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**22 drown**

BAGHAT, Sept 14: At least 22 people drowned and many others were missing after an overloaded boat capsized in the Yaruna river here today. The boat was carrying 60 people, District Magistrate Bhawani Singh said. The boat sank close to Katha village, 20 km from the district headquarters. Twenty two bodies have been fished out so far, while 10 others have been rescued. — PTI

**3 poachers held**

MANGALORE, Sept 14: Police have arrested three poachers – Abdul Hasem, Nurul Haque and Muzahir Rahman – and recovered a .303 rifle, a magazine, a silencer and 10 rounds of .303 ammunition from their possession. — Correspondent

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## SC appoints Mangotra to oversee works Indo-Bangla border fencing

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

NEW DELHI, Sept 14: The Supreme Court on Thursday appointed former Secretary of Border Management, AK Mangotra, as the Chairman of the committee to oversee the border fencing works along the India-Bangladesh border.



Affairs, on July 16, 2012.

Mangotra's appointment came after former Home Secretary GK Pillai declined to accept the offer of chairman of the committee. Pillai informed the court expressing his inability.

The other members of the committee are DK Pathak, former Director General, Border Security Force, and Prof Abdul Mannan, a retired Professor of the Gauhati University.

Earlier, Madhukar Gupta, a former Union Home Secretary, had also expressed his reluctance to continue as the Chairman of the committee, citing personal reasons.

Meanwhile, All Assam Students' Union adviser Dr Samujal Bhattacharya has welcomed Mangotra's appointment, saying it has been 32 years since the signing of the Assam Accord and the Indo-Bangla border continues to be porous.

public meeting at Bamunbari on Tuesday that the path of an armed struggle would have to be adopted if the rights of the indigenous people were infringed upon by the Bharatiya Janata Party-led government.

Akhil was vehemently criticising the governments both at the Centre and in the State over their attempt to accommodate Hindu Bangladeshis in Assam, and

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## Modi, Abe launch India's first bullet train project

AHMEDABAD, Sept 14: The countdown to India's first bullet train from Ahmedabad to Mumbai began today with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Japanese counterpart Shinzo Abe launching the Rs 110 lakh crore project.

Modi described the ambitious project, which is expected to be completed by 2022 and will cut travel time between the two cities from seven hours to less than three, as a "big gift from Japan to India". Addressing

crowds gathered at the Sabarmati for the event, Abe said the Indo-Japan partnership was special, strategic and global.

"A strong India is Japan's interest," Abe said after the two leaders pressed a button, unveiling a plaque.

"My good friend Prime Minister Narendra Modi is a farsighted leader. He took a decision two years ago to bring a high-speed train in India and to create a new India," he said. Abe added that he hoped to enjoy the "beautiful scenery of India through the windows of the bullet train" when he returns in a few weeks. He said the launch of the bullet train by Japan's

Sinclair Technology, which will also provide technology for India's project, had changed the country's economy, society and people's lives.

Congratulating the people of India, Modi said this was "a bold step towards realising an old dream of a bullet train".

Lauding Japan, he said the country was such a friend that it gave a loan of Rs 88,000 crore at 0.1

per cent interest for the project. Modi also took a dig at the Opposition which had often sounded sceptical about the bullet train project.

"When earlier I talked about bullet train, they (Opposition) used to say it was big talk,

and now when it has come they are saying what is the need for it," Modi said.

"Our stress is now on high-speed connectivity which will improve speed, reduce distance and ensure economic progress," he added.

In 1964, Modi said, Japan started the bullet train and now this technology is in 15 countries. — PTI

## Chirang DC Binod Deka suspended

**STAFF REPORTER**

GUWAHATI, Sept 14: On the basis of an inquiry report of the Directorate of Vigilance & Anti-corruption, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today directed the Personnel Department to suspend the Deputy Commissioner of Chirang district, Binod Deka, with immediate effect.

Following the direction, the department suspended Deka and posted ACS officer Ratul Baruah in his place as the DC of Chirang.

Terminating corruption as a major deterrent to effective implementation of government schemes, the Chief Minister stated that his government has adopted a "zero-tolerance" approach against corruption and no corrupt official will be spared at any cost. The government will continue its fight against corruption in a more vigorous way in the days to come, he asserted.

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## Elements trying to foil Govt's anti-graft efforts

**STAFF REPORTER**

GUWAHATI, Sept 14: The State government's effort to curb corruption and nepotism in road projects have met with resistance from unscrupulous elements who are making efforts to sabotage the effort and in the process projects are getting delayed.

Replying to the discussion on the cut motion for voting on Supplementary Demands for grants for 2017-18 of PWD in the Legislative Assembly today, PWD Minister Parimal Sekhdev said that certain

things to delay projects," he said, adding that such attempts will not be allowed to succeed.

The PWD Minister said the department has suffered losses to the tune of over Rs 830 crore due to damage to infrastructure during the floods last year and the year.

"Last year, we suffered a loss of Rs 528 crore. So far this year, our losses due to floods have been Rs 306 crore. However, (See page 14)

Road projects getting delayed

elements are feeling threatened by the anti-corruption drive of the government and they are attempting to create hurdles in the process.

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**The Assam Tribune****Easy way out**

Since time immemorial the Chakmas had dwelt in the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT), now within Bangladesh. Their misfortune began during the Partition of the Indian subcontinent, when the Radcliffe Commission through an inscrutable, irrational and arbitrary decision, awarded the CHT to East Pakistan. Ethnic and religious differences having come to the fore, the Pakistan army, in the name of utilizing the water resources of the CHT, began a systematic campaign of persecution against the Chakmas, forcing thousands of them to flee to the safety of India. Rather than take up their cause and have their homeland restored to them, a spineless Indian Government chose to treat them as refugees, having some of them settled in Mizoram and the rest in Arunachal Pradesh. Delhi has traditionally never taken the people of the North-east into confidence prior to making far-reaching decisions, and the resettlement of the Chakmas in Arunachal was done against the wishes of the local communities. Simultaneously, the Centre has not made the least effort to have the homeland of the Chakmas restored to them. It may be recalled that India had played a seminal role in the liberation of East Pakistan and the creation of Bangladesh. Even then the Centre had not taken up the issue of return of the Chakma refugees to their homeland, nor later when India had worked towards establishing close relations with the Bangladeshi Government.

On the contrary, it appears that the Union Government has accepted the displacement of the Chakmas as a fait accompli and taken a decision which appears to be as arbitrary as the one the Radcliffe Commission. Rather than negotiate with the friendly Sheikh Hasina Government so that the refugees can return to the CHT, it has decided to confer citizenship to the Chakma and Hajong refugees who had been earlier resettled in Arunachal. It hardly needs reiteration that in taking this easy way out, the local people of the State have not been consulted and organizations like the All Arunachal Pradesh Students' Union are already up in arms against this decision. The conferment of citizenship has thus laid the seed for future conflict between communities though the Centre has used an Apex Court directive issued a couple of years ago as a rationale. It needs to be noted that even here, full justice has not been done to the Chakma community, for it will not be entitled to certain rights enjoyed by Schedule Tribes — Chakmas will have to be given inner line permits to reside and work in the State and cannot purchase land. One certainly hopes that conferring citizenship on the Chakmas is not merely the start of a similar process with other entities — the Centre, for instance, is contemplating citizenship for the Hindu refugees in the North-east against the wishes of the local people!

**Deplorable incident**

The widely-reported incident of a TET-qualified lady teacher facing relentless harassment at her workplace by two of her male colleagues is disturbing to say the least. The episode — something that has compelled her to write an open letter to the Chief Minister seeking redressal of her grievances — is all the more deplorable because the alleged offenders took recourse to religion as a pretext to torment her. While persecution of the minorities often hogs the headlines, and understandably so, the tendency to put under the wraps any undesirable happening the other way round, i.e., when members of the minority are the perpetrators, cannot be justifiable. Harassment at workplace, in any case, is a serious offence under the law, entailing harsh penalties for the offenders. The State Government must take serious note of the incident taking place at an interior locality in Morigaon district, institute a thorough probe, and ensure that justice is done. As the issue is having religious insinuations, any delay in taking action could trigger uncalled-for communal tension. It is prompt and strong legal action alone that can send a stern message to prospective offenders that such behaviour would not be tolerated. As several such cases of harassment to lady teachers have been reported from interior areas, the State Government also needs to review its policy of posting *nis-a-nis* woman teachers. There are hundreds of such teachers who have been enduring immense hardships in getting to their remote and unsafe destinations every day. The physical hardships of an arduous journey apart, the unsafe ambience of the surroundings is bound to play heavily on the mind of the teacher, thereby affecting her ability to discharge her professional duties. Considering the circumstances, the Government would do well to modify its policy of posting and facilitate the posting of woman teachers to places near their hometown or villages. The long-term effects of such a humane approach will also best serve the interests of students and education.

The appointment of a large number of TET teachers last week is a welcome trend that can go a long way in addressing the lacune plaguing government-run school education. The prolonged neglect to this crucial sphere of education by successive governments has contributed significantly to the downward slide of school education — both at primary and secondary levels. With no corrective interventions taking place for decades, the developments also led to huge wastage of human resource. While the introduction of TET a few years back was a welcome initiative that can restore the place of merit in recruitment, undoing the harm already done will test the sincerity and efficiency of the Government. Now, the Right to Education Act (RTE) has also mandated wide-ranging changes in the education system, for which huge amounts of Central funds are being released. Teachers' training is another crucial component for creating a pool of competent and committed teachers. Being the bedrock of education, primary and secondary education warrants greater investment and intensive supervision.

**HPC a sinking paper boat****Dipanjan Konwar**

**H**awaiian economist Dani Rodrik in his 2015 paper 'Premature Deindustrialization' calls manufacturing the "automatic escalator" of development, because once a country finds a niche in global manufacturing, productivity often seems to start rising automatically. He lamented: "What the developing countries are experiencing today is apparently called 'premature deindustrialization'."

Of the three main economic sectors — agriculture, services and manufacturing — the last one has been the ticket out of poverty for all emerging nations of the world. Two kinds of spending drive any economy — consumption and investment; of these, investment is an important driver for growth and business cycles. Successful economies in which growth exceeded 6% for a decade or more on an average have been investing about 25% of GDP. Nations which ranked high on investment as a share of GDP — China, South Korea, Malaysia and Indonesia, also rank as the topers by manufacturing as a share of GDP. In India, investment as a share of the economy exceeded 30% of GDP in the last decade but very little of that money went into factories. Indian manufacturing has been stagnant at around 15% of GDP.

The Government of India set up the Hindustan Paper Corporation Limited (HPC) on May 29, 1970 with the objective of establishing pulp and paper/newsprint in the country to make paper available for mass communication. The aims of the HPC are to produce varieties

of paper and newsprint to supply to consumers maintaining stability of paper price. The HPC is also to be a catalyst for industrial growth in North-east India.

The political paralysis of the government about what it wants to do now with the HPC can be perceived from the lack of enthusiasm to push-start the two integrated paper mills of Assam — Nagaon Paper Mill (NPM) at Jagiroad and Cachar Paper Mill (CPM) at Panchguri. The two mills have stopped production since March, 2017 and October, 2015 respectively.

The employees of the two mills have not received their salaries for more than nine months. In a continuous process like industry, if the production lines remain idle for months, boilers, cooking plant, chemical recovery plant, conveyor systems, pipelines, etc., will get jammed and rust. Reviving the mills will be a huge challenge requiring intensive care and finance. The picture seems bleak, similar to a sick person abandoned by the family to die ignominiously on the verandah of a hospital for lack of money!

The HPC with its headquarters in Kolkata had four paper mills with a total capacity of about 3.35 lakh tons of paper and newsprint, NPM and CPM function directly under HPC control. The other two are subsidiary companies, the Hindustan Newsprint Ltd (HNL), Kerala, established

in 1982 and the Nagaland Pulp and Paper Company Ltd (NPCL), a joint venture with the Government of Nagaland. The NPCL Tuli mill, incorporated in 1971 with the commercial production starting in 1982, has been referred to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) for consideration under the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985 or SICA. The HPC has also initiated the process of disinvesting its stake of share-

pulp with 100% bamboo as raw material. The unbleached pulp is bleached to produce pulp of 85% ISO brightness for manufacturing of writing and printing grades, surface sized varieties of paper and newsprint. Each mill also has 30 MW captive Power Plant and also Caustic Soda and Chlorine Plant of capacity 50 to 60 MT. Total annual production capacities of NPM and CPM is one lakh metric tons each. There is a provision to produce 20,000 tons of newsprint in each of these mills within the total capacity of one lakh tons.

The production of NPM and CPM started from October, 1985 and April, 1988 respectively. NPM exceeded its production capacity continuously from 2004 to 2009, achieving capacity utilization of 115% in 2007-08 producing 1,15,125 MT. CPM achieved 103% capacity utilization in 2006-07 producing 1,03,155 MT. HPC has a record of generating net profit since 1995-1996 onwards. Based on its performance, HPC was classified as a Schedule 'A' Mini-Ratna Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) in the Consumer Goods sector.

Trouble for the mills started from 2008-09 with increasing cost of inputs and other logistical constraints. While NPM continued to perform well, the HPC performance was dipping due to slow-down of production by CPM. In 2012-13 the production of NPM was 86,279 MT with sales turnover of Rs 349.97 crore whereas the production of CPM became nearly half at 52,683 MT with day-to-day working.

**Sir MV and Engineers' Day****Parag Phukan**

**R**emember, your work may be only to sweep a railway crossing, but it is your duty to keep it so clean that no other crossing in the world is as clean as yours. One would appreciate, what would have been the commitment of the person telling these words to his subordinates towards duty, efficiency and excellence! This great man was no other than the father of Indian engineering, Bharat Ratna Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya, respectfully addressed as Sir MV.

Visvesvaraya was born on September, 1860 in a remote village near Bengaluru, in the then princely State of Mysore (now Karnataka). Since 1967, his birthday is celebrated as 'Engineers' Day' throughout the country to commemorate the legendary engineer. Incidentally, this year being the 50th Engineers' Day, it calls for robust celebrations by the engineers and others alike. It also calls for some serious introspection by the Indian engineers, serving or retired, to gear themselves up to be the change-leaders to make India a developed nation

of our dreams, soon. Rightfully, the Institution of Engineers (India) chose the theme 'Role of Engineers in a Developing India', for the day.

After losing his father at a tender age of 15, this poor but intelligent boy still in his teens had to take up private tuitions to support his studies in the Central College of Bengaluru for completing his degree course, in which he came out with flying colours. Then with a special scholarship from the Government, he went to study Civil Engineering at the famous College of Engineering, Pune, and passed out securing the first position in the university.

In those days India was under the British colonial rule. But as one could ignore a great talent like him, he was immediately appointed by the British-ruled Bombay Presidency as an assistant engineer directly, without an interview. As the adage goes, 'the morning shows the fame of this young engineer's excellence and honesty started spreading quickly not just within the government circles, but all

over, from the Dewan of Mysore to the Kaveri near Mysore, the largest in Asia in those days, was not only an engineering marvel but its beautiful architecture was also a feast to the eyes which still bears testimony to the legendary engineer's vision.

Prior to that, on account of his exemplary works and eminence, many foreign companies and governments vied with each other to hire him. But being a hardcore patriot, he took up the assignment to be the chief engineer of the State of Mysore as offered personally by its progressive king, Krishnaraja Wodiar, rejecting many lucrative offers. The combination proved to be a golden period for the State in ushering in all-round development of industry, banking, educational, etc., thereby creating a strong foundation of the present day developed Karnataka.

His autobiography *Memories of my Working Life* tells about the

greatness of this noble soul. But the following small story tells volumes about his highest level of integrity: When he was to become the Dewan of Mysore, he invited all his family members and relatives to a dinner and told everybody categorically that during his premiership, no one would try to get any special favour from the Government. And there is no record of any nepotism or favouritism by him ever. His life also teaches the engineers to have a wider vision to become the torchbearers of change. He believed, engineers are creators and creation is development.

Sir MV received many laurels in his life time including the Knighthood by the British Empire. To pay the nation's gratitude, he was conferred with the Bharat Ratna in 1955. On April 12, 1962 this great son of India passed away leaving a huge void. This void can only be filled by in all of us with sincere and dedicated work towards nation building by following his mantra: "To give real service, you must add something which cannot be bought or measured with money."

(Published on the occasion of Engineers Day today.)

**Letters to the EDITOR**

**Sir,** — We are glad to know that Ravi Shankar attended the peace conference at the invitation of the PUFCA general secretary Anup Chetia. It is a positive development and we sincerely hope that this will usher in lasting peace in the region. Today, yoga and spirituality have become a new sensation in India, and it is spreading all over the world. There has been an enormous increase in yoga-related studies which is bringing the profound depth of the inner teachings of yoga into focus. Ravi Shankar is credited with bringing the essence of spirituality to the forefront. The Art of Living Foundation founded in 1981 today operates in 152 countries with 26,000 yoga instructors serving as volunteers. The scope of the foundation is far-reaching, from women's empowerment programmes in India to specialised treatment for cancer patients and prison inmates in the US. There was news published in *The Assam Tribune* earlier that the AOL was planning to bring such practices to the prisoners of Jorhat jail. The ULFA members are making an effort to be accepted

**Pushing forward ULFA peace process**

and also to contribute to the society. As a fellow human being, we need to encourage and support such effort. The fabric of Assamese society is torn at the seams due to the decades-long violence, mistrust and divisiveness. Any more intolerance, indifference and irrationality will completely and irreversibly break our social fabric. Assamese society is at a critical juncture: only the enduring message of peace, love and compassion can bring us back together and we have to decide whether to get serious or break up. Yours etc., ANKUR BORA, Dallas, Texas, USA.

**Silver alloy coins**  
Sir — Media reports indicate about Union Finance Ministry having issued some notifications for issue of silver alloy coins in new denominations of Rs 100 apart from newly-designed coins in the denominations of Rs 5 and Rs 10 to commemorate the birth anniversaries of Bharat Ratna awardees, MS Subalaxmi and MG Ramchandran. Silver alloy commemorative coins in denominations of Rs 100 or above are not uncommon. But such coins cannot be issued on face value with their metal value being multi-times higher than their face value. Best is to have

face value of the silver alloy coins more than double the metal value which can be Rs 500 or Rs 1000 with 50% silver as metal content, so that these coins may be normally circulated coins on face value like it was in the British era.

Cumbersome practice of selling higher-priced coins sets through advance booking much after issue of coins should be simplified by having just one category of 'proof coin set' in all denominations, abolishing the other category of 'uncirculated set', to be sold at convenient sale points like bank counters and philatelic centres right from date of issue of coins for the coin collectors. Such steps will not only make the general public a part of commemorating an occasion through the issue of coins, but will also bring net revenue earnings to the Government because such high-priced coins and their lower value come in actual circulation. Yours etc., SUBHASH CHANDRA AGRAWAL, Chandni Chowk, Delhi.

**Glaring mistake**  
Sir — It is distressing to see that even the highly-educated ministers make glaring show of their ignorance. This is with reference to Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma declaring in the Assembly that the

health sub-centres will be upgraded to public health centres. There is no such thing as public health centre. What we have in this country are primary health centres (PHC) just like primary schools. Yours etc., H GHONGLAH, Shillong.

**Hurricane Irma**  
Sir — The devastation caused by the recent hurricane Irma in the Caribbean islands and Florida in the US should prompt the world leaders to act on climate change. The hurricane with its devastating effects has once again justified the 2015 Paris agreement on reducing global warming. Except the US, all the countries in the world have supported to the 2015 Paris agreement. At first glance, one might feel insensitive to discuss climate change in the midst of the deadly Hurricane Irma. Necessarily, there is a need to find measures for minimizing the devastating effects of the deadly storms. The hurricane Irma has left a trail of destruction in the Caribbean islands affecting several million people killing at least 20. Scientists view that greenhouse gas emissions could make hurricanes more intense. A comprehensive planning is essential for correcting the adverse climate effects that the world community has been experiencing over the years. Yours etc., MAHESWAR DEKA, Rangiya.

**Mission China**

Sir — I had the opportunity to watch Zubeen Garg's *Mission China* at a Guwahati theatre a couple of days back. What I observed is, *Mission China* has been a big hit only because of Zubeen's popularity among the mass people of Assam. If somebody else would have made this film, it would not have been such a big hit. Anyway, congratulations to Zubeen and his team for their fine effort. When everybody was praising Zubeen, a news item came up in the media with Zubeen himself telling about an incident in New Delhi airport with an Army Major over the army beret Zubeen was wearing. The singer-filmmaker detailed about the argument he had with the Army man in front of the media. These outbursts are uncalled for and it shows his immaturity. Such unmindful behaviour sends a wrong message. Yours etc., ANKUSH DUTTA, Chandmari, Guwahati.

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**FIR against Zubeen 'fans'**

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 14: The United Television Media Association has lodged an FIR against a section of Zubeen Garg fans for making insulting comments against a Guwahati-based television journalist after the latter expressed his personal views on the recently released movie *Mission China* starring Garg, on Facebook.

The FIR was lodged with the Dispur Police Station and the police assured us of looking into the matter. We want the culprits to be booked so that such trolling of journalists or for that matter anyone who expresses his or her views does not recur," Sarma said, adding, "Freedom of speech cannot be compromised at any cost."

The accused even distorted a picture of News 18 journalist Raju Baruah before releasing them in the social networking site and even threatened him of dire consequences.

**Man gets 12-year jail term for drug trafficking**

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**AASU-backed candidates' success**

GUWAHATI, Sept 14: All Assam Students' Union (AASU)-supported candidates won the elections to the posts of vice president, general secretary, assistant general secretary and minor games secretary of the Gauhati College Students' Union, which were held today. – Staff Reporter

GUWAHATI, Sept 14: The Court of Additional Sessions Judge (No 1), Kamrup Metro recently awarded Md Nawaz Sharif 12 years of imprisonment along with a fine of Rs 1 lakh in a case related to drug trafficking reported in 2016.

Sharif was arrested by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) in July 2016 in Guwahati with a truck carrying 2.560 kilograms of morphine. The NCB was represented by advocate Ritupar Bhushya.

Sharif was convicted under section 21 of the NDPS Act. "In case he fails to pay the fine, he will have to undergo another two years of simple imprisonment," the court ordered. – Staff Reporter

**Silk Mark Expo from today**

GUWAHATI, Sept 14: A 5-day Silk Mark Expo will be held at NEDFI House here from tomorrow under the aegis of the Silk Mark Organisation of India (SMOI), Central Silk Board.

Silk Mark is an initiative of SMOI and has been working for

protecting the interests of ser-

icultural farmers on one hand and consumers on the other by safeguarding the purity of silk in the products through introduction of silk mark labels.

Riniki Bhuyan Sarma, CSM, Pride East Entertainments Pvt Ltd, will inaugurate the Silk Mark Expo tomorrow. – Staff Reporter

**WEATHER GUWAHATI**

**LOCAL FORECAST:**  
Partly cloudy sky to generally cloudy sky. Rain/thundershower is very likely to occur. Maximum and Minimum temperature are likely to be 33°C & 25°C respectively on Friday.

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**Rail passengers' body submits memo**

CORRESPONDENT

HAILAKANDI, Sept 14: Members of Rail Yatri Suraksha Samiti submitted a memorandum to the General Manager of NEF Railway through the Hailakandi Deputy Commissioner enlisting an 11-point charter of demands on Tuesday. They demanded early resolution of the problems on the Barabati (Mizoram-Silchar) railway track. Other demands include regular plying of passenger trains from Barabati to Silchar and back, plying of trains on Saturdays and Sundays, introduction of more trains on the route for the benefit of passengers, increase of train coaches, introduction of passenger reservation system, immediate development of the infrastructure of the Hailakandi Railway Station, etc.

The memorandum alleged that the decision of the Railway authorities to stop the running of the Barabati-Silchar train on Saturday and Sunday is causing a lot of inconvenience to the public. The memorandum was signed by president Samsons Haque Barbuha and secretary Dipankar Dutta of the Samiti.

**One killed in mishap**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

JORHAT, Sept 14: Sani Basfur (30), a resident of ward number 4 of Barphatar town in Golaghat district was killed on the spot when the motorbike he was riding collided head-on with a bus reportedly carrying Nagaland police personnel soon after the railway crossing at Barphatar town on Wednesday night.

After the accident, a mob set a Maruti Gypsy vehicle on fire that was accompanying the bus. Local police came to the site and brought the situation under control.

**Body recovered**

CORRESPONDENT

SILCHAR, Sept 14: The body of a 26-year-old lady was recovered under mysterious condition from a pond at Rangturi in Bhagabazar area under Dholai constituency in Cachar district on Wednesday. The deceased has been identified as Lahirupita, a resident of Aizawl who had come to purchase bricks to be taken back home.

**Vital documents looted**

CORRESPONDENT

SILCHAR, Sept 14: Giving a strong challenge to the claims of Cachar Police terming the rampant instances of alleged dacoity and theft of essentials, including the NRC documents, across the district as 'rumours', dacoits barged into the residence of Alim Uddin at Noon Nagar village under Katigora constituency on Monday midnight.

According to sources, the incident took place when a gang of four armed dacoits with their faces covered, broke into the residence and threatened the family members to hand over the NRC documents. But since the family members raised a hue and cry, the dacoits fled the spot with vital documents.

Abu Bakkar, secretary of the local Village Defence Party said, "The dacoits fled the spot with vital documents like voter ID cards, birth certificates etc. An FIR has been lodged at the Katigora police station in this regard."

He informed that the family was also targeted by dacoits in November last year. Meanwhile, Additional SP Cacher Ramandeep Kaur rushed to the spot to take stock of the situation.

**OBITUARY**

**Hiranmoyee Barua**

G U W A H A T I , Sept 14: Hiranmoyee Barua, an educationist and retired teacher passed away on Wednesday evening at her Sipahaj Dubabati residence following a cardiac arrest. She was 78. She was closely associated with various socio-cultural organisations of Dubabati village.

She leaves behind three sons, three daughters and a host of relatives.

## Revised order likely to have serious ramifications

STAFF REPORTER

### WRD decision on ADB-supported project

GUWAHATI, Sept 14: In a development that may have serious ramifications for river management in the State, a 2013 decision of the Water Resources Department (WRD) for a Rs 22-crore Asian Development Bank (ADB)-supported six-storied state-of-the-art river research and management institute for management of rivers, water and land in the State, has now been revised in favour of a water training academy, along with facilities of a convention centre.

This development has come to the fore at a time when the river experts here are deplored the fact that there

are striking inadequacies of data on the Brahmaputra and its tributaries. The 2013 decision was adopted with the aim at replacing the WRD's outmoded River Research Station at Beltoila with the said institute so that it could help the State government and its agencies to understand the processes that control the behaviour of the Brahmaputra and its Barak and their tributaries better and to take up capacity building in this area.

This institute was envisaged as a centre of excellence for knowledge and technology for management of rivers, water and land in the North-East under the name and style of 'Assam Water Research and Management Institute' (AWRMI). The 2013 decision said that the idea for setting up a centre of excellence evolved over time and has now taken shape as a government policy with the ADB's support. It was envisioned also as a WRD associate organisation.

A cabinet memorandum (file no. WR (G) 78/2013) was also accepted by the State government on the confirmation of functional autonomy to this institute by creating a society.

Developing human resources

(both in-house and in related agencies) to the point of world class expertise was one of major missions.

It was sought to be developed in the model of the Bangladesh Institute of Water Modelling (IWM), Centre for Environmental and Geographic Information Systems (CEGIS) and Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre (FFWC), Sri Lanka's Lanka Hydraulic Institute Ltd (LHI). These are all self-sustaining centres of excellence of South Asia. They had initially received backing from their respective governments and donors. Later on, such supports

were withdrawn after a suitable institutional basis was created to make them self-sustaining.

On March 17, 2015, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal laid the foundation of the Assam Water Centre to house the AWRMI.

But, the Flood and River Erosion Management Agency, Assam (FREMAA), which was authorised by the WRD to construct the buildings of the AWRMI by utilising the ADB funds, had in a resolution of its 19th executive body meeting said, "As the area of the building is quite huge, so it is evident that a lot of maintenance cost in the form of building maintenance, electricity bill, security charges, floor keepers, lift maintenance, lawn main-

tenance, gardening/gardener charges etc., will have to be incurred.

"In order to meet up these costs, a revenue generation model as discussed is being proposed. FREMAA may keep the required area for its own office premises and remaining area may be allowed to be used as a convention centre comprising conference rooms, meeting/banquet halls etc. We can create facilities and generate revenue on the lines of NEDFI," it said.

It may be mentioned here that the FREMAA is a special purpose vehicle created by the government of Assam under the WRD to implement the ADB-funded flood and erosion management project in the State.

### Brajanath Sharma remembered

CORRESPONDENT

lager naming it 'Silpa Kalika Opera Party,' which was dismantled in 1924. Thereafter, he formed a new group called 'Ganakari Opera Party.' However, five years later in 1930, he formed his historic Kohinoor Opera party," said Hemanta Baruah adding he was the pioneer of co-acting in the Assamese theatre that toured various places of Assam. The same movement later translated into the famous mobile theatre movement. "His plays, *Monumoti, Uriashi, Patta, Barjita, Biplobi* etc., could showcase the real condition of the Assamese people," he maintained.

Baruah, in his speech, also said that Brajanath Sharma joined the British Army and fought battles overseas in the First World War. During the period, he met an Englishman named George and became interested in acting. While being posted in Basirhat, he was an active member of the West Bengal Dramatic Club and played roles in various Bengali plays from 1917 to 1921. "In 1921, he returned home and formed a drama group in his vil-



Devotees performing naam prasanga on the occasion of Janmastami, in Majuli on Wednesday. – UB Photos

### Annual day of Little Flower HS, Bagari celebrated

ANN Service

KALIABOR, Sept 14: Little Flower High School, Bagari under Kalibor subdivision celebrated its annual day-cum-parents day recently in the presence of parents, distinguished guests, teachers and students. Prof Narendra Nath Hazarika, retired principal, Kalibor College attended the function as the chief guest. The function began with presentation of various cultural and other programmes like patriotic dance, karate demonstration, Bollywood contempo-

rary dance, bihu dance, among others, by the students. The 2017 HSLC exam passed students were felicitated on the occasion. Priti Khanal was conferred the Little Flower Jewel, 2017. The school magazine *Light in Darkness* was released by Rev Bro Peter in the function.

Speaking on the occasion as the chief guest, NN Hazarika said that performances by the students of the school during the function exhibited their proficiency in all fields.

Earlier, principal Bro KP Joseph read out the annual report while Dorish Rongprip presented the welcome address.

Master Wilson Riameh, school vice captain, offered the vote of thanks.

With other parts of the nation, the principal, Bro KP Joseph with the co-operation of the teachers and the parents concerned, and Hazarika said.

Babi Saikia, artiste pensioner, while addressing the gathering as a guest of honour praised the school authority for the excellent performance of the students.

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### National Nutrition Week observed at Mangaldai

KALIAGAON, Sept 14: Along with other parts of the nation, Paschim Mangaldai ICDS Project, Darang also observed the National Nutrition Week 2017 from September 1 to 7 at different anganwadi centres under its jurisdiction.

This year, National Nutrition Week was observed with the focal theme, 'Optimal Infant and Young Child Feeding Practices: Better Child Health'. On the concluding day, i.e., on September 7, the programme started with a rally from Pipardonak to Aulachowka, where the anganwadi workers and supervisors of the project took part. At Aulachowka, the AWWs performed a streetplay to generate awareness on the need of double ration for pregnant women. – Correspondent

DIPUH, Sept 14: Seemon Rongphar has been expelled from the post of president of Karbi Students' Association (KSA). This was announced by other members of central committee of KSA in press meet at Dipuh Press Club here.

While addressing the press meet, KSA central committee vice-president Mondol Ingahi stated that Rongphar had violated constitutional law of KSA by threatening KSA members. On September 10, a gang of goons led by Rongphar and All India Students' Association (AISA) leaders, Ranji Kransma and Thomson Rongpi, al-

### KSA president, leaders expelled

CORRESPONDENT

legedly entered the KSA central committee office and threatened the KSA members to vacate the office immediately.

The other expelled student leaders are – Thompson Rongpi, Laichan Inglen, Atursing Teron, Peter Phangho, and Bijoy Kro. They were expelled for creating chaos and conspiracy within the organisation, the KSA leaders added.

The KSA leaders appointed Mondol Ingahi as acting president of KSA central committee till October 10. It may be mentioned here that the KSA central body alleged that all the expelled student leaders were working actively with the CPI (ML).

### Bidi production in many villages of Dhubri district on the rise



Members of a family busy making bidis in a Dhubri village.

CORRESPONDENT

Although the bidi production is an unorganised sector, but more and more people are getting engaged in such works as they get regular payment from the contractors who visit village to village to collect the produce from the families. For every thousand bidis, one gets Rs 100-120,

and that means if four members of a family get engaged in such an activity then they can easily produce 3000 bidis, earning the family at least Rs 9000 per month.

"As this money is fixed and comes without any investment, people are getting more attracted to the industry," said Nasauddin Ali of Banijamari village, who has been making bidis since 25 years. "Earlier only the females use to make the bidis, but now everyone is attracted to it because the money is bound to come and we get payment for our hard work unlike farming,

which is damaged by natural disasters every year."

The villagers of the area, where the production is high, also informed that they use to engage themselves in cultivation of rice, jute and seasonal vegetables. "But we are not relying on these cultivation any more. It is not that we have completely left farming but we don't depend on it any more," said Farook Ahmed of Assamari village, who also added, "flood and storm every year damage our farm produce and our fisheries."

"The bidis give us a fixed income and is a stable source of money," said Ahmed.

These bidis produced by the families are taken away by the contractors, who also supply them with tobacco leaves. Bidis are later sold in various markets of Assam and West Bengal under different brand names.

### Bhabendra Nath Sarma



Bhabendra Nath Sarma, an educationist and retired headmaster of Jalkhana-Bhattacharya High School of Tihu subdivision and a resident of Haribhanga village, passed away on September 5. He was 65.

Born on April 2, 1962 to late Biswanath Devi and Urmla Devi, Haribhanga (Kamalabham), Bhabendra Nath Sarma passed the HSLC exam from Haribhanga High School and completed his BSc degree with honours in Chemistry from Bajali College, Pathasala in 1977.

After completing his degree, he started his career at Sonapuri Girls' High School as an assistant teacher in 1979. Later, he started working with Dimoria High School from 1980 to 1991, and then in 1991, he joined at Jalkhana-Bhattacharya High School and retired from the same in 2014 as the headmaster.

Moreover in 1988, he completed his BED degree. He was also appointed as an inspection officer for the HSLC examination for three years.

He was closely associated with various socio-cultural organisations of the village. He was the president of Haribhanga Kendriya Sangathan and was also the president of Haribhanga Public Library. During his career as a teacher, he was the secretary of the Paschim Nabart Patrikya Parishad. Sarma was also able to bring laurels to his village by receiving the 'Renowned Teacher Award'.

A very friendly, straightforward and honest person, he impressed everyone who came in contact with him. Sarma's sudden death is a great loss to the society.

Today, on the day of his *ad�ashraddha*, we pray to the Almighty to grant eternal peace to the departed soul.

– Pares Ch Sarma

### Dhanpati Kalita

Dhanpati Kalita, who passed away recently, was a pious and honest person. He was born at Lora gaon under Mangaldoi subdivision in 1932.

After passing Master of Arts and Bachelor of Teaching, he had joined Kalaigaon Higher Secondary School as an assistant teacher in Mangaldoi of Darrang district. He was closely associated with various organisations like Sahitya Sabha, Sanatan Dharm Mandir, Mangaldoi Teachers' Association, etc. He was also the president of Darrang Zila Sahitya Sabha.

He leaves behind his wife, a son and two daughters besides a host of relatives.

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– Kumud Ch Deka

KMSS activists stop train to protest Akhil arrest

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

KOKRAJHAR, Sept 14: KMSS activists today protested by stopping the Bongaigaon-Dibrugarh train (the Kamakhya Express) for about 30 minutes at Selenghat Railway Station under Teok Police Station against the arrest of their leader, Akhil Gogoi, in Golaghat yesterday.

Gogoi was later taken to Dibrugarh as a case against him was registered in the Moran Police Station in Dibrugarh.

The KMSS protesters shouted slogans, demanding Gogoi's immediate release. In Titabor, KMSS members burnt tyres on the historic Dhadar Ali and blocked the road for some time.



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## Erosion poses threat to 35 families at Dholpur

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er; the embankment remained unaffected during the flood. It was last breached in 1997.

But unbated erosion by the Brahmaputra after the flood has made the villagers panicky as they fear the loss of their land and homes at any moment. The Water Resources Department has laid metal wires tied to felled trees and dipped logs in a bid to save the banks from erosion. Earlier attempts to check erosion by erecting porcupines have failed in the area.

The entire area was affected by the recent flood that submerged several villages on the left-hand side of the Badati-Gambari embankment could also be endangered in the coming days.

## Emergency management exercise in Dhubri

CORRESPONDENT

DHUBRI, Sept 14: With a view to prevent casualties during the outbreak of natural disasters, the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Dhubri, with the support of the Assam State Disaster Management Authority, is organising a Gaon Panchayat Emergency Management Exercise at 134 different venues in the district.

Addressing media persons, Dhubri DC Dhiraj Chaudhary said that simultaneous awareness programmes on preventing casualties during emergencies would be held.

Chaudhary said the current exercise aimed at casualty prevention would help a district like Dhubri where natural disasters like floods and storm are frequent.

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## AJYCP demonstration over price rise

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

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steep rises in the prices of petrol, diesel, LPG cylinders and other essential commodities. This has caused great hardship to the common people, they said.

## OBITUARY

### Dr MN Das

DIBRUGARH, Sept 14: Eminent educationist Dr Mridendra Narayan Das passed away last night at a private nursing home here. He was 76.

Das was a former head of the Department of Political Science at the Dibrugarh University. He was also the Director of Distance Education at the university and the founder Director-in-charge of the Centre for Judicial Studies of the varsity.

His body was taken to the Dibrugarh University where faculty members, students and non-teaching staff paid their last respects. The last rites were performed at the Chowkidhingee crematorium. — Staff Correspondent

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## STATE NDFB(P) criticises Centre

CORRESPONDENT

KOKRAJHAR, Sept 14: The National Democratic Front of Boroland (Progressive) today observed its 29th 'martyrs' day' at the designated camp in Kumuguri here.

The day's programme started with the hoisting of the outfit flag by M Gerema, 'home secretary' of the NDFB (P). It was followed by a guard of honour, lighting of candles, homage to martyrs and their bereaved family members on this occasion," said Daokha,

B Bwgwra, 'army chief,' R Daokha, assistant publicity secretary, RK Alongbar, organising secretary, B Binasha and Garjan Muchahary, deputy chief convener of PJAECM, attended the programme along with other guests and dignitaries.

"We remember those who laid down their precious lives for the cause of Bodoland and pay our highest homage to the martyrs and their bereaved family members on this occasion," said Daokha, assistant publicity secretary of NDFB (P).

Coming down heavily on the Centre, the NDFB (P) alleged that it (the Central Government) was delaying the resolution of the Bodoland issue. Daokha urged the Centre and the State Government to fulfil their demands raised by the NDFB (P) without any further delay.

The assistant publicity secretary of NDFB (P) also warned that his outfit would be forced to start a vigorous mass movement if the Government failed to resolve the pending issues.

The NDFB (P) has more than 100 members in the three designated camps at Kumuguri in Kokrajhar, Borbori in Baksa and Chapakti in Udalguri. The NDFB was formed in 1986 and after 19 years of an armed struggle, the present faction of the outfit signed a ceasefire agreement with the Government in 2005.

## Tocklai tea workshop

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

JORHAT, Sept 14: The Tocklai Tea Research Institute at Cimniaman here, in association with the Tea Board, organised a workshop for small tea growers on tea manufacturing at the institute on Tuesday, a press release issued by the institute stated.

Twenty-five small tea growers attended the workshop, which was also attended by Tea Board chairman PK Bezboruah, who is also the chairman of Tea Research Association.



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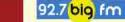
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## Two IEDs recovered

TURA, Sept 14: South Garo Hills police yesterday recovered two powerful IEDs suspected to have been left behind by fleeing cadres of the Garo National Liberation Army (GNLA) after their encounter with the security forces recently.

The IEDs, which were later diffused by the police bomb squad this morning, had been left behind by the militants and

were recovered after sources pointed to their location.

"The militants could have used the IEDs to carry out subversive activities," SGH police chief, Abraham T Sangma observed. Police on Sunday encountered a group of rebels who were allegedly taking shelter in a forest area. While fleeing, they left behind an AK rifle and IEDs. — Correspondent

No. CE/REC/29/2017/4

### CORRIGENDUM

It is for general information to all concerned that the work will be allotted on receipt Administrative Approval from the competent authority for the tender invited vide press notice No. CE/REC/29/2017/4 DT. 05.09.2017 intimated for the work "Construction of Assam Judicial Academy and National Law University at Amingaon, Gauhati, Assam (Minor works, landscape along with remaining electrical works, etc. for Judicial Academy Building)".

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## Balmer Lawrie

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## HP printer

NEW DELHI, Sept 14: Tech giant HP today unveiled a pocket-sized printer 'Sprocket' that allows users to take prints of photographs stored on their mobile phones. The device will be available in India through Amazon.in and HP India's website for Rs 8,999. It is already available in countries like the US, China and Australia. —PTI

## BookMyShow

NEW DELHI, Sept 14: Online entertainment ticket booking firm BookMyShow to day joined hands with the WhatsApp business pilot programme. As part of this test, the ticket booking platform has made WhatsApp a default ticket confirmation channel for all its users. According to BookMyShow, the company is the first Indian online ticketing brand to integrate with WhatsApp for business. —IANS

## Yatra deal

NEW DELHI, Sept 14: Online travel portal Yatra.com today said it has joined hands with Revv Cars to offer travellers self-drive car rental service as part of efforts to diversify product offerings. This alliance allows travellers to book their local and inter-city self-driven transport on Yatra's mobile app, the company said in a statement. —PTI

## Star Cement

GUWAHATI, Sept 14: Star Cement has donated Rs 25 lakh to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund today. Vice Chairman of the company Prabin Pathak handed over the cheque to the Chief Minister, said a communique issued by the company here this evening.

## Google to launch mobile payment service in India

NEW DELHI, Sept 14: Tech giant Google is slated to unveil a digital payment service in India next week that has been developed for the local market, according to industry sources.

In July, National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) had said Google had completed the testing of its UPI payment service and was awaiting Reserve Bank of India's approval to launch its service in the country.

Google today sent out invites for an event to be held on September 18 to "share details on the launch of a new product developed specifically for India."

Google VP (Next Billion Users) Caesar Sengupta will also be present at the event.

When contacted, Google responded with a gfd—a cat-typing reply fast on an Apple laptop with a caption "Because fast is better than slow. See You Monday".

According to reports, Google is looking at launching a payment service "Google Tez" (Tez means fast in Hindi), which will include support for Unified Payments Interface (UPI) as well as mobile wallets like Paytm and MobiKwik. —PTI

## Life insurers' new premium collections grow 23% in Aug

NEW DELHI, Sept 14: Life insurers registered a growth of 22.6 per cent in new premium at Rs 17,513.44 crore for August this fiscal.

This compares with Rs 14,282.45 crore as new business premium during August of 2016-17.

India's largest and the only public life insurer Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) recorded a jump of 25 per cent in its new premium collection at Rs 13,382.30 crore during the month as against Rs 10,735.50 crore in the same

period year ago, data from Irdai showed.

There are 24 life insurance firms in India, of which 23 are from the private sector. The private life insurance companies' collective new business premium in August rose 15.8 per cent to Rs 4,131.15 crore, from Rs 3,568.90 crore a year earlier.

Among major private players, SBI Life logged a fall in its new premium collection at Rs 820.33 crore, from Rs 822.28 crore in August 2016, according to the numbers from the Insurance

Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Irdai).

ICICI Prudential Life new premium grew a mere 4.8 per cent to Rs 768.19 crore while that of HDFC Standard Life jumped 37.5 per cent to Rs 790.97 crore. Max Life's was up 22.5 per cent at Rs 295.91 crore and Bajaj Allianz Life's Rs 217.31 crore, gaining 13.6 per cent.

Among others, Kotak Mahindra Old Mutual showed a decline of 6.5 per cent in premium income at Rs 199.25 crore in August. In the case of Sahara

Life, it was Rs 14 lakh, down 95 per cent from a year ago, while for Bharti Axia Life, it fell to Rs 46.64 crore, from Rs 52.71 crore a year before.

On the cumulative basis, new premium income of all the 24 life insurers went up 19.7 per cent to Rs 71,173.29 crore during April-August of this fiscal.

For LIC, the premium collection in April-August jumped 20.2 per cent to Rs 52,921.31 crore and that of the private sector increased 18.3 per cent to Rs 18,251.98 crore. —PTI

## Japan to play proactive role in NE development

GANDHINAGAR, Sept 14: With the setting up of a new India-Japan Act East Forum, Japan is set to play a more proactive role in the development of North-east India.

Among the 15 agreements signed after the annual India-Japan bilateral summit here today, one is on setting up the India-Japan Act East Forum "to enhance connectivity and promote developmental projects in the north-eastern region of India in an efficient and effective manner".

A joint statement issued following the discussions between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Japanese counterpart Shinzo Abe said

both leaders "welcomed the India-Japan cooperation on development of India's north-eastern region as a concrete symbol of developing synergies between India's Act East policy and Japan's Free and Open Indo-Pacific Strategy".

"In this context, they noted with satisfaction the setting up of the India-Japan Act East Forum," it stated.

According to the statement, Modi and Abe appreciated the cooperation between Japan and

North-east India, ranging from key infrastructure such as road connectivity, electricity, water supply and sewage, to social and environmental sustainability such as afforestation and community empowerment, as well as people-to-people exchanges, including inviting youth from the North-East to Japan.

"We agreed to work in a much more focused and substantive way in the North-east," Foreign Secretary S Jaishankar said while briefing the media after the summit.

"To that end, we agreed on a India-Japan Act East Forum which will necessarily explore the possibilities of involving Japan in north-eastern infrastructure," Jaishankar said. He said that development of infrastructure in the north-eastern region would help India open up much more to Myanmar, Bangladesh and beyond. "So it would be in a practical way if really give legs to our Act East Policy," the Foreign Secretary said.

He said that though Japan has been assisting north-eastern India in road infrastructure, the intent this time was to take it to a much higher level. —IANS



NRL and United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) signing an MoU for bamboo supply chain development for NRL's upcoming biorefinery, in New Delhi on Thursday. —UB Photos

## IoT to create 15 mn jobs in India: Telecom Secy

BENGALURU, Sept 14: The Internet of Things (IoT), which enables everyday objects to be interconnected through the internet, will help in the creation of 10-15 million jobs in India within the next few years, a senior bureaucrat said today.

"One of the reasons that IoT is particularly exciting for India is due to the job creation. It is estimated that about 10-15 million jobs will be created through IoT," said Aruna Sundararajan, Secretary in the Department of Telecommunications.

Sundararajan was speaking at the second edition of IoT India Congress 2017, organised by the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) India, being held in the city.

"A bulk of these jobs will be created not by large companies, but by start-ups," she said.

While on the contrary, according to research and consultancy firm Innova's study in 2016, IoT is likely to lead to 94,000 job losses in the country by 2021, and a total of 120,000 jobs could be affected.

"IoT represents a paradigm that can overcome the deficits that India has been facing in terms of agriculture, healthcare, transportation, garbage disposal in our cities etc.," Sundararajan said.

According to the industry experts, about 65 per cent of the technological inventions are driven by software. If we marry that with the telecom capability, India can definitely be a leader in IoT space," the Telecom department official said.

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entrepreneurs) that the government's role is only to facilitate and support. There's no point government actually getting into these areas," Sundararajan told IANS on the sidelines of the event.

"There will be a regulatory framework set by the government which will outline how security will be dealt by the startups working on IoT," she said.

She added that India is becoming one of the world leaders in the IoT field.

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"To that end, we agreed on a India-Japan Act East Forum which will necessarily explore the possibilities of involving Japan in north-eastern infrastructure," Jaishankar said. He said that development of infrastructure in the north-eastern region would help India open up much more to Myanmar, Bangladesh and beyond.

"We believe more Japanese investments in India even as agreements were announced for setting up four Japanese industrial townships in India," he said while noting that the number of Japanese companies working in India had grown substantially over the years.

Following delegation-level talks between the Prime Minister and the Japanese delegation, an MoU was signed between the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) and Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry to accelerate and facilitate Japanese investments in India.

"Today, four locations have been announced... Gujarat, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu... for setting up four Japanese industrial townships in India," he said while noting that the "key to global economic development in the future is the development of the two seas... Indian Ocean and the Pacific, which would touch a wide region extending from Asia to Africa."

He said that Japan's state-of-the-art technology combined with "India's vast talent pool" would enable both to have the competitive edge in the global marketplace. —IANS

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Digital Refinery, Dibrugarh

NOTIFICATION FOR TENDER

# Call for dedicated policy for State road maintenance

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 14: Congress legislator and former PWD minister Ajanta Neog today said the assistance provided by the Union government for the repair and maintenance of roads (including national highways) in Assam is grossly inadequate and unless a dedicated policy is chalked out for the same, the conditions of roads and national highways in the State will not improve.

Speaking in favour of a cut motion brought by the Opposition in the State Assembly on voting on supplementary demand for grants, the Congress MLA alleged that no fund has been allocated by the Centre for taking up new repair work for the national highways in the State.

"Nearly 90 per cent of our transportation needs depend on surface transport that faces maximum wear and tear. Unless a periodic maintenance policy is taken up for the same, the conditions of roads in the State will remain deplorable," she said.

Further adding that 48,000 kilometres of the existing village roads need to be repaired on a priority basis along with

the repair of district roads, she mentioned that roads in 60 villages were made *pucca* during the previous Congress regime. "We have geographical conditions different from the rest of the country. In this part, rains and recurrent floods have a major impact on road conditions," Neog said.

She, however, supported granting of more funds to PWD, and also sent a note of caution to her successor Parimal Suktalabadya that being a PWD Minister in Assam is no easy job.

Taking part in the discussion, BJP MLA Siddhartha Bhattacharya said with new technologies available, the PWD needs to change its way of functioning and alter its work schedules as and when needed.

Opposing the cut motion, he said in view of the escalating prices of construction materials, the Department needs more financial support.

AUDF's Nauj Hoque invited the attention of the members towards the conditions of wooden bridges in the State and the need to replace them with concrete ones. "In 2017-18, the construction of 30 such bridges has been taken up. We hope the remaining 950 bridges will also be converted into concrete brid-

ges soon," he said.

BJP's Prashanta Phukan advocated remodelling of PWD's functioning. "The engineering section (of PWD) should be made more efficient and the non-performing contractors should be blacklisted to ensure accountability. The process of getting administrative approval for projects should also be made faster," he added.

AGP's Brindaban Goswami alleged that large-scale corruption has led to the dilapidated conditions of roads in the State. Congress MLA Rupiyoti Kurmi said change in the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)'s funding pattern from 90:10 to 80:20 have affected the implementation of projects.

AUDF's Suzan Uddin Laskar alleged that large-scale corruption in road projects was taken place in the Barak Valley during the previous Congress regime and demanded an enquiry into it.

Majedra Nazary (BPF), Aminul Haque Laskar (BJP), Milon Kanti Shome (BJP), Bhupon Pegu (Independent), Binanda Kumar Saikia (BJP), Gurajyoti Das (BJP), Abdul Kalam Rasheed (Congress) and few other MLAs also took part in the discussion.

## Declaration of eco-sensitive zone decried

JORABAT, Sept 14: The Dimoria Tribal Organisation along with other organisations of Dimoria like Karbi Students' Organisation, Boro Students' Organisation and Tiwa Students' organisation staged a protest near the Sonapar Circle Office today against the declaration of many areas in the Dimoria-Sonapar region as 'eco-sensitive zone'.

Ratneswar Rahang, president of Dimoria Tribal Organisation said their organisation would not accept the declaration made by the government as it would hamper the communities living in the area. He also demanded and *lathas* to the people who have been living in the region since long before declaration of Anchang as a wildlife sanctuary on June 19, 2004.

"We will resort to economic blockade if our demands are not met soon," he added.

A memorandum in this regard was submitted to the Chief Minister through the Sonapar Circle Officer. — ANN Service

## Drunk son attacks father

JORABAT, Sept 14: In a shocking incident that took place at Mahinukuchi village of Digaru under Sonapar Police Station last night, Jai Dhan Deori (25) attacked his father, Gohin Deori (55), with a hatchet in a drunken state and partly cut the latter's left arm.

The neighbours admitted Gohin to the Sonapar Hospital, who was later shifted to the Gauhati Medical College and Hospital. After getting information about the incident, the Sonapar Police arrested Jai Dhan and started investigation into the incident. — ANS Service

## Bike lifters held

JORABAT, Sept 14: In a joint operation, the Sonapar Police and the Dimapur Police today arrested two bike lifters. A 180cc Pulsar bike stolen from the campus of the Sonapar-based district hospital was also recovered from Dimapur in Nagaland in the joint operation. The two bike lifters have been identified as Prasant Patra (40) from Urali, Sonapar and Pawan Deka (30) from Rowta. The police suspect that the arrested duo might be a part of a big vehicle-lifting racket. — ANN Service

## Rape attempt foiled

JORABAT, Sept 14: One person, identified as Rajesh Rajawansi, was today arrested by the police while attempting to rape a woman in her house at the Hognapara village under the Sonapar Police Station.

Another accomplice, Vicky Rongpi, in the rape attempt, managed to flee the spot. Both Rajawansi and Rongpi entered the house of the woman when she was alone and locked the door from inside. But the woman somehow managed to come out and cried for help. The local people there caught Rajawansi and later handed him over to police. Meanwhile, search is on to nab Rongpi. — ANN Service

At the same time, he added, teachers playing truant has been a problem with many schools and the government has to act tough on them.

Earlier, taking part in the discussion, Kamaladeva Dey Purkavastha, Devananda Hazarika, Ramendra Narayan Kalita, Aminul Islam, Piyush Hazarika, Abdul Khaleque and Immanuel Moshary gave their suggestions for addressing the ills such as shortage of schools, teachers, infrastructure, etc., plaguing the education sector.

No. TRD/Panchayat Election/FinCorr/2017/6528

## NOTICE INVITING QUOTATIONS

Quotations of rates in sealed cover affording Court fee stamp of Rs. 5/- (Rupees eight and paise twenty five only) are invited from intending Printing Presses from districts subdivisions for printing of Electoral Rolls and Ballot papers etc. in connection with ensuing Panchayat Election (2017-2018). Such Printing Presses should fulfil the following terms and conditions:

1. The Printing Press should be registered with Printing & Stationery Department, Govt. of Assam. (Supported by copy of Registration)

2. Attested copies of records/documents relating to Registration of PAN, up to date Income tax clearance certificate, Trade Licence and GST in etc. should be furnished. Quotation submitted without attested copies of the certificates will be rejected.

3. The quotators should also submit a statement of showing the resources of the press viz. no. of printing machines, its capacity, no. of computers, facility for cutting/binding/printing, work space, manpower, financial soundness etc.

4. Records/documents in support of experience of Election related printing works etc. (if any) to be furnished.

5. Rate(s) should be inclusive of all taxes admissible taxes like GST/Income Tax as applicable will be deducted at source from the bill amount.

6. Rated quotations printed on Electoral Rolls should be including cost of Paper, DTP etc. Specification of paper for printing of Electoral Rolls will be given.

7. Electoral Roll will have to be printed on both sides of the piece of paper (Legal size).

8. Printed Roll will have to be delivered to the Polling Station. Electoral Roll of a Polling Station will be required in about 30 (thirty) sets.

9. Selected quotators will have to deposit Rs. 20,000.00 (Rupees twenty thousand) only as security money in shape of Cash deposit/FDR/Bank draft in favour of the Sub Divisional Officer (Civil), Titar.

10. Rate once accepted will be treated as final and no alteration or modification will be entertained for any reason whatsoever and it will remain valid until next quotation is called for.

11. Printing Presses based in Dibrugarh District will be given preference.

12. Authority is not bound to accept the lowest rate or any quotation and reserves the right to accept/reject any quotation without notice and assigning any reasons thereof.

13. Rate should be quoted as per following proforma:

14. For printing of Electoral Rolls (including supply of Paper):

Sl. No.	Item	Rate (including DTP and binding) in Rs. (both in figure and words)			
		30 copies	40 copies	75 copies	100 copies
1.	Pages containing 51-100 names				
2.	Pages containing 51-90 names				
3.	Pages containing 25-50 names				
4.	Pages containing less than 25 names				

In addition to the above terms and conditions following additional conditions will have to be fulfilled by a Press for printing of Ballot Paper:

1. Juries of Balloons will be supplied by this office. The width of ballot papers should be 4 (four) inch (single column), where the number of candidates is 8 (eight) or less the ballot paper is to be printed in double column and breadth shall be twice the width of the paper.

2. Every ballot paper shall have counterfoil attached to it. At the top, Serial number should be printed/machined on every ballot paper as well as its counterfoil.

3. The ballot papers have to be stitched into bundles with consecutive serial ballot papers. Numbers of ballots in each bundle to be 50 (fifty).

4. The rate should be quoted inclusive of charges for stitching, serial numbering etc. Rates must be quoted in both words and figures.

5. The rate should be in following proforma:

B. Ballot Paper Printing (Paper will be supplied by the Authority):

Sl. No.	Item	Rate quoted for printing of	
		First 100 copies	Subsequent 100s
1.	Single Column		
2.	Double Column		

Printing Presses fulfilling the terms and conditions will submit their quotations in sealed cover to the Sub-Divisional Officer (Civil), Titar by 3 PM of 22nd Sept. 2017 and will be opened on the same day at 4 PM in presence of the quotators or representatives, if any.

Sd/- Additional Deputy Commissioner  
IC Titar Civil Sub-Division

## MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

### NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 24th July, 2017

S.O. 2414(E) —Whereas by the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways, Department of Road Transport and Highways S.O. 123(E), dated 13.01.2017 published in Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) issued under subsection (1) of section 3A of the National Highway Act, 1956(48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government declared its intention to acquire the land specified in the Schedule annexed to the said notification for building (widening/four-laning etc.), development, management and operation of National Highway No. 37 on the stretch of land from Km 402.500 to Km 439.000 (Nulamugram to Kakodonga Bridge excluding Dergon Town section) in District of Golaghat in the State of Assam. And whereas the substance of the said notification has been published in, "Niyama Barla (Assamese Newspaper)" dated 06.04.2017, under section (3) of the said section (3A) of the said Act. And whereas, in pursuance of subsection (3) of section 3D of the said Act, the Competent Authority has submitted its report to the Central Government. Now, therefore, upon receipt of the said report of the Competent Authority and in exercise of the powers conferred by subsection (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that the land specified in the said Schedule should be acquired for the aforesaid purpose.

And further, in pursuance of subsection (2) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that on publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, the land specified in the said Schedule shall vest absolutely in the Central Government, free from all encumbrances.

SCHEDULE

Dig & Patta Nos. (Villagewise) for Acquisition of Land for 4-Lining of NH-37 to be published in the Govt. Gazette Notification from KM. 402.500 to KM. 439.000 for Golaghat District (Excluding Dergon Town).

Sl. No.	Name of District	Name of Taluk/Mouza	Name of Village	Survey Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area in Hectares	Name of the land owner/interested persons
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1.	Dolakhat	I. Mohua	(I) 619P	83	Private	Basti	0.020	Sri Pebari Saikia S/o Mel
			Bardhingi	619P	93	Private	Basti	0.011 2) Sri Padum Saikia
								2) Sri Pakshik Saikia S/o Barnun
				619P	83	Private	Basti	0.020 Sri Jagat Saikia S/o Sonowar
				622P	234	Private	Basti	0.011 1) Sri Tejan Saikia S/o Golap
								2) Sri Srimati Saikia W/o Tengeswar
				623P	-	Govt.	-	3) Sri Tridu Ranjan Saikia
				361P	231	Private	Basti	0.011 4) Sri Dibyanandan Saikia S/o Tengeswar
				609P	158	Private	Basti	0.011 1) Sri Bulbul Saikia S/o Bhurban
								2) Sri Dipan Saikia
								3) Sri Smriti Saikia S/o Bakul Saikia
				601P	54	Private	Basti	0.007 4) Sri Guru Saikia, W/o Lt.
								Brahmewar
				607P	82	Private	Basti	0.023 2) Sri Khudir Saikia
								3) Sri Bhadravati Saikia
				608P	288	Private	Basti	0.024 4) Sri Kokheswar Saikia S/o Dharmashah
								5) Sri Brindaban Saikia S/o Purusor
				608P	288	Private	Basti	0.013 3) Sri Mahendra Saikia S/o Ranjan
				608P	288	Private	Basti	0.047 4) Sri Rani Saikia S/o Narayan
				608P	288	Private	Basti	0.007 5) Sri Jogen Saikia S/o Jaymal
				608P	288	Private	Basti	0.007 6) Sri Brijen Saikia S/o L. Jogen
				608P	288	Private	Basti	0.007 7) Sri Bishnu Saikia S/o L. Jogen
				609P	158	Private	Basti	0.007 8) Sri Diganj Saikia S/o Haru
				609P	158	Private	Basti	0.007 9) Sri Jogen Saikia S/o Haru
	2.	Khumtai	② Kemar Gaon	185P	172	Private	Basti	0.057 1) Sri Budhendar Saikia S/o L. Jogen
				539P	AP	Private	Basti	0.014 2) Sri Bichinda Nath Saikia S/o L. Jogen
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**Amarnath attack mastermind killed in J-K**

SRINAGAR, Sept 14: Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) commander Abu Ismail, the mastermind behind the July 10 attack on Amarnath yatra pilgrims, was among two terrorists killed in an encounter with security forces here today police said.

The identity of the second terrorist is being ascertained, a police official said.

The encounter took place at Arighbagh in Nowgam area on the outskirts of Srinagar, the official said.

Director General of Police (DGP) SP Vaid said police had specific intelligence input about the presence of foreign terrorists in the area and an operation was launched to neutralise them. "We had information about the presence of two foreign terrorists, including Abu Ismail. Both have been neutralised and the bodies have been taken for identification," he said.

Ismail was the mastermind of the July 10 attack on a bus carrying Amarnath yatra pilgrims in south Kashmir's Anantnag district. The attack left 8 pilgrims dead. - PTI

**LS bypoll in Gurdaspur**

CHANDIGARH, Sept 14: The Gurdaspur Lok Sabha bypoll, necessitated following the death of actor and BJP MP Vinod Khanna, will witness a triangular contest among BJP, Congress and AAP.

While the ruling Congress, buoyed by its victory in the Assembly elections earlier this year, is confident of continuing its winning streak, the BJP would pull out all stops to retain the seat.

"We will surely retain our Gurdaspur Lok Sabha seat," Punjab BJP secretary Vineet Joshi said today. - PTI

**Corrigendum against Open Tender No.: ELECT/DBWS/Energy Meter/04 of 2017-18**  
The published open tenders Nos. No. ELECT/DBWS/Energy Meter/04 of 2017-18 against Tender No. ELU/I DBW/Energy Meter/2017-18/45 is declared as cancelled on administrative ground.

**NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY**

**HIRING OF VEHICLES FOR CONTROL OFFICE, LUMDING**  
Tender No.: OPTG-022-2017 dated 07-08-2017. Open Tenders are invited for the undersigned tender work.  
**Name of work:** Hiring of one Control Office vehicle (Bolero, Scorpio or similar) for Control Office, Luming under CHC/ICLMG for a period of 3 years. Tender Value: Rs. 83,300/- Earnest Money: Rs. 17,674/- Tender forms to be had from the DGM (O&R) (Operating & Lumping during the office working hours from 10.00 hrs. to 17.00 hrs. up to 11.00 hrs. of 02-11-2017 onwards). Tender Open-Enders are invited by Sr. DSTE/Malgan for the following work: **Name of work**: Restoration of Telecom gears & equipment and provision of Luming Division for a period of one year. **Tender Value:** ₹ 17,09,180/- **Earnest Money:** ₹ 34,196/- **Tender Form of payment:** Tenders will be closed on 16-10-2017. For details visit N.F. Railway website <http://www.inrapo.gov.in>

**Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer, Lumber, Dibrugarh**

**NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY**

**CANCELLATION OF TRAIN SERVICES**  
Due to unavoidable circumstances the following trains will remain cancelled as under :

1. 12088 Guwahati - Naharlagun Shatabdi Express will remain cancelled on 18-09-2017, 20-09-2017 & 22-09-2017  
2. 12087 Naharlagun - Guwahati Shatabdi Express will remain cancelled on 19-09-2017, 21-09-2017 & 23-09-2017.

Inconvenience caused to the Passengers is regretted

General Manager (Operations)

**NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY**

#### AUCTION SALE NOTICE

This is for general information for the public that it has been proposed by the Railway Authority to dispose off unclaimed and unclaimed consignments which are lying at New Guwahati Parcel Office for long time. **Auction to be held on 29-09-2017, 13-10-2017, 03-11-2017, 17-11-2017, 08-12-2017 and 22-12-2017.** If there is any band or holiday the same will be held on next date. Interested bidders are requested to deposit ₹. 5,000/- (Five thousand) only individually towards security money before taking part in the auction. **Rs. PAAR Card No. Railways** must be filled in the application. To withdraw any bid without showing any reason, security money deposited by the bidders will be forfeited, if any bidder does not offer any bid after enlisting their name in the bidder list and after bidding highest bid against any consignment and the same is not removed from Railway premises within 24 hrs. after auction/ receiving lifting order after paying the full bidding amount.

ACM - Northeastern Railways

**NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY**

Call for zero-tolerance to terrorism

## India, Japan to deepen security ties



GANDHINAGAR, Sept 14: Deepening their strategic ties further, India and Japan today agreed to boost cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region in the midst of China's growing assertiveness and pitched for a "zero-tolerance" in combating terrorism including towards Pakistan-based groups JeM and LeT.

The two countries signed 15 deals in key areas, including civil aviation, trade after wide-ranging talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Japanese counterpart Shinzo Abe as they discussed ways to strengthen cooperation in strategic areas of defence, security, trade and civil nuclear energy.

The two leaders also deliberated upon important regional and global issues and affirmed strong commitment to achieving a free, open and prosperous Indo-Pacific region where sovereignty and interna-

tional law are respected, and differences are resolved through dialogue, and where all countries, large or small, enjoy freedom of navigation and overflight.

But significantly, the joint statement issued after their talks did not mention

South China Sea directly unlike last year's joint statement.

After the 2016 summit during Modi's visit to Japan, the joint statement had said, "regarding the South China Sea, the two Prime Ministers stressed the

importance of resolving the disputes by peaceful means, in accordance with universally recognised principles of international law including the UNCLOS."

Addressing a joint press event with Abe, Modi said, "the range of special strategic and global partnership is not just limited to bilateral and regional sphere. We have close cooperation on global issues such as climate change."

In an apparent message to Pakistan, the two sides also called upon all countries to work towards rooting out terrorist safe havens and infrastructure, disrupting terrorist networks and financing channels and halting cross-border movement of terrorists.

The two Prime Ministers also called for Pakistan to bring to justice the perpetrators of terrorist attacks including those involved in Mumbai (2008) and the Pathankot (2016) strikes. - PTI

## President to launch 'Swachhata Hi Seva' campaign today

KANPUR (UP), Sept 14: President Ram Kovind will launch a fortnight-long "Swachhata Hi Seva" (Cleanliness is Service) sanitation campaign here tomorrow.

The campaign, to highlight the Narendra Modi government's flagship cleanliness initiative Swachh Bharat Mission, will be launched from Ishwari Ganj village near here, an official spokesman said.

The initiative, which is be-

ing coordinated by the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, will include "shramdan" or voluntary work and will focus on mass mobilisation and reinforce "jan danon" for sanitation to contribute to Mahatma Gandhi's dream of a clean India.

The nationwide campaign will see large-scale mobilisation of people from all walks of life, including the Prime Minister, Union ministers, CMs,

MPs and NGOs to undertake

"shramdan" for cleanliness

and construction of toilets and to make their surroundings free from open defecation.

It will target cleaning of public and tourist places, too.

Elaborate plans have been

made along with the State

governments to reach out to

the poor and marginalised and

provide them with sustaina-

bility sanitation services, the

spokesman said. - PTI

## CBSE holds schools responsible for student safety, issues new guidelines

NEW DELHI, Sept 14: Placing the onus on schools for safety of students on their premises following the killing of a seven-year-old student in a Gurugram school and the rape of a five-year-old girl by a school peon in Delhi, Safety audits, installation of CCTV cameras,

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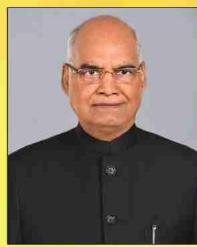
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President of India



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Prime Minister

“Beginning 15<sup>th</sup> September let us take the mantra, the message, Swachhta Hi Seva, Cleanliness is Service to each and every home. Take one or another step towards cleanliness. Make your effort to be a part of it.”

- Narendra Modi

## On the occasion of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of *Swachh Bharat Mission*

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### Nationwide Launch

by

**Shri Ram Nath Kovind**  
President of India

Ishwariganj village, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh

Time: 2:30 p.m, 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2017

Lead Shramdaan for construction of toilets to make villages Open Defecation Free and to clean public & tourist places

Inspire everyone around you to come out and clean market places, bus stops etc.

Share your cleanliness efforts widely on social media using the hashtag #SwachhtaHiSeva

Upload images of your initiatives on [swachhbharatmission.gov.in/shs](http://swachhbharatmission.gov.in/shs) and [mygov.in](http://mygov.in)

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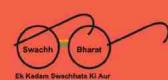


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UNITY FOR CLEANLINESS



Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation  
Government of India



## Two wartime mass graves discovered

SARAJEVO, Sept 14: The remains of potentially dozens of victims from Bosnia's 1990s civil war, most likely Bosnian Muslims, have been exhumed from two newly-discovered mass graves in the Micomir Park Institute said on Wednesday.

One of the graves was discovered in the mountainous area of Koricansko Stijene in central Bosnia, where more than 200 civilian men were executed by Serb forces in August 1992 following their eviction from a northwestern region.

It marked one of the most brutal episodes in the inter-ethnic conflict, which lasted from 1992 to 1995 and killed around 100,000 people.

At the end of the war, 31,500 people were reported missing. Since then, the remains of 2,900 individuals have been exhumed from hundreds of mass graves, according to the Bosnian institute, leaving 6,500 unaccounted for. — AFP



BAGHDAD, Sept 14: At least 50 people, including three Iranian pilgrims, have lost their lives in twin car bomb and gun attacks striking the country's southern province of Dhi Qar.

Jasim al-Khalidi, a senior health official, said more than 87 people had sustained injuries in the attacks, one of which occurred close to a restaurant near the city of Nasiriyah, situated about 370 km southeast

of the capital, Baghdad, on Thursday afternoon, Press TV reported.

He added that the death toll could rise due to the critical condition of some of the wounded.

Iraqi Interior Ministry Spokesman Saad Maan also said a car bomb in the same area targeted a security checkpoint shortly afterwards.

There were no immediate claims of responsibility for the

deadly attacks, but such assaults bear the hallmarks of those carried out by the Islamic State.

According to the UN Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI), a total of 125 Iraqi civilians lost their lives, and 188 others were injured as a result of terrorist attacks and other acts of violence across Iraq in the month of August.

The UN mission, however, did not mention the number

## N Korean nuke threat, Myanmar refugee crisis top global concerns: UN

UNITED NATIONS, Sept 14: Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Wednesday ranked the North Korean missile and nuclear threat and the Rohingya crisis in Myanmar as the two top global concerns as the General Assembly prepares for the annual high-level meeting of world leaders.

Speaking to reporters, he demanded that Myanmar stop military action, allow the refugees back home, permit aid to reach them, and appealed for international help for the refugees. In a week the number of refugees had tripled to nearly 380,000, said, and many of them are hungry and malnourished.

## Rohingya ultras deny links with global terror

YANGON, Sept 14: Rohingya militants, whose raids in western Myanmar provoked an army crackdown that spurred a humanitarian crisis, denied any links to global terror groups today, days after Al-Qaeda urged Muslims to rally to their cause.

The Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA) says it is trying to defend the minority group from a long campaign of persecution in Buddhist-majority Myanmar, where the Rohingya are deemed citizenship.

But its actions have plunged a region, already a crucible of religious and ethnic tension, deeper into crisis.

Around 300,000 Rohingya have sought sanctuary in Bangladesh since the outbreak of violence three weeks ago, fleeing burning villages and alleged army atrocities, joining what has become one of the world's largest refugee camps in Cox's Bazar. — AFP



**Myanmar must stop military action, allow the refugees back home, permit aid to reach them, and appealed for global help**

Guterres said that he had taken the step of writing to the Security Council to take up the Myanmar issue—the first time since 1989 that a Secretary-General has taken the step, which is an indication of the seriousness he attached to it.

Shortly afterward, the Security Council responded by issuing a statement asking the Myanmar government to end military action and allow humanitarian aid to reach the affected people.

Guterres noted that he had condemned the attacks by the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army in Rakhine State, but he said that "there have been disturbing reports of attacks by

security forces against civilians, which are completely unacceptable."

On North Korea, he said that only a peaceful resolution would work and warned, "Military action could cause devastation on a scale that would take generations to overcome."

He welcomed the latest resolution from the Security Council on Monday tightening sanctions on Pyongyang but pointed out that it also had pointed to diplomatic engagement.

He said all the countries should observe the sanctions imposed by the Security Council and at the same time seize the opportunity it has created for diplomatic engagement. — JANS

## Rohingya lives and limbs shattered by mines



COX'S BAZAR, Sept 14: Aizul Haque died in a Bangladeshi hospital today, a week after his body was torn apart by a landmine he stepped on as he and his Rohingya Muslim family fled Myanmar.

The 15-year-old lost both his legs in the blast near the border.

Myanmar is one of the last countries in the world to actually use landmines. The explosives and cuts and sharpened wounds across most of his body had left Haque in agony.

The youth remained in a desperate state despite several operations and an administration at a charity hospital in Cox's Bazar, focus of the mounting Rohingya refugee crisis, confirmed Haque passed away there early today.

His brother was also injured in the blast but joined the family when they went to the hospital to collect the body.

Haque's mother, Rashida Begum, spent days at the bedside of her son. He could barely muster enough energy to ask

ers as the Burmese were chasing us from behind and burning the village," the mother of four said. They were in sight of the Bangladeshi frontier when Aizul Haque set off the landmine.

"We heard a huge explosion as Aizul stepped on the mine," said the mother. "I saw his two legs blown away."

While many Rohingyas refugees have recounted tales of torture and rape by Myanmar troops and Buddhist militias as they escaped, landmines are the latest deadly threat to come to light. — AFP

## India's Chandrayaan-1 data helps map water on Moon

WASHINGTON, Sept 14: Scientists, using data from an instrument which flew aboard India's Chandrayaan-1 spacecraft, have created the first map of water trapped in the uppermost layer of the Moon's soil, which may prove useful for future lunar explorers.

The study, published in the journal *Science Advances*, builds on the initial discovery in 2009 of water and a related molecule—hydroxyl, which consists of one atom each of hydrogen and oxygen—in the lunar soil.

Scientists at Brown University in the US used a new calibration of data taken

from NASA's Moon Mineralogy Mapper, which flew aboard Chandrayaan-1 spacecraft in 2008, to quantify how much water is present on a global scale.

"The signature of water is present

nearly everywhere on the lunar surface, not limited to the polar regions as previously reported," said Shuai Li, former PhD student at Brown University.

"The amount of water in-

creases toward the poles and does not show significant difference among distinct compositional terrains," said Li, who is now a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Hawaii.

The water concentration reaches a maximum average of around 500 to 750 parts per million in the higher latitudes. That is less than what is found in the sands of Earth's driest deserts,

researchers said.

"This is a roadmap to where water exists on the surface of the Moon," said Ralph Milliken, an associate professor at Brown.

"Now that we have these quantitative maps showing where the water is and in what amounts, we can start thinking about whether or not it could be worthwhile to extract either as drinking water for astronauts or to produce fuel," said Milliken.

The researchers said that the way the water is distributed across the Moon gives clues about its source. — PTI



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## NOTICE INVITING QUOTATIONS

Quotations of rates in sealed cover affix Court fee stamp of Rs. 8.25 (Rupees eight and paisa twenty five) only are invited from intending Printing Presses from Morigon & Nagpon districts for printing of Electoral Rolls and Ballot Papers etc. in connection with ensuing Panchayat Election (2017-2018). Such Printing Presses should fulfil the following terms and conditions:

1. The Printing Press should be supported by copy of Registration.
2. Attested copies of records (document, relating to Registration of PAN, up-to-date income tax clearance certificate, Trade Licence and GST IN etc. should be furnished. Quotation submitted without attested copies of the certificates will be rejected.
3. The quotationalists should also submit a statement of shoving the resources of the press viz. no. of printing machines, its capacity, no. of computers, facility for cutting/binding/stitching, work space, manpower, financial soundness etc.
4. Records/documents in support of experience of Election related printing works etc. if any) to be furnished.
5. Rate(s) should be inclusive of all taxes admissible taxes like GST/ Income Tax as applicable rate will be deducted at source from the bill amount.
6. Rates/quotations for printing of, Electoral Rolls, should include cost of Paper, DTP etc. Specification of paper for printing of Electoral Rolls is 60 GSM (Legal size).
7. Electoral Roll will have to be printed polling station wise. Electoral Rolls will be printed on both sides of the piece of paper (Legal size). 1 (one) set of Electoral Rolls of a Polling Station may be having 8 to 20 pages (both side printing) depending upon no. of voters in a Polling Station. Electoral Roll of a Polling Station will be required in about 30 (thirty) sets.
8. Selected quotationalists will have to deposit Rs. 20,000/- (Rupees twenty thousand) only as security money in shape of Cash deposit/D/P/R Bank draft in favour of the Deputy Commissioner/MDC/SCC of the concerned district.
9. If a firm fails to complete the printing works within the stipulated time, the work order will immediately be withdrawn from the concerned firm and the security money will be forfeited.
10. Rates once accepted will be treated as final and no alteration or modification will be entertained for any reason whatsoever and it will remain valid until next quotation is called for.
11. Authority is not bound to accept the lowest rate or any quotation and reserves the right to accept/reject any quotation without assigning any reasons thereof.
12. Rate should be quoted as per following proforma:

a) For Printing of Electoral Rolls (including supply of paper)

Sl. No.	Item	Rate (including DTP and binding) in Rs. (both in figure and words)			
		30 copies	40 copies	75 copies	100 copies
1.	Pages containing 91 -100 names				
2.	Pages containing 51-90 names				
3.	Pages containing 25- 50 names				
4.	Pages containing less than 25 names				

In addition to the above terms and conditions following additional conditions will have to be fulfilled by a Press for printing of Ballot Paper.

1. Papers for Ballots will be supplied by this office. The width, of ballot papers should be 4 (four) inch (single column), where the number of candidates is 8 (eight) or less the ballot paper to be printed in double column and breadth should be twice i.e. 8 (eight) inch.
2. Every ballot paper shall have counterfoil attached to it. At the top, Serial number should be printed/ machined on every ballot paper as well as its counterfoil.
3. The ballot paper have to be stitched into bundles with consecutive serial ballot papers. Numbers of ballots in each, bundle to be 50/fifty.
4. The rate should be quoted inclusive of charges for stitching, serial numbering etc. Rates must be quoted in both words and figures.
5. The rate should be in following proforma.
6. Ballot Paper printing (Paper will be supplied by the Authority) :

Sl. No.	Item	Rate quoted for printing of	
		First 100 copies	Subsequent 100s
1.	Single Column		
2.	Double Column		

Printing Presses fulfilling the terms and conditions will submit their quotations in sealed cover to the undersigned by 3:00 pm of 20.09.2017.

Sd/- Deputy Commissioner,  
Morigon.

No. T/Repairs & Maint/P-II/SE/03/2017-18/ SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER Dated: 11.09.2017

The Superintending Engineer, F.W.D. Tezpur Road Circle, Tezpur invites Bids on behalf of Governor of Assam for Road projects in Sonitpur & Biswanath District of Assam from approved & eligible Contractors Class I, A, B & C & II of this Circle of Assam PWD (Roads) for the following works under Assam Road Maintenance Fund (Part-II) for the year 2016-17 for 34 (Thirty Four) numbers of Roads with estimated costs as per list enclosed:

Sl. No.	Name of Works	Estimated Amount (In L)		Road Length (In Km)	SPT Bridge Culvert (In No.)
		III	IV		
1.	Repair & Maintenance of PWD Roads from Dhekhajuli NH-15 Box Culvert, H.P.C etc. (Providing WBM patching, SDBC R/C Box Culvert, H.P. Culvert etc.)		85.00	4.00	
2.	Repair & Maintenance of PWD Roads Pitthakhuwa to Bar Namgher (Providing GSB, WBM patching, ICBP etc.)		45.00	0.95	
3.	Repair & Maintenance of PWD Roads from Na Ali to Muwanami Road (Providing WBM, WBM patching, ICBP etc.)		75.00	1.75	
4.	Repair & Maintenance of PWD Roads from Braguna Daily Bazaar, Lakhaghat to Likhaghat Road (Providing WBM patching, SDBC etc.)		23.00	1.60	
5.	Repair & Maintenance of PWD Roads Thelmonra to Garuduba (Providing WBM patching, SDBC etc.)		90.00	6.00	
6.	Repair & Maintenance of Conversion damaged-H.P culvert (10mm dia. Triple opening) to RCC Box Culvert (4mm dia. Triple opening) Cherrapunji-Borong Road (From Ch. 0.00m to Ch. 600.00m) By providing Interlocking concrete Block pavement (ICBP)		57.00		
7.	Construction of Road from Samukha Kakabong Road (From Ch. 0.00m to Ch. 600.00m) By providing Interlocking concrete Block pavement (ICBP)		43.90	0.60	
8.	Repair & Maintenance of Salorsan to Dewrang Road		50.00	2.40	
9.	Repair & Maint of Kholchon to Barong Road		65.00	3.15	
10.	Repair & Maint of NH-15 to Barnbari Connected Road via Kathetbari		70.00	1.50	
11.	Repairs & Maint of Samdhera to Samdhera Chiplani Road		24.37	1.95	
12.	Repairs & Maint of NH-15 to Na-bit Connected Road		83.15	10.00	
13.	Repair & Maint of Jamuguri Dhekhuli Road		30.00	2.30	
14.	Repair & Maint of Boguloi connected Road		40.00	0.60	
15.	Repair & Maint of Sankar Mandir Road to Dharang College Road to NH-370		48.70	0.51	
16.	Repair & Maintenance of Bishnu Rabha Link Road Bye Lane No. 9		22.48	0.38	
17.	Repairs & Maintenance of Tezpur Jamuguri Road (From Tribeni Point to Civil Hospital Chailali)		67.50	0.85	
18.	Repair & Maintenance of Sankar Mandir Road		51.57	0.60	
19.	Improvement of Link Road between Milon Bakuri Ras Mandir to Dasban Chuburi & Kochur Chuburi Road (EW/Work, GSB, WBM, ICBP etc.)		75.00	1.10	
20.	Repairing & Maintenance of Dipote Banon Chukuri to Khulekuti Kachari Road (Repairing of SPT Br. 2/1 & 3/1 and Conversion of SPT Br. Into Box culvert T/2)		49.50		2
21.	Repairing & Maintenance of NH-37 A to Bebedia Gaon Road (Lang Ch. Dih-Chitaphath) (WBM, PC & S/C)		50.00	3.08	
22.	Repair & Maintenance of Bokangong Road (From Nongpoh Ch. 1500.00m to Ch. 850.00m) by providing SDBC.		89.35	7.00	
23.	Repair & Maintenance of Road from Tirkhuli Forest Gate to Bishnu Rabha P.L School by providing interlocking block pavement		100.00	3.20	
24.	Improvement of Biswanath High school approach road (Ch. 0.00m to Ch. 110.00m) by providing PMC & S/C		32.53	1.10	
25.	Improvement of Nabazer village Road (Ch. 0.00m to Ch. 160.00m) by providing PMC & S/C		44.99	1.60	
26.	Repair & Maintenance of Bokangong Road (From NH-15 Darkbulong Road (L=276.00m) 2) Utso Moni Goen Road (Ch. 0.00m to Ch. 650.00m) by providing PMC ASC		49.95	3.40	
27.	Repair & Maintenance of Soote Diplonga Road by providing interlocking block pavement (Ch. 2000.00m to Ch. 3125.00m)		60.00	1.13	
28.	Repair & Maintenance of Nambagura Luhuligan (Fatlakasti) Road (Ch. 0.00m to Ch. 150.00m) by providing ICBP		70.00	1.15	
29.	Repair & Maintenance of Soote Diplonga Road (From Ch. 0.00m to Ch. 240.00m) by providing ICBP		100.00	4.20	
30.	Repair & Maintenance of Soote Diplonga Road (From Ch. 0.00m to Ch. 240.00m) by providing ICBP		50.00	0.20	
31.	Kowai LP School to Kowai LP School Road		45.66	0.62	
32.	Repair & Maintenance of Bokangong District to Retawa Road		100.00	8.92	
33.	Repair & Maintenance of Monibubi Retawa Ginge Road		50.00	3.00	
34.	Repair & Maintenance of Monibubi Retawa Ginge Road				

Details may be seen at website <http://assamtenders.gov.in> from 22-09-2017 Amendment/ Addendum to the SBD, if any, and further notifications shall appear in this website and also at the office of the undersigned during office hours. The contractor/bidder must be registered with the Electronic Tendering System (ETS) of PWD, Assam website <http://assamtenders.gov.in>.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, P.W.D., Tezpur Road Circle, Tezpur.





# Sindhu, Sameer enter quarters in Korea

SEOUL, Sept 14: PV Sindhu and Sameer Verma advanced to the quarterfinals with straight-game wins in their respective men's and women's singles preliminaries of the USD 600,000 Korea Super Series here today.

However, it was curtains for Parupalli Kashyap and B Sai Praneeth – both of whom bowed out of the tournament after losing their second-round men's singles matches.

Olympic silver-medallist Sindhu saw off Thailand's Nitchawan Jindapol 22-20, 21-17 to set up a clash with Japan's Minatsu Mitani, who won a bronze medal at the 2014 World Championships and had also defeated Saina Nehwal in the finals to clinch the 2012 French Open title.

Hong Kong Super Series finalist and Syed Modi Grand Prix gold winner Sameer defeated Hong

Kong's Wong Wing Ki Vincent 21-19, 21-13 in 41 minutes. He will need to raise his game by a few notches as he faces local hero favourite Son Wan Ho.

Son Wan, seeded top, had to dig deep to end Kashyap's run. He battled for an hour and 16 minutes before getting the better of the Indian 21-16, 17-21, 21-16 to reach the last-eight stage.

Praneeth fought hard before going down 13-21, 24-26 to seventh-seeded Tsui Wei Wang of Chinese Taipei in a contest that lasted 40 minutes.

In men's doubles, the Indian pair of Arjuna/Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty prevailed 23-21, 16-21, 21-8 over the Chinese Taipei's duo of Lee Jhee-Huei and Lee Yang in 51 minutes.

They will next take on the third-seeded Japanese combination of Takeshi Kamura and Keigo Son-

oda in the quarterfinal.

World No. 4 Sindhu, who clinched a maiden silver at Glasgow World Championship recently, had come into the match with a 1-1 record against Jindapol, who had beaten the Indian at Syed Modi International last year.

Sindhu had to battle hard in the opening game with World No. 16 Jindapol managing to grab a 9-7 and 13-10 lead but the Indian broke off at 14-16 and Sindhu closed the issue.

The second game was also a close contest with both the shuttlers locked in a duel till 8-8.

Sindhu moved ahead and grabbed a 12-9 lead and even though Jindapol managed to claw back at 15-15, Sindhu ensured that she had the last laugh. – PTI

## SPORTS

# Bembem determined to take women's football to next level

### SPORTS REPORTER

the decision," Bembem said regarding her retirement.

Asked about the best phase of her career, she said: "We visited Chinese Taipei in 2001 where although we lost I believe I gave the best performance. That same year the All India Football Federation (AIFF) started with the Best Woman Football Player of the Year Awards and I went on



**I am already associated with coaching and my goal is to help women's football grow in the country.**

to win it."

She has been closely associated with AIFF for spreading awareness about women's football in India and is actively involved as a scout and Brand Ambassador for FIFA Live Your Goals, India.

"I have had talks with the AIFF where

I have asked for more friendly matches for the girls and exposure tours. The more matches one plays the better it is and I am of the opinion that training camps should be for long duration. Through the friendly matches we can improve in the rankings and that helps the team in playing against higher ranked teams."

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### Solution of last problem

Originating from Japan, 'sudoku' is a mind game and a puzzle that can be solved with proper reasoning and logic. Fill the grid with digits in such a manner that each row, given column and every 3x3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9 without repeating any.

### India out of top-100 in FIFA rankings

NEW DELHI, Sept 14: The Indian football team has dropped 10 places to be placed 107 in the latest FIFA rankings released today.

The Sunil Chhetri-led side notched up two victories and a draw in three matches after they were placed 97th last month.

India beat Mauritius and held Saint Kitts and Nevis to a draw to clinch the tri-nation football series before defeating Macau in an away fixture in the 2019 AFC Asian Cup Qualification third round.

India have dropped below the 100th spot for the first time since May.

The Blue Tigers had achieved one of their best rankings in recent history when they climbed to the 96th spot in July. – PTI

### India's first foreign coach for women boxers resigns

is with PTI.

Cottalorda alleged that he repeatedly communicated his concerns to the federation, which did not act on them.

"Despite my e-mails and requests, I note that I still have not received all my salary for the month of August. In addition, I have no accommodation or any guarantee concerning this one as well as the payment of the expenses," he added.

"For all these reasons, which testify to a lack of professionalism and seriousness, I would not return to India. Nevertheless, I wish you good results at the Asian championships."

The federation, on its part, said most of Cottalorda's demands have been met and they would try and persuade him to come back. Ironically, his initial arrival itself was delayed by over a month

owing to some procedural issues.

"70 per cent of his salary has already been paid, his house agreement has been worked out. We have met most of his demands and we will try to talk to him into taking back his decision," a top BFI official told PTI.

"The problem lay in the delay in getting a PAN card for him, which in turn delayed the payments. We tried explaining to him that it was a procedural issue but he was not accustomed to such delays," the official added.

Besides being an experienced coach for women boxers in France, which earned him a three-star rating from the International Boxing Association, Cottalorda has also been a certified coach in the AIBA Pro-Boxing and the World Series of Boxing. – PTI



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## Industries and Commerce Department, Assam

### Good News for Small Tea Growers

**₹5,000/- per bigha  
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**The plant population  
per bigha should not be  
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**Maximum of ₹1,00,000/-  
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- ✓ Existing plantation/planting commenced prior to submission of application shall not be considered for assistance.
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Photo: DCB/SPB/2017

# Ronaldo returns to lead routine Real win

MADRID, Sept 14: Cristiano Ronaldo wasted no time in showing Real Madrid what they have been missing during his five-game domestic suspension, by scoring twice as the holders began their Champions League defence with a routine 3-0 win over APOEL Nicosia on Wednesday.

Ronaldo, banned for pushing a referee after being sent off in the first leg of the Spanish Super Cup, opened the scoring just 12 minutes from Gareth Bale's low cross.

The Portuguese doubled his tally from the penalty spot before Sergio Ramos' overhead kick rounded off the scoring.

Real move to the top of Group H alongside Tottenham Hotspur, who ended their Wembley hoodoo with an impressive 3-1 win over Borussia Dortmund.

Ronaldo described the length of his ban as "persecution" on

the part of the Spanish football federation and his absence has been felt by Real in profligate performances in being held at home by Valencia and Levante.

Real boss Zinedine Zidane admitted that the club's failure to replace Alvaro Morata had left his striking options limited, particularly in the absence of Karim Benzema through a hamstring injury.

However, with Bale excelling back on the left, Ronaldo filled that void as he swept home at the back post from the Welshman's cross.

Ronaldo then headed into the side-netting from a similar position from another Bale delivery moments later.

Real suffered an injury setback midway through the half as Mateo Kovacic limped off to be replaced by Toni Kroos.

And the hosts' rhythm was disrupted as they struggled to create more clear-cut chances against the dogged Cypriot

champions before the break.

Ronaldo thought he had doubled his tally a minute into the second half as his volley from Dani Carvajal's pinpoint cross came off the underside of the bar, but didn't cross the line despite his protests.

Madrid's luck turned moments later when Roberto Lago was very harshly penalised for handball from Bale's deflected cross and Ronaldo smashed home the resulting penalty.

Ronaldo showed his hunger for more goals as he retrieved the ball from the net and raced back to the halfway line.

However, it was Ramos who struck next in acrobatic fashion from point-blank range.

Ronaldo thought he had bagged an eighth Champions League hat-trick when he swept home Luka Modric's cross, but was denied by the offside flag as Real had to settle for three as they began their quest for a 13th European Cup. - AFP



## ACA finalise ticket tariff for T20I

**SPORTS REPORTER**

GUWAHATI, Sept 14: The Assam Cricket Association (ACA) has finalised the rates of tickets for the forthcoming T20I international between India and Australia to be played at the ACA stadium in Baraspara here on October 10. All the tickets will be issued online.

Informing this the ACA secretary Pradip Buragohain said the lowest rate for the match ticket is Rs 750 (West Stand, 2nd floor, for students) while the highest rate is Rs 5000 (South Stand, ground floor and North Stand, ground floor).

**The other rates are:** Rs 1750 (West Stand, 1st floor), Rs 2000 (West Stand, 2nd floor), Rs 1750 (East Stand, 1st floor), Rs 2000 (East Stand, ground floor), Rs 1750 (North Stand, top floor), Rs 2250 (North Stand, 1st floor), Rs 1750 (South Stand, top floor) Rs 2250 (South Stand, 2nd floor), Rs 4000 (South Stand, 1st floor).

**Former State woman cricketer Rajni Basnet has cleared the ECCI Match Referee examination which was held in Bengaluru on August 28 and 29. Rajni has been included in the BCCI Match Referee panel and henceforth will be the BCCI's choice in domestic tournaments. ACA secretary Pradip Buragohain congratulated Rajni for her achievement.**



## Futsal tourney from today

GUWAHATI, Sept 14: The second edition of the IO-Plus Guwahati Futsal Festival will kick start tomorrow at the Deshbhakti Tarun Ram Phookan Indoor Stadium in the RG Baruah Sports Complex here.

Altogether 32 senior teams, along with four Manipur will vie

for the title in the knock-out championship.

The tournament is organised by the Guwahati City FC (GCF) in association with SportsCraft Management.

Along with the seniors, eight junior teams including two from Manipur will contest in the junior category. A total of Rs 50,000 is at stake as prize-money in the two-day meet.

## Maharana AC in semis

TIHU, Sept 14: Maharana Athletic Club of Guwahati entered the semifinal of the Tarun Dutta Memorial Football Tournament.

In the third quarter final played at the Makhishila H School playground today, the Guwahati outfit handed 1st ASRF Borjhar a 6-1 drubbing.

Maharana's Dhiraj Rabhongshi found the back of the net four times while Buluket scored twice. Hayna Club of Subankanta will take on MASA of Mukalumba in the 4th quarterfinal tomorrow.

## Amba Medhi soccer begins

**CORRESPONDENT**

MANGALDAL Sept 14: The 38th edition of the Amba Medhi Memorial Football Tournament, organised by the Mangaldai Sports Association got underway at the Mangaldai Stadium here today.

In the inaugural match, Assam Police Radio Organisation (APRO), Guwahati rallied to beat Harisingha Sports Association 3-1.

The Harisingha boys were leading 1-0 till the break through the goal netted by Soumikshun Swaryari.

But the complexion of the match took a dramatic turn as the cops struck thrice through Rishi Konwar, Bitpong Kalita and Amar Nath.

Earlier, ADC, Darrang, Hari Narayan Bora formally inaugurated the tournament in the presence of SP Darrang Sreejith T and president of the Mangaldai Sports Association Basanta Das, among others.

On Friday Dhopdihara Football Club will take on Kehutoli Bangri Club.

## Tottenham Wembley curse dead, says Pochettino



Tottenham Hotspur manager Mauricio Pochettino instructs from the touchline during the opening Champions League Group H match against Borussia Dortmund at the Wembley Stadium in London.

LONDON, Sept 14: Mauricio Pochettino says Tottenham's 3-1 Champions League victory over Borussia Dortmund has finally killed off their Wembley curse.

Pochettino's side opened their Group H campaign with an impressive display at their temporary Wembley home on Wednesday as Harry Kane's double and a Son Heung-Min strike sealed the points.

It was only Tottenham's third win in their last 13 matches at Wembley and their first since moving into the English national stadium this season.

"It's been a fantastic performance. It was massive to start that way with three points," he said.

"It was so important to get the points against a fantastic team like Dortmund. It's massive for our confidence."

"They dominated the game, but we were very clinical. In the second half we increased our level and the game was under control."

"When you don't dominate the game, you can still show different characteristics."

Kane's brace maintained his strong start to September, which also includes two goals for England, and backed his claim this team

is ready to shine on Europe's biggest stages.

Pochettino has no doubt Kane is already among

the top strikers in the tournament.

"Harry was fantastic," he said. "When you score goals in the Champions League you receive the credit you deserve. For me he is one of the best strikers in the world."

After last season's tame performances in Eu-

rope's elite club competition, Tottenham are desperate to make the knockout stages this term and on this evidence they look up to the task.

Son put them ahead early on, and although Andrey Yarmolenko equalised for Dortmund, Kane produced two typically predatory finishes to make it four goals in two games for the English striker.

Pochettino believes Tottenham are beginning to learn the harsh lessons of last year's flop.

"It was a fantastic performance. It was massive to start that way with three points," he said.

"It was so important to get the points against a fantastic team like Dortmund. It's massive for our confidence."

"They dominated the game, but we were very clinical. In the second half we increased our level and the game was under control."

"When you don't dominate the game, you can still show different characteristics."

Kane's brace maintained his strong start to September, which also includes two goals for England, and backed his claim this team

is ready to shine on Europe's biggest stages.

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## Infantino faces new ethics complaint: Report

NEW YORK, Sept 14: A New York University law professor who resigned from a FIFA governance committee has filed an ethics complaint against the global football body's leadership, the *New York Times* reported.

According to the newspaper, the complaint lodged by Richard Weiler claims that FIFA president Gianni Infantino, Infantino's top deputy and other senior officials intervened in their committee's work in a bid to block scrutiny of senior football officials.

Contacted by AFP, FIFA declined to comment on the report, which came on the same day that Miguel Maduro, the former chairman of the New York City parliamentarian panel and Infantino's committee fire-damaged his office.

Weiler confirmed his own complaint in a telephone interview with the *New York Times*.

"It was filed in the last few days," Weiler said, adding that it covered many of the same claims Maduro made to the British parliamentarian panel.

Maduro said he and Infantino clashed over Maduro's attempt to bar Russian Deputy Prime Minister Vitaly Mutko to stand for a seat on FIFA's council, because it violated rules against governmental interference in football.

The former Portuguese government minister said that Infantino, who succeeded disgraced Sepp Blatter as FIFA boss in 2016, has opted "to pursue it politically" even if it means forsaking the effort to stamp out corruption.

Weiler said that all of the information he gathered that raised ethical red flags was "known by FIFA" and when he saw no action taken he formally informed the ethics committee.

"It's not to believe the ethics committee will remain indifferent to these issues and there will be serious investigations," he said, but like Maduro he sounded pessimistic. - AFP

## Stones stars as Man City hammer Feyenoord

ROTTERDAM (Netherlands), Sept 14: Manchester City thrashed Dutch champions Feyenoord 4-0 as defender John Stones scored twice to get Pep Guardiola's side off to a flying start in the Champions League start on Wednesday.

Stones headed home two minutes after a sublime chip by skipper David Silva, and after Sergio Aguero and Gabriel Jesus had made the win safe, the England centre-back capped off the evening with a second powerful header for a memorable brace.

"The most important thing and what pleased me the most (about the win) is the way in which we did it," said City coach Guardiola.

"We did not play back... We had the legs to run on the side, especially on the right and created the chances, while continuing to threaten with lightning-fast attacks down the right flank."

The weather did little to improve the fanatical Feyenoord supporters' mood, as the fans began jeering the players each time the ball was passed back to Jones, who had a busy evening.

The keeper blocked a blistering shot from Aguero which rebounded

for Benjamin Mendy to take another shot, bouncing off the Australiagan again.

Jones could not hold on however

and an unmarked Jesus performed

the simple task of booting the ball

into the back of the net for a debut

Champions League goal.

Feyenoord regained some composure in the second half, but it did

not take the visitors long to find

the back of the net again, this time in the form of a blistering header

by Stones from a finely-floated De Bruyne corner. - AFP



Manchester City's John Stones (R) makes terrific connection with his head to fire home the fourth goal of the evening during the UEFA Champions League Group F match at the Feyenoord Stadium in Rotterdam.

## Dhawan released for first three ODIs against Australia

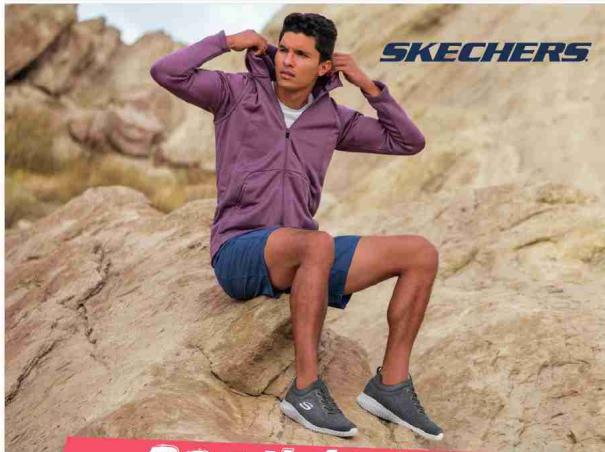
NEW DELHI, Sept 14: India opener Shikhar Dhawan has been released from the team for the first three ODIs against Australia to attend to his wife, who is unwell.

"Team India opener Mr Shikhar Dhawan has requested to be released from the team for the first three ODIs of the Paytm Australia tour of India, 2017 to attend to his wife, who is unwell," a BCCI release stated.

The Senior Selection Committee has decided not to name any replacement for Dhawan for the first three matches. During the last series against Sri Lanka also, Dhawan had left after the One-day Internationals as his mother was unwell at that time.

**India team for first three ODIs against Australia:** Virat Kohli (captain), Rohit Sharma (vice-captain), KL Rahul, Manish Pandey, Kedar Jadhav, Ajinkya Rahane, MS Dhoni (wk), Hardik Pandya, Axar Patel, Kuldeep Yadav, Yuzvendra Chahal, Jasprit Bumrah, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Umesh Yadav, Mohammed Shami. - PTI

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**T**he Indian origin of zero and the modern numerals, along with the decimal system, has always been a matter of immense pride for all Indians. India's great contribution to the world of mathematics is well recognised, at least in some quarters. The great French Mathematician, Laplace was one who appreciated the contributions of the Indians, and he put this in great clarity, when he commented, "The ingenious method of expressing every possible number using a set of ten symbols (each symbol having a place value and an absolute value) emerged in India. The idea seems so simple nowadays that its significance and profound importance is no longer appreciated. Its simplicity lies in the way it facilitated calculation and placed arithmetic foremost amongst useful inventions. The importance of this invention is more readily appreciated when one considers that it was beyond the two greatest men of Antiquity, Archimedes and Apollonius."

However, in many western quarters where mathematical historiography has been largely shaped by the dominance of the Greco-Christian world view and the Enlightenment period, India's various contributions in modern mathematics are not yet well recognised. Many western experts are even starting to question, "How original are the Indian claims of the origins of the decimal system and the zero?" Experts say that much of the ancient Indian traditional knowledge was primarily oral and there is not much record to prove India's claims.

While there is general agreement among scholars that the modern numerals with the decimal system were well established in India. We have records that a mathematician and astronomer named Aryabhata used zero as a placeholder in the 5th century. Brahmagupta (628 CE), another Indian astronomer and mathematician, even wrote a treatise on zero. This was many centuries before the West came to know about zero. The knowledge of the Indian numerals, along with the zero and the decimal system was eventually transmitted through the Arabs to the West in the Middle Ages.

The question we need to ask is: Is the 5th Century CE the earliest record of the Indian numerals with decimal system? What happened before this? The records are fuzzy here. One reason is that many ancient Indian mathematical texts have long been extinct. One basic question that is arising now is, "When exactly did the Indians adopt the decimal system and more importantly, when was the zero added to the Indian numerals?" As mentioned earlier, some experts are even questioning, did the Indians borrow the zero and the decimal system from other civilisations such as the Chinese, the Babylonians, the Mayans or the Egyptians?

Ptolemy (130 CE), the Greek astronomer, was using a symbol for zero (a small circle with a long overbar) in his work on mathematical astronomy known as the *Almagest*. Ptolemy's zero was used within a sexagesimal (base 60) numeral system (borrowed from the Babylonians), otherwise using alphabetic Greek numerals. However, it was used alone, not as a placeholder and the positions were usually limited by the fractional part of a number (called minutes, seconds, thirds, fourths etc.).

In later Byzantine manuscripts of Ptolemy's *Almagest*, (10th Century CE), the Hellenistic zero had morphed into the Greek letter O (Omicron, otherwise meaning 70). It is con-

"attempt to settle once and for all the continuing controversy in the world as to when, where and why the zero digit was invented." The group had its conference on Zero in Delhi in April, 2017 where many scholars met and discussed on the topic.

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ceivable, according to some, that the Indians borrowed the zero from Ptolemy. But the Indians need to prove otherwise.

The Indians, therefore, have a big task to counter these arguments and show how the zero originated in India. There are still tens of thousands of ancient manuscripts in India and in the world at large that have still not been studied. In that connection, it would be very timely to undertake a concerted effort now to discover what exact evidence may as yet be produced before crucial manuscripts deteriorate further or are lost altogether. Recently a stone inscription bearing the numerals 2312078 was discovered in Golaghat, Assam.

At present, the group is trying to analyse the background of this interesting inscription with a zero in it.

India's fascination for big numbers is one major argument as a motivation for the Indians to invent the zero. The Hindu cosmology deals in billions of years. For example, a cycle of day and night of Brahma is 8,640,000,000 human years! One plausible theory is that the early use of such large numbers eventually led to the adoption of a series of names for successive powers of ten to which the Sanskrit language was well predisposed.

Scholars at Project Zero say the key lie in early Hindu and Buddhist philosophical discourses about the concept of "shunya" or "emptiness" or "void," which began many centuries before the mathematical zero came about.

"We find the cultural notion of zero-ness or emptiness in philosophy, grammar, music, dance, visual arts and architecture much earlier. We want to trace its steps as far back as we can and look for the 'bridges' between philosophy and mathematics. What was the philosophy that provided a fertile ground for such an invention?"

The group is engaged in exploring all the avenues for digging into India's past records to find the clue to the origin of zero in India. We hope that in the process of establishing the origin of zero in India, we would be able to establish proper recognition for India's contribution to world mathematics.

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The Design Studio, owned by Meghna, recently organised a fashion show titled Autumn Notes, Fall 2017, to support the cause of cancer and coronary heart disease. The event was organised in collaboration with a Bawana Charitable based NGO, Morning Club.

An auction held during the event sold an exquisite pair mekhela chador – one in wavy colour with traditional kingkhop design and zardosi work, and embellished with Swarovski stones, at Rs 50,000, which was bought by Rajeev Das, a city-based entrepreneur. The proceeds of the sale went to the NGO, which will invest the money in the treatment of cancer and heart diseases.

Meghna strongly believes that the fashion industry is not only about glamour or staying stylish, but it can also be used as a tool to make a difference in the society.

"It is a subject that I have often pondered upon. I am often asked in interviews whether fashion can be used to make a difference in anybody's life – if it can be used to do more than just provide the obvious. I wanted to do something about it, and that's how we came up with this idea. It is a small gesture, our own little way to give back to the society," says Meghna.

The show was attended by the who's who of the fashion industry and the city. Well known personalities of the film and fashion industry, like Kopil Bora, Diganta Hazarika, and Panchali Gupta Baber walked the ramp in support of the cause. A heavily pregnant Nisha Goswami, without holding back, slayed the ramp for the cause.

"We plan to hold more such events in the future. We want to contribute to social causes as much as we can by intertwining fashion and charity," says the designer, who hopes that such events become a trend, setting an example for others to follow suit. After all, there's comfort knowing that your creation has touched the welfare of cancer patients.

A similar example nearer home is that of city-based designer Mehzabin, better known as Meghna in the world of fashion, who has taken a small step towards making a difference in the society through her creation.

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## The Hendrix experience

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**T**he greatest guitarist of all time and the most iconic figure in rock and roll history, Jimi Hendrix died on September 18, 1970 in London due to barbiturate intoxication. He was 27. He was a clever musician, parveyor of magic, producing raving electric sounds. Great electric blues guitarists like Jeff Beck and Pete Townshend bowed before his craftsmanship.

Born in Seattle on November 27, 1942, Hendrix treated his guitar like a magic wand. The guitar was an extension of his body. He played left-handed, turning the Fender Stratocaster upside down. This was a man with quite a charisma. It is so natural that it just flowed out. He could talk through the wah wah pedal. His music was different from the top acts of that time – The Beatles and The Rolling Stones, and the fact that he was Afro-American worked in his favour. He did not have the niceies of The Beatles and would just let the guitar rip through the hearts of the listeners. In his own way, Jimi Hendrix set the agenda for a host of new bands.

Although his career spanned only four years, Hendrix altered the course of rock music and became one of the most influential musicians of all times. In the present era, the riffs of *Paint It Black*, *Foxy Lady*, *Crossroads*, *Traffic*, *Voodoo Child* still hold the masses at awe. Numbers like *The Wind Cries Mary*, *Little Wing*, *Red House* brings out the Blush and softer side of the maestro.

Hendrix had a brutal childhood. He went to a lot of orphanages and had to fend for himself. He had a poor relationship with his father. It seems that due to the abuse that he suffered in his childhood, there was that something within him that was ready to explode. As Hendrix grew older he took refuge in his own imagination through his guitar that his father bought for just five dollars. Hendrix was a self-taught guitarist, never applying for any guitar classes.

