rohingyas who launched bloody counter-attacks against the Myanmar armed forces, causing the latter to run amok and engage in an ethnic cleansing campaign reminiscent of Hitler's Nazi Germany.

By attacking the Myanmar forces and killing and injuring soldiers, the radicals among the Rohingyas have given the former a pretext for carrying out reprisals. It must be admitted that radicalization may have taken place among the Rohingya youths and that terrorist organizations like the Islamic State and Taliban, always on the lookout for conflict spots wherein to make their impact felt, have infiltrated into the community. One needs to keep in mind that there were suicide attacks on the Myanmar army, a technique which is the hallmark of Islamic terrorist groups. It also needs to be noted that a majority of the refugees consist of older men, women and children. Reportedly, the Rohingya rebels are not allowing young men to join the refugee flow, yet another indication of Islamic radicalization. Thus Bangladeshi needs to be wary and screen the refugees if she decides to let them in on humanitarian grounds. India too needs to be on guard, with intelligence agencies reporting that thousands of Rohingya refugees have entered the country through Bangladesh and have moved to regions as far north as Kashmir! If such reports are true, the magnitude of the threat potential can hardly be understated. Thus, while attempting to resolve this issue, its multidimensional aspects should be kept in mind. India must be on her guard that undesirable elements do not take advantage of the exigencies, in particular in a vulnerable region like the North-East.

Green corridor

The facilitation of a green corridor along a stretch of 35 km from a city hospital to the LGBI Airport on Sunday for airlifting a critically-ill five-month baby to Delhi marked the first time that such an exercise was conducted in the State. While creation of such green corridors for medical emergency is a norm in advanced countries with well-laid-down protocols, we continue to move at a snail's pace when it comes to addressing similar situations. Indeed, even an ambulance carrying patients finds it difficult to manoeuvre our city roads dominated by insensitive drivers who are quite reluctant to give the right of way to an ambulance. Then we have this deplorable VIP culture that tends to treat the public roads as personal property of a privileged class and cares a damn about the safety and convenience of every other commuter, including those who are under a medical emergency. We have seen in the recent past how ambulances were made to wait by the roadside to give passage to so-called VIP convoys. This is disgusting to say the least, and such brazen display of power and insensitivity needs to stop. However, as every dark cloud has a silver lining, the episode on Sunday shows that we are perfectly capable of tending to medical emergencies if the administration and the police coordinate in the manner they did on the day. Rather than relegating it to a one-off incident, our authorities should ensure that this paves the way for putting in place a new protocol for green corridor creation in emergency situations, especially those concerning critical healthcare.

It is said that the roads reflect the society we live in. If the Guwahati roads are any indication, the conclusion that any discerning observer would invariably draw would be that of an utterly chaotic place with uncivilized people. Rules of the road are flouted with impunity in matters of driving and parking, and matters stand worsened by the inability of the traffic police to enforce rules strictly. The plying of commercial vehicles, especially city buses and trekkers, often presents a danger to life and limb of every other commuter – not to mention that their whimsical driving and stopping is a major cause behind traffic congestion. Similarly, haphazard parking also adds to the congestion as does the frequent laying and relaying of cables of all sorts on roads. Congestions apart, these activities cause damage to the roads and the repair work is rarely taken up on time. For unhindered traffic movement, there should be a dedicated space by the roadside for power posts and other over-ground and underground cables. To ease the city's growing traffic, it is also imperative that we have a rapid mass transit system in the form of metro train. Creation of multi-storey parking lots, flyovers, footbridges and underpasses is another urgent need.

Assam's economic agenda

■ Swapnani Barua

The freedom struggle was not much a movement to secure religious, political or social freedom as much as it was a movement to secure freedom from poverty. The British lived in their splendid isolation taking care to ensure that their economic interests were protected and their jolly good living continued without hindrance. Stark poverty, illiteracy epidemics, filth, squalor existed in full but that did not bother them. Leaving the nitty-gritty of administration to the native ICS officers, the top brass limited their activity and concern to a supervisory role. In agriculture, Indian farmers who formed the bulk of economic activity of the population were living in conditions of sub-human marginal existence. Industry, be it tea, coal, jute, cotton mills – all were owned by the Scots, whom the English relegated to being box-wallahs, while the Railways were an Anglo-Indian preserve. Health and nutrition services were marked by their nominal presence as much as educational institutions.

What did not concern the colonial masters was not something the state should bother about. Godly Europeans were more concerned about bringing the heathens to the faith, than deal with social problems. Even the Indian society was smug to the existence of social evils like untouchability, exclusion of the girl child and keeping tribal India out of the pale of everyday society. Had it not been for Mahatma Gandhi, the sub-agendas of the freedom movement would never have come to the forefront. The educated elite were more concerned about ruling the country themselves, driving away the British, than pursue an economic agenda

to restore India to a status of being an economic power it was, before the British overran India.

It is this mindset that still operates in India, where ruling the country by the party in power is more important than running a government with a definite economic end in mind. Lip service and speeches to ameliorate poverty take up more time than actual action and the blame for continued poverty is put on the existence of democratic institutions than actual facts. India pursues a democratic path; so we cannot be a China to brush aside the social agenda in the face of economic progress. All political camps share this view. Democracy must prevail, poverty can wait as we have already waited four centuries. But the irony is that the Constitution, the bedrock of our democracy, however says that it is the economic agenda which should be the goal of all state policy. The Directive Principles of State Policy of the Constitution, direct that all the efforts of the state should aim at securing a social order for the welfare of all people, having a right to adequate livelihood, right to education, work and social assistance, nutrition and health, child and maternity care, panchayats, cooperatives, workers participation in management, equal justice and free legal aid, remove inequalities in income and social status and a host of measures ending with protection of the cow from being slaughtered (Article 48). Good economics however says that good incomes can only ensure social good and equality. For an income-less person to enjoy quality

life, it can only be possible if the state provides everything, which is not possible anywhere in the world.

What has been the economic agenda in Assam after Independence? The bulk of Assam's population continues to be marginal agriculturists or agricultural labour. The rest are workers in the tea gardens, petty traders or small tea growers. Fractional numbers work in the government and oil industry, banks, insurance and other services sectors. Employment in private industry is also in decimals of

haci University was set up in 1948 along with the College of Agriculture in Jorhat, the Assam Engineering College in Jalukbari, the Assam Ayurvedic College and a host of training institutions like ITIs and polytechnics.

This period also saw the setting up of the Gauhati High Court and the All India Radio in Shillong and Guwahati, which were long-felt needs of a developing society. Gopinath Bordoloi was followed by Bishnu Ram Medhi (1950-58). The first five-year plan started in 1952, which decentralized the development efforts by setting up the development blocks as we see today. It was an integrated approach to rural development involving agriculture, veterinary, cottage industries, fisheries, with trained manpower providing guidance to farmers to adopt modern practices. The first hydroelectric project was taken up at Umru. Medhi was the first Chief Minister who stressed upon the need of youth of Assam taking up self-employment and industry. He set up the first industrial estate in Guwahati in 1955. The foundations of the Cooperative Sugarcane Mill at Dergaon, the first jute mill at Sylhet, the spun silk mill at Jagiroad, the dairy farms at Upper Shillong and Khanapara were set up then. Institution building was carried on with the setting up of the veterinary college at Khanapara, the weaving institute at Guwahati. Private industry was also encouraged to come, but progress was slow. Industry, ancillary to tea production, started with the introduction of CTC process. Bimala Prasad Chalhia took over as the Chief Min-

ister in 1958 and continued till 1970. His tenure was marked by the growth of the oil sector with the discovery of the Narharkotia and Moran oilfields along with natural gas. The Namrup thermal power plant and the fertilizer factory came up. In the absence of private investment, state public sector undertakings were set up. The Umiam hydel project was commissioned. The landmark Saraihat bridge was built in 1962 as well as the Noonmati Refinery. Mahendra Choudhury's (1970-72) tenure saw the setting up of the BRPL. Sarat Ch Sinha (1972-78) stressed on integrated farmer cooperatives. From production and financing to marketing, through GPSS and self-employment through SMEs, was his economic agenda. Developing a strategy of living with floods and introduction of wheat and other rabi crops was his priority. The tenures of Hiteswar Saikia and Tarun Gogoi were the beginning of the 'dole era'. The Government started involving itself in giving away freebies and non-refundable loans. Prafulla Mahanta's tenures saw the rise of the Assamese businessmen into different economic fields. The Sonowal Government is only a year old, and is grappling on the path of development for all, along with all.

The fact remains that though the end goals are known, a long-term continuous strategy to develop Assam is yet to be put in place. Meeting the basic minimum needs of gainful employment, power, water, communications, education, environment and health and the need to improve the situation in which Assam is at the moment, is common to all political ideologies. A fixed date for the fulfillment of the needs is the only need, like Mission 2022 of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Teachers are forever!

■ Monika Rauth

Teachers' Day is an occasion that the people of India are blessed with, because it is celebrated only in a country like ours with such a rich cultural heritage where the image of a teacher has been one of reverence from ancient times. This year, however, Teachers' Day has a special significance and it gives food for thought. We cannot but remember the dismal performance of our students at the last HSLC examination. It is difficult to imagine that a whole class of students can fail without a single one passing. How can teachers be so irresponsible? And then to have the audacity to protest when they are taken to task as if they are not accountable is a matter of concern. Making a student lose one whole year of one's life is unforgivable. The parents too are either not aware or not courageous enough to protest. Teachers in such state-run schools lack the basic quality of humanity. They are a shame to the noble profession of teaching. But we cannot paint all our teachers with the same brush. Down the ages we have been blessed with great teachers who have inspired our nation. Be it the well known personalities like Dr S Radhakrishnan or the thousands of teachers in the classrooms across the length and breadth of the country spending their entire lives in the service to the nation. These are the people, the unsung heroes, who are able to inspire, motivate and mould the minds of those placed under their care. Whether it is a teacher teaching the tiny tots at the kindergarten level or at the university or tech schools, a teacher is a teacher, a philosopher and a guide.

Teachers teaching at the private schools do not enjoy such perks like bungalows and cars. Salaries are not adequate to provide a decent life-style. They have to take private tuitions to fulfil their needs. This means hard labour even after school hours. The State Government's declaration to bring the salaries of teachers teaching in private schools to a basic substantial amount is indeed a gift to them on this Teachers' Day. We must always remember that teachers deal with the most valuable resource, that is, the human resource; so they need to be taken care of.

Over the years the role of a teacher has changed. It is not just to teach as the word says but a teacher today plays a much more comprehen-

sive and inclusive role. A good teacher is a person who not only passes on information and knowledge but one who is able to ignite curiosity in children, who can arouse in them the desire to gain knowledge, to instil in them an enquiring mind and the skill to use knowledge for the betterment of themselves and the society at large. In a society that is going global by the day, we must keep our values system intact. We have been able to do so to a certain extent and teachers are still held in awe and respect. But for a few really exceptions, students still have faith on and trust their teachers. In the history of the world, teachers always played a role in guiding the youth of a nation.

A good teacher has not only to be good in his or her field of academics in order to gain the regard and confidence of students but a good teacher must also be able to arouse in her students the skill of critical thinking, so that they can analyse a situation or problem to teach, to notice, observe and understand what is happening around them and most importantly, to distinguish between good and bad. A teacher must also teach her students to apply their skills and knowledge to bring about fruitful changes in society. Teachers must take upon themselves this noble task.

Today's students expect the use of technology in learning. Learning objects are instructional material found in the internet that can be used to illustrate, support and supplement classroom teaching. A person does not have to be techno-savvy to integrate technology in the classroom. Judicious use of learning objects can truly make our classrooms 21st century classrooms.

In the modern education methods where the focus is on talent development, a teacher must have the ability to notice the hidden talents of students and the ingenuity to provide opportunities that will cater to the growth of those talents. It is a pivotal role which if used with dedication has rich dividends.

The dividend by way of contributing to the national growth is of course a factor but a teacher herself reaps a rich harvest by way of personal growth too. Good teachers grow with their students if they keep themselves well-informed and updated in content and subject matter. Teaching skills are refined and polished with time and experience. A teacher never grows old. The youthful exuberance of the young students is contagious. The happiness derived from the appreciation and love from them is an antidote for ageing and acts as an elixir for youth and vigour. From experience it is seen that a teacher is a hero in his/her classroom, he/she is the role model. Although teachers may not be aware, their students notice even the minutest details of their personality; so teachers need to keep themselves physically, mentally and emotionally fit.

The image of a teacher has also changed. Gone is the image of a be-spectacled man with a stick. Today's teachers in urban India are smart and savvy. But when it comes to communication technology, students are often one step ahead. So in order to make an impact, the teachers need to consistently keep themselves updated. Many of them are familiar with communication technology. Good communication skills are the main asset of a teacher but yes, a teacher must have a good sense of humour too. Who doesn't need a little merriment to brighten up a sometimes dull classroom? A teacher must be a ray of sunshine on a cloudy day, a breath of fresh air to lighten up the mood when spirits are low.

