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NEWS CAPSULE

Cassini finale

WASHINGTON, Sept 15: NASA's USD 3.9 billion Cassini spacecraft today ended its 20-year-long groundbreaking journey with a bang, crashing into the Saturn's crushing atmosphere, beaming back never-before-seen images of the ringed planet and its mysterious moons until the last moment. — PTI
(Also see Page 18)

London blast

LONDON, Sept 15: An improvised explosive device (IED) today went off on an underground train during the morning rush hour at a busy station in London, leaving at least 22 people injured, in what Scotland Yard called a "terrorist incident." — PTI
(Details on Page 18)

Bsf man killed

JAMMU, Sept 15: A Border Security Force constable — Bijendra Bahadur Singh — was killed when Pakistani troops violated the ceasefire for the third consecutive day today along the international border of Arikia sector in Jammu district. — PTI

Indian appeal

ISLAMABAD, Sept 15: Pakistan today said it has received India's written pleadings to the International Court of Justice, which is hearing the case of Kulbhushan Jayaram, a retired Indian navy officer sentenced to death by a Pakistani military court for alleged espionage. — PTI

Molester held

KOKRAJHAR, Sept 15: Police last night arrested one Jonah Ali, chowkidar of Chitilis MV School under Fakirgram PS in Kokrajhar district, for alleged molestation of a Class VIII student on the school premises. — Correspondent

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Assam Police asked to tighten vigil along border

KALYAN BAROOAH

NEW DELHI, Sept 15: In a pre-emptive move, the State Government has directed Assam Police to push back any Rohingya refugees found trying to sneak into the North East.

The order issued at the highest level in Dispur follows Intelligence inputs from Delhi that illegal Rohingya immigrants might try to sneak into the North East. The Rohipya refugee crisis was dis-

cussed at the North Block last week and the situation across all the States bordering Bangladesh and Myanmar was reviewed, said sources.

Following the meeting, an advisory that was issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs last month was followed by a general alert to the North Eastern States and border guarding forces to tighten vigil, added the sources.

When specific inputs reached Dispur, Assam Police was asked to tighten surveil-

Possible Rohingya influx



Assembly passes Bill on State capital region

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 15: The State Assembly today passed a Bill for establishment of a regional development authority for preparation of a regional plan for the development of the Assam State Capital Region.

"There is a need to establish a Regional Development Authority for preparing a regional plan for the development of the Assam State Capital Region and to coordinate and oversee the financing of selected development projects in the State Capital Region through government fund and other sources of revenue."

Guwahati Development Department Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said the Guwahati Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA) was trying to expand the city to the near-

of functional plans, regional plans, development schemes and project plans by the authority itself as well as by the municipal corporations, local bodies, panchayats and different government departments.

It will also arrange and oversee the financing of selected development projects in the State Capital Region through government fund and other sources of revenue.

Guwahati Development Department Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said the Guwahati Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA) was trying to expand the city to the near-

by areas, which was not sufficient for the desired growth and development of the Assam State Capital Region.

"There is a need to establish a Regional Development Authority for preparing a regional plan for the development of the Assam State Capital Region and to coordinate and supervise the rapid and integrated development of the entire area under the region and to execute plans and projects and schemes for such integrated development in the region with the National Capital Region (NCR)," Sarma told the Assembly. (See page 10)

House adopts population policy as govt resolution

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 15: Ascertaining that the limited resources cannot afford the rapid population growth and raising an alarm over the fast changing demography of the State, Health Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma outlined the State's new 'Population and Women Empowerment Policy' which was adopted by the Assembly as a government resolution today.

As part of the policy, besides focusing on education and awareness, the Government will consider a system of incentives and disincentives "with utmost caution" to achieve the goals.

Candidates having two or less children will only be eligible for government jobs, while government servants will have to strictly follow the norms of a two-child family. Moreover, persons, both male and female, who violate the legal age of

marriage will not be eligible for any employment or employment generation scheme under the Government.

The Government is also

likely to legislate a legal provision to bar people with more than two children to take part in panchayat and municipal body elections.

Similar legal provisions will be considered for election or nomination to other statutory bodies and committees.

(See page 10)

AASU rallies against aliens

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 15: AASU members took out torchlight processions at the district and subdivisional headquarters of the State this evening in support of their demand for setting up a special task force to detect foreigners, delete their names from the electoral rolls and deport them.

They also demanded Constitutional and economic safeguards to the indigenous peoples of the State, steps to seal the Indo-Bangladesh border on a war footing and scrapping of the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, which has sought to grant citizenship rights to those Hindu people who have migrated from Bangladesh after March 24, 1971.

In the city, AASU chief adviser Kishore Bhattacharyya and its general secretary Lurinjoyti Gogoi led the procession. In a statement, they represented that the Assam Accord was not implemented during the past 32 years.

China opposes foreign investments in NE

STAFF REPORTER

BEIJING, Sept 15: China today said it is opposed to any foreign investments, including that from Japan, in India's Northeast and is against any third party's involvement in resolving its border disputes with India.

Reacting to Japan's plans to step up investments in the northeastern states during Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's visit to India, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Hu Chunying told the media that China is opposed to any foreign investment in the "disputed areas".

"You also mentioned Act East policy. You must be clear that the boundary of India and China border area has not been fully delimited. We have disputes on the eastern section of

the boundary," she said.

"We are now trying to seek a solution through negotiations that is acceptable to both sides. Under such circumstances, various parties should respect such

aspects and any third party should not be involved in our efforts to resolve the disputes," she said.

China claims Arunachal Pradesh as southern Tibet. Hu said there was no mention of

China anywhere in the India-Japan joint statement nor she has seen any "immediacies" referred to Beijing as stated by the media. "To be frank we are also closely following the Japanese Prime Minister's visit to India. I read the joint statement carefully but I have not found the statement mentioned the term China at all," she said. — PTI

Rohingya issue Centre to file affidavit in SC on Monday

NEW DELHI, Sept 15: The Centre will file an affidavit in the Supreme Court on Monday on its plans to deport Rohingya Muslims, Home Minister Rajnath Singh said today.

The Supreme Court had asked the Government to file the affidavit on a plea against the deportation of illegal Rohingya Muslim immigrants to Myanmar.

"We will file the affidavit in the Supreme Court on September 18," he told reporters on the sidelines of a function here.

The plea, filed by two Rohingya immigrants, Mohammad Salimullah and Mohammad Shaeq, who are registered as refugees under the United Nations High Commission of Refugees, claimed they have taken refuge in India after escaping from Myanmar due to widespread discrimination, violence and bloodshed against the community there. — PTI

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(See page 10)

Bill to protect govt employees' dependents passed

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 15: Assam today became the first State in the country to enact a law which provides for accountability of employees of the State in taking care of their parents and *diy়়় সংখ্যক* siblings.

According to the Assam Employees' Parent Responsibility and Norms for Accountability and Monitoring (Assam Employees' PRANAM in short) Bill, which was passed in the Assembly today, if the designated authority finds that an employee is not looking after his or her parents or *diy়়় সংখ্যক* siblings, it may issue directions to the drawing and disbursing officer concerned to pay up to 15 per cent of the person's salary directly to the dependent every month.

"With emerging modern society, increased mobility and growth of nuclear families, instances of negligence of dependent parents by their children are being reported, rekindling the fact that family values need enforceable norms. The dependent parents of the employee are an inseparable part of such a family system and it is therefore felt expedient to provide for an enforceable morality through certain norms, to begin with among those employees who do neglect their dependent parents and *diy়়় সংখ্যক* siblings so that each and every employee

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Have patience with all things, but chiefly have patience with yourself.

— FRANCIS DE SALES

The Assam Tribune

Partner and ally

Japan has been a staunch partner and ally of free India since inception. Previously, she had played the dominant partner role, being a globally vibrant economy while India was struggling to cope with the problems of poverty and impoverishment centuries of colonial exploitation had reduced her to. But, with the giant strides India has made on the economic front, as also her growing stature as a nascent superpower with the potential of competing with China, there has been a subtle change in the relationship and today Japan needs India as much as India needs her. Adding to Japan's travails due to the territorial disputes with China, a belligerent North Korea led by a rabid and unpredictable leader is breathing down her neck, rendering the strategic US-India-Japan alliance more important than ever. It is in such a context that the State Visit of Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has to be viewed. Pertinently, the joint India-Japan declaration agreed to boost cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region in the midst of China's growing assertiveness and, even as they vowed to work together in combating terrorism, declared their determination to strengthen cooperation in strategic areas of defence, security, trade and civil nuclear energy. Though South China Sea was not directly mentioned, the commitment given in the declaration to achieve an Indo-Pacific region where "sovereignty and international law" are respected imparts broad enough a hint!

Understandably, the launching of the first bullet train project with Japanese technological and financial help has hit media headlines, because of its dramatic sounding connotations, though this project is perhaps the least important of the 15 agreements signed during Abe's visit. Equally understandably, Narendra Modi has chosen to launch this maiden venture from Ahmedabad in his home State of Gujarat, and carpers would argue that India needs a more efficient railway system than a few faster trains. Of greater interest to peripheral segments such as the North-east is the Japanese pledge to play a more proactive role in the development of this region with the setting up of a Japan-India Act East Forum. The objective of this forum is to "enhance connectivity and promote development projects in the north-eastern region of India in an efficient and effective manner". Given the difficult nature of the terrain of this region and the problems of ensuring sustainable connectivity, perhaps only the technological prowess and legendary efficiency of the Japanese would be able to attain a sought for objective. It needs to be pointed out that others had attempted to execute connectivity projects like the four-lane highway and seemingly have come a cropper. Japan too has assured cooperation for the North-east in other spheres such as electricity, water supply, sewage disposal, etc. Assurance of Japanese assistance in development is good news for this neglected region, one capable of transforming its socio-economic landscape.

Bad roads

Inadequate all-weather surface connectivity has been a perennial bane for the State, adversely impacting its developmental process. While the past one decade has witnessed some expansion in the road network, including rural roads, the bad condition of the roads remains a persistent irritant. Across the State's length and breadth, we come across roads that have been in a state of disrepair for years, even decades, reflecting poorly on governance. Even the NH-37, a lifeline of the State, continues to be in a dilapidated state along a major stretch. Bad road conditions generally stem from two factors – compromise in quality during construction and the absence of periodical maintenance. During a discussion on road conditions at the ongoing Assembly session, it was revealed that Central assistance for road repair and maintenance had been too meagre. While the Centre needs to be impressed upon for securing more financial help, the State Government would do well to be self-reliant on such matters concerning vital public interest. It should be treated as a matter of priority and the Government should mobilize its own resources to ensure that roads do not decay for want of repair. A dedicated policy for road repair and maintenance – something suggested by several legislators – need to be put in place at the earliest. At the same time, strict quality control during construction is another imperative, as it is often the poor quality of our roads that hastens the process of their degeneration. On many occasions, our newly-laid roads become unmovable within a couple of years – sometimes even earlier. Contractors found responsible for violation of quality control norms must be booked and blacklisted. Another curious trend concerns the timing of road construction. Despite there being a prolonged dry season from mid-October to March, it is commonplace to see construction activities taking place during the monsoons for reasons best known to the bigwigs in the Government.

The importance of a streamlined network of roads can hardly be overemphasized – more so for a region like the North-east which depends on roads for 90 per cent of its transportation needs. Large-scale corruption in road projects is another disturbing trend, which explains to a great extent the poor quality of roads. The Government needs to be firm in checking malpractices during road construction. Irritants like absence of coordination among various government departments that often cause uncalled-for delays in projects should be done away with. Rural connectivity is another crucial area that demands sustained attention of the Government. Even today, thousands of villages continue to languish for want of all-weather surface linkage, with the situation proving detrimental to agricultural and industrial growth. While this warrants according of top priority to expansion of the road network, equal stress has to be given on ensuring quality because bad roads have been as much a problem as absence of roads in the region.

Ushering in changes

PLAIN-SPEAK

Arup Kumar Dutta

Communities, at a global level, have essentially been patriarchal, which explains why every religion in the world has been male-dominated. Some of these had also in the past introduced discriminatory practices against women. The associations related to godhood are essentially masculine and, almost invariably, all the founders of major religions have been men. We have had mostly god-men making hay while the spiritual sun shines, but very few god-women!

Discrimination of women in the sphere of faith, wherever it exists, is shameful and condemnable. In fact, discrimination of women is any sphere is shameful, but it assumes an even more heinous form when they are barred from worshipping as they desire. It is, therefore, heartening to find that gradually, all over the world, male-dominated bastions of religion are crumbling and there has been lessening of discrimination against women. No doubt the process has been slower than desirable, but it is expected as education spreads and women are empowered in other spheres, this phenomenon will quicken.

As for India, which has a cultural, religious and spiritual tradition going back thousands of years, changes are being ushered in here too. No doubt, because of deeply entrenched tradition, certain elements in society find it difficult to adapt to changing times and merge into a modern ethos. Yet adapt they have, either voluntarily or through coercion, with the Indian Judiciary doing its bit to make them do so.

For instance, the clash between traditionalists and modernists was mirrored some years back in the incident surrounding the Sani Shringapur temple located in Maharashtra. A tradition that spanned four hundred years disallowed women from entering the sanctum sanctorum of this temple. This, of course, was not the only religious institution in the country which followed such a practice, a male-dominated priestly class having laid down similar taboos in some temples and monasteries in various regions.

But the Sani Shringapur temple had hit media headlines because it was singled out by women activists of the Bhumiya Ranragini Bhumi who had been determined to shatter the taboo. This particular temple had earned the ire of these women activists because its administrators had carried out a cleansing ritual after video surveillance had caught a girl briefly entering the sanctum sanctorum!

To their credit, in keeping to the spirit of their cause, the activists adopted a non-violent way of protest. Yet, though initially they were prevented from attaining their objective of entering the temple, they had the last laugh. A Maharashtra High Court ruling had forced the temple authorities to backtrack and, symbolically, on Gudi Padwa Day allow both women and men to enter the sanctum sanctorum.

In modern times beliefs which had kept women suppressed in the past in other spheres are gradually dissolving, and forbidding them from entering any particular place of worship is a disgraceful aberration. Egalitarianism and non-dis-

crimination, tenets which too are enshrined in India's Constitution, lie at the very core of all religions; only false interpretation by male chauvinists ensures that discriminatory practices continue into the twenty-first century.