Childhood was not a happy one. His family was poverty stricken and he withdrew into himself. Minor crimes were a feature of Hendrix's teens until he joined the US Army's 101st Airborne Division. He was discharged after suffering an injury during the training exercises.

Hendrix's first love was always his guitar. He became a part time player with the likes of Sam Cook, Little Richard and the Isley Brothers. He also wrote his own songs and played for peanuts at cafes in Greenwich Village. In the summer of 66, Linda Keith, girlfriend of Keith Richards of the Rolling Stones backed Hendrix for his first major break in the London club circuit.

One of the greatest bass players, Jess Chandler of *The Animals* was floored by his music – amplifiers blazing away to their tops. It was Jess who gave Hendrix his first recording deal. Initially in Britain Hendrix took whatever solo work he could get. Hendrix's first performance in front of the English audience was with *The Cream* featuring Eric Clapton, Ginger Baker, and Jack Bruce. Clapton was blown away by the distorted mastery of Hendrix and remarked that nobody had done this before.

Jess Chandler teamed Hendrix up with drummer Mitch Mitchell and bass guitarist Noel Redding. They called themselves The Jimi Hendrix Experience and their first album was *Are You Experienced*. The album galloped into the top of the charts in the first few weeks of its release. Numbers such as *Hey Joe*, *Purple Haze* became cult classics.

London tabloids, in an era of pre-political correctness, dubbed him as the wild man of Borneo and his publicist made sure he lived up to that expectation. Through all his success, he remained a very shy individual. London was the place for Hendrix to be. His initiation with art forms, music and fashion was complete there. The Beatles and The Rolling Stones were the frontrunners of this cultural revolution and soon enough London proclaimed Hendrix as their new musical king and Purveyor of Magic.

By the time of the Monterey Music Festival in 1967, Hendrix was considered by fellow musicians and fans as the greatest guitar player in the world. This was the time that the US got the first taste of the Hendrix experience. Hendrix wanted his music to be three dimensional. Later on it came to be known as quadraphonic sound.

His second album was *Axios*, *Bold as Love*, followed by *Electric Ladyland*. *Bold As Love*, the album, has a great variety of songs starting from R&B, then going to jazz influences of Miles Allison. Hendrix in this album touched on some of his influences from Curtis Mayfield which reflected in *Little Wing*. And then there was this great hippie song *If Six Was Nine*.

*Electric Ladyland* was Jimi's first double album and here he stretched out to the studios. The album featured the psychedelic Blues number *Voodoo Child*, and the all-time hit *All Along the Watchtower* written by Bob Dylan. Here he jammed up with some of his friends like Steve Winwood and Jack Cassidy of Jefferson Airplane. His last album *Band of Gypsys* was recorded on New Year's Eve, just months before his death. In 1969 Hendrix appeared at the Woodstock Festival and mesmerised everyone with his rendition of the *Star Spangled Banner* – the US national anthem.

The US army fighting in Vietnam took to Hendrix's music. For them it was like a dose of sanity. In those days guns had replaced guitar in south-east Asia. In 1970, Jimi opened his own studio – Electric Lady in New York. This turned out to be a huge financial success. But Jimi, as always, was broke. "Jimi did not have any property. Most of his things travelled around with him," said Hendrix archivist and author Steve Roby. "All the money from concerts, posters LPs, tapes went to the management and Jimi never saw the money. He had to ask company officials for weekend allowances like a little kid. He was never a good businessman."

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## Philanthropic fashion



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**T**he fashion industry, often considered frivolous and elitist, seems to be a world apart from philanthropy. While the former focusses on making one look good, the latter revolves around selflessly working towards the betterment of the downtrodden and the needy. How about intertwining the two? Of late, the fashion industry has seen a gradual but steady shift when it comes to philanthropic endeavours, which are often led by the designers themselves. One such example is Tommy Hilfiger who, the father of an autistic child, has become a huge benefactor of autism research. The same goes for Donna Karan, who after having lost her husband to cancer in 2001, offered financial assistance for the welfare of cancer patients.

A similar example nearer home is that of city-based designer Mehzabin, better known as Meghna in the world of fashion, who has taken a small step towards making a difference in the society through her creation.





## Lessons from Mizoram

**A**s Indians, we always cite example of advanced nations when it comes to aspects like civic sense, discipline in public life, adherence to traffic rules, cleanliness, general sense of mutual trust and respect. Perhaps many a times, we also fail to give due credit to inspiring examples in our own nation.

Recently, I was on an official tour to Aizawl, the hilly capital town of Mizoram. This was not my first visit but every time I have visited Mizoram, there were so much of positives that make you feel so proud of this picturesque State. Steep hilly terrain, narrow roads, sharp turns and a large number of two and four wheelers could make any typical Indian town an ideal candidate for traffic snarls, road rage and bellowing honking. Well, Aizawl is an exception. One could hardly hear any honking unless it is an emergency; cars are always conscious of the pedestrians, absolute patience by all and sundry stuck in frequent traffic jams, drivers at all times being sensitive to fellow drivers negotiating tough inclined sharp corners. At times it feels as if itself has slowed down and nobody is in a mad rush to reach their destinations. Well, as a local suggested, here distance is measured in time, not kilometre. Therefore, people factor in the traffic congestions as they venture out to their destinations.

As you travel into the outskirts, you will be astounded to find door-less shops without any shopkeepers. These shops have no shopkeepers. Only rate cards and a series of fresh veggies and fruits which are hung in small quantities in plastic bags. Customers, mostly people passing by (local or travellers), are expected to deposit money in a container which says "Pawisa Baum" or "Pawisa Daha". If need be, they can also pick up change from the same bag. This traditional business model thrives because of the exemplary sense of honesty and trust that is becoming rarer by the day.

Mizoram is all about a State that has a casteless society, people who are honest, disciplined, who respect public property and also deeply religious, but with a modern outlook. Yes, the State has its fair share of problems like challenging terrain, menace of drug abuse, poverty, unemployment, shortage of drinking water, etc. But the fact is that Mizoram is one of the very few States affected by insurrections that has overcome the problem totally, and today the State enjoys a peaceful environment with political stability.

The fact that both men and women are seen to be equally active in economic activities augurs well for the small State that has also happens to be one of the most literate states in the country. In fact, among all the Northeastern States, the success rate in the UPSC and various other national level examinations, youths from Mizoram have excelled over the years.

Having travelled in the interiors, I can vouch about the general sense of cleanliness amongst the communities, their love for music, culture and heritage with organisations like the Young Mizo Association (YMA) playing a pivotal role in safeguarding the ethnic identity of the people infusing a sense of discipline and cohesiveness that always helps the community to remain rooted to their land and ideals.

The ten commitments that YMA imposes upon its members: self-discipline and righteousness, good management of family, just and truthfulness, chivalry and usefulness, tolerance, politeness, social commitment, respect for religion, preservation of culture, abstinence from liquor and drugs, are ideals that are universal and reflects the core philosophy on which the Mizo people approach their lives. When an outsider in Mizoram more often than not gets ready help from a local in spite of language barrier at times, it speaks volumes about the genial people of this land of rolling hills, famous Cheraw dance and colourful Puan (traditional attire). May God bless this wonderful land and her people, who have so many positives that need to be emulated by all!

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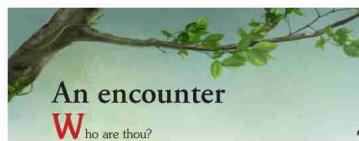
**T**he traditional Bonderam festival was celebrated in Divar Island of Goa on September 9. The word 'Bonderam' originated from the involvement of flags. It is stated that during the Portuguese rule in Goa, there were frequent disputes between two sections of the Divar village over property issues. These often led to violence and fights in the village. To find a solution to this problem, the Portuguese introduced a system of demarcation of boundaries with flags. The festival is a moment to protest by the local villagers against the Portuguese while trying to resolve the property ownership disputes. This festival starts with a flag accompanied by a brass band. Bonderam is a very popular monsoon festival in Goa and it draws huge crowds from all parts of Goa and the world.

Today is National Engineer's Day. To mark this occasion, in today's Master's Choice section do try a set of questions on 'Science & Technology' has been compiled by yours truly.

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### MASTER'S CHOICE

- What is the new technology called which provides the ability to create an artificial world and have people interact with it?
- The first use of this term is attributed to Viatron Computer Systems describing the custom integrated circuit used in their System 21 small computer system announced in 1968. Which term is it?
- Originally developed for the Apple II computer, this video game franchise was created by Jordan Mechner. It went on to become a movie which was released in 2010. Name it.
- Statistics Day was celebrated across India on June 29, 2013. This day is celebrated on the occasion of whose birth anniversary?
- Which device is used to study the way an object behaves when air flows over it?
- What are the machines used to check the progress of an unborn baby in its mother's womb?



### An encounter

Who are thou?  
Said I to the alien 'me'.  
Replied 'me' –  
"What a pity!  
Don't you really know me?  
I am the inner voice of yours, the inextricable.  
Always with you, by your side, though intangible."

Wondered I –  
"What a revelation!  
How on earth was I oblivious to this phenomenon?"

With a smirk said 'me' –  
"You always knew me,  
And still you didn't know.  
May be because sometimes,  
We pretend to know not our realities,  
Too harsh to bear,  
Too profound to comprehend,  
Yet overpowering to confront:  
Yield like a shadow,  
Always trailing behind us,  
On and on."

**Arindam Keot,**  
Dulajan

### A storm inside

The river played the game,  
Touched me and washed away,  
The waves tickled my feet,  
Starting a storm inside me,  
A tsunami of emotions.  
Calm it seemed,  
But havoc it wreaked,  
Letting me not know,  
What wasn't meant to be.

**Manisha Chetia,**  
Guwahati

### SCIENCE ZONE

**Dr Dharmakanta Kumbhakar**

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**What studies say**

The Million Women Study in the UK has found that the use of cell phones for more than five years was associated with an increased risk of acoustic neuroma. The risk of acoustic neuroma was almost four times higher on the

### QUIZ ZONE

**Sailen Baishya**



**Picture clue:**

19. X is a military terminology that originated in British India to describe those professionals who could easily kill this wetland bird Y. Identify X and Y. (Manas Pratim Kashyap, Guwahati)

**ANSWERS**

1. Televirtuality, 2. Microprocessor, 3. Prince of Persia, 4. PC Mahalanobis, 5. Wind Tunnel, 6. Ultra Sound machines, 7. Apple, 8. Roald Amundsen, 9. Frederick Sanger, 10. RT-LAMP, 11. Indira Gandhi, 12. Amrita Pritam, 13. Swargadeo Pratap Singh, 14. Tirumala Timipati Devasthanams, 15. Anita Karwal, 16. Rohini Hattangadi, 17. Stapedius, 18. Marilyn Monroe, 19. X=sniper, Y=snipe, 20. Clue.

# FEELINGS

### The forest trail

Over the rugged hilly track,  
Cradled on horse-back,  
On a forest trail we embark,  
With emotions all whipped up.  
We shudder that the horses will blunder,  
Frayed nerves give jitters,  
Clattering hooves, the silence shatters,  
As trotting horses decide to canter.  
The whiff of pine-scent takes our breath away.  
With the rhythm of the horses we sway;  
Dwarfed by the sky-bound greens and the view so serene,  
Calm descends on every being.  
Fear drifts away like haze,  
Heart sings nature's praise:  
The play of light and shade  
Through the lattice-work of foliage;  
The hide and seek of sun and mist,  
Definitely God's awesome gift;  
Like the soaring pines, my spirit soars,  
With nature it strikes a blissful rapport.

**Anita Chatterjee,**  
Alwar

### Dystopia

Paralysed humanity,  
Fabricated lies;  
Wasted serenity,  
Hypnotised smiles.

Endless rants,  
Raucous growls;  
Bogus vents,  
Hopeless crowds.

**Anannya Nath,**  
Jorhat

## Canvas

At twilight, by the river bank,  
Under an old banyan tree,  
I laid my canvas, to sketch  
The orange shaded sky in the west.  
A shrunk, withered leaf,  
Fell on my shoulder,  
And I saw the birds,  
Nodding their heads to signify  
The certainty of disaster.  
A melancholic, penniless beggar,  
Wished to stop the wheel of time,  
As the tree was decided to be uprooted,  
And the night ahead,  
Was their last meeting on that shelter.  
The shouting, helpless birds,  
The sad tree and the sobbing beggar,  
Found a place on my canvas.  
Let the pain and heartbroken requests,  
To prevent cutting and uprooting trees,  
Be whirled around the world,  
And penetrate in the hearts,  
Of every human being.

**Bandana Bargoyari,**  
Baksa

## Reborn

I met his daughter.  
I met his wife.  
I met his mother.  
But never met 'her'.  
Each day I go out,  
In search of 'her'  
Each day I return  
With a question:  
"Who am I?"  
Amid the voyage of my search,  
Met an image of 'her'.  
When asked for her address;  
She said with a smile,  
"I'm just a shade of man's colour,  
Yet to be born as me;  
Free from the colour of a man,  
Reborn as a woman, to be a woman."

**Rumi Sharma,**  
Dergaon

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In 1997 and 2003, the team concluded that using both mobiles and cordless phones led to "an increased risk for malignant brain tumours". A few years ago, the WHO ruled that mobile phone devices are a "possible human carcinogen", and added them to the class 2B carcinogens list.

### No evidence

Although there have been some concerns that radiofrequency energy from cell phones held closely to the head may affect the brain and other tissues, to date there is no evidence from studies of cells, animals, or humans that radiofrequency energy can cause cancer. It is generally accepted that damage to DNA is necessary for cancer to develop. However, radiofrequency energy, unlike ionizing radiation, does not cause DNA damage in cells, and it has not been found to cause cancer in animals or to enhance the cancer-causing effects. It is nonionizing and its only known effect is heating.

### Children at greater risk?

In theory, children have the potential to be at greater risk than adults due to certain factors. So far, the data from studies on children with cancer do not support this theory. The first published analysis came from the international CEFALO study, which compared children who were diagnosed with brain cancer between ages seven and 19 with healthy children and found no relationship between their cell phone use and risk for brain cancer. However, they noted that their results did not rule out the possibility of a slight increase in brain cancer risk among children who use cell phones.

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7. Name India's first experimental geo-stationary communications satellite, launched in June 1981 from Kourou in French Guiana.

8. This Norwegian explorer was the first to traverse the Northwest Passage and in 1911, the first to reach the South Pole. Name him.

9. He is the only person who won two Nobel Prizes in Chemistry for his work on DNA and protein sequencing. Name this great scientist who died in 2013.

10. Name the method that has been developed by Japan in collaboration with Eiken Chemical to detect the Ebola virus?

### READERS' CHOICE

11. Nirmala Sitharaman is India's second female defence minister. Who was the only other female defence minister the country had? (Hirak Jyoti Lahan, Deragon)

12. Name the first Punjabi poet to receive the Padmashree and Padma Vibhushan from the President of India. (Surjit Singh, Guwahati)

13. During the reign of which Ahom King did it become compulsory for every woman to learn the art of weaving in Assam? (Subrata Dutta, via SMS)

14. Name the temple in India which is the largest depositor of gold with SBI under Gold Monetization Scheme? (Nurjuma Begum, Tengnafai)

15. Who has been appointed as the new chairperson of the Central Board of Secondary Education? (Samanjit Bezbannah, Guwahati)

16. Who played the role of Kasturbai Gandhi in the Oscar winning Hollywood movie *Gandhi*? (Naina Devi, via SMS)

17. Name the smallest muscle in the human body, which at just over one millimetre in length, stabilises the stapes. (Hiren Dutta, Guwahati)

18. By what name is Norma Jean Baker more commonly known to us? (Nitumoni Deka, Nalbari)

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

20. A 'clew' is a ball of yarn which in Greek mythology was used by Theseus as a guide to escape from the Minotaur's labyrinth. What is the modern version of the same word that helps in solving a problem such as a crime? (Arun Bikash Das, Jagiroad)

Kangkan Kalita

**O**ur comfort zone is a place where we feel safe or secure and where there is no risk. It is made up of the known, the accepted, the expected and it can be physical, mental, intellectual or financial. If you do what you've always done, you'll get what you've been always getting. In order to achieve what you haven't till now, you have to move out of your comfort zone and do what you haven't done till now. For most people doing something new or different is very frightening or embarrassing.

It is said that winners never quit and quitters never win. But if we look at it from a different perspective, we see that every winner or every successful person in this world has given up on something big in their life before they became successful – they quit their comfort zone. Some of them left their jobs, some of them walked out of their businesses, their studies or anything that was very important to them at that time. But they had their priorities sorted, and their goals and dreams were the most important thing in their life. When they did that, people around them started criticising them, discouraging them, telling them that they would never be successful. But they believed in themselves and by taking a different path they finally achieved something different, that which seemed impossible to other people. So to be successful in life, the only thing that we must give up is our comfort zone.

Comfort zone is a place where we keep ourselves in a state in which we become paralysed by our own excuses and forget what we can actually accomplish. In this zone we always focus on what we can't do and why we can't do it without using our inner power or abilities. And the most unfortunate thing is most of us don't try to come out of this zone, decide to go where life takes us, guaranteeing failure. Most of us don't understand that in order to achieve peak performance in anything we do, we must come out of our comfort zone, stop making excuses and do what we need to do.

A winner never lets his/her comfort zone hold them back while a loser always tries to make an excuse before doing something big. Many a times they don't do it because they become afraid of the outcome and start feeding their minds with 'What if' questions. 'What if I do it and can't be successful?' In reality, these fears are based upon false beliefs – thoughts that are skewed in deceptive ways. The best antidote to fear is taking action. So when you feel that your mind has been filled up by these types of disempowering questions all you need to do is just replace them with some positive and empowering questions like 'What if I do it and become super successful? Use your fears to challenge yourself to do something bigger and face them like a winner.'

If you start conditioning your mind to always focus on your goals, then it will always keep motivating you and inspiring you to take daily massive actions and never allow you to stay inside your comfort zone.

Find out the purpose of your life; find out why you want to achieve each of your goals, find out the reasons and this will inspire you to keep yourself more active, more joyous and more excited in every single day of your life.

In order to succeed in anything, we must have to come out of our comfort zone and start doing something at a bigger level. Getting out of our comfort zone is not always easy and often it requires lots of hard work, discipline and perseverance. But if you have some definite goals and if you learn to stay physically and mentally active, then your inner power and motivation won't let your comfort zone stop you from taking massive actions.

Commit yourself to stop making excuses, do all the things to overcome your fears, eliminate your limiting beliefs or thoughts that are stopping us to take actions and live life like a winner. Like Robin Sharma says, "As you move outside of your comfort zone, what was once the unknown and frightening becomes your new normal."

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**A**s things stand today, the three-month space between April to June is the time of the techies. Tech world's biggest companies hold their annual mega-events in this time period and lay out their grand visions for the next 12 months or so. Facebook launched their gala show with its F8 conference, followed by Microsoft Build, and then came the Google I/O conference and Apple's Worldwide Developers Conference. Another important player is the Amazon.

The battle for one-upmanship was visible all these years, but this year beyond the hype and the hyperbole, was visible the very earliest fight of a battle for the next phase of computing.

Apple and Google may presently dominate the smartphone market, but technologies like augmented reality present a whole new platform and no one knows what and how it will pan out in the future and no wants to miss a bite of that pie, too. Amazon, Microsoft and Facebook may be technology giants but somehow they have missed out on having their own smartphone platform. They had missed the boat on building smartphone operating systems of their own. And now, it's on them to build whatever comes next.

In this battle of supremacy for the next gen technol-

ogies, these companies are doing their utmost to hasten the end of the smartphone, thereby also ending Apple and Google's duopoly.

Right now, we're seeing the birth of augmented reality and virtual reality – the tech which overlap the digital world onto our human senses. It means information, projected into your eyes and ears, as you need it. You won't need to carry a phone when movies, messages and media are floating in front of you. It might be too new and untested to be considered a real threat to the smartphone, but there is a veritable race to build these platforms of the future.

Amazon's Alexa, a digital voice assistant, tells you the time and weather as of now. Microsoft has its reality-wearing HoloLens "holo-glasses". Facebook and Snapchat have both built augmented reality straight into the camera. Even Google-backed startup Magic Leap thinks its yet-to-release goggles are a shot at becoming a new platform. Just remember that as we appreciate all the new hardware and software goodies coming sooner than later, keep the perspective that everything we're seeing now is the first salvo in a computing war that will rage on for the next decade and beyond.

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**F**ew animals are slower than the Loris. The slow, deliberate gait of the Slow Loris (*Nycticebus coucang*) and the Slender Loris (*Loris tardigradus*) has made them the epitome of laziness. The unlined Slow Loris exactly what its name suggests. It seems to prefer measure every step as it reaches for its food. The Slender Loris slow gait helps them reach their victims undetected.

They are tree dwellers and by habit nocturnal. The Slow Loris has a rounded head and almost looks like a shaggy bear cub with a thick woolly coat that keeps the body temperature constant, for their metabolism is extremely low. The huge, dark eyes placed far forward gives the animal an air of playful innocence. The Slender Loris too, like its relative, possesses enormous eyes, and it is the eyes of the Loris behind their ruthless hunting.

In the tropical forests of Africa and Asia, they are extensively hunted for the sake of those enormous eyes that are thought to contain magical properties that could bring love affairs to successful conclusions, and also because they are believed to contain properties to cure human eye diseases! Like the tiger or rhino, or even any lesser wildlife, superstition poses grave threat to the Loris.

Literature about the biology of these mammals belonging to the family Lorisidae is still scanty. They usually have one baby after a gestation period of about six months. Like all other plants and animal, their numbers too, are rapidly dwindling. With vast swathes

of forest land in the country being wiped out or encroached, survival of many species of apes and primates are severely threatened as they are forced to thrive in confines of limited habitat. Stepping outside those limited confines usually results in death or capture of the poor animal.

The capture of a Slow or Slender Loris in Assam occasionally hits the news. Once widely distributed throughout the State, the existence of the Loris has now become limited to the national parks and a few wildlife sanctuaries or such other forest stretches. A conservationist friend recently reported of an incident when he encountered a Slow Loris being tied to pole in the verandah of a family residing in the Amechang Wildlife Sanctuary. The family that was offering the poor creature fruits, vegetables and confectioneries, would not let go of the wild animal for the fear that it might not be able to find food in the jungle! It is not uncommon for such people, who generally breed a sense of love and sympathy towards wildlife, to be bereft of any knowledge when it comes to the species and its immediate natural habitat. This also applies to the government authorities. The authorities derive knowledge and expertise in the management of nature and wildlife from a limited circle, and lack a wider outlook and have little knowledge of the subject, but are much under the control of politicians in power. The stalled eviction operation in wildlife areas, as recent as the Amechang case, is a grave pointer to this.

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**MIND MATTERS**  
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**LIMITED HABITATS**  
SEEDS OF CHANGE  
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## Adolescents and gadgets

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**O**ver the last few months there have been rising cases of untoward incidents relating to misuse of the internet. Technology that was built to make our lives easier is now taking the lives of humans instead can be called 'modern terror attack'. The most affected populations are children and adolescents.

Adolescence is a phase that is characterised by turbulence and stress. The brain continues to develop, and it is during this phase that an individual faces concern regarding issues of personal identity (values, ideals and beliefs).

In recent times, we have seen an overexposure of gadgets and technology when it comes to children and adolescents. The effect is that a huge number of adolescents are growing impulsive, confused, irritable and have a compulsive habit of going back to the device, making them highly prone to addiction.

Children who are lonelier, alienated, away from real world, depressed and impulsive teenagers are an easy prey for psychiatric pathologies like depressive disorders and suicide. These children also have issues in maintaining relationships, socialising

and sustaining family bonds in the future. Children who are addicted to online games often play a decreased level of interest in physical exercise and sports, education, hobbies, socialising and sleep. They also suffer from poor decision-making skills. Increased stress leads to greater incidences of psychiatric symptoms, poor performance in school/college, etc.

### Smart parenting

It is now time to do some 'smart parenting', instead of blaming the generation gap. Psychological conditions are always better to treat early. If a child is seen engaging more time than allotted with gadgets, quickly make him/her switch over to 'real' activities like cycling, reading books, exercising, gymming, etc., before the former turns into habit. Parents should have at least one meal together with their children and that too in an internet and device free zone where one can engage in some meaningful conversation.

### Gadget hygiene

Like personal hygiene, parents need to teach their children about 'gadget hygiene'. Parents should ensure that gadgets are to be used in their presence as far as possible, and for a short duration; they have to ensure that the children sleep early, and remove gadgets from their room before sleeping; and not spend too much time in front of a screen. Parents too should try and limit their usage of gadgets when children are around. All these may be possible when there is a healthy connection between the parents and children. Children should be at ease to express their thoughts and trust their parents. If a child feels that he/she is getting addicted to such games, then he/she should immediately report it to parents or teachers. Parents should not scold or beat up the child; instead they should assure the child that they will help him/her resolve the issue.

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### VACCINE

**V**THE terms vaccine and vaccination are derived from *Variolae vaccinae* (smallpox of the cow). Edward Jenner used this term to denote cowpox in 1798 used in the long title of his *An enquiry into the causes and effects of Variolæ vaccinae known by the name of cow pox*, in which he described the protective effect of cowpox against smallpox. In 1881, to honour Jenner, Louis Pasteur proposed that the terms should be extended to cover the new protective inoculations being developed.

A vaccine is a biological preparation that provides active acquired immunity to a particular disease. It typically contains an agent that resembles a disease-causing microorganism and is often made from weakened forms of the microbe, its toxins or one of its surface proteins. The agent stimulates the body's immune system to recognise the agent as a threat, destroy it, and recognise and destroy any of these microorganisms that it later encounters.

**WORDSPK**  
The story behind words  
Bibekananda Choudhury

### POLTRON

**T**HIS word is used to refer to an utter coward. It is a French word, which has been derived from Italian *poltrone*, a term for either a coward or a lazy person possibly based on the Italian word for a bed or a couch, *polto*. It is said that the word was related to archers shirking military service by cutting off their right thumbs which would make them incapable of drawing a longbow.





## Healthy self-esteem

**P**eople with healthy self-esteem tend to feel valued and accepted. They always have a tendency to do positive things for themselves and are prepared for everyday challenges.

On the contrary, personalities with low self-esteem often feel self-critical and are hard on themselves. They feel insecure and think they are not as good as people around them. They maximise the focus on the times they have failed, rather than on the times they have succeeded. They constantly keep doubting their ability to do well at things. The reason is a huge lack of confidence.

Healthy self-esteem really matters.

When people feel good about themselves, it sets them up for success, in everything – from school to friendships. Positive feelings like self-acceptance or self-confidence helps kids try new challenges, cope with mistakes and try again. Taking pride in their abilities and accomplishments helps people do their best. By contrast, people with low self-esteem might feel unsure of themselves. If they think others will not accept them, they may not participate in transactions as often. They may allow themselves to be treated poorly and have a hard time standing up for themselves. People who do not expect to do well may avoid challenging, give up easily, or be unable to bounce back from mistakes having low self-esteem can block success and can leave people distracted by the stress of how to deal with everyday challenges.

### How to nurture self-esteem

Contrary to what some people might think, self-esteem can be nurtured in the very beginning by encouraging children by telling them that they are wonderful and special. And it is possible for a child to feel good about themselves, even when they fall. When a child competes, and irrespective of whether he/she wins or loses, they learn that their own hard work and practice can make a difference. Earning a prize contributes to self-esteem only when a child knows he/she has earned it. Self-esteem is the result of experiences that helps an individual feel capable, efficient and accepted.

Encouraging an individual from early childhood to do things for themselves, and feel proud of what they can do, can make them grow into confident adults. They will feel confident when they see that good results come from efforts like setting a goal, working towards the goal and eventually making progress.

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### WEST SIDE STORY

**Kendall sued!**

IT was supposed to be a money-spinning enterprise but Kendall Jenner is being sued for allegedly using a photograph of rap icon Tupac Shakur and his bitter rival The Notorious BIG on one of her T-shirts without permission.

New York-based snapper Al Pereira filed against her company after discovering his image had been used as a backdrop for a design featuring the face of the 21-year-old clotheshorse.

The shirts have since been withdrawn. However, that has not satisfied the owners of the original images.

### George, Julia reunite

**OSCAR**-winning duo George Clooney and Julia Roberts reunited to use their star power for good at the Hand in Hand: A Benefit for Hurricane Relief in Universal City on Tuesday, which raised over \$15M.

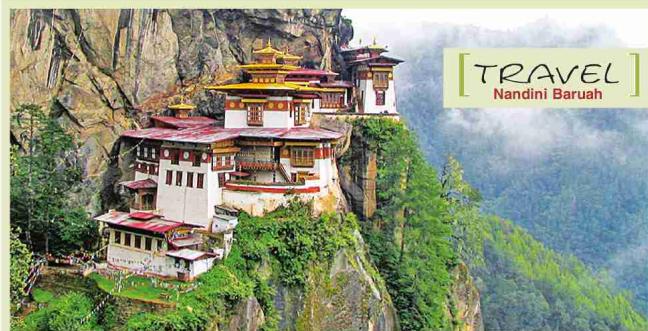
The 49-year-old actress and the 56-year-old actor – who each have twin children at home – both donned black blazers for the fundraiser, which was simultaneously broadcast on ABC, NBC, CBS, Fox, CMT, and Twitter.

### Noel denies 'PR stunt'

**NOEL** Gallagher, while speaking to *Radio X*, insisted although he was emotional he did not actually cry during his performance at the We Are Manchester fundraising concert last weekend, despite his brother Liam's claims that the performance was a 'PR stunt'.

Noel performed alongside the High Flying Birds at Saturday night's gig, which marked Manchester Arena's first event following the tragic bombing that killed 22 in May and despite an emotional appearance, he insisted he did not break down.

AGENCIES



[TRAVEL]  
Nandini Baruah

## The Rhododendron trail

**I**t was a bright, sunny day as we woke up early in a cozy hotel in Paro, Bhutan. The driver had strictly asked us to wake up early to begin our trek to the cliffs of upper Paro Valley for the best experience. It was an early June morning but the dew drops still glistened on the coniferous pines as we drove to the foothill of the valley where the famous Tiger's Nest is located.

We were a group of five – myself, my sister, and three of my friends from Gujarat, all geared up for the graduation trip to Bhutan and the Northeast of India. In our five years of studying architecture, we travelled quite a bit – from trekking the snow clad mountains of Spiti to the lush green fields of Dang. But this was different. From below, we could only see a stiff mountain covered with green trees and red rhododendrons.

Though the delicate and mysterious Blue Poppy holds the fame of being Bhutan's National flower, nothing can beat the beauty of the majestic rhododendrons. We were fortunate enough to take the trail as late Spring and Autumn is the peak season to witness this beauty of nature. As we took our steps, holding on to our walking sticks, which can be rented from near the entry gates, the air became cooler and we could catch a glimpse of the Taktsang Dzong. As we reached the point

birds' hilding isn't tough if the mountain consists of uneven terrain, but alternating between steep slopes and plains, but it becomes a little difficult if the slope continuously gets steeper. But



the secret lies in stopping for a while and enjoying the beautiful landscape left behind.

On the way, we saw two small basins which collected ice cold water from the waterfalls above. The smaller one was for humans and a larger for horses and ponies that carry travellers to a certain distance. There are four resting points and a cantene that allows the hikers to sit, drink water and catch a glimpse of the Taktsang Dzong. As we reached the point

where the ponies dropped the hikers, we saw the 'nest' clearly. Built on a rocky cliff, it made us all wonder how beautifully the monastery was built.

After almost two and a half hour we reached the highest point, but our happiness was shattered when we saw another trail of more than 700 steps – almost 500 downwards and the rest upwards to the foot of the Dzong. Soon we reached a beautiful falls by a huge waterfall that fell from a higher mountain. Up there we could see another Dzong and few houses where the monks live.

The view from the Tiger's Nest was breathtaking. If the steps didn't take your breath away, the view definitely would. The architecture was pure – wood and stone – beautifully carved and painted. Little monks roamed around chanting their lessons that created a rhyme which touched our soul. We found a small corner in one of the temples near the stairs, sat on the cold floor and slept for almost an hour.

It was almost 3 pm when we decided to hike down. It was easier this time. We knew the route and the hurdles. This hike made me realise the saying – "A journey is more beautiful than the destination". We were almost on the foothills when we saw a beautiful rainbow. Our journey was complete.

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## Teachers as role models

**O**ne of the most appealing quotes on teachers and the profession of teaching that I had come across in recent years is the one that says that "Teaching is just like gardening. It takes times, and some dirt, before you see blooming flowers." In essence, it really sums up the inherent role that a teacher plays in shaping the life of a child, especially during those nascent formative years where the child's mind is highly impressionable and vulnerable. It is here that the child first steps out of the care and comfort zone of his parents who had cuddled him since infancy, and is now suddenly exposed to a totally new environment and new people.

Schools are one of the first places where a child's behaviour and his/her future educational success is



[URBAN MUSING]  
Sk Md Sabah Al-Ahmed

shaped. Teachers play a very important role in shaping students' future career choices, as well as their attitude and spirit. Teachers are carriers of either positive or negative energy towards their students. The reason why the first years of school are so critical is because that is when kids learn the base of their educational life, and a few of the teachers go on to become role models for generations of students who not only learn cardinal lessons – from mathematics to history and from science to civics under their tutelage, but more importantly, the students are inspired by these role models. The reason why the students are inspired from these teachers is not because they are brilliant in pedagogy, but rather for something else, which is so simple to fathom. They smiled with them, sang with them, danced with them, played with them, consulted them when they were at their lowest ebb, helped them when they needed their teachers the most, showed them what success is by themselves excelling in other fields, say as a musician, or author, or a poet, apart from being a teacher; and most importantly, was a friend to them with a pinch of firmness.

A role model is a person who inspires and encourages us to strive for greatness, live to our fullest potential and see the best in ourselves. A role model is someone we admire and someone we aspire to be like. We think of the teachers who taught us the academics, but we don't often think of those teachers that taught us life's lessons – those that made us good human beings rather than 'lifeless' school or state toppers with the highest grades. Much of what students learn from their greatest teachers is not detailed on a syllabus. Teachers who help us grow as people are responsible for imparting some of life's most important lessons. As a role model, a teacher will show the students how to become independent and form their own relationships, as well as carefully guide them and intervene when necessary.

The 19th century Italian Roman Catholic priest, educator and writer Saint John Bosco was a personalisation of such role model attributes more than 200 years ago, and belittling was known the world over as a 'friend of the youth'.

There must be a million ways for teachers to become role models and mentors for their students. One of the biggest reasons is the desire to become a role model for students to look up to, to learn from, and to remember for the rest of their lives!

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### POSTER BOYS

DIRECTOR: SHREYAS TALPATE  
STARS: SUNNY DEOL, BOBBY DEOL, SHREYAS TALPATE

**C**omedy was never a strong point for the Deol brothers. It still isn't. And one wonders as to why someone like Shreyas Talpade, who is known for his comic timing, picked for his directorial debut the Deol brothers, who are more known for punches of an altogether different ilk.

*Poster Boys*, a Hindi remake of Marathi movie *Posher Boys*, simply does not help the comeback cause of Sunny Deol and Bobby Deol and for that matter even Shreyas Talpade in any way; although it touches upon a few relevant issues that the Indian society is grappling with.

Set in a North Indian village, this is a story of three good Samaritans who find themselves confronted with an odd situation when out of nowhere they become the poster boys of male sterilisation, promoting vasectomy.

The act does not go down well with the villagers and the trio are ridiculed and even subjected to public shaming. Disgusted at such an irresponsible and indifferent attitude of the system, the trio takes the protest route to challenge the system in their own way.



### DADDY

DIRECTOR: ASHIM AHLIWALIA  
STARS: ARJUN RAMPAL, AISHWARYA RAJESH, NISHKANT KAMAT

**M**odel-turned-actor Arjun Rampal is growing in stature with almost every new movie of his.

Ashim Ahliwalia's *Daddy*, a biopic on one of Mumbai's most fearsome names – Arun Gawli – would prove to be another pedestal for the actor. The movie revolves around the rise of a mill worker's son to a larger-than-life figure of the crime world and exposes the audience to the dark underbelly of the country's financial capital and the growth of the 'Bhai' culture.

Despite having so much already been written and published about Gawli, the director makes good use of the cinematic license and succeeds in putting the script and characters in the right perspective and refrains from making it a dull affair.

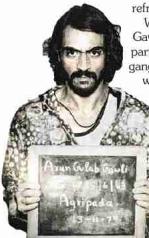
While the first half is dedicated to Gawli's meteoric rise to the top, the post-part intermission chronicles the gangster's personal life and his tryst with the political world.

The movie, however, ditches the audience in patches when it comes to its continuity, although the director manages to put the story on track quickly enough. It is certainly one of the better made movies on the life of gangsters in the recent times.

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