Good teachers are remembered forever. So let this Teachers' Day be a tribute to all our teachers who have made a difference in our lives, who have been there when we needed them. Happy Teachers' Day.

Letters to the EDITOR

Sir — Through your esteemed newspaper, I would like to say that the Assam Engineering College (AEC) and Jorhat Engineering College (JEC), the two most distinguished State Government engineering colleges of Assam which have been producing renowned engineers since last the many decades, are going to lose their legacy by changing their affiliation from Gauhati University (GU) and Dibrugarh University (DU) to the Assam Science and Technology University (ASTU) due to the pressure from the administration against will of its students, faculty members and alumni. ASTU is a newly-formed university which was established in 2010, which lacks in proper infrastructure, without accreditation from the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). Until now, most of the private engineering colleges of Assam have joined ASTU since

its establishment. Therefore, the administration of ASTU consists of people mostly from those private engineering colleges. Due to the pressure from the administration, the Baneswar Brahma Engineering College (BBEC) and the Jorhat Institute of Science and Technology (JIST) are the two Government engineering colleges which have also joined ASTU recently. And now the AEC and JEC are forced to join ASTU. By joining ASTU, AEC and JEC will have no decision-making power, and will have to follow whatever the already-established ASTU administration will decide. And in future, ASTU administration may implement some rules which might be against the interest of the AEC and JEC community, such as increasing the registration fees, which is very nominal now for the students of AEC and JEC. Generally, meritorious students of Assam pass the Common Entrance Exam (CEE) with good marks to get admission into AEC and JEC, whereas

getting admission in private engineering colleges don't require a good score in CEE; instead a huge some of the money is required to get admission. By joining ASTU, the students of AEC and JEC would be forced to pay a huge amount of money as admission fees, registration fees and other fees, which will be an extra burden for the financially poor meritorious students. So through your newspaper, I request State Education Minister Dr Hiranta Biswa Sarma to stop this change in affiliation of AEC and JEC to ASTU. Also, I request the minister to upgrade the AEC as a deemed university where the JEC will be another campus of this university to keep the legacy of the AEC and JEC alive in the coming years. Yours etc., AN AEC ALUMNI.

Unsung heroes

Sir — The influx of illegal immigrants from Bangladesh has been posing a great threat to the identity and culture of the indigenous people of Assam. This fear of losing the identity and culture in the hands of illegal immigrants has been growing since the time of Independence. The native people of Assam also have been trying their best to save the indigenous cultures and languages by resorting to various resistance movements. One of the results of this resistance is the emergence of the ULFA while the mass mobilization like the Assam Movement is another. As Assam has been neglected by the Central Government since Independence, the State is lagging behind in many fields. Not only the Central Government, but the mainstream media also have been neglecting the glorious history of Assam; those historians never try to pen down the sacrifices of Kanaklata, Kushal Konwar and many more. The Congress led the governments that ruled Assam most of the time. But in their long ruling tenures, the Congress never wholeheartedly tried to celebrate the unsung heroes of the State and make a bridge between the

people of the State and the rest of the world. The politicians of the Congress party of the State never tried to glorify the sacrifices of the native people. This is tragic for the people of Assam. Yours etc., JITU KALITA, Tihu.

Party politics

Sir — This refers to the editorial, 'Economic stumble' (AT, September 2). It is highly unfortunate that the country's greatest economist, Amartya Sen, who is respected all over the world for his theories which are indispensable for inclusive growth, is being ignored by our policymakers. They have paid no heed to his valuable and timely advice on demonetization and other policy matters. Our Government needs to rise above party politics. It must act as the captain of Team India and not as the captain of ruling parties. Yours etc., SUJIT DE, Sodepur, Kolkata.

Articles (within 1000-1100 words) and Letters to the Editor for publication in the editorial page may be sent to the email ID: editor@assamtibune.com.

CM urges students to develop positive outlook in life

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 4: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today urged students to work hard to build their career and develop a positive outlook in a bid to groom their personality.

The Chief Minister made this call while interacting with students of Kumar Bhaskar Varma University of Sanskrit and Ancient Studies and Tamulipur Commerce College in the Central Hall of the Assam Legislative Assembly here.

The interaction was organised by the Assam Legislative Assembly Secretariat as an exposure programme for stu-

dents of the educational institutions of the State.

Sonowal called upon the students to take active part in the youth-led development initiatives in the state. He advised the students to share the Assam-Sexy experience with their classmates and convene mock parliament in colleges to enhance their leadership qualities. He also asked the students to utilise the platform of mock parliament to discuss the problems and issues of neighbouring areas and come up with innovative solutions.

Expressing hope that the exposure would be a great learning experience for the students, the Chief Min-

ister asked them to take the message of the Assembly experience to their respective institutions. "Democracy becomes vibrant when the youth become acquainted with the basic tenets of democracy and reflect the sense of unity, harmony and brotherhood in their actions," Sonowal quipped.

Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, Industry & Commerce Department, etc., Chandra Mohan Patowary, MLAs of Nalbari, Tamulipur, Sonari, Tinghong and Lahawal and Media Adviser to Chief Minister Hirishikesh Goswami were present among others in the interaction programme.

Festival of music and dance Sursangam concludes

ANN SERVICE

GUWAHATI, Sept 4: Sursangam, a two-day festival of music and dance which concluded at the Rabindra Bhawan here yesterday evening, was the amalgamation of *sangeet*, *nritya* and *badya*. Various renowned experts of classical music and dance performed at the two-day event.

On the first day, the event started with a Ganesh Vandana by Marani Medhi and senior students of Sur Sangam. The junior and middle group students of Kathak dance came up with a performance titled 'Uttapati'. This was followed by Shudha Nritya and Angika or Santatria dance performances.

There was a poetic dance ballet in Kathak style, 'Bhalupwar Dikhow Batre', which was re-enacted by actress Mala Goswami. The students of vocal performed Jyoti Sangeet and Blajeri. There were also a few Santatria dance performances.

On Sunday evening, several famous artists performed. There was a recital by senior

Kathak exponent Guru Bipul Das, recipient of the prestigious Bishnu Rabha Bota (2015-16) of the Govt of Assam, Vocalist Guru Joyprakash Goswami who is a music thinker, performer, composer and teacher, performing Raas, Turiya, Kalyan and Brahmaananda Bhajan.

There were two more powerful performances – one by Kathak exponent Anuj Mishra from the Lucknow gharana, who performed Shiv Vandana and the other by Guru Pt Rajendra Gangani, trained in the Jaipur gharana, who performed Shiv Vandana and Shuddha Nritya.

Earlier on the first day, the event was inaugurated by Dhaniram Talukdar, while Swapnani Barua was present as the guest of honour.

On the second day, Sangeet Natak Akademi awarded Nrityacharya Jatin Goswami inaugurated the event and Raju Das, Director (Incharge), Sangeet Natak Akademi, Guwahati and noted tabla player Sulaiman Borthakur were present as esteemed guests.

The SAKP members also gave suggestions for better implementation of the scheme, presented by the SHG members

Working journalists' body raises various issues with Sonowal

GUWAHATI, Sept 4: The North-East Union of Working Journalists met Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal at his Jamuna office recently and discussed with him various problems faced by the journalists of Assam.

Presenting memorandum to the Chief Minister, the Union thanked him for his government's introduction of journalist pension from the current year itself, for which the senior journalists, in particular, were fighting all throughout the last decade. The memorandum, however, pointed out that two or three senior journalists were deprived from this pension, on the plea that they were availing literary pension. The Union representatives explained that a large number of non-journalist literary pensioners were also simultaneously availing their pensions from their departments where they had worked.

The representatives led by the Union president Joykanta Sarma and accompanied by vice-president Rupam Baruah, vice-president Pulin Kalita and secretary Manoj Agasti, also brought the issue of non-implementation of Journalists' Wage Board awards in almost all newspaper establishments other than The Assam Tribune group.

Hrishikesh Goswami, Media Adviser to the Chief Minister

who was present in the meeting, responded by saying that works were in rapid progress to implement the wage awards in all the newspaper establishments and TV channels and the journalists would get the benefits very soon.

The Union also requested Sonowal to cover all the journalists under health insurance scheme. It also sought adequate security for the working journalists.

Retail skill training for tea community women

CORRESPONDENT

GUWAHATI, Sept 4: A seven-day training programme, 'Entrepreneurship and Retail Skill to Self Help Group (SHG)' Members from Tea community of Assam', commenced at the Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIIE), Guwahati today.

The programme is being sponsored by the Assam State Rural Livelihood Mission Society (ASRLMS). Altogether 15 women from five different tea gardens of Assam are participating in the programme.

Inaugurating the programme, Pallab Goswami, Project Manager, ASRLMS, emphasised the concept of 'Bagan Bazaar' as an innovative entrepreneurial start-up initiative to be undertaken by the SHG members

of the tea community. He underlined the importance of development of core competencies among individuals as well as team work necessary for ensuring sustainable livelihood.

IIIE Director Manoj Kumar Das laid stress on effective participation and cooperation of the trainees.

Speaking on the importance and objectives of the programme, Santanu Mohan Deka, assistant faculty member and programme director, said the programme would provide hands-on retail management skills coupled with entrepreneurial orientation cum soft skills for sustainable management of the 'Bagan Bazaar' initiative in Assam.

I, II & III is up to Rs. 20,00/- for online bidding. For further details visit CPP website <http://extenders.gov.in/eprocure/app>. Further clarification/ corrigendum in this regard, if any, will be uploaded only on CPP website/ portal.

World Coconut Day celebrated

STAFF REPORTER

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Speaking on the occasion, Aditya Kumar Sharma, MD of AGC said the Assam government-owned undertaking has expressed interest to the Oil and Natural Gas Regulatory Board to build a trunk gas pipeline from Barauni to Assam. He also spoke of the vision of Col Lohkar who had planned a trunk pipeline from Daulatganj to Guwahati for industrial growth of Assam.

The meeting, presided over by GU Vice-Chancellor Dr Mridul Hazarika, was also addressed by ex-Judge DN Choudhury, Ranjana Bhuyan Lohkar, Biswadeep Baruah and Digen Baruah.

Book released

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The Assam Higher Secondary Education Council solicits your kind presence at the Thirty Third Foundation Day Lecture to be held on Friday, the 8th September, 2017.

Prof. Alak Kumar Buragohain, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Dibrugarh University will deliver the lecture on the topic **"DIGITALIZATION OF SECONDARY EDUCATION IN ASSAM"**.

Venue : Vivekananda Kendra Cultural Auditorium, Uzansbar, Assam

Time : 4.00 P.M.

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PUBLIC HEARING

Sub: Public hearing on the petition filed by MISuryataap Energies & Infrastructure Pvt Ltd. (SEIPL) for determination of final tariff.

It is for information that it is recommended that, Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission (AERC) will hear the petition filed by MISuryataap Energies & Infrastructure Pvt Ltd (SEIPL), for determination of final tariff of 5 MW Grid Connected Solar PV Plant at IGC, Balpara in Sonitpur, Assam on 15-09-2017 at 11 am in the Court Room of the Commission. This publication may also be treated as notice for hearing of objections.

By order of the Commission
Secretary
Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission

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NOTICE OF 46TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND BOOK CLOSURE

NOTICE is hereby given that the 46th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Assam Petro-Chemicals Ltd. will be held on Tuesday 26th September, 2017 at 11:00 A.M. at the registered office at 4th Floor, Orion Place, Mahapurush Srimanta Sankaradev Path, Bhatnagar, Guwahati-781 005, Assam. The Annual Report of the company for the FY 2016-17 is available in company's website www.assampetrochemicals.co.in. Notice is also given that pursuant to Section 91(1) of the Companies Act, 2013 the Register of Members and Share Transfer Book will remain closed from 20th September, 2017 to 26th September, 2017 for convening the AGM.

By order of the Board of Directors
(Uttam Bauling)
Company Secretary

North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd.

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E-Auction sale notice under SARFAESI Act 2002

*Sale of immovable assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002
(hereinafter referred to as the Act).

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and to the Borrower/s, Guarantor/s and Mortgagor/s in particular that the under mentioned property mortgaged to North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Limited (hereinafter the Corporation), the possession of which had been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Corporation under S.13(4) of the Act will be sold by E- Auction as mentioned below for recovery of under mentioned dues and applicable interest, charges and costs etc as detailed below.

