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Pak shelling

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Traders' woes

GUWAHATI, Aug 16: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today telephoned his Mizoram counterpart Lal Thanhawla and discussed about the difficulties faced by traders from Assam in Lunglei district of Mizoram. — Staff Reporter

Exam results

GUWAHATI, Aug 16: The results of the compartmental exams, in which over 79,000 candidates had appeared, will be declared by SEBA on August 18. The candidates can check their results on the SEBA website. — Staff Reporter

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SC grants 'default bail' to Rakesh Paul

SPL CORRESPONDENT



NEW DELHI, Aug 16: The Supreme Court today granted default bail to former chairman of the Assam Public Service Commission (APSC) Rakesh Paul.

After hearing both the sides, a bench headed by Justice Madan B Lokur said the petitioner is held entitled to the grant of 'default bail' on the facts and in the circumstances of this case. The trial judge should release the petitioner on 'default bail' on such terms and conditions as may be reasonable.

"However, we make it clear that this does not prohibit or otherwise prevent the arrest or re-arrest of the petitioner on cogent grounds in respect of the subject charge and upon arrest or re-arrest, the petitioner is entitled to petition for grant of regular bail which application should be considered on its own merit. We also make it clear that this will not impact on the arrest of the petitioner in any other case. We allow the

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petition and set aside the judgment and order of the High Court," the 32-page order said.

It was submitted that as of today, a chargesheet having been filed against the petitioner, he is not entitled to 'default bail' but must apply for regular bail — the 'default bail' chapter being now closed.

"We cannot agree for the simple reason that we are concerned with the interregnum between January 4 and January 24, when no chargesheet had been filed, during which period he had availed of his indefeasible right of 'default bail'. It would have been another matter altogether if he

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Residency certificate case comes up in SC

SPL CORRESPONDENT

at Ulema-e-Hind, Assam Women Social Justice Forum and others.

The Ganbati High Court on February 28 ordered that residency certificates issued by gaon panchayat secretaries will no longer be considered as a valid link document for National Register of Citizens (NRC). If a panchayat secretary issues such certificate and the same is later disbelieved by the Foreigners Tribunal or High Court and the certificate holder is eventually declared

A bench headed by Justice Ranjan Gogoi and Justice Navin Sinha heard the counsels of the petitioners, including Rupjana Begum, All Assam Minority Students Union (AAMSU), Assam State Jamiat

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Over 33 lakh people affected by floods in State

● Death toll rises to 39



A PHC building collapses under the impact of flood waters at Arikata village in Dibrugarh, on Tuesday. — UB Photos

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 16: Though there is a temporary lull in the rainfall activities for the past couple of days, the overall flood situation in the State is yet to show a significant sign of improvement.

The current wave of flood, which began on August 10, has affected a total population of 33,442 and has so far taken

a toll of altogether 39 human lives. Altogether 2,970 villages under 82 revenue circles of 25 districts are still submerged by floodwaters.

In total 41,871 people have been evacuated by the NDRF, SDRF, CRPF, Army, police and forest and civil administration personnel and local people, stated the Assam State Disaster Management Authority in its evening flood bulletin today.

The flood-affected districts are Dhemaji, Kamrup, Biswanath, Sonitpur, Darang,

Rail link with NE still remains snapped

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 16: Rail link between North Eastern region and rest of the country remain snared for the fourth consecutive day and the situation remains as it was. In fact, collapse of a bridge early this morning has led to severing of the rail link between Kumudpur and Kathiar and further complicated things with regard to evacuating passengers from this region stranded at Kathiar," said an official.

He added, "As things stand to

day, there is no chance that rail link with the rest of the country will be re-established before August 19. Only after August 19 is the ground situation likely to be assessed and reviewed."

Over 600 passengers stranded in Kathiar were evacuated to Malfa before rail link between the two stations got snapped after a bridge collapsed this morning at a place between Manyan and Kuretha.

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SC forms body to examine closure of 199 anti-Sikh cases

NEW DELHI, Aug 16: The Supreme Court today appointed a supervisory body of two former apex court judges to scrutinise the SIT decision to close 199 cases in the 1984 anti-Sikh riots matter.

A bench headed by Justice Dipak Misra also asked the body to examine the SIT's decision to close additional 42 riots-related cases.

The top court directed the supervisory body to examine the issue and submit a report within three months.

The court has posted the matter for further hearing on November 28.

The apex court had on March 24 asked the Centre to place before it the files pertaining to the 199 cases of the anti-Sikh riots which the special investigation team set up by the Home Ministry had decided to "close".

The SIT is headed by Pramod Asthana, an IPS officer of 1986 batch, and has Rakesh Kapoor, a retired district and sessions judge, besides Kumar Ganesh, an Additional Deputy Commissioner of Delhi Police, as its members.

The anti-Sikh riots that broke out after the assassination of then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi had claimed 2,733 lives in Delhi alone. — PTI

SC for NIA probe into marriage after conversion of Hindu woman

NEW DELHI, Aug 16: The Supreme Court today ordered the NIA to probe a case of conversion and marriage of a Hindu woman to a Muslim man as the agency claimed it was not an isolated incident but a "pattern" was emerging in Kerala.

The Kerala High Court had annulled the marriage, terming it as an instance of "love jihad".

The apex court directed the National Investigation Agency (NIA) to probe the case of conversion and marriage of a Hindu woman to a Muslim man as the agency claimed it was not an isolated incident but a "pattern" was emerging in Kerala.

The top court observed that the court gave series of tasks to players with a final challenge requiring him or her to commit suicide — it was now easy to

persuade someone to perform a particular task.

"This will not be an Special Investigation Team (SIT). The NIA shall carry out the probe under the supervision of retired judge Justice RV Ravendaran," a bench of Chief Justice JS Khehar and DY Chandrachud said.

The bench said it wanted the probe to be fair and the NIA, being an independent agency

outside the State of Kerala, can conduct the probe in an impartial manner and have a different point of view.

The bench directed the NIA to submit its final investigation report in the court to enable it to arrive at any conclusion in the matter.

Additional Solicitor General Manminder Singh appearing for NIA said *prima facie* it appears that the woman's con-

version to Islam and her subsequent marriage to a Muslim was not an isolated incident and other such instances have come to the agency's notice. He claimed that in the other incidents, some players were allegedly found involved in converting young Hindu girls who had some differences with their parents, to Islam.

Singh said the agency has so far found that the same people

were behind the religious conversion of the women and their subsequent marriage. "Role of one lady is under investigation. Prima facie it has been found that entities are common in these cases. This is the second case. There is a pattern. The girls first get converted and then they refuse to stay with their family members and subsequently their marriage is done. This matter requires

further investigation and the agency will do as per court's order," Singh said.

The issue had reached the apex court as Shafin Jahan had challenged the annulment of his marriage by the High Court which ordered the State police to probe such cases.

It was alleged that the woman was recruited by Islamic State's mission in Syria and Jahan was only a stooge. — PTI

Court orders Indrani to appear in PMLA case

NEW DELHI, Aug 16: A special court today sought the presence of jailed INX Media director Indrani Mukerjee before it next month in a money laundering case against her and others, including Karti Chidambaram, son of former minister P Chidambaram.

Special judge Sunil Rana allowed the plea of Enforcement Directorate (ED) seeking issuance of production warrant against her and directed her to appear on September 9.

Mukerjee is currently facing trial in Mumbai and is lodged in a jail there in connection with the murder of her daughter Sheena Bora.

ED's advocate Nitesh Rana termed the case as "serious" and said that her custodial interrogation was required since the investigation was not moving forward. "The CBI has already issued lookout circular against another accused Karti Chidambaram in the case. Her custodial interrogation is required since she is not going to cooperate with us... She is in judicial custody," he told the court.

The ED has registered the case against Karti Chidambaram, INX Media and its directors, Peter and Indrani, and others, after taking cognisance of a recent CBI FIR against them. The Enforcement Case Information Report, ED's equivalent of a police FIR, was registered under provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). The

accused have denied all the charges against them.

The CBI had filed an FIR against Karti and Mukerjeas on charges of criminal conspiracy, cheating, receiving illegal gratification, influencing public servants and criminal misconduct.

It is alleged that Karti had received money from INX Media for using his influence to manipulate a tax probe against it in a case of violation of Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) conditions to receive investment from Mauritius.

The CBI had also recovered vouchers of Rs 10 lakh which were allegedly paid for the services. These vouchers were issued in favour of Advantage Strategic Consulting (P) Limited, a firm "indirectly" owned by Karti, the CBI had alleged.

The senior Chidambaram, after the CBI searches on May 16, had issued a strong statement in response to the raids saying the government was using the CBI and other agencies to target his son. The FIPB approval was granted in "hundreds of cases", the senior Congress leader and former Finance Minister said.

The CBI FIR was made out against Karti, his company Chess Management Services, his Mukerjeas (now in jail on charges of murder of their daughter Sheena Bora), INX Media, Advantage Strategic Consulting Services and its director Padma Vishwanathan. — PTI

Police, CRPF being trained to handle stone pelting: CRPF DG

SRINAGAR, Aug 16: Police and paramilitary CRPF personnel are being trained in standard operating procedures (SOPs) to help them deal with stone throwing incidents in Kashmir, CRPF Director General RR Bhattacharjee said today.

The DG said strategy, training and new SOPs had been formulated. "Using non-lethal ammunition mostly, we along with JK Police have devised a strategy to put to work during strikes and stone pelting and you will see its effect soon," he said.

The DG was talking to reporters on the sidelines of a function held for widows of paramilitary personnel killed on duty. Among the personnel killed was Commandant Pramod Kumar, who died in a militant attack on August 15 last year. On counter-insurgency operations in Kashmir, Bhattacharjee said security forces were meeting with success.

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Vaghela quits as Gujarat MLA in presence of BJP leaders

AHMEDABAD, Aug 16: Flanked by Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani and other BJP leaders, Shankarsinh Vaghela, who revolted against the Congress leadership last month, today submitted his resignation as member of the Gujarat Legislative Assembly. While Vaghela had ruled out going back to the BJP when he quit the Congress, the presence of Rupani, Deputy Chief Minister Nitin Patel and senior BJP ministers Bhupendrasinh Chudasama and Pradeepsinh Jadeja when he submitted his resignation to Assembly Speaker Ramniklal Voray has triggered a new bout of speculation. "I was contemplating to resign as MLA for some time. I had a meeting with people in my constituency, and after informing them, I resigned as MLA today," he said. — PTI

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SC refuses to transfer trial from Kolkata

NEW DELHI, Aug 16: The Supreme Court today refused to transfer the trial in the Madan Tamang murder case of 2010 from Kolkata to Sikkim but ordered that the proceedings should be conducted through video conferencing from Darjeeling.

A bench comprising Justices SA Bobde and LNageswar Rao said that Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM) general secretary Roshan Giri, who is accused in the case and had moved the apex court seeking

transfer of trial from Kolkata to Sikkim, does not represent all the persons facing trial in the matter.

The police has claimed that

Madan Tamang murder case

Tamang, who was the All India Gorkha League (AIGL) president, was hacked to death in Darjeeling on May 21, 2010 in broad daylight when he was overseeing preparations for a public meeting.

The apex court asked the lower court in Kolkata to hold the trial "mainly through video conferencing" for which the appropriate facility should be

judge can pass specific order in this regard. "We are not inclined to direct that the case be transferred out of Kolkata at the instance of Giri who does not represent all the accused in the trial," the apex court said.

Giri had approached the apex court seeking transfer of trial in the case, claiming that if he was to appear in court at Kolkata to face the murder trial, then there would be a serious law-and-order situation in Kolkata which might pose a threat to his life. — PTI

Cabinet nod to single corpus fund for education

NEW DELHI, Aug 16: The Cabinet today approved creation of a single corpus fund in which all proceeds of secondary and higher education cess will be credited and utilised for the government's schemes in education sector. The HRD Ministry will be responsible for the administration and maintenance of the non-lapsable pool account which will be known as "Madhyamik and Uchchatar Shiksha Kosh" (MUSK). "The funds arising from the MUSK would be utilised for schemes in the education sector which would be available for the benefit of students of secondary and higher education," an official statement said. However, in any financial year, the expenditure on ongoing schemes of the Department of School Education and Literacy and Department of Higher Education would initially be incurred from the Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) and the expenditure would be financed from the MUSK only after the GBS is exhausted. The Cabinet also approved creation of one post of Director and three non-teaching posts for National Institute for Technology (NIT), Andhra Pradesh. — PTI

Sena takes a dig at Modi's I-Day address

MUMBAI, Aug 16: In a dig at Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Independence Day address, the Shiv Sena today dared the Centre to abolish Article 370 of the Constitution so that people from across the nation can "visit Kashmir and embrace its people".

Modi, in his Independence Day speech from the ramparts of the Red Fort yesterday, said, "Na gadi se samasya sula-jhne wali hai, na goli se, samasya suljhgi ha Kashmir ki go galagane se (Kashmir problem cannot be resolved by either bullets or by abuses. It can be resolved by embracing Kashmiris.)"

Reacting to it in a sarcastic tone, an editorial in the Sena mouthpiece 'Saamana' today said, "Why nobody got this great thought before is very surprising....Now to put this thought into practice, abolish Article 370 of the Constitution so that hordes of people from across the country can go there (Kashmir) and embrace its people," the editorial said.

The Sena also said that violence in "the name of faith is prevalent in the country", which frightens not only Muslims but the Hindus as well. "Some segments of the Hindu community have become violent and extremists in the name of cow protection. Merely by telling them will not be enough," said the party, which is part of the BJP-led alliance governments at the Centre and in Maharashtra. — PTI

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THE GAUHATI-CO-OPERATIVE URBAN BANK LIMITED BALNATH BHAWAN, K.C ROAD CHATBARI, GHY-1

This is to Inform Share holder that the 48th Annual General Meeting of the Bank shall be held on 3 September, 2017 (Friday) at 11.00 a.m. in the hall of the Bank, located at Balnath Bhawan, K.C Road, Chatbari, Ghanta Ghar, Pan Bazaar. All Share holders are requested to be present.

In the event of the meeting not being held on any day during the same month, place at the same venue & time on 16th September (Saturday), 2017.

Agenda for the meeting

- To commence the proceedings on 10.09.2016.
- To adopt the Annual Report, Balance sheet & P & L for the period from 01/04/2016 to 31/03/2017.

3) To consider and adopt the budget for the year 2017-18.

4) To fix the maximum borrowing limit for the current year until further notice.

5) To appoint internal auditor for the year 2017-18 and fix remuneration.

6) To discuss & adopt any other matter regarding bank with permission of the Chair.

7) To conclude the meeting.

By Order

Bhola Nath Sharma

Managing Director

CD/PN/...../1

General public is hereby informed that by an affidavit made before Bijnor Notary that Ambia Begam and Ambiya Begam, wife of Sabed Ali is same and one person. Dankinamari, Hapachara, Bongaigaon. PNP/16130/1

I declare through an affidavit made before Bijnor Notary that Ambia Begam and Ambiya Begam, wife of Sabed Ali is same and one person. Dankinamari, Hapachara, Bongaigaon. PN/2215/1

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE
IN THE COURT OF THE CIVIL JUDGE NO. 1,
KAMRUP (M) AT GUWAHATI

T.S. No. 308/2010
Misc. (J) Case No. 2/2010
Gurdip Singh...Plaintiff/Petitioner

Smt. Neelima Kalita
Smt. Leela Begum
...Defendants/Copp. Parties
To:

Smt. Neelima Kalita
Smt. Leela Begum
...Defendants/Copp. Parties
Re: Village Singar, P.O. & P.S.
Chogon, Mousa Chayong Pathan, Baru
Kamrup, Assam

WHEREAS the above named parties instituted a suit against you and others for declaration, cancellation of sale record, recovery of possession of land and along with the suit has filed an application for temporary injunction in order to restrain you from alienating or changing the nature and character of the said land.

You are hereby directed to appear before the Court on 20.08.2017 at 10.00 A.M. and file your written statement and documents if any, failing which the suit will be decreed ex parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on the 11th day of August' 2017 at Guwahati.

Civil Judge No. 1
Kamrup (M), at Guwahati

CD/LN/P/KP1/06/1

LEGAL NOTICE
IN THE GAUHATI HIGH COURT
(The High Court of Assam, Nagaland, Mizoram & Arunachal Pradesh)
(CIVIL APPEAL/JURISDICTION)

MFA No. 2359/10
National Insurance Company Limited ...Appellant

Vs.
Md. Abdul Raheque & Ans... Respondents

To:
1. Md. Abdul Raheque, Son of Late Abdul Khalique, Resident of Vill: Fululta, P.S. Tezpur, Dist: Sonitpur, Assam
...Claimant/Respondent

2. Md. Sofigul Islam Choudhury, Son of Late A Choudhury, Resident of Gangawatipuri, Tezpur-District: Sonitpur, Assam
...Owner of the house/Resident

Whereas the abovementioned applicant has preferred the above mentioned application before the Court and the same was decided and the date of appearance of the respondent has been fixed on 25.08.2017.

You are hereby informed to appear personally or through authorized Addressee before the Court in the Court at the same time i.e. 25.08.2017 at 10.30 A.M. positively and to show cause, if any.

If no appearance is made on behalf of the respondent, the matter shall be heard on the date decided and the same will be decided ex parte in his absence.

Given under the seal of the Court on this, the 3rd day of August, 2017 at Guwahati.

By: Registrar (JAI)
Gauhati High Court, Guwahati

CD/VLN/2211/1

LEGAL NOTICE
IN THE GAUHATI HIGH COURT
(The High Court of Assam, Nagaland, Mizoram & Arunachal Pradesh)

MC No. 3133 of 2014

National Insurance Co. Ltd ...Appellant

Vs.
Promod Borborali & Sons... Respondents

To:
1. Sri Pramod Borborali, Son of Late Karim Borborali, Resident of Patagon, PO Juhora, District: Jorhat (Assam) Present address : Juhora, Dibrugarh, P.O & P.S. Juhora, District: Jorhat (Assam)

...Owner of the house/Resident

Whereas the above named applicant has a Miscellaneous Civil Suit No. 3133 of 2014 in MPA I.S.L. No.under section 30(3) of Employees Compensation Act, 1923 against the judgment and order dated 24.07.2016 of the Commissioner of Employees Compensation, Nagaland, in NYC Case no. 01 of 2007 and the said Case has been fixed for appearance before this Honorable Court on 11.09.2016.

You are hereby informed either personally or through somebody else by law authorized to act on your behalf in this court on the said date i.e. on 11.09.2017 at 10.30 A.M. positively and to show cause, if any.

Take NOTICE that if you fail to appear and show cause as directed, the master shall be heard and decide ex parte your appearance on the aforesaid date and time as the business of the Court may permit.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on the 16th day of September, 2017 at 10.30 A.M.

By: Registrar (JAI)
Gauhati High Court, Guwahati

CD/VLN/2212/1



Trump hails N Korea's decision to halt Guam missile test

NEW YORK, Aug 16: US President Donald Trump today praised North Korea's leader for backing off on plans to fire missiles toward the US Pacific territory of Guam. "Kim Jong-Un of North Korea made a very wise and well reasoned decision. The alternative would have been both catastrophic and unacceptable!" Trump wrote on Twitter.

Trump stunned the world last week by warning North Korea it faced "fire and fury" if it continued to threaten the US or its allies with its ballistic missile program. His impromptu comments while on vacation in New Jersey were interpreted as raising the prospect of a nuclear attack against North Korea.

The unpredictable and isolated North Korean leader on Tuesday had been briefed by his missile forces on a "plan for an enveloping fire at Guam," according to the North's official KCNA news agency.

But afterward, according to KCNA, he decided to postpone the operation to "watch a little more the foolish and stupid conduct of the Yankees" and not to go ahead unless the US commits more "reckless actions."

Secretary of State Rex Tillerson said after Kim postponed the threat that Washington remains ready for talks. But he added that would be up to Kim when such negotiations would begin. — AFP

China hopes India, US can develop ties for regional peace

son Hu Chunyang said, "We noticed relevant report. We hope India and US can develop relations which are conducive to regional peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region by establishing a two-by-two ministerial dialogue.

The decision to set up the new two-by-two ministerial dialogue comes amid China's growing assertiveness in the Asia Pacific region.

US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson also telephoned External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj and greeted her and people of India on the occasion of Independence Day yesterday.

Tillerson and Swaraj "had good conversation", Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Rakesh Kumar said.

They "discussed the newly established" two-plus mechanism to harness synergy in foreign and defence engagements, the spokesperson said. — PTI

SC grants ...

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petitioner had not applied for "default bail" for whatever reason during this interregnum," the order said.

The court observed that there could be a situation (however rare) where an accused is not prepared to be bailed out perhaps for his personal security since he or she might be facing some threat outside the correction home or for any other reason.

"But then in such an event, the accused voluntarily gives up the indefeasible right for default bail and having forfeited that right the accused cannot claim a resuscitation of the indefeasible right after the chargesheet or challan has been filed. But that is not the case insofar as the petitioner is concerned, since he had not given up his indefeasible right for "default bail" during the interregnum as is evident from the decision of the High Court rendered on January 11," it said.

The court also noted that on the contrary, Paul had availed of his right to "default bail" which could not have been decided on January 11 and which "we are today compelled to acknowledge and enforce. Consequently, we are of opinion that the petitioner had satisfied all the requirements of obtaining "default bail" he had put in more than 60 days in custody pending investigations into an alleged offence not punishable with imprisonment for a minimum period of 10 years, no chargesheet had been filed against him and he was prepared to furnish bail for his release, as such, he ought to have been released by the high court on reasonable terms and conditions of bail."

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Agenda for the meeting

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Managing Director

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China urges US, N Korea to 'hit the brakes' on threats

BEIJING, Aug 16: China has urged the United States and North Korea to "hit the brakes" on threatening words and work toward a peaceful resolution of their tense stand-off created by Pyongyang's recent missile tests and threats to fire them toward Guam.

The dispute has also raised fears in South Korea, where a conservative political party today called for the United States to bring back tactical nuclear weapons to the Korean Peninsula.

In a sign of growing concern on the part of Pyongyang's only major ally, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said in a phone conversation with his South Korean counterpart, Sergey Lavrov, that the two countries

should work together to contain tensions and permit no one to "stir up an incident on their doorstep," according to a statement posted on the Chinese foreign ministry's website.

"The most important task at hand is for the US and North Korea to 'hit the brakes' on their mutual needling of each other with words and actions, to lower the temperature of the tense situation and prevent the emergence of an 'August crisis,'" Lavrov was quoted as saying in yesterday's conversation.

The ministry quoted Lavrov as saying tensions could rise again with the US and South Korea set to launch large-scale military exercises on August 21. "Resolution of the North

Korea nuclear issue by military force is completely unacceptable and the peninsula's nuclear issue must be peacefully resolved by political and diplomatic methods," Lavrov was quoted as saying.

China is North Korea's main economic partner and political backer, although relations between Beijing and Pyongyang have deteriorated amid the North's continuing defiance of China's calls for restraint. — AP

In recent months, China has joined with Russia in calling for the US to suspend annual military drills with South Korea in exchange for Pyongyang halting its missile and nuclear tests as a first step toward direct talks. — AP

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Sl. No. Name of the work (Approx.) Estimated value of work Cost of tender documents Time of completion

1. Providing removing & refitting water supply and sanitation works of Sahanal Samra Memorial Bodoland Guest House, Kokrajhar.

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Sl. No. Name of the work (Approx.) Estimated value of work Cost of tender documents Time of completion

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Swachathon 1.0 to be held in State

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 16: The Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation is organising "Swachathon 1.0," a Swachh Bharat hackathon event in Assam in which students, professionals and organisations including start-ups can come up with easy and affordable solutions to some of the burning problems and issues pertaining to the implementation of the Swachh Bharat Mission in the Swachh Bharat Mission.

The problems which call for solution include (a) innovative, sustainable, environment-friendly and affordable toilet technology for hilly, dry, flood-prone and remote areas; (b) technological solutions to monitor usage of toilets; (c) technological solutions for bringing behavioural change for toilet usage and hygiene; (d) innovative models and methods to improve the operation and maintenance of school toilets; (e) innovative solutions for menstrual health management; and (f) innovative solutions for early detection of faecal matter.

The event will be held in three rounds. In Round I, participants will be required to make online entries on the MyGov.in. Subsequently the selected participants will be required to present a live demonstration of their solutions in Round II. The finals will be held on September 8 and the winners will be announced after submission of the presentations by the participants.

OBITUARY

Saratkumari Changkakati

GUWAHATI, Aug 16: Saratkumari Changkakati, wife of renowned Satrappy exponent and tabla player late Keshab Changkakati and a resident of Puri Sarania area here, passed away at 1.20 am today at a city nursing home after a brief illness. She was 82.

A granddaughter of path-breaking novelist Rajanikanta Baraloi, she was associated with various socio-cultural organisations in her locality. She leaves behind two sons, a daughter and a host of relatives. Her last rites were performed at the Navagraha crematorium this afternoon.



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal inspecting the guard of honour on the occasion of the 71st Independence Day at the Veterinary College playground, in Guwahati on Tuesday. - AT photo

71st I-Day celebrated across city

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 16: The 71st Independence Day was celebrated across the city by various schools, organisations and government departments.

At the I-Day observance at the Commissionerate of Industries and Commerce at Bamuniaidam, the Commissioner of Industries and Commerce, Dr KK Dwivedi hoisted the National Flag in the presence of officers and staff of Udyog Bhawan.

Dr Dwivedi called upon the people present to imbibe the spirit of patriotism and abide by the ideals of the Constitution-makers.

He hoped that the Independence Day would usher in freedom from social maladies.

SSB celebrated the Independence Day at Frontier Headquarters, Guwahati, and remembered the martyrs who laid down their lives for fighting against the divisive elements.

After unfurling the National Flag, the Inspector General of SSB, Bhanu Upadhyay addressed the officers and personnel.

He emphasized the need to be vigilant at the border.

The main aim of the SSB is

to inculcate a sense of security, spirit of national integration, pride and belongingness in the border populace.

Students, staff, management and guardians of Sri Guru Nanak National High School celebrated the Independence Day eve with a daylong programme on August 14.

They decorated the school in a befitting manner and held various programmes including patriotic song competition (solo/group), patriotic dance competition (solo/group), go-as-you-like, speech competition, etc.

In the "go-as-you-like," small children from pre-nursery to Class IV dressed themselves as Gandhi, Bhagat Singh, Netaji, Rani of Jhansi, Mangal Pandey and other freedom fighters, keeping the audience spellbound by their performance.

The management, staff and students of the school also celebrated the Independence Day with various other programmes from 8 pm onwards.

On August 15,

Royal Global School celebrated the day by hoisting the Tricolour at its campus.

The school has a flag measuring 30x20' on a 111-foot flag mast,

which makes it the highest flagpole in this part of the country.

The flag was hoisted by AK Pansari, chairman, AK Modi, vice chairman, Royal Global School, in the presence of AK Sinha, director, and Aunhab Goyal, principal.

The hoisting of the national flag was followed by the marching of the school contingent and the NCC troop of the school.

A dance drama titled *Aaj Phir Kranti Lata* was also put

on five orchestra.

The State Bank of India celebrated the day on its premises at the Local Head Office, Dispur. The National Flag was unfurled by PVS LN Murty, Chief General Manager, SBI North Eastern Circle.

The programme was attended by Digman Gupta, Kaushik Sinha, General Managers, SBL NE Circle, along with other senior officials and employees of the bank along with their families and wards.

The Commissionerate of

Panchayat & Rural Development (P&RD) observed the 71st Independence Day of the nation on its office premises at Juripar. Commissioner of P&RD, Dr JB Edlo hoisted the National Flag in the presence of the officers and staff of the Commissionerate.

The Santa

celebrated the occasion by felicitating senior journalist Radhika Mohan Bhagawati at his residence. He was presented with a *japta* made of bell metal and brass, a citron and a *gomasutra*

by Santa president Salendra Das and general secretary Amal Chandra Baishya. Bhagawati, in his acceptance speech, urged all concerned to protect democratic values at a time the State was facing a crisis.

The Santa also felicitated senior advocate Haranor Rashid at his Bhetola residence.

After hoisting the flag, Dr

Blood donation camp organised

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 16: The Old Boys Association of the Sainik School, Goalpara (OBA SS), in association with the Dr B Borooah Cancer Institute (BBCI), organised a blood donation camp on the occasion of Independence Day on August 15 here.

The blood donation camp was inaugurated by Dr AC Katoky, Director of BBCI.

Katoky praised the OBA

SSG for conducting the

blood donation camp for

more than a decade on the

Independence Day.

An appreciation letter and a

memento have been

provided to the OBA SSG

from the BBCI. Fifty-two

units of blood were collected from donors on the day.

A similar blood donation camp was also organised at the blood bank of the Jorhat Medical College by the OBA SSG on the same day where 22 units of blood were donated.

In a press statement, the OBA SSG has thanked all the donors and appealed to other

individuals to donate blood and save lives whenever needed.

The OBA SSG is a society of ex-students of the prestigious SSG which has branches and units in different parts of the

country and most of the unit organises blood

donation camps at least once a year.

Felicitation programme held

GUWAHATI, Aug 16: To mark the Independence Day, the Kharghuli branch of the Assam Sahitya Sabha felicitated its founder president Narendra Nath Bora on his 91st birthday and Toren Boro who was recently elected president of the Bodoland Sabha at the Lalsingh Primary School campus on Tuesday.

Bodo, in his speech, stressed the need for healthy coordination amongst the various ethnic groups in the State to promote their diverse cultures and traditions.

He informed the gathering that to fulfil this goal, a multilingual dictionary would be published, which would remove the gaps of oral communication, and talks are on with government functionaries like the SCERT, the SSA, etc. - Staff Reporter

Eka also administered a pledge to build a New India by 2022 by making the country free from poverty, corruption, terrorism, communalism and casteism and called upon all present to work hand in hand for building a progressive and developed society.

The North East Wetland, in association with Apple Pie and the youths of Chacial area, celebrated the day by planting tree saplings near the Silsako Beel. The National Anthem was sung by students of Navodaya Jatiya Vidyalaya and the plantation was supervised by environmentalist Alkesh Sam Kashyap and Apple Pie GM Abdul Majid.

Utkal Santa, Guwahati, celebrated the occasion by felicitating senior journalist Radhika Mohan Bhagawati at his residence. He was presented with a *japta* made of bell metal and brass, a citron and a *gomasutra*

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Contractual staff of Brahmaputra Ashok Hotel demand fair deal

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 16: Left in the lurch following the government's decision to take over the Brahmaputra Ashok Hotel, its 50 contractual employees, who are likely to lose their jobs, are running from pillar to post to get justice.

The agitating employees had planned to stage a protest on Tuesday during the unfurling of the National Flag on the hotel premises. But the Assam Tourism Development Corporation (ATDC) allegedly changed the timing of the programme to avoid any untoward situation during the Independence Day celebrations.

These employees have written a letter to the HR Manager of the Hotel, seeking relevant documents regarding their appointment. "We feel cheated. We do not have relevant documents to prove that we are part of the organisation. We cannot even approach the court as we were not given any appointment letters, proof of joining, etc. We have asked the hotel authorities to provide us our appointment letters and other documents," said an aggrieved staff of the Hotel.

According to the aggrieved staff, the contractual employees were directly employed by the Hotel until 2011. Later, a company was created under the name, RM Enterprise, and the contractual staff were asked to join it. The company was asked to pay the salaries of the staff till another company by the name of Brahmaputra Enterprise was floated.

The aggrieved staff have now demanded a copy of the agreement signed by RM Enterprise and the Brahmaputra Enterprise with the hotel authorities. The hotel was under the ITDC until the ATDC took over recently.

It is learnt that the 56 permanent staff of the hotel have

been offered VRS, while the contractual staff have not been given any benefits.

The State government plans to convert the iconic hotel into a State guesthouse. There are two State guesthouses in the city. One has been occupied by former Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi and another by his successor, Sarbananda Sonowal.

Opposition leader Debartha Saikia also smelt a rat in the government's decision to convert the hotel into a guesthouse when there are two State guesthouses already. "Where will these 50 staff go? The move to close down the hotel will benefit the other private sector hotels in the city," he said.

The Brahmaputra Ashok Hotel, located on the scenic banks of the Brahmaputra, has served a number of Presidents and PMs, besides hosting the Indian cricket team and serving food at the National Games held in Guwahati.

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MESSAGE FOR TODAY

In the midst of winter, I found there was, within me, an invincible summer.

— ALBERT CAMUS

The Assam Tribune

Debunked myth

American liberalism is a myth – this has once again been exposed by the recent happenings at Charlottesville, Virginia. White supremacists, neo-Nazis, the Alt-Right and not are being blamed for the violence that erupted when these groups held a rally protesting the removal of the statue of a Confederate General. The fracas ensued when protesters opposing white nationalism clashed with the rally participants; it took a tragic turn when a terrorist with neo-Nazi sympathies rammed his car into the opposing group, killing a woman and injuring many more. This had prominent political and other personalities baying for the white nationalists' blood in hypocritical rhetoric which served to conceal certain realities. One of these is that the broader white America, and not merely fringe racist groups such as the Ku Klux Klan, is inherently racist and the votaries of liberalism are in a sad minority. The murky underbelly of American society was starkly revealed when Donald Trump with his explicitly right-wing views and crass attitude towards women romped home in the last Presidential elections. When Barack Obama with his brilliant oratory filled a political vacuum in a war-weary, George W Bush-wearied nation and became its first African-American President, the international community had wrongly thought that the US had come of age. The election of Trump was a salutary reminder that this was a mirage and the murkiness is still very much there.

That Trump at first, for obvious reasons, did not come out with an unequivocal condemnation of white nationalists drew widespread condemnation, coercing him finally to blame them in a specific way, reveals where the sympathies of America's President actually lie. It also reveals his political naivete, for other right-wing politicians had been quick to condemn the fringe elements despite what their true feelings were. Much of America today remains a hostage to history. Having decimated the indigenous population both through superior weaponry as well as bringing in exotic diseases, the early white migrants took control of the continent, brought in slaves to man their plantations and, in short, became the master of all they surveyed. Slavery might have been abolished, but the white man's consciousness of superiority was in no way diluted. In fact, the nervousness currently felt by white America is also due to the feel that 'outsiders' are taking over the land of 'genuine' Americans, and 'migrants' are becoming a threat to true blue Yankees, never mind that it has been just a few centuries when the Mayflower landed on American shores! Meanwhile, the authentic Americans are languishing in protected reserves as though they were an endangered species. One recalls that in 2015, when a white supremacist gunned down nine black people in a church, it was labelled as a 'hate crime' since in America only Muslims are capable of 'acts of terrorism'!

Assam Accord

It reflects poorly on successive governments both at the Centre and in the State that the Assam Accord – the culmination of a six-year agitation against illegal cross-border influx from Bangladesh – remains largely dishonoured. All the critical provisions of the document from detection and deportation of illegal migrants to sealing of the porous Indo-Bangla border to ensuring constitutional safeguards for the State's indigenous populace have remained unimplemented even after 32 years of the Accord. Indeed, the inaction on the part of the Government is tantamount to trivializing all the hardships – including the supreme sacrifice made by 855 martyrs – endured by the people of Assam during the agitation. All these years we have had many rounds of talks including at the prime ministerial level over the implementation of the Accord but with little visible result on the ground. All this also raises the question whether the Accord was signed hurriedly leaving in the process inherent and distracting drawbacks. Perhaps the Accord left one gaping hole by not emphasizing on the need to have a repatriation treaty between India and Bangladesh under which the latter would be obliged to take back all the legally-detected infiltrators. That said, the worsening of the issue of cross-border influx has more to do with the failure of the Government of India and the Assam Government to put in place a foolproof border protection mechanism all these years that encouraged continued large-scale migration to Assam.

While a lot was expected *vis-a-vis* implementation of the Accord following the assumption of power at the Centre by the BJP three years back, things have failed to improve, raising legitimate questions on the sincerity of the Government. Ironically, the BJP had made detection and deportation of illegal Bangladeshi migrants a poll plank in Assam during both the Lok Sabha and last year's Assembly elections. Instead, what the people of the State have got in the past three years are 'assurances' on foolproof border protection and Accord implementation. In order to prove its sincerity on the issue of illegal migration, the BJP Government's actions need to go beyond giving assurances. Time and again, the Gauhati High Court and even the Supreme Court have been laying bare the pathetic border management – something that has actually been serving the cause of illegal migrants. While there can be no two opinions about the need to expel the illegal migrants and secure the interests of the indigenous populace, matters have not been helped by the controversies plaguing the diverse issues involved. For instance, we have failed to arrive at an acceptable definition of the 'Assamese' so essential for according constitutional and political safeguards to the indigenous populace. The inefficiency of the government machinery in detecting, detaining and deporting Bangladeshi infiltrators has remained another persistent irritant.

The Centre doesn't dig too deep

PRIMARY MOTIFS

Monalisa Changkia

Nagaland is the only Indian State that celebrates two Independence Days – Naga Independence Day on August 14 and Indian Independence Day on August 15. You may ask: how does this work out? Well, I cannot say how it works out but it does. Till about 20 years ago, Naga nationalists would "tell" our people not to celebrate the Indian Independence Day as they had attended the I-Day programmes on August 15. From August 13, the Nagaland Police would be detailed to prevent preparations for the Naga Independence Day on August 14 – on the eve of which posters to celebrate Naga Independence would be pasted on our towns, which would be immediately removed by our cops. Till about 20 years ago, clearly it was our cops, who carried the burden of the celebrations of two Independence Days – removing posters pasted by the Naga nationalists and overseeing and ensuring security right from early August 15. Perhaps, other than our cops, no one really suffers from an overdose of the two I-Days celebrated in Nagaland.

In the past two decades, things have changed and the situation is somewhat different – perhaps except for the cops. I-Day celebrations on August 15 go on as in any State in India although much muted and with greatly decreased fanfare as compared to the 1960s and 1970s. This I believe has much to do with

the changes that have occurred across the country politically and economically since the 1980s, more so since liberalization was ushered in since the early 1990s. Also, since the 1980s, although there was a free flow of cash from the Centre, our people became very intimate with money and corruption in high and low places, began in right earnest so there wasn't much to spare for national days. Heck, there wasn't much spared for repairs and maintenance of roads, electricity, education, health and all other infrastructures as well. The more money the Centre pumped in, the more the state of the State of Nagaland deteriorated. Because of this deterioration, a very debilitating anomie developed in our people, which encouraged those in high places to ignore the existence of the people, who they had sworn on the Constitution to serve. Since then, things have come to a such a pass that today Nagaland is a perfect depiction of a failed State – where for over three years, schisms within the ruling party is the only 'activity' happening here, which has consigned human and infrastructure development to an aspiration, a hope and a prayer of the people, celebration of national days become meaningless.

Then since 2014, with a new po-

litical dispensation at the Centre, the purse strings aren't as loose as they used to be – the reason is not only the much-decreed 'change in funding pattern', inflation, democratization, etc., but the Nagaland Assembly elections slated for early 2018. Any political party that hopes to form the next Government here knows only too well that it is finally money that will speak and make the seat of power accessible. Such thinking works mainly in two ways

of years, as also the possible outcome of the 2018 Nagaland Assembly elections. And don't forget, we don't have any revenue avenues worth the name. As all eyes are now fixed on these elections, I-Day celebrations here are basically Government and political parties' roadshows.

Since the late 1990s, the Centre has also become quite tolerant, lenient and indulgent about the Naga I-Day celebrations – as long as they are held in designated camps. So, come August 14, huge celebrations are held in these camps with much fanfare and speeches of presidents of numerous factions are mailed to our local newspapers, which are diligently printed in the next day. So far, the Central and/or State governments haven't prohibited the local papers from publishing them or sued us for being anti-national. In fact, August 14 sees reporters from all local and a few national newspapers and TV channels heading towards these camps to cover the Naga Independence Day celebrations. Such was not the case around 20 years ago. At that time, I-Day celebrations on August 14 wasn't the best of times for the local media. Now, it is hard to stop anyone from attending these celebrations in the designated camps and equally hard to force people to attend the I-Day celebrations on August 15. But all

these must not be mistaken for our people's overwhelming support for or opposition to the significance of either of the I-Days. The issue of a sovereign, independent and free Nagaland is a totally different issue, especially now as the winds of change across the globe, the country and the region have changed the lives of our people. A delve into these changes by themselves demands another column.

You might now want to ask: Where do the Naga nationalists get the money for the grand August 14 I-Day celebrations? That is the million dollar question nobody dares to answer although everybody knows from where the money comes – definitely from more than one source, as the recent NIA investigations into some Government departments' financial *hisab-kitab* point to.

(The columnist, a journalist and poet, is the editor, Nagaland Page.)

Measures for agricultural uplift in Assam

■ Arpan Dutta

We cannot persist without food, as it provides vital forces for the smooth functioning of our body and mind. Significantly, most of our foodstuffs come from agriculture, which can be grown according to our need. So, probably, having realized the importance of agriculture in an agriculturally deficient country, the first Prime Minister of India Jawaharlal Nehru had rightly claimed: "Everything else may wait, not agriculture." Simultaneously he also put prime importance in agricultural development in India. Since then India is marching towards this goal and encouraging results have also been achieved. It is significant that our country has attained self-sufficiency in almost all categories of foodstuffs now, excepting pulses and oil seeds. Notably, apart from food, the agricultural sector provides 52% of the total workers in India. Moreover, it ensures food security for over one billion population of the country along with sufficient raw materials for various agro-based industries. Not only that, it also contributes 14% to the country's GDP.

The State of Assam is also an agri-

on the factors like low land holding pattern, poor irrigation facilities, lack of marketing system, lack of cold storages and natural calamities like flood, drought and erosion, etc. Definitely, these factors play a pivotal role in lowering the agricultural output in the State. It is true that our net cultivated area and the average land holding are very less. These are respectively of around 30 lakh ha and 0.63 ha only. Similarly, every year flood and erosion have destroyed quite a large area of fertile soil. This has resulted in lesser agricultural products.

This year too, approximately 2.89 lakh hectares of agricultural land in 26 districts have been affected by heavy floods. Altogether 5,04,370 farm families have been affected by the floods this year. In addition to these, of course, the silt deposits that come with the flood water have covered 6,283 hectares of agricultural land in six districts of the State. And it is pathetic that due to the severe erosion by the Brahmaputra along with a few of its tributaries, about 4.28 lakh hectares of agricultural land have been lost in the last 65 years. Drought also plays a negative role in agricultural production in the State every year. This year also after flood, drought had been prevailing in many parts of

State, till the second wave of flood hit many districts on August 10 last.

So, these factors being present, we cannot expect better results in case of agriculture in Assam. Additionally, due to the poor marketing facilities for the produce, the farmers by and large have failed to get good benefit from the agricultural field. That is why the members of our young generation are not attracted towards agriculture; rather they have moved away from it. On the other hand, in spite of having lesser amount of average land holding, our farmers' time and again show optimum production of winter crops, particularly in the *char* areas. Still they fail to get back whatever the money they spend on cultivation, only because of lack of an effective marketing system in the State. As a result, they have to go for distress sale.

Had there been sufficient numbers of cold storages in the State, the farmers would have definitely benefited by storing their produce up to the time the market price goes up. Likewise, there has been adequate numbers of agro-based industries in the State pertaining to manufacture of chips, sauces, jam, jelly, squash, pickles, etc., then there would have been ample scope for getting benefit from the products. At the same time, these would have created the scope of involving the youngsters directly or indirectly through business and employment. Unfortunately, these things are totally absent in our agricultural State.

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Letters to the **EDITOR**

Sir – Floods in Assam are a recurring natural phenomenon. The Brahmaputra river eats into the cultivable land as it erodes more land every time it floods the plains during the monsoons. Lakhs of people are displaced, thousands get killed every year due to floods. The Government has always held a traditional response to the problem with more focus on short-term measures like relief and damage assessment rather than finding preventive and innovative measures to help tackle the problem in the long run.

The Government's inability to find a lasting solution to the flood problem has affected the State socially and economically. Youth migration and human trafficking are two sad realities that follow the annual floods in Assam. Having lost their houses and cultivable land, the poor and unsuspecting families under duress become prone to the ploys of the traffickers who promise jobs for their children and women. Over the decades, Assam has also seen substantial migration of able-bodied youth hailing from the flood-prone districts of the State to other

parts of the country in search of petty jobs. Erosion and sedimentation of the farming lands and the lack of encouragement by the Government in agriculture have resulted in such escapist tendencies. Development activities take a hit every year during the monsoons. As a result, several projects are delayed for years paying way for malpractices.

Although rich in natural resources and fertile plains, Assam has failed to meet its potential and develop its human resources, thus distorted and myopic governance. It is high time for the Government to rethink the paradigm of development and focus more on creating conditions that enable the optimal use of people's resources. It is time we accept that the focus must shift from flood protection to flood governance. Yours etc., HIMANGKA KAUSHIK, Hatigarh Chariali, Guwahati.

Faulty accomplishment

Sir – The final word on the issue of naming of colleges numbering 23 on Deendayal Upadhyay has been sounded by the party in power at the State and at the Centre. This was despite the protests and suggestions that the names of regional luminaries who have contributed towards the sphere of

education in the State too should be given a thought. It was a *fait accompli* even on the day one of its proposal to do so. The governments in power are no more likely to hear a single word of democratic protest; most comic was the interpretation of the concept of *faij, mati, bhed* by the State BJP president. One can only ask questions as to what was the relevance of this slogan in a State election if it had national implications as suggested through the dictated statements coming from obnoxious quarters.

Regionalism has lost its bite as the leaders have become toothless and the survival theory is some thing that all *pitapatashas* have taken recourse to. For many, regional pretences were the diving boards to national politics and the past stalwarts of the AGP joining the BJP proved that. It is good to have a national outlook, yet 'charity begins at home' is not just a saying. Yours etc., BHASKAR PHUKAN, Bamunimaidam, Guwahati.

Rakesh Paul's bail

Sir – The bail granted by the Supreme Court to Rakesh Paul is really disheartening as the main accused going free might jeopardize the entire cleansing process of the APSC. It also shows the casual attitude of the State Government,

which made a boomerang start by arresting a number of corrupt government officials, including Paul and his accomplices, but of late, the incumbent Government seems to be following the footsteps of the previous governments by becoming soft towards the corrupt people. Although Paul can be re-tried on other grounds, will they be as strong as the previous case? All these developments put doubts in the minds of the citizens regarding the motives of the incoming government. Yours etc., A BARTAKUR, Guwahati.

Dibrugarh flight

Sir – Through this esteemed dairy, I would like to draw the attention of our Chief Minister and also the Prime Minister towards the woeful condition of the citizens of Dibrugarh, especially the seniors and the women who prefer to travel by air and feeling insecure to travel by road or by train alone. They are now facing so much inconvenience because of the recent sudden withdrawal of the only flight which used to operate from Guwahati to Dibrugarh. There has been no replacement till date. The condition is still bad now because of the floods as there is no communication between Guwahati and Dibrugarh either by road or by train. We look

forward to the authorities' response and action on this vital issue related to the Dibrugarh citizens. Yours etc., P. BORAH, Boiramgath, Dibrugarh.

Revised pension

Sir – It is said that no one knows where the shoe pinches more than the person wearing it. Similarly, the general people in Assam or elsewhere hardly know about the plight of the Assam Government pensioners. As everyone knows, the amount of pension that an Assam Government pensioner gets is meagre and it is hardly sufficient for meeting the day-to-day and other expenses including medical expenditure. Further, there is no annual increase in the scale of pension except the dearness allowance. The Assam Government's decision of revising the scale of pension for its pensioners was good news for the pensioners. Of course, till now, that good news has been on paper only. The Assam Government's delay in the payment of revised pension to its pensioners is really unfortunate and unforgivable. Yours etc., MAHESWAR DEKA, Rangiya.

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Fire

GUWAHATI, Aug 16: A fire broke out at SRL Diagnostics located at Ulubari here today after the airconditioning in the room adjacent to the MRI room developed a glitch. Fire tenders were rushed to the spot. "As the diagnostic facility functions from 9 am, no patient was present when the fire started," official sources said. —Staff Reporter

Park in memory of Assam Movement martyrs

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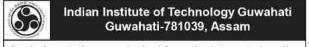
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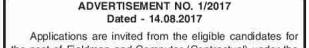
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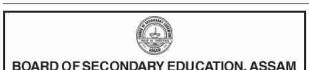
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WALK-IN-INTERVIEW FOR THE POST OF
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Centre Director, Centre of Plasma Physics-Institute for Plasma Research (CIPR), Sonapur invites interested candidates in an Walk-in-Interview for selection of one temporary Technical Assistant (Project).

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dependence Day on Tuesday. He said a *shradhanjali* programme was organised for the first time at the Veterinary College field to pay homage to the martyrs of the Assam Movement and at the programme, an ex gratia of Rs 5 lakh each was given to the next of kin of the families of 860 martyrs.

The park will be constructed on a 100-bigha plot in the heart of the city, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal said in his speech after hoisting the Tricolour at the Veterinary College Field here on the In-

Satra land from encroachment," he added.

Through the Chief Minister's Free Diagnostics Service, the government has ensured availability of a number of free diagnostics services to all the citizens and more than 1.2 lakh people have been entitled to date, he said.

To revitalise elementary education in the State, the government has appointed more than 12,000 teachers in the last one year, Sonowal said, adding that free textbooks have been given to more than 59 lakh elementary school students.

The Chief Minister said for the first time, the State government had distributed 108 lakh free textbooks among 7,66 lakhs students of classes IX and X. Similarly, admission fees have been waived for 2,03 lakh students pursuing higher education.

He said revenue collection has increased to Rs 15,620 crore in the last fiscal from Rs 12,848 crore in 2015-16. "The plan expenditure has increased to 64.46 per cent in 2016-17 against only 37 per cent in 2015-16. Similarly, the total fund released by the State ex-



Artists performing during the Sri Krishna Janmashtami Mahotsav organised by Hare Krishna Movement, Sonarbari HS School playground in Guwahati on Tuesday - AT photo

Sonowal inaugurates Senior Citizens' Forum office in city

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 16: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today inaugurated the office of the elderly section of the society so that they can live a life of dignity.

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Indian society, and that they are the guiding force in shaping social values, the Chief Minister said the government is committed to serving the interests of the elderly section of the society so that they can live a life of dignity.

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giving birth to their parents

and the feedback of the elderly citizens

on different matters of govern-

ment and the society.

Urging the young generation of the State to

commit themselves to the cause of the society with renewed vigour,

Sonowal said strong moral and spiritual values can help a society achieve its true potential.

PWD Minister Parimal Saikia,

State Minister for Social Welfare Nahar Kumar Doley,

MP Bijoya Chakraborty, media

adviser to the Chief Minister Hirshikesh Goswami, Housewife chairman Ranjita Kanta Dass and several other MLAs were also

present on the occasion.

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State to celebrate Int'l Day of Old Persons on Oct 1: CM

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In the sensory room, differ-

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prove their skills and educa-

tion using various types of in-

struments like CF chairs,

standing frames, corner

sheets, balancing boards, dark

room, different types of lights,

full balls for sitting, different

types of balls and mat-

resses, sensory integration

and temporal.

Speaking on the occasion,

Re appreciated the NF Rail-

way Women's Welfare Organi-

sation for taking a welfare

scheme for the differently abled

children.

The second day of the drive

on Thursday has been christened

"Swachi Swamib" or "Clean-

ness Dialogue with Public"

during which seminars on sanita-

tion will be organised on the

playground of the school.

Swachh Awareness Drive

will also be conducted in the

playground of the school.

During the fortnight, events

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Stations, Swachh Railgaid,

Swachh Parivar, Swachh Ahar,

Swachh Neer, Swachh Pras-
antram and Swachh Competition

"During the entire period of

the drive, the NFR will under-

take activities like staging of

street plays with the help of

NGOs, religious bodies and

schoolchildren."

The primary focus of the

drive will be cleanliness of

'A-1' and 'A' category sta-

tions. Accordingly stations like

Guwarati, Jorhat, Tin-

sukia, New Jalpaiguri, Silguri

Junction, Jorhat, Purnia Junction,

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71st Independence Day celebrated with pomp and gaiety

GUWAHATI, Aug 16: The 71st Independence Day was celebrated across the State with pomp and gaiety despite inclement weather at various places. Our Staff Correspondent/Correspondents and ANN Service reported.

JORHAT: Agriculture and Veterinary Minister Atul Bora unfurled the Tricolour on the Jorhat Court Field on the occasion of 71st Independence Day function organised in the district headquarters along with rest of the country.

Bora, who was chief guest of the function, in his address, paid rich tributes to Mahatma Gandhi and all other freedom fighters who fought against the British rule.

The minister while recalling the contribution of Assamese freedom fighters said that in the 19th century, leaders like Gomonti Konwar, Manmohan Dewan, Piyali Barua, Bahadur Gaonbaruh, Formud Ali participated in the revolt against British Raj and some among them attained martyrdom while others were imprisoned.

Bora said that the State Government was following the policy of progress and development as per the concept of *Sabu ka sathi sabu ka vilas* introduced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

He also said the Government is adopting a tough stand against corruption.

Earlier, the minister took salute from a march past carried out by contingents of Assam Police, Home Guards and cadets of NCC and Scouts.

A colourful cultural function was also organised on the occasion. Jorhat Lok Sabha MP Kamakhya Prasad Tasa, Tezpur MLA Renupama Rajkhowa, Jorhat DC Virendra Mittal and Jorhat SP Prasanta Bhuyan were among those who attended the SILCHAR: In a bid to add fillip to infrastructure development in Barak Valley, Minister of Commerce, Industries and Parliamentary Affairs Charu Mohan Patowary said that the Government has decided to turn the valley, struggling with infrastructural bottlenecks into a logistic hub.

In his address to the people of Cachar district after hostilities on the day of the 71st Independence Day at the SMT Stadium, Patowary said, "the Government will open a logistic hub here and the Cachar Deputy Commissioner has been asked to look for location of 400-500 bigha land for the purpose. We shall ask the companies to invest here and production output shall spread to various parts of the State."

Further, the minister admitted that the Government is concerned over the status of the Cachar Paper Mill, the solitary industry in Barak Valley. "The Union Ministry of Heavy Industries is also concerned on this and we are hopeful of the revival of the mill soon," Patowary maintained.

The Commerce Minister, in his speech said that there will be skill development centres in all the blocks and municipalities from October 15, this year and the ITIs here will also be strengthened so that youths become skilled for better opportunities.

GOALPARA: The 71st Independence Day was celebrated here at the Junior Technical School's playground with enthusiasm and great patriotic fervour amidst traditional gaiety and in presence of a number of distinguished guests, officials and a large crowd who attended the function under tight security.

Unfurling the Tricolour and inspecting the guard of honour Deputy Commissioner Ghanayam Dass in his speech underscored the significance of the day and recollected the sacrifices and struggles of the freedom movement.

Dass also highlighted various developmental schemes taken up in the district for the welfare of the common people and also said that the Government is working to fulfil the aspirations of all the people and with a resolve for peace, prosperity and development in the district.

He also urged the people to maintain the rich traditions and legacy of the Golapara district.

He also took salute of an impressive march past presented by a number of colourful contingents where Sainik School (B) and Holy Cross School were adjudged as the best contingents under uniform/non uniform categories.

This was followed by a colourful function showcasing the rich cultural heritage of the district and on patriotic themes.

Several people were felicitated and awards were given away on the occasion amongst whom Tabir Rahaman (High Madrasa), Dipika Rabha (HSLC) for exemplary results, R Monin of Rangaspara village for social work, Dr Shyamalendu Das (Health services), Abdul Mazid (BDO) from DRDA, Nishita Kashyab for her achievements at the State-level Taekwondo competition, eight senior achievers besides sportspersons, best farmers, entrepreneurs, photographers etc.

TINSUKIA: Along with the rest of country, in flood-affected Tinsukia district, the 71st Independence Day was celebrated austere.

On the occasion, the Tricorral field here at chief guest of the function. He also inspected the marching contingents consisting of Police, NCC, school and college students and took the salute of the march past.

In his address delivered on the occasion, the chief guest appealed to the people to co-operate with the administration in implementing the welfare projects of the Govern-

ment. He also informed that the district administration with the cooperation of all the departments has successfully stood by the side of the victims of the recent flood and helped them with all the necessary relief materials and other requirements.

He further informed that the district administration was arranging the allotment of the plots of land for the proposed medical college near Tinsukia and Deendayal Upadhyaya College near Dooomoda and the same would be completed at the earliest.

Earlier, the chief guest paid tributes to the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi by garlanding his statue at the circuit house compound and paid homage to the martyrs at the parade ground. Cultural troupes of different organisations, educational institutes performed traditional and patriotic songs, dances etc., in the function.

NALBARI: The 71st Independence Day was celebrated at Nalbari SP office playground with great enthusiasm.

The national Tricolour was hoisted by the Deputy Commissioner of Nalbari Ananta Lal Gyani in the central Inde-

pendence Day function. Thousands of people gathered at the programme organised by the Nalbari district administration.

The Deputy Commissioner also inspected the guard of honour presented by the security personnel and the students of local schools and colleges. The district administration also felicitated freedom fighters, progressive farmers, meritorious students of the district. Hoisting the Tricolour, the Deputy Commissioner recalled the contribution of the martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the nation. He said that the State Government has been taking a number of welfare schemes for the uplift of the

people. Earlier, the chief of BTC took the guard of honour and distributed rewards and citations of honour to the beneficiaries and those for outstanding performances in various fields.

NTCP Salakati also celebrated 11th Day in a befitting manner in its premises with a daylong programme. Utpal Chakraborty, GGM unfurled the Tricolour and addressed the gathering.

To encourage education among girls, three bicycles were also distributed on the occasion to the girl students of Anguri of Kokrajhar.

TEZPUR: The day was celebrated centrally at Judges'

here was a major attraction of the programme. The arms exhibition by the Army was also another attraction for the audience that thronged the celebration venue.

Besides other dignitaries, the event was graced by local MLA, Brindaban Goswami, DC, Sonitupur Manju Kumar Deka.

MORIGAON: The 71st Independence Day was observed here at Morigaon with enthusiasm. Paliyar Lochan Das, Minister for Labour and Employment and Energy formally hoisted the National Flag at Tarun Ram Phukan playground.

Addressing the people, Minister Das said that BJP led State Government has taken up several pro people schemes which will uplift the socio-economic status in future. Earlier, he visited the historic Morigaon Gandhi Bhawan and paid respectful homage to the Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi and other martyrs who made supreme sacrifices for the freedom of the country. Cultural functions were also held on the occasion.

BAIHATA CHARIALI: The Kamrup (Rural) district administration also celebrated the Independence Day at Aningaon parade ground with a colourful programme. Vinod Seshan, Deputy Commissioner of Kamrup (R) district hoisted the Tricolour before the huge gathering.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner recalled the contributions of Kushal Konwar, Mukunda Kakati and other martyrs of the freedom movement of India and called upon the public to extend their active co-operation and involvement in every step of developmental work and to keep integrity, fraternity, harmony and good understanding among different ethnic groups to make the country strong, prosperous and violence free. The Deputy Commissioner also said that the government will give assistance to the flood-affected people and mentioned the steps of the government taken for the uplift of education.

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Synchronising with the occasion, a number of cultural programmes like Chaitaliiri, Bodo dance, street play etc., were also organised. In the same function prizes of the best ANM, MPW and ASHA worker of the district and different literary and sports events held on the occasion were distributed.

HATSINGIMARI: Despite devastating floods in South Salma-Sankachar district, State Forest Minister Pramila Rani Brahma hoisted the flag here with much pomp and gaiety. The Tricolour was unfurled by the Minister for Water Resources, Science and Technology, Keshab Mahanta. He spoke on the welfare work initiated by the government. Pointing out to the recent appointments in the Education Department, he said that the chief of BTC Hagrama Mohury unfurled the Tricolour at Govt HS & MP School playground amidst the huge gathering.

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Independence Day celebrated across NE

GUWAHATI, Aug 16: Northeastern States celebrated the 71st Independence Day with patriotic fervour on Tuesday. Various programmes were organised in the State capitals across the region wherein senior Government officials, freedom fighters and students took part. Our Correspondents report:

Shillong: Addressing a big gathering at Polo Grounds, in Shillong, Meghalaya Chief Minister Mukul Sangma said, "Violence in any form undermines progress. Whatever the problem, whatever the reason or provocation, there is no place for violence in our society. There is no issue that does not lend itself to solution through dialogue."

Touching upon militancy and the law-and-order situation in the State, the CM said that the State has witnessed a relatively peaceful period compared to the past, although there were stray incidences of violence.

The overall internal security scenario in the State has improved with the launching of successful counter-insurgency operations against the militants, he claimed.

However, a report relating to railway construction works between Teteila and Byrnihat was objected by some NGOs, which had affected the law-and-order situation, especially in RI Bholi district. "The Government will address all issues related to the railways in order to enable the people to reap the benefits of connectivity which will go a long way in bringing prosperity to the State," Sangma stated.

Itanagar: Independence Day was celebrated with great zeal and enthusiasm across Arunachal Pradesh on Tuesday.

The main function was organised



Meghalaya Chief Minister Dr Mukul Sangma taking the salute from students marching during 71st Independence Day celebration in Shillong on Tuesday. – UB Photos

at Indira Gandhi Park in Itanagar, where Chief Minister Pema Khandu unfurled the tri-colour and took salute from the marching contingents of police and military forces and school children. For the first time, a contingent of Nagaland Armed Police Mahila Battalion also took part in the I-Day parade in the capital.

Paying his rich tributes to the freedom fighters, the Chief Minister, in his address, to the gathering, highlighted the achievements and priorities of his Government to bring about sustainable development in the State.

Revealing that Government has identified agriculture and horticulture as the "sunrise" sectors, Khandu said, "We have set a target for ourselves to achieve self-sufficiency in

foodgrains by 2020 and total rice sufficiency in the State by 2023.

While admitting that the implementation of the Chief Minister's Universal Health Insurance Scheme (launched by previous Nahan Tukied Congress Government) "ran into some teething problems", Khandu informed that in the next three months, his Government will be coming out with a restructured healthcare model, which will be "universal, affordable and accessible".

Dimapur: Greeting the people of the State on the occasion of Independence Day at Civil Secretariat Plaza in Kohima, Nagaland Chief Minister TR Zeling urged the people to dedicate themselves for the betterment of the State.

Zeling said that Nagaland Assembly has constituted a Political Affairs Committee with an aim for an amicable solution to the vexed Naga problem.

He also claimed that the law-and-order situation in the State has significantly improved which is a good indication for the development of the State.

"The Department of Agriculture, during 2017-18 has set a target of achieving 7.44 lakh metric tonnes of foodgrain production with a growth rate of 6.5 per cent. We have also accorded priority to the agriculture sector in order to increase the income of the farmers," he said.

Aizawl: Mizoram Chief Minister Lal Thanhawla claimed that his government's flagship programme New Land Use Policy has made a significant contribution to the State's economic growth.

"An overview performance of NLUP has indicated impressive success – increased income for the beneficiaries and contribution for the economic growth of Mizoram," he said after unfurling the national flag during the celebration of Independence Day at Lammal here.

The Chief Minister said that as per the Economic Survey report 2015-16, production of rice had gone up by 31.54 per cent in spite of reduction of 'Jhum' (slash and burn method of shifting cultivation) area by about 40 per cent.

He also claimed that there was a phenomenal increase in production of broom grass by more than 22 times.

"When NLUP started, production of input supply was less than five per cent in almost all sectors," he said, adding that by the end of 2015-16, most of the sectors achieved self-sufficiency in quality input supply which was a highly commendable achievement.

Outlining the State Government's achievements, Lal Thanhawla said that the 60-MW Turial hydropower project would be commissioned during this year.

He said that Mizoram continued to be one of the most peaceful States in the country.

Imphal: Hoisting the tri-colour at

Major Rifles parade ground in Imphal under tight security cover, Chief Minister N Biren Singh said that his main objective is to bring development for the people of Manipur. "In fact, we have prepared a long-term plan covering various sectors so that we can increase our GDP growth, besides increasing our agriculture output," he said and appealed to people to avail the benefits of the schemes launched by the State Government.

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM POLITICAL (A) DEPARTMENT: DISPUR ORDER BY THE GOVERNOR NOTIFICATION

Dated Dispur, the 16th August, 2017.
No.PL.A.25/1/2017/ECF-27924: In exercise of the powers conferred under the Section 3 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952, the Governor of Assam caused to constitute an One Man Inquiry Commission headed by Justice Renu H N Sharma, retired Judge of Gauhati High Court, Guwahati to inquire into the circumstances leading to death of persons due to electrocution in the State since 1st April, 2017 with onset of monsoon season.

The terms of reference of the Commission of Inquiry shall be as follows:

- 1) To ascertain circumstances leading to deaths of persons due to electrocution in the State since 1st April, 2017 with onset of monsoon season.
- 2) To identify persons/officials responsible for such deaths and lapses/errors on their part.
- 3) To ascertain the causes of technical faults/reasons causing these deaths.
- 4) To suggest to enhance safety measures including technical managerial to avoid such deaths in future and minimise such fatal incidents.

The Commission of Inquiry will submit its report within 3 (three) months from the date of issue of this Notification.

Sd/- (M Hazarika)
Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
Home & Political Department

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Online applications are invited from citizens of India as defined in the Constitution of India having registration in Employment Exchanges in the State of Assam for recruitment of Computer Operator in the Assam Secretariat, Government of Assam, Janata Bhawan, Dispur, Guwahati-781006 in the Scale of Pay of PB 14000-49000 + Grade Pay 6200/- plus other allowances as admissible under Rules.

Vacancies: Total = 167

a) English Language Computer Operator	= 114
b) Assamese Language Computer Operator	= 53
c) Computer Operator	= 13
d) Total Vacancies	= 167
e) Reservation for SC	= 19
f) ST(TH)	= 09
g) OBC	= 08
h) MOCB/MOCB	= 32
i) Unreserved	= 91
j) PWD	= 08
k) Reservation for Women	= 30% (in all categories)
l) Reservation for Ex-Servicemen	= 2% (in all categories)

Educational qualifications: (a) The minimum educational qualification for the candidates shall be a graduate in Arts, Science or Commerce from a University recognized by the State Government or a degree equivalent thereto and recognized by the Government.

(b) The candidates must also possess a minimum 6(six) months Diploma/Certificate in Computer proficiency from a recognized Institute.

Age: The candidate should not be less than 18 years and more than 43 years of age on the 1st day of January, 2017. The upper age limit is relaxable by 5 years for SC and ST candidates. The age limit of the candidates will be calculated on the basis of the Matriculation/HSLC Admit Card/Certificate issued by a recognized Board/Council and no other document shall be accepted in lieu thereof for this purpose.

Application fees: The candidates will have to pay the application fees as follows

Category	: Rate of Application fee
(a) General	:Rs 250.00 (Rupees two hundred and fifty) only.
(b) SC/ST/OBC :Rs 150.00 (Rupees one hundred and fifty) only.	
(c) Candidates belonging : NIL	

The amount may be paid through Treasury Challan to the Head of Account #070-Other Administrative Services-60-Other Services-800-Other Receipts."

Mode of Selection :

Phase-I: Candidates whose applications are accepted will be required to appear in a competitive examination to be held at examination centres mentioned below on the date to be notified later on. The examination will be of 100 marks with Multiple Choice Questions(MCQ) for 2 hours duration to be administered through OMR Sheets.

Examination Zone for Phase-I:- Silchar, Diphu, Hailong, Dibrugarh, Johat, Majuli, Nagaon, Lakhimpur, Tezpur, Mangaldoi, Guwahati, Nalbari, Bongaigaon, Kokrajhar and Dhubri. The syllabus of objective type will be as follows:

Sl. No.	Subject	Total marks
1.	General English	40
2.	Computer Theory	40
3.	General Awareness	20
	Total	100

Phase-II: Against each vacancy four candidates will be short listed on the basis of the marks obtained in the written test. The short listed candidates shall have to appear in the Computer Proficiency Test to be held centrally in Guwahati alongwith original test papers including original copy of Treasury Challan. The total marks for Computer Proficiency Practical Test will be 100 marks.

How to apply: Instructions for filling up prescribed online form will be available in website www.recruitmentass.in

CANDIDATES ARE REQUIRED TO APPLY IN PRESCRIBED FORM THROUGH ONLINE MODE ONLY. NO OTHER MODE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION IS ALLOWED.

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Before applying online, the candidates are advised to carefully go through the instructions provided in the above website. Candidates are required to upload a latest passport size photograph, photocopy of the Admit Card/Certificate of H.S.L.C. examination, Scanned Signature, Employment Registration Certificate, Caste Certificate (in case of reserved category candidates), and Discharge Book No. & Date, place of issue by competent authority, Discharge Book No. & Date, place of issue (in respect of Ex-Servicemen) and original copy of Treasury Challan and copy of BPL, Certificate in case of candidate of BPL families. No other document i.e. the hard copy of the online application form registration slip etc. are required to be sent to the Secretariat Administration (Estt.)

Since the application are submitted online, the question of submission of applications through proper channel in case of the candidates already employed becomes redundant. However such candidate shall intimate their appropriate appointing authorities about submission of application in writing.

The candidate shall intimate the appropriate appointing authorities to the Secretariat Administration (Estt.) for permission to appear in Written Examination / join services on being selected by the Secretariat Administration (Estt.), in due course of time shall rest upon the appropriate authority. The Secretariat Administration (Estt.) Department shall not be in any way responsible/accountable in the event of not according permission to appear in the written examination/join service after selection.

Online form may be filled-up w.e.f. 21.08.2017 to 19.09.2017 (midnight) only. No application will be filled up after expiry of the given time as the link will be disabled.

The applicants are advised to submit only a single application. However if due to any unavoidable situation he/she submits another application with different registration number, he/she will ensure that the application with the higher Registration Number is completed in all respect which will be accepted by the Secretariat Administration (Estt.) Department.

Decision of the Secretariat Administration (Estt.) Deptt. as to the eligibility or otherwise of a candidate for admission to the service will be final.

CANVASSING DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY SHALL DISQUALIFY A CANDIDATE.

No application form will be accepted in the Secretariat Administration (Estt.) Department.

No TA/DA is admissible for appearing in the Written Test/ Computer Proficiency Practical Test.

Sd/- Ahmed Hussain, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Secretariat Administration Department, Janasanayog D/6744/17, Dispur, Guwahati-781006

Shillong girl's body found in front of her Kolkata flat

KOLKATA, Aug 16: The body of a flight attendant was found yesterday in a pool of blood on the roadside in front of her residential flat at Keshstopur in the city.

Police found the body of Khengistha Clara Bansha Rai, resident of Shillong and employed with a private airline, lying in front of her flat in the early hours.

Locals informed the Baghjan police station after noticing the body at around 4 am. They was suspected that the woman, who was in her early 20s, could have fallen from the window of her flat on the fourth floor of the building, police detained two women who were her friends.

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Deputy Commissioner of Tengnoupal district Kh Raghunath Singh has written a letter to his Myanmar counterpart stationed at Tamu in Myanmar bordering Moreh to instruct Myanmar citizens to abide by Indian traffic rules and regulations while entering India's territory.

Deferment of Mansarovar yatra hit 392 pilgrims

NEW DELHI, Aug 16: A total of 392 pilgrims selected to travel to Kalash Mansarovar via Nathu La route in Sikkim in eight batches were affected due to the deferment of the yatra, Rayya Sabha was informed recently.

"Kalash Mansarovar Yatra via Nathu La route has been deferred this year after the Chinese Government cited unfavourable conditions to ensure the safe and smooth conduct of the yatra on this route," Minister of State for External Affairs VK Singh said in a written reply. – PTI

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CAPSULE**Apollo Tyres target**

NEW DELHI, Aug 16: Apollo Tyres is looking to nearly double sales volume of its two-wheeler tyres to around two lakh units a month this fiscal, according to company Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Rakesh Kumar, which had targeted it to two-wheeler tyres in March last year, will not attempt to gain with price undercutting and expects profitability on the segment to continue to "remain decent". - PTI

Yes Bank cuts rate

NEW DELHI, Aug 16: Private sector lender Yes Bank today reduced the interest rate on savings bank accounts by 1 per cent to 5 per cent for deposits of less than Rs 1 lakh. However, the bank will continue to pay 6 per cent interest on deposits of over Rs 1 lakh and less than Rs 1 crore. - PTI

Videocon

NEW DELHI, Aug 16: Consumer electronics firm Videocon has appointed Rajesh Rath as its business head. Rath, who has been associated with Videocon for over eight years, was earlier national head and responsible for the group's consumer durable sales across India, the company said in a statement today. - PTI

Paytm Mall

MUMBAI, Aug 16: Paytm Mall, owned by Paytm Payments, today said it will support its shopekeepers to take on online retailers and will invest up to \$5 million to address the needs of its partner retailers. "We will continue engaging with our partner retailers to build our infrastructure and enhance their businesses," Chief Operating Officer of Paytm Mall Amit Sinha said in a statement. - PTI

Finmin issues advisory to state-run general insurers

MUMBAI, Aug 16: The Finance Ministry has come down heavily on the state-owned general insurers for running their group health insurance business in perennial losses.

While the segment-wise figures of losses are not available for the year gone by, the state-owned general insurers saw their underwriting losses soaring nearly 41 per cent to Rs 16,000 crore in 2016-17.

The umbrella body of the industry, the General Insurance Council, does not have the segmented data on group health insurance losses. As a whole, the underwriting losses of the industry dipped 3.45 per cent to Rs 18,968 crore for the fiscal 2017 thanks to better show by the private players, while the state-owned players' underwriting losses soared by a whopping 40.55 per cent to Rs 16,000 crore in

FY17 from Rs 10,848 crore in FY16. As against this, the private sector's group health insurance losses came down to Rs 2,956 crore from Rs 3,654 crore a year ago.

The Finance Ministry, in a recent letter, asked the CMDs of the state-run general insurers to put in place an appropriate mechanism for pricing group

per cent to Rs 2,317 crore in April from Rs 2,209 crore a year ago. But the private sector recorded a much bigger growth.

But private players have been faring much better on this front with their group mediclaim portfolio clipping past 31 per cent to Rs 563 crore in April

The renewal pricing of each large employee benefit programme of corporates is always based on these broad parameters and then finalised by case-to-case negotiations, "National Insurance Chairman Sanath Kumar told PTI. Oriental Insurance Chairman AV Girija Kumar said his company adheres to a careful underwriting of group mediclaim, which is in line with commercial prudence.

"Our approach of prudent underwriting is acknowledged in the market. So we're comfortable with the guidelines since we are already following the same," Kumar said.

Private player Bajaj Allianz's group health cover segment grew around 60 per cent in the June quarter and it is hopeful that the segment will grow further. - PTI

Mounting group mediclaim losses

from Rs 430 crore a year ago, while the growth of standalone players was more robust at 90 per cent at Rs 108 crore.

When contacted, National Insurance said it does have a pricing mechanism for its corporate health insurance products.

"We always take into consideration the incurred loss experience of past two-three years, cost of operations and the projected outgo in the coming year.

Data security safeguards**Govt asks 21 smartphone makers to share info**

NEW DELHI, Aug 16: The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology today said it has asked 21 smartphone makers across the world – of which the majority are Indian – to share the security procedures and processes they have undertaken to ensure security of mobile phone devices.

A senior official at the ministry said the government has taken this step to ensure that mobile phone users have assured data privacy in the wake of reports of data leakage and theft both domestically as well as abroad.

The government has asked the companies to fur-

nish the information by August 28 next.

"There have been some reports that some mobile phones leak data. The government is taking steps to see how that leakage of data can be prevented," the official said.

"The first step in that direction is that we have asked the mobile companies to inform us what are the security procedures and processes that have been taken by them to ensure the security of the data of the users and their privacy... We want to make sure that any device that is sold in the country should be safe," the official said.

Minister of State for Power, Coal, New and Renewable Energy and Mines (Ind Charge) Piyush Goyal and Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas (Ind Charge) Dharmendra Pradhan witnessing the signing ceremony of an MoU between Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (EESL) and Indian Oil Corporation Ltd, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd for distribution of UJALA energy efficient appliances through petrol pumps, in New Delhi on Wednesday. - PIB

**CANCELLATION / DIVERSION / SHORT TERMINATION OF TRAIN SERVICES**

The following trains have been Cancelled / Diverted / Short terminated due to breaches caused by unprecedented flood situation :

(A) Cancellation of Trains :-

- (1) 15442 (New Jalpaiguri - Howrah Shatabdi) Express will remain cancelled on 17-08-2017, 18-08-2017 and 19-08-2017. (2) 12235 (Dibrugarh - New Delhi) Rajdhani Express will remain cancelled on 17-08-2017. (3) 12423 (Dibrugarh - New Delhi) Rajdhani Express will remain cancelled on 17-08-2017, 18-08-2017 and 20-08-2017. (4) 12435 (Dibrugarh - New Delhi) Rajdhani Express will remain cancelled on 18-08-2017. (5) 12344 (New Jalpaiguri - Sealdah) Darjeeling Mail will remain cancelled on 17-08-2017, 18-08-2017, 19-08-2017 and 20-08-2017. (6) 12346 (Guwahati - Howrah Sarat Express) will remain cancelled on 17-08-2017, 18-08-2017 and 19-08-2017. (7) 12364 (Howrah - Sarat Express) will remain cancelled on 17-08-2017, 18-08-2017 and 19-08-2017. (8) 12378 (New Alipurduar - Sealdah) Padatik Express will remain cancelled on 17-08-2017, 18-08-2017, 19-08-2017 and 20-08-2017. (9) 12380 (Alipurduar - Sealdah) Padatik Express will remain cancelled on 17-08-2017, 18-08-2017, 19-08-2017 and 20-08-2017. (10) 12505 (Guwahati - Anand Vihar) North East Express will remain cancelled on 17-08-2017, 18-08-2017, 19-08-2017 and 20-08-2017. (11) 12508 (Guwahati - Tinsukia) Intercity Express will remain cancelled on 17-08-2017, 18-08-2017, 19-08-2017 and 20-08-2017. (12) 12510 (Guwahati - Bangalore) Express will remain cancelled on 17-08-2017, 18-08-2017, 19-08-2017 and 20-08-2017. (13) 12514 (Guwahati - Secunderabad) Express will remain cancelled on 17-08-2017, 18-08-2017, 19-08-2017 and 20-08-2017. (14) 12518 (Guwahati - Kolkata) Garib Rath Express will remain cancelled on 17-08-2017, 18-08-2017, 19-08-2017 and 20-08-2017. (15) 12520 (Guwahati - Sampark Kranji Express) will remain cancelled on 19-08-2017. (16) 12525 (New Jalpaiguri - New Delhi) SF Express will remain cancelled on 19-08-2017. (17) 13142 (New Jalpaiguri - Sealdah) West Bengal Torsa Express will remain cancelled on 17-08-2017, 18-08-2017 and 19-08-2017. (18) 13146 (Ranaghat - Kolkata) Express will remain cancelled on 17-08-2017, 18-08-2017 and 20-08-2017. (19) 13148 (New Coch Behar - Sealdah) Uttar Banga Express will remain cancelled on 17-08-2017, 18-08-2017, 19-08-2017 and 20-08-2017. (20) 13150 (Kamakhya - Dibrugarh) Dibrugarh - Dibrugarh LTT AC Express will remain cancelled on 17-08-2017, 18-08-2017 and 19-08-2017. (21) 13160 (Jogbani - Kolkata) Express will remain cancelled on 17-08-2017, 18-08-2017 and 19-08-2017. (22) 13164 / 13163 (Sahasra Jatra - Sealdah) Express will remain cancelled on 17-08-2017, 18-08-2017, 19-08-2017 and 20-08-2017. (23) 14019 (Agartala - Anand Vihar) Tripura Sundari Express will remain cancelled on 17-08-2017. (24) 14053 (Dibrugarh - Old Delhi) Brahmaputra Mail will remain cancelled on 17-08-2017, 18-08-2017 and 19-08-2017. (25) 15464 (Balurghat - Siliguri) Intercity Express will remain cancelled on 17-08-2017, 18-08-2017 and 20-08-2017. (26) 15621 (Kamakhya - Anand Vihar) Weekly Express will remain cancelled on 17-08-2017. (27) 15483 (Agartala - Jorhat) Mail will remain cancelled on 17-08-2017, 18-08-2017, 19-08-2017 and 20-08-2017. (28) 15624 (Kamakhya - Bhagat Ki Koti) Weekly Express will remain cancelled on 18-08-2017. (29) 15625 (Guwahati - Chennai Egmore) Express will remain cancelled on 17-08-2017, 18-08-2017 and 19-08-2017. (30) 15640 (Guwahati - Puri) Express will remain cancelled on 20-08-2017. (32) 15641 (Kamakhya - Katihar) Express will remain cancelled on 17-08-2017, 18-08-2017 and 19-08-2017. (34) 15655 (Kamakhya - Katihar) Express will remain cancelled on 17-08-2017, 18-08-2017 and 20-08-2017. (41) 15722 (New Jalpaiguri - Digha) Paharia Express will remain cancelled on 18-08-2017. (42) 15903 (Dibrugarh - Dibrugarh) Dibrugarh - Dibrugarh LTT AC Express will remain cancelled on 18-08-2017. (43) 15906 (Dibrugarh - Kanyakumari) Vivek Express will remain cancelled on 19-08-2017. (44) 15910 (Dibrugarh - Lalgarh Jn.) Garib Nawaz Express will remain cancelled on 17-08-2017, 18-08-2017, 19-08-2017 and 20-08-2017. (45) 15911 (Dibrugarh - Dibrugarh) Weekly Express will remain cancelled on 20-08-2017. (46) 15942 (Dibrugarh - Jhansi) Weekly Express will remain cancelled on 18-08-2017. (47) 15960 (Dibrugarh - Howrah) Kamrup Express will remain cancelled on 17-08-2017, 18-08-2017, 19-08-2017 and 20-08-2017. (48) 16830 (New Jalpaiguri - Ranchi) Weekly Express will remain cancelled on 18-08-2017.

Inconvenience caused to the passengers is deeply regretted

General Manager (Operations)
NORTH EAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

'Champions of Change'**PM to meet young entrepreneurs today**

NEW DELHI, Aug 16: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will meet 212 young entrepreneurs tomorrow to elicit their views on policy initiatives to encourage entrepreneurship.

Under the 'Champions of Change' programme organised by NITI Aayog, young entrepreneurs today began deliberations on six themes – New India 2022, Digital India, Emerging a Sustainable Tomorrow, Health and Nutrition, Education and Skill Development, and Soft Power.

After completion of deliberations, the entrepreneurs will make presentations to the Prime Minister on action points which could be incorporated in a 15-Year Vision Document, a senior NITI Aayog official said.

The entrepreneurs participating in deliberations include Paytm CEO Vijay Shekhar Sharma.

In a similar programme, 180 young CEOs would deliberate on six subjects on August 21-22. These themes would on New India 2022, Make in India, Cities of Tomorrow, World Class Infrastructure, Doubling Farmers' Income and Financial Sector Reforms. - PTI

Notice for cancellation of Tender

No. SSAMS/CRC-C-Supervision/10/2012/2056 Date : 14.08.2017
The tenders invited No. SSAMS/CRC-C-Supervision/10/2012/1656 dated 17.07.2017 re-tender is hereby cancelled due to administrative reasons.

Sd/- Mission Director,
Janasanayog/C/1114/17 SSA, Assam, Kahlipara, Guwahati-19

Notice Inviting Re-e-Tender

No. SSAMS/CRC-C-Supervision/10/2012/2056 Date : 14.08.2017
Mission Director, Assam Sarba Siksha Abhiyan Mission, Kahlipara, Guwahati-19, Assam invites re-e-tender through e-Tendering process from reputed Service Firm for hosting and maintenance contract of the CRC Academic Project.

To participate in this tender process through e-procurement document, bidder should have registered on DRDB e-procurement Central (DRBC) portal (minimum) and have to register in the portal [https://ssams.tenders.gov.in](http://ssams.tenders.gov.in) by themselves. The Bidder who has downloaded the tender schedules containing the tender details, terms and conditions, from the website shall submit their tender on-line on the website [https://ssams.tenders.gov.in](http://ssams.tenders.gov.in), with proof of payment of non-refundable tender fee of Rs. 1000/- (Rupees one thousand only in the form of Demand Draft) Banks Cheque drawn in favour of Mission Director, Assam Sarba Siksha Abhiyan Mission, Kahlipara, Guwahati-19, Assam and payable at Guwahati. The tender should be submitted on-line as per date and time of submission as per prescribed schedule.

Sd/- Mission Director,
Janasanayog/C/1111/17 SSA, Assam, Kahlipara, Guwahati-19

AF(S) 354/2015-16/16163**Competendum Notice**

Regarding Tender Value & EMD/Bid Security in Press Notice and Detail Tender Notice in Bid Document against the work "Development of Botalkhosa Beel, Jorhat under RIDF-XXI for 2016-17"

Ref: e-tendering Notice, Tender ID: 2017_FD_2885, 1 www.ssams.tenders.gov.in

Due to some technical error, the Tender value and Bid Security in Press Notice and Detail Tender Notice Bid Document against the work "Development of Botalkhosa Beel, Jorhat under RIDF-XXI for 2016-17" were mentioned as Rs. 18,89,55,000/- only. It should be Rs. 18,89,47,98/- only. Accordingly the EMD/Bid Security will be 2% of Rs. 1,80,39,47,98/- i.e., Rs. 3,60,79,90/- for General Caste (1% L.C. 1,80,39,50/- for bidders belong to SC/ ST/ OBC / MOBC/ Graduate Engineer).

Sd/- Director of Fisheries,
Janasanayog/C/2406/17

K.K. Handiqui State Open University

Head Office: Patgaon, Rani, Guwahati - 781017

Advt. No. KKHSOU/D.E.I.Ed./77/2012/256

Sealed Quotations are invited for Production of DVD with printed cover of KKHSOU Study Materials from government registered DVD/CD Production Centre. The details may be obtained from university website www.kkhsou.in. Quotation addressed to the Registrar alongwith a demand draft of Rs. 1000/- (non-refundable) drawn in favour of KKHSOU payable at Guwahati should reach the University office on or before 31st August, 2017.

The quotation(s) will be opened on 03.09.2017 at 11.00 AM at University's Head Office, Patgaon, Rani, Guwahati - 781017.

Sd/- Registrar
Janasanayog/C/DF/699/17

No.DRD-I (D)/47/2013/249**Dated 16-08-17**

Notice Inviting Tender
Sealed tenders affixing non-refundable Court Fee Stamp of Rs. 8.25 (Rupees eight and twenty five only) are only invited from well established GST registered Hotel/ Caterer within Guwahati City. Detailed Bid Document along with terms and conditions may be obtained from the Office of the Commissioner, Panchayat & Rural Development Department, Assam. Payment of Court Fee Stamp of Rs. 200/- on working days upto 2 PM of 15-08-2017. The bid document can be downloaded from the official website www.rural.assam.gov.in. The downloaded bid document shall only be accepted provided the bidder submits the amount of Rs. 200/- alongwith the bid document within the time and date of tender. The Commissioner, Panchayat & Rural Development, Assam, Panbari, Jorpari, Guwahati-37 along with the technical bid. The Bid document will be received upto 2.30 PM of 16-08-2017 and opened at 3 PM on the same day.

Sd/- Commissioner,
Panchayat & Rural Development
Assam.
Janasanayog/C/2411/17

Notice Inviting Tenders

No. ASTC/STHP/17-18/504
The Assam State Transport Corporation invites sealed tenders from manufacturers of vehicles/ authorized financiers of manufacturers of vehicles for supply of following categories of ITIMIS enabled ARAII compliant in-built vehicles with speed governor on loan/lease basis for 4/5 years:

1. 28+1 seater AC buses (push back seats).
2. 30+ seater Non-AC buses.
3. 50+ seater AC School bus.
4. 45+ seater AC bus (push back seats).
5. Trailers - 30 MT capacity with prime mover low bed (with 2 differential on load body).
6. Light Commercial vehicles (AC) with Stretcher and Hooter for Ambulance (Seating capacity 4 (3+1) with stretcher).
7. Full Fledged ambulance (AC) with critical care, saline, oxygen, monitor, etc.
8. Tender will be opened in 2-bid system, viz. (a) Technical bid and (b) Financial bid. The tenderers will submit their "Technical Bid" and "Financial Bid" in two separate packets superscribing "Technical Bid" and "Financial Bid" on the concerned packets very clearly.

Last Date of Receiving tender : 14.09.2017 upto 2 PM
Date of opening of tenders : 17.09.2017 at 2 PM
The technical bid will be opened first and the financial bids of tender not successful in "Technical Bid" will not be opened.

The tenderers will submit their tenders as per the Technical specifications category wise as shown in details tender notice, which may be obtained from the office of the undersigned w.e.f 21.08.17 and the same can be downloaded from our website www.assamstatetransport.com. The Tender price is 5,000.00 (Rupees Five Thousand Only).

Sd/- Managing Director,

A.S.T. Corporation, Guwahati

Janesanayog/CF/1116/17

Govt okays
Rs 32,000 cr
for Coast
Guard

NEW DELHI, Aug 16: The Centre has approved a nearly Rs 32,000-crore plan for the Coast Guard that will give more teeth to the maritime security agency, including a 100-strong fleet of coastal waters, defence sources said.

The action plan to give a boost to the Coast Guard in terms of infrastructure and equipment, like offshore patrol vessels, interceptor boats, helicopters, aircraft and critical operational infrastructure, was cleared at a meeting chaired by Defence Secretary Sanjay Mitra earlier this month.

The Coast Guard, a critical defence forces arm, whose role has become more critical after the 26/11 attacks, protects India's maritime interests and enforces maritime law, with jurisdiction over India's territorial waters, including its Exclusive Economic Zone. The plan is to make it a 175-ship and 110-aircraft force by 2022.

It currently has nearly 130 vessels, 52 interceptor boats and 60 plus flying assets to safeguard coastal security, island territories, offshore assets and marine environment as well as undertake anti-piracy and smuggling, oil-spill and pollution-control operations.

India has a 7,516-km coastline, with 1,382 islands and a sprawling EEZ of 2.01 million sq km. — PTI

Pass specific directions to States on jail reforms: Centre urges SC

NEW DELHI, Aug 16: The Centre urged the Supreme Court to pass "specific directions" to States to comply with the orders on jail reforms, including overcrowding of prisons and improving the living conditions of prisoners.

Attorney General KK Venugopal, appearing for the Centre, told a bench of Justices

Madan B Lokur and Deepak Gupta that if specific directions were passed, the States would have to comply with it, otherwise they would be guilty of not adhering to the apex court's order.

He argued that the apex court could take up the prison reforms issue in six or seven states at a time and pass specific directions

to them after hearing the matter.

"This court should issue specific directives to each State. If that (court's) direction is not done, they (States) will be guilty of not complying with your orders," he told the bench, adding, "you can consider listing the matter of three States at a time. The Union of India will be there".

However, the bench said, "there would be some problem in this. If we will take matters of three-four States at a time, it will take time."

"That would not be possible. There are a number of cases here. If we are going to take 3-4 States at a go, it will take time," the bench said, after which Venugopal said the court could take up the matters of seven

States at a time.

The apex court also referred to various other Acts passed by Parliament and said these have to be implemented. "There are laws made by Parliament which have been discussed and debated. They have passed the law. These have to be implemented," the bench said. — PTI



**অসম চৰকাৰৰ সাংস্কৃতিক সঞ্চালকালয়ৰ উদ্যোগত
গুৱাহাটীৰ পথসুৰৰ সহযোগত**

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৭৬ তম জন্ম জয়ন্তী উপলক্ষে
বিশেষ সাংস্কৃতিক অনুষ্ঠান**

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Assam Skill Development Mission



Workshop on Skill Development with NSDC, SSCs & Training Partners

Date: 18th August, 2017,
Venue: Sri Sri Madhavdeva International Auditorium
Srimanta Sankardeva Kalakshetra Path, Panjabari, Guwahati-37



Sarbananda Sonowal
Chief Minister of Assam

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Janasanyog/D/1003/17

A bizarre dinosaur which looked like a raptor but was in fact a vegetarian may be the 'missing link' between plant-eating dinosaurs and carnivores such as the dreaded Tyrannosaurus rex, scientists say.

Researchers from the University of Cambridge and the Natural History Museum in

Intriguing dinosaur

Scientists claim discovery of 'Missing link' in dinosaur evolution

the UK used a comprehensive dataset to analyse over 450 anatomical characteristics of early dinosaurs and correctly placed the creature, known as Chilesaurus, in the dinosaur family tree.

The results, published in the journal *Biology Letters*, suggest that Chilesaurus effectively fills a large gap between two of the major dinosaur groups, and shows how the divide between them may have happened.

Chilesaurus, which was discovered in southern Chile, was first described in 2015.



While Chilesaurus has a bird-like hip structure, and has flat teeth for grinding up plants, it does not possess the distinctive 'beak' of many other bird-hipped dinosaurs, which is what makes it such an important find, they said. "Before this, there were no transitional specimens – we did not know what order these characteristics evolved in," said Baron. "This shows that in bird-hipped dinosaurs, the gut evolved first, and the jaws evolved later – and it looks quite nicely," he said.

Chilesaurus is one of the most puzzling and intriguing discoveries ever discovered," said Professor Paul Barrett of the Natural History Museum. "It's weird mix of features places it in a key position in dinosaur evolution and helps to show how some of the really big splits between the major groups might have come about," said Paul.

(Source: PTT)

Know your DAY

By JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday Aug. 17, 2017:

This year you are unusually fortunate. You have the ability to pull white rabbits out of a black hat. Your communication is strong, which gives you the ability to draw others in. If you are single, this ability certainly attracts an audience. You are also able to determine how much you enjoy your single life before you can make an appropriate move. If you are attached, you enter a very close, intimate phase with your significant other. You enjoy your sweetie's admiration, love and company. CANCER encourages you to reveal your emotions.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

***** A sense of circumstance, goodwill and luck surrounds you in the morning. Handle a difficult conversation in the morning. By the afternoon, you easily could feel resentful or ambivalent. Success contributes to your lively spirit. Tonight: Get as much sleep as you can.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

***** You have the ability to turn a person away from overdrinking. You have the ability to let go and get the bottom of a bottle. You are a natural leader. Rather than focus yourself up about your less-than-gorgeous attitude, congratulate yourself on being able to turn it around. Tonight: Act as if you deserve to get what you want.

GEMINI (June 21-June 20)

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** You would like to be as driven as a friend of yours is. This person's words will encourage you. Count on quite a bit of drama and passion hearing your way. Consider the possibilities that revolve around this matter. Tonight: Take some much-needed personal time.

CANCER (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** You have the ability to let go and get the bottom of a bottle. You are a natural leader. Rather than focus yourself up about your less-than-gorgeous attitude, congratulate yourself on being able to turn it around. Tonight: Feel empowered.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** You gain a personal matter much differently as a result. You also gain a strong sense of direction and security. Continue to take an overview. You will understand others better as a result. Tonight: People notice you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** You could have the ability to be a natural born chaser after a morning nap. You could be looking to a partner for response. Go beyond the obvious, and be willing to come to a better understanding with this person. Get past the 'I'm too tired' excuse. Tonight: Be a do.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Let go of your insecurities. What's important is the quality of your relationships with others. A level one enjoys the time you are able to focus on him or her. One-on-one relating elicits a powerful reaction. A new friend could be full of surprises. Tonight: In the limeight.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** Make sure your notebook is cleaned. As the afternoon progresses, you might be surprised by the things you learn to get a situation to your liking. A roommate or family member seems to enjoy disrupting you. Pull away from this person if need be. Tonight: Accept an offer.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** You will see no reason to slow down in the morning, especially with all the action going on around you. Know that you can't change anyone; people need to want to change. A person in your life could surprise you. Get into an important project. Tonight: Play it nice and easy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)

***** Avoid a tense conversation at any cost. Express your caring and your delightful creativity in a positive way, and use care with your finances by not going overboard. Someone can't seem to stay away from you. Know that this person cares about you. Tonight: Start the weekend early.

Thought for the day

In these somewhat sombre days when the great Mother Empire stands splendidly isolated in Europe.

- GEORGE FOSTER

It lived during the Late Jurassic period, about 150 million years ago, and has an odd collection of physical characteristics, which made it difficult to classify.

For example, its head resembles that of a carnivore, but it has flat teeth for grinding up plant matter. "Chilesaurus almost looks like it was stitched together from different animals, which is why it baffled everybody," said Matthew Baron, a PhD student at Cambridge.

Earlier research suggested that this peculiar dinosaur belongs to the group Theropoda, the 'lizard-hipped' group of dinosaurs that includes Stegosaurus, Triceratops and Iguanodon.

The bird-hipped dinosaurs have several common physical traits: the two most notable of these are an inverted, bird-like hip structure and a beak-like structure for eating.

The inverted hips allowed for bigger, more complex digestive systems, which in turn allowed larger plant-eaters to evolve, researchers said.

While Chilesaurus has a bird-like hip structure, and has flat teeth for grinding up plants, it does not possess the distinctive 'beak' of many other bird-hipped dinosaurs, which is what makes it such an important find, they said. "Before this, there were no transitional specimens – we did not know what order these characteristics evolved in," said Baron. "This shows that in bird-hipped dinosaurs, the gut evolved first, and the jaws evolved later – and it looks quite nicely," he said.

Chilesaurus is one of the most puzzling and intriguing discoveries ever discovered," said Professor Paul Barrett of the Natural History Museum. "It's weird mix of features places it in a key position in dinosaur evolution and helps to show how some of the really big splits between the major groups might have come about," said Paul.

(Source: PTT)

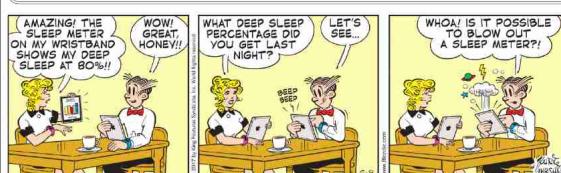
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England-WI Test series begins with day-nighter

BIRMINGHAM, Aug 16: Before this week, Stuart Broad only had one experience of bowling with a pink cricket ball and that was sending down a delivery in a demonstration for a British TV channel in June.

On Thursday, the England paceman will be playing an international match with them, one of a raft of new challenges facing him and his teammates in their first-ever day-night Test.

"It's stepping into the unknown completely," Broad said ahead of the first of three Tests against the touring West Indies.

That unknown includes the pink ball, changing sleep patterns and different mealtimes – with the subsequent impact on energy levels.

There's a sense that England is treating the match at Edgbaston as a learning experience as much as a Test. It's unusual for a top international sports team to feel so underprepared for a game.

"We're going to have to be adaptable and figure out what's going on," Broad said. "The exciting thing is we are going in with a clear mind and learning on the job, almost."

This will be the fifth day-night Test match, with Australia involved in three of them – first against New Zealand in 2015 and then against South Africa and Pakistan, before Pakistan beat West Indies in Dubai in October 2016.

The International Cricket Council introduced the option of countries playing day-night Tests in a bid to enhance the public appeal of cricket's oldest format and so that Test cricket "remains relevant in the modern age."

It means, for example, that some spectators can drop in to the ground after school or work, and see more coverage on TV in the evenings.

Pink balls are used instead of red ones so that there can be better visibility for batsmen and fielders under the lights. England will be using pink Dukes ball, rather than the Kookaburra used in Australia.

England's players have said the Dukes ball goes soft quickly, is hard to shine, and doesn't turn as much for spinners.

Chris Woakes said the ball moved around more in the "twilight period."

"It was a bit different," Woakes said on Tuesday. "Not like a white ball, not like a red ball, somewhere in between."

Some of England's players played with a pink ball at a trial in a day-night round of County Championship matches in late June. They are scheduled to play a day-night Test at Adelaide during the upcoming Ashes series against Australia, and also one on tour of New Zealand in March.

The terms "pink" and "tee" will still be used for the intervals at Edgbaston, even

though the lunch break will come at 4 pm local time, and will be the same length – 40 minutes for lunch and 20 minutes for tea. The intervals were called tea and dinner during the day-nighters in Australia.

"It's just to avoid confusion," Neil Snowball, the chief executive of Warwickshire, whose games are played at Edgbaston, told British newspaper *The Guardian*. "We don't know if this is going to be the first of many or whether it's one of but we thought it was easier to explain."

Broad spoke of players' needing to get the levels of food intake just right so they can have the energy to last through the evening, with play due to finish at 9 pm local time.

England beat South Africa 3-1 in its first series of the summer and starts as favourite against the West Indies, who are No. 8 in the Test rankings and have lost six straight Test series. They are also without a number of key players, such as Chris Gayle, Marlon Samuels and Darren Sammy, because of a previous dispute with the West Indies Cricket Board.

The teams drew 1-1 in a Test series in the Caribbean in 2015.

"I think people are writing the West Indies off too early and it could be at their own peril," team manager Joel Garner said. – AFP



Stuart Broad bowls with the pink ball as England train under lights ahead of the Day-night Test against the West Indies in Edgbaston.

Kasparov suffers first loss in comeback event

ST LOUIS, Aug 16: Chess legend Garry Kasparov suffered the first loss of his brief but highly anticipated comeback to the game, succumbing to fellow Russian Ian Nepomniachtchi and bringing his draw total to five.

After draws on Monday, the 54-year-old former world champion – who dominated the game from 1985 to 2000 – had hoped to play "more aggressive" chess on day two of the Rapid and Blitz tournament in St Louis.

But after drawing his first game yesterday with Armenian world number four Levon Aronian, a contest that featured some gutsy moves from Kasparov and a few trademark death stances, he could not hold on against Nepomniachtchi.

At the day's close Kasparov drew once more after going up against Viswanathan Anand of India, another "former" competitor and the only one present to have played against Kasparov when he ran the global chessboard.

"I haven't played serious chess in 12 years and haven't missed as many opportunities as I did today in 15! Hoping to steady the ship tomorrow!" tweeted Kasparov at the end of the day.

"I was too democratic today. I made quite a few good moves, but spread them evenly among all three games, instead of concentrating them!"

After his loss Kasparov's fans, all hoping to see the brilliance that characterized his long career, said they were disappointed but still hopeful.

"It had to happen. But he removed his helmet and immediately walked off the field leaving his bat behind."

Appeared shaken, Warner

England's Ali ready for life in the pink

BIRMINGHAM, Aug 16:

Moeen Ali is confident it will take more than a pink ball to put him off his stride during England's inaugural day-night Test. The fast-spinning all-rounder was England's man-of-the-match after dismissing both batsmen with both bat and ball during the recent 3-1 Test triumph at home against South Africa.

Now Birmingham-born Ali returns to the city's Edgbaston ground, where he came through the youth ranks with Warwickshire before joining Middlesex, rivals Worcestershire, for what will also be the England team's first taste of floodlit Test cricket in a series opener against the West Indies starting on Thursday.

There has been much talk about how the pink ball – required for floodlit Tests as the players' traditional clothing makes the white ball familiar from One-day Internationals as unusable as the standard red – will affect bowlers.

"Like you've hit it, and it goes; other times you've nailed it, and it doesn't," he added at an event staged by series sponsors Invesco.

"But you get used to it... I did

bowled just three overs during the day-night round of County Championship fixtures scheduled as preparation for this Test, said: "It's different... It feels lighter off the bat."

"Sometimes you don't feel by the end of the (net) session."

As for bowling with a pink ball, the 30-year-old Ali, who against South Africa became the first man to take 25 wickets in a four-Test series, said: "The seam is good – it's not quite as slippery. It spins, maybe because the seam is hard."

"Seeing it is fine. It will be interesting at twilight, but I will try not to think about it."

There have been suggestions that the pink ball does not swing as much or for as long as the traditional red cricket ball.

Meanwhile Dukes, the British-based manufacturer of the pink ball to be used for this week's day-night Test have also had to endure a "knockback" campaign from Australian rivals Kookaburra.

But Dukes managing director Dilip Jodhpur said much of the debate was "ill-informed".

"One has to take many of these comments with a pinch of salt," Jodhpur told Britain's Press Association this week. – AFP



Moeen Ali

Serena aims for 'outrageous' Australian Open comeback

LOS ANGELES, Aug 16:

Serena Williams, feeling "new power" from her pregnancy, is already preparing for an Australian Open title defence in January.

"Obviously, if I have a chance to go out there and catch up with Margaret, I am not going to pass that up," Williams said. "If anything,

pregnant when she won her 23rd at the Australian Open last January.

"As I've gotten older I've started to feel differently about it. Power is beauty. Strength is beauty. So now on the court I am going to think that I'm powerful," she said.

But she's dismayed to think that many interpret her on-court determination as "mean" – something she believes has led to race, sex, and ethnicity.

"It's the most outrageous plan," the 36-year-old Williams, who is expecting her first child next month.

"I just want to put that out there. That's, like, three months after I give birth. I'm not walking anything back, but I'm just saying it's pretty intense."

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"It's good that Davey's fine."

Aussie paceman Pat Cummins

said after close of play on Tuesday. "He's

a little bit stiff and sore, but just

speaking to him, he's all fine."

A focus on player safety has

been heightened since the tragic

death of Australian batsman

Philip Hughes.

Hughes, who played 26 Tests,

died from bleeding on the brain in

November 2014 after being hit on

the base of the skull by a rising ball at the Sydney Cricket Ground during a domestic match.

The Australian squad flies to

Darwin on Friday for the two-

Test tour which begins on

August 27. – AFP

50 days left for FIFA U-17 WC

NAVI MUMBAI, Aug 16:

The FIFA U-17 World Cup, to be hosted by India, will kick off in the 50 next days with the first two matches slated on October 6 in Delhi and Mumbai.

The tournament will be played at six venues – Goa, Guwahati, Kochi, Kolkata, Navi Mumbai, and New Delhi.

In the tournament's maiden

match, Colombia and Ghana

will lock horns at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New

Delhi at 5 pm on October 6, while New Zealand and Turkey will play at the Dr DY Patil Stadium, here.

"The tournament is fast approaching and we see the interest from fans in the country increasing day by day. There is an atmosphere for football that has been gaining momentum in India and we hope that it will result in the country showing full standards," tournament director of the LOC (local organising committee) for FIFA U-17 World Cup India 2017, Javier Ceppi was quoted as saying in a media release. – PTI

Paes-Zverev crash out

NEW DELHI, Aug 16: India's Leander Paes and his German partner Alexander Zverev went down to the Spanish duo of Feliciano Lopez and Marc Lopez in a men's doubles first round match to bow out of the Cincinnati Open.

The Indo-German pair

fought hard before losing 6-2, 6-7(2), 6-10 to their Spanish rivals in a closely-fought contest, which lasted an hour and 21 minutes.

The Spaniards will next take on fourth seeded American twins Bob and Mike Bryan in the second round.

Meanwhile, Rohan Bopanna

and Ivan Dodig of Croatia have

got a first round bye. – PTI

German female ref ready to whistle in Bundesliga

BERLIN, Aug 16: Germany's Bibiana Steinhaus insists she is no feminist trailblazer as she prepares to become the first female ref in Europe's top leagues having already tamed Bayern Munich's stars.

The 35-year-old is on the official list of Bundesliga referees for the 2017/18 season, which starts on Friday, meaning she will become the first female ref in the top flight of Germany, England, Spain, France or Italy.

Steinhaus' first Bundesliga match is yet to be announced, but she oversaw Bayern Munich's 5-0 win at minnows Chemnitz last Saturday in the first-round of the German Cup and proved she can handle star players.

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mad Germany.

Claudia Neumann, Germany's first female commentator, experienced a sexist backlash on social media when she took the microphone for state broadcaster ZDF during last year's European championships.

The remark led to her receiving a five-match ban from the German FA.

Steinhaus, who works with a fitness coach, acknowledges that refereeing in the Bundesliga will challenge her both on and off the pitch.

"I like to say that the Bundesliga is another step up, I have worked intensively and the speed is different," said Steinhaus.

"Certainly, as a female referee, I will be under special scrutiny from the start of the season, especially from the media. I do seek public attention and my colleagues know me well enough to know that."

Steinhaus is a policewoman and in relationship with English former top ref Howard Webb.

She can expect to have her decisions scrutinised by fans in football-

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Jorhat to host AITA U-14 tourney

JORHAT, Aug 16: Preparations are on at the Jorhat Tennis Club to conduct the AITA Metro and Series Tennis Championship for Boys and Girls U-14 group, under the All Assam Tennis Association from August 21 to 26. The qualifying rounds will be held on August 19 and 20. The tournament will be held under the supervision of ITF White Badge Official Somnath Manna who has been appointed as the referee of the event.

The boys singles will have a draw of 64, of which 56 will get direct entry based on their ranking, while eight will come through the qualifying rounds. The girls singles will have a draw of 48 of which 40 will get direct entry and eight will come through the qualifying rounds. There will be no wild cards provided in the singles main draw of this event. League players in this age group from different parts of the country will be invited to play. No entry fee will be charged.

The top four seeds are: (Boys) Lutf Gopu (AS), Anan Datta (HR), Melkha Mani (WB), Yara Churni (HR); (Girls) Sanjana Srimati (TS), Melkha Mani (WB).

The players from Assam who are in the main draw are – Krittika Sarma, Nidhi Goswami, Nisha Bhattacharjee, Arunesh Boruah and Andy Thorsen in the boys section while the girls section features Kristi Bon (7), Jishika Chakma (11), Justina Borgohain, Tanishqa Patra, Harsinu Bon and Kalpana Rajphukan.

In the qualifying rounds, there are 34 boys and 13 girls from Assam and the Northeastern States who will participate, stated a release issued by the All Assam Tennis Association president Raktim Saikia.

RGS bag best team title

GUWAHATI, Aug 16: Royal Global School (RGS) won the best team title in the Akshayam Independence Day Chess Championship held yesterday at the Bhabendra Nath Saikia Children Welfare Trust in Wireless here. Altogether 95 players from the city took part in the day-long event to celebrate the 71st Independence Day. The tournament was organised by Assam Chess Club.

The tournament was inaugurated by Preeti Saikia, Managing Trustee of Bhabendra Nath Saikia Children Welfare Trust in the presence of Kumar Chandra Bhattacharyya, treasurer Akshayam; Dr Sibon Dutta, president, Akshayam; Dr Devjyoti Sarma, vice president, Assam Chess Club and Mrinal Kakati, joint secretary, Assam Chess Club. In the closing function, Dr Dipali Devi, founder Akshayam, Preeti Saikia, Bishw Lal Pathak, convener, BIP Sports Cell, Assam gave away the prizes.

The prize winners are: (Up to Class I) Champion Keeran Katta, 2nd: Darpan Baruah, 3rd: Ananya Baruah, (Class 2 to 3) 1st: Anup Sharma, 2nd: Karan Baruah, 3rd: Krishan Baruah, (Class 4 to 6) Champion Bhupen Kista, 2nd: Nihud Islam Hazarika, 3rd: Ashwin Sharma, (Class 7 to 9) Champion: Dhyen Oommen, 2nd: Rishabh Singh, 3rd: Swish Podder. (Open category) Champion: Aswini Baruah, 2nd: Uddipika Kista, 3rd: Ravikant Tiwari. (Best Girl) 1st: Shreya Baruah, 2nd: Nidhi Baruah, 3rd: Nidhi Baruah. (Youngest player) Souryamdeep Das, Arjun Hazarika, Abirup Saikia. (Youngest players) Harshdeep Delek, Poojan Samanta Bordoloi, Sooyash Choudhury. (Best School) Royal Global School. —Sports Reporter

RFYS soccer meet gets underway

KOCHI, Aug 16: The second edition of the Reliance Foundation Youth Sports (RFYS) national football competition kicked off on Wednesday here, with its chairperson Nita Ambani committing to transform India into a footballing nation in the not too distant future.

Ambani, a member of the International Olympic Committee, needs to build a grassroots-level sports culture in the country that will not only encourage kids and youngsters to take up sport but will also provide every child a platform to nurture his or her talents.

Cheered on by hundreds of school kids at the Rajagiri Public School here in Kochi, Ambani ceremoniously launched the second season of RFYS along with India striker and Kerala Blasters star CK Vineeth, throwing open the championship that will be played in 30 cities across the country.

"Reliance Foundation Youth Sports has been conceived to reignite sports in schools and colleges," Ambani said, just before the inaugural match between Rajagiri Public School and Assisi Vidya Niketan.

"Our aim is to create a unified sports structure through RFYS and have a holistic plan for all major Olympic sports," she added.

CoA seeks SC directive on removal of top BCCI office-bearers

NEW DELHI, Aug 16: The Committee of Administrators (CoA) has sought the removal of BCCI office-bearers, including acting president CK Khanna and secretary Amitabh Choudhary, for non-compliance of Lodha Panel reforms.

In its fifth report submitted to the Supreme Court, the CoA has also sought the removal of Khanna and Amitabh should be removed just like former BCCI president Anurag Thakur and secretary Ajay Shirke, who were

oustsed for failing to ensure implementation of Lodha reforms.

"It is only fair that the current office-bearers be treated in the same manner because a further period of six months have elapsed since the said office-bearers submitted their undertakings and reforms mandated by the Supreme Court have still not been implemented."

"It is clear that current office-bearers are not in position to make good on their undertakings and ensure that

reforms mandated by this Hon'ble Court is implemented."

The CoA also mentioned that the Supreme Court order on July 24 was "deliberately misconstrued" during the BCCI's Special General Meeting on July 26 where office-bearers as well as the BCCI, the administrative staff and the legal team to leave the meeting.

The CoA also mentioned how the BCCI treated Supreme Court's neutral expression "to bring in a series of



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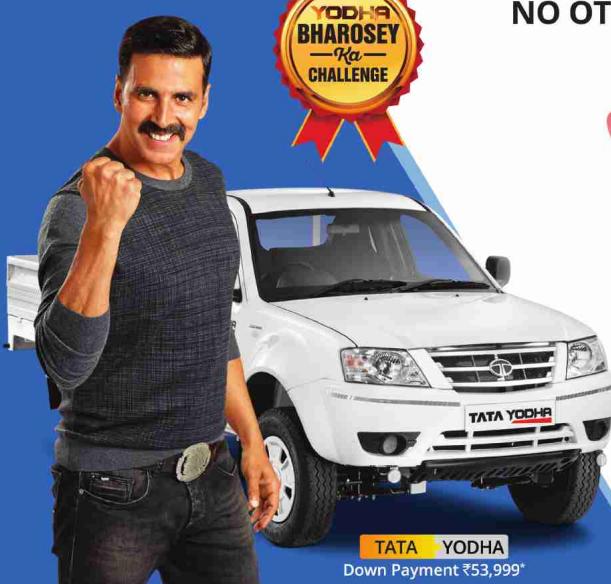
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Play — Believe it or Not!



Why What? When was the Sistine Chapel ceiling opened to the public?

It was on November 1, 1512, that the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in Rome, one of Italian artist Michelangelo's finest works, was opened to the public for the first time. Michelangelo, one of the most famous Italian Renaissance artists, was born in the small village of Caprese, in 1475. The son of a government administrator, he grew up in a family that supported a son's entry into the early Renaissance Movement, and became an artist's apprentice at age 12. After showing his artistic genius, his divine talent, he was taken under the wing of Lorenzo de' Medici, the ruler of Florence, who became a great patron of the arts. After demonstrating his mastery of sculpture in such works as David (1501) and David (1504), he was called to Rome in 1508 to paint the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, a chief-dedicated space in the Vatican.

Michelangelo's epic ceiling frescoes, which took several years to complete, are among his most famous. Central in a complex system of decoration featuring numerous figures are nine panels devoted to biblical world history. The most famous of these is The Creation of Adam, a painting in which the arms of God and Adam are stretching towards each other. Michelangelo completed the work in 1512.



My viewpoint

“Why should we study Moral Science in school?”



Nowadays, due to the influence of modern living, students let go off their qualities, and become an irresponsible generation. To prevent this, Moral Science should be included in the school curriculum. We are moral beings, and have to live and react with the society. So we have to learn the different social habits and qualities. By doing so, we can be sensible persons in the society, and everyone looks up to us. Moral Science is a subject that teaches us these qualities and helps us become good citizens.



Moral Science teaches us to be helpful and considerate. We often hear about tragic incidents in which people indulge in violence by hurting or even killing innocent people. This is a very bad practice. It is disappointing to see that people derive pleasure from watching victims of abuse or violence. In today's world, we can take pictures and make videos. This shows the degradation of moral values. Studying Moral Science in school would teach us to be kind and considerate towards others.



Differentiating between good and bad is a burning need we all have. We are the sons of Adam and Eve, have to uphold. But, because of recent acts by some people, we children are at sea about what is right and what is wrong. As was seen during the unfortunate incident involving Major Lethal Gould and his wife, we are often confused with what needs to be done and what is morally correct.

As the world is increasingly becoming an abyss of violence and darkness, we children have to be guarded with our morals and, therefore, start learning Moral Science in school.



Moral values form the foundation of a person's character. Moral value is like a garment – which is the most important garment of a person. As a student of a good person I greatly appreciate the introduction of Moral Science as a subject in school. It teaches us to think about the morals and ethics they need to imbibe to become 'real' human beings. Students should study this thoroughly in life. I feel that schools should allot marks for this subject on the basis of a student's character and behaviour, instead of his writing and memorising skills.

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PLANET YOUNG

GUWAHATI, THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2017

Tik Tak Tall, new chase comedy on TV

POCO is bringing a new 'chase' comedy for kids aged three to 10 called *Tik Tak Tall*, scheduled for early September. It will be fun-filled action-packed stories about a cute monkey and a determined tiger who are on the run. It essentially tells the story of the unending attempts of a tiger to catch a rabbit, and how the rabbit always outruns the tiger with speed and smarts.



Getting bullied in school may affect kids' sleep

If kids get bullied at school, it may produce long-lasting, depression-like sleep problems, according to a study.

The findings showed that being bullied can have dramatic effects on sleep and other circadian rhythms, symptoms that are characteristic of clinical depression and other stress-induced mental illnesses in the long run. Stress is known to trigger depression, anxiety and sleep disorders, depression and PTSD, and sleep is frequently affected in these conditions.

"What we found is that some stress-related effects on circadian rhythms are short-lived; others are long-lasting," said William Carslon, from the McLean Hospital, Massachusetts.

Identifying these changes and understanding their meaning is an important step in developing methods to counter the long-lasting effects of traumatic experiences in mental health," Carlson added.



In my heart forever

Shashank Shekhar Sharma, Class-VII, Delhi Public School, Dibrugarh

I was new to town. My father had recently been transferred here from our hometown. We were to live in the new house. I was scared. I did not know anyone here. School was closed, as the new session hadn't yet started. I was bored. I used to stay indoors, just watching TV. There was nobody playing outside, which was a very rare sight in my hometown, especially during vacation time. Here, the weather was completely different during the daytime, something I observed during my week-long stay in this town.

One early Sunday morning, I thought of taking a walk in the park. I took my only friend – Lucky – my pet

dog, with me. He helps me a lot in my studies. On my way home, I saw a dog who was lying in a pool of blood. Tears rolled down my cheeks.

I asked him why he was lying in that way, with eyes closed. It was difficult for me to understand his condition.

We left him there in a pit nearby.

We left him there and went home.

I often go there now and spend some time with him, reading books and referencing him.

He is the best friend of mine.

It makes me feel like he is alive, breathing, playing and rolling in the grass. I can't imagine my life without him. He will remain in my heart forever.

CONTRIBUTOR OF THE WEEK

Shashank Shekhar Sharma, Dibrugarh

POEM OF THE WEEK

Shifa Tasnim, Mangaldoi

“
I want to embrace the whole of the North-East.



Rupak Gogoi, a promising filmmaker, is passionate about his craft.

► People who have influenced me the most. Undoubtedly, it was my father – Pukul Gogoi – filmmaker and artist, who filled our home with creative art and the love for the arts. What also mesmerised me was *Jaws* by Steven Spielberg. I am deeply influenced by his cinematic techniques.

► Turning point of my life.

That came when I gave up my job in Star TV and began to do the kind of creative work I loved. I moved to New York and got admission in the North-East state and started *Gangs of North East* in 2015. The film is due for release soon. My vision is to spread joy and unite with the rest of the nation.

► Happiest moment of my life.

When the film *Gangs of North East* was approved by the Censor Board, the officials praised the film and that made it a success.

► What I would like to see in the society.

What I would like to see in the society is that there should be more emphasis on knowledge, rather than just on marks and careers. Grades are not that important, but it is knowledge that transforms us.

► Message for today's youth.

My message for the youth is very simple – Be passionate about what you do, and you will be

noted.

SKETCH OF THE WEEK

Saket Basak, North Guwahati.

Sketch of the week

Sakrit Basak, Class-X,
Sarala Bibi Gyan Jyoti, Amlinghat, North Guwahati



Duck curry!

Duck carry! Duck carry!
You are wonderful stuff.
You are spicy and tender,
Tastier than any stuff.

I love you warm,
But not too hot.
My mom always when I think of you,
Oh not I'm thinking of you
While staring at a boiling pot!

O' duck carry,
Spicy or not,
I'll always love you
Warm or not hot!

Aadi Hobert Khowailipam, Class-IV,
The British School of Bangkok, Bangkok.



Prapti Bhuyan, Class-IX,
Mahadevi Vidyas Mandir, Sripurhuri, Guwahati

Poem of the Week

Shila Tasnim, Class-VIII,
Don Bosco High School, Mangaldoi

Assam – the land of beauty

Assam... the land of beauty
The land of culture and heritage
"What makes me feel proud to be an Assamese?" you ask,
Assam is a place of unmatched and unequalled beauty!
A place where people live in peace side by side
A place where great patriots like Deobhakata Tarun Ram Phookan,
Personality like Dr. Bhupen Hazarika, and many others were born.
A place of creativity, a place with lush greenery,
These and many more make me feel proud to be an Assamese!



Dhrishanuapraha Talukdar, Class-V
Seesam Academy

A lovable woman

She is smart, she is lovely;
She is independent, she is professional,
She is also a perfect homemaker.
She is very kind and soft.
Who is also very determined and confident.
She loves my sister and me,
And we love her to the moon and back.

AKASH Parashar, Class-IV,
Mahadevi Vidyas Mandir, St. Sec. School,
Sripurhuri, Guwahati.



Madhubrata Jyoti Das, Class-VI,
Anglic English School, Sankuchi

The tiny creature
Tiny, minuscule,
But not too undersized.
Humans think us to be worthless,
But we are priceless.

We are known as ants,
Hard work, honesty and discipline,
Human love and care us,
And we teach them all.

We are the best swimmers and climbers,
We, the tiny creatures,
Born with many features,
Are always in love with Nature.

Never think of us asworthless,
Born with us are hours, endless.
We, the tiny creatures,
Are born with many features.

The tiny creature

Tushar Hazarika, Class-VIII,
Sainik School, Gopalganj

Rudrakshita Pathak, Class-VII,
Maria's Public School, Guwahati



Rudrakshita Pathak, Class-VII,
Maria's Public School, Guwahati

Summer dreams

I had a dream of sleeping in my summer break,
But it was broken by the hot sunny days.
I thought I would sleep and become a king,
But the heat was so hot, instead, became the king.
I tried hard to sleep and dream,
But it was not possible to pass the king.
As he was so hot every time.
My dreams remained just dreams of summertime.

Clean up!

Save water, save water, save water, please!
If you will not save water, how will the fishes live?
Plant more trees, plant more trees, plant more trees, please!
If you will not plant more trees, how will the animals live?
Clean the city, clean the city, clean the city, please!
If you will not clean up the city, then everyone will become ill.

Ananya Kalita, Class-III,
Brahmaputra Valley English Academy, Bongara.



Nihar Baidya, Class-III,
St. Anthony's High School, Nagaon



Sanpreeti Khound, Class-IV
Jonaki Singha Vidyalaya, Jorhat

Prasanta Bhupen, Class-V
Don Bosco School, Panibazar, Guwahati

My pet dog

I have a pet dog named Caesar.
His fur is fawn in colour.
He has a black collar.
His skin is as soft as silk.
He likes to have rolls.
He has a black nose.
He has a long tail like a flamingo.
He sciffs at all my friends when we play Bingo.
His paws are as black as a tyre.
His eyes are as bright as the sun.
He wears his tail and licks my face.
He always wins a race.
He is a real Caesar.
His favorite food is a bun.
I like Caesar as much as the earth and the sky.
I never went him to die.

Leonard Barooah, Class-IV,
Delhi Public School, Guwahati.



Rejukanta Gogoi,
Sri Satyendra Kachhi Vihar, Golaghat



Nihar Baidya, Class-III,
St. Anthony's High School, Nagaon