

NEWS CAPSULE

BRICS summit

NEW DELHI, Sept 1: India today refused to divulge what Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend at the upcoming BRICS summit, a day after his China said India's concerns over Pakistan's counter-terrorism record are not an "appropriate topic" to be discussed at the forum. – PTI

Bail for Doley

GUWAHATI, Sept 1: The Court of Special Judge, Assam, today granted bail to suspended irrigation department secretary Krijendra Doley after the investigating agency failed to file the chargesheet in the stipulated period. The court directed the accused not to leave out of the city without its permission. – Staff Reporter

Flood situation

GUWAHATI, Sept 1: The flood situation in the State further improved today with recession of water and now only two parts of the 12 districts are now affected. The affected districts are Chirang, Morigaon, Nagaon and Golaghat where 137 villages are hit. – PTI

J-K attack

SIRINAGAR, Sept 1: Militants have opened fire on a police bus on the Srinagar-Jammu national highway in the Pantha Chowk area here, killing a policeman and injuring three others. The bus was carrying personnel of the Jammu and Kashmir Armed Police. – PTI

GDP growth

NEW DELHI, Sept 1: Economic growth in the second quarter (July-September) of 2017-18 is expected to soar to 7-7.5 per cent on the back of good monsoon and clarity over GST, NITI Aayog's new vice-chairman Rajiv Kumar said today. – PTI

LPG price up

NEW DELHI, Sept 1: Subsidised cooking gas (LPG) price was today raised by over Rs 7 per cylinder, in line with the government's decision to hike prices every month so that all subsidies are eliminated by this fiscal end. – PTI

JPC visit

NEW DELHI, Sept 1: The Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) on the controversial Citizenship (Amendment) Bill is likely to visit West Bengal next, but there is no word on the panel's visit to Guwahati. – Sp! Correspondent

Hacked to death

DERGAON, Sept 1: Sensation prevails in the Dhekiajil area in Golaghat district after one Dipak Kumar Das was hacked to death by one Pradip Das at No. 1 Malia Gaon today. Das was a maul in the Golaghat Revenue Circle Office. – Correspondent

The Assam Tribune on Internet
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Aadhaar card data collection from Dec 1 in State

STAFF REPORTER

Chief Minister's Conference Room at Janata Bhawan.

It was informed in the meeting by GAD that data collection process for Aadhaar Card by Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) would roll out in December 1. Biometric and demographic data of the people in the State will be collected and the whole process would be completed within one year. Only in Assam and Jammu & Kashmir, the Aadhaar enrolment process has not been started.

Official sources said Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today reviewed the budget announcement implementation status of General Administration Department (GAD), Secretariat Administration Department (SAD), Judicial and Legislative Departments at

that local vendors must be engaged in the data collection for Aadhaar and they should be given an opportunity to find

State. The Chief Minister also remarked that Aadhaar Card would benefit those students going to study outside the

He also asked the Department to undertake massive awareness campaigns through street plays and short films for making the people aware about the issuance of Aadhaar Card in the state.

The Chief Minister also directed SAD for identifying land on a priority basis for construction of the Mini Secretariat at Barak Valley which would generate a sense of belonging in the people of the Valley and dispel the feelings of alienation among the people there from the Brahmaputra Valley. The

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employment through the State where Aadhaar is mandatory process that entails expenditure of Rs 160 crore for providing Aadhaar card to 3 crore 18 lakh people of the

employment through the State where Aadhaar is mandatory for admission into educational institutes and asked GAD to ensure completion of the process within one year.



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal and BTC chief Hagrama Mohilary at a review meeting of BTAD issues, in Guwahati on Friday. – UB Photos (Report on Page 9)

Modi to visit Myanmar from Sept 5

NE ultras, Rohingya refugee issues to figure in talks

SPL CORRESPONDENT

ence between India and Myanmar. "The problem of the insurgent groups is something which has remained under discussion between India and Myanmar and there is absolutely no doubt in my mind that the two sides have confidence about the good intention of both sides and desire on part of the two sides to prevent any hostile activities," she said.

Several of the militant outfits, including the Paresh Baruah faction of the ULFA, NDFB, NSCN Kachin faction and militant outfits of Manipur are openly operating out of the neighbouring country. India has been taking up their activities with Myanmar but so far the neighbouring country has not taken any noticeable action against the militant outfits from Northeast. India based there.

About the cross-border strike by the Indian Army, she said action by the Indian security forces was carried along the international boundary and it is a difficult border and the Myanmar government understands this.

The apex court said a larger bench will look into all the issues.

The court had on July 4 directed various states to file their replies in eight weeks to the NHRC's plea seeking direction for mandatory giving information about any encounter killings.

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Bofors scam
SC agrees to hear BJP leader's plea

NEW DELHI, Sept 1: The politically-sensitive Rs 64 crore Bofors pay-off case was back in the limelight today with the Supreme Court agreeing to hear BJP leader Ajay Kumar Agarwal's appeal challenging a 2005 Delhi High Court order quashing charges against Europe-based industrialists Hinduja brothers in the matter.

Justice RS Sudhi of the Delhi High Court, since retired, had on May 31, 2005 quashed all charges against the three Hindujas brothers – Srichand, Gopichand and Prakashchand and the Bofors company and castigated the CBI for its handling of the case saying it had cost the exchequer about Rs 250 crore.

Taking note of the interim plea seeking an early hearing of 12-year-old appeal, a bench comprising Chief Justice Dipak Misra and Justices AM Khanwilkar and DY Chandrachud said it would list the appeal for hearing in the week commencing from October 30 this year.

The apex court had on October 18, 2005 admitted his petition which was filed after the CBI failed to approach the top court with the appeal within the 90-day deadline following the High Court verdict. – PTI

SC refers NHRC plea to larger bench

cides the issues raised in the petition.

Senior advocate Gopal Subramaniam and advocate Shobha Gupta, appearing for the

Commission, said it is a pure question of law as the Act pro-

vided for it to enquire on its own or on a petition present-

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poses of enquiry.

A bench of Justices Kurian Joseph and R Banumathi said it would be appropriate if a

larger three-judge bench de-

Union Cabinet reshuffle tomorrow

Himanta, Sangma may get berths

SPL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI, Sept 1: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will undertake a reshuffle of his council of ministers at 10 am on Sunday even as speculation is rife over induction of NPP chief Conrad Sangma, Assam minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and MP Ramen Deka into the ministry.

It will be the third such exercise to be undertaken by Modi since he took over in May 2014.

Although Himanta Biswa Sarma's name is doing the rounds, with some TV channels even reporting that he will be made Minister of State for Defence, a senior BJP leader told this newspaper that Sarma is unlikely to be brought over to Delhi from state politics.

Sources said Sarma and Chandra Mohan Patowary are the only ministers in Assam with some experience in governance. Sarma is in charge of at least nine departments, including finance, and health and family welfare. It has been conveyed to the Modi government at the highest level that Sarma should not be disturbed at

this stage, sources added.

Furthermore, Sarma's services as convenor of the NEDA would be needed by the BJP next year when two northeast states of Tripura and Meghalaya go to polls, sources pointed out.

Meanwhile, Conrad Sangma is tipped to be inducted into the cabinet from the NDA alliance quota. Sangma's Nationalist People's Party (NPP) is BJP's alliance partner in Manipur where four MLAs are supporting the ruling N Biren Singh government. According to an understanding, Sangma was promised a berth in the Modi government, sources said.

On the other hand, Ramen Deka's fate hangs in a balance though he enjoys the support of the RSS. So far, he has not received any feelers from the party or PMO. Deka has been lobbying for a ministerial berth since last year when Rajen Gohain was inducted in the Union ministry as a Minister of State for Railways.

Official sources here said that the process has been set in motion for the swearing-in ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan around 10 am on Sunday. (See page 4)

Governor, CM greet people on Eid-ul-Zuha

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 1: Governor Baruarial Purohit and Chief Minister Sonowal have extended greetings to the people of the State on the occasion of the holy festival of Islam, Eid-ul-Zuha to be celebrated tomorrow.

Purohit appealed to the people to regenerate the sense of sacrifice for one another and work for strengthening the bond of coexistence. He also called upon the people to observe the festival in an atmosphere of peace and goodwill.

Different political parties and organisations, including the Congress, AGP and AASU also extended their warm greetings on the occasion.

Reshuffle of no use: Cong

NEW DELHI, Sept 1: Prime Minister Narendra Modi believes in the "complete concentration of power" which has "effectively destroyed" the Cabinet form of government, the Congress today said, ahead of a reshuffle in the Council of ministers.

Congress senior spokesperson Anand Sharma said the reshuffle would make no difference to the government as there was lack of talent in the Council of ministers. – PTI

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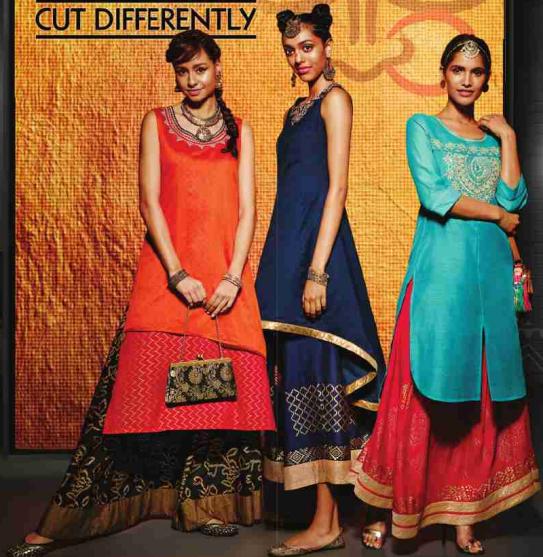
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Lookout notice against 2 close aides of Dera chief

CHANDIGARH, Sept 1: The Haryana Police today issued a lookout notice against the jailed Dera Sacha Sauda chief's adopted daughter Honeypreet Insaan and another key aide following apprehensions that they might try to "escape from the country".

The step was taken following questioning of another arrested functionary of the sect in connection with an alleged conspiracy to facilitate Dera chief Gurmeet Ram Rahim's escape after he was convicted for raping two disciples, police said here.

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Panchkula Police Commissioner AS Chawla said they have to question Honeypreet and Dera spokesperson Aditya Insaan in the wake of new "revelations" and have issued a look out notice against them.

Honeypreet is among those considered as likely successor of Ram Rahim. However, a sect leader Vibhushan Insaan had said earlier that there was no need to immediately name a successor.

Chawla said, "On being interrogated, Surinder Dhiman Insaan, who was arrested earlier, revealed that

Honeypreet Insaan and Aditya Insaan might escape from the country. So we have issued lookout notice against them."

Dera chief Gurmeet Ram Rahim, who is lodged in Sunaria Jail in Rohtak, had been sentenced to 20 years imprisonment by a CBI court for raping two of his disciples in 2002.

Police are looking into allegations that the Dera chief's aides had colluded with police personnel to try facilitate his escape after he was convicted by a special CBI court in Panchkula.

Airports and bus and railway sta-

tions across the country have been put on alert, Chawla said.

Meanwhile, the death toll in the violence and arson after the Dera head's conviction today rose to 41. The total number of deaths in Panchkula was 35, while six persons died in Sirsa, he said.

Five Haryana policemen, who were part of Dera Sacha Sauda chief's security, were charged with sedition and dismissed from service yesterday along the accused conspiracy.

Honeypreet had accompanied Ram Rahim when he was brought to the special CBI court in Panchku-

la for the pronouncement of verdict in 15-year-old rape case. She also travelled along with Dera head in a chopper which ferried them to Rohtak from Panchkula after his conviction.

Honeypreet has acted in a film *MSC 2 – The Messenger* and later gave special appearance in *MSG – The Warrior Lion Heart*, in which the Dera chief plays the lead role.

Ram Rahim is married to Harjeet Kaur. They have two daughters, Charanpreet and Amrapreet and a son Jasmeet. – PTI

Can't compel legislature to frame law on compulsory voting: SC

frain from voting in any election and therefore voting cannot be compulsory.

The bench said it would hear the plea in detail after the Dussehra vacation.

Earlier, the Centre had told the apex court that exercising one's franchise was the fundamental right of every citizen but not a duty. It had also sought dismissal of the plea filed by one Satya Prakash and called for judicial restraint in dealing with matters involving policy and law-making, which were an exclusive domain of legislature.

The plea had said the concept of mandatory voting was successful in countries like Argentina, Australia, Belgium and Brazil and can be implemented in India as well.

The apex court in 2014 had sought response from the Centre and the Election Commission on the PIL that has also sought directions for ensuring maximum number of adult citizens "exercise their right to cast votes".

The citizens here "enjoy" various fundamental rights under the Constitution, but the accountabilities do not include the responsibility to cast the votes, it had said adding that low voters' turnout is still a matter of concern. – PTI

Court directs media not to publish names of witnesses in Khagragarh blast case

KOLKATA, Sept 1: A city court has directed the print and electronic media not to publish the names and addresses of witnesses deposing in the Khagragarh blast case to ensure their safety.

Acting on a petition by the NIA, city sessions court chief judge KK Kumar passed the restraining order against media, preventing it from revealing the identities of the witnesses to ensure that their safety and security are not compromised.

The judge observed that it is possible that quite a large number of people have already been indoctrinated by the Jamat-Ul-Mujahideen terror out-

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gragarh blast case trial, without prior permission of the court.

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'India will need \$150 bn worth military equipment in 10 years'

AHMEDABAD, Sept 1: Distinguished scientist and Director General of BrahMos missile system division of the DRDO, Dr Sudhir Mishra, today said the country would require various military equipment worth \$150 billion in the next 10 years.

According to him, \$ 150 billion would be spent on manufacturing or upgrading aircrafts, tanks, guns and various other equipment.

"There are many items, which we are going to manufacture or procure. Many of them have already become a reality such as upgradation of MiG-29 and Mirage aircrafts. We are also going to procure around 500 more T-90 battle tanks in the short time," he said.

Expressing concern over the overall manufacturing scenario in the country, he invited private players to consider taking up production of defence equipment.

"In our country, contribution of manufacturing sector

in the GDP is 18 per cent for the last seven to eight years, while the contribution of service sector is 65 per cent. This is an anomaly. Manufacturing should be around 35 to 40 per cent and service sector has to be 15 to 25 per cent," he said.

"At present, we own 6 to 7 per cent of the global software market. But now, we cannot grow beyond this, as we mostly carry out outsourcing and low-end software jobs. That is why, the new government at the Centre came up with 'Make In India'. Now, we are trying to catch up," said Mishra.

"DRDO is ready to share the technology, as we alone cannot do it. Private players can take that technology from us and develop it for the market. You can approach us and start manufacturing," he added while addressing budding entrepreneurs from this sector. – PTI

PIL in court to impound cows on roads, punish owners

NEW DELHI, Sept 1: A PIL was today moved in the Delhi High Court seeking direction to the Centre and the authorities concerned to impound cows that are seen feeding on garbage on roads across the country.

A bench Acting Chief Justice Gita Mittal and Justice C Hari Shankar took note of the matter raised in the petition and issued notice to the Centre and the Animal Welfare Board of India.

The bench listed the matter for September 18 and directed the authorities, including municipal corporations of Delhi and New Delhi Municipal Council, to file their counter affidavits with regard to the issues raised in the public interest litigation (PIL).

Advocate SN Bhardwaj also approached the court seeking action against the owners of the cows as per the provisions of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act by directing the municipal authorities across the country.

According to him, cyber attackers have changed their strategies as the mere unauthorised access to IT systems is now not a possibility since access to the main IT systems of banks are now highly complex and available only to authorised users. "Banks are making significant efforts to educate the user on safe banking, but it is often found to be inadequate in terms of what it can do to protect the user's data," he said.

He opined that the current approaches towards cyber security are either inefficient or ineffective due to two reasons—fraudsters are very clever and are usually well organised groups. – PTI

Aadhaar ...

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must deliver services round the clock to sick patients travelling from the State and they must liaise with the local hospitals for smooth completion of procedures for availing medical facilities.

The Chief Minister also said that a total of 399 posts advertised to be filled up at Janata Bhawan indicate the Government's commitment to rejuvenate the system and also open avenues for employment to the state's youths. He also asked the Judicial Department to take urgent action for filling up 200 vacant posts of Notary in the Judicial Courts as it would ramp up the judicial process.

Himanta ...

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Four junior ministers – Rajiv Pratap Rudy, Sanjiv Kumar Balyan, Faggan Singh Kulaste and Mahendra Nath Pandey – have resigned ahead of the rejq. Two cabinet ministers Uma Bharti and Kalraj Mishra have also offered to resign, sources in the party said.

While Mishra, who had met BJP president Amit Shah on Thursday, is well above 75 years – the age bar the party has informally set for ministers, Water Resources Minister Uma Bharti has reportedly offered to quit on health grounds.

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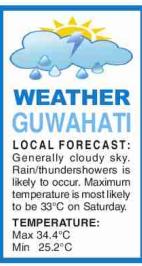
authorities that they should continue to provide the information asked for it in accordance with the guidelines and provisions of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993, to probe the cases of encounter killings.

It also sought direction to the state governments that they should not refuse to comply with the recommendations made by Commission.

The NHRC said that due to the apex court's verdict of 2014 by which certain guidelines were framed, its role in such enquiries has virtually been nullified. – PTI

Improvement of yard / side drain, Bridges and Repairs to damaged platform, floor, etc.

E-Tender Notice No. 13-ENG-NR-2017-DEN-II-BTPR dated 30-09-17. Open E-tenders are invited for the following work. Tender No.: 1, Brief Description of Item: Repair of platform, New bridge construction. Location: TPI (P) 2.26 Km & TBR – 2470. Tender Value: ₹ 5,77,70,717.56. Earnest Money: ₹ 4,38,860/- Timeline: From date of opening of tender till 10.00 hrs. of 04-10-2017. Last date and time for submission of bids: 11.00 hrs. of 04-10-2017. Bid opening and evaluation of bids: 12.00 hrs. of 04-10-2017. Tender No.: 2, Brief Description of Item: (i) Deep screening of track and improvement of yard / side drain (ii) Balancing of residual embankment, curving and (iii) Improvement to road and extension of embankment. (iv) Painting & Lubricating of rail (v) Improvement of old boards of bridges (vi) Provision of inspection steps at bridges under the jurisdiction of DEN-II-BTPR. Tender value: ₹ 56,35,77,479/- Earnest Money: ₹ 22,17,916/- Tender No.: 3, Brief Description of Item: (i) At Goalpara Town & Ampionia. Repair of damaged plant surface by vacuum filling concrete. (ii) At Pancharatna, Goalpara Town, Krishnai, Dungai, Ajanbari, Dharai, Charapara & Azeria – Repairs to station approach road and circulating area under ADEN/BAL/Goalpara Town. Tender value: ₹ 51,35,96,54/- Earnest Money: ₹ 22,33,830/- Tender No.: 4, Brief Description of Item: At New Baragapara (WS) – Provide new piping, painting of corrosion shop (old), (ii) Provision of washing apron for BTPR tank cleaning of longitudinal tank. (iii) Preparation of top soil for land leveling. Tender value: ₹ 50,72,03,75. Earnest Money: ₹ 10,14,50/- Tender No.: 5, Brief Description of Item: (i) At Bongaigaon – Special repairs to leather AC sheet metal roof. (ii) Removal and re-coating of staff quarters at Old and New colony. Tender value: ₹ 1,21,21,92,74. Earnest Money: ₹ 6,07,16,87/- Date & place of Opening of tender: Divisional Railway Manager (Works), Rangaon office at 15.00 hrs. of 20-10-2017 or closing of E-tender: 03-10-2017 at 13.00 hrs. For details visit www.irrs.gov.in. DRW (Works), Rangaon Divisional Railway Manager (Works), Rangaon. **NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY**



Children's book festival from Oct 9

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 1: The 13th Festival of Books for Children will be held from October 9 to 15 at the Assam Engineering Institute (AEI) playground, Chandmari. However, considering the nature and content of the festival the event will be known as the 'Knowledge Festival for Children' now onwards.

This time the festival will be jointly organised by Anwesha and the State Society for Child Protection in collaboration with the UNICEF.

On the occasion, an essay writing competition on the topic 'Child Rights and Child Protection' will be organised among students from Class VI to Class VIII in Assamese and English. The length of the essay must not exceed 600 words.

The best three entries, each in Assamese and English, will be awarded. Depending on the quality of the essays the best ones may also be printed for mass circulation.

The entries must reach Anwesha, 69 Nabagraha Road, by-lane 3, Guwahati 3, by September 20, said a press release.

Kamrup admin's bid to check access to Blue Whale Challenge

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 1: The Kamrup metro administration has constituted a monitoring committee to create awareness and prevent accessibility of the dangerous social media game Blue Whale Challenge.

The committee will comprise the District Development Commissioner, Police Commissioner, ADC (Education), Joint Director (Health), Inspector of Schools, District Social Welfare Officer, District Child Protection Officer, DIPRO and members of three NGOs.

Official sources said the committee would create mass awareness as a preventive measure to keep children and youngsters away from such deadly games. It will also conduct counselling of students in different educational in-

stitutions.

Discussions will be held with Internet service providers to develop a control mechanism so that proactive and preventive measures can be planned in advance.

"The situation will be reviewed periodically," the sources said.

The Blue Whale Challenge targets

those who are depressed and turns suicide into a thrilling game. After signing up, the 'players' are set tasks for 50 days that include self-harm, watching horror movies alone, and carving a whale on the arm.

Their final task on the 50th day is to kill themselves.

Believed to have originated in Russia, the twisted challenge has till now been

linked to more than 130 suicides around the world. The term 'Blue Whale' apparently has origin in the phenomenon of beached whales, which is linked with suicide.

Teenagers in many places of the country either killed themselves were saved before they had jumped off buildings on the instruction of the game administrators. Instances of youngsters harming themselves have been reported from Assam as well.

Guwahati is among three Indian cities to have found a place in the list of top five cities with most Blue Whale game searches globally.

According to Google Trends data, Kolkata witnessed a 100 per cent surge in online searches for the game over the past 12 months and was ranked top. Guwahati was ranked fourth.

Monitoring panel formed

Assam have showered their love and affection on the oil PSUs during the last 50 years and Assam being the birth place of the oil industry, the PSUs also have an obligation to join the government in scripting a new era of

implementing projects which are visible. He also advised them to rope in the expertise of professional institutions for skill development of the youth of the State.

Sonowal also called upon

outlined for the State and sought the PSUs' support in improving connectivity between Assam and the ASEAN members.

The Chief Minister also underlined Assam Government's move to create State Capital Region expanding the periphery of the capital city, construction of World Trade Centre providing space for companies and business houses to operate from Guwahati with the ASEAN nations and dredging of River Brahmaputra to utilise its navigation facility for promoting trade and commerce.

ONGC's Director (HR) Misra, conveyed Union Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan's deepest sympathies for the flood-affected people of Assam.

Kamakhya Temple: The management of Kamakhya temple has donated Rs 2 lakh to the Chief Minister's Flood Relief Fund, a press release said.



Appreciating the gesture of the oil PSUs, Chief Minister Sonowal called upon them to contribute meaningfully to the growth of Assam by determining their role in tandem with North-East Hydrocarbon Vision Plan of the Petroleum Ministry of Government of India.

Sonowal said the people of

development in the State. He advised the PSU representatives to take up integrated work involving all the oil PSUs instead of implementing projects in a piecemeal manner.

The Chief Minister asked the PSU representatives to spend the CSR fund more for generating employment and

the PSUs to be an active partner in the State government's efforts to make Guwahati India's gateway to the south-east Asian countries. Keeping in mind the broad vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Act East Policy, Sonowal informed that several activities have been

begun.

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solo performance by artiste Dhruv Vishwanath, who is one among the top 30 'under 30' guitarists. He performed some of his own composed tracks with relatable lyrics in his own voice and entertained the audience. The event will conclude on September 3.

IITG's annual festival Techniche under way

STAFF REPORTER

Modi's demonetisation move was a big scam, says Tarun Gogoi



STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 1: The 19th edition of IITG's annual techno-management fest Techniche got under way on Thursday.

Techniche has been a platform to showcase the latest inventions, exhibitions and technological advances from all over the globe. The student teams organise a plethora of events and competitions all designed to make the participants step outside their comfort zones and challenge the institution of conventional thinking.

On Thursday, the inaugural ceremony of Techniche in the institute auditorium was attended by Air Officer Commanding, Air Commando Shashank Mishra, Air Force Station, Borjhar as the chief guest.

The session started with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by the Dean of Student Affairs Prof Chandan Mahanta; AOC Borjhar, Mishra and Animesh, convenor of Techniche along with other officials from the IITG administration.

The keynote address was delivered by Brooks Moore, host of 'How It's Made' show from the Discovery Channel. He shared his bits of personal life – his interests in piano, photography, horses and his experiences of being in radio and television stations.

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SHRADDHANJALI



Late Pulin Krishna Changkakoti (1920-1982)

It has been 25 years since you have left us but each passing day has been a reminder to us of what you have left in our lives. A renunciate at heart, you were a committed man to your cause and a true patriot. You taught us the value of active compassion as you could never see happiness in others. Your life was an example of benevolent kindness. God was always your refuge and your 'Borgees' and 'Brahmas' still resonate in our ears. Bless us so that we could follow the ideals set by you in our lives.

Deputy Commissioner (Son)
Dr. Rupak Changkakoti (Son)
Dr. Deepanjali D Changkakoti (Daughter-in-Law)
Anirudh, Divyanshu and Kritiman (Grand Children)

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MESSAGE FOR TODAY

By constant self-discipline and self-control you can develop greatness of character.

— GRENVILLE KLEISER

**Economic stumble**

Apologists for the economic policies pursued by the NDA Government at the Centre may well try to defend its performance, but the reality as it stands today is that the Indian economy has stumbled. The failure of the demonetization measure taken in November last year to achieve the desired objectives is just one of the many negative aspects of these policies. As data released by the Reserve Bank of India reveals, around 99% of the money in circulation when demonetized of Rs 500 and Rs 1000 notes was effected has come back to the banking system, which implies that against the Centre's expectations of pushing Rs 3 lakh crore out of the system, only a paltry Rs 16,000 crore did not return. What, in effect, this means is that unless our enforcement departments get their act together and take widespread punitive measures to bring income tax evaders to book, demonetization has actually given black money holders an opportunity to convert it into white! Considering the lacunae in our system and the propensity of law enforcers to be tempted into becoming lawbreakers, it would be too much to expect that each and every perpetrator of economic crimes would be penalized. At the same time demonetization, along with premature initiation of GST conversion, has hit the economy for the proverbial six, as mirrored by the latest GDP growth figures released by the Central Statistics office.

These show India's GDP growth slump to a three-year low of 7.7% during April-June, much lower than even recession-hit China whose comparative growth was 6.9%. No doubt India had in the past witnessed even lower growth at 4.6% in January-March of 2014 when the UPA Government was in the saddle, but then different yardsticks operated during those days, thus the two are not comparable. The worrying aspect is that during the last fiscal in the same period the GDP growth stood at a healthy 7.9% and at 6.1% at the end of last year. Thus there is a distinct downward trend in the growth rate which, unless reversed, bodes ill for the economy. On the one hand demonetization had hit the small and unorganized industrial sectors very hard, putting many out of business, a factor reflected in the decline in industrial output. On the other hand, because of the transition to the GST, major manufacturers had focused less on production and more on clearing their inventories, thereby resulting in low growth figures. While the Union Finance Minister, Arun Jaitley, has expressed concern over the latest growth data, so far he has not enunciated any new measures that might boost investor confidence and reverse the low production trend. No doubt, though the Indian economy has stumbled it has not quite fallen yet, and the Finance Ministry needs to take measures to help it rise.

Police reform

While tackling crime and criminals is central to policing, the peculiar situation in the State characterized by militancy and frequent law-and-order situations also warranted a lot of attention by the police. This has resulted in an apparent neglect to its crucial task of investigation of crimes. The abysmal conviction rate which stems largely from weak investigation and prosecution would testify to this. Things, however, have improved considerably *vis-a-vis* militancy and the changing situation should take a lot of weight off the shoulders of the men-in-uniform, enabling them to focus greater attention on crimes and criminals. A well-organized and efficient police force is integral to the functioning of any civilized society. Unfortunately, the preoccupation with containing militancy remained a persistent distraction for the police, preventing it from devoting due attention to the fundamentals of policing. Criminal elements are increasingly losing fear of the law because they know the law-enforcing agency to be inept in its immediate response to a crime as also in the follow-up.

To be fair on the State's police, it has to be conceded that in contrast to the mounting policing challenges, the policemen continue to find themselves in an unavoidable position, hamstrung as they are by perennial irritants of manpower, logistics and intelligence. An understaffed and ill-equipped police force is hardly the answer to counter the spurt in criminal activities all around. The growing trend of aggressive agitations and violent protests has also complicated matters for the harrowing policeman. We need some urgent police reforms to iron out the drawbacks hindering the police's functioning from top to bottom. It also reflects poorly on the Government that while the police top brass enjoy all the facilities and comfort, the foot soldiers remain bereft of even the basic amenities. The resultant low morale and motivation invariably affects the functioning of the police. Many of the State's police stations present a pathetic sight and those must be equipped with modern infrastructure and amenities, and more importantly, manned by a staff that is committed, efficient, and well-trained. The scene in a typical police station of the State would hardly enthuse any citizen. We need a police force that is dedicated and accountable to civil society. Unfortunately, police accountability has nosedived in the maze of uncalled-for political meddling and intrusion. This, together with its corrupt practices and growing nexus with criminals, has served to erode public faith in the police in an unprecedented manner. Too much engagement with so-called VIP duty and the waning police-public relation is also hindering the police's ability to serve the common man in the desired manner. While transparency in its functioning is critical to winning public faith, the police should also strive to reach out to the commoners by involving themselves in social activities like police-public meetings, blood donation and de-addiction camps, sports activities, etc.

'Suggestions' for identifying a Bangladeshi

PLAIN-SPEAK

Arup Kumar Dutta

It has been reported that, despite the passage of over three decades since the signing of the 'historic' Assam Accord, which had provided for detection, detention and deportation of illegal migrants from Bangladesh, the number that have actually been sent back to that nation can be counted on the fingers of one's hands. Successive governments in the State and the Centre have been asserting and reasserting that they are going to tackle the illegal migrant issue, but the outcome has been pathetic.

I have a sneaking suspicion that those responsible for detection, deportation and repatriation of illegal migrants from Bangladesh are stuck with the 'detection' problem! One must note that 'detention' and 'deportation' are possible only after these aliens are 'detected', which despite their presence in lakhs seems to be a Herculean task. Thus, though the detention centres are open and tribunals to sentence for deportation are ready, there are hardly any alien migrants to be detected anywhere!

As I had said, detecting an illegal Bangladeshi, despite their ubiquitous presence, is not easy and our enforcement agencies have their work cut out for them. The problem is that Bangladeshis look just like authentic Indians and it is impossible to distinguish between the two. Moreover, the illegal migrants are equipped with more identification papers — passports, voter IDs, ration cards, etc., — than you or whose forefathers were been steadily based since time immemorial on Indian soil.

Let an average Indian on the street be approached by a detecting agent and asked for proof of identity, and nine times out ten he or she would

be hard-pressed to produce a document on the spot. On the other hand let an illegal migrant on the street be approached by a detecting agent asked for proof of identity, he or she would produce not one, but half a dozen documents as proof! Moreover, the first thing that most of these illegal infiltrators do on sneaking across the border is to learn the local language. Though they speak their own dialect among themselves, when investigators approach them they eloquently speak in impeccable Assomya, which makes the job of identification all that more difficult.

This is why I humbly offer some 'suggestions' for identifying a Bangladeshi, thereby helping out the enforcement agencies to nab them. The latter's first consideration should be that of location. If they expect an illegal infiltrator to be wandering around in a shopping mall or sitting in a cinema hall, they would be woefully mistaken. Illegal Bangladeshis are available in abundance in construction sites and that is where our agents must go.

These are also convenient locations because there is no chance that an indigenous Assomya would be present in such sites. You see, natives of opium-smoking have reduced your *khar-khowa* Assomya to such a state that he abhors physical activities unless it is on his own land. This was first discovered by the British tea planters who found that neither money nor threats would induce Assamese villagers to work in tea plantations. Some historians attribute this reluctance to the 'self-respect' of the Assamese, but I suspect that it was due to plain laziness.

In a metropolis like Guwahati, for

instance, for quite some time now frenetic construction of residential and commercial buildings have been going on. Flats are springing up everywhere, changing the city's skyline. If our enforcement agencies are serious about detecting illegal infiltrators, they would find hordes of them in these construction sites. Similar is the case of road construction or laying of water pipes. The workers involved in such activities are invariably of foreign origin!

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food are sold. But your Bangladeshi does not stop to buy any of it or to taste the offerings of local street-food vendors.

The *khar-khowa* Assomya, on the other hand, ambles along the footpaths, at a languid pace suited to his lazy nature. Occasionally he walks alone, more often than not with a couple of cronies. The footpaths, as has been mentioned, are narrow and congested, and our natives do their best to cramp them further. As they saunter along they often stop to examine a vegetable seller's basket, unmindful that they are thereby damping up the slow progress of pedestrians upon the footpath.

When stationary, your *khar-khowa* Assomya, for some unfathomable reason, always places one hand on his hips, thereby making a triangle of the arm, with the elbow protruding outward. These elbows, I warn you, are dangerous 'weapons' capable of jabbing the unwary painfully on the ribs!

The illegal Bangladeshi infiltrator, unlike the native, never uses the footpaths as the sitting room of his home. Having met some friends, he does not embark on an animated point-to-point economic discussion with them stuck in the middle of the footpath. Natives, naturally, are too lazy to go to a proper market to make their day-to-day purchases. This is the main reason why our so-called pedestrian ways have become market places.

The native female of the species is a different breed altogether. Though, like the Bangladeshis, they move in groups, especially after returning in the evening from the Naamghar, they saunter along even more slowly than the menfolk. The

immediate simile which comes to mind as one watches them glide in regal and somewhat obese splendour over the footpaths is that of Spanish galleons in an armada sailing across the high seas.

On the other hand, the Bangladeshi women are invariably scrawny and, though they move over roads with the same rapid speed as the males, they mostly travel alone or with a son or a daughter. On the way they are often seen collecting empty plastic water bottles or cardboard cartons, something *khar-khowa* Assomya women would never dream of doing!

The above are but a few of the 'suggestions' offered by yours truly to help the law-enforcing agencies to identify illegal infiltrators from Bangladesh so that more of them can be detained, the very first process in the system before deportation can even be contemplated. All of us, of course, know that so far no government at the Centre has talked with the Bangladesh Government on this issue. There is also no immediate possibility that a deportation treaty would be arrived at between India and Bangladesh since the latter has always claimed that there are no citizens of that country living in the North-east.

So, here is a final suggestion. It may be recalled that some time back, in the absence of an extradition treaty, certain Indian citizens then living within Bangladesh had been taken to the border and 'pushed out' into Indian territory! There is no earthly reason why the same cannot be done with Bangladeshi infiltrators. Herd the ones which have been detected and detained to the border and simply 'push them back' to Bangladesh. The routes which can be taken, naturally, would be the ones currently being used by cattle smugglers!

4IR: the 'in thing' of near future

Banamsita Baruah

The power of human mind and his intelligence is unfathomable. It can make or mar the existing nature of things in a few seconds. His range of thinking has in it variegated possibilities. So wide is his canvas that unpredictability sometimes looms large. Again not content with his own intelligence, he has gone farther to develop a replica of his intelligence. Thus coupled with his marvellous creations goes the human saga of superior intelligence.

The dawn of a lesser known but much talked about term 'Artificial Intelligence' has its origin in the man's desire to alleviate himself to a higher plane of comfort altogether. The birthplace for AI (Artificial Intelligence) is somewhat a likelihood to withdraw from the tough phase of life to a world of luxuries. AI is a concept designed by John McCarthy wherein he describes it as the science and engineering of making machines intelligent. This concept arose way back in the Greek myths like the 'Talos of Crete'. All was well for the human race until it faced defeat at the hands of the 'thinking machines'. Man's ego hurt like never before when he realized that he was not the best 'Go' player from South

Korea Lee Se-Dol was defeated by Google's 'Alpha Go'. 'Go' in Japanese and 'Baidu' Korean is a computer board game, it is also a game of pride for the South Koreans. The defeat has been reinvigorated them once more by the advent of Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR), which is characterized by a 'fusion of technologies that is blurring the lines between physical, digital and biological spheres'.

The South Korean Government has invested over a trillion won on R&D teams to develop strategy for science and technology and also in private and public sectors related to AI. When people think of South Korea, they perhaps think of the food, pop stars and TV shows available in the internet. Amazingly, the right technology and social conditions that have converged in South Korea to produce a highly-connected technology and positive potential which has enabled smart cities to upgrade in whole new experiences. South Korea's own Sogndol International Business District makes use of such technologies implemented so far. Unprecedented newer developments await us as the prospect for self-driving cars has become a major subject in global technology news. 5G will also

aid in traffic regulation services.

The 4IR as described by the South Korean Government fuses information and communication technology. It is the next generation Industrial Revolution by AI and robotic technology. 5G is an important element of the fourth industrial revolution which will completely revolutionize the quality of human life. 5G will transmit dozen times more data than the earlier ones. Residents of smart cities or otherwise will be perpetually indebted to 5G for its reliable Internet of Things (IoT), the system that connects not just our computers, but a myriad of other devices that have computers embedded in them. The IoT allows the objects around us talk to one another. From medical to environment issues its horizon extends far beyond. Google Home bots, Japanese nurse robots, Chinese drones, the US self-driving cars — all point to the fact that 4IR is already happening. 5G's 4IR will enable smart cities to upgrade in whole new experiences. South Korea's own Sogndol International Business District makes use of such technologies implemented so far. Unprecedented newer developments await us as the prospect for self-driving cars has become a major subject in global technology news. 5G will also

required for developing AI capabilities. Further delay in the initial push will only widen the gap between India and these countries embedded with AI. India in the days ahead will need a strategic AI vision. Lack of an indigenous AI capacity will gravely compromise India's future. According to Reuters, China's attention to AI has become a matter of concern. Huge funds have been allocated to AI advancements within its borders. These cutting edge technologies have immense power to revolutionize warfare and other future security measures. Again, the economic growth rates in China could increase from 6.3% to 7.5% in 2035 if the companies harness AI to change their entire business infrastructure. Meanwhile, Google has been working to apply a form of high level AI computing known as 'deep learning' to the field of medicine and health care.

A proper balance must be struck between machines that optimize tasks and the people that use the machines. There remains the ongoing fear that in the process robots might supersede humans but the reality might be different. AI is not about elimination but elevation; it is not about making everything automatic but a process of augmenting man's inner mental capacities.

Letters to the EDITOR

Sir — I would like to draw the attention of the authorities concerned, especially the officials of the Department of Education and the Minister of Education regarding the problem faced by the students from Assam studying outside the State who are preparing to appear for the UGC-NET conducted by CBSE, to be held in November, 2017. This year the authority has made it compulsory to quote the Aadhaar number as identification for filling up forms for the said examination. Though the students from Assam, Meghalaya and J&K are exempted from this condition with other documents for identification being acceptable, it is clearly mentioned in the notification that those who are availing this option can select the centre of examination only from the States concerned.

It becomes very inconvenient, time consuming and expensive for the students from Assam, who don't have Aadhaar card and are studying in different parts of the

country, to come back to Assam for a short while (especially in the month of November, which is the examination season for most of the universities in India), only for the NET examination though it is very much essential for their career.

The authorities of the State need to discuss the matter with the authorities related to the UGC-NET 2017 exam and take necessary action so that the students from Assam studying outside the State can appear for the exam at their convenient nearest centre. Hope the authorities will consider the matter as urgent as the last date of form submission is September 11, 2017. Yours etc., PARIJAT BHARALI, New Delhi.

Right to privacy

Sir — This refers to the editorial, 'Right to privacy' (AT, August 24) in which Nobel laureate Kalish Satyarthi emphasized the need to work unitedly to protect the children from sexual abuse. It is sad and disheartening that on the same issue, there was another story about a 12-year-old girl named Rani who was raped by a monk in a monastery in Tinsukia. What does this show? Where our society is heading? A few days back, Dera chief Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh was convicted in a rape case but there was a huge outburst

against the judgement of the court. It was shameful. It's not a good sign for the country like India. Instead, we must come together and support people like Kalish Satyarthi to protect our society from this kind of evil. Yours etc., ROKIBUZ ZAMAN, Guwahati University.

Genuine concerns

Sir — The eloquently composed and well-researched article 'With our back to the wall, we stand until!' by Dr Monpratip Barooh (AT, August 31) has raised some genuine concerns about the present state of affairs affecting the Assamese social fabric. The article has infused a breath of fresh air and was much needed and appropriate in the present times, when TV shows, print and electronic social media are being flooded with biased expert opinions on the imminent danger to the multilingual social fabric onslaught, Sanskritization of education, Brahmin aggression, etc.

Assam has been the melting pot of various races and cultures since prehistoric and medieval times and

is often referred to as a 'mini India' in itself. The manner in which a singular event of the recent import of priests from the mainland for religious rites during a festival was equated to a Brahminical disruption to the socio-religious life of Assam by a so-called social expert reflects an attempt to fuel paranoid fear and confusion among the common populace.

A historical reality often ignored by the so-called social experts nowadays in their public discourses and articles is the fact that Vaishnava Brahmins (Brahmins primarily worshipping Vishnu) have existed in Assam and the neighbouring States like Manipur since ancient times and have contributed immensely towards building religious institutions encompassing all sections of the society, even prior to the Neo-Vaishnavite era of Srimanta Sankaradeva. Yours etc., DR RANJAN K BHAGOBATY, Dulijan.

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UGC-NET exam, Aadhaar and centre options

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City college Principal's FIR over threat by outsider
STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 1: Radha Govinda Baruah College Principal Dr Babita Choudhury has lodged an FIR with the police after an outsider allegedly barged into her chamber and threatened her.

She told this newspaper that for over a week now, a group of students has been indulging in unruly behaviour over several issues, including holding of the fresher's social meet, organising the flood relief campaign, etc.

"Yesterday, a youth from outside barged into my chamber along with few of our girl students. He threatened me, alleging that I misbehaved with the students," Choudhury said.

Today a group of students staged protests at the college demanding removal of the Principal. Police had to intervene to control the situation.

Fatasil Ambari police station officer-in-charge Dilip Baralari said the students later submitted a memorandum to the circle officer stating their various demands.

The institution has been witnessing a confrontation between the faculty and some students over the last few days. Miscreants also allegedly pelted stones at the college premises yesterday.

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AGM (CAP), EIL, NEW DELHI

General meeting of Govt engineering colleges held

CORRESPONDENT

JALUKBARI, Sept 1: A general meeting of all the stakeholders of government engineering colleges like the AEC, the IEC, the BEBC and the BVEC was held in the Assam Engineering College auditorium here today.

The meeting was addressed by the Engineering College Teachers' Association's representatives, faculty members, students from different colleges along with the Director of Technical Education, Assam. At the conclusion of the meeting, a resolution was passed where it was agreed by all that under no circumstances or conditions the government engineering colleges will affiliate themselves under the ASTU in the concurrent or the following years.

Intervention by the State Education Minister was also requested for clarification on the matter and a memorandum was also proposed to be submitted to the authorities concerned. The Director of Technical Education, Assam assured that the issue would be placed before the higher authorities of the government for finding a solution.

On the other hand, class boycott by the students of all the government engineering colleges would also be cancelled for 3 days - 4, 5 and 6. But if the demands of the students are not fulfilled within the three days, a vigorous agitation would be launched by the students, said the students' fraternity.

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Indigenous forum stages dharna over State issues

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 1: Khilanjan Mancha, a joint platform of around 30 organisations of the indigenous peoples of the State, staged a two-and-a-half-hour dharna from 9 am to 11 am in front of the Raj Bhawan here in support of its demands that include safeguarding the interests of the indigenous peoples in all respects.

Speaking to this newspaper, Mancha chief convener Anup Chetia, who is also the chief adviser to Prakton ULPA Aikyamarta, said the present situation demands that there should be strict measures to protect the interests of the indigenous peoples of Assam.

To protect their interests, the Government should speedily complete the process of updating the National Register of Citizens (NRC) and the Union Government should forthwith withdraw the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

The governments in the State and at the Centre should also ensure absorption of 100

per cent of indigenous job-seekers in the jobs available in the State, Assam's flood and erosion should be declared national problems of the country and the flood- and erosion-hit people of the State should be provided adequate compensation and rehabilitation, he said.

He further said that the Mancha also demands that there should not be any eviction of the indigenous peoples from government or forest land without rehabilitation.

The Khilanjan Mancha was formed recently to represent the Indigenous Forum, Assam. Prakton ULPA Aikyamarta, Assam Jatiyatodo Yuva-Chatra Parishad, All Tai Ahom Students' Union, Tai-Ahom Yuva Parishad, Assuchita Jati Chakra Chatra Santha, Matik Samnami and Sarania Kachari Chatra Santha, among others, have joined hands to form this united platform of indigenous peoples.

Chetia said that the Mancha representatives sent a memorandum to the President of India and the Prime Minister of the country through the office of the Governor today, enlisting the above demands.

Women tonsure heads to protest Govt 'betrayal'

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 1: In a significant development in the State's history of democratic agitation, three women – all of whom are mothers – tonsured their heads in protest against the alleged "betrayal" of the State Government on issues concerning the interests of the indigenous peoples.

Mousumi Prabhat Bora (33), Barua Barma (36) and Rekha Talukdar (38), the three women who tonsured their heads, said that they had resorted to this action to get themselves purified through an act of *prayashchitta* (expiation) to get over the sin they had committed by voting the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) to power in the State. They belong to the same organisation, Swadhin Nari Shakti.

Speaking to this newspaper, Sudakshina Bhuyan, CEO of the organisation's child development wing, said the Government in power in the State bagged the votes of the indigenous peoples with their election plank to protect *jati-nati-bhuti* (indigenous peoples, their land rights and their habitats). But now they have started making a mockery of the simplicity of the indigenous peoples. One of its powerful ministers, Himanta Biswa Sarma, claimed recently that they had been able to ascend to power not with



The three women sitting in a demonstration after tonsuring their heads, in Guwahati on Friday. - AT photo

the support of the State alone.

Minister Sarma and the State Government as well should tender public apology for this comment of Sarma.

She alleged that under this Government, women and girls are not safe. This has been proved by

the recurring incidents of rape in the city. On an average, three to four cases of rape are taking place in the State every day. But the culprits involved in such cases have remained free, without being behind the bars.

Again, Assamese youths were physically attacked by some Bengali

businessmen recently when they went to a showroom of a Bengal businessman to collect donation for the benefit of the flood-hit people. This is because of the policies of the present Government in the State that such people could muster courage to attack the Assamese youths, Bhuyan said.

President of the ruling BJP Ranjeet Dass has even gone to the extent of insulting legendary musician Dr Bhupen Hazarika with his comment that the maestro had described Ganga as his mother. This is another insult to the indigenous peoples of the State. Dass should come up with a public apology in this connection, Bhuyan said.

On the move to name the newly set-up colleges after Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) ideologue Deendayal Upadhyaya, Bhuyan said that their organisation views this as another insult heaped by this Government on the indigenous peoples of the State. These colleges should be named after the legendary figures of the State. There cannot be any alternative to that. If even a single college is allowed to be named after the RSS ideologue, the State Government should ensure that a college at the birthplace of Upadhyaya is named after one of our eminent personalities, Bhuyan maintained.

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GMDA throws ball into GDD court

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 1: A day after Guwahati Development Department (GDD) Additional Chief Secretary MGVK Bhanu expressed his displeasure over the slow pace of disposal of building permission by the Guwahati Municipal Development Authority (GMDA), its Chairman Dhiren Baruah today insisted that the building permit is actually issued by the GMC. The GMDA only issues the planning permit, he said in an official rejoinder.

According to an official release issued

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PUBLIC HEARING

Sub: Draft Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Tariff Determination from Renewable Energy Sources), Regulations 2017.

It is informed to all concerned that Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission (AERC) will hold public hearing on the AERC (Terms and Condition for Tariff Determination from Renewable Energy Sources), Regulations 2017 to be held before the Court Room of the Commission. The proposed AERC (Terms and Conditions for Tariff Determination from Renewable Energy Sources), Regulations 2017 are placed in the official website of the Commission at www.aerc.gov.in. This publication may also be treated as notice for hearing of objections.

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CM to open HUL unit on Sept 6
CORRESPONDENT

DOOMDOOMA, Sept 1: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal will inaugurate the fourth unit of the Personal Product Factory (PPF) of Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL) situated here on September 6. This was informed by an HUL official from its Mumbai office.

The inaugural ceremony of the fourth unit of the factory which has already begun its operations will also be attended by senior officials from London and Mumbai office of the multinational company.

It can be mentioned here that the HUL has installed the fourth unit in its PPF situated at Rairang Te here with an investment of over Rs 1,000 crore.

Voters' awareness
prog held at Dhubri
CORRESPONDENT

DHUBRI, Sept 1: To make the upcoming voters of the district aware of different aspects of an election and the power of voting, the district administration recently organised a systematic voters' education and electoral participation programme.

It was for the first time such a programme on voters' awareness was being organised in the district. The programme included a quiz competition and an art competition among the students of various schools of the district along with a symposium on different aspects of the voters and their rights.

Attending the programme, the Deputy Commissioner Dhiraj Chaudhary in the presence of District Election Officer Bistirna Barua distributed various prizes among the students and urged the students to keep right information about their voting rights. They also asked the students to make the people of the society aware of their voting rights.

One missing: After being struck by lightning in his fishing boat, 33-year-old fisherman Khilan Halder went missing in the river Brahmaputra near Netai Dhubini Ghat recently. Even after a two-day search by a joint team of SDRF, police officials and locals, his body could not be found.

Meanwhile, two other companions of Halder were also injured by the thunder strike. They were later rushed to the Dhubri Civil Hospital.

No doctor at Daisajan TE

DOOMDOOMA, Sept 1: The labourers of Daisajan Tea Estate owned by the MK Sah Group have been suffering a lot due to non-availability of doctor in the hospital of the garden since the last few months.

In the absence of a doctor, a pharmacist has been treating the patients. Due to lack of a doctor, the labourers of the garden have to approach either Government or private doctors at Doomdooma by spending a lot of money. The Doomdooma branch of Bharatiya Chhatra Mazdoor Sangha (BCMS) has been the meantime submitted a memorandum to the senior manager of the garden urging him to appoint a doctor in the garden hospital immediately.

Historic Tarini Priya Chatuspathy of Gauripur losing its glory

CORRESPONDENT

GARUROPI, Sept 1: Raj Pratap Chandra Barua, the Zaminder of the Royal Estate of Rangamati here established a Sanskrit tol in 1834 in the sacred memory of his mother Tarini Priya at Rangamati.

The tol, Tarini Priya Chatuspathy, turned into a seat of Sanskrit scholars at that time. A large number of students from Assam, North Bengal and Rongpur (Bangladesh) came to study at the institution. The students were provided free food and lodging and as a result the fame of the tol spread all over North-east India and it was even called the



A student with his bicycle about to cross a river on a dilapidated makeshift bamboo bridge at Nonodi, Gogamukh in Dhemaji district, on Friday. — UB Photos

Naming of model colleges after Deendayal Upadhyaya opposed

CORRESPONDENT

TINSUKIA, Sept 1: The names of model colleges to be set up by the Government of Assam in several places of the State as Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Model College has been strongly opposed by the people of Tinsukia.

In a public meeting convened by the All Moran Students' Union (AMSU) at the District Library auditorium on Thursday, it was decided that the model college in the name of Deendayal Upadhyaya, the meeting observed that Deendayal Upadhyaya had no contribution towards the society of Assam. Even his name was new to most of the people of Assam and it would be an unjustified move on the part of the State Government to introduce him forcefully towards the uplift of the literary scenario of the district.

The future generations should be aware of his contributions to the society in general. Opposing the name of the model college in the name of Deendayal Upadhyaya, the meeting observed that Deendayal Upadhyaya had no contribution towards the society of Assam. Even his name was new to most of the people of Assam and it would be an unjustified move on the part of the State Government to introduce him forcefully towards the uplift of the literary scenario of the district.

Website launched: Under the auspices of the Tinsukia district administration, a new website was launched for the benefit of youths of the district on Thursday.

The website was attended by several prominent educationists, social workers, students etc.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner addressed the youths of the district to visit the site for their career development as the site includes career guidance for students as well as aspects of studies, examinations of different categories of services etc.

The website was inaugurated by the Deputy Commissioner, Oinam Sarankumar Singh at the conference hall.

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The website was attended by heads of all the departments of the district, SDO (Civil), Margherita, Biren Koiri and students etc.

Darrang student shines at national-level essay contest

CORRESPONDENT

MANGALDAI, Sept 1: Rimlee Saharia, a Class X student of Sipajhar BJ Girls' High School and daughter of writer and teacher Chandra Saharia shone in the national-level essay writing competition organised by Tezpur University on behalf of Dr Ambedkar Foundation under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India.

According to a press state-

ment issued by the school authority, Rimlee was adjudged as the third best contestant in the essay contest on the theme, Ambedkar's Views on Nation and Nationalism.

Rimlee received the certificate and award along with a cash prize ceremonially from Anand Telumde, senior professor, Goa Institute of Management and Madan Mohan Sarma, Vice-Chancellor of Tezpur University respectively at a function held at the university campus recently.

School magazine released: In this era of digitalisation, when the young generation has hardly any time for the pen and paper, the students of Sankardev Sishu Vidya Niketan have chosen pen and paper to prove their creativity. This was evident on Thursday when the students of Class X released a hand-written magazine.

Hiren Kumar Sarma, secretary of the school management committee in presen-

tence of the pradhacharya Konal Kumar Deka, teachers and students ceremonially inaugurated the magazine titled, *Anveshan* comprising stories, articles, poems etc., written by students and jointly edited by two young promising writers Sangeeta Mandal and Dikshita Garg under the supervision of teacher Malaya Goswami Mishra.

In his brief inaugural speech, Sarma termed this effort of the students as an important signature in the silver jubilee year of the institution.

Yuvamahotsov at Tihu College

Concern over delay in rehab of DHD cadres

CORRESPONDENT

HAFLONG, Sept 1: Dilip Nunisa, former chairman, Dima Halam Daoga (DHD) who had signed an agreement with the Governments of India and Assam on October 8, 2012 in New Delhi has expressed serious concern over the delay in rehabilitation of DHD cadres allegedly due to the indifferent attitude of both the Central and the State Governments.

Nunisa said that an MoS was signed between the Government of India, Assam and DHD way back in 2012, but even after the lapse of five years, no single step was taken by the Government of India or Assam for the rehabilitation of former DHD cadres. But still they have been taking initiatives from their own for self-rehabilitation without the support of the State Government. They had applied for financial assistance from the Centre on September 24, 2014 through Sarbananda Sonowal, the then Union

Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi. Now it needs a forwarding letter from the State Government, but that has remained pending at the Dispur Secretariat since 2015. As the chairman of the Dimasa Dairy Cooperative Society Ltd, he has been following up this project. For this, Nunisa wrote a letter to the Prime Minister recently requesting him to interfere so as to release their file from the State in the greater interest of the former cadres as well as the people of Dimasa district.

Nunisa further said that it was shameful to inform that in spite of repeated requests to Assam ministers and the officials since 2015, delaying practices are going on. "I was an armed struggle leader fighting for a separate Dimaraji State within the Indian Union and was convinced to come back for dialogue democratically but now there is nothing but betrayal. For a small project, I have to go door-to-door and there is no result".

National Lok Adalat at Morigaon on Sept 9

CORRESPONDENT

MORIGAON, Sept 1: A national Lok Adalat will be held on September 9 under the aegis of the District Legal Service Authority (DLSA), Morigaon. This Lok Adalat will consist of eight various courts which will dispose of long-pending legal disputes through mutual conciliation.

In a press release, DLSA, Morigaon said that those courts under the national Lok Adalat will take up the legal matters relating to bank recovery, NI cases under Section 138, labour cases, electricity and water supply bill cases, matrimonial and civil disputes, MACT and revenue cases. DLSA, Morigaon appealed

to the litigants to sort out their long-pending cases through this Lok Adalat.

Debate contest: The District Legal Service Authority (DLSA), Morigaon organised a day-long debating competition among the school and college students of Morigaon district on August 30 at Morigaon Sankar Madhab High School.

At the school level the topic of the debate was — According to the motion of the House, change of textbooks change the mindset of students? In the function, Ranjita Agarwal, secretary, DLSA, Morigaon, Ananda Devi, Hemlata, Morigaon, Sankar Madhab High School, Pariza Unus Thakuria advocate were present.

Minal Hazarika, assistant teacher, Dadua High School and Jogen Chandra Meithi were the judges in the competition. In the school-level competition, Tamana Bora of Mani Kanchan Vidya Mandir was adjudged as the best debator while Titmon Bhardwaj of Dharakrishnan Academy, Morigaon bagged the second position and Chandrima Sepali the third position.

At the college level, the topic was — According to the motion of the House, change of textbooks change the mindset of students? In the function, Jitu Talukdar of Jagiroad College bagged the first award while Krishna Bora of Gurukul Academy and Madhab Bora of Jagiroad College bagged the second and third positions respectively.

Yuva Mahotsov at Tihu College

A CORRESPONDENT

TIHU, Sept 1: The Gauhati University inter-college Yuva Mahotsav under the aegis of the Sports Parishad of Gauhati University and in association with Tihu College of Naharbari district will be held at Tihu College on September 8, 9 and 10. Colleges of Nalbari, Barpeta, Baksa and Chirang districts will take part

in the mahotsav. A reception committee along with some sub committees have been formed with Dr Kishor Talukdar, Principal of the college as president, Bhabesh Ch Das, Vice-Principal of the college as secretary.

Competitions on Borgeet,

Lokageet, Bongeet, folk songs, Jyoti Sangeet, Rabha Sangeet, Parbati Prasad Baruah Sangeet, Bhupendra San-



Members of the Delhi Alumni Association of Assam (DAAA) donating school kits among flood-affected children at Kalibari in Nagaon district, on Friday. — UB Photos

New IS slaps pay-cut orders on teachers for late attendance

ANN Service

SIVASAGAR, Sept 1: In a welcome development, the Sivasagar Inspector of Schools, Abdul Zeliq with unannounced visits to different schools, has compelled the teachers to shed their endemic lethargy and loathsome habit of late attendance at their work places.

On August 26, Abdul Zeliq reached Moran Higher Secondary School at about 8.30 am where he himself had his secondary education. He found as many as 11 teachers including the Principal absent till the prayer time was over and ordered a day's pay cut for the absences.

He also visited Sivasagar Govt HS & MP School on August 29 and found 9 teachers absent and took a similar action.

Senior citizens here have appreciated the steps taken by the Inspector of Schools.

Fraudulent withdrawal: Fraudulent withdrawal of money from various ATMs in Sivasagar Naigaon, Gaursingar and other places has caused serious concern among the depositors in Sivasagar district.

According to the latest such incident, a youth fraudulently withdrew Rs 70,000 from the account of one Rina Bhagawati (A/C 1096858980), a retired employee of Fuleswar Girls HS on August 28. Rina Bhagawati due to her illness, sent her naïve daughter to withdraw some money. One youth, pretending to help her in withdrawing the money, changed the card in a trick and told her that the machine is not accepting the card at the moment.

Young Talent Artist Award: Biju Kumar Dasa, a minor artist from Sivasagar has been awarded the Young Talent Artist Award along with 21 others by the North East Zone Cultural Centre, Itanagar. The award was given away by the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh PB Acharya on August 25 in Itanagar Rajdhawan. Dasa, a student of Jagiroad College, has represented India in Colombo and many other places.

27 TE workers hurt in factional clash, 57 arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

DIBRUGARH, Sept 1: Some 57 tea garden workers including women were arrested by Tingkhong police last night after they attacked their fellow workers with lethal weapons over the issue of ownership dispute of the plantation.

Three leaders of the attackers including Boldeh Teli, president of the Adivasi Chah Jonogusti Suraksha Sammittee were remanded to police custody while others were forwarded to the jail today.

The Shalmari tea estate had turned out to be a battle ground yesterday following the deadly clash between two factions of the workers, using lethal weapons like knives, axe, sticks and rods. Some 27 workers, including women were injured in the bloodshed.

The clash took place after one faction led by Boldeh Teli's Adivasi Chah Jonogusti Suraksha Sammittee launched an all mass attack on another of workers who were engaged in plucking leaves for their new employer Jaintex Tea Company Limited. The faction loyal to Teli tried to obstruct plucking of leaves, claiming that Jaintex Tea Company Limited had illegally taken over the garden.

Police, who were informed, acted swiftly and arrested

some 57 persons including 30 women. Boldeh Teli, president, Adivasi Chah Jonogusti Suraksha Sammittee and the alleged mastermind behind the attack was also arrested from his home, hours after the bloodshed. Police said Boldeh Teli incited the workers against other fellow workers.

Police administration deployed platoons of CRPF jawans in the area besides called in back-ups from Borhani, Raigach and Naharkata police stations to handle the situation. Circle Officer Nandita Baruah, Additional Superintendent of Police/Superintendent of Police/Superintendent of Police/DGP Biswajit Sharma were on the spot to ensure peace in the area.

Suptn of Police Gautam Borai also visited the area in the evening.

All the injured were rushed to the Naharani Community Health Centre. Five workers who sustained grievous injuries were referred to Assam Medical College and Hospital.

Police have registered case (131/17) at Tingkhong PS under sections 147/148/149/447/120/B(109)/326/327/395/397/354(A)/427 of the IPC against the attackers. All the 57 persons who were arrested were administered medical check-up today at Dibrugarh Sadar PS before producing them in the court today.

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 1: With a view to facilitate faster development in BTAD, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today directed all State Government departments to settle all pending issues in a time bound manner. Chief Minister Sonowal directed this while chairing a review meeting on issues related to BTAD in the presence of public representatives and officers of State Government and BTCA administration, which was held at Assam Administrative Staff College, Kharapara in the city.

Stating that the Bodoland Territorial Districts have witnessed remarkable progress under the leadership of BTCA chief Hagrama Mohiyar, Chief Minister Sonowal emphasised on creating a conducive environment for development to ensure peaceful and dignified life for the BTAD people.

Council Act, 2012 before the forthcoming panchayat election, Chief Secretary VK Pipersenia informed that already a Cabinet sub-committee under the leadership of State Industry & Commerce Minister Chandra Mohan Patowary has been constituted which will submit its report soon. Besides, a high level committee headed by Additional Chief Secretary Rajib Barua was also constituted by the State Government to study the 23 Acts submitted by BTAD administration to the State Government with three months' time to submit the report.

Chief Minister also directed the Staff Inspection Unit of Finance Department to submit its report regarding creation of new posts for BTCA administration within next six months. In view of the implementation of GST, Sonowal also instructed the Finance Department to study the revenue sharing mechanism of Excise and Transport department between the State Government and the BTCA administration and submit report early.

Further to ensure early settlement of issues regarding transferring the roles and responsibilities of the Bodoland Village

Development, Chief Minister directed the WPT&EBC department to submit report within one month. He also directed the department to take steps for early relocation of ITDC office to BTAD.

Further, revival of Rupsi Airport was also discussed in the meeting and the Chief Minister asked the Forest department to settle the land allotment issue at reserved forest within two months. He also directed to P&R&D department to bring out an early solution to setting up of new BTCA offices in BTAD.

Chief Secretary Pipersenia informed during the meeting that the State Government has already constituted a committee to study the issue regarding releasing share of the State Government on all Central Government schemes and Central Government sponsored schemes and on the basis of the report of the committee, necessary action would be taken.

Pipersenia also said that Revenue department has already been directed to settle the issues raised by BTCA administration regarding launching of Majudari system in the meeting.

Kokrajhar and Chirang districts and a committee has been constituted headed by Principal Secretary Finance to look into the matter regarding setting up of Treasury Office in BTAD. Chief Minister Sonowal directed the committee to submit its report within two months. Sonowal also directed all the State Government departments to set up their offices in BTAD which are yet to be established.

Expressing his gratitude to the Chief Minister for his pragmatic steps for solving all pending issues of BTAD, BTC chief Hagrama Mohiyar said that early resolution of conflicts would lead to smooth development in the Bodoland districts.

Forest & Environment Minister Pramila Ranji Brahma, Water Resources Minister Keshav Mahanta, Food & Civil Supplies Minister Rihon Daimary, Minister of State for P&RD Naba Kumar Doley, MP Biswajit Daimary, MLAs of BTAD, Chief Minister's Media Adviser Hirishikos Goswami, Chief Secretary VK Pipersenia and several senior officials of State Government and BTAD were present in the meeting.

PABINDRA NATH SARMA AND KUNJABALA DEVI MEMORIAL AWARDS

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

(a) **Pabindra Nath Sarma Memorial Award:**

For investigative journalism on Human Rights

(b) **Kunjabala Devi Memorial Award:**

For investigative journalism on Women's Issue

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

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

The terms and conditions are as follows:

1. The competition is open to all journalists working full time or part time, for registered daily, twice-a-week and weekly newspapers published from the North East region in Assamese, English, Bengali or Hindi.
2. Investigative reports on human rights issues will include violations of human rights in any form, work rendered by individuals, organisations or NGOs for creating awareness and strengthening the system to preserve human rights and such other issues. Unknown facts brought to light by investigative reporting will be more appreciated.
3. Investigative reports on women's issues will include crimes against women, injustice meted out to women, women's welfare work rendered by individuals or organisations, work done by NGOs for women's welfare, oppression of women and such other issues. Unknown facts brought to light by investigative reporting will be more appreciated.
4. The incidents/happenings covered by such reports must have the North East as locale.
5. News items/news stories appearing in the journalists' bylines are preferred. But if such reports are published without byline, the candidates/competitor must provide proof that the writing concerned is actually his/hers. All such entries published in newspapers must be authenticated by the Editor concerned.
6. Entries sent by the journalist himself/herself or sent by other sponsors will be examined by a panel of judges to be appointed for the purpose and the panel's decision will be final.
7. The entries should be photo copies of the articles/news items published during the calendar year 2016 that is, between January and December, 31, 2016. The dates of publication of the items must be mentioned.

Convenor
Pabindra Nath Sarma
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Memorial Award Committee
Tribune Buildings, Guwahati-781003

Work towards making a New India, Governor urges students

CORRESPONDENT

SILCHAR, Sept 1: From the days of electronic papers to the age of supercomputing, times have taken rapid strides and we must make the best use of the available technology towards the pursuit of a New India, said Governor of Assam Baruwal Purihit.



The Governor enthused the students by inaugurating the technical exhibition and interacted with the participants who displayed products like surveillance drones, obstructions avoiding robots.

Director of the institute Prof Rajat Gupta narrated the journey of NIT Silchar which is ranked 53rd among all the NITs of the country and one of the top ranked NITs in North East Prof SB Singh, director NIT Manipur, GM Hazarika, secretary to the Governor and Cachar Deputy Commissioner S Viswanathan also attended the occasion.

the Governor maintained.

On the other hand, Indian Red Cross Society, Silchar branch secretary Dipankar Chakraborty said Rs 50 lakh was received from the MPLAD fund of former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. PWD Minister Shuklabhadya, former Union Minister Kabinda Purkayastha and Cachar Deputy Commissioner S Viswanathan also spoke on the occasion.

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WALK-IN-INTERVIEW FOR JRF ON 20TH SEP 2017

Director, Defence Research Laboratory (DRL), Tezpur, Assam invites interested and deserving candidates for Walk-in-Interview to be held for 3 (three) posts of Junior Research Fellow having the following basic Qualifications.

S. No	Category of Post	Essential qualifications	Stipend/Emoluments	Age Limit
1.	Junior Research Fellow	NET Qualified First Class Master Degree in Agriculture, Horticulture, Botany, Chemistry, Biotechnology, Molecular Biology and Microbiology, Or NET Qualified First Class Professional Graduate Degree on the above disciplines Or M Tech in Biotechnology/Molecular Biology/ Chemistry and M. Pharm in Pharmaceutical Sciences	Rs. 25,000/- per month	28 Yrs

General Information:

- i. Date of Walk-in-Interview - 20th Sep 2017
- ii. Age Limit is relaxable by 5 years for SC/ST and 3 years for OBC candidates, certificate to be produced in support of claim
- iii. Tenure: First tenure is 2 years and is extendable as per rules.
- iv. HRA and Medical facilities are available wherever admissible as per Govt. rules,
- v. Candidates are required to produce certificates/ testimonials in original at the time of interview.
- vi. Award of Fellowship does not confer any right for absorption/employment in DRDO
- vii. You may register your name for the interview at the email ID: drtezc@gmail.com along with your one-page brief CV, like your Name, Present Address, Education Qualification in Master Degree with discipline and % marks, NET qualified or not, Contact number and E-mail ID.

Sd/- (Dr. P Srinivas Raju)
DIRECTOR

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Free medical camp

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 1: The Delhi Alumni Association of Assam (DAAA), a network of individuals who have studied in Delhi, has taken some measures to mitigate the miseries of the flood-affected people in Assam.

DAAA members today visited Kalabari one of the worst flood-affected areas, to provide relief materials in assistance with the Nagaon district administration. Among the goods distributed were school bags, water bottles, pencil boxes, geometry boxes, exercise books, etc.

SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed tenders affixing a non-refundable court fee stamp of Rs.8.25 (Rupees eight & paise twenty five) only with validity period of 180 days, which will subsequently be converted and drawn up in the printed F-2 form are invited from the registered contractors of P.W.D. Class-I(A,B,C)& Class-II (Building) category according to their eligibility for submitting tenders for the work stated below. The tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 2.00 PM on **11.09.2017** and will be opened on the same date & place at 2.15PM.

Name of work	Estimated Amount (Approx)	Category of contractor	BD/BC Amount	Time-of Completion
1.Construction of Brick Boundary Wall & Earth filling at Boro Bazar Health Sub-Centre in Udalguri District, BTC	Rs.8,97,412.00	Class-(I,A,B,C)& Class-II	500.00	6 (Six) months.
2.Construction of Brick Boundary Wall & Earth filling at Boro Bazar B Health Sub-Centre in Udalguri District, BTC	Rs.10,50,433.00	Class-(I,A,B,C)& Class-II	1000.00	6 (Six) months.
3.Construction of Brick Boundary Wall & Earth filling at Kumar Chuburi, Borsola Health Sub-Centre in Udalguri District, BTC	Rs.10,50,433.00	Class-(I,A,B,C)& Class-II	1000.00	6 (Six) months.
4.Earth filling and sand levelling of Khorabori S.S. Ltd. in Udalguri District under SOPD-Fund for the year 2017-18.	Rs.6,07,368.00	Class-(I,A,B,C)& Class-II	500.00	6 (Six) months.

Detailed N.I.T may be seen in all working days in the office of the undersigned. Tender paper will be issued to the contractor or their authorised agent upto 12.00 Noon on all working days from **07.09.2017** to **08.09.2017** in the office of the undersigned on payment in the form of Bank Draft/Banker's Cheque duly pledged to the **Principal Secretary, Bodoland Territorial Council, Kokrajhar**. The contractor should submit attested copy of Registration certificate for the year 2017-18, latest clearance certificate of Income tax and sales tax along with the tenders. In case the office remain closed on tender receiving/opening the same will be received/ opened on the next working day.

Sd/-
Superintending Engineer, PWD,
Kokrajhar Building Circle Kokrajhar.

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WEATHER NORTHEAST

Forecast for NE: Moderate rainfall chances over Assam
is very likely to occur at most places over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura.

Warning: Heavy rains very likely to occur at isolated places on September 2 and 3 over Arunachal Pradesh; on September 2, 3 & 4 & 5 over Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura.

Temperatures :

	Max (°C)	Min (°C)
Dibrugarh	31.1	23.8
Tezpur	31.3	24.8
Silchar	32.2	25.2
Dibrugarh	33.2	27.2
Jorhat	33.5	25.2
N.Lakhipur	33.0	23.2
Shillong	23.3	15.3
Imphal	28.8	22.2
Itanagar	32.8	23.0
Agartala	32.1	25.1
Kohima	25.2	19.0
Pasighat	31.2	23.2
Cherrapunjee	22.2	18.4

GOC-in-C reviews Nagaland security situation

DIMAPUR, Sept 1: GOC-in-C Eastern Command Lt Gen Abhay Krishna reviewed the security situation in Nagaland during his visit to Kohima yesterday.

According to a Defence statement, the GOC-in-C also discussed various projects being undertaken by the security forces in the State. The General also interacted with civil dignitaries on issues of the State.

Prior to his departure, the senior army officer complimented all ranks of HQ IGAR (N) for their dedication and devotion. - Correspondent

Effort to divide Mizoram would be resisted: CM

AIZAWL, Sept 1: Mizoram Chief Minister Lal Thanhawla today said that any attempt to balkanise the State would be resisted to the end.

Addressing the ruling Congress party workers at Congress Bhawan here, Lal Thanhawla said that any move to divide the State on ethnic lines would be opposed.

He, however, said that the Mizo people should treat carefully while dealing with sensitive political issues.

Reacting to the appeal made by the NGO Coordination Committee not to field any candidate belonging to Chakma community, he said that such moves might not be in the interests of Mizoram.

"Any Chakma, who is an Indian citizen can contest elections even as independent," he said, adding that it would not stop Chakma candidates from being elected. - PTI

Heroin seized

AIZAWL, Sept 1: About 279 grams of heroin were seized here by Mizoram Excise and Narcotics department's Anti Narcotic Squad today, official sources said.

They said that the contraband worth around Rs 9.50 lakh in the local market was smuggled from Myanmar via Champa district.

The sources said that Vanlalvena (30) and Laibakdeli (25), both residents of Bawngkawn locality in Aizawl, were arrested for alleged trafficking of the drugs. - PTI

Probe into Meghalaya call centre racket begins

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

SHILLONG, Sept 1: A pan-India investigation has begun involving police and Central agencies from across the country, with possible involvement of Interpol, into the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) scam in which US citizens impersonating as IRS officials.

The modus operandi was simple. The accused used to call the victims in the US and asked them to pay their taxes or face heavy penalty after impersonating as IRS officials of US. They then persuaded them to pay the amount which was channelised through accounts in the US to India through the Hawala channel.

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raided in the State and nine persons were arrested from Meghalaya and across India. These accused persons were dupe US citizens impersonating as IRS officials.

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Lyngdoh said, Meghalaya Police has formed a Special Investigating Team headed by City SP Vivek Syiem which also

included eight other members. "We are coordinating with Assam and Gujarat police and also the Enforcement Directorate," the Home Minister said.

According to officials, the network of this scam has its tentacles spread across the country and overseas. "We would also look for coordinating with the Interpol as the investigation proceeds," he added.

Stating that "nobody is above the law", Lyngdoh said that everyone would be questioned in due course of time. Three officials from SS Netcom that is reportedly owned by Tura MP, Conrad Sangma, have also been arrested in the scam.

A few days back several call centres were



Students of St George School taking part in the "Rally for Rivers" campaign in Shillong on Friday. - UB Photos

Conrad asks students to follow ideals of late Purno

CORRESPONDENT

CONRAD, while recollecting his late father's struggle in life.

He explained the vision of late Purno Sangma, who had always pitched for strengthening North Eastern Council (NEC) as a regional policy making organisation.

"Late Purno Sangma wanted that an organisation in the

North East should formulate policies for its own people as there were several opportunities in the region, which needed attention from its own people. He (late Sangma) had a vision for a separate mini Parliament in this region and had recommended multiple parliamentary system in the country", recollects Conrad, while saying that late Sangma had a different vision and mindset for the progress and development of North East.

Conrad urged the Vice

Chancellor of NEHU Prof SK Srivastava and Pro Vice Chancellor Prof G Singhadhat.

"There has to be a balance between Shillong and Tura campus of the university. More and more branches and departments should be opened at the campus in Tura, so that the students of not just Garo Hills but entire North East derives its benefit".

In his talk on the 'North East Experience', Mishra said, "In 1964 Government of India signed a ceasefire agreement with NSCN, which looked more like an agreement between two countries. It is a sign of maturity of India democracy", he observed.

Dadengre MLA James K Sangma and former Raja Sabha MP Thomas A Sangma amongst others also attended the lecture.

PIL filed against 26 Nagaland Parliamentary Secys

CORRESPONDENT

It is said, however, in Nagaland by notification dated 26/07/17 the Nagaland Chief Minister "unconstitutionally" appointed 9 Advisors and 26 Parliamentary Secretaries under Rule 5 of the Rule of Executive Business for the Government of Nagaland.

The NTC reasoned that the said rules do not prescribe for appointment of Advisors and Parliamentary Secretaries and the rule is in fact for allocation of portfolio to the Ministers by the Governor on the advice of the Chief Minister.

The PIL was heard on August 31 and the Court posted the matter to September 11 for further order and hearing. The NTC hoped that Parliamentary democracy would be restored and "illegal offices will be removed to relieve the people from this extraneous action of the State."

"By the 91st Constitutional Amendment and as per Article 164 (1A) of the Constitution of India there should be only 12 Ministers in the State of Nagaland, including the Chief Minister," the NTC said in a press release.

Solung fest celebrated

ITANAGAR, Sept 1: Arunachal Pradesh's Adi community today celebrated Solung - the tribe's most famous agro-based festival - with traditional pomp and gaiety.

Attending the celebration here Governor PB Acharya exhorted the younger generation of the community to preserve and protect their rich tradition and culture which, he said, is their identity.

Sharing experience from his first visit to East Siang district, Acharya said he was mesmerised listening to the ponung (song) of the community. He also congratulated the community for coping with modernity without deviating from their

Khandu reviews PGCIL projects

ITANAGAR, Sept 1: Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu on Thursday reviewed the ongoing work on power transmission and distribution being implemented by Power Grid Corporation of India (PGCIL).

Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, headed by prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the Comprehensive Scheme for Strengthening of Transmission & Distribution System in Arunachal Pradesh along with Sikkim.

An MoU was signed between PGCIL and the State Government for implementation of the scheme in the State in February 2015 at an estimated cost of Rs 3,199.45 crore, an official statement said here.

PGCIL CMD IJS said that 29 transmission lines (1,917 km) and 70 distribution lines (1,923 km) are being laid covering the entire State.

Under the scheme, 94 substations are to be established of which contract works for 61 have been already awarded and work is in full swing.

IJS said that land for only 38 substation have been made available by the State Government and requested allotment of land for the rest at the earliest.

"We need land for 33 substations on priority as these are necessary to facilitate the transmission and distribution lines," he said. - PTI

Listen to people's voice, ACAUT urges Nagaland Govt

CORRESPONDENT

8.2016." It reiterated that the demands be met before September-end.

It also cautioned that in case the State Government refuses to do so, it should be prepared for a full-blown Statewide agitation.

The ACAUT meanwhile called upon the Naga people – irrespective of clan, tribe, denomination, political affiliation, or geographical location, to be prepared to "wage the moral battle" should the Government of Nagaland decides not to heed to the voice of the people.

"It will require each of us to set aside our differences and stand united as one," it stated.

At the end, the ACAUT said, it will be the collective resolve of the people which will ultimately decide which side prevails: "The sane demands of the Naga people or the selfish interest of the most corrupt Naga Government in history."

CORRIGENDUM TO THE ADVERTISEMENT NO.

DTE.305/PT-1/15-16/36870

Dated 1st SEPTEMBER, 2017

As per government of Assam Personnel (B) Department Office Memorandum no. ABP/06/2016/04 dated 3rd March 2016, the Upper Age Limit for all posts from St. No. 1 & 2 has been further relaxed from existing 38 Years to 40 years for General Candidates and further relaxation by 5 years for SCST candidates.

Deputy Commissioner Dhubri

No.: ASRLMS/O/S/555/2016-17/74 Dated 01-09-2017

Notice Inviting Tender for Supply of Office Stationery
Sealed tender affixing Court Fee Stamp of Rs. 8.25 only are invited by ASRLMS, from the reputed/trustworthy dealers dealing with Office Stationery items on contract basis. The detailed bid documents may be collected from office of undersigned or downloaded from official website www.asrlms.assam.gov.in. Interested parties are requested to submit their tender along with the specified documents which will be sent by post in sealed envelope addressed to the undersigned, Asstt. State Mission Director, Assam State Central Livelihood Mission Society (ASRLMS), Sivathan Gogoi Path, Penjbari, Guwahati-781037, Assam. Tender received after the closing date & time shall not be entertained. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason thereof.

Sd/- State Mission Director, ASRLMS.

RECRUITMENT NOTICE

THE GAUHATI HIGH COURT AT GUWAHATI (The High Court of Assam, Nagaland, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh)

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Advertisement has been published in the official website and Notice Board of The Gauhati High Court at Guwahati inviting online applications till 5.00 PM of 18.09.2017 from eligible candidates for filling up of 10 (ten) vacancies of LDA(Bench Asst) / LDA-cum-Typist/ Copyist for the District Court of Baksa, Assam.

Detailed advertisement can be seen in the Notice Board and official website of the Gauhati High Court, Guwahati.

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Mizoram now a power-surplus State

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Ratna" company under the Union Ministry of Power, commissioned the hydro-power plant utilising the water of Turrial river in Kolabia district in north-east Mizoram.

"After the full commissioning of Turrial hydro-power project, Mizoram would be a power-surplus State," an official of Mizoram's Power department said, adding that the additional power is likely to be supplied to the regional or national grid.

Farmers' protests, agitations, topographical hindrance and administrative hurdles delayed the commissioning of the project, the biggest in Mizoram, which shares a border with Myanmar (510 km) and Bangladesh (318 km).

Government-run NEEPCO, a "Mini

ant Association, claiming compensation for the standing crops in the riverine reserve forest.

According to the company's senior engineer, work resumed in 2011 after Union Power Ministry, NEEPCO and Mizoram Government jointly negotiated with the agitators.

However, the delays and consequent price escalation pushed up the cost of the project, initially pegged at Rs 369 crore, to Rs 1,100 crore.

Mizoram Chief Minister Lal Thanhawla, while addressing an open meeting in Aizawl earlier this week, said that four more mini power plants are expected to be completed during 2018-19 financial year. - IANS

NATIONAL HEALTH MISSION ASSAM

NOTICE FOR INTERVIEW

This is to notify that, the candidates who have applied in response to the advertisement No. NHM-sstu/Ad/25/2015-16/2383 dated 31/03/2017 for the following contractual post under NHM, Assam, that the date of interview of the shortlisted candidates is fixed as per schedule below:

Sl	Name of Post	Date of Interview	Reporting Time	Time of Interview	Venue
1	Data Manager, IDSP	08/09/2017	10.30 A.M	11.00 A.M	Office of the Mission Director, National Health Mission, Assam, Saikia Commercial Complex, Christian Basti, Guwahati-5

The list of shortlisted candidates is published in the NHM Website www.nhmassam.in. The shortlisted candidates shall bring all original testimonials for verification along with a set of self-attested photocopies of the testimonials to appear the interview. No separate call letter will be issued and No TA/DA will be paid for attending the interview. Please visit the website www.nhmassam.in for details.

Sd/-
Mission Director NHM, Assam

Replace quick-fix farm loan waivers with policy: Urjit Patel

MUMBAI, Sept 1: Dwelling upon the spillover effects of the 'quick fix' solution of farm loan waivers to ease farmers' distress, RBI Governor Urjit Patel has said that the Government instead should move to more fundamental solutions, including crop insurance and opening up the farm economy to market forces and open trade.

"In the absence of coordinated and sustained efforts to put in place elements of a virtuous cycle of upliftment, loan waivers have periodically emerged as a quick fix to ease farmers' distress," Patel said here at a seminar on 'Agricultural Debt Waiver – Efficacy and Limitations' on Thursday evening.

"From a policy perspective, what needs to be done is to move away from palliatives in the form of debt relief and into a more fundamental solution that enhances welfare all around," he added.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor said that many elements of this optimal approach are well known – crop insurance, infrastructure, irrigation, technology-enabled productivity improvements and opening up the farm economy to market forces and open trade.

Patel lauded the Government's initiatives like establishing a nation-wide market for agricultural produce through eNAM, the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchay Yojana, the Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana and the national drive towards financial inclusion.

CAPSULE

Canara Bank

NEW DELHI, Sept 1: Public lender Canara Bank has reduced interest rate on savings bank accounts by 50 basis points to 3.5 per cent on deposits of upto Rs 50 lakh. – PTI

Royal Enfield

NEW DELHI, Sept 1: Royal Enfield, the two-wheeler division of Eicher Motors, today reported 21.99 per cent increase in total sales at 67,977 units in August. – PTI

Ashok Leyland

NEW DELHI, Sept 1: Ashok Leyland today reported a 25.11 per cent increase in total sales at 13,634 units in August. – PTI

Bajaj Auto

NEW DELHI, Sept 1: Bajaj Auto today reported 2.98 per cent increase in total sales in August at 3,35,031 units as against 3,25,347 units in the same month last year. – PTI

Aditya Birla

NEW DELHI, Sept 1: Shares of Aditya Birla Capital (ABC), the financial services company of Aditya Birla Group got listed on the bourses today and later fell by 5 per cent to hit its lowest trading permissible limit for the day. – PTI

Zydus Cadila

NEW DELHI, Sept 1: Drug firm Zydus Cadila today said it has received final nod from the US health regulator to market Donepezil Hydrochloride tablets used for treatment of dementia of the Alzheimer's type in the American market. – PTI

Toyota Kirloskar Motor

NEW DELHI, Sept 1: Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) today reported 6.86 per cent decline in total sales at 13,081 units in August. – PTI

"The coming to fruition of these initiatives holds the potential of achieving the mission of doubling farmers' income over time. We need to ensure that their benefits percolate down to all the intended recipients," he said.

"While in no way detracting from the acute distress that farmers face with every disruption in crop cycles, it is important to recognise that there are externalities that spill over beyond the farm sector and eventually other economic agents and other parts of the economy that affect Indian agriculture."

"On the other, there are concerns about the macroeconomic and financial implications, how long they will persist in impacting the economy, the possible distortions that they could confront public policies with and the ultimate incidence of the financial burden," he said.

India's agrarian economy is the source of compensation from the Government. In this, the quality of assets deteriorate. Loan waivers impact the state of public finances in the form of higher than budgeted revenue expenditure. This, in turn, has to be financed by additional market borrowings which pushes up interest rates, not just for the States, but for the entire economy," he said.

Even if the loan waiver is accommodated within budgetary provisions, it will force cutbacks in other heads of expenditure, the RBI Governor noted.

"If, on the other hand, budgetary pro-

visions are exceeded, higher spending and widening of the fiscal deficit have, as experience has shown, inflationary consequences and possible spillovers that could undermine external viability. Also, research points to adverse welfare effects because ultimately loan waivers involve transfer of resources from tax payers to borrowers," he said.

Patel said that there is a gamut of issues that have intensified the anguish of our farmers and farm loan waivers have brought forward the urgency of designing lasting solutions to the structural malaise that affects Indian agriculture.

The importance of the sector from a macroeconomic perspective is also reflected in a significant flow of bank credit to finance agricultural and allied activities relative to other sectors of the economy.

Outstanding bank advances to agricultural and allied activities have risen from about 13 per cent of GDP originating in agriculture and allied activities in 2000-01 to around 53 per cent in 2016-17. – IANS

LIC settled claims worth over Rs 1 trillion in FY17

MUMBAI, Sept 1: The country's life insurance behemoth, Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has settled claims worth more than Rs 1 trillion in the financial year 2016-17.

LIC, which completed 61 years of its incorporation today, said it had settled 215.58 lakh claims amounting to Rs 1,12,700.41 crore during the financial year 2016-17, it said in a statement.

Total first year premium amounted to Rs 1,24,396.27 crore on March-end, capturing 71.07 per cent of market share.

LIC's market share in terms of number of policies was 76.09 per cent, garnering over 20 million new policies as on March-end.

At the end of the FY 2017, LIC had 23 plans for sale un-

tune of Rs 23,23,802.59 crore.

As of date, the corporation has 1.15 lakh employees, 11,31 lakh agents and 29 crore plus policies in force.

During the year gone by, LIC registered a growth of 27.22 per cent in the new business in terms of the first year premium.

The corporation is present in 14 countries through its branch offices, wholly-owned subsidiary and joint venture companies.

It has deployed the funds to the best advantage of the policy-holders as well as the community as a whole.

Total funds, so invested for the benefit of the community at large are Rs 24,72,389 crore as on March-end. – PTI

Call drop rate comes down by 8% in one year

NEW DELHI, Sept 1: Call drop rates have reduced by 8 per cent in the last one year; Communications Minister Manoj Sinha said here today, adding that the Government aimed to bring it down further by the year-end.

After a review meeting with telecom operators, the Minister told reporters that the rate had come down by 8 per cent since the last review meeting held a year ago. Sinha also said that there was "substantial improvement" in customer satisfaction between 21, the past year.

All major telecom companies were present at the meeting, including Bharti Airtel, Vodafone, Reliance Jio, Idea Cellular, Telent, BSNL and Reliance Communications.

The Minister said the telecom companies had met the target of setting up 60,000 cellular sites or BTS with an investment of Rs 12,000 crore in 100 days.

The Indian telecom watchdog on August 18 announced stricter rules regarding call drops and said telecom operators who did not meet the norms could be fined at least Rs 5 lakh.

"Graded financial disincentives in case service providers fail to meet the DCR (drop call rates) benchmarks have been introduced, in which amount payable may depend upon the extent of deviation from the benchmarks," the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) said recently.

It said that if the benchmark is not met, the service provider may be fined up to Rs 5 lakh against one parameter "depending upon the extent of deviation of performance from the benchmark". – IANS

der individual business, it said.

In the current financial year, four new plans have been added by the corporation which include Aadhaar Stanabh, Aadhar Shila, Jeevan Umanand and Pradhan Mantri's Vaya Vanma Yojana.

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He asked the officers to make efforts in this regard by designing a system for this category.

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More than 17 lakh new traders have been brought into the indirect tax system within two months, Modi said, adding that GST besides economic integration helps in bringing transparency in the system.

The Prime Minister also asked the officers to create analytical tools to proactively track and determine declared income and wealth. – IANS

JioPhone delivery from Navratri, 6 mn units booked

NEW DELHI, Sept 1: Around 6 million units of JioPhone were booked within three days of its pre-launch that started on August 24, says channel partner of Reliance Retail.

The delivery of the "effectively free" JioPhone is being planned to start during Navratri festival beginning September 21, the partner said.

The pre-booking of JioPhone was put on hold after 6 million units were booked within first three days. We have been told by the company that the deliveries of JioPhone will start during Navratri, the channel partner, who asked not to be named, informed.

E-mail sent to Reliance Jio and Reliance Retail did not elicit any response. Reliance Industries Chairman Mukesh Ambani, in his previous annual general meeting speech, had said the company plans to sell 5 million JioPhones every week. – PTI

per cent of total capacity com-

pared with 84 per cent on an average during the past 10 years.

The survey, of over 10 large Indian and multi-national companies with a net annual revenue exceeding \$10.5 billion, was released today by Carbon Copy on the sidelines of the two-day Business and Climate

Summit here that concluded on Thursday.

Citing the case of food manufacturer Kellogg, which de-

pends on agricultural produce,

change in climatic conditions and poor monsoon is said to have caused it additional costs in procuring raw material. Last year saw the highest-ever price of corn. – IANS

Principical Economist at IHS Markit and the author of the report.

All the three monitored sub-sectors - seasonal recoveries, with capital goods outperforming its consumer and intermediate goods counterparts in terms of production growth rates, the survey said.

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India's economic growth slipped to a three-year low of 5.7 per cent in April-June as disruptions caused by demonetisation spilled over to the third straight quarter amid slowdown in manufacturing activities.

Meanwhile, the outlook for India's economic growth, which plunged below 6 per cent in the first quarter of the current fiscal, looks muted with the possibility of the GDP going below 6.5 per cent in 2017-18, says a report.

According to an SBI Research report, growth of manufacturing and service sector may turn out weak in the July-September quarter as de-stocking in manufacturing sector activity has well continued in the second quarter of this fiscal at least till the mid of August. – PTI

Manufacturing sector has bounced back from July's GST-related contraction, claims Modi

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Dipak Roy, Executive Director (ADO) of Indian Oil Corporation inaugurating 'Express Car Wash Just 20 Minutes', outlet at Dispur in Guwahati, on Friday. – UB Photos



(Left) Ahead of Idd, a street vendor selling sevai, (right) while another vendor selling attar, in Guwahati on Friday. – UB Photos

Total to expand LPG infra in India

NEW DELHI, Sept 1:

French oil and gas company Total SA plans to invest in expanding LPG infrastructure in India, including boosting storage capacity, import terminals, and distribution networks, its CEO Patrick Pouyanné said today.

The firm sells lubricants and LPG in India. It had in 1998 commissioned a fully integrated LPG import terminal at Mangalore. It also has a mi-

nority stake in LNG import terminal at Hazira in Gujarat.

Pouyanné, who met Oil Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, said India's growing energy market, especially LPG, LNG and renewables, were attractive for investments for Total.

"Met the Chairman & CEO, @Total SA, Patrick Pouyanné and his team. Assured to extend all possible support," Pradhan tweeted.

He said he encouraged To-

tal to invest in infrastructure, gas pipelines, LNG terminals and petrochemicals business in India.

"Welcomed the valuable partnership between @Total & our #OMCs in the areas of LPG, LNG, Gas infrastructure & renewable energies," he said in another tweet.

The liquefied natural gas (LNG), however, is a good market in India. "We are already in Hazira. We are trying to see if we can expand," he said. – PTI

Call to register even small traders under GST

NEW DELHI, Sept 1:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today asked taxmen to work towards registering even relatively small traders – with a turnover of below Rs 20 lakh – under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) system.

He also said that the Government was working towards creation of an environment

of the corrupt and instils confidence and trust among the honest taxpayer.

"In order to enable all traders to take maximum benefit of GST, we should work towards ensuring that all traders, including even those with a turnover below Rs 20 lakh, should register with the GST system," he said while addressing the tax administra-

tors of the Centre and States at a two-day 'Rajasva Gyan Sangam' organised here.

He asked the officers to make efforts in this regard by designing a system for this category.

Currently, traders with an annual turnover of below Rs 20 lakh need not register under GST as they are exempt from paying any indirect taxes.

Auto sales register rise

NEW DELHI, Sept 1:

Automobile manufacturers led by Maruti Suzuki posted robust passenger vehicles (PV) sales growth in August riding on strong consumer sentiment ahead of the festive season.

Hyundai Motor India, Tata Motors, Mahindra & Mahindra and Honda saw their PV sales improve in August compared to the same month last year, although Ford and Toyota witnessed a decline.

Maruti Suzuki India's (MSD) domestic sales stood at 1,52,000 units, up 26.7 per cent from 1,19,931 units in August last year.

This was mainly driven by sales of compact segment comprising Swift, Estilo, Dzire and Baleno which jumped by 62.4 per cent to 74,012 units in August, from 16,806 units in the same month of 2016, it added.

Sales of utility vehicles, including Gypsy, Ertiga, S-Cross and compact SUV Vitara Brezza increased by 27.6 per cent to 21,442 units in August, from 16,806 units in the same month of 2016, it added.

However, mini segment cars, including Alto and Wagons R witnessed a marginal decline of 35.42 per cent during the month under review from 35,490 units in August 2016, MSD said. – PTI

Asam is rich in heritage and tradition. There are many upcoming stars from Assam in reality shows, these days. One such rising star who has won millions of hearts is Pradhan Dewri, action director as well as actor in the Assamese film, television and mobile theatre industry. Pradhan has acted in many TV serials, on stage, and also in Assamese and Hindi movies. He was working with the Shatabdi Mobile Theatre last year.

I got an invitation from him to watch his show. I had heard about mobile theatre from him, which is unique to Assam. Pradhan told me that they had shows booked from September 2016 to April 2017. Shatabdi Theatre had shows at Pathsala. When I arrived in Assam, Dewri explained to me about mobile theatre, which means 'theatre on wheels'. A theatre company stages three different plays in a town for consecutive days and then they move from one town to another. The play *Shekh Thikana* was staged on Day One. I was amazed by Pradhan's entry on stage, riding a bicycle. As the play progressed, imagination took the shape of reality. The transition from one stage to another via light work was amazing. There was a train from one stage to another, around the light and sound area at the front of the stage, and I was sitting in that area. Pradhan and his co-stars were dancing on the train, there were fight scenes as well. It was a great show with dance, fights, drama and amazing light and sound work. The

most interesting part was – everything on stage was manual. Living in a hi-tech age and especially in a First World country, I had almost forgotten the concept of manual technology. I feel proud that manual work has not completely vanished. This industry has kept such skills and artistes alive. I felt that they work so hard, but don't get enough wages or acknowledgement for their talent. I met Pradhan at the end of the show and congratulated him on his performance. He introduced me to the team. I noticed that his team members have a lot of love and respect for him and so does he.

The play *Bhai*, staged on the second day, was written by writer-jour-

nalist Hillol Kumar Pathak. I had heard about Hillol's writing but hadn't had an opportunity to read his work. Pradhan's martial art scene was mind-blowing. There were many

dances in that play. The best dance was the *Dhyaydhanya* dance of Pradhan in a red *ghoonghat*, using the guitar as a prop. The play *Bhai* was a power-packed performance – with thrilling fight scenes, good dances and a great background score. I was impressed with Pradhan's energy levels throughout the play.

On the third night of the show, the play *Amanush* was staged, which was not up to the mark, compared to the last two days' plays. I could figure out there were a few mistakes by the artistes, the light and sound crew as well. It seemed less-rehearsed.

I wanted to have the experience of seeing how the whole theatre pack up, gets transported to another place and then is set up again for another set of three plays. They have no breaks in between

the shows, but they have boundless energy. I guess when we work for our passion, we don't feel tired. It was my last night at Pathsala and the experience I gained in those three days will be embedded in my memory forever. I was deeply touched by the hospitality of the theatre group. The people are like a big, extended family. Like a family, they share, celebrate and at the same time, there is competition as well. Apparently, the senior actors are a bit high maintenance and they like their old school rules like the seniors of the family. I saw tremendous efforts put in by the young boys – right from the props, to costumes, to manual smoke, to lights, and many more things, to produce a good show. All the artistes worship Lord Natara before every show. They accepted me as a part of their family and appreciated that I came from Australia to watch their show. Later on, I came to know that the theatre had split-up after a few shows due to the producer's financial crisis and other reasons. I felt sad to know this.

But the rising star has kept glowing. Pradhan has worked in Zubeen Garg's movie *Mission China* as an action director. He has also worked in *Gangs of North East* – which was released last July, where he acted as a villain and was also the action director of the movie. He mentioned to me that the Assamese film industry is improving. He is a dedicated worker of cinema and theatre, and has a passion for acting. At the same time, he is a socially responsible person who wants a cultural revolution in Assam. His future plans are to work in the global platform and bring those experiences to Assam.



Deserved recognition

Recently, the upcoming stage artiste from Guwahati, Kismat Bano received the NEZCC Young Talented Artistes Award for the year 2016-2017 from PB Acharya, Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, at a colourful function hosted at the Raj Bhawan in Itanagar. These awards are announced by the selection committee of the North East Zone Cultural Centre (NEZCC), under the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, every year.

Kismat Bano, who earlier received a scholarship from the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, has in recent years performed in major drama festivals across the country – as well as abroad. Two of her most recent plays staged in Guwahati – *Helen and Bano*, not only received appreciation from the theatre-going crowd of the city, but also from the press.

Kismat Bano, at a very young age, has already acted in over 20 plays in different languages, including Assamese and Hindi, and these plays have been staged in many major cities of the country. To mention some of these plays – *Aakas, Madhyabartini, Jatra, The lesson, Komala Kiuari, Helen and Puhor*. She has participated in different drama events and festivals, such as

Chandana Deka

the Bharat Rang Mahotsav, Nandikar, EZCC, Sangeet Natak Akademi, Prithvi, Nehru Centre, PDA festivals, Kalakshetra Chennai, Octave Festival (Goa and Rajasthan) and at the Qadir Ali Baig Theatre Festival, etc.

Soon after completing her higher secondary education, she had joined Seagull Theatre in Guwahati under the patronage of Bhagirathi and Baharul Islam. After undergoing many workshops and training in creative arts, Kismat participated in the 2nd National Children's Theatre Festival in 2013, organised by Nabajibhi Sishu Natya Vidyalaya.

Thereafter, Kismat Bano established her own theatre troupe – Wings Theatre (cultural group), in Guwahati, at her own residence. The main activities of Wings is to use theatre in the education of children and to work for spastic girls, in association with Sishu Sarothi, India, conducting theatre performance-oriented workshops for orphan and indigenous girls in the rural areas, and working with blind children of Guwahati in promoting theatre among them.



Axel Hazarika shines in Global Music Chart

It is a matter of pride that Axel Hazarika from Assam has secured a position among the top ten music artists in the Global Music Chart. It is noteworthy that Axel Hazarika, who released a track under the title *Tripby Experience* at Sound Cloud in 2015, drew global attention. Recently, on August 15, he secured the ninth position among ten artists. It needs mention that he is the first Indian to have reached the coveted position in the Sound Cloud Global Trance Music Chart. Earlier, in 2015, releasing the first-ever electronic music video title, he made an impact on music lovers. He also formed a heavy metal and rock project in early 2008.



Adil Hussain plays pivotal role in 2.0

Written and directed by S Shankar, *2.0* is an upcoming Indian science fiction film. It is a sequel to the 2010 Tamil film *Eethiran*. The film will star Rajinikanth, Akshay Kumar, Amy Jackson, Sunudhanshu Pandey, Kalabhavan Shajahan, and Riyaz Khan. Adil Hussain – a well-known actor from Assam, is also part of the cast. It has been revealed that he plays a critical character in the film, for which he did a lot of research on the life of news reporters.



The movie is most likely to be in the theatres early next year.

Introducing Rahul Rajkhowa

Rahul Rajkhowa, a 22-year-old youth hailing from Guwahati, is earning appreciation as a singer at the national and international level. Rahul played a major role in an 80-minute English feature film titled *Side A Side B*. The film, directed by Sudhish Kamath, which features eight songs, is being released this month. The romantic film was shot in scenic locations of the North-East, besides Mumbai. The film was well-appreciated at the Indian Film Festival held at New York, in May. It is noteworthy that well-trained in both Indian and western music, Rahul is the first Assamese singer to telecast songs on music channel VH1. A graduate in Political Science from the Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, he is busy performing in the music band Paper Boat. He also has appeared in the Hindi film *Bewakoofiyon* – with noted actors like Rishi Kapoor and Ayushman Khurana.



Readers are hereby invited to contribute original articles related to the culture of the North-East (film, music, drama, etc.) along with photographs. They may be e-mailed to cultural@assamtribune.com.

– Features Editor

A novel experiment

Recently, one witnessed yet another wonderful performance, this time by a group of nearly 75 budding children in three different shows at the Binapani Natya Mandir in Biswanath Chariali. The productions, beautifully crafted, after a month-long workshop on children's drama under Barnam, an active amateur house of the State, kept a full house spellbound for the entire run on that hot and humid evening. "It was a herculean task, not only to control such a huge number of kids at a time, but also to make them act," said Kushal Deka, the scriptwriter and chief director of Barnam, after the show. "However, at the end of the day, they performed spectacularly," he contended.

Two of the dramas – *Sadhu Malita and Badshahwar Pathshala*, were staged by Tapan Goswami and Shashindra Sarma, respectively, while the third one – *Gopi Gayan Bagha Bayan*, based on a popular Bengali story of Upendra Kishore Rai Choudhury, was adapted to Assamese and staged by Kushal Deka.

What was indeed, remarkable was the colourful light orientations, skilfully controlled by noted lighting designer Barun Kar from Kolkata. The young artistes synchronised their steps and their lips to the background voice of none other than Nahid Afrin and tuning of Nibedita Barhali. The overall music was directed by Kushal Deka.

The children were well-schooled by Barnam in their primary task of bringing the dramatic sense to life, acting out their perceptions, trying out roles in front of the audience. "Art gives children the opportunity to learn about the world around them, to imagine how big it could be, not only in geographical volume, but also in terms of emotions," said Rafigul Islam, noted theatre personality, writer and director, who was present as an expert observer in the show.

"It's a great experience to see the kindergarteners guided by leaders like Kushal Deka to enact and reflect upon human values on the big stage," said Dayal Krishna Nath of Lakhmikanta, a campaigner of alternate theatre in Assam, in a post-show analysis. Participating in the discussion, Barun Kar, a nationally-famed lighting designer and director from Gobardanga, West Bengal, expressed satisfaction over the productions of the workshop. "The continuum of children's drama in Assam, reflecting the professional ingredients of theatre, is unique," he commented.

It's worth mentioning that Barnam, in recent years, has successfully performed a number of popular dramas throughout the country. Replying to a query on the role of the NSD in developing theatre in our country, Kushal Deka said, "I am nobody to judge the great institution, but a lot of areas still need to be addressed." Commenting on the benefits of local workshops, the versatile director said, "As far as stage performance is concerned, one has to learn the art of delivery and movements from training camps. But the basic instincts of human expressions have to come out spontaneously. We don't learn to cry or laugh from anybody while in our mother's lap, do we?"

Raking in the moolah

For the first time in Indian cinema, an actress will be paid more than her male costars for a film.

With so much conversation about pay scales, Deepika Padukone has reversed the wage gap with *Padmavati*.

Deepika, who plays the titular role in Sanjay Leela Bhansali's *Padmavati*, will literally write history in Indian cinema with her historic film.

As opposed to the usual norm of actors bagging a hefty pay cheque than the actress, *Padmavati* has Deepika take home the highest remuneration.

According to sources, "Sanjay Sir was clear that the film belongs to Deepika. The film is mounted on its female protagonist, with the title being a testimony of the actress' investment in the project."

"Deepika has taken home a whopping Rs 13 crore (Rs 130 million), while Ranveer and Shahid share equal digits that read close to Rs 10 crores (Rs 100 million), respectively," the sources added.

Padmavati tells the story of Alaudin Khan, the medieval ruler who was infatuated with the Rajput queen Padmavati.

The film will release in November.



New Kapoor kid

Yeet another member of the Kapoor *khandaa* has entered show business, Aadar Jain – Reema and Manoj Jain's youngest son; Reema is Raj Kapoor's younger daughter – made his debut with Yash Raj Films' *Qaidi Band*.

During an interview with Rediff.com's Jahnavi Patel, he showed the bruises he received while playing football with his cousin Ranbir Kapoor.

"When we play football, it's like war! We play every Sunday," he says.

He speaks fondly of his *Qaidi Band* co-star Anya Singh. "Ask her how much I have choke-slammed her and put her down on set! She's my bro."

He opens up about himself.

"I didn't know what I wanted to be in life. I was a lost boy in school. I was not even interested in studies."

"What actually interested me was talent shows, being a part of my band, theatre, being in front of a large audience, entertaining people, basically performing on stage. That's when I decided to be an actor."

"I didn't know how films were made. So I went to New York for two years to educate myself in acting and filmmaking."

"I came back, and joined Farah Khan. I was on her *Happy New Year* and then joined Karan Johar on *Ae Dil Hai Mushkil*. Finally, I learnt how films are made."





A feast of talents

The renowned institute of dance-drama and folk instrument – Natyajali Kala Kendra, Dergaon, in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture, India, Ministry of Culture, Assam, the National School of Drama, New Delhi, and the Gohpur district administration, successfully held the ‘Sangeet Matsav, Nrityanjali Awards, 2017’ for the seventh time. The five-day-long event, hosted at Dergaon, from July 18 to 22, saw a crowd of enthusiastic locals and visitors.

Seagull Theatre, Guwahati, was cordially invited on the third day of the event, i.e., on July 20, to perform its most delightful comic play – *Aakash*, written by Dr Bhabendra Nath Saikia and skilfully directed by Bahurul Islam. It was a pleasure that I, being a part of *Aakash*, could witness the entire festivity of the event – where art and artistry were cherished, as well as encouraged.

The event opened with the inauguration by Sri Sri Janardan Deb Goswami, *Sattradhikar* of Utar Kamalabari, Majuli. The day further proceeded with the flag hoisting by its president Anil Mahanta and Lakshmi Dutta. The theme song of this festival took form with the lyrics penned by well-known writer, playwright and journalist Hilol Kumar Pathak, music by Tarali Sarma and the voice of Rakesh Ryan. Under the guidance of *Sattriya Nritya* Guru from Majuli Sri Mohi Kanta Bora Barbayan, a *Sattriya* performance and a *Borgat* performance under Ranjit Borah, saw a total of 118 performers perform on stage. The evening came to an end with a children’s play – *Raikokh Huawai Bhel*, written by Dr Karabi Deka Hazarika and directed by Ashim Kumar Sharma, performed by the

students of the Dergaon Kala Kendra.

Day Two, i.e., July 19 started with the participation of 600 candidates in the drawing competition inaugurated by social worker Pradeep Khadria, followed by a drama competition, inaugurated by the Assam Police Force Commander Abu Sufyan. At six p.m., the National Drama Festival was inaugurated by the Assam Agriculture Minister Atul Bora. A play by Bhopal Rang Biduky – *Tukke pe Tukka*, directed by the esteemed NSDian Bansu Baul was staged and was highly appreciated by the audience. Later in the evening, the Jorhat Theatre brought on stage a comedy – *Soru Sor Bor Sur*, written by Pobitro Barua and directed by Rajen Hazarika. After the play ended, the All India Duet Dance Competition took place.

Day Three, i.e., July 20 started with the commencement of the All India Group Dance Competition, where 75 dance groups participated from every nook and corner of our country. Later in the evening, Dergaon MLA Bhaben Bhorali inaugurated the traditional costume competition. This was followed by the unveiling of the joint editorial venture of Hilol Kumar Pathak and Bhichitra Bhukanbar – *Nrityanjali*, the booklet of Nrityanjali Mabsotav, 2017, by the Chairman of the Assam Naya Samnanil Dr Alkhi Chakraborty. After that, our play – *Aakash*, was staged, followed by a fashion show, judged by Garima Garg and Adityam Saikia. The evening concluded with an astounding performance by popular Assamese singer Nil Akash.

Day Four began with the award ceremony of the competition conducted at the All India level. The

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General Secretary of AASU Lurin Jyoti Gogoi was present as the chief guest of the ceremony. Social worker Nipu Charan Dutta, secretary of the Jatiyatatabadi Yuva Parishad Udaya Gogoi, social worker Dipanita Dubora, secretary of AASU Sayed Manowar Hussain, Chairman of Ali Golaghat District Students’ Union Mridul Saikia, General Secretary Abhijan Goswami and Lakhayoti Saikia from Dibrugarh University were the special guests of the event. The winners of different competitions were called up on stage and were duly presented with the ‘Nrityanjali Award, 2017’ along with the prize money. In the All India Classical Dance Competition, Junior Category (solo), Muskan Roy (Guwahati) bagged the first position, Pakhi Priya (Tezpur) came second, Badula Bheneha (Tezpur) was third, and D Shobha (Hyderabad) secured the fourth position. The first four positions in the All India Classical Dance Competition, Senior Category (Solo) went to – M Perin Devi (Tezpur), Sakshi Girdhar (Nagpur), Vishal Bora (Nazira) and Tina Medhi (Guwahati). India’s Best Classical Dancer Award (Male and Female) went to Vishal Bora and M Perin Devi, respectively.

Winners of the Solo Creative Art Competition in due order were Shreyas Chetia, Akansha Priya and Bhawasati Das. Duet Dance Competition winners were Nitish and Biswajeet (Dibrugarh), Banjani and Tapasya (Moran), Preety and Rituraj (Dergaon), and Shatabdi and Porakhamoni (Sivasagar). Winners of the Junior Traditional Attire Contest, in due order – Nibir Nijoy Borgohain (Dimu), Apasara Das (Tezpur), and Brishi Koina Chetia (Khasi). Winners of the Senior Traditional Attire Contests were Nayan J (Guwahati), Panchal, Swagata Gogoi (Golaghat) and Anupriya Kaushik (Dibrugarh). Solo Drama Competition winners in due order were Pankaj Kalita (Jorhat), Swagata Bharali and Jadvir Thakur (Dergaon). The honourable ‘Nrityanjali Lifetime Achievement Award’ was presented to the respected *Nriyacharya* Jatin Goswami, Barpeta *Borgat* Guru Prasad Ojha, and Sujapuri Vyakhyta Oja palti artiste Nath Deb.

Writer-Director and NSD Manager Parag Sharma received the ‘Natyam Bandhu Award’, Mumbai-based music director Jatin Sharma Deb from Dergaon received the ‘Sangeet Dibakar Award’. Goalpara folk singer Mini Bhattacharya received the ‘Sun Samrangi Award’. Writer-director Khopun Jyoti Thakur Deb from Dergaon received the ‘Natyaj Award’.

On the last day, on July 23, to benefit the students, a dance-drama cum folk music seminar and exhibition was conducted. Towards the evening, the Goalpara Deputy Commissioner Gaurav Kumar Bothra inaugurated the cultural night.

Day Four began with the award ceremony of the competition conducted at the All India level. The

A touching homage

Late Bhupen Das, an accomplished classical singer of yesteryears, performing both within and outside Assam with acclaim, is almost forgotten among the younger generation. An artiste of multifarious talents, Das was

Joykanta Sharma

equally a painter and sculptor to be reckoned with. After receiving primary training in classical music at Barpeta, his birthplace, under Guru Gangadhar Mishra, Das later learnt under Pandit Karunasankar Thakuria of Guwahati. A *rishir-ad* in vocal music, he was a music teacher in a Central School, but after retirement, he joined as an art teacher in another school. As an artiste, he could draw the connoisseurs’ attention, particularly with those works which he created with the impression of only the nail, not using other implements. His paintings on Nature made in college were aesthetically pleasing. As a mark of tribute to the departed artiste, his family and fans organised a classical music evening the other day at the Bishnu-Nirmala Bhawan of the city on his fifth death anniversary. The event was inaugurated by nonagenarian educationist and classical musicologist Bhaba Krishna Mishra and folk-artiste Prabhat Sarma by lighting the ceremonial lamp. Both of them spoke about the various qualities of late Das.

The opening programme was the rendition of the Sri Sri Madhabdev-composed *Borgat* by Jonali Oja Basumatari, an established *Borgat* singer, specially of the Barpeta style. Her first recital was on composition *Gopala palaya asa, Maue maribar dare...*, set to *Ragas Bhatali and Emon Kalyan* and *Tolas Rachcha Ektal* *Parital* and *Yama*. The second recital was on the composition

received his primary training under late Gopinath Das and later under Ustad Munne Khan for over a decade, was assisted by Bhupen Nath on the harmonium.

The third programme was the riveting vocal recital by Bidyut Mishra, a top musician of the State, in *Raga Yoga*, which he concluded in *Madhya Laya*. Two of his students in the college – Kaman Gogoi and Bidhanjyoti Saikia, also accompanied him. Mishra, a teacher of violin in the State Music College, is a B-High Grade artiste of the All India Radio and Doordarshan, trained first under his uncle, late Gangadhar Mishra of Barpeta and later VV Balaji and Venkata Ramamji of Vanasasi. He was ably assisted by Subrata Chakravarty and Chiranjit Acharyya on the *tabla*.

Damodar Bora, a well-respected musicologist and teacher, was perhaps the highlight of the evening’s sumptuous treat. He sang a *khyal* on *Raga Bagoshri* set to *Vilambit Ektal* and *Drut Tin-Tal*. He chose the melodious *Raga* and prefaced it with appropriate *adap-jod*, created the atmosphere with his tonal clarity. He gave ample opportunity to his well-trained disciples like Bidyut Mishra on the violin, Barnavikash Bora on the *tambura* and Gariyoshi Bora on the *tanpura*.

With the recital of the Hawaiian guitar by Utam Bhattacharyya, another B-High grade artiste of All India Radio, set to *Raga Malash*, the evening’s programme concluded on a pleasant note. His *slap, gut and drut* drew praise for showcasing an authentic style. Bhattacharyya was well-accompanied on the *tabla* by Subrata Chakravarty and Chiranjit Acharyya.

Earlier, a booklet by Dr Sisir Ranjan Das on late Bhupen Das was released by Bhabakrishna Mishra.

harmonisers

From Shajid Khan, Tangla –

- 2) Alexander Graham Bell hoped that people would answer phone calls with this word. That never happened, though. Which word?
- 3) A person named Harvey Kennedy popularised what is known as the aglet. In Rome, this was even made of gold and silver, while Saddam Hussein supposedly had one with diamonds. What is an aglet?
- 4) What was the contribution of a lady named Carmela Vitale to the world of pizzas and cakes?
- 5) This stuffed toy was created by an entrepreneur named Morris Michtron and his wife Rose in the United States, which went on to become a rage. Name this popular toy.

utilities

From Shajid Khan, Tangla –

- 6) This book was the best-selling novel of the writer who is known for his fictional Malgudi town, which forms the setting for his

the colosseum

■ Neelotpal Deka

side screen

- 1) Picture Clue: This person’s name is Nakamura. Which famous game did he create? (Shajid Khan, Tangla College)



works. The book has garnered critical praise and was made into an American film with the collaboration of Pearl S Buck, and into a Hindi film that won seven ‘Filmfare’ awards. Which book?

- 7) This cartoon series, created by William Hanna and Joseph Barbera, have characters like Spike and Tyke, Butch, Manmy Two Shoes and Lightning, which make an appearance in the series. Name the cartoon series.
- 8) Who directed *Abu Bedana* – the first children’s movie in Assamese?

do-re-me

- 9) In Hindu mythology, which Vedic sage’s wife was Arundhati?

ANSWERS

- 1) Pac Man 2) Alay 3) A metal or plastic tube fixed around each end of a shoe-lace 4) She invented the plastic, three-legged tripod stool in pizza boxes
- 5) Teddy Bear 6) *The Guide*, subtitled – *The Tale of a Reluctant Holy Man* 7) Tom and Jerry 8) Gunasindhu Hazarika 9) Vasistha 10) Ahmedabad 11) R K Narayan 12) The Gulf of Khambhat 13) Sher Afghan 14) Sher Shah Suri 15) It is the longest flute in the world.

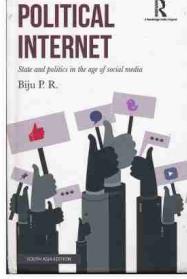


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Singular perspective

Bhaskar Phukan

The author Biju PR teaches Political Science in Government Brennen College, Thalassery, Kerala. He takes extensive interest in academic and application internet and his fascination for the subject Political Internet inspires him to write extensively on the internet as a political apparatus. The book *Political Internet* – with special relevance to State and politics in the age of social media



Political Internet – State and politics in the age of social media
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This book, according to the author, is aimed at investigating the internet as a site of political contestation in the Indian context and the author, in order to do that, allows the volume to explore the role of the internet, a global technology, in framing debates on the ideas of nation state, especially India, as well as diplomacy and international relations.

Political Internet, according to the author, is a distinct portrayal of the political trajectories of the Indian internet.

Having made such a comment, the author goes on to ask the question as to whether the internet is in politics or politics is in the internet. Another question is – what is political about the internet? The book *Political Internet*, as it appears to be, is a discourse on the internet in relation to politics. It is also about the socio-political ramifications of easy and abundant access to the internet, internet advantage to the wise, educated, semi-educated and to both the balanced and biased users of social media.

The study of the internet vis-a-vis socio-political ramifications of the use and misuse of social media advantages is just the keynote that the author carries along. He goes on to study various other aspects of the subjects that are related to the internet and social media.

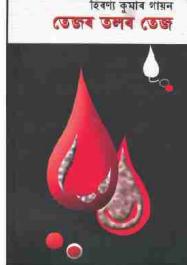
The book, with 11 chapters, also deals with uses of the internet and its undulations. In the beginning of the book, the author talks about the contrasting connection between local culture and universally commanding technology that has made the internet possible. Social media, according to the author, has people power and at the same time, it has also been a place of wicked games.

The expanse of study the author ventures upon is vast and his discussions span many avenues. He contemplates social media vigilanism, public engagement, social bonding and a number of areas that the internet has access to. The book is the fruit of extensive research and the bibliography well indicates the vastness of study the author has undertaken.

Reflective poetry

Dr Parag Kumar Bhattacharyya

Hiranya Kumar Gayan is undoubtedly a poet of pensive mood,



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which can be easily discerned in his newly-published political work titled – *Tezar Talar Tez*. Gayan, with a prolific literary output in the field of the short story, radio drama, novel and lyric, occupies a place of importance in Assamese literature, but his forte in poetry is more comprehensible than in other genres. His poetry is remarkable for social consciousness. Most of his poems depict the grim picture of the contemporary world, but it does not dull his creative imagination. He bears a firm belief to thwart all these ills from the society. Nowhere is this better displayed than in his poems like *Kramagata*, *Shanchar Shan*, *Sukkar Haub*, etc. We come across the sombre picture of life in the poem *Kramagata* in this way –

*The attire of mile tree is shipped off
The roots are in hunger
There is want of discernment
We are groping amidst the darkness.*

But the poet is optimistic that happiness will come again to wipe out this misfortune.

*The sorrowous will again turn into happiness
(Sukkar Haub)*

He traces social evil to social custom, inequality and deprivations of terrorism. To renovate this society is his constant aim and for this, we may regard him as the poet of sensitive youth. He has a romantic ardour but there is no Utopian dreamer in him. He is extraordinarily fertile in poetic imagination and he gives it grace without making it cold. Flexibility, variety, lyric passion – these are the qualities for which he may raise his verses. His devotion to form and coherence, his use of wonderful diction and effective alliteration give his poetry strength and dignity.

- 10) In which city can one find the Calico Museum of Textiles?
- 11) Which Indian author wrote the novel *The Financial Expert*?
- 12) Which gulf will one have to cross to get to Dium from Daman?
- 13) To whom was Noorjahan married before she married Emperor Jahangir?
- 14) Which ruler of Delhi was originally called Farid Khan?

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- 15) Why is the Nokkara Flute so special among the Rabha tribe in Assam? (Adish Agarwala, Moranhat)

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Around the WORLD

Century old time capsule discovered in US

BOSTON, Sep 1: A 1915 time capsule containing several "interesting" artifacts, including a newspaper dating back to the First World War, has been discovered at a university in the US.



Researchers at the Boston University (BU) stumbled upon a copper container about the size of a toaster, nestled in one of the hundreds of boxes of files they were archiving.

The top of the container had been pierced in the middle with a sharp metal object - a claw hammer or a pry bar - and ripped open. "The first thing I thought was, it is a time capsule," said Emma Purtell, from BU's Facilities Management and Planning (FM&P). - PTI

Fresh landslide in Swiss Alps



GENEVA, Sep 1: A new landslide has forced more evacuations from a valley in the Swiss Alps where hikers were buried in a barrage of mud and mud a week ago, authorities said today.

A violent thunderstorm and heavy rains lashing the Piz Cengalo at the Italian border set already unstable landmass in motion, sending rocks and sludge down the mountainside late yesterday.

The river of mud followed the same path as the giant landslide that hit the area last week, when eight hikers from Germany, Austria and Switzerland disappeared.

Yesterday's landslide flowed into Bondo and neighbouring villages, destroying houses and roads, leaving mud and debris in its wake in the Bregaglia valley said in a statement.

Most residents in the small hamlet of Spino had left on their own, but two elderly people were evacuated by emergency workers. No one was injured, it said. - AFP

IS leader al-Baghdadi probably still alive, says US commander

WASHINGTON, Sep 1: Islamic State group leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi appears to be still alive, a top US military commander said today, contradicting Russia's claims that it probably killed the top counterterrorism target months ago.

"Do I believe he's alive? Yes," said Army Lt Gen Stephen Townsend, who commands the coalition forces fighting IS in Iraq and Syria, referring to al-Baghdadi.

At first, Townsend said his belief stemmed from a lack of evidence he had seen "rumor or otherwise" that al-Baghdadi was dead. But, he then added: "There are also some indicators in intelligence channels that he's alive." Townsend did not elaborate on the intelligence.

Russian officials said in June there was a "high probability" that al-Baghdadi died in a Russian airstrike on the outskirts of Raqa, Syria, a month earlier.

Speaking to reporters at the Pentagon from his headquarters in Baghdad, Townsend said US and coalition forces are actively searching for al-Baghdadi. If they find him, they probably will kill him rather than capture him.

He said this area is shaping up to be the group's "last stand" following its custer from nearly all of northern Iraq.

The most recent IS setback was in Tal Afar, west of the also recently-liberated city of Mosul, which had been the militants' main stronghold in Iraq.

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Lt Gen Stephen Townsend

The Iraqi government announced yesterday that Tal Afar had been returned to government control. Townsend called it a "stunningly swift" victory for the Iraqi army, moving "like a steamroller" into the city in a matter of days. The IS militants, who swept into Iraq in 2014 against minimal resistance from the Iraqi army, still control a large area of eastern Syria along the border with Iraq, as well as parts of Raqa, the capital of the group's self-styled caliphate. - AP

India shares US concerns over Pak giving safe havens to terrorists'

WASHINGTON, Sep 1: India welcomes President Donald Trump's Afghan and South Asia policy. India's envoy to the US has said, underlining that New Delhi shares America's concern over Pakistan which provides safe havens to terrorists.

President Donald Trump last week hit out at Pakistan for providing safe havens to terror groups that kill American soldiers in Afghanistan. He also warned Pakistan that it has "much to lose" by harbouring terrorists.

India's ambassador to the US Navtej Sarna said on terrorism, India and the US have a strategic convergence in a host of areas, including in its fight against terrorism.

"We welcome the new Afghan policy because we share the concerns and the objectives that the safe havens that have been given to terrorists in Pakistan. The cross-border operations that are carried out from there concern us as

much they are for the people of Afghanistan. Therefore, we share the policies announced by the Trump Administration which we welcome," Sarna said.

Addressing the Hawaii-based East West Center, a top American think-tank, Sarna said on terrorism there is a very strong joint statement between India and the US, issued during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit in June. - PTI

He also said Pakistan should not be using its territory or the territory under its control for fomenting terrorism under its control.

"There is recognition of the fact that connectivity projects, while they're welcome, they have to go by certain basic rules and regulations of transparency, of respecting territorial integrity and sovereignty and ensuring that in the process are not trampling the political and economic rights of the countries that are involved," Sarna said. - PTI



People and vehicles pass through a flooded road after the rain in Karachi, Pakistan on Thursday. - UNI

Ex-Child Scientists' Conclave

State Organising Committee (SOC) for 25th National Children's Science Congress (NCSC) in Assam is planning to organise a conclave of the Ex-Child Scientists, who represented Assam at the National Level CSC since 1993 to 2016. The Conclave will be held on 27 October 2017 at Kokrajhar.

Interested Ex-Child Scientists, who represented Assam at the National Level, may send their willingness of participation by submitting the Registration form on or before 30 September 2017. Details of Registration may be obtained from the website www.astec.gov.in/ncsc

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প্ৰাথমিক শিক্ষা বিভাগ

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An extreme global warming event 56 million years ago was driven by massive carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions from volcanoes, during the formation of the North Atlantic Ocean, a study suggests.

Researchers from the University of Southampton in the UK used a combination of new

Global warming

Volcanic carbon dioxide drove ancient global warming event, a study suggests

geochemical measurements and novel global climate modelling to show that the Paleocene-Eocene Thermal Maximum (PETM) was associated with a geologically rapid doubling of atmospheric CO₂ in less than 25,000 years – with volcanoes squarely to blame. The PETM is the most rapid and extreme natural global warming event of the last 66 million years.

It lasted for around 1,50,000 years and global temperatures increased by at least 5°Celsius – a temperature increase comparable with projections of modern climate beyond the end of this century.

While it has long been suggested that the PETM event was caused by the injection of carbon into the ocean and atmosphere; the ultimate trigger, the source of this carbon, and the total amount released, have up to now all remained elusive. It had been known that the PETM roughly coincided with the formation of massive 'lava basalt' – large stretches of ocean floor coated in lava, resulting from a series of huge eruptions.

These occurred as Greenland first started separating from northwestern Europe, thereby creating the North Atlantic Ocean, the vestiges of which are still continuing in miniature in Iceland today.

The study was published in the journal *Nature*.

these huge volcanic outpourings to the carbon release and warming that marks the PETM.

"In order to identify the source of carbon we first generated a new record of the change in ocean pH through the PETM, by measuring changes in the balance of isotopes of the element boron in ancient marine fossils called foraminifera," said Marcus Gutjahr, who led the study as a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Southampton.

Foraminifera are tiny marine plankton that live near the sea surface and the chemical makeup of their microscopic shells records the environmental conditions of the time when they lived, millions of years ago.

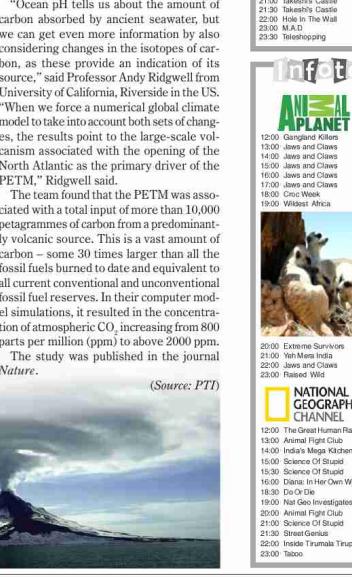
"Ocean pH tells us about the amount of carbon absorbed by ancient seawater, but we can get even more information by also considering changes in the isotopes of carbon, as these provide an indication of its source," said Professor Andy Ridgwell from University of California, Riverside in the US. "When we force a numerical global climate model to take into account both sets of changes, the results point to the large-scale volcanism associated with the opening of the North Atlantic as the primary driver of the PETM," Ridgwell said.

The team found that the PETM was associated with a total input of more than 10,000 petagrams of carbon from a predominantly volcanic source. This is a vast amount of carbon – some 30 times larger than all the fossil fuels burned to date and equivalent to all current conventional and unconventional fossil fuel reserves. In their computer model simulations, it resulted in the concentration of atmospheric CO₂ increasing from 800 parts per million (ppm) to above 2000 ppm.

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What has been missing is evidence linking



Know your DAY

By JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Sept. 2, 2017:

This year you might assume a very conservative position about an issue, yet on another issue you could become very liberal. Those around you who try to classify you might find that they experience confusion. Be willing to take a risk and greet life with more enthusiasm if single. Something better seems to be around the corner. If you are in a relationship, you will find your partner nearly perfect for you. If attached, treat your sweetie as if he or she were your best friend as well as lover. You will see that your bond easily falls into place and continues with its flow. AQUARIUS finds you overwhelmed at times.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-

Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

**** You may not be more volatile than you realize. You are likely to argue with others over your words, thoughts and actions. You have a unique way of saving the status quo. Don't push a loved one too far. Tonight: Getting into the moment.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

**** Reach out to others at a distance. You will enjoy catching up on their news. The unexpected could change considerably and open up to new views. The unexpected marks a problem. Try not to react but to just let things happen. Enjoying the moment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** You could be wanting to do something that you have been waiting for. If you are in a relationship, make a call and get together for a meal and a chat. If alone, take the person who like the moment for a heart-to-heart that when it appears. Tonight: Indulge a loved one, yet be prepared for the unexpected.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

**** You could be in the mood to defer to those around you. You have a certain project in mind to complete. An older friend or loved one could prove to be most unpredictable. Recognize what happens when you allow others to take a big role in your plans. Tonight: Go along with others' desires.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** You will be quite pleased with the end results. Your attention means a lot to those around you. You draw a new amount of energy from a loved one's attention. You don't always need to be the same page.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** Refer to others about what is being shared. You have a very little energy and triviality subsides. A surprise turn of events could bring out the best in your home. Unleash your imagination as you work for a more worthwhile situation. Avoid a power play as much as you can. Tonight: Don't worry about the fact that it is a Saturday night. Instead, slow down and relax.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** You focus on your priorities feels appropriate considering how much you have had on your plate. Over the weekend you can do something relaxing about family and your personal time. Decide where your efforts are coming from.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** Start up conversations to be listener as well. You need to be where you are, listening from and decide how involved you want to be. The unexpected involves a daily master. Slow down and take time to have an important conversation. Tonight: Adapt plans to the moment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** You want to be making a decision about a personal matter and moving forward. You do want to make a sound decision as to what is best for you. The unexpected pours through your love life. If so, you could meet someone who knocks your socks off. Tonight: Be naughty and nice.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** You might try to go to sleep. You might decide to move around the room before you fall asleep. Avoid getting overly concerned about someone or anger toward you. Actually you might be the party this person seems to be angry with, but in essence the anger started a long time ago under similar circumstances. Tonight: Treat a loved one with care.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**** For a good part of the day you could feel less than great when dealing with others. Naturally this period starts when you wake up from a restful sleep. After the alarm goes off, you will suddenly feel energized as if you just came back from a vacation or woke up from an unusually restful sleep. Tonight: As you will.

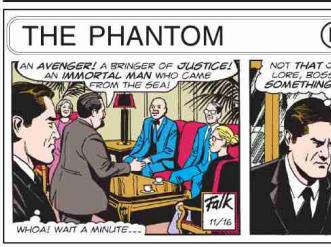
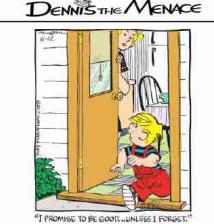
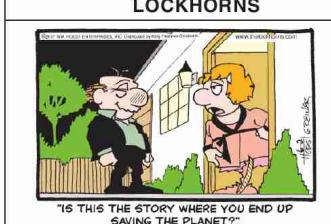
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** Use the morning to the max. You have a lot of ground to cover and you will. You enjoy your interactions with friends and people you loosely associate with. A conversation that starts out of the blue could be entirely new. Today you will get some extra R and R or go off by yourself to follow through on a special project. Tonight: Go wild for you. Try to be a little more restrained.

Thought for the day

If the Government is big enough to give you everything you want, it is big enough to take away everything you have.

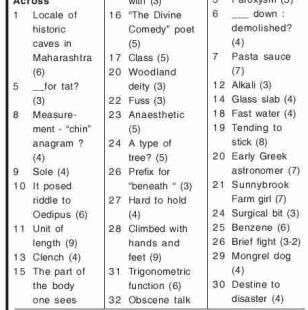
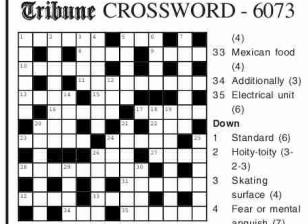
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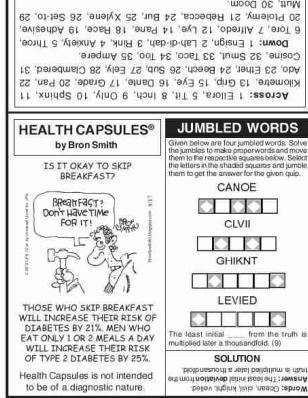
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Answers to the jumbled words are provided below. Select the letter and number that corresponds to the word and solve them to get the answer for the given clue.

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Japan's Emperor Akihito (L) and British Prime Minister Theresa May speak during a meeting at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo, Japan in this handout picture taken on Friday, and provided by the Imperial Household Agency of Japan - UNI

Japan on suicide watch as children go back to school

TOKYO, Sep 1: As Japan's schools reopened today after summer holidays, a day when suicides among young people spike, celebrities reached out to at-risk children and one Tokyo zoo offered refuge to nervous pupils in a bid to tackle the mental health crisis.

For some children, the thought of returning to school sends their stress levels soaring, as they battle fears ranging from schoolyard bullies to doing poorly in exams.

"Going back to school creates anxiety," said Kumiyasu Hiraiwa, representative director of After-School, a non-profit that helps parents detect early warning signs in kids. Japan – which places huge emphasis on academic success – has the highest suicide rate among the Group of Seven (G7) industrialised nations, with more than 20,000 people taking their own lives annually.

While the overall suicide rate has been falling since it peaked in 2003, that is not the case among young adults starting their first jobs or schoolchildren. – AFP

US-Russia ties battered by new row over envoys

MOSCOW, Sep 1: Russia and the United States were locked in a fresh diplomatic slugging match today after Washington ordered the closure of Moscow's San Francisco consulate and two other facilities.

The retaliatory US move came as a September 1 deadline was reached for Washington to comply with a Kremlin demand to slash staff numbers at its Russian diplomatic mission by 755 personnel.

The spat between the two nuclear-armed powers was another blow to US President Donald Trump's pledge to try to improve relations with Russia's Vladimir Putin. Washington said yesterday it had ordered the shuttering of Russia's San Francisco consulate and two diplomatic annexes in Washington and New York "in the spirit of parity," after Moscow's July demand for it to reduce its diplomatic staff.

"The United States has fully implemented the decision by the government of the Russian Federation to reduce the size of our

mission in Russia," State Department spokeswoman Heather Nauert said in a statement.

Washington said it hoped the two sides "can avoid further retaliatory actions" and improve ties but warned it was "prepared to take further action as necessary and as warranted."

Russia's foreign ministry expressed "regret at the escalation of tensions" and said it would "examine the new measures announced by the Americans in detail after which our reaction will be announced."

But top diplomat Sergei Lavrov avoided blaming the Trump administration for the latest tensions and laid the guilt squarely at the door of his predecessor Barack Obama.

"We are open even now for constructive cooperation where it answers Russian interests," Lavrov said today.

"But it takes two to tango and so far our partner is, again and again, doing an individual break dance," – AFP

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Myanmar military drops charges against 6 journalists

YANGON, Sep 1: Myanmar's military on Friday dropped criminal charges it had filed against six journalists in cases that drew international criticism for discouraging freedom of expression.

The decision to withdraw the cases involving contact with banned organizations and online defamation under a telecommunications law was announced on the Facebook page of the office of military's commander in chief. The journalists work for the newspapers *The Daily Eleven*, *The Voice Daily*, and *The Irrawaddy* and *Democratic Voice of Burma*, two primarily online news services.

The Myanmar Press Council confirmed it has received an official letter from the military and expressed its gratitude.

Although the elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi that replaced a military-backed regime last year lifted most censorship rules, authorities have remained hostile to the media.

The charges against Aye Naing and Pyae Bone Naing from the Democratic Voice of Burma and Lawi Weng from The Irrawaddy were filed under the Unlawful Association Act. – AP

11 schoolgirls killed in Iran bus crash

TEHRAN, Sep 1: A bus crash today killed 12 people in Iran, all but one of them schoolgirls travelling to the southern city of Shiraz for a sporting and cultural event, state media reported.

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N Korea could nuke US, Europe within months: France

PARIS, Sep 1: France's foreign minister warned today that North Korea could have the capacity to deliver a nuclear strike on the United States and even Europe "within months".

Jean-Yves Le Drian called the situation following a string of missile tests by Pyongyang "extremely serious" and urged the reclusive state to turn to dialogue to ease spiralling tensions.

"We see a North Korea whose objective is to have missiles capable of transporting a nuclear weapon tomorrow," Le Drian told RTL radio.

"In a few months, that will be a reality. At that moment, when it has the capability to hit the US, even Europe and at the very least Japan and China, with a nuclear weapon, the situation will be explosive."

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The UN Security Council denounced Pyongyang's latest missile test, unanimously demanding a halt to its programme.

Le Drian called on Pyongyang to "return to the path of negotiations" in a bid to ease tensions.

A joint mediation effort put forward by China and Russia would involve a mutual pause in both missile tests by North Korea as well as the joint South Korean-US military exercises by Seoul.

Pyongyang has also threatened to fire rockets towards the US Pacific territory of Guam. – AFP



Putin warns of 'major conflict' over NKorea

MOSCOW, Sep 1: Russian President Vladimir Putin warned today of a "major conflict" looming on the Korean Peninsula, calling for talks to alleviate the crisis after Pyongyang fired a missile over Japan this week.

"The problems in the region will only be solved via direct dialogue between all concerned parties, without preconditions," Putin said.

"Threats, pressure and insulting and militant rhetoric are a dead end," a statement from his office said, adding that heaping additional pressure on North Korea in a bid to curb its nuclear programme was "wrong and futile."

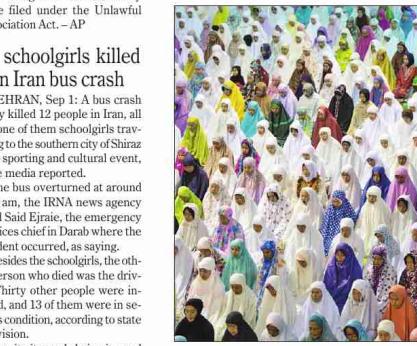
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Putin said he feared the peninsula was "on the verge of a major conflict" and called for all sides to sign up to a mediation programme drawn up by Moscow and Beijing.

He echoed comments by Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov who in a Wednesday telephone call with US counterpart Rex Tillerson "underscored... the need to refrain from any military steps that could have unpredictable consequences."

The Russia-China plan involves a mutual pause in missile tests by North Korea and joint South Korean-US military exercises by Seoul. – AFP



People attend prayers for the Muslim holiday of Eid Al-Adha at Istiqlal Mosque in Jakarta, Indonesia on Friday, in this photo taken by Antara Foto. – UNI



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Federer, Nadal battle through; women's draw takes hit

NEW YORK, Sept 1: Former champions Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal battled into the US Open last 32 while the women's draw lost the fifth seed from its top eight.

Federer recorded his 80th career win in New York but he needed five sets for the second successive match before claiming a 6-1, 6-7 (3/7), 4-6, 6-4, 6-2 triumph over Mikhail Youzhny.

It was his 17th win in 17 meetings with the grizzled Russian, who, at 35, is his junior by just one year.

World number one Nadal, meanwhile, saw off Japan's World No. 121 Taro Daniel 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 after being blown off court in the first set.

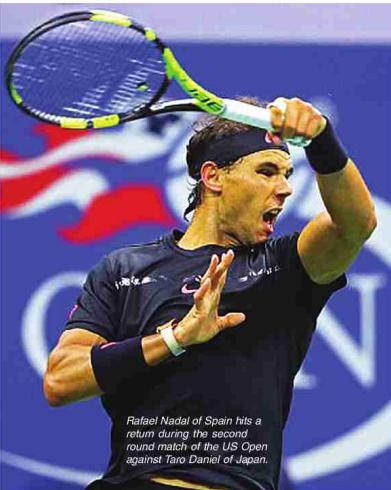
Federer, 36, and the five-time champion of the US Open, next faces another 35-year-old, Feliciano Lopez of Spain, for a place in the last 16. His record against Lopez is just as solid - 12-0.

Top seed Nadal, the 2010 and 2013 champion, was rocked by New York-born Daniel in the first set.

But Daniel, who has never beaten a top-10 player, paid the price for his all-out assault as Nadal prevailed to book a third round date with Argentine lucky loser Leonardo Mayer.

Russian eighth seed Svetlana Kuznetsova, the 2004 champion, saw her outside chances of taking the world number one ranking end when she lost to Japan's Kurumi Nara 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

Kuznetsova is the fifth of the top eight seeds to lose before the third round after Simona Halep, Caroline Wozniacki, defending champion Angelique Kerber and Johanna Konta also exited. - AFP



Rafael Nadal of Spain hits a return during the second round match of the US Open against Taro Daniel of Japan.

Bopanna, Mirza in 2nd round

NEW YORK, Sept 1: India's leading doubles players Rohan Bopanna and Sania Mirza began their US Open campaigns with victories in their respective events, albeit, in contrasting fashion here.

Bopanna and Uruguayan Pablo Cuevas shrugged off a surprise first set lapse to regroup and beat American pair of Bradley Klahn and Scott Lipsky 1-6, 6-3, 6-4 in the opening round of the men's doubles event.

In the second round they face the Italian team of Simone Bolelli and Fa-

bio Fognini.

In the women's doubles, Mirza and her Chinese partner Shuai Peng overcame the challenge of Croatian team of Petra Martic and Domica Vekic in the opening round.

It took the Indo-Chinese pair just 55 minutes to cross the first hurdle. Mirza and Peng broke their rivals four times but also dropped their serve once in the match. They next face Slovakia's Jana Cepelova and Magdalena Rybarikova. - PTI

Raina star attraction at Buchi Babu tourney

CHENNAI, Sept 1: Twelve teams, including three from Tamil Nadu will vie for honours in the Kalpathi-AGS All-India Buchi Babu cricket tournament beginning here tomorrow at various venues.

Suresh Raina, who has been out of the India ODI team for a while now, will be one of the star attractions of the tourney, along with Mohit Sharma, who too has been discarded from the limited overs side.

While Raina, who has been selected to captain India Blue in the Duleep Trophy, is expected to turn out for Uttar Pradesh in the first phase.

"Here I am, back to my very own #Chennai. Looking forward to play the Buchi Babu series on the grounds full of memories and joyful moments," Raina wrote on his Twitter feed.

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The winning team would receive Rs 1 lakh and the runners-up Rs 50,000. - PTI

Brazil on top as Chile, Argentina struggle



Brazil's Philippe Coutinho celebrates after scoring their second goal during the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia qualifier against Ecuador.

MONTEVIDEO, Sept 1: Philippe Coutinho shrugged off his transfer disappointment with a goal as Brazil beat Ecuador to guarantee top spot in South America's 2018 World Cup qualifying race while Chile and Argentina stumbled.

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The winning team would receive Rs 1 lakh and the runners-up Rs 50,000. - PTI

State powerlifting team named

GUWAHATI, Sept 1: The Assam team for the Senior National Powerlifting Championship, to be held at Vardhman, West Bengal from September 7 to 9 has been announced.

The team: Simanta Bora, Bolin Kalita, Panku Chakraborty, Manoj Borgohain, Madhurya Champa, Raju Roy, Nirzara Wary, Neha Kalita, Bini Saikia, Rumi Balita.

Coach: Boikistomoni Deuri; Manager: David Sankar Phukan; Referees: Bhabajyoti Goswami, Tridib Gogoi.

India Club meet

GUWAHATI, Sept 1: The India Club AITA Championship Series tennis tournament will be held at the India Club courts here from October 23 to 27.

Informing this the India Club secretary Anupam Choudhury said that the tournament is meant for boys and girls of U-14 years where all the leading players of the country will be seen in play.

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FC Goa sign Bedia, Colunga

PANAJI, Sept 1: FC Goa have signed midfielder Edu Bedia and striker Adrian Colunga to complete their quota of foreign players for the upcoming season of the Indian Super League.

Bedia has signed a two-year deal with the Goan club, after revoking his contract with Real Zaragoza in Spain.

The Spaniard, who largely operates as central midfield, can also play higher up the pitch just behind the striker.

A technically skilled player, Bedia is a product of the Racing Santander. He progressed to play for the first team of the Cantabrian club before moving to Hercules via Salamanca.

His most successful spell was as a part of the FC Barcelona's B Team, where he notched up seven goals in a single season while at the Catalan club. - PTI

Stage set for 34th Abhiruchi Sports Day

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BM Chakravarty addressing the media.

The State who represented India during last year will be felicitated along with few other sports organisers. A State level quiz competition will be organised for students of class IX to XII. The seminar and felicitation function will be held at Hotel Landmark from 10 am and 5.30 pm respectively while quiz will be organised at the TRP Indoor Stadium from 11 am.

Players and persons to be honoured are:

Spain turn to Asensio to oust old foe Italy

MADRID, Sept 1: Spanish football's golden boy Marco Asensio will carry the expectation of a nation as La Roja seek revenge against hôte noire Italy at a packed Santiago Bernabeu with World Cup qualification on the line tomorrow.

Yet, despite his tender age of 21, there is little evidence Real Madrid's rising star will be fazed by the burden placed upon him.

Asensio looks set to make his first competitive start for Spain after a stellar opening to the season in which he scored four goals in five games for Madrid, including two wonder strikes against Barcelona in the Spanish Super Cup.

And he has a habit of making a quick impression having scored on his La Liga, Rey Spanish and UEFA Super Cup debuts for Real over the past year.

"It is obvious, he has an innate talent, you can sense it," said Real and Spain captain Sergio Ramos after Asensio put Barcelona to the sword.

"Hopefully he maintains that spark and eye for goal. Every time he plays he makes the difference."

Many of the Italian squad, including legendary goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon, already had bad memories of Asensio as he came off the bench to score as Real hammered Juventus 4-1 to retain the Champions League in June. - AFP



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NE units want combined team for this year's Ranji

NEW DELHI, Sept 1: Six States from north eastern India, who are supposed to become full members of the BCCI as per Lodha Committee recommendation, will be appealing to the Committee of Administrators (CoA) to allow them to play as a combined unit in Ranji Trophy from this season.

The convenor of the NE

State cricket association Naba Bhattacharya informed that their representatives are meeting the CoA in the capital on September 8.

The six States that want to field a combined team for the senior national championship are Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland and Sikkim.

The two other North East-

ern states-Assam and Tripura-have been long-standing voting members and are a part of the Ranji Trophy for a long time.

"We were really surprised to find that BCCI has chalked up the Ranji schedule and North Eastern States have once again been ignored despite Lodha Committee's 'one-state one-vote' diktat.

We are not saying that we want to play as individual States. But there should be a start somewhere," Bhattacharya told PTI today.

"The NE cricket association representatives will be meeting the CoA and we will propose that a combined team be fielded this year. We

have good enough players in each State to have a pool of

20 players from which we can select the NE team. Also in the Vijay Merchant Trophy (U-16) and Cooch Behar Trophy (U-19), we have been playing as combined NE team. We want to now play as individual States," he further added.

When asked that the itinerary for the Ranji Trophy is already drawn and change

fixture could lead to a logistical nightmare, the Meghalaya CA official said: "There is still a month left. If they can have 28 teams, why can't they include us and Bihar and make it a 30-team affair and make changes accordingly."

There is a school of thought in the BCCI that if Duleep Trophy, despite being scrapped originally, can be

sandwiched after CoA intervention, one can seriously look at the demand from the North Eastern States that have been perennially ignored by the BCCI brass since time immemorial.

Bhattacharya, who was a part of the special committee formed by the BCCI to study gamut of difficulties faced in implementation of Lodha Re-

forms, said: "You know Shillong hosted a first-class match way back in 1948 before a lot of full members of BCCI came into existence."

"Also we have got facilities in Dimapur (Nagaland). If it's a question of playing home matches, we have a Grade centres with other corresponding facilities," Bhattacharya signed off. - PTI



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