Name and address of Borrowers/Mortgagors/ Guarantors	(1) Amount Due (2) Date of Possession	Date & Time of E-Auction
1. M/s Wokha Coal Mines, Near SBI Borajan Branch, A.T. Road, Borajan, Tinsukia-781650 (Assam); 2. Shri Satyanarayan Gupta, Parbat, West Tinsukia, Nagaon, SBI Borajan Branch, A.T. Road, Borajan, Tinsukia-781650 (Assam); 3. Shri Sitaram Gupta, Son of Raja Ram Gupta, A.T. Road, Tinsukia, Tinsukia-781650 (Assam); 4. Shri Rhonchomo Orhymono Ovung, Partner, M/s Wokha Coal Mines, House No. 68, Hill View Colony, ADC Court Road, Dimapur-797112 (Nagaland)	(1) Rs. 2,04,83,733/- (2) as on 25.07.2014 (2) 06.08.2016	Date: 09.10.2017 11.00 A.M to 12.00 noon with unlimited extension of 5 Minutes each. Minimum Bid increment amount Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand Only)
Details of encumbrances over the property, as known to the Corporation		Occupied by 50 numbers of tenants from last 38 years
Description of properties		

A plot of land measuring 13 Bighas 3 Kathis 4 Lechas under part of Dag No. 486, 601 to 606, 608, 609, 611, 613 to 623, 627, 628, 630, 632 to 640, 643 to 648, 650, 651 & 652 of P.P. No. 196 situated at Doo Doma Town under Mouza & Revenue Circle - Doo Doma, District - Tinsukia, Assam owned by Shri Satyanarayan Gupta and Shri Sitaram Gupta, together with all structures standing thereon with all easement rights thereto through over and underneath the Road/common passage there to.

Total Reserve Price Rs. 55,25,000/- (Rupees Fifty Five Lakhs Twenty Five Thousand)

EMD Amount & Last date & time for submission of bids Rs. 5,52,50/- till 4.00 PM on 06.10.2017

The details regarding E-Auction are mentioned below:

(1) E-Auction is being held on "AS IS WHERE IS, WHETHER THERE IS AND WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS" and will be conducted online. The auction will be conducted through the Corporations' approved service provider M/s e-procurement Technologies Ltd at the web portal (<https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net>) also on Auctiontiger Mobile App. E-auction tender documents containing online e-auction bid form, declaration, General Terms and conditions of online auction sale are available on <https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net>.

(2) The EMD shall be deposited through RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer to the credit of A/c 10055610554, State Bank of India , GMC Branch, Bhangarh, IFSC Code SBIN007700, before submitting bids online. EMD will also be paid in case of Pay order/cheque/ bank draft/ money order/ Demand Draft/ Bankers Cheque and GNEFT. EMD will be deposited in the account of the Corporation in the letter of participation in the bid by 4.00 P.M. on or before 06.10.2017 and register their name at M/s e-Procurement Technologies Limited (Auctiontiger). E-MAIL ID: assam@auctiontiger.net, support@auctiontiger.net. Contact Person: Mr. RAHUL PRAPAJIT Contact. No. 9978591888. Toll Free No: 1800 103 5342 and get user ID and password free of cost and get training on E-Auction from M/s e-Procurement Technologies Pvt Ltd (Auctiontiger), A801-802, Watt Opp. Orient Club, Near Gajpati College, Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad - 380006. Phone No. 079-40230824/2111/10 . No cheque will be accepted for EMD.

(3) For inspection of the properties please contact our M/s Maa Kal Asset Reconstruction Consultancy Services (P) Ltd. 7, Green Row, Ganguly Bagan, Kolkata-700084. Ph. (033)2458445/ Shri Sunam Dasgupta, email-makaliaseisel@yahoo.com, Mobile No. 8876516265 -representative of Enforcement Agent) on 22.09.2017 & 26.09.2017 (between 11.00 a.m. & 3.00 p.m.)

(4) It shall be the discretion of the Authorized Officer to cancel the auction proceeding without assigning any reason and return the EMD. The bank would not entertain any claim or representation in that regard from bidders.

(5) Particulars specified in respect of the said properties in above schedule have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorized Officer/Corporation, but Authorized Officer or Bank will not be answerable for any error, mis-statement or omission in this public notice.

(6) To the best of the knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer no other encumbrance exist except Occupied by 50 numbers of tenants from last 38 years on the properties. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of properties put on auction and claims/rights/dues/affecting the property, prior to submitting their bid. The e-auction advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment of any representation of the Corporation. The property is being sold with all the existing and future encumbrances whether known or unknown to the Corporation. The Authorized Officer of secured creditor shall not be responsible in any way for any third party claims/rights/dues. The sale shall be subject to rules/conditions prescribed under the SARFAESI Act 2002.

(7) The liability of the borrower/guarantor of the above said loan about holding of this sale on the above mentioned date if their outstanding dues are not repaid in full. The other terms and conditions of the e-auction are published in the following websites. Addresses of websites : <https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net>

Place : Guwahati

DATE : 05-09-2017

Authorized Officer
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OIL Management expresses gratitude to all the teachers who had submitted their self nomination for the award and acknowledges the efforts of the scrutiny committee and distinguished Jury for evaluating the entries. It may be noted that the awards will be presented to the recipients in a public function to be held at a later date.

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The end-product of education should be a free creative man, who can battle against historical circumstances and adversities of nature.

- Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan



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OIL SHIKSHYA RATNA PURASKAR, 2017

On this auspicious occasion of Teachers' Day, Oil India Limited is pleased to announce the names of the recipients of OIL Shikshya Ratna Puraskar, 2017. The award which consists of a cash incentive of Rupees One Lakh, mementoes and citation is presented to inservice teachers of all provincialised schools (Elementary to Secondary) of Government of Assam and all affiliated non-technical undergraduate colleges under state universities of Assam.

The recipients of OIL Shikshya Ratna Puraskar, 2017

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North Lakhimpur Town Model LP School
Ward No-6, North Lakhimpur-787001

Tingkhong

Higher Secondary School
Tingkhong, Dibrugarh - 786612

Sonmali Borah

Mathavde High School
Kachikata, Bihupura, Lakhimpur - 784161

Bhabakanta Pujari

Phytodiversity Research Cell, PG Dept. of Botany
Darrang College, Tezpur, Sonitpur-784001

Dr. Kinali Baruah

Darrang College, Tezpur, Sonitpur-784001

Jibon Borah

Deodali Sr. Basic School
Bengena at Satra, Majuli -785106

Headmistress arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

DIBRUGARH, Sept 4: The school headmistress of St Mary's School, Naharkatia, Sister Nancy Sebastian was arrested on Sunday in connection with the recent suicide of a minor girl student of the school.

The girl named Namrata Sharma of Class VII had committed suicide in Burhi Dihing river by jumping from the Gaboura bridge. Police had demanded seven-day police remand from the court but was denied due to her illness.

The headmistress, a senior nun was arrested from a hospital in Tinsukia by a team of police led by Namrup Deputy Superintendent of Police Ashif Ahmed.

Parents and sympathisers of the deceased girl have alleged that the headmistress' behaviour caused the girl to commit suicide. However, the school authorities, teachers and a section of parents have rejected all allegations against the school headmistress and released her unconditional release. Some people with vested interest are trying to drag the headmistress into the case despite knowing that she is not at all involved, large number of parents who held a meeting in the school today.

*The Assam Tribune.***Health camps held at Manas**

GUWAHATI, Sept 4: As a part of WWF-India's motivation as well as front-line forest staff welfare initiatives, two medical check-up camps were arranged at Bansbari and Bhupalapara range of Manas National Park on August 28-29 last.

The programme was arranged in collaboration with the National Health Mission (NHM), Baska district unit, Manas Ever Welfare Society (MEWS) and Manas National Park authority, a press release stated.

These camps were held for the front-line forest staff personnel of Manas and also conservation volunteers. Altogether 285 forest personnel checked their health and got prescribed medicines as provided by NHM free of cost. During the programme, all staff were tested for malaria and fortunately no one tested positive. However, 90% of staff were found to be suffering from hypertension, pain, gastritis and different skin related diseases. Many were also found to be suffering from diabetes and arthritis-related problems. Prasanta Dutta (District Media Expert) NHM led the entire medical team.

OBITUARY**Amala Devi**

ANN Service

SIVASAGAR, Sept 4: Amala Devi, wife of Late Bipin Chandra Adhyapak, a pious and amiable lady died of old-age ailments at her residence at Old Amolapuram, Sivasagar on August 30 last. She was 87.

As a leading member of the Sanatan Hindu Dharma Nanghar Samaj, she took initiative in all religious functions held in the locality. She leaves behind two daughters and four sons besides a host of relatives.

Bhudeb Adhikari

GUWAHATI, Sept 4: Bhudeb Adhikari, a young businessman, teacher and organiser of Boko area of Kamrup district died on August 30 after a brief illness. He was 44.

Adhikari, who served as an assistant teacher at Boko Sankardev Vidyapeeth was also closely associated with various organisations like the Boko Bazaar Committee, Bihu Committee, Nanghar Panchalan Committee etc., of the locality. His funeral was largely attended.

His death cast a pall of gloom in the area. He leaves behind his wife, a son, a minor daughter and a host of relatives and friends.



Members of the All Assam Tai Ahom Students' Union (AATASU) taking out a bike rally, demanding reservation status, at Dhemaji on Monday. - UB Photos

NGO distributes relief material among Karimganj flood victims

CORRESPONDENT

SILCHAR, Sept 4: At a time when the intensity, scale and duration of floods have increased in Assam and caused grave human sufferings, disruption in normal life and activity, damage to infrastructure and impact on the economy, a Haflong-based NGO named A Ray of Hope Society (AROH) recently distributed relief material among victims of four flood-hit villages in Karimganj district.

In a release issued to the media, Mithun Sarkar, president of the NGO informed that AROH members approached as many as 200 families living in remote villages of Arjan Nagar, Sointana, Rakesh Na-

gar and Dolu and provided them with mattresses, mosquito repellents, blankets, candles with lighters and biscuit packets. The relief material was distributed in the premises of a local LP school.

"The ill-fated flood-hit people have lost their property, fields and crops, and some among them have died as well. We are grateful to everyone who have helped us bring the relief material to the needy victims," Sarkar maintained.

Insurance week of LICI observed: As a part of the 61 years of rendering services to the people of the country, Life Insurance Corporation of India (LICI) is observing Insur-

ance Week from September 1.

On the sidelines of the celebrations, Nityananda Bose, the Senior Divisional Manager at Silchar said "over the years, LICI has been able to disseminate messages across people to foster its goal-partnership in development under our CSR activities."

In reply to a question on the rising apprehensions of privatisation, Bose said "the organisation which began journey back in 1956 with only Rs 5 crore has garnered an asset of Rs 25 lakh crore so far. As the most trusted brand, we have been able to give tough competition to over 20 other insurance companies in the country. There is absolutely no possibility of us going into the hands of the private players."

Further, Bose informed that as a part of their diamond jubilee celebrations which started from September 1, 2016 till August 31 this year, the Silchar Division has extended financial assistance to a number

Attack on scribes decried

CORRESPONDENT

BISWANATH CHARIALI, Sept 4: The growing incidents of attack on scribes at Biswanath Chariali was widely condemned by the journalist fraternity of this district head-quarter town, who urged the police administration to ensure security of life and property of the scribes working with several newspapers and news channels of the State.

The journalists led by Ratan Bhuyan, assistant secretary of the All Assam Journalists' Union (AAJU) and Himanta Saikia, general secretary of All Assam Press Correspondents' Union (APCU) met Diganta Kumar Choudhury, Superintendent of Police, Biswanath district at his office recently and held a three-hour discussion regarding the matter.

Hazarka Jyanta Baruah, Beda Upadhyaya, Amir Khan, Rupjyoti Saikia, among others, mentioned about various problems being faced by them while on duty.

The SP assured that he would try his level best to ensure security of the journalists in the district. DSPs Dr Debadashish Nath and Kalyan Kumar Das were also present in the meet.

Swachh Bharat Abhiyan organised at Haflong village

CORRESPONDENT

HAFLONG, Sept 4: In order to make Kalibari village of Haflong neat, clean and hygienic and inspired by the Prime Minister's Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, the resi-

dents of the village organised a day-long *safai abhiyan* in and around the village on Saturday last.

Hundreds of people irrespective of caste, creed and religion took part in the day's cleanliness programme and made the locality clean and environment-friendly.

Mohanlal Langthasa, *gaon-borba* of Kalibari village while talking to the media said that the decision was taken ten days back in a meeting of elderly persons, youths and female residents of the locality to organise the event of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan at Kalibari village on Saturday. The decision evoked positive response from almost all villagers present in the meeting.

He also said that although this was the first of its kind of programmes in the locality but they would continue to organise more such programmes in other parts of the area to keep the area neat and clean.

**Seminar on recent trends in Chemistry organised**

CORRESPONDENT

college premises, which concluded recently.

Dr BC Goswami, Vice-Chancellor, Cotton University inaugurated the seminar on the topic 'Recent trends in Chemistry towards utilization of natural resources and constraints with reference to North East India,' was organised by the Department of Chemistry in collaboration with the Assam Science Society, Jagiroad branch at the

Srimanta Sankaradeva University of Health Sciences delivered the keynote address. Dr Sarma described how Ayurveda medicines can help people to keep fit and prevent themselves from various diseases.

Earlier, Dr BC Neog, Principal, Jagiroad College read out the welcome address and Dr CR Sarkar, Head, Chemistry Department, Gauhati University conducted the technical sessions respectively.

Dr Gupi Adhikari, former

planned the aims and objectives of the seminar session. Altogether, 74 research papers were presented in four different technical sessions organised on the occasion.

Dr BP Sarma, Dr P Puri, Chemical Sciences, Tezpur University, Dr DK Das and Dr RJ Sarma, Chemistry Department, Gauhati University and some from Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura and Meghalaya attended.

1530 teachers of Sivasagar to boycott Teacher's Day

ANN Service

SIVASAGAR, Sept 4: A total of 1530 primary school teachers of Sivasagar district, who have been deprived of their salaries since the last many years will boycott this year's Teacher's Day in protest against the alleged negligence and indifference of the present Government for their plight.

Kushal Buragohain and Basanta Neog, president and secretary of the committee of teachers deprived of salaries in a release to the media on

September 1 said that the four BJP MLAs from the district had assured the teachers of all possible help and commitment for releasing their salaries prior to the elections a year ago. But they have now turned a deaf ear to their grievances.

Aswin Chetia, president, Jyothi Sangrami Mancha, Debjit Dutta of the Sangrami Yuva Chatra Parishad, Pran Pradip Mohan, secretary, Motok Yuva Chatra Parishad, Sarifuddin Ahmed of Ujani Asom Muslim Kalyan Parishad, Minal Dutta, president, Koch

Rajbongshi Chatra Santha and Faridul Islam, president, Minority Students' Union in a meeting with the teachers at the Teachers' Bhawan recently lent support to the teachers demands and called upon the government to recognise their sacrifices and retain them in their posts. The meeting resolved to carry out a sit-in demonstration for an indefinite period in front of the Deputy Commissioner's office tomorrow and boycott the government's official function at the Natya Mandir.

Bhaben Baruah Award, 2017 conferred on Hemanta Dutta

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NALBARI, Sept 4: The Bhaben Baruah Award for 2017 was conferred on Hemanta Dutta in a function held at Nalbari Natyamandir on Sunday evening.

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Tocklai workers seek PM's help

JORHAT, Sept 4: The Tocklai Chah Gavessana Pratishthan Suraksha Samiti, which is a newly-formed body here having eminent citizens comprising businessmen, scientists and educationists, has sought Prime Minister Narendra Modi's intervention to overcome the financial crisis the Tocklai Tea Research Institute - the world's oldest tea research institute located here - was currently facing.

In a memorandum to the Prime Minister, the newly-formed body has sought fulfilment of a set of demands to enable the institute to tide over the crisis. The demands included nationalisation of the institute, declaring Tocklai as an institute of national importance and attaching Tocklai with any Government scientific apex body like ICAR or DST so that "much-needed financial stability may be restored".

- Staff Correspondent

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Vacancies

GVK Emergency Management and Research Institute, Assam will be conducting a Walk - In - Interview on 7th&8th September, 2017 for the following positions:

- 1. HR Generalist: MBA in HR/IR with 2-3 years' experience as HR. (Male candidates only).
- 2. Program Manager: Any Graduate with MBA in Marketing/Sales, having 5-7 years' of experience in Field Management. Proficiency in local language essential.
- 3. Emergency Management Executive: Any Graduate with 1-2 years' of experience. Freshers' may also apply.
- 4. Fleet Coordinator: Diploma in Automobile Engineering/Mechanical Engineering (Specialization in Automobile). 3-5 years' experience in relevant field. Advanced MS Excel proficiency is must.

Interview Date : 7th & 8th September, 2017

Timing : 10:00 AM onwards (on both days)

Venue: GVK Emergency Management and Research Institute
Subham Greens Commercial building, 2nd Floor
Adjacent to Bharat Petrol Pump, Lokhra
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Activists of Demow unit of Asomiya Yuba Manch taking out a protest rally against the Nagaon incident, in Sivasagar on Monday. - UB Photos

Moranhat observes bandh against anti-Assamese posters

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

DIBURGARH, Sept 4: People of Moranhat town observed total shutdown today in protest against putting up of anti-Assamese posters at different places of the town

yesterday by some unidentified miscreants.

The miscreants had reportedly made some anti-Assamese remarks through the posters. The posters mentioned that the campaign was being carried out by an

organisation abbreviated as 'ABSS,' though no one was aware of any such organisation.

Vehicles were allowed to vehicles on roads, but business establishments remained shut from dawn to dusk.

10 Bills introduced in State Assembly

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 4: As many as ten Bills were introduced on the first day of the September session of the State Legislative Assembly today, including six pertaining to the universities of the State.

On behalf of the State Education Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Chandra Mohan Patowary introduced the Assam Science and Technology University (Amendment) Bill, 2017.

This apart, the Assam Employees' Parent Responsibility and Norms for Accountability and Monitoring Bill, 2017 by Labour and Employment Minister of State (in charge) Pallab Lochan Das and Assam State Capital Region Development Authority Bill, 2017 by Chandra Mohan Patowary on behalf of the GDD Minister.

Demo at Dispur on Sept 7

CORRESPONDENT

KOKRAJHAR, Sept 4: The All India Bengali Youth Students' Federation (AIBYSF) and All Assam Bengal Youth Students' Federation (AABYSF) will stage a sit-in demonstration on September 7 at Dispur CII Complex in the unsavoury Slipathar and Nagaon incidents.

Talking to mediapersons, Shyamal Sarkar, president of All India Bengali Youth Students' Federation and Deepak Dey, president of All Assam Bengal Youth Students' Federation strongly condemned the Slipathar and Nagaon incidents.

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OBITUARY

Sardar Sarjeet Singh

GUWAHATI, Sept 4: Sardar Sarjeet Singh of Singh Nivas in Silphukuri, Hailakandi, passed away on Friday at 9:35 pm at the GMC Hospital. He was 62.

Son of Late Sardar Dhyani Singh, founder president of Assamese Sikh Association (Assam) and younger brother of Late Sardar Bhagat Singh, former mountaineer of Assam, he was pious, honest, religiously-inclined and a socially active person. He was closely associated with Dipak Sangha, Kali Mandir and Siva Mandir of Silphukuri area till his death. He was the life member of Dipak Sangha.

While his demise was widely mourned, his last rites were performed at the Navagraha crematorium, which was attended by a huge gathering. He leaves behind his wife, two daughters and a son-in-law, besides a host of relatives and well-wishers.

NAGAON, Sept 4: Coinciding with the birth anniversary of world-famous singer, lyricist and cultural activist Dr Bhupen Hazarika, Shilpi Samaj Asam has chalked out an itinerary with a number of programmes from September 8.

On the first day, thousands of people will sing the 'Bard of the Brahmaputra's' immortal number *Manuhe Manuhor Baabe*, at the Collegiate School field at Tezpur.

On September 9, a prize money State-level Blupendra Sangeet competition will also be held at Tezpur. Besides this, a Shilpi Samaroh too has been organised, where a number of famous singers have consented to take part.

On the other hand, a cultural programme will be held at Nagaon on September 16 followed by a drama on September 19.

The programme schedule as above was formally made known today at the Nagaon Press Club where its president Guna Mahanta, vice pres-

on behalf of the State Finance Minister.

Other Bills introduced today

were Assam Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 2017 by Urban Development Minister Atul Bora, Industrial Disputes (Assam Amendment) Bill, 2017 by Labour and Employment Minister of State (in charge) Pallab Lochan Das and Assam State Capital Region Development Authority Bill, 2017 by Chandra Mohan Patowary on behalf of the GDD Minister.

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WEATHER
NORTHEAST

Forecast for NE: Moderate rain/thundershower is very likely to occur in most of the places over Assam, Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura.

Warning: Heavy rainfall is very likely to occur at isolated places over Assam and Meghalaya on Sept 5, 6, 7 and 8; over Sept 7 and 8 over Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura.

Temperatures :

	Max (°C)	Min (°C)
Dibrugarh	29.2	24.0
Tinsukia	31.3	25.3
Silchar	30.1	24.8
Dhubri	32.7	26.5
Jorhat	30.4	26.2
NLakhipur	28.9	21.8
Sivasagar	29.5	22.9
Imphal	29.5	22.6
Itanagar	27.4	22.6
Aizawl	N/A	12.2
Agartala	34.6	25.1
Kohima	24.6	18.0
Pasighat	30.0	23.5
Cherrapunjee	23.9	18.5

Manipuri film wins award

CORRESPONDENT

IMPHAL, Sept 4: Manipuri film maker Oinam Doren's film *My Name is Eeowoo* has won an international award at the recently concluded 23 Film Festival of the Lessinia held in Bosco Chiesanova in Italy from August 19-27.

The film won the prize in the category of 'best film by a young director'. Piero Piazzola and Maria Pigozzi are founders of the 23-year-old festival. The film is produced by CCRT.

The film shot in Kongthong village in Meghalaya's East Khasi Hills follows the family of two married sisters – Shuidiap Khongsit and Shithoh Khongsit – whose children have to stay in Shillong for higher studies.

It's worth mentioning here that the film had already won the 'Intangible culture prize' in the UK in April this year. In October, the film will be screened in Estonian National Museum in Tartu, Estonia and Rajasthan International folk music festival, Jodhpur.

Woman vendor found dead

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

SHILLONG, Sept 4: A woman vendor was found killed in the wee hours of Sunday at Police Bazaar.

The victim, identified as Anjana Singh, was killed by unidentified person(s) by slit-titting her throat. She also suffered injuries on her body and face. According to the police, the victim who sold fast food at Keating Road near Police Bazaar, was attacked when she was dropping her push cart near Lady Keane Gate after closing her business.

Police are scanning CCTV camera footages that are installed in Police Bazaar.

This is not the first time that incidences of attack on individuals were reported in Keating Road this year. There were others cases of assault and robbery, some even in daytime.



Members of Joint Committee on Inner Line Permit System taking out a rally demanding inner line permit system, in Imphal on Monday. - Neenu News

Demand for inner line permit gets stronger in Imphal

CORRESPONDENT

IMPHAL, Sept 4: The Joint Committee on Inner Line Permit System (JCLIPS) has renewed its civil movement by taking out a public rally on Monday in pursuit of their demand for enforcement of Inner Line Permit (ILP) System or a similar mechanism in the State.

Displaying banners which

read 'Pass ILP Bill in winter session, no non-local should be allowed to contest and cast vote in upcoming panchayat elections', the volunteers of JCLIPS, including women, took out the rally through streets in Imphal.

JCLIPS, a conglomerate of 40 civil society organisations, has been demanding enforcement of ILP system as in Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland and Mizoram to monitor the influx of non-locals, which has posed a serious threat to the existence of indigenous people.

Meanwhile, Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh said that the present government is taking up necessary steps by consulting experts to bring Bills to protect the interest of all communities in the State.

On Sunday, the JCLIPS convenor, Arjun Telchha, said that people in the State have agreed to a new Bill which would be acceptable to all indigenous communities.

The JCLIPS is also preparing to hold a convention with representatives of all indigenous communities residing in the State within the current month.

Governor's greetings on Teacher's Day

CORRESPONDENT

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DIPUR, Sept 4: Nagaland Governor PB Acharya has extended greetings and felicitations to all the teachers of the State.

In his Teacher's Day message today, the Governor also urged them to widen the horizon of thinking of the students and encourage them to think critically about broader issues concerning our nation, society and the environment.

In the present day learning is often equated with either collection of information or mastery of skills for occupations and jobs, he noted.

Acharya said, "Our goal must be to create good citizens who are capable of preserving the past and creating the future."

MNF calls bandh

CORRESPONDENT

AIZAWL, Sept 4: The main Opposition, Mizo National Front (MNF), has decided to impose Statewide bandh on Thursday to protest the poor condition of roads across the State.

MNF MLA and party secretary Lalruatkima said that the proposed bandh is called to protest the Congress government's complete neglect of the State roads and apathy towards the sufferings of the people caused by the dilapidated roads.

"Many carts no longer ply on their routes, while trucks have threatened to stop carrying PDS rice from Bairubi Railhead due to the poor condition of the roads," Lalruatkima said.



AIPR minister Ampraeen Lyngdoh inaugurating a gym, in Shillong on Monday. - UB Photos

Army carries out op against NSCN(K) along Myanmar border

ITANAGAR/NEW DELHI, Sept 4: The Army's special forces today carried out a major operation against Naga insurgent group NSCN(K) near the Indo-Myanmar border in Arunachal Pradesh in which one hardcore militant was killed and another wounded while a soldier suffered bullet injury.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is travelling to Myanmar tomorrow on a three-day visit during which the issues of defence and security cooperation, including cross-border activities by certain insurgent groups, are likely to figure in his talks with the leadership there.

The operation, which began at around 7 am, was going on till late in the evening near Votnu village in Longding district, a senior army official said.

He said the team of special forces destroyed a temporary hideout of the NSCN(K) militants and recovered an AK 47 rifle, ammunition and radio sets in the operation, adding one army personnel received bullet injury.

In New Delhi, Army chief General Bipin Rawat met Minister of State for Home Kiren Rijiju, who hails from Arunachal, and the operation against the Khasi insurgents of the NSCN (K) militants, days after militants had killed 18 Army men in Manipur.

Gen Rawat, however, sought to downplay the operation saying such encounters occur regularly. "It was a normal encounter. These operations go on everyday. Nothing big about this operation," he told reporters after the meeting.

Army sources said similar operations against NSCN(K) have been taking place in Changlang and Khamti areas in the last 10 days. An NSCN (K) militant was killed near Kunum village on September 1.

The Army today launched a "swift and stealthy" operation after getting specific inputs about presence of NSCN(K) militants near Votnu village, said an army official. - PTI

2nd conclave of NEDA in Delhi today

SPL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI, Sept 4: The

BJP is likely to firm up its poll strategy for the crucial Assembly polls in Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram due next year at the meeting of the second North East Development Alliance (NEDA) scheduled to be held here tomorrow.

The Second Conclave of NEDA will be inaugurated by BJP national president, Amit Shah and attended by Chief Ministers of Assam, Sarbananda Sonowal, Manipur N Biren Singh, Arunachal Pradesh Pema Khandu, Nagaland TR Zeliang and Sikkim Pawan Kumar Chamling, and state alliance partners like Asom Gana Parishad (AGP), AGP president, Atul Bora and State Minister Keshab Ma-

hanta are representing the regional party.

Briefing newsmen ahead of the Conclave, NEDA convenor or Himanta Biswa Sarma said that they are working towards achieving a Congress-free North East. He said in February next year Meghalaya and Tripura and in November Mizoram are going to polls. He claimed that BJP will form governments in all the three States.

He said that the Conclave tomorrow will also discuss the Visit of the Prime Minister and Amit Shah to North East.

Stating that coordination among Northeastern States have improved after BJP came to power in States like Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Nagaland, Sarma said that the inter-state

problems are being solved particularly the problem of border dispute.

The NEDA convenor said that they want to strengthen United India slogan of BJP. It is in keeping with this that Assam Chief Minister has suggested that a President House should be built in the North East.

Replying to questions about the recent floods, he said that it was for the first time that the Prime Minister held a joint meeting of the Chief Ministers of Northeastern States. And it is also perhaps for the first time that funds have been sanctioned to study the problem of floods. The Prime Minister had sanctioned Rs 100 crore to study and find a solution to the problem of floods in the North East, he added.

Shah to meet Tripura BJP delegates over poll

CORRESPONDENT

- Sudip Roy Barman and DC

AGARTALA, Sept 4: With

the Assembly elections due the rounds, BJP national president Amit Shah has convened a meeting of party's core committee of the poll-bound State. The meeting is scheduled to be held in Delhi on Tuesday.

Besides, 11 members of the State BJP core committee comprising party State unit president Biplob Deb and party pracha Sunil Deodhar, two MLAs

ty national president will review the organisational position of the party and will give necessary instruction as per the party's roadmap for the 2018 Assembly elections," he said, adding that there will be no discussion on electoral understanding in the meeting.

Although the BJP could not make any mark in the last Assembly elections, the party is now more resurgent with leaders and people coming to the saffron brigade.

Dalai Lama urged to attend peace meet

CORRESPONDENT

peace in the Northeastern State.

Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama was on a 12-day visit to Assam and Tawang (Arunachal Pradesh) in April this year. Elaborating about the conference in Imphal,

Manipur Assembly Speaker Yashwanth Khemchand informed that he media here on Monday after meeting the spiritual leader during his recent visit to Dharmashala in Himachal Pradesh on the sideline of attending a recent conference on 'Tribals of India and social issues' at Himachal Pradesh in Shimla on Friday.

But interestingly, according to their land law, the non-Himalayan cannot buy agricultural land in Himachal Pradesh, he added. So it would be interesting to study kind of land laws at this juncture. Manipur had been experiencing widespread public movement for the implementation of the Inner Line Permit System as in Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland and Mizoram (or a similar mechanism).

Twelve boats were engaged in rescuing people and NDRF personnel were alerted. Water of the river Howrah is flowing above the danger level in Agartala, "West Tripura District Magistrate Milind Ramteke said.

Chief Minister Manik Sarkar visited the river embankment, locally called 'Howrah Bundhi' at Meler Maath area last night.

Met office said 109.25 mm of rainfall was recorded here this morning and there is a possibility of heavy rain tonight. - PTI



Two tankers carrying 40 kilo tyres of high speed diesel was flagged off on Monday from the bordering town of Moreh in Manipur to Tanu in Myanmar taking forward the Act East Policy of the Centre.

Meghalaya takes up medical seats issue with Assam

RAJU DAS

SHILLONG, Sept 4: Meghalaya Government has taken up with its Assam the issue of its 10 medical seats being denied by Assam Government.

The 10 seats were allotted under North Eastern Council (NEC) quota and the students were supposed to get admission in medical colleges in Assam and begin their classes by September 1. However, the same was denied by Assam Government.

"Many carts no longer ply on their routes, while trucks have threatened to stop carrying PDS rice from Bairubi Railhead due to the poor condition of the roads," Lalruatkima said.

He informed that he impressed upon Sonowal the urgent need to resolve the issue at the earliest so that the future of the students is not disrupted.

The Assam CM has assured me that he will talk to his Prin-

cipal Secretary, Health, to deal with the matter," the CM said.

Moreover, talks at the Chief Secretary and additional Chief Secretary level are underway to address the matter. "We hope that the matter is resolved amicably," Sangma added.

Moreover, the Meghalaya Government has directed the Chief Secretary to immediately seek legal assistance from the Supreme Court. State Advocate General, BP Todi, and other officials are in New Delhi to file a petition in the Supreme Court on the matter.

CAPSULE

Parle-Manpasand tie-up
NEW DELHI, Sept 4: Markets major Parle Products and Manpasand Beverages today announced an exclusive tie-up for distribution network sharing and cross-promotion of their brands. Under the partnership, Manpasand Beverages will have access to Parle's 4.5 million outlet across India for its flagship brand 'Mango Sip' juice. Manpasand Beverages said in a statement: - PTI

Tata Motors case

NEW DELHI, Sept 4: Markets regulator SEBI has disposed of a case against Tata Motors for alleged non-redressal of consumer complaints. After noting that Tata Motors had redressed the grievance of the complainants, SEBI said in an order that the charge of non-redressal of grievance "does not stand established" against the firm. - PTI

Matrimony.com IPO

NEW DELHI, Sept 4: Matrimony.com, which runs online match-making business under the BharatMatrimony brand, will launch its initial public offer on September 11 and has fixed a price band of Rs 983-985 to raise over Rs 500 crore. The issue comprises fresh issue of up to Rs 130 crore and an offer for sale (OFS) of up to 37.67.254 shares. - PTI

Novartis CEO

NEW DELHI, Sept 4: Global pharma major Novartis today named Vasant Narasimhan as its new Chief Executive Officer effective from February 1, 2018. He succeeds Joseph Jimenez who will step down in 2018 after eight years in the position. Novartis said in a statement. - PTI

Karur Vysya Bank

CHENNAI, Sept 4: Private sector Karur Vysya Bank today announced the appointment of PR Seshadri as its Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer. Seshadri succeeds K Venkateswaran who has been with the bank for more than six years. Seshadri took over the new responsibility at the bank's office today, a statement issued from the bank said. - PTI

Audi unveils Q7 petrol variant

NEW DELHI, Sept 4: German luxury car manufacturer Audi today launched the petrol variant of its flagship SUV Q7 in India with price starting at Rs 67,76,600.

Audi India head Raul Ansari said with the introduction of the Audi Q7 40 TFSI quattro, the company is now offering customers a line-up of the SUV to choose from. This marks the debut of the segment leader SUV with a petrol engine.

"We have taken a strategic decision to increase our petrol mix and started off the process with the launch of the Audi Q3 40 TFSI in March this year. We do have some other surprises planned for this year," Ansari added.

The Audi Q7 40 TFSI quattro is equipped with features such as permanent all-wheel drive, virtual cockpit and along with the company's smartphone interface, the central infotainment system, among others. - PTI

EO launches Assam Chapter

GUWAHATI, Sept 4: Entrepreneurs' Organization (EO), the world's largest peer-to-peer network of entrepreneurs, launched its Assam chapter at a function held here recently, a press release said.

Coming as part of EO's expansion plan in the South Asia region, the Assam Chapter is expected to bring to the network a formidable array of entrepreneurs from across sectors.

Speaking at the launch function, Rahul Dev Sharma, Chapter President, EO Assam, said, "Potential or zeal is not an issue for entrepreneurs in the North-east, opportunity and access to markets are. EO presents that window of opportunity through which entrepreneurs of NE can reach out, meet and develop relationships with some of the most successful entrepreneurs of not just India, but the world."

No drastic decline in State's revenue collection

R DUTTA CHOWDHURY

GUWAHATI, Sept 4: Two months have passed since the goods and services tax (GST) regime came into effect and Assam's revenue collection has not come down.

GST impact

drastically as apprehended, while in the overall revenue collection of the country also did not witness any fall. At the same time, the Government is expecting an increase in revenue collection once the initial hiccups of introduction of a new

system are removed.

Highly placed official sources told *The Assam Tribune* that the Government was apprehending a drastic fall in revenue collection in the initial months of the GST regime because it takes time for a new system to fall into place. But fortunately, the collection of revenue has not come down as apprehended and the situation can only improve in the days to come.

Sources said that judging by the revenue collection in the second quarter of the previous years, it was expected the collection in the State during the second quarter of

this year should be around Rs 1900 crore. The first month of the second quarter was under the Value Added Tax System and the GST regime came into effect in the second month of the quarter. In the month of August this year, the revenue collection in Assam was around Rs 707.50 crore, which proved that the State is not facing a drastic fall in revenue collection as apprehended. Moreover, the amount was collected without much of inspections and things can only improve in the days to come, sources added.

Sources revealed that the Gov-

ernment of India has decided that the states would be compensated for a period of three years if the revenue collection does not increase by 14 per cent taking 2015-16 as the base year. The base figure for Assam was Rs 5985.50 crore and if the State cannot collect revenue amounting to Rs 7778 crore in the current financial year, the balance amount will be compensated by the Central Government. However, the State Government is hoping to attain the target without the help of the Centre judging by the performance in the first two months of the GST regime.

On the national perspective, sources said that the Government of India was fully aware of the fact that there would be leakages and illegal practices by some traders, at least in the first six months of the GST regime. But the revenue collection of the country in the second quarter of the financial year was Rs 89.40 lakh crore as against Rs nine lakh crore in the previous year.

The Government of India has decided not to put much pressure on the business community in the first few months of the GST regime and that is why, not much of inspections are carried out in the entire country, which might have resulted in revenue leakages. But the Government's stand is that putting pressure on the business houses during the transition period may have adverse effect on the economy of the country.

However, at the same time, the Income Tax Department is preparing a chain mapping right from the production to the consumption level and once the process is completed all the leakages can be stopped and the revenue collection is likely to go up considerably. The process is likely to be completed within six months, sources added.



Kazumi Ninomiya (2nd L), MD, Nikon India, Takami Tsuchida (C), Sector Manager, Marketing Sector, Imaging Business Unit, Nikon Corporation, and Nikon brand ambassador Raghu Rai along with others launching a new model, Nikon-850, during a press conference in New Delhi on Monday. - UNI

BRICS leaders firmly oppose protectionism

XIAMEN (China), Sept 4: BRICS leaders reaffirmed today that they remained committed to an open and inclusive world economy and firmly opposed protectionism.

"We will continue to firmly oppose protectionism. We recommit to our existing pledge for both standstill and rollback of protectionist measures and we call upon other countries to join us in that commitment," said the Xiamen Declaration, adopted at the 9th BRICS Summit here.

The BRICS countries (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) said they remain committed to open and inclusive multilateral trading system as embodied in the World Trade Organisation.

"We emphasise the importance of an open and inclusive world economy enabling all countries and peo-

ples to share in the benefits of globalisation. We remain firmly committed to a rules-based, transparent, non-discriminatory, open and inclusive multilateral trading system as embodied in the WTO."

The countries reaffirmed their commitments to ensure full implementation and enforcement of existing WTO rules and said they were determined to work together to further strengthen the organisation.

"We call for the acceleration of the implementation of the Bali and Nairobi MCM outcomes and for the WTO ministerial conference to be held this year in Argentina to produce positive outcomes," it added.

The summit was attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Presidents Xi Jinping of China, Vladimir Putin of Russia, Michel Te-

mer of Brazil and Jacob Zuma of South Africa.

FOUR PACTS SIGNED: To boost cooperation in different areas, including economy and trade, BRICS member states today signed four agreements at the 9th Summit of the five-nation bloc here.

The four documents are: BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) Action Agenda on Economic and Trade Cooperation; BRICS Action Plan for Innovation Cooperation (2017-20); Strategic Framework of BRICS Customs Cooperation; and Memorandum of Understanding between the BRICS Economic Council and the New Development Bank on Strategic Cooperation (NDB).

NDB is a multilateral development bank set up by BRICS. - IANS

'GST Council may lower tax rates if high collections continue'

Items of common consumption

NEW DELHI, Sept 4: The all-powerful GST Council may consider lowering tax on items of common consumption if the high trajectory of collections continues over the next few months, an official said today.

The first month collection under the new goods and services tax (GST) regime has been encouraging and if the rising trend continues till December, it would make a case for reduction of tax rate, he said.

The tax reduction could be either on items of common consumption or a cut in headline rate which will benefit consumers, said the official who did not wish to be identified.

The GST Council headed by Finance Minister Arun Jaitley could look at the aspect of the clear tax isotope, the official said, adding that it would be evident from the November tax collection.

India's maiden GST revenue mops-up got off to a strong start with collection of Rs 92,283 crore in July from just 64.42 per cent of the total taxpayer base. - PTI

HDFC Bank in RBI's 'too big to fail' list

MUMBAI, Sept 4: RBI today included HDFC Bank in the list of 'too big to fail' lenders, referred to as D-SIB or domestic systemically important banks.

The central bank also informed the panel that the completion of the process of verification will take time in view of the large volume involved.

The process is "going on in full swing" with most RBI offices working in double shifts and with the help of high-end verification machines, the central bank said.

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into the system putting the figure at Rs 15.28 (rpt) 15.28 lakh crore. The same figure has now been shared with the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance.

Replying to queries from the panel, the RBI said the verification for authenticity and numerical accuracy are still on, while some of the specified bank notes (old Rs 500/1,000 notes) which were accepted by banks and post offices are being held in currency chests.

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A Geographical Indication (GI) is a sign used on products that have a specific geographical origin and possess qualities or a reputation due to that origin.

Such a name conveys an assurance of quality and distinctiveness which is essentially attributable to its origin in that defined geographical locality.

CIPAM, which works under the Department of Industrial Policy and

Strawberry, Blue Pottery of Jaipur, Banarsi Sarces and Tirupati Laddus are some of the GIs, the ministry said in a statement.

"GIs are of utmost importance to the country as they are an integral part of India's rich culture and collective intellectual heritage," it said adding the GI tag has granted protection to several hand-made and manufactured products, especially in the informal sector.

"Certain GI products can benefit the rural economy in remote areas, by supplementing the incomes of artisans,

farmers, weavers and craftsmen," it added.

The ministry said "our rural artisans possess unique skills and knowledge of traditional practices and methods, passed down from generation to generation, which need to be protected and promoted".

As part of the campaign, CIPAM will put interesting facts and stories related to GIs on its twitter handle "@CIPAM_India" and Facebook page "@CIPAMIndia" using "#LetsTalkIP" hashtag. - PTI

NRL begins diesel export to Myanmar

STAFF REPORTER

The consignment will be received by officials of M/s Parma Energy Services Co-Limited (PES), Myanmar at Tamu.

The sale-purchase agreement was signed between NRL and PES for supply of 90 MT of diesel from Numaligarh Refinery Marketing Terminal through Moreh-Tamu Land Custom Station to Myanmar.

Two tank trucks carrying 40 kilo litres of high-speed diesel were flagged off today from the bordering town of Moreh in Manipur to Tamu in Myanmar. Success of this trial consignment will pave the way for further business with PES and other such customers in Myanmar. NRL plans to export 5,000 MT of HSD per month to Myanmar through tank lorry.

NRL is also exploring the possibility of laying a pipeline to export diesel at a later stage. A product pipeline has been proposed from Numaligarh to Imphal in the North East Hydrocarbon Vision 2030 released by the Government of India last year.

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TENDER FOR SUPPLY OF PELVIC MODEL

e-Tenders in Two Bid System (Technical Bid and Proc Bid as BOQ to be uploaded online) affixing court fee stamp of Rs 8.25 or IPO of Rs 10/- are invited from manufacturers or authorized distributor/dealers for entering into rate contract for "SUPPLY OF PELVIC MODEL". The terms & conditions and details of items to be supplied are described in the Tender Document.

Date of publication of the Tender Document: 05/09/2017 at 10 AM Last Date of download of Tender Document: 11/09/2017 up to 1.00 PM Last Date and Time of upload of Tender Document: 16/09/2017 at 3.30 PM

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The complete e-tender documents may be obtained from the website <http://assamtenders.gov.in>. The participating bidders should have valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) and have to register in the portal <http://assamtenders.gov.in>. The tender document will be submitted on-line along with the payment of tender fee of Rs 200/-, EMD of Rs 18,000/- and Court Fee Stamp (Rs 8.25)/PO (Rs 10.00) along with the hardcopy of technical bid only should be submitted to the Mission Director, National Health Mission, Assam, Saka Commercial Complex, Shringar Path, Christian Basti, G.S Road, Guwahati-781005. Assam on or before the last date and time of submission of the tender. The scanned copy of all the same should also be uploaded in the portal <http://assamtenders.gov.in>.

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EXTENSION OF SPECIAL TRAIN SERVICES

It has been decided to continue the service of presently running Special trains with existing timings, stoppages and composition with effect from 08-09-2017 as under.

GUWAHATI AND DAKHLA

Train No. 05610 Guwahati-Dakkhola Special will run on 08-09-17 & 09-09-17

ARR. DEP. STATION ARR. DEP.

--- 19.00 Guwahati 17.30 ---

05.30 --- Dakkhola --- 07.00

Other Commercial Stoppages: Kamakhya, Rangiya, Nalbari, Barpeta Road, Bongaigaon, New Bongaigaon, Kokrajhar, New Alipurduar, New Coochbehar, Falakata, Dibrugarh, Japalgarh Road, New Japalgarh, Alubari Road & Kishanganj.

Composition: AC-3 Tier (One), Sleeper Class (One), General Second Class (Ten) & SLR (Two) = 14 Coaches

GUWAHATI AND NEW JAPALGARH

Train No. 05606 Guwahati-New Japalgarh will run on 08-09-17 & 09-09-17

ARR. DEP. STATION ARR. DEP.

--- 12.50 Guwahati 19.30 ---

22.15 --- New Japalgarh --- 10.15

Other Commercial Stoppages: Kamakhya, Rangiya, Nalbari, Barpeta Road, Bongaigaon, New Bongaigaon, Kokrajhar, New Alipurduar, New Coochbehar, Falakata, Dibrugarh, Japalgarh Composition: AC-3 Tier (One), Sleeper Class-(One), General Second Class (Ten) & SLR (Two) = 14 Coaches

GUWAHATI AND DIBRUGARH

Train No. 05910 Guwahati-Dibrugarh Special will run on 08-09-17 & 09-09-17

ARR. DEP. STATION ARR. DEP.

--- 20.00 Guwahati 07.00 ---

07.09 --- Dibrugarh --- 20.00

Other Commercial Stoppages: Chaparmukh, Lumding, Dipu, Diphu, Mariani, Jorhat, Darrang, Nagaon, Kokrajhar, New Alipurduar, First AC Cum AC-2 Tier (One), AC-2 Tier (One), AC-3 Tier (One), Sleeper Class-(Ten), General Second Class (Four) & SLR (Two) = 19 Coaches.

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Dating site downside

Dating sites can't predict romantic attraction, says a study

Dating websites which claim to match people with complex computer analysis of their traits and preferences may not really work, suggests new research.

The study published in the journal *Psychological Science* found that a machine-learning algorithm just simply could not tell what makes two people click.

"Attraction for a particular person may be difficult or impossible to predict before two people have actually met," said lead author of the study Samantha Joel, Professor at University of Utah in the US.

"A relationship is more than the sum of its parts. There is a shared experience that happens when you meet someone that can't be predicted beforehand," Joel said.

The researchers used data from two samples of speed daters, who filled out questionnaires about more than 100 traits and preferences and then met in a series of four-minute dates.

Afterward, the participants rated their

interactions, indicating level of interest and sexual attraction to each person they met.

Joel and her colleagues used a machine-learning algorithm to test whether it was possible to predict unique romantic desire based on participants' questionnaire responses and before the individuals met.

The answer was 'no'.

They found it was possible to predict the overall tendency for someone to like and to be liked by others – but not which two particular people were a match.

"We found we cannot anticipate how much individuals will uniquely desire each other in a speed-dating context with any meaningful level of accuracy," Joel said.

It would be great if people were able to circumvent the hassles and heartaches of the dating process by entering information into a computer and having it produce the perfect soul mate, Joel said.

"We tried to do it and we couldn't do it," Joel said. – IANS

Know your DAY

By JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2017:

This year you become more insightful, focused and determined. A lot of confusion surrounds you in various aspects of your life. Deceptions can occur as a result. Don't make assumptions; instead, listen to feedback from trusted friends. If you are single, be open to dating someone who is out of your comfort zone. Starting this person on a pedestal, if you can help it. If you are attached, your relationship takes on a dreamlike quality. Expect to experience a lot of romance. PISCES might be helpful in getting clarification on a certain issue.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

**** Zero need to control your temper, as your fire could be short. Express your feelings in a solid, calm manner. You also might be faced with a money issue. Clean up your act now!

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

**** Zero in on your personal goals. You could have lessened and turned your focus to getting through a problem, yet today it no longer appears to be an issue. Your creativity starts emerging especially when dealing with an unusual person. Tonight: Go with a friend's idea.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

**** You will have a heralded matter early in the day. You could be trying to form your mind with an older person or someone close to you. You have a lot to think about. Don't push as hard as you have in the past. Tonight: Up late.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

**** Reach out to a friend or loved one at a distance. You might feel the need to clear the air and have a talk. Most likely you don't see this person very often. You seem to be determined to seek out some important fact. Tonight: Out and about.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** You could be more upright or feisty than you realize. There is some confusion with a money matter. You might not be on the same page as someone else. The sooner you air out the problem, the better the end result will be. Tonight: Balance your checkbook.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** Look toward a future involving a long-term goal and/or financial gain. You might have difficulty working through a problem with a friend or loved one. A creative project might be the subject of conversation. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** Presenting ideas, especially around family, home or real estate, you will spend a lot of time and energy looking ahead on a community or professional concern. A partner starts to seem more open and clearer. Tonight: Head home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** You might want to play with different ideas and see how applicable they might be for you. You might sort them through, finding which ones could drive your personal interests. Do read between the lines in a key conversation. Tonight: Hang out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**** You might have a problem concerning a conversation with a partner. You might not see eye-to-eye on a financial matter. You might need to approach this difference by finding another approach or solution. Speak to someone well versed in the topic at hand. Tonight: Treat a loved one.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** You smile, and others want to join in on a project you are involved with. Do be careful if you reject anyone, as there could be a problem from the person in question. This person doesn't do well when he or she is rejected. Tonight: Be available for some fun, friends and merriment.

The thought for the day
Companionship is sweet, and late
Coffee and oranges in a sunny chair,
And the green freedom of a cocktail
Upon a rug mingle to dissipate
The holly hush of ancient sacrifice.

— WALLACE STEVENS



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By Lee Falk



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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



Chechen strongman draws huge crowd

Rohingya plight



Muslim women activists take part in a rally in support of Myanmar's Rohingya minority during one of the deadliest bouts of violence involving the Muslim minority in decades outside the Myanmar embassy in Jakarta, on Monday. — UNI

MOSCOW, Sept 4: Thousands gathered in Russia's Chechnya region today for an officially staged rally over the plight of Myanmar's Muslim Rohingya minority that placed local强人 Ramzan Kadyrov at odds with the Kremlin.

A total of 87,000 mostly Rohingya refugees have arrived in Bangladesh since violence erupted in neighbouring Myanmar on August 25, with some alleging massacres by security forces and Buddhist mobs. Kadyrov — who rules the mainly-Muslim Chechnya region in southern Russia with an iron fist — is a fierce loyalist of President Vladimir Putin, but has also sought to present himself as influential figure for Muslims worldwide.

"Stop this bloodshed. We demand the guilty are punished and crimes against humanity are investigated," Kadyrov told the large crowd in central Grozny in a live broadcast on local television.

"I am convinced that hundreds of millions of people around the world will hear our demand."



Ramzan Kadyrov
The outspoken protest in Chechnya — which Kadyrov claimed drew "hundreds of thousands" of people from across the Russian Caucasus — represented a rare public divergence between the leader and the official line from

Moscow. Russia has been muted over the latest violence in Myanmar and earlier this year reportedly even blocked a UN statement expressing fears over the situation in Myanmar's Rakhine state.

Russia and Myanmar are also allies who signed a military cooperation agreement last year with Moscow of having exported military aviation and artillery to the country.

The country's foreign ministry said Sunday that was "closely following" the current situation and was "concerned by reports of ongoing armed clashes that have caused casualties among civilians and government security forces."

Kadyrov — whose rights groups accuse of rampant abuses — has previously staged a mammoth demonstration against the French satirical publication Charlie Hebdo over cartoons of the Prophet Mohammed. The latest rally in Chechnya came after some 1,000 Muslims gathered in Moscow yesterday to protest outside Myanmar's embassy in the city. — AFP

BBC Burma pulls Myanmar TV deal over 'censorship'

YANGON, Sept 4: The BBC's Burmese language service today said it was pulling a broadcasting deal with a popular Myanmar television channel citing "censorship" as the two partners clashed over coverage of the Muslim Rohingya minority.

The announcement is the latest blow to struggling press freedoms in the country and a remarkable turnaround for a news organisation that famously kept Myanmar's de facto leader Aung San Suu Kyi up to date during her long years of house arrest under junta rule.

Since April 2014, BBC Burmese broadcast a daily news programme on MNTV with 3.7 million daily viewers.

Today the BBC said it was ending the deal after MNTV pulled multiple programmes since March this year.

"The BBC cannot accept interference or censorship of BBC programs by joint-venture TV broadcasters as that violates the trust between the BBC and its audience," a report on the BBC's Burmese website said.

The BBC statement did not detail what content was censored.

But in a statement MNTV, a joint venture between private and state media, said it began pulling reports to comply with government orders over "restricted" words.

"The BBC Burmese program sent news that included wordings that are restricted by the state government," the statement said.

A station official said the problematic word was "Rohingya". — AFP

Suu Kyi, Myanmar in line of fire over Rohingya crisis

YANGON, Sept 4: Nobel peace laureate Malala Yousafzai and Muslim countries in Asia led a growing chorus of criticism today aimed at Myanmar and its civilian leader Aung San Suu Kyi over the plight of its Rohingya Muslim minority.

Nearly 90,000 Rohingya have flooded into Bangladesh in the past 10 days following an uptick in fighting between militants and Myanmar's military in strife-torn western Rakhine state.

The impoverished region bordering Bangladesh has been a crucible of communal tensions between Muslims and Buddhists for years, with the Rohingya forced to live under apartheid-like restrictions and movement and citizenship.

The recent violence, which kicked off last October when a small Rohingya militant group ambushed border posts, is the



Suu Kyi

worst Rakhine has witnessed in years with the UN saying Myanmar's army may have committed ethnic cleansing in its response.

De facto leader Suu Kyi, a former political prisoner of Myanmar's junta, has come under increasing fire over her perceived unwillingness to speak out against the treatment of the Rohingya or chastise the military.

She has made no public comment since the latest fighting broke out. — AFP

N Korea could be readying 'new missile launch'

Pictures showed South Korean short-range Hyunmoo missiles roaring into the sky in the pale light of dawn from a launch site on the east coast

SEOUL, Sept 4: North Korea could be preparing another missile launch, Seoul said today as it strengthened its defences following Pyongyang's biggest-ever nuclear test and declaration it had a hydrogen bomb.

The South and the United States will deploy more of the Terminal High-Altitude Area Defence (THAAD) missile launchers that have infuriated Beijing, the defence ministry said.

The announcement came after Seoul fired an early-morning volley of ballistic missiles in an exercise simulating an attack on the North's nuclear test site.

Pictures showed South Korean short-range Hyunmoo missiles roaring into the sky

in the pale light of dawn from a launch site on the east coast. Pyongyang said the device it detonated Sunday was a hydrogen bomb — far more powerful than the fission-based devices it is believed to have previously tested — and small enough to fit into a missile.

The blast threw down a new gauntlet to President Donald Trump, after the North in July twice tested an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) that appeared to bring much of the US mainland into range, and threatened to send a salvo of missiles towards the US territory of Guam.

South Korean defence ministry officials estimated its strength at 50 kilotons — five times the size of the North's previous nuclear test. — AFP

Trump's 'trade threat' unacceptable

BEIJING, Sept 4: China today criticized President Donald Trump's threat to cut off US trade with countries that deal with North Korea

and rejected pressure to do more to halt the North's nuclear development.

Trump issued the threat after North Korea yesterday exploded a thermonuclear device in its sixth and most powerful nuclear test. The threat was seen as a warning to China, North Korea's main trading partner and only major ally.

A foreign ministry spokesman, Geng Shuang, criticized Trump's stance as unfair to Beijing.

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"What is definitely unacceptable to us is that on the one hand we work so hard to peacefully resolve this issue and on the other hand our interests are subject to sanctions and jeopardized," Geng said at a regular news briefing.

Such an approach would be drastic if applied to China, from which the United States imports goods worth about \$40 billion a month.

Trump said it was under consideration "in addition to other options." — AP

87,000 refugees arrive in B'desh

COX'S BAZAR, Sept 4: A total of 87,000 mostly Rohingya refugees have arrived in Bangladesh since violence erupted in neighbouring Myanmar on August 25, the United Nations said today, amid growing international criticism of Aug San Suu Kyi.

Thousands of the stateless Muslim minority have fled the mainly Buddhist nation and poured over the border since the latest round of fighting broke out, piling pressure on the already overcrowded camps in Bangladesh.

Around 20,000 more were



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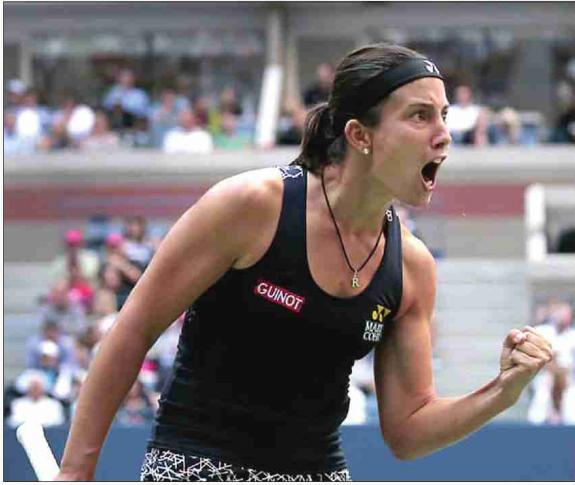
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12th September, 2017



Sharapova ousted; Venus, Kvitova advance



Latvia's Anastasija Sevastova reacts during the fourth round match of the US Open against Russia's Maria Sharapova in New York.

Saina returns to Gopichand Academy

NEW DELHI, Sept 4: London Olympics bronze medal winning shuttler Saina Nehwal has resumed her partnership with former coach Pallela Gopichand with an aim to achieve her "future goals".

Saina today announced the decision on her twitter handle.

"For a while I've been thinking about moving my training base back to the Gopichand Academy and I had a discussion about this with Gopi sir and I am really thankful to him for agreeing to help me again," Saina tweeted.

"At this stage in my career I think he can help me achieve my goals," she added.

The 27-year-old champion shuttler had split with the national coach Gopichand before the 2014 Asian Games at Incheon, deciding to honer her skills under Vimal Kumar in Bangalore.

"I'm also very thankful to Vimal sir for helping me for the

last three years. He helped reach World No. 1 in the rankings and also helped me win two world championships medal silver in 2015 and bronze in 2017 along with many super series titles," Saina wrote.

Happy to be back in her home town Hyderabad, Saina requested her friends to continue to support her.

"I am very happy to be back home and train in Hyderabad, keeping supporting friends," she further wrote on her twitter handle.

Saina had part ways with Gopichand after a quarterfinal exit at the 2014 World Badminton Championships in Denmark. That was the first time that the duo had split.

In 2011, Saina started training with Baskar Babu but within three months returned to Gopichand, regretting her decision. - PTI

Sania, Bopanna reach quarters, Paes-Raja out

NEW YORK, Sept 4: Sania Mirza and Rohan Bopanna have reached the quarterfinals of their respective events at the US Open but the fledgling partnership of Leander Paes and Purav Raja has fallen flat yet again.

The fourth seeded Indo-Chinese pair of Sania and Shuai Peng overcame a stiff resistance from Sorana Cirstea and Sara Sorribes Tormo 6-2, 3-6, 7-6(2) in the third round of the women's doubles.

In the mixed doubles, Bopanna and Canadian Gabriela Dabrowski, seeded seventh, quelled the challenge from Cara Jose Martinez Sanchez and Nicholas Monroe 6-3, 6-4 in the second round.

Paes and Raja, who joined forces recently, were knocked out of the men's doubles following a close 4-6, 6-7(7) defeat against the Russian pair of Karen Khachanov and Andrey Rublev in the second round. - PTI

Athletes to be foremost priority: Rathore

NEW DELHI, Sept 4: Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore has not forgotten the days when he would take permission to enter the ministry premises and immediately after taking charge as sports minister, he outlined the philosophy of his new office – respect and facilities – for the country's athletes.

Insisting that he has a very fair idea of what hardships the players face, the 47-year-old Olympic medalist said he would work with the aim of creating an environment which will make athletes the first and foremost priority.

"My journey of coming to this ministry began at the reception downstairs (many years ago). I still remember how you have to take permission on paper to enter it all stood then. So I know as a player what hardships you have to face," Rathore said after taking charge.

"But I also believe that there are a lot of efficient officials in this ministry because of whom, I and many others got help. So the aim is to have more such officials and create an environment in which sportspersons come first and the first citizen of this country is a sportsperson."

Rathore said he was determined to bring about a change in sports administration.

"The philosophy of this ministry would be *samarpana* and *srividha*. Respect for every athlete and facilities for every player who is representing the country.

"The environment and attitude in this ministry needs to change. There is only one VIP and that is sportsperson and nobody else. This attitudinal shift is required."

Listing out his priorities, Rathore said making life easy for the athletes will be his focus. - PTI

NEW YORK, Sept 4: Maria Sharapova's Grand Slam return after a 15-month doping ban ended with a fourth-round defeat at the US Open but the former world number one considered it a major step in her comeback.

Latvian 16th seed Anastasija Sevastova yesterday rallied to eliminate the five-time Grand Slam champion 5-7, 6-4, 6-2 at Arthur Ashe Stadium, booking a quarterfinal against American Sloane Stephens, who ousted German Julia Goerges 6-3, 3-6, 6-1.

Sharapova, the 2006 US Open winner, was able to find the positives after making 51 unforced errors to only 14 by Sevastova, whose 21 winners were half the 30-year-old Russian's total.

"Reflecting back on the week, I can be happy," Sharapova said. "It has been a really great ride. Ultimately, I can take a lot from this week."

Tomorrow's other quarterfinal will match Czech 13th seed Petra Kvitova, a two-time Wimbledon champion, against US ninth seed Venus Williams, seeking her eighth Slam title and third US Open crown.

Kvitova eliminated Spanish third seed and two-time Slam win-

ner Garbine Muguruza 7-6 (7/3), 6-3 while Williams beat 35th-ranked Spaniard Carla Suarez Navarro 6-3, 3-6, 6-1.

In Sharapova's first Slam since she tested positive for the banned blood booster meltonium at the 2016 Australian Open, she ousted second-ranked Simona Halep in the first round and served notice to any contender that her game remains formidable.

"She played unbelievable throughout the first and second set and I just kept fighting, running for every ball," Sevastova said.

"I was confident. It was feeling it. But still you have to beat her. She was playing one of the best matches here."

Sharapova returned from her suspension in April, was snubbed for a French Open wildcard and missed Wimbledon with a thigh injury but received a US Open wildcard despite only one hardcourt tuneup match due to a left forearm injury.

Sharapova is expected to jump from 146th to around 100th in the world rankings.

Williams is the oldest woman entrant at 37 but was this year's Wimbledon and Australian Open runner-up. She hasn't reached three Slam finals in a

year since 2002.

"I'm focused on myself and trying to be as aggressive as possible," Williams said. "Nobody gives you a Slam. You've got to take it and I'm going to try and take it."

Kvitova, 4-1 all-time against Williams, missed five months after a knife-wielding home intruder injured her left hand last December.

"I worked hard to come back and be here. It means a lot," Kvitova said. "I don't have words to describe. It was a tough time. All months were very tough."

"It was just a journey I didn't know how it would end. If it ends here on the big stage it's a happy end."

Muguruza still leads the fight for world number one after the Open but will be overtaken if fourth seed Elina Svitolina makes the semifinals or top seed Karolina Pliskova reaches the final.

Stephens missed 11 months with a foot injury and returned only at Wimbledon, but has won 12 of her past 14 matches for her deepest US Open run in six tries.

"Honestly couldn't have asked for a better comeback," Stephens said. "Making it to the quarterfinals here is unbelievable."

In a men's draw assured of producing a first-time Slam finalist, Spanish 12th seed Pablo Carreno Busta meets Argentine 29th seed Diego Schwartzman in the last-eight while South African 28th seed Kevin Anderson meets US 17th seed Sam Querrey, who beat German 23rd seed Mischa Zverev 6-2, 6-2, 6-1.

Anderson matched his best Slam run from the 2015 US Open by beating Italy's Paolo Lorenzetti 6-3, 6-3, 6-7(4), 6-4.

"I got off to a great start the first two sets and imposed my game," Anderson said. "I had to dig deep and it feels absolutely fantastic to get through."

Carene Busta, who has not dropped a set, ended Canadian 18-year-old qualifier Denis Shapovalov's dream run 7-6 (7/2), 7-6 (7/4), 7-6 (7/3).

Shapovalov would have been the youngest Slam quarterfinalist since Michael Chang at the 1990 French Open and youngest at the US Open since Andre Agassi in 1988.

Schwartzman eliminated French 16th seed Lucas Pouille 7-6 (7/3), 7-5, 2-6, 6-2. At 5ft 7ins (1.70m), he is the shortest Grand Slam quarterfinalist since Peruvian Jaime Zaga here at the 1994 US Open. - AFP

Argentina, Chile seek advantage in South America race



Argentina coach Jorge Sampaoli gives directions to Lionel Messi, Ever Banega and Angel Di Maria during a training session ahead of their Tuesday's FIFA World Cup Qualifier against Venezuela in Ezeiza, Argentina.

MONTEVIDEO, Sept 4: Opened the Argentinian squad will seek to maintain the pressure on Chile with a victory over Venezuela tomorrow as South America's 2018 World Cup qualifying race enters the home stretch.

An uninspiring 0-0 draw

Argentina fifth in the standings with three games remaining, just outside the top four spots which guarantee automatic entry to next year's finals in Russia.

In the morning, 14 out of the 24

combinations that had bought the ITT

(Subscription to Tender) document bid for various rights, turned up for the auction.

Out of the 14 companies, BamTech

was disqualified as they did not meet

the requisite criteria.

Sony and Star were the two compa-

nies which stood the test of scrutiny for India broadcast rights.

Some of the other companies that

were in contention for India digital

rights were Times Internet Limited,

Jio, Airtel and Facebook. - PTI

aggressive tomorrow.

"We have to be more aggressive in the last third and get more people in the area," he said following the Uruguay stalemate.

"We have to ensure that the team wins. We have to win so that Argentina can be at the World Cup in Russia."

Despite the nervousness of Argentina's campaign, their fans can console themselves by the thought that Chile have hardly been any more convincing.

The South American cham-

pions owe their fourth place in

the table to a FIFA sanction

which converted a 0-0 home

draw with Bolivia into a 3-0 win

after the Bolivians fielded an in-

eligible player.

The Chileans face Bolivia

again tomorrow in La Paz, an awkward tie at altitude even if

their opponents, who are al-

ready eliminated, have little to

play for. - AFP

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Bangla reach 253-6 despite Lyon's 5-wkt haul

CHITTAGONG, Sept 4: Australian off-spinner Nathan Lyon claimed five wickets on a turning pitch but Bangladesh fought back to reach 253-6 at stumps on the opening day of the second Test.

Lyon decimated Bangladesh's top order with four consecutive lbws before Sabir Rahman and Mashfiqur Rahim put up 105 for the sixth wicket to steady the hosts in Chittagong.

Monsoon rain could disrupt play on the second day, putting pressure on Steve Smith's men to polish off Bangladesh's tail early as they seek a win to equalise the two-Test series.

Australia lost their first-ever Test against Bangladesh last week and dropped a fast bowler in Chittagong to strengthen their spin attack on a turning wicket.

Lyon disposed of the four opening batsmen before claiming his fifth in the last session when Sabir was stumped.

But skipper Mashfiqur Rahim remains an obstacle for the tourists, unbeaten on 62 and patiently holding together the innings.

Nasir Hossain, the last recognised batsman, was the other not out player



Mashfiqur Rahim of Bangladesh plays one into the on side during day one of the 2nd Test against Australia at Chittagong, on Monday.

with 19 at close of play at the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium.

Rahim and Sabir displayed contrasting styles in their stand, with Sabir playing adventurous shots and Rahim anchoring.

Sabir scored his 50 off only 62 balls but slowed as Rahim became more

confident, smashing his own half-century off 124 balls.

Sabir dispatched Lyon for a six over long-on and Rahim hit two consecutive fours against Steve O'Keefe.

Lyon, the first off-spinner to open the Test bowling for Australia since 1938, finally removed Sabir in the

82nd over when he was stumped by Mathew Wade. Lyon finished with figures of five for 77 off 28 overs. His scalps included Tamim Iqbal, one of the architects of Bangladesh's historic victory over Australia, who fell for just nine on his home ground.

He also sent back Momimul Haque,

who boasts the highest batting average of the Bangladeshi team.

Left-arm spinner Ashton Agar got the other wicket for Australia, as a three-pronged spin attack took the batte to the hosts.

Agar dismissed Shakib Al Hasan, whose all-round heroics earned him man of the match in the first Test, for 24. Rahim had won the toss and opted to bat first on what looked like a spinners' paradise. Bangladesh brought in Momimul in place of pace bowler Shafiqul Islam.

Australia picked spin bowling all-rounder Steve O'Keefe, who replaced injured fast bowler Josh Hazlewood.

Hilton Cartwright replaced off-spinners batsmen Tamim Iqbal, Khawaja, who scored just one run each in his two innings in the first Test.

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Bangladesh 1st innings: Tamim Iqbal lbw b Lyon 9, Nasir Hossain lbw b Lyon 33, Imrul Kayes lbw b Lyon 4, Mohammad Hasib lbw b Lyon 10, Md. Al-Amin Al-Bari lbw b Lyon 24, Mashfiqur rahim not out 62, Sabir Rahman lbw b Lyon 65, Nasir Hossain not out 19. Extras: (5-5). Total: (six wickets in 90 overs) 253-6. Fall of wickets: (1-13, 2-21, 3-48), 5-67, 6-222. Best bowler: Lyon 10-3-30-5. Agar 17-4-6-2. 28-6-77-5. O'Keefe 20-0-70-0, Agar 3-0-6-0, Cartwright 5-1-16-2. AFP

Fancied India face Macau in Asian Cup Qualifier

FIFA top 100.

It's been more than 17 months since India last lost an away game. Their last defeat away from home was against Iran in a 2018 World Cup qualifier. Since then, the Blue Tigers have beaten Laos, Cambodia and Myanmar on the road.

"2019 (Asian Cup) isn't far and we have to be there. If we are to qualify, we are bit unlucky against the Kyrgyz Republic. But we are here to play our game and we need to concentrate on ourselves," Constantine said.

"It's true that we are at the top of the table at the moment but we need to work harder if we are to stay there."

There's intense competition among players for a berth in the playing XI, leading to a strong competition.

"It's not about who plays on the field. We all are playing for a cause. It's Mission Macau," Constantine gestured with his clenched fists. -PTI

AFA registration

GUWAHATI, Sept 4: The Assam Football Association (AFA) will introduce computerised on-line registration system of the players from this year.

Informing this in a release, the AFA secretary Ankur Dutta said that the footballers who represented their districts or clubs have to apply to the AFA by submitting documents like birth certificate, name of the district/club/college/school among others.

Ranji camp from Sept 8

GUWAHATI, Sept 4: The Assam Cricket Association has shortlisted 33 players to attend the Ranji Trophy team selection camp which will be held at the NF Railway Sports Association Stadium in Maligngaon from September 8.

Selected players: Pulin Kr Das, Golok Sharma, Sil Sankar Ray, Rishav Das, Anil Singh, Ranjil Haresh, Tamir Singh, Pradeep Debnath, Sunow Baruah, Dibyendu Panigrahi, Nimesh Kumar, Kishore Das, Wilson Rahman, Sanupurna Purkayasha, Dhriraj Goswami, Arup Das, Rituparna Das, Rituparna Phatwal, Mirinnoy Dutta, Jogenwar Bhumi, Sujoy Tarafdar, Abu Nechim Ahmed, Rahul Singh, Bikash Chetri, Deepak Gohain, Prasanta Sonowal, Saivik Das, Abhijit Sinha Roy, Arpan Dutta, Manashyoti Gogoi, Parthajit Borthakur.

Seminar on sports journalism

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GUWAHATI, Sept 4: The Assam Sports Journalist Association, in association with State Level Advisory Committee for Students and Youth Welfare & B Borooah College, a seminar on sports journalism was organised at the B Borooah College here today.

Speakers like former Sports Secretary Swapani Baruah, journalists Subodh Malli Baruah, Bidyut Kalita, Prarthana Hazarika, international award winning photo journalist Anupam Nath, B Borooah College faculty members Diganta Choudhury and Manabendra Sarma spoke on various aspects of sports journalism and sports management. Dr Satyendra Nath Barman, principal of the B Borooah College inaugurated the seminar where above 50 students took part. The subject of the seminar was – Sports Journalism as a Skill and Career Option.

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Former Sports Secretary Swapani Baruah speaking during the seminar on Sports Journalism at the B Borooah College in Guwahati, on Monday.

NE Taekwondo body formed

GUWAHATI, Sept 4: The panel of the newly set up North East Taekwondo Union was selected in a meeting held at the Circus House here on September 2 under the aegis of the All Assam Taekwondo Association.

Representatives from States like – Assam, Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura and Meghalaya were present in the meeting where discussions took place on the game and the meeting also resolved to work for the betterment of the taekwondo players of this region, stated a release.

The selected office bearers: **Advisers:** Boby Walkom (Manipur), Raj Kakol (Assam); **President:** Pele Kheij (Nagaland). **Vice presidents:** Hiranya Sakia (Assam), Joseph Thansanga (Mizoram), Sibastri Suel (Meghalaya); **General secretary:** Saluk Singh (Arunachal Pradesh); **Treasurer:** Manoj Singh (Meghalaya); **Joint secretaries:** Barikin Ch Das (Assam), Thy Esawant (Manipur); **Executive member:** F. Thangalingana (Meghalaya).

Armwrestling squad named

GUWAHATI, Sept 4: The All Assam Armwrestling Association today announced the 63-member Assam team for the 36th National Armwrestling Championship which is scheduled to be held at the Bhogeswari Phukanani Indoor Stadium here from September 8 to 10, informed State armwrestling body secretary Prahalad Sankar Bhagwati in a release.

The team was selected on the basis of their performance in the State level championship held at Digboi from May 26 to 28.

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Srinath visits Barsapara stadium



ICC Match Referee Jagaval Srinath (3rd left), accompanied by ACA officials visiting the Barsapara cricket stadium in Guwahati, on Monday. – UBI Photos

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GUWAHATI, Sept 4: The ICC Match Referee Jagaval Srinath visited the Assam Cricket Association's (ACA) stadium at Barsapara today to take stock of the preparation. The ACA is going to host a T20 match during the upcoming India-Australia series. The match is likely to be held on October 10.

Niranjan Singh Virk, ICC Anti Corruption Manager and MV Sridhar, BCCI's GM of Cricket Operation accompanied Srinath during his visit to the city stadium.

After inspecting the whole stadium, including the players' dressing room, pavilion, media centre, among others, the former India pacer expressed

his satisfaction over the arrangements and said that the stadium is of international standard. In a brief interaction with mediapersons, Srinath said he was happy with the infrastructure and will submit his report to the ICC. Sridhar was of the opinion that the stadium took a much better shape than they found during their last visit.

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Will select 20-25 players who will form WC core group: Kohli

COLOMBO, Sept 4: Virat Kohli has his eyes firmly fixed on the World Cup in England and the Indian captain wants to "address" the selection issue in a transparent manner selecting "a bunch of 20-25 players", who will form the core group going into the marquee event in 2019.

Kohli will be facing some hairy selection dilemmas with

senior bowlers Umesh Yadav, Ravichandran Ashwin, Ravindra Jadeja and Mohammed Shami all available for selection for the upcoming limited overs segment in India.

On the other hand, the junior spinners like Axar Patel, Yuzvendra Chahal and Kuldeep Yadav have done more than decently in India's 5-0 "Whitewash"

against Sri Lanka.

"The best thing is transparency. We will address it and tell them that this is a bunch of 20-25 people, who will make the probable-list for the World Cup and everyone has an equal opportunity to be tested at different stages," Kohli said at the end of the ODI series against Sri Lanka. – PTI

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