It is good that no less an institution than the Supreme Court of India had stepped in to resolve the issue of discrimination against women in matters involving faith. But, significantly, in past cases as that against Kerala's Sabarimala temple,

end to a practice over five centuries old. The Court had done so because it considered the practice to be discriminatory against women and not merely unconstitutional, but also going against the ethos of a modern democracy. Though, initially, the Dargah trust had appealed to the Supreme Court of India against the judgement, it later decided to allow women to enter up to the point men had been allowed.

All the above observations bring me to the rub of this piece. Some

years back the regional media in Assam had widely reported the findings of a UNICEF-sponsored study conducted by the Gauhati University Women's Studies Research Centre, titled "Women's Participation in Decision Making in the Village Institution of Naamghar". If I recall correctly, the most disturbing aspect of that report was that some Vaishnava institutions

founded by the followers of "Eksara Namadharma", the religion founded by Mahapurush Sankaradeva, even today practised the obsolete and blatantly discriminatory practice of forbidding women from worshipping in their premises.

Within the area covered by the survey, the researchers had discovered that six naamghars in Morigaon, five in Kamrup, three in Nalbari, eleven in Barpeta and seven in Dhubri did not allow women into their main premises.

the Apex Court had approached the issue no from a religious perspective, but with the Constitutional aspect in mind. The learned judges have dwelt the question of whether tradition can override the Constitutional provisions of a secular nation, which confers equal right and status to men and women, and passed directives accordingly.

One of the religious institutions which have ushered in changes is the famous Pir Haji Ali Dargah in Mumbai, which had previously banned women from entering its sanctum sanctorum although men were allowed. In response to public interest petitions, the Bombay High Court had lifted this ban on the entry of women, thereby trying to put an

end to a practice which need to be removed in the light of modernity. It is obligatory on the part of the media to investigate if discrimination against women exists in naamghars even today. Our socio-cultural organizations, including student bodies, too need to become proactive if they discover that vestiges of discrimination remain.

Real inspiration behind B Barooah Cancer Institute

■ Dr Gazi Giasuddin Ahmed

May association with Dr KC Barooah began in 1974, I was at that time serving as Professor of Radiology in Gauhati Medical College. I was picked up by him to serve at the Dr B Barooah Cancer Institute as honorary consultant, an arrangement the Government of Assam approved. Similarly, he had selectively recruited other specialists also either in service or in private practice. He used to visit clinics at Guwahati to motivate specialists to come and serve at the institute. This impressed me highly and it was my first lesson for organizing an institute.

Barooah had a very sharp memory which helped him recall his past experiences vividly. It was a pleasant experience to listen to his narratives which used to flow uniformly and the references, be it a name of a person or place or an event, simply appeared on his lips just in time which is rather unusual in a person of his age who was an octogenarian at the time under reference. He was a very resourceful person and read voraciously assorted collections including philosophy,

fiction and political articles and the like. He never subscribed to the ideas of pessimism, superstition and ritualistic aspects of religion. He was known and accepted by his associates and family members in his indifference towards religion. He could not tolerate any unethical practices in the medical profession and criticized them openly. Dr Barooah had enjoyed an unusual command on the subjects of his empire. He was loved, feared and respected by all. He knew how to rear the mind of a person.

Although in 1974 I was serving as honorary consultant at the institute, I was inducted into the regular meetings as a special invitee and there I could watch closely the organizing and administrative qualities in Dr Barooah and the command as well as faith he was enjoying amongst his colleagues like late Debra Sarania, late Dr Birben Choudhury and late Dr Ganashyam Das.

As the secretary of the institute, Dr Barooah had to shoulder all the responsibilities like raising funds, preparation of plans and schemes, organization of meetings, recruit-

ing people, land development, construction and keeping liaison with the State and Central governments. His wide family background, contacts with people as a social and political worker and also as a renowned physician put him at an advantage which all worked favourably for raising funds, acquiring voluntary service from the Government and public and in popularizing the Institute. It was remarkable to

see how in 1974 with a modest beginning with 10 beds, a half-completed building, a workable but minimal diagnostic set-up and a skeleton staff of doctors and nurses, the institute in 1982 (when I took up as honorary secretary) could boast of 30 beds, a cobalt machine and a pro-

portionate increase in staff and diagnostic facilities. Dr Barooah was my guide and source of knowledge and inspiration. He used to cite umpteen numbers of examples regarding human behaviour, both favourable as well as detrimental. From the very beginning of our association, it was observed that Dr Barooah had one vision fixed in his mind: that the institute should be a regional one with all the modern facilities for diagnosis and treatment of cancer. He was all the time watchful that there is no political string-pulling from any corner to shift the regional character of the Institute to any other place and that kept all political lobbying and bureaucratic manoeuvres at bay. He would always look forward to the opportunity of involving prominent and influential personalities with the Institute. It was in his time and through his initiative that Giani Zail Singh (then Chief Minister of Punjab), FA Ahmed (then President of India), Dr DJ Jussawala (former director of Tata Memorial Centre), Margaret Snelling, a renowned radiation oncologist of the UK and many others visited the institute and offered their valuable suggestions and help.

Dr Barooah remained actively associated with the affairs of the institute up to 1986 and in the later part as the chairman of the Governing Body. His presence at the helm of affairs was a source of inspiration and courage for me and gave me an opportunity to learn many new aspects of administration which were essential in the changing circumstances. He was second to none in discipline, cleanliness and punctuality. His handwriting was superb for his age and especially for a doctor. He was frank and elaborate in his expressions. I had the proud privilege of accompanying him to the first general meeting of the Indian Cancer Society, both as invitees, in 1974 which was held in Bombay. His topic was regarding the experience in organizing a cancer institute through voluntary efforts. His deliberation was exceptionally brilliant incorporating practical suggestions which he had himself experienced in a hard way.

Dr Barooah had planted a tree of solace which we know as the Dr B Barooah Cancer Institute now and it is for posterity to nourish it to full blossoming.

(Published on the occasion of the 25th death anniversary of Dr KC Barooah today.)

Letters to the EDITOR

Sir – We have read the news items "Passengers' body calls for separate railway zone for region" (AT, September 11). The Assam Rail Passengers' Association (ARPA) has called upon the State Assembly to pass a resolution seeking a separate railway zone dedicated exclusively to the north-eastern region.

Though the NFR headquarters were established at Maligaon, but for the last several years, allegations have been levelled by various organizations that most of the funds coming to the zone, besides a major chunk of the railway job vacancies, are gobble up by Bihar and West Bengal, thus depriving Assam and other nearby States of their rightful share. A few months ago, nearly 50 posts under the NFR were filled up, but not a single candidate had been selected from the north-eastern region.

Various organizations from the region including the ASASU had protested against this, the NFR did not take any positive step for reconsideration. If a separate zone for the North-east is not constitut-

ed, then the unemployed youths of the region will always be deprived of getting appointment in the NFR. So we would like to request the State Minister to consider the following:

The State Government should move a resolution in the Legislative Assembly calling for a separate railway zone for the North-east. Yours etc., NABIN CHANDRA LAHKAR, Rupak Nagar, Tezpur.

Rural healthcare

Sir – With reference to your editorial "Doctors' shortage" (Sept 10) in relation to rural service, I would like to suggest the following points: Local doctors (MBBS) need to be posted from where they completed early education; salary to be paid in higher scale for rural posting similar to the Canadian Health Service; comfortable accommodation to be provided to doctors and paramedical professionals; ambulance or hired vehicles should be provided for evacuation of emergency patients; adequate supply of medicines; political interference in transfers and postings of medical professionals must be avoided; minimum three years' rural posting should

be mandatory; if resident doctors are not available, then retired doctors should be posted; the three-year diploma holders in medicine should be involved in treating the rural masses.

Rural healthcare is one of the biggest challenges that India is facing today. Local private health care is expensive and unregulated at times. So, special care has to be taken by the Government to develop rural healthcare services. Yours etc., DR ROHINI DUTTA, AT Road, Tezpur.

Disturbing concern

Sir – Your editorial, "Disturbing concern" (AT Sept 12) has rightly said, "When crimes are investigated promptly and the guilty booked and punished, it invariably acts as a deterrent to potential criminals." It appears that the delay in criminal justice delivery system has emboldened criminals to such an extent that they now dare to kill a student in his own school during school hours in Haryana and a well-known woman journalist at the very entrance of her home in Karnataka. Interestingly those two States, one in North India and the other in the South, have two different ruling parties but what is common is definitely the audacity

of the criminals to do the killings at places which look safer for the victims. A quick justice delivery system is a must if we are to stop criminals from making even our homes and schools of our children unsafe. Yours etc., SUJIT DE, Kolkata.

TE-T qualified teachers

Sir – Recently the Education Minister of Assam has started appointing of a large number of TE-T qualified candidates, who do not have the BEB degree, to the post of teachers in various elementary-level institutions, with the condition that they will have to join the DEEd programme and obtain the qualification within a reasonable time. Although it looks good, the catch is that the candidates have been given random postings at different places of the State, without considering their convenience. Most of them will have to move to places far away from their home, and so would have to set up a temporary establishment there. The post being of limited salary and for a limited period, and with the condition that they would have to obtain the required qualification within the given period, the job of setting up a temporary home in a

far-off place would be a big challenge for most of them. Besides, it would cause severe dislocation in their families. Although the minister has been aware of the possibility and cautioned against it, it is likely that a large number of the candidates will request for transfer to their home district or nearby places, soon after joining the post which they cannot afford to lose. It can result in a chaotic situation.

This unpleasant situation could have been easily avoided if the two lists (of the candidates and of the positions available) were sorted in order of their locations, and an effort was made to produce a compatible list. One feels that it would still be useful to do this exercise and offer the transfer to willing candidates, which will give a reassurance to the candidates, and can prove to be an impetus for the teachers to discharge their duties in their respective posts with sincerity. Yours etc., Dr JATINDRA BATH BARUAH, Milan Nagar, Dibrugarh.

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Students of Amunoram Borooja Junior College taking out a cultural rally at Nagaon, on Thursday. — UB Photos

Dumpers seized
ANN Service

BAIHATA CHARIALI, Sept 15: Acting on a tip-off, a team of the Forest Department under the leadership of Rabin Baisya, Ranger of Silv Range forest office of North Kamrup division, seized two illegal stone-carrying dumpers on the National Highway 31 on September 13. The registration numbers of the seized dumpers are – AS 01 GC 0249 and AS 01 BC 0248. Moreover, the team also seized a compressor-cum-drill machine from Kunnagar, Mandakata area. On September 12, the team had seized another illegal stone- carrying dumper (AS 01 FC 2427) at Bahalata Chariali area. Sources said that the dumpers were carrying stones to Guwahati from Kunnagar-Mandakata area under the range forest office without permission.

OBITUARY

Budheswari Gogoi
CORRESPONDENT

D O O M - D O O M A , Sept 15: Budheswari Gogoi, a pious and popular lady of Borjapuan near her breathed her last on Wednesday night. She was 87.

Budheswari Gogoi and her sons donated buildings to several educational and religious institutions of Borjapuan area. She was known for her philanthropic nature.

She leaves behind four sons and a daughter. Her death was widely reported by Borjapuan and Doomedoona.

Bichitra Kr Barman
CORRESPONDENT

GAURIPUR, Sept 15: Bichitra Kumar Barman, a retired teacher of Asharkandi ME School and a resident of Gauripur died at his residence recently. He was 72.

He was closely associated with a number of organisations like the Dhului district Scheduled Caste Association, Assam Sahitya Sabha, Gauripur Kirangtang, Ashoklendi village panchayat etc. His sudden demise was widely mourned in the area.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons, two daughters-in-law, four grandchildren along with a large number of relatives. His funeral was largely attended.

Nagendranath Buragohain
ANN Service

SIVASAGAR, Sept 15: Nagendranath Buragohain, founder-secretary of the Sivasagar Buddha Vihar, author of several books on Buddhism and a former employee of NCC Board, Jorhat, died of old-age ailments at his residence at Akhophutia Gohaingong on September 13. He was 82.

Buragohain leaves behind three daughters and three sons. The Sivasagar Buddhist Society has deeply mourned his death.

Firm conducting business in Goalpara sans trade licence

CORRESPONDENT

GOALPARA, Sept 15: Under the existing Goalpara Municipality Board (GMB) laws, a business house needs to get registered and obtain a trade license prior to commencing a new business within the municipality area, but off late it has been noticed that even though Vishal Mega Mart formally opened on September 2, 2017, but it has yet to obtain a No Objection Certificate (NOC) and a trade licence from the GMB, even though it has submitted the relevant papers, municipality sources said.

Sources also said that the Vishal Mega Mart is not following the relevant municipality rules and the building which has been converted for purely commercial purposes, does not

have the prescribed minimum parking requirement. The rush of people through the new mall, is resulting in a chaotic situation, forcing vehicles to be parked haphazardly on the limited space left on both sides of the road in front of the mart.

This results in heavy traffic congestion and traffic snarls up to the BOC police point along the Goalpara-Agri Road. The general public has raised its concern over the issue and has urged the traffic police to control the congestion and haphazard parking.

When contacted, the Executive Officer of GMB, Additional DC, Biswajit Goswami said that a notice was served prior to the opening of the megamart. Consequently, relevant papers were submitted by Vishal Mega Mart to the

municipality office for processing, but Goswami also added that no business activity can operate for a single day without obtaining prior NOC and trade licence from the Municipality Board.

Meanwhile, the GMB employees' strike has been extended to September 16, 2017. The Goalpara Municipality Workers' Union (GMWU) secretary, Anowar Hussain said that the strike was extended from September 9 as there was no progress over the decision of payment of pending salaries and dues to all its employees. He also added that all the 500 karmacharis including 43 sweepers and 60 labour have also joined the employees, expressing solidarity to the demand of non-payment of salaries and dues.

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commercial purposes, does not

Assamese surgeon's unique achievement

GUWAHATI, Sept 15: Dr Hemanta Kumar Bhattacharjee, Associate Professor in the Department of Surgical Disciplines, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, has been selected as one of the two International Surgical Education Scholars for the year 2017 by the American College of Surgeons (ACS).

The American College of Surgeons is a scientific and educational association of surgeons that was founded in 1912 to improve the quality of care for the surgical patients

Dr Bhattacharjee who will be given a scholarship of US \$10,000 will utilise it for his visits to surgical centres of his interest in the USA and Canada. The scholarship also gives him an opportunity to attend the ACS Clinical Congress to be held in San Diego, California, from October 22 to 26, 2017. This was stated in a press release.

Dr Bhattacharjee is the eldest son of Dr Rajendra Prasad Sarma and late Debalata Sarma of Srinagar, Guwahati.

Erosion turns serious at Saikhowa



CORRESPONDENT

DOOMDOOMA, Sept 15: The erosion of the river Brahmaputra has taken a serious turn in Saikhowa area. A delegation of Dibrugarh-Tinsukia Zila Baan Ara Gorakhpuronia

Pratirodh Sangram Mancha led by its president Binod Kedia and secretary Prakash Rai visited the erosion-affected Hatiguli, Bagarbari, Bhujan areas of Saikhowa and expressed serious concern over the high intensity of erosion of the

mighty Brahmaputra. At Hatiguli, a large tract of land where the Namami Brahmaputra Festival was held this year was submerged in the river. At Bagarbari and Bhujan, too, large tracts of land were submerged in the river.

The delegation urged the State Government to take some urgent and effective measures to check this erosion. It decided to

inform the matter immediately to the Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, Water Resources Minister Keshab Mahanta and the Deputy Commissioner of Tinsukia District Om Charan Kumar Singh through memorandums.

It may be mentioned here that in the wee hours

of September 10 last, four miscreants brutally killed Nihkil Debnath, the priest of Kokrajhar bazaar Samanidh near Kokrajhar railway station and robbed Rs 2.30 lakh along with two gold chains. Earlier, Kokrajhar police arrested two other accused in this connection and they have been identified as Golai Haldar and Biswajit Barman.

IGP Manoj Singh Rawat, Inspector General, North East Frontier of the ITBP took the salute as the chief guest. Ashoke Singh Bist, Commandant of RTC Kimum, ITBP delivered the welcome address.

He also explained the quality of 24 weeks of strenuous basic training, where these recruits have undergone various kinds of training in military and administrative subjects like, field craft, battle craft, conventional tactics, counter-insur-

nos, 156 and 157 took part in the oath-taking and passing out parade and attestation ceremony.

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gence operations, field engineering, weapons, drill, map reading, law, human rights and discipline etc.

IGP Manoj Singh Rawat, in his address, appreciated the vibrant passing out parade exhibited by 193 constables, who have been included in the mainstream of the force and conveyed his best wishes for further serving the motherland. The IGP also awarded overall Best Trophy to C7/DVR Battalion of 31st Battalion of ITBP at Kimum.

The parade was followed by PT display, weapon handling and pipe-band display

and other demonstrations performed by the recruits.

Workshop on snake conservation: A day-long workshop on the conservation of snakes and an awareness camp was held at Narayanpur recently. The workshop was organised by Bana-Tirtha, a private botanical garden initiative by retired professor Dr Prabin Saikia and presided over by his president Chandra Hazarika, subject teacher, Narayan HS School and a veteran journalist.

Debjyoti Mahanta, secretary of Wild life Rescue and Research Centre, Assam

and member, Indian Snake Bite Initiative attended the workshop as the resource person. Columnist and professor of Lakhimpur Commerce College Sazzad Hussain attended the workshop as a guest of honour. Popular myths and realities about snakes, their bites and nature of their venom, identification of snakes, their role in controlling the rodent population in agriculture, the trafficking of snakes and many more topics were discussed in the workshop. More than 30 people including college and school students participated in the workshop.

National Hindi Divas organised in Morigaon dist

CORRESPONDENT

MORIGAON, Sept 15: National Hindi Divas was observed at Ajbari Nijup Deka ME School in Morigaon district on Thursday under the auspices of Field Publicity department of Government of India in collaboration with the Nehru Yuva Kendra, Morigaon.

The programme began with a cleanliness drive and massive participation by the students and teachers of NDME School. This was followed by essay and extempore speech competitions. The open meeting held on the occasion was presided over by Gayatri Devi, Head

Mistress of NDME School. Speaking on the occasion, Bikash Rajbongshi, Field Publicity Officer, Nagaon dwelt at length on the significance of Hindi Divas. He appealed to the students to popularise Hindi among the common people in rural areas. Addressing the gathering, Tulsi Deka, a progressive farmer and the secretary of Jhob Jeuti Krishak Sangha said that importance of Hindi is a lingua franca in North East Region must be accepted.

Laith Pachani, president of Morigaon district unit of the Ason Jayatiabdu Yuba Parishad also spoke on the occasion.

Seminar held: A seminar on

Examination Reform and Quality Evaluation was held at Morigaon College recently under the auspices of Examination branch of Gauhati University. Altogether 100 college teachers of six colleges of Morigaon district namely Jagrati College, Moirabari College, Charababi College, Mayong College, GKB College, Morigaon and Morigaon College took part in this programme.

Participating as the resource person in the seminar Dr Debabrata Talukdar, Deputy Controller of Examinations, GU said that reform in the examination system in GU and its colleges is need of the hour as the modern education system in several developed countries of the world has been changed as far as evaluation is concerned. Dr Talukdar said GU will introduce online form filling up system in every examination in the near future.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Pranab Kumar Das, Deputy Controller of Examinations, GU said that the GU has taken a number of measures for quality-based evaluation of examinations at different stages.

Addressing the gathering, Dr LK Borthakur, Principal, Morigaon College extended thanks to Examination Branch of GU for organising the seminar.

Class-X boy makes Durga idols at home



Rupak Sarkar busy giving final touches to a Durga idol at his home in Silchar

ARINDAM GUPTA

SILCHAR, Sept 15: A large number of students staged a protest demonstration on Thursday in Sonai constituency under Cachar district demanding immediate repair of the road stretch from Motingar to Hospital road.

Meanwhile, during the protest, a huge traffic congestion was seen on both sides of the road. The students threatened that if the road stays bare and neglected, they would resort to massive agitation.

“Because of the wretched

road, people of all

sections are faced with

serious difficulties every

day. We appeal to the PWD

to look into the matter

as quickly as possible

as the people are suffering. If the road is not repaired within a short while, we shall stage a massive protest,” echoed the students as they handed over a memorandum to the Cachar district administration.

On the other hand, Sonai MLA Anmol Haque Laskar has said that the Government is concerned about the demand and soon steps will be taken to repair the road.

Rupak Sarkar, the introvert boy from Vivikondoma Road study

in class-X at Kondriya Vi-

dhyala Silchar has made

idols of Saraswati, Lakshmi and most

recently a full-fledged 30 cm

structure of goddess Durga

with her children.

“He had the uncanny knack of getting his hands immersed in clay from the age of 3. We never thought he would seriously take up this as his favourite pastime, despite our ways to keep him away from the practice,” said Apurba Sarkar.

She was quick to say that Rupak is also learning lessons

classical music and performs at local stage shows. Interestingly, while his mother was focusing on his singing talent, Rupak interrupted speaking about his of making a Durga idol and adorn it with golden hues next year. When asked about what drives him to make the idols, especially when no one in his family has been involved in the profession, Rupak replied “the enthusiasm from mere clay, straw and wood to life-like idols excite me to stand and stare at the deities and also to make them myself.”

Biodiversity workshop held at Bhairabkunda

CORRESPONDENT

KALAIKHALI, Sept 15: A field-based biodiversity workshop for college students, HoD of Botany and Zoology departments of environmental NGOs of Darang and Udaguri districts was held at the JFMC Hall of Darang-Bhutan-Arunachal bazaar meet point on September 14 with day-long activities.

The activities were organised by ATREE (Ashoka Trust For Research in Ecology and the Environment) in association with Aryabhata Science Centre (ASTEC), Assam, Udaguri district branch and Udaguri district administration. The inaugural ceremony of the workshop was held at the Conference Hall of the Deputy Commissioner, Udaguri at 10 am. Jayanta Das of ASC, Udaguri welcomed all the distinguished guests and participants from Darang and Udaguri districts before explaining the need for the launching of the Assam Biodiversity Portal (ABP) by ATREE.

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Akhil's arrest a sinister act, says KMSS

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overnment had conspired to eliminate its leader Akhil Gogoi on September 13. The way Akhil Gogoi was lifted into the police vehicle from his residence in Golaghat is a testimony that the police had ulterior motives like the secret killing or a fake encounter, Vedanta Laskar, advisor to the peasant body and convenor of Gana Mukti Sangram, Assam, told newsmen here today.

Laskar said that Akhil was treated inhumanly by the police as a folded mattress was thrust into his mouth before being dragged into the police vehicle in haste. Akhil was only in his vest and lungi. Had the neighbours not been witness to this event, Akhil would have been a victim of secret killing or a fake encounter, he said.

"At a juncture when KMSS has been carrying out mass Statewide protests against BJP's bid to provide citizenship to Hindu Bangladeshis by bringing about the controversial Citizenship (Amendment)

Bill 2016, the arrest of Akhil Gogoi is condemnable. The police have branded him as anti-national by slapping false charges against him. If his so-called provocative speech tantamount to sedition, what about the other leaders who equally made confronting speeches. Even the Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, some years back had suggested pointing up bengal (traditional sword) to check the non Assamese from infiltrating into the State. Education Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma also faces TADA cases. He was collecting money for the ULFA. Under these circumstances the government has no right to frame him as anti-national by putting sedition charges against Akhil Gogoi," Laskar said.

The KMSS leader further said that under the Sarbananda Sonowal led BJP Government, Visva Hindu Parishad (VHP) had conducted arms training in some areas of the State under Durga Vahini. This was brought to the notice of the police. But the government has not registered any case against this RSS/BJP affiliates. Pradip Haloi, vice president of the district committee has also been slapped the same charges as Akhil Gogoi. Haloi has neither made any national speech nor attended the public event in Bamunbari. The police have falsely accused him, Laskar said.

Dharjya Konwar, the KMSS joint secretary quoted Supreme Court's ruling that only a 'violent revolution' against the government attracted the charge of sedition. By arresting, the BJP and the RSS are only trying to suppress the voice of the people. If the rights of the indigenous people need to be protected, there is the need to uproot the BJP and the RSS from the State, he said.

— Staff Correspondent

Cachar ADC SN Singh passes away

CORRESPONDENT

He is survived by his wife Lakshmi Singh and two sons.

It is learnt that Singh was hospitalised on August 31 and was shifted to Guwahati for better treatment on September 1. Singh was also the Chief Executive Officer of Cachar Zila Parishad.

On the other hand, officials and staff of Cachar district administration have mourned the sudden demise of the Additional Deputy Commissioner.

AAI-Lilabari incurring loss due to lesser flights

CORRESPONDENT

NORTH LAKHIMPUR, Sept 15: The Lilabari airport situated in Lakhimpur district and which also serves the people of Arunachal Pradesh as well as the Indian Army have been incurring huge losses due to less frequency of flights operating from here.

Talking to the mediapersons here on Wednesday, WA Ansari, Airport Director, AAI-Lilabari said that only Air India's 48-seater ATR-42 class was operating from Lilabari to Guwahati on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday



— sixteen days in a month.

It may be mentioned that the Lilabari airport project in Lakhimpur began after hectic campaigning and lobbying by the then local Member of Parliament (MP), Dr Ranee Narah in 1999-2003. Construction of the airport had finished by 2003, and the terminal was inaugurated by the then Union Civil Aviation Minister Syed Shah Nawaz Hussain.

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Six smugglers arrested

SHILLONG, Sept 15: Six smugglers have been arrested today at Imphal after they were trying to smuggle 36 gold bars inside their rectum, which is worth Rs. 1.79 crore.

According to a press statement from the Customs headquarters here, officers of Air Intelligence Unit, Imphal Customs and CISF personnel made the arrest and seized the gold bars.

The total weigh of the gold bar was 5.97 kg.

"Part of the consignment was bound for Delhi and rest for Kolkata. All the six persons have been arrested under the provisions of Customs Act, 1962. Further investigation of the case is in progress," the statement said.

- Staff Correspondent

NSCN ultra nabbed

ITANAGAR, Sept 15: Assam Rifles troops have apprehended a NSCN(K) ultra and two NSCN(IM) underground workers in a series of operations against the outfit from Longleng in Arunachal Pradesh since Thursday.

The troops during its operations at Niausa village and Longleng town on Friday evening and this morning apprehended the rebels, a Defence spokesman said.

A self-styled lance corporal of NSCN(K) was apprehended based on specific intelligence inputs and a pistol and live ammunition was recovered from his possession. - PTI

2 NEEPCO projects in Arunachal to be commissioned next year

ITANAGAR, Sept 15: The North Eastern Electric Power Corporation (NEEPCO) today said its two hydro electric projects in the State, a long-pending demand of project affected people.

Borgohain said this was being taken up with the Union Power Ministry. Besides the Pare and Kameng electric projects, NEEPCO runs the 405 MW Rangani hydro electric project in Lower Subansiri district, which was commissioned in 2002. - PTI

Correspondent adds: The North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Limited (NEEPCO) today contributed a

neuro Director S Borgohain said here.

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Arunachal Chief Minister Pema Khandu receiving a cheque of Rs 50 lakh from NEEPCO Director (Personnel) S Borgohain under the CM's relief fund in Itanagar on Friday. - Photo: Correspondent

'Swachhta Hi Seva' campaign launched in Nagaland, Arunachal

CORRESPONDENT

DIMAPUR, Sept 15: Nagaland Governor PB Acharya launched the 'Swachhta Hi Seva' (Cleanliness is Service) campaign against Super Market area in Kohima today.

Addressing the launching programme, the Governor said cleanliness is next to godliness and that one should keep his/her

surroundings clean in order to live a healthy life. He also emphasised on the importance of having good clean public toilet.

Acharya also urged the people of the State to keep their surroundings and colonies clean.

"For tourism to flourish in our State, we must keep our towns and villages clean," he stressed.

Stating that the Government and municipal corporations are just facilitators to make a clean Kohima and to set an example for others.

Later the Governor along with Minister for Road and Bridges Dr Neikiesale Kire, Parliamentary Secretary for Housing Levi Rengma, Chief Secretary Panjai Kumar and other senior bureaucrats symbolically cleaned the

Super Market area in the heart of Kohima town.

The launching programme was chaired by Kohima DC Rajesh Soundararajan.

PTI adds:

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Priyanka Chopra apologises for Sikkim insurgency comment

MUMBAI, Sept 15: Actress Priyanka Chopra today apologised for hurling the "Priyanka sentiments and pride" of the people of Sikkim by incorrectly describing the State as insurrectionary.

The State Government had condemned the actress and demanded an apology while social media users dubbed her "politically illiterate".

In an interview at the Toronto International Film Festival, the actress-producer had

said her film "Pahuna" was the first film to come out of the region which was troubled with insurgency.

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Patanjali Ayurved to promote black rice of Manipur



CORRESPONDENT

IMPHAL, Sept 15: Patanjali Ayurved is forward to promote famous Manipur's black rice in the global market. The FMCG firm has already made a strong footprint in the North-east market.

The assurance in this regard was given by Managing Director Acharya Balkrishna of Patanjali Ayurved during his maiden visit to Manipur on Thursday.

"There is also requirement of local branding of products like Manipur's black rice which is beneficial for the health," said Acharya, a close aide of yoga Guru, Baba Ramdev. He further added that Patanjali is ready to take all possible steps to promote black rice grown in the State.

Despite the abundance of natural products, the Manipur farmers are yet to get full benefit due to lack of proper market.

"Patanjali will help in taking the products of the State to the corners of the world and will fully cooperate in making the dreams of the Horticulture Department come true," he said.

He further added that there is a need for

discussion on how farmers can be given full dues for their cultivation.

Earlier Acharya Balkrishna led a delegation which the Patanjali group was accorded a grand welcome at the Imphal Airport.

State Horticulture and Soil Conservation Minister Thounaojam Shyamkumar, Additional Chief Secretary (Horticulture and Soil Conservation) Dr J Suresh Babu, Director K Kipgen of Horticulture and Soil Conservation department along with department officials and the Patanjali members attended the reception at the airport.

In a brief meet, Minister Th Shyamkumar appealed to the Patanjali team to help in promoting products of the State as there is no market.

Additional Chief Secretary Dr Suresh Babu said the first priority will be given to the local products which can be processed in the State. In this context, he opined that the products which cannot be processed here can be taken to Patanjali and other nearest processing units.

However he said 20-25% of perishable agricultural products are wasted due to lack of storage facility.

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Man kills wife, buries her body

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 15: A 50-year-old man was arrested by Sagoan police on charges of killing his wife and burying her body atop a hill in the Amchang-Jorabat area.

ACP (Nonpari) Purabi Mazumdar said Babul Pantati had brutally assaulted his wife Meena on Wednesday. Yesterday, she was again assaulted with lathis and her body was buried atop a hill. We received the information around 11 pm last night and rushed to the spot. The place of crime was cordoned off and a guard was kept there till morning. This morning, in presence of a magistrate, the body was exhumed," she said.

The ACP said besides Babul, two of his accomplices – Bishnu Chabut and David Kujur – were also arrested.

"We suspect two more people helped Babul in the crime. Hunt is on to nab them," Mazumdar said, adding that the weapons used to commit the crime were also seized.

The exact cause of the murder is not yet known, but the police said Babul was suspicious of his wife's activities.

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Governor launches sanitation campaign in State

GUWAHATI, Sept 15: Assam joined the rest of the country in a fortnight-long sanitation campaign with Governor Banwarilal Purohit launching the 'Swachhata Hi Seva' campaign at the Rajdhari Bora Higher Secondary School at Azara here. The campaign will highlight the Centre's flagship cleanliness initiative 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan'.

Launching the campaign, Purohit called upon the people to participate in the cam-

paign. The objective of the campaign is to mobilise people and reinforce the *jan anandolan* for sanitation to contribute to Mahatma Gandhi's dream of a clean India. The initiative is being coordinated by the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation.

Hailing Prime Minister Narendra Modi for conceptualising the campaign, the Governor said the campaign would help encourage large-scale mobilisation of people from

all walks of life for a clean environment.

Purohit said, "Assam is primarily a tourist hotspot where people from all over the country and abroad flock to enjoy its verdant natural beauties. A concerted effort on the part of all sections of society will help the State brand itself as a clean, green and serene State."

He also informed that the campaign would culminate on October 2, synchronising with the birth anniversary of the Father of the

National Mahatma Gandhi.

The Governor further said that roads, bylanes and market places should be kept clean and shopkeepers in the markets should mandatorily place a garbage bin outside their shops. Public Health Engineering Minister Rilon Daimary administered the 'Swachhata Hi Seva' pledge and said this cleanliness campaign shall be carried out in all the districts of the State and sought mass participation and cooperation to make the campaign a success.

Chief Secretary VK Pipersenia, Additional Chief Secretary VB Pyarelal, Kamrup (M) Deputy Commissioner Dr M Angamuthu, Mission Director of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan Siddhartha Singh, Kamrup Deputy Commissioner Vinod Seshan along with a host of other dignitaries were present at the inaugural function.

Brahmaputra Valley Film Festival under way

GUWAHATI, Sept 15: The 5th edition of the Brahmaputra Valley Film Festival kicked off on the Pragjyoti ITA Centre, Machikhowa here on Friday. The festival will conclude on September 17, stated a press release.

In the three-day event, renowned film personalities such as Vishal Bhardwaj, Abhishek Chaubey, Nagesh Kukunoor, Ronnie Lahiri, Sanjay Bhutiani, Adil Hussain and few others will take part. Tsering Y Das, Additional Chief Secretary, As-

sam, attended the inaugural day of the event.

Kukunoor, on his second visit to Assam, said he always looks for chances to escape from Mumbai. "I visited Guwahati before, and each time I come here, I think I am going to make a film here. By next year, I will make a feature film here."

Bhardwaj, who shot his film *Rangoon* in the North-east, said, "I came to Assam for the first time in 1982 to play in the CK Naidu Trophy. Recently, I shot my movie *Rangoon* in

both Assam and Arunachal Pradesh."

Ronnie Lahiri said such festivals provide great opportunity for the current generation of movie lovers from the region.

Tsering Y Das, Additional Chief Secretary, Assam, said the North-east is going through social change. She added that films from the region reflect its philosophies and realities.

Actor Adil Hussain said, "Any film which is made to educate the masses needs to be encouraged by the government." — Correspondent

The following films were screened on Friday, the opening day of the festival: *Lobab Lairombee (Lady of the Lake)*, *Liakat, My Name is Eewoor and Mukti Bhawan*.

Suicide

JALUKBARA, Sept 15: A woman aged around 27 committed suicide by jumping into the Brahmaputra from the old Saraihat bridge around 11 am today. Police and SDRF personnel were trying to retrieve the body till the time of filing of this report. — Correspondent

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Assam Police ...

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Additional Director General of Police (Special Branch) Pallav Bhattacharya was quoted as saying, "We've already alerted the district police of Karimganj, Cachar, Haikailak, Dhubri and South Salmara regarding the Rohingya issue and discussed the matter with top officials of BSF and other security agencies," ADGP Blatarcharya told reporters.

According to the UN High Commission for Refugees, about 300,000 Rohingya refugees have entered Bangladesh since it started entering India.

At least four states – Arunachal Pradesh (520 km), Manipur (398 km), Nagaland (215 km) and Mizoram (510 km) – share a 1,643-km mountainous

since the latest military crackdown, which began in Rakhine two weeks ago following a series of attacks on law enforcement agencies by insurgents.

Meanwhile, MHA sources said they have ordered tightening of the borders of Northeastern States with Myanmar and Bangladesh to prevent the Rohingyas fleeing the Rakhine state from entering India.

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and unfenced border with Myanmar. There is a 16-km wide free zone (8 km on either side of the frontier) along this 1,643-km unfenced border.

"Eight additional companies of Assam Rifles are being relocated to the India-Myanmar border to strengthen security along the frontiers," the sources said, adding there has been no influx of Rohingyas to Mizoram yet. In view of the apprehension of influx, a high-level meeting of various security officials HQ was held at Assam Rifles HQ in Itazwi yesterday.

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In this regard, the Health Minister will be keeping the concerned ministry posted on the existing laws.

Health Minister said the Government will spend more than Rs 1,000 crore annually to implement the policy and the 38 departments will bring amendments in their rules to align them with the policy.

Noting that there is a huge mismatch in the population growth rates (between 2001 to 2011) in the districts, Sarma said while in some districts it is as low as eight per cent, Dibrui has seen a jump of 24-24 per cent. The growth in Muslim population in the western districts of the State do not reflect the same trend as in the growth of Muslim population in other states of the country.

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"In case of any activity in the Rabha Hasong and Tiwa autonomous council areas, we will seek NOC from the respective councils and in case of the tribal blocks and belts, NOC from the WPT&BC department will be sought," Sarma added.

The minister also said a proposal will comprise twelve members, including the Chief Minister as the chairman and Finance, GDD and Urban Development ministers as members. The vice chairman of the authority will be the chairman of the executive committee, which too would comprise a maximum of twelve members.

Sarma however, said the au-

thority will not infringe on the powers of the local bodies and the two autonomous councils – Rabha Hasong and Tiwa. The autonomy of the municipalities will also not be affected, he said.

According to apprehensions raised by MALS Ramenara Narayan Kalita, Ajanta Neog and Deepak Rabha, the minister said the capital region will be developed keeping in view the existing laws.

House adopts ...

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Besides, to create an educational system, minimum educational qualifications will be provided to the contestants of panchayat and urban body pols.

In order to mobilise beneficiaries for family planning at the grassroots level, special additional incentives will be provided to ASHA workers and Anganwadi workers in the 11 highly focused districts – where there has been an abnormal population growth in the last decade or so – to encourage adoption of family planning and spacing methods by eligible couples.

Of the total financial resources allocated to panchayat, 10 per cent will be earmarked for performance-based disbursement in the field of reproductive health, child health services and female education. Also, girl education will be free up to the university level.

Health Minister said the Government will spend more than Rs 1,000 crore annually to implement the policy and the 38 departments will bring amendments in their rules to align them with the policy.

Noting that there is a huge mismatch in the population growth rates (between 2001 to 2011) in the districts, Sarma said while in some districts it is as low as eight per cent, Dibrui has seen a jump of 24-24 per cent. The growth in Muslim population in the western districts of the State do not reflect the same trend as in the growth of Muslim population in other states of the country.

"Population explosion is like a cancer cell. It is swelling over to the adjacent areas," he said, adding while one society is suffering economically, another is facing a threat of losing identity.

Initiating that the House cannot deny the threat posed to the indigenous people due to illegal migration, the Health Minister also maintained that the indigenous minority community also should not be deprived of a modern life.

In this regard, the Health Minister will be keeping the concerned ministry posted on the existing laws.

Health Minister said the authority will comprise twelve members, including the Chief Minister as the chairman and Finance, GDD and Urban Development ministers as members. The vice chairman of the authority will be the chairman of the executive committee, which too would comprise a maximum of twelve members.

Sarma however, said the au-

thority will not infringe on the powers of the local bodies and the two autonomous councils – Rabha Hasong and Tiwa. The autonomy of the municipalities will also not be affected, he said.

According to apprehensions raised by MALS Ramenara Narayan Kalita, Ajanta Neog and Deepak Rabha, the minister said the capital region will be developed keeping in view the existing laws.

"In case of any activity in the Rabha Hasong and Tiwa autonomous council areas, we will seek NOC from the respective councils and in case of the tribal blocks and belts, NOC from the WPT&BC department will be sought," Sarma added.

The minister also said a proposal will comprise twelve members, including the Chief Minister as the chairman and Finance, GDD and Urban Development ministers as members. The vice chairman of the authority will be the chairman of the executive committee, which too would comprise a maximum of twelve members.

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RAJIB SARMA

This is for bringing your information that Rajib Sarma, S/o Late Hiren Sarma, P/o: House No.: 23 Chandra Choudhury Path, Bhetapara, P.S.: Dispur, Dist: Kamrup (M): Assam & Permanent Address: Near Nabbari Court, P.O. & P.S.: Dispur, Assam. Rajib Sarma is a 25 years old boy belonging to him self do as his/her own risk and R.D. Motors Pvt. Ltd. will be responsible for any such dealings. FIR had already been lodged in Haibagona Police Station: Nagaon, Vide No. Nagaon PS/CNo. 2061/ 17 US: 409 IPC.

From Manager
R.D. Motors Pvt. Ltd.
Nagaon, Assam
Date: 14.9.2017

CD/PN/283/1

I Subhash Mahanta S/o Lt. Dinesh Chandra Mahanta of Bhawalpuri, New Borgaigaon, Borgaigaon declared vide an Affidavit at Notary Borgaigaon dated 16.08.17 that my name was wrongly recorded as "Subhash Chandra Mahanta" instead of "Subhash Mahanta" and my father's name also wrongly recorded as "Dinesh Mahanta" instead of "Dinesh Chandra Mahanta" in some documents. I'm not saying the employ-

ees do not give anything to their parents. But we should be role models. We're not forcing anything, but appealing to the employees so that they give more than what is said in the Act," Sarma said. Speaker Hitenra Nath Goswami described the Act as "most progressive."

According to the Act, any dependent provided parent or divorcee sibling can write to the designated authority seeking financial support from the employee,

all walks of life for a clean environment.

Purohit said, "Assam is primarily a tourist hotspot where people from all over the country and abroad flock to enjoy its verdant natural beauties. A concerted effort on the part of all sections of society will help the State brand itself as a clean, green and serene State."

He also informed that the campaign would culminate on October 2, synchronising with the birth anniversary of the Father of the

National Mahatma Gandhi.

The Governor further said that roads, bylanes and market places should be kept clean and shopkeepers in the markets should mandatorily place a garbage bin outside their shops. Public Health Engineering Minister Rilon Daimary administered the 'Swachhata Hi Seva' pledge and said this cleanliness campaign shall be carried out in all the districts of the State and sought

mass participation and cooperation to make the campaign a success.

Chief Secretary VK Pipersenia, Additional Chief Secretary VB Pyarelal, Kamrup (M) Deputy Commissioner Dr M Angamuthu, Mission Director of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan Siddhartha Singh, Kamrup Deputy Commissioner Vinod Seshan along with a host of other dignitaries were present at the inaugural function.

COACHES CLEANING WORKS

Tender Notice No: DBWS-NIT-07/2017-18 Dated 13-09-2017. Open tenders are invited for the cleaning of Coaches in Tezpur Town. Tender Value: ₹ 39,27,100/- Estimate Month & Year: 01-09-2017 to 31-08-2018. Name of Work: Cleaning of Coaches in Tezpur Town. Description for work: Cleaning of Coaches in Tezpur Town.

E-Tender Notice No: 54W-2/APDU/06-09-2017. Please refer to the notice issued against E-Tender Notice No. 54W-2/APDU/06-09-2017. Please visit www.irspb.gov.in/. For details & terms & conditions visit www.irspb.gov.in/ for quoting against e-tender. Please visit IR-Procurement portal (<http://irprocurement.mca.gov.in/>) for registration of e-tender.

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4. Tender Notice No: LMG/2017-18 Dated 13-09-2017. Open tenders are invited for the following work.

5. Name of work: Cleaning of Coaches in Tezpur Town for a period of 20 months (500 days). Tender Value: ₹ 39,27,100/- Estimate Month & Year: 01-09-2017 to 31-08-2018. Name of Work: Cleaning of Coaches in Tezpur Town.

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Team *Mission China* deserves all the credit for drawing an unprecedented footfall in movie theatres for an Assamese film. And if there was anyone who could trigger the languishing regional film industry's revival or at least offer some kind of momentum, it had to be the industry's heartthrob Zubeen Garg, without any shadow of doubt.

Never has any movie in the history of the Assamese film industry evoked such enthusiasm and response from cine-goers, leaving even the Bollywood releases of this week far behind. The situation is akin to what we often get to witness in South India when it comes to movies featuring regional superstars like Rajinikanth or Kamal Haasan. Shot in captivating locations in and around Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya and Sikkim, *Mission China* is a cinematographer's delight and is technically right up there.

This much-talked-about home production of Zubeen Garg is about Colonel Goswami who retires from the force after being framed in a case and sent to jail. But the system fails on him when the Home Minister's daughter is abducted by rebel leader Lama. The Colonel now leads a group of four skilled operators entrusted with the task of rescuing the child, kept as a captive somewhere near the Indo-China border. Hence, the title *Mission China*!

Despite being a high-budget movie, the script of the film, and more importantly, the treatment offered, does not lend any novelty

and lacks the typical punch of an action thriller. In one scene where the dreaded rebel leader was interrogated in an apparently undisclosed location by the Colonel and his team, it was baffling to see the Colonel's girl-friend reach the interrogation spot just to offer *prasad* (as she had just visited a temple) to both the Colonel and the rebel leader who was hanging upside-down. One wonders where on earth this can happen, not in India for sure.

The story-telling, too, does not offer any wow factor and runs on a flat pace, without giving the viewers any kind of adrenaline rush, nor does it offer any bit of suspense or thrill. To add to the perplexity, the reasons for the Colonel's jail-stay—which is somewhat over-emphasised and referred to more than once, are unclear. Zubeen, the director, hardly bothers to explain as to what landed the protagonist in jail, leaving a serious vacuum in the storytelling.

Even the song sequences are imposed on, which hardly finds any alignment with the flow of the script, despite the fact that the quality of music leaves a soothing effect. Here, Zubeen,

proves his mettle once again.

Performance-wise, Zubeen Garg, who plays the role of Colonel Goswami, impresses in fits and starts. Somehow, he does not look to be in complete freedom when it comes to regressing his exploits as an actor, more so in the action sequences. He strains to fit into the shoes of a Colonel and even his dialogue delivery in Hindi and English does

not hold the punch that we are so accustomed to from Zubeen, the actor.

Pabitra Rabha chips in quite well in the role of the rebel leader Lama but there was very little he could offer in terms of making an impact.

Satyakayee D'Com Bhuyan, however, impresses to the hilt. With controlled emotions, and perfect pitching in dialogue delivery, Bhuyan pulls it off, doing full justice to his role of a sharp shooter and remains consistent throughout the movie. With his typical mannerisms, Bhuyan was the stand-out performer and will make you crave more from him.

Tridib Lahon in his role of Spider, the bomb expert, succeeds in tickling the audience with humour.

Newcomers Siddharth Nipon Goswami, Deepalina Deka and Yankee Parashar played their part well, showing promise, the most impressive of them being Yankee, who managed to come up with the right kind of emotions almost every time.

While *Mission China* has once again proved what a well-thought-out publicity plan can do, it, at the same time, has paved the way for filmmakers to thrive on the situation which is just tailor-made for pushing the beleaguered regional industry into revival route. It is, however, only a qualitative approach that can get the mission accomplished in the real sense of the term.

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A regional revival

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A movie poster for 'Mission China' featuring several actors in military-style uniforms and berets. The title 'MISSION CHINA' is prominently displayed at the bottom in a stylized font.

Three circular inset images from the movie: one showing a group of men in a jungle setting, another showing a man in a military uniform, and a third showing a close-up of a man's face.



A musical delight



The Guwahati-based leading institute of Indian classical music and dance, Sursangam, celebrated its 27th birth anniversary, recently. On this auspicious occasion, a two-day-long festival of music and dance was organised at the Rabindra Bhawan, Guwahati, on September 2 and 3. With this, the art and culture lovers of the city had the golden opportunity of witnessing the rich legacy of Indian culture.

The programme was a beautiful blend of poetry, music and dance. The Sangeet Natak Akademi awardees, renowned Kathak exponent from the Jaipur Gharana – Pandit Rajendra Gangani, along with Anuj Mishra, the young and energetic Kathak exponent from the Lucknow Gharana, were invited to participate in the festival. Both the Kathak artistes mesmerised the packed audience with their enchanting performances. Noted Kathak guru Bipul Das also thoroughly impressed the art lovers.

Renowned Kathak exponent, Marami Medhi, along with some of her disciples, presented a *Ganesh Vandana* at the beginning of the programme. The students of Sursangam also presented some captivating Kathak *Shuddha Nritya* items. On the other hand, the vocal students and the Sat-

triya learners of the institute presented the title song of Sursangam, along with a *Jyoti Sangeet*, a *bhajan* and some Satirya dance items. Noted vocalist Joy Prakash Medhi captivated the audience by presenting a *khayal* and a *Durga Bhajan*.

SK Priyanka
Bhaalpuwa Dikchon Baatore was another attraction of the programme. This poetic dance ballet in Kathak style, based on an everlasting poem of late Hirun Bhattacharya, was a tribute to the legend. Molyo Goswami, the noted actor, recited the poem, while Joy Prakash Medhi and Marami Medhi blended it beautifully with melodious music and choreography, respectively. Meghamoni Medhi, Suhanya Minu, Debarati Choudhury, Sunita Karmakar and Rupali Panda took part in this performance. The performers of this beautiful festival of dance and music were accompanied by Pate Singh Gangani, Vishak Mishra, Dibyajyoti Changmai, Madhurya Mahanta and Biswajeet Deka on the tabla; Dweependra Sharma on the violin and harmonium; Jogen Basumatary (flute); Amarjyoti Deka on the keyboard; Indra Barua (guitar) and Tapan Deka on the percussion, while Amitrprabha Mahanta and Ramen Deka accompanied the artistes by lending their voices.

'Freshtival' in DU

The All Assam Students' Association of Delhi organised 'Freshtival' to welcome the Freshers from Assam to Delhi on September 9. The event began with an introduction round that witnessed a variety of cultural performances by the students. In a segment called Vibrant India, seniors from different colleges of Delhi University performed songs representing the cultural diversity of India. Kathak, Bharatnatyam, Sattriya, bhangra and Bihu performances were the other highlights of the show.

In the evening, there was excitement when heartthrob Zubeen Garg took the stage.



North East Calling in Delhi

Art, music and dance forms of the Northeastern states were showcased in a two-day festival on September 9-10, in the programme titled North East Calling at the August Kranti Lane, India Gate, New Delhi. On September 9, a day-long music festival of the Northeastern bands was the main attraction. Another highlight of the evening was a performance by popular singer Zubeen Garg. September 10 saw the performance of the Parkrama band, as well as other Northeastern bands. The festival was inaugurated by the Minister of State DONER (Independent Charge) Dr Jitendra Singh.



Artist-cartoonist Pradip Nath took part in an exhibition-cum-workshop held at the Sathorn Art Space Gallery, Bangkok, from September 2 to 5, 2017.



Satkara's Sattriya dance competition winners



Satkara – a society for propagating Sattriya culture, in association with the Directorate of Cultural Affairs, Government of Assam, organised its 2nd All Assam Sattriya Dance Competition – 'Nati Niriyam 2017', in memory of Nriyayatra Dr Jagannath Mahanta. The competition was held across Assam in three places – Jhansi, Dulaijan and Guwahati on July 2, 9 and 16, respectively. Altogether 122 enthusiastic candidates participated, out of which 22 were shortlisted.

The prize distribution ceremony was held on September 3 at the Vivekananda Kendra Institute of Culture, Guwahati. The top three prizes for the senior category went to Ritishmita Deka from Dulaijan, Jahnavi Gogoi from Dulaijan, and Gargee Bordoloi from Guwahati. In the junior category, the winners were Rosy Saikia from Jhansi, Anwesha Saikia from Namrup, and Pralakshi Baisya from Guwahati. Rest of the short-listed candidates were given consolation prizes.

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

Short film on erosion

A few enterprising young artistes are going to make a short film titled – *Nilanjana Jaar Hridayan Luit Thomai Roi*. Incidentally, the makers of the film, hailing from the village of Bohari, Pathsala, are planning to document the place which is now slowly disappearing into the vastness of the mighty river Brahmaputra. The place, like many other nearby areas, has been affected by the problem of soil erosion. The locals fear that the river will wash away their lands and homes in the coming years. The objective of making the film is to focus on the sufferings of the people. Ajay Das directs the film, with the story and dialogue by him, and the cinematography has been done in association with Rajan Kumar Sarma.

Akshay Kumar and Saif Ali Khan on TV show

They have given some popular potboilers in the 90s like *Main Khiladi Tu Anari* and *Yeh Dillagi* and now Akshay Kumar and Saif Ali Khan are all set to entertain the audience again, but not on the big screen. The two, who were last seen together in the 2008 YRF film *Tashan*, will make a comeback on the small screen as Akshay is all set to invite Saif as the first guest in his show *The Great Indian Laughter Challenge*. The show, which has now returned with its fifth season, will feature Akshay as one of the super judges, whereas Saif will be the show only for one episode.



Kangana's directorial debut is a children's film

Kangana Ranaut has been in the news for all her recent statements. The actress is also promoting her recent release *Simran*. Post *Simran*, Kangana is going back to shooting for her next film *Manikarnika*, which is 30 per cent over. After that, Kangana will venture into direction with a film named *Tejju*, which happens to be a children's film.

During media interactions for her film *Simran*, Kangana spilled the beans on her directorial debut and said, "I will start working on my directorial debut *Tejju* once I complete shooting for *Manikarnika*. It is a children's film, and I have a lot of ideas and excitement for it. But it will be a difficult project to pull off. It is a family drama. It will be a light-hearted film; I can't call it comedy, but most definitely, a nice film. This is what I wanted to do."

Kangana is going to play the role of an 80-year-old in this film. Kangana also spoke on how it is to work with kids. "Kids are very hard to handle! I like children, but to work with kids. Oh... oh God... their sleeping time and you know... But in my film, there are kids," she revealed.



The song that never ends...

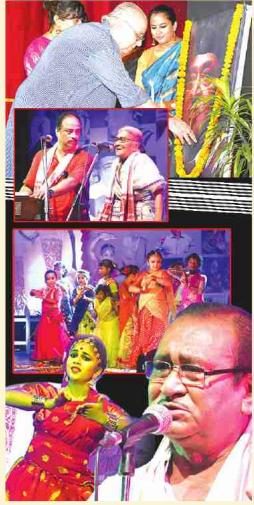
Like the previous years, hordes of fans and admirers of *Sudhakanta* were treated to a fabulous evening of music and dance at the Rabindra Bhawan, Guwahati, on the evening of September 1. The function, titled 'Upajah Mahot Sudhakantik Suwaran', organised by the Luitaparia Sanskritik Gosthi, in association with the Directorate of Cultural Affairs, Assam, practically kick-started the month-long festivities in Assam and the rest of the country, marking the 91st birth anniversary of the legendary artist, falling on September 8.

Despite having to deal with constraints like inadequate funds and patronage, the Luitaparia Sanskritik Gosthi, a prominent city-based socio-cultural organisation, has been paying a glowing tribute to the legendary artiste Dr Bhupen Hazarika by doggedly staging a cultural show for the last ten years, which has now become a prestigious annual event. The chief organisers – senior journalist and writer Jitumoni Bora and film producer Rosy Bora, and other resourceful members of the Gosthi deserve praise and appreciation for organising such a show every year.

The programme was inaugurated by noted actor-writer Dilip Kumar Hazarika who lit the traditional lamp before the portrait of Dr Bhupen Hazarika. The veteran artiste, who played the role of Piyali Barua, and on whom the famous song *Boku hom kore* was picturised in the landmark Assamese film *Maniranta*, composed by Dr Hazarika, and released in 1964, regaled the audience with a stirring keynote speech, punctured with various anecdotes from his chequered career.

The cultural evening then kicked off with a scintillating display of dance by talented dancer-actress Rodali Bora to the evergreen melody by Dr Hazarika. The veteran artiste, who played the role of Piyali Barua, and on whom the famous song *Boku hom kore* was picturised in the landmark Assamese film *Maniranta*, composed by Dr Hazarika's evergreen compositions, including *Kohuna bon mor ashanta mon*. It was then the turn of dancers Sukanya Deka, Juri Das, Elizi Ojai, Umanma Das, Jyotiina Das and Himashree Kalita to perform to four of Dr Hazarika's popular compositions.

Music has a way of bringing people together. It



was a pleasant surprise for the audience when the eminent artiste and loving sister of Dr Hazarika, Sudakshina Sarma turned up to stage to be felicitated by noted filmmaker Chandra Mudi. Sudakshina Sarma rendered the song *Kusumbar putra shreshekar gurure*, in a duet with son Rishiraj Sarma. After this touching presentation, prominent singer Samar Hazarika or *Kon Bhaatii*, as he was affectionately called by Dr Hazarika, and his son Dawar performed evergreen hits like *Bistirna paro*, *Hu hu dhunuka*, *Liyeng mukao*, *Pratididha-*

ni hunu, among other songs that kept the audience spellbound, receiving thundering applause.

Renowned physician Dr Anjanjyoit Choudhury's other identity is that of a musician, and a very popular one at that. His capacity to engage the audience with his musical shows is a well known fact. He performed two of Dr Hazarika's popular songs – *Sira juganiya dihoo tuli* and *Kohuna bon mor ashanta mon*. The humorous and witty anecdotes in between his renditions livened up the ambience. Before Choudhury's presentation, three prodigious dancers – Ranjumoni Saikia, Rijnjumoni Saikia, Ranji Gogoi, Sitaran Hazarika, Akashiyoti Sarma and Jintu Borpujari were felicitated with a *phulam ganachu* and citation by Rosy Bora, Baby Bora and Pinky Jayanta Bora on behalf of the Luitaparia Sanskritik Gosthi.

The show host Prashanta Mena also elicited comments from a number of well-known personalities among the audience, including GM Srivastava, former Director General of Police, retired IAS officers Parmanu Dutta, Swapnani Barua, and noted actor Sadhan Hazarika, who poured their thoughts while fondly recalling their association with the legend.

Dr Bhupen Hazarika had rendered quite a few songs in Hindi which continue to be a great source of inspiration to music aficionados from all over the country. A group of dancers – Rodali, Ankita, Jaya, Debangshu and Upasana, danced to the popular Hindi number *Sun si guraya* from the film *Damai* and the evergreen *Sonai d'liye chalo* from *Rudali*. Everyone was visibly overjoyed when dancers to Raj, Shresti, Parmesh and Raj Basnor rendered the evergreen classic *Sagar sangam*, which offered immense scope for creativity. It was followed by the rarely heard *Sunbor nabihi to*, which was performed by dancers Bishal Gogoi, Barnali Basumatary and Gautam Phukan that truly evoked feelings of nostalgia. The next item showcased an experimental display of three songs – *Polsahare rong*, *Dolake dolaa* and *Naino main darpan*, engagingly performed by Rini Barua, Sanjiv Kumar, Chinmoy Das, Shristi Bora, Rodali Barua, Nitumismita Dutta and Akashiyoti Sarma.

The performances just proved how dance with its power of movement can say so much. In fact, all the performers displayed a lot of passion and commitment to the Bard's evergreen classics that spoke so much about humanity, love, compassion, universal justice, brotherhood, etc. The dances performed in the cultural show were directed by Ranjumoni Saikia, Akashiyoti Sarma and Jintu Borpujari. Biswajit Roychoudhury also engaged the audience with some lucid interpretations of Dr Hazarika's songs on the violin. The evening's last item featured renditions by Pramip Das on two of Dr Hazarika's songs.

Music for happiness

Spread music, spread love and peace," says Neil Bharadwaj, a vocalist and a music enthusiast. He believes that music has the power to heal people. Jim Ankian Deka, too, shares his intense love of music with Neil. After a span of about ten years, these musician friends, hailing from Guwahati, have come together to render good music for music lovers.

Neil's musical journey began from the tender age of eight. He received the 'Best Singer' award in school in the year 1996. Later, he bagged the 'Best Singer' award twice at the Arya Vidyaapeeth College during his graduation. His professional singing career started in the year 1999 as he began to perform in cultural shows. Many renowned artists from Assam, such as Kalpana Patowary, Moushumi Saharia, Subhasiana Duttar and Trishna Devi have been his co-singers. Then he moved to Mumbai and Delhi, working in the corporate sector for ten years. But the love he

has for Assam and its unique cultural heritage, specifically music, made him homebound, leaving his lucrative job in Google. His urge to do something worthwhile in the field of music has brought him back to his own land.

Jim shares his childhood experience when asked how he developed interest in music, saying, "It was during my childhood that I was exposed to the Vaishnavite culture in my family, and became familiar with *Borgeet*. Initially, I received training in *Borgeet* and the *khol*. I began playing the guitar from the age of four." Since the age of 18, Jim started composing and arranging music for various albums, documentaries, TV series, etc., and in the year 2000, his first music album – *Prabhar Tumi Kuna Kothabar*, was released. Prabhar, the first Assamese soft band, with the other members Neil, Nayan and Bitupan Phukan played with Kalpana Patowary. Moving to Bengaluru in the year 2006, he founded a band called Eastern Fare, which was perhaps the first acoustic band in India. He has also introduced ChatATunes, which is a fusion of rock and Goapuriya music. The extremely talented Jim has created many award-winning compositions such as *Awaaaz - Speak up Against Sexual Violence and Eastwards*.

Both Jim and Neil are basically academic musicians, and they have, therefore, come up with their own music academies. Neil, after return-

ing to Guwahati in 2015, thought of setting up a music academy with his friend Chimoyee Bhuyan Bordoloi. So now, they have a joint venture known as the Coverage Academy of Art and Culture. Neil is also planning to employ music as therapy for healing the ones who are suffering from any kind of pain and trauma. On the other hand, Jim has opened branches of Eastern Fare Music Foundation in Guwahati and in Umroj and Umiam (Meghalaya), the main branch being in Bengaluru. The Eastern Fare Music Foundation is affiliated to the Trinity School of Music, London.

Neil and Jim now aspire to make use of music as a medium to create happiness for themselves as well as for the people who love music. "We do not intend to go into the path of mainstream commercialised music; our vision is to offer good music to the people, and so we are very stringent about what we play," says Neil. They do shows and have jamming sessions with their co-artists Gaurav and Prahalad Pratim. They are sometimes accompanied by their friend and renowned musician Kirti Prabhar Das from Assam, based in Mumbai. Hence, they look forward to a good response from the music lovers in their effort to deliver good music as they believe that "Music is praying to God, the source of happiness, and is beyond borders and barriers."



the colosseum

■ Neelopratik Deka

side screen

1) Picture Clue: This is the childhood image of which cricketer? (Hirak Jyoti Lahiri, Police Training College, Dergaon)



cived five nominations at the BAFTA (winning two) and six Oscar nominations at the 89th Academy Awards. This movie is based on a book *A Long Way Home* by Saroo Brierley, who is an Indian-Australian businessman. Name the movie. (Hirak Jyoti Lahiri, Dergaon)

do-re-me

9) Which state of India that plays a key role in perfume (tara) production is known as "the perfume capital of India"? (Shajid Khan, Tangla College, Tangla)

10) "Quichua" or "Quechua", the language of the Incas (the famous civilisation that thrived in the Andean region of South America, in the 14th and 15th centuries), is now the second official language of which country? (Suman Das, Guwahati)

11) He wrote the famous patriotic song *Aye mere watan ke logon*. Name him. (Adish Agarwalla, Morahat)

12) According to legend, there is a village in Scotland

that appears for only a day in 100 years. What is its name? (Nikamani Ahmed, Charatra, Nahar)

13) Gautama Buddha's childhood name was Sidh-dhartha, his wife's name was Yashodhara, while that of his mother's was Maya Devi. A person with the name 'Sidh' is the name of his name? (Rukhsarini Boruah, Lakhimpur)

14) He is the avatar of one of the 11 Rudras, believed to be a living survivor of the Kurukshetra War. The grandson of the Brahmin sage Bharadwaja, he was said to be cursed by Krishna for 3000 years that he will roam in the forests with blood and puss oozing out of his injuries and cry for death. He is still believed to be roaming in the foothills of the Himalayas. Who is he? (Shajid Khan, Tangla)

crescendo

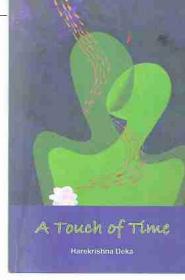
15) Which international organisation got its name from the fact that when it was first started, its members would meet in turn in each other's homes? (Shajid Khan, Tangla)

ANSWERS 1) Mithali Raj 2) *Bon Phul* by Jatinandranath Dourawar 3) *Bahi* 4) *Humayun* 5) *Sinor* Indian War of 1962 6) *Hannas Aansoo* (1950) 7) *Srinivasa Ramanujan* 8) *Lion* 9) *Kanchan* of Uttar Pradesh 10) Peru 11) *Kavi Pradeep* 12) *Bridgadeon* 13) *Rahula* 14) *Ashwathama* 15) The Rotary Club.

BOOKSHELF

Hues of life

Bibekananda Choudhury



A TOUCH OF TIME
Bibekananda Choudhury
Harekrishna Deka,
Dhauli Books, Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
Price: Rs 350/-

T his prolific author has tried his hand at almost all forms of literature, except, perhaps, drama. Born in 1943 and wielding *khabki* for his sustenance as well as to serve the people and the nation, he did not lose his penchant for literature and stands as an example of how one can balance both. He is one of the select few who is equally adept in his mother tongue and in English, and it gives a different level of pleasure as one glides through his sensuous braid of words.

It starts with the writer's note: "These English poems, which I wrote between my writings in Assamese, lay scattered in my notebooks as exercises for my own pleasure. One urge led to another and a thought came to me that if I had an adequate collection of my English poems, may be I can venture out to bring a collection." In this anthology of 78 poems, some as short as 15 words, while a few spanning up to three pages, the author endeavours to encapsulate various hues of life, as well as his poetic response to some happenings.

In the poem *A meeting*, he delineates the lackadaisical attitude of the Centre towards the State – "I came from the easterly direction/ You called it North-East/ For a reason/ You came from the Centre/ Only I thought it to be North... Your schedules were busy and time does not wait/ We parted without a proper exchange... Later we had a chance meeting/ At some secluded place... You had already become deaf by hearing."

He takes the courage to send a message to the terrorists too – "What you destroy is not your making/ You kill the weak and say that it will benefit the weak/ Your incendiaries can burn me/ Can it burn my spirit?"

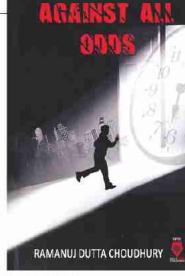
In another titled *Speaking of a dog*, he sneers at the ones speaking foul – "When you call me a dog! You only insult your dog! He faithfully serves you! And loyally submits to your every command! He never questions you! And responds to all your whimsical demands... To your master! You too are a dog! And if I am still a dog! You are the one who barks."

The shortest one (*After this Flood*) needs a definite mention: "After this flood/ No deluge/Water overflows/ I am inundated/ A soul rises/ This poem."

The best thing about this collection is the subtlety and the simple, meaningful expressions that touch the reader. And, perhaps for the first time, this reader failed to trace the presence of a printer's devil in this collection – thanks to the meticulous effort of the author and the team at Dhauli Books – that made the journey doubly enjoyable.

The good fight

Partha Pratim Hazarika



AGAINST ALL ODDS
Ramonji Dutta Choudhury,
Write India Publishers,
Price: Rs 165/-

T hat cancer is a dreaded disease is an understatement. For those who have been affected by it, it is a scourge – mentally, physically, economically, and socially. And this runs for a long time for most of the people who suffer from it.

What happens when one learns that he or she has cancer? What happens to his or her near and dear ones, the beloved, the closest of companions? What happens to the life they had until then taken for granted? How do they cope up with that mental and physical trauma called cancer? And when they try to cope up, how do they endure the painful, laborious, physically exhaustive treatment? What happens to the unit called family, around which their lives revolved?

These and many such questions, and their possible answers, make the most of the book, aptly titled *Against all Odds*, by Ramonji Dutta Choudhury. As has been admitted in the preface, this book, claimed to be a work of fiction, has been an effort to relieve the life after the author's wife was diagnosed with the scourge called cancer. It was like the world came crashing down for the author. But both husband and wife being brave enough, decided to fight the disease against all the challenges it would pose. As is done in case of writing fiction, the author has taken some liberty to describe the people involved in the whole process – from the diagnosis to the long, arduous treatment that started with a major, hours-long operation that proved to be a nerve-wrecking experience for the patient's near and dear ones, in a New Delhi-based private hospital, and then the financial and social hurdles that had to be overcome in due course. The book has clearly established the fact that for any middle-class family, bearing the cost of treatment of cancer, as well as fighting the battle, physically and emotionally, is undoubtedly a herculean task. Support from one's family, friends and relatives is very important. It is the mental strength and the sheer power of the patient to fight against the dreaded disease that counts the most if one wishes to endure the trauma and come out of the battle. However, one feels that instead of giving the book the shape of a novel, the author should have penned it down as a first-hand experience. That way, it would have been easier for the readers to relate to the characters and their hardships. Having said that, one must agree that *Against all Odds* will help people know and prepare the fight against cancer.



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India's current account deficit reaches \$14.3 bn

NEW DELHI, Sept 15: India's current account deficit (CAD) rose sharply to \$14.3 billion in the first quarter (April-June) of 2017-18 from \$9.4 billion reported for the period of 2016-17, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said today.

In the meantime, key Indian equity indices - the BSE Sensex and NSE Nifty50 - provisionally closed on a flat note today as investors booked profits in banking, capital goods, FMCG and healthcare sectors.

According to market observers, healthy buying witnessed in IT, Teck (technology, media and entertainment) and oil and gas stocks trimmed some losses.

The 30-scrip sensitive index (Sensex) of the BSE, which slid into the red during the day's trade, provisionally closed with marginal gains.

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At 3.30 pm, the 30-scrip sensitive index (Sensex) of the BSE, which opened at 32,207.63 points, closed at 32,272.61 points - up 30.68 points, or 0.10 per cent, from its previous close at 32,241.93 points.

It touched a high of 32,356.11 points and a low of 32,138.38 points in the intra-day trade. However, the BSE market breath was bearish - with 1,467 declines and 1,101 advances.

On the other hand, the wider 51-scrip Nifty of the National Stock Exchange (NSE) inched down 1.20 points, or 0.01 per cent, to close the day at 10,085.40 points.

On Thursday the benchmark indices closed on a flat note with healthy buying in healthcare and banking stocks.

The Nifty50 was up 7.30 points, or 0.07 per cent, to close at 10,086.60 points, while the Sensex closed at 32,241.93 points - up 55.52 points, or 0.17 per cent. - IANS

External debt stands reduced by 2.7% to \$471.9 bn

NEW DELHI, Sept 15: India's external debt stood reduced by 2.7 per cent at \$471.9 billion by March-end as compared to March 2016 due to reduced commercial borrowings and NRI deposits, a Finance Ministry report said today.

"India's external debt stood at \$471.9 billion at end-March 2017, decreasing by \$13.1 billion (2.7 per cent) over \$485 billion at end-March 2016. The decline in external debt was due to the decrease in long-term debt, particularly NRI deposits and commercial borrowings," according to 'India's External Debt: A Status Report 2016-17'.

The report is the 23rd issue of the annual publication, which is a detailed analysis of India's external debt position at end-March 2017, based on the data released by the Reserve Bank of India on June 30 and data and information available from other sources.

Apart from analysing the trend, composition and debt service of India's external debt, the report provides a comparative picture of India's external debt vis-a-vis other countries, particularly developing countries.

"India's external debt has remained within manageable limits and the exter-

nal debt situation has improved in 2016-17 over 2015-16 as indicated by the increase in foreign exchange reserves cover to debt to 75.4 per cent from 74.3 per cent and fall in the external debt-GDP ratio to 20.2 per cent from 23.5 per cent.

External debt of the country continues to be dominated by the long-term borrowings," the report noted.

It also said that by March-end, India's long-term external debt was at \$383.9 billion, showing a decrease of 4.4 per cent over the level at end-March 2016. Long-term external debt accounted for 81.4 per cent of total external debt at end-

March 2017 as compared to 82.8 per cent at end-March 2016.

Short-term external debt increased by 5.5 per cent to \$88.0 billion at end-March 2017. This is mainly due to the increase in trade-related credits, a major component of short-term debt, indicators developing well with other indebted countries.

"Government (sovereign) external debt increased from \$93.4 billion at end-March 2016 to \$95.8 billion at end-March 2017, and constituted 20.3 per cent of the total external debt, as compared to 19.3 per cent in the previous year," it added.

A cross country comparison based on 'International Debt Statistics 2017' of the World Bank which presents the debt data for 2015, shows that India continues to be among the less vulnerable countries with its external debt indicators developing well with other indebted countries.

The ratio of India's external debt stock to gross national income at 23.4 per cent was the fifth-lowest and in terms of the cover provided by foreign exchange reserves to external debt, its position was sixth-highest at 69.7 per cent in 2015. - IANS



A visitor admiring readymade garments on display at the Fashion & Lifestyle Exhibition at Roodraksh in Guwahati, on Friday. - UB Photos

CAPSULE

IndusInd Bank

NEW DELHI, Sept 15: Private player IndusInd Bank today said it has secured upto USD 200 million (about Rs 1,282 crore) loan from multilateral lender Asian Development Bank (ADB) to serve low income women borrowers in rural areas. - PTI

JK Cement

NEW DELHI, Sept 15: JK Cement plans to invest upto Rs 1,500 crore in the next 3-4 years to hike production capacity of grey cement by over 30 per cent to 14 million tonnes per annum (mtpa), says a top company official. - PTI

Piramal Ent

NEW DELHI, Sept 15: Piramal Enterprises said a committee of its board today approved raising of upto Rs 600 crore by issuing non-convertible debentures (NCDs) on private placement basis. - PTI

Aditya Birla

NEW DELHI, Sept 15: British designer brand Simon Carter today announced its foray into the India market through an exclusive partnership with Aditya Birla Fashion Retail. - PTI

United India

CHENNAI, Sept 15: United India Insurance Company today said MN Sarma was appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director with immediate effect. - PTI

Zydus Cadila

NEW DELHI, Sept 15: Drug firm Zydus Cadila today said it has received approvals from the US health regulator for its Modafinil and Solifenacin Succinate tablets, and the drugs will be manufactured at its Ahmedabad facility. - PTI

'Should not miss industrial revolution bus this time'

NEW DELHI, Sept 15: Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan today made a pitch for skill development so that those entering the workforce find decent job matches, saying "we should not miss industrial revolution this time".

The Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Minister said that four key stakeholders - Centre, States, NGOs and civil society - need to work together in the area of skill development.

"We must be prepared and should not miss the industrial revolution this time," he said here at the Global Skills Summit.

Every year about 1-1.5 crore people are coming into employable category and there is need to "create an enabling ecosystem of skill development so that they get decent job opportunities", he added.

The Minister said challenges of industrial revolution 4.0 and automation have to be accepted by the country.

He said over 5 per cent of the people in the workforce are not skilled.

"We need to create an ecosystem in which people think that the work they are doing are helping in improving their skills and creating jobs for others too," he added.

In developed countries, skilled manpower is about 50 per cent to 90 per cent, but in India it is about 10 per cent, he said.

Further, the Minister, who also holds Petroleum Ministry portfolio, said he has worked hard in the last three years and has learnt a lot, but now-a-days facing heat because of fuel prices.

Speaking at the summit, FICCI Skills Development Committee Chairman TV Mohandas Pai said the Government should come out with the data of job creation as it is not possible to have economic growth without people earning. - PTI

CEA briefs Modi on economy

NEW DELHI, Sept 15: Chief Economic Adviser (CEA) Arvind Subramanian met Prime Minister Narendra Modi today and briefed him on the economic situation, including fuel prices which are ruling high under the current dynamic pricing system.

According to informed sources, the CEA also discussed the present inflationary situation in the country. Petrol prices in India touched their highest levels since Prime Minister Narendra Modi assumed office three years ago, while official data showed on Monday. Under the daily revision of fuel prices, petrol in Mumbai on Monday cost Rs 79.41 a litre, breaching the day it last touched in August 2014.

Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said on Wednesday, when asked if state-run oil marketing companies (OMCs) tanked by as much as 8 per cent following recent hikes in transport fuel prices, that the government cannot change fuel prices on a knee-jerk basis.

A jump in food and fuel prices pushed up India's wholesale price index (WPI) inflation in August at 3.24 per cent to nearly double that of July, official data revealed on Thursday.

Also, a rise in food prices pushed India's annual retail inflation higher in August, official data showed on Tuesday. According to the data furnished by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, August's consumer price index (CPI) inflation shot up a full one percentage point to 3.36 per cent from a rise of 2.36 per cent in July. - IANS

SEBI to streamline internal mechanism

NEW DELHI, Sept 15: To reduce the high pendency of cases, SEBI plans to expedite settlement proceedings and streamline its internal mechanism to better decide whether they need soft or hard enforcement actions, a senior official said.

To select cases for enforcement, the markets regulator will soon put in place internal guidelines, which would also be made applicable for pending cases.

The proposal assumes significance against the backdrop of various high profile cases, including those related to the NSE and PwC, where settlement are being sought.

The regulatory official said the plan to prepare the internal guidelines on selection of cases for enforcement actions would be discussed during SEBI's board meeting on September 18. It would be optimum for SEBI to select only those cases which would send strong signal against market misbehaviour rather than pursue even "technical and venial breach of law", the official said.

According to the official, having internal guidelines for selecting cases for enforcement action would help optimise utilisation of regulatory resources as well as minimise litigation costs.

Noting that quality enforcement has more deterrent value than quantity of such proceedings, the official said internal guidelines would help in "selecting appropriate cases for soft or hard enforcement action in a uniform way". - PTI

LICHFL to disburse Rs 50,000-cr this fiscal

CHENNAI, Sept 15: LIC Housing Finance Ltd has set a target of disbursement over Rs 50,000 crore during the current financial year, a top official said today.

The company recorded a total disbursement of Rs 41,541 crore, up by 15 per cent, in the last financial year.

LIC Housing Finance Ltd Managing Director and CEO, Vinay Salai said.

"For the last (financial) year we registered disbursements of Rs 41,541 crore. That is with a growth of 15 per cent. This year, we have set a target of crossing Rs 50,000 crore," he told this news agency on the sidelines of an event here.

In 2016-17, the income grew by 16 per cent with a profit after tax at Rs 1,931 crore.

"Till August, the disbursement was around Rs 15,000 crore", he

said, adding the company witnessed a growth rate of more than 17 per cent in the retail segment.

Later, talking to reporters after unveiling the three-day "Ugali Ilam" (Your House) exhibition on realty properties, he said the company planned to raise Rs 55,000 crore during the current financial year in NCDs.

"We will raise as and when the need arises," he said.

Last month, at the company's annual general meeting, the board approved proposal to raise upto Rs 57,000 crore.

The company had then said that the proposal would be through redeemable non-convertible debentures and/or by other instruments, including private placement basis upon amount not exceeding Rs 57,000 crore. - PTI

Flipkart expects 2.5 times jump in smartphone sales

NEW DELHI, Sept 15: Confidential of expanding its lead over US-based rival Amazon, SoftBank-backed Flipkart expects a 2.5 times growth in smartphone sales in this festive season compared to last year, a company official said.

As sales organisations focus more on the human side of sales acceleration, sales competencies are being prioritised as the foundation to better hiring, training and development of sales executives," Keta Kapoor, co-founder and CEO, Meltt said.

Kapoor further said, "We are very keen to keep out the success of our research and experience of 1,500-plus happy customers with companies looking to adopt scientific methods for their sales hiring." - PTI

sold in the country online will be through Flipkart." Flipkart Head (Smartphones category) Ayyappan Rajagopal told this news agency.

This year, the sales would be about 2.5 times the volume sold on its own platform last year, he added.

Rajagopal, however, declined to comment on specific sales numbers.

Flipkart, he said, is focussing on providing customers with an extensive selection across price points, coupled with multiple finance options.

He added that during the sale period, customers can buy smartphones starting at Rs 2,999 onwards and discounts upto 60 per cent will be offered. - PTI



Mahabir Jain, president of Kamrup Chamber of Commerce, lighting the ceremonial lamp during the launching of Tata Motor's new XL series of small commercial cargo vehicles, at Kharapara Indoor Stadium ground in Guwahati, on Friday. - UB Photos

Multifold advantages of setting up cold-chain network underlined

GUWAHATI, Sept 15: PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry in association with the National Centre for Cold-chain Development (NCCD) under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare organised an 'Outreach awareness programme on Cold-chain Development' at the Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship here today, an e-mail stated.

The programme was attended by farmers, cold storage owners, traders and Government officials.

"We must be prepared and should not miss the industrial revolution this time," he said here at the Global Skills Summit.

SK Hasmika, Regional Manager (NER), PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry in his welcome remarks said that for the development of cold-chain in the region, it is important to generate awareness among the farmers as well as the stakeholders of cold-chain.

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Manoj Kumar Das, Director of Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship, Government of India, in his speech highlighted the manifold benefits of setting up cold storages in the North East and building a proper cold-chain thereof. He also fo-

cused upon the subject matter of the programme and said that awareness among the stakeholders is necessary for proper development.

Sunita Rai, Assistant General Manager of APEDA highlighted the various schemes provided by the Government and focused on cold chain development. He requested all the farmers, traders and the cold chain entrepreneurs to work jointly, which will create employment in the region.

Sandeep Arora, General Manager of Global Sourcing, Tata Motors, in his brief presentation on the facilities available in their integrated cold chain project, which offers a wide range of facilities for horticulture, pharmaceuticals, floriculturists and entrepreneurs to double their product value.

Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Director of PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry urged the entrepreneurs and farmers to avail the assistance provided by the Centre as well as other agencies in developing cold-chain in the region.

Tender No. GM/ET/20-G-New/ NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER	Date : 15/09/2017
Directorate of Geology & Mining, Assam invites bids for the Procurement of DIAMOND CORE DRILLING RIG, PRESSURE PUMP AND DERRICK in turnkey basis by e-tender with a validity of 180 days from the date of opening of the tender from the Registered and Approved vendors. Detail particulars may be seen at website https://assamtenders.gov.in/nicsep/app	
Sd/- Director Directorate of Geology & Mining Government of Assam.	
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GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM অসম বাস্তুক প্রযোগ জীবনের অভিযান ASSAM STATE RURAL LIVELHOODS MISSION Siva Nath Gogoi Path, Panjabari, Guwahati, Assam-781037
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Online Applications are invited for engagement on contractual basis for the following posts in Assam State Rural Livelihoods Mission Society, Assam:
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2 Project Manager-Procurement & Finance (Skills) 1
3 District Project Manager 9
4 District Functional Expert (SM, IB & CB) 10
5 District Functional Expert (Livelihoods & Marketing) 6
6 District Functional Expert (FI) 4
7 District Functional Expert (Skills) 4
8 District MIS Manager 4
9 District Accounts Manager 8
10 Block Project Manager 43
11 Block Coordinator 167
12 M/S Assistant cum Accountant 41
1. For eligible current age, reservation, salary and other terms and conditions, application may be submitted to visit the society's website www.asrlmss.assam.gov.in . 2. The link for submission of Online Application is http://asrlmss.com which will be active from 10.00am of 16/09/2017 and will remain active till 11.59 pm of 07/10/2017.
Sd/- State Mission Director, Assam State Rural Livelihoods Mission Society, Janasanyog/F/225/17

No MD/PAY/57/CO/15/2017-18/10 NOTICE INVITING TENDERS(NIT) FOR EMPANELMENT OF ANNUAL RATE CONTRACT FOR CATERING SERVICES (TENDER NO.7 OF 2017-18)
Mission Director, PMAY-HFA (U) Assam invites "Sealed Bids" for catering services from interested firms having capacity to provide their services for the office of the undersigned.
Interested parties are requested to submit Tender by hand/post along with specified documents on or before 06-10-2017 up to 3:00 PM to the office of Mission Director after which no Tender will be accepted. Tender documents may be downloaded from the website www.prayayassam.in from 15/09/2017 to 06/10/2017.
In case of any holiday on the day of opening, the tenders will be opened on the next working day at the same time but the tender box will be closed on the same day and time, as scheduled above. No tender by FAX will be entertained.
The contract period will initially be for a period of two years extendable on satisfactory performance and mutual consent on same terms and conditions on yearly basis by another one year.
The bids to be submitted shall be in sealed envelope mentioned on top of the envelope as "BID FOR EMPANELMENT OF ANNUAL RATE CONTRACT FOR CATERING SERVICES". The bids shall be signed by a person duly authorized on behalf of the bidder firm and shall be sent to:
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Name of Work Empangement of annual rate contract for Catering Services Interested Bidders can visit the office address mentioned above to collect the Bid documents
Availability of quotation Form EMD Demand Draft/ Bankers Cheque of Rs.5,000/- drawn in favour of Mission Director, PMAY-HFA (U), Assam, payable at Guwahati.
Last date & time of submission of Bids 06-10-2017 up to 3:00 PM
Bids Opening 06-10-2017 at 4:00 PM
Sd/- Mission Director, PMAY-HFA (U), Dispur, Guwahati-06 Janasanyog/OF/1484/17

ASSAM TOURISM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD. (A GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM UNDERTAKING) No. ATDC/2822/2017/207 Date: 14.09.2017
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR DEVELOPMENT/UPGRADATION, OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF CHANDUBI CLUSTER OF TOURISM PROPERTIES IN ASSAM

ATDC Ltd. invites Bids from interested firm/organisation having experience in running tourism projects and with sound financial conditions for 'Development/Upgradation, Operation and Management of Chandubi Cluster of Tourism Properties in Assam'.
Detailed about the project, eligibility criteria and terms of references can be downloaded from http://assamturismonline.com .
The last date for submission of proposal is 15/10/2017.
Sd/- Managing Director, Assam Tourism Dev. Corp. Ltd.

ASSAM TOURISM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD. (A GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM UNDERTAKING) No. ATDC/2822/2017/206 Date: 14.09.2017
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR DEVELOPMENT/UPGRADATION, OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF TEZPUR CLUSTER OF TOURISM PROPERTIES IN ASSAM

ATDC Ltd. invites Bids from interested firm/organisation having experience in running tourism projects and with sound financial conditions for 'Development/Upgradation, Operation and Management of Tezpur Cluster of Tourism Properties in Assam'.
Details about the project, eligibility criteria and terms of references can be downloaded from http://assamturismonline.com .
The last date for submission of proposal is 15.10.2017.
Sd/- Managing Director, Assam Tourism Dev. Corp. Ltd.

Centre will soon link Aadhaar with driving licence: Prasad

GURUGRAM, Sept 15: The Centre will soon start linking driving licence with Aadhaar, Electronics and IT Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said today.

"It would be done soon to check the menace of multiple licensing," he said after inaugurating the Haryana Digital Summit 2017 here.

"I have already had a word with Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari, in this regard and the process to link Aadhaar with driving licence would be set in motion soon," he said.

Referring to the debate on security of Aadhaar data, Prasad said the biometric information – which includes iris scan and fingerprints – is stored in an encrypted form and is very secure.

"If you look at the physical card, it has my photo, says I am a male and has my permanent Aadhar address at the back. It does not have details like names of my par-

ents, caste, religion, educational qualification, financial income or health records. None of the things by which you can be profiled are mentioned on the Aadhaar card," he said.

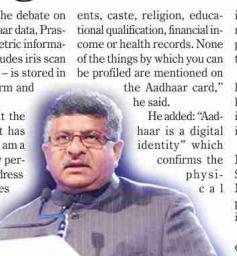
He added: "Aadhaar is a digital identity" which confirms the physical card.

identity with the help of biometrics and there are laws in place to check against unauthorised usage of Aadhaar.

The Central government has linked PAN card to Aadhaar to stop money laundering, an official statement quoting him said.

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar and State's Urban Local Bodies Minister Kavita Jain, were also present at the summit, organised by the State government.

Prasad said the Central government had selected 48,000 seats in BPO industries in cities of the country. Asking the Chief Minister to promote BPO industry in cities like Rohtak and Jhajjar, he gave the assurance that his ministry would support the State government in this regard. - PTI



GJM activists clash with police, 12 supporters arrested

DARJEELING, Sept 15: Pro-Gorkhaland supporters today clashed with the police after attacking a school bus and ransacking several shops in Kalimpong district in the Darjeeling Hills, police said.

Police batoned the protesters and arrested 12 GJM supporters.

The incident took place when Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM) supporters, who were picketing on the streets of Kalimpong to enforce the indefinite shutdown which entered its 93rd day to day, tried to stop a school bus.

GJM supporters pelted stones at the bus and ransacked several shops which tried to reopen the day, police said.

Though the State Transport Corporation plied a few buses,

they were escorted by security personnel.

The buses were operating from Siliguri to Darjeeling via Kurseong. Buses were also plying between Siliguri and Mirik in Darjeeling district, police said.

For the seventh day in a row, the police, along with the administration, appealed to the locals via public address systems to open shops and restore normalcy in the hills.

Peace rallies were taken out by residents in Kurseong, Darjeeling and Mirik.

GJM supporters took out rallies in some parts of Darjeeling, Sonada and Kalimpong supporting creation of Gorkhaland and the ongoing shutdown, police said. - PTI

CID will assist SIT probing Gauri Lankesh killing

BENGALURU, Sept 15: The CID will share the details of its probe into the killing of rationalist MM Kalburgi with the Special Investigation Team probing the Gauri Lankesh case, a top official said today.

Kalburgi was shot dead outside his house by unidentified men who came on a motorcycle on September 5. The modus operandi bore a grim resemblance to the way rationalists Govind Panjwani, Narendra Dahobkar and Kalburgi who was killed in August 2015.

"The modus operandi in all the three previous cases was similar. Murderers came on motorcycles and shot them dead. Initial reports suggest that in the Gauri Lankesh case too, the assailants came on a bike and shot her dead," he said.

However, he said at this point it would be premature to say it was the handiwork of the same gang who killed Kalburgi. "The

CID is working on it and they are better positioned to say anything on this," Reddy said.

The SIT has said it was also looking into whether any right-wing organisation was involved or it was the handiwork of Naxalites, who were reportedly unhappy with the efforts of Gauri to bring them into the mainstream.

A 21-member SIT headed by IGP (Intelligence) BK Singh is probing the case and the State government has also announced a Rs 10 lakh reward to anyone providing clues about the killing. - PTI

They can record their feedback through an online form on the website to be provided by the Railways, the official said.

Around 100 tablets have so far been given to each supervisor of the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) in different railway zones for recording customer feedback on food quality, staff behaviour and other related issues on a trial basis.

The tablet was issued on a trial basis for the first time on the Ahmedabad-Delhi Rajdhani yesterday. The system would be formally launched on the Mumbai Rajdhani in a couple of weeks, IRCTC chief spokesperson Pinak Morawala said.

"This will help us to be more specific with the redress of complaints and suggestions. We will be able to gauge the rate of customer satisfaction as well as grade the suggestions," he said.

The Railways is also looking at an offline version of the scheme to deal with erratic networks or Internet problems.

The software on the tablet records the name, phone number and train details of the passenger. Then it poses a series of questions to determine the food experience on the journey.

Currently, IRCTC takes feedback either on an on-board suggestion book, or through its Twitter handle. Passengers can also call 139 to complain about the quality of food. These methods will continue to be available along with the new system, he said.

In the new system, passengers would be asked to rate different aspects of the food being served – on quality, quantity, presentation, staff behaviour and overall satisfaction – on a scale of 1-5. If the rating is three or less on any count, the passenger is asked further questions on specific problem areas – taste, appearance and others.

"As of now, we are targeting 10 per cent of passengers in a train for feedback. Eventually we might increase our target," said Morawala. The feedback forms have a separate box where passengers can recount their individual experiences and details not captured by the set queries. Once recorded, passengers will get a message on their mobile phones, thanking them for the feedback and checking if the information provided to the Railways is genuine. This would ensure that the feedback is not being manipulated.

IRCTC as of now has 40 trains under it and initially this feedback system will be introduced in the premium trains – Rajdhani, Duronto and Shatabdi – that they operate. - PTI

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Online applications are invited for the following posts as shown below under the establishment of the Principal-cum-Chief Superintendent, Jorhat Medical College & Hospital, Jorhat-32 which will be available at the official web site of Directorate of Medical Education, Assam (www.dmeassam.gov.in) from 09.09.2017 to 07.10.2017 till midnight.

Sl. No.	Name of Post	Post Creation No.	Minimum educational qualification	Scale of Pay	Total No. of Vacant post	Category
1	Dental Technician	217	HSSLC (Sc) or equivalent with Diploma/Certificate in Laboratory Technician from Govt. recognized institute	14,000-49,000 + GP 6,200	3	UR-2 OBC-1
2	Technician (OT)	244	HSSLC (Sc) or equivalent with Diploma in OT Technician Course from Govt. recognized institute	14,000-49,000 + GP 6,200	2	ST(P)-1 OBC MOBC: 1
3	Technician for Animal Operation Room / Laboratory Technician (Animal)	223	HSSLC or equivalent with Diploma in Animal Operation or equivalent from Govt. recognized institute	14,000-49,000 + GP 5,600	1	UR-1

Reservation: Reservation of posts for woman candidate and physically handicapped candidates will be as per prevailing Govt. rules.
Age: Candidate should not be less than 18 years and not above 43 years as on 01.01.2017. The upper age limit is relaxable by 5 years for SC, ST, OBC/MBC, SC, ST/STH Candidates only.

Fees: The application fee of Re.250/- (Rupees Two hundred fifty/- only for General Category Candidates and Rs.150/- Rupees One hundred fifty/- only for OBC/MBC, SC, ST/STH category candidates which will have to be paid through net banking/credit card/debit card while submitting the online application form. No fee is required for BPL candidate and they are required to upload their BPL certificate from the competent authority for payment of fee along with the application.

Terms & Conditions: 1. interested candidates shall have to fill up the online Application Form available at the official web site of Directorate of Medical Education, Assam (www.dmeassam.gov.in).

2. The following documents in original will have to be produced at the time of document verification and photocopies of all certificate etc. are to be submitted:

(a) 2 (two) Copies of recent passport size colour photograph duly self attested. (b) HSLC admit card or birth certificate for age proof. (c) All marks sheets and pass certificate (d) Caste certificate (where applicable) (e) Permanent residence certificate (f) Employment Exchange Registration Certificate (g) Certificate of training/experience Extra Curricular activities etc.

3. Detailed list of eligible candidates for each post along with the details of written test shall be notified in due course of the month and shall be displayed in the website www.dmeassam.gov.in. The date of uploading in the website shall be published in the local newspaper for information of the eligible candidates.

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Sl. No.	Name of Post	Minimum educational qualification	Scale of Pay	Total No. of Vacant post	Category
1	Physiotherapist for Physiotherapy from Govt. recognized Institute	HDegree/Diploma in Physiotherapy from Govt. recognized Institute	14,000-49,000 + GP 7,400	2	UR-1 OBC/MOB-1
13	Physiotherapist for CTMOS	Degree/Diploma in Physiotherapy from Govt. recognized Institute	14,000-49,000 + GP 7,400	2	UR-1 OBC/MOB-1
14	ECG Technician for cardiology	Certified/Diploma in ECG Technician Course or Diploma in Cardiac Care Technology	14,000-49,000 + GP 5,600	4	UR-3 OBC/MOB-1
12	Physiotherapist for Neurology	Degree/Diploma in Physiotherapy from Govt. recognized Institute	14,000-49,000 + GP 6,200	2	UR-2 OBC/MOB-2 STP-1

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22 injured in 'terror blast' on London Underground train

LONDON, Sept 15: An improvised explosive device (IED) today went off on an underground train during the morning rush hour at a busy station in London, leaving at least 22 people injured in what Scotland Yard called a "terrorist incident".

The explosion happened on a District Line Tube as the train pulled into Parsons Green station in southwest London.

Scotland Yard said a suspect's "bucket bomb" exploded and the incident was being treated as a "terrorist attack".

The London Ambulance

Service said 18 people have been taken to hospital, and four more reached there on their own. Most of the injured people suffered burns injuries.

Assistant Commissioner Mark Rowley said that "assess" an IED triggered the blast. He said more police would be deployed in London, particularly on the transport network but refused to say whether anyone had been arrested.

British media reported pictures of a white bucket or fire inside a supermarket bag, with wires trailing on to the carriage floor of the train.

Several people were said to have suffered facial burns. Some reportedly were trapped in the rush to escape.

Scotland Yard's counter-terrorism squad, SO15, arrived at the scene at Parsons Green

Tube station and took the lead in the investigation from the British Transport Police.

"It is too early to confirm the cause of the fire, which will be subject to the investigation that is now underway by the Met's Counter Terrorism Command. The station remains cordoned off and we are advising people to avoid the area," it said. — PTI

Bomber attacks foreign military convoy in Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, Sept 15: A suicide attacker driving an explosives-filled vehicle slammed into a convoy of foreign troops in southern Afghanistan today, officials said, with reports of several soldiers wounded.

The Taliban claimed the attack which Kandahar provincial governor spokesman Fazal Bari Bayalai told AFP "totally destroyed" one of the vehicles carrying Romanian soldiers in Damghan district.

Afghan and NATO officials could not confirm reports of casualties but in a WhatsApp message to journalists Taliban spokesman Gen Yousef Ahmadi said "seven invading forces" were killed.

The militants routinely exaggerate battlefield claims.

Provincial police chief General Abdul Raiziq told AFP the scene had been cordoned off by foreign forces. The Taliban's latest assault follows the militant group's pledge to turn Afghanistan into a "graveyard" for foreign forces after US President Donald Trump's announcement to keep American boots on the ground indefinitely.

Earlier this month two Taliban suicide bombers launched separate attacks around Bagram Airfield, America's largest base in the country, that wounded several US soldiers and civilians. One of those attacks was in direct response to a US leaflet drop in the northern province of Parwan, where Bagram is located, that offended many Muslims in the deeply religious country. — AFP

Indian-American doctor stabbed to death by patient

WASHINGTON, Sept 15: A prominent Indian-American doctor and yoga enthusiast has been killed allegedly by a compatriot who chased and stabbed him multiple times near his psychiatric clinic in the US state of Kansas, police said.

Achutha Reddy, 57, who hailed from Telangana, was found dead with multiple knife wounds in an alley behind his Holistic Psychiatric Services clinic in East Wichita on Wednesday, police said.

One of his patients, 21-year-old Umar Rashid Dutt, also an Indian-American, has been arrested and charged with first degree murder.

Reddy was pronounced dead on the scene by the police. Lt Todd Ojile section commander of the homicide division at the Wichita Police Department, told reporters at a news conference yesterday.

The incident happened on Wednesday evening. The police received the call around 7.20 pm (local time).

The accused man was found at a country club after a security guard reported a suspicious person sitting in a car in the parking lot with blood on his clothes.

"During the investigation, we learned that the 21-year-old suspect was a client of Dr Reddy and had been at the office. The suspect was in the business for a short time. He left and then later came back with Dr Reddy and they went into an office there," Ojile said. — PTI

NASA's Cassini spacecraft ends 20-year-long epic journey

WASHINGTON, Sept 15: NASA's USD 3.9 billion Cassini spacecraft today ended its 20-year-long groundbreaking journey with a fiery plunge into the Saturn's crushing atmosphere, beaming back never-before-seen images of the ringed planet and its rings.

No spacecraft has ever ventured so close to the planet before, NASA said.

The USD 3.9-billion mission continued to transmit data back to the Earth till the last minute before it came apart and was burned up like a meteor in Saturn's atmosphere

its mysterious moons until the last moment. Operators deliberately made Cassini, the first spacecraft to orbit Saturn, dive into the gas giant to ensure that the planet's moons - in particular Enceladus, with its subsurface ocean and signs of hydrothermal activity - remain pristine for future exploration.

"Our spacecraft has entered Saturn's atmosphere, and we have received its final transmission," NASA said in a tweet.

"Every time we see Saturn in the night sky, we'll remember. We'll smile. And we'll want to go back," the US space agency said.



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Applications are invited in Standard Form from the Citizens, of India for appointment to the Post of Principal lying vacant/likely to be vacant within 31.12.2017 in the following Provincialized Higher Secondary Schools under Kamrup(M) District.

Sr. No.	Name of the School	Address	No. of Vacancy	Date of Interview
2	Bidyamandir HS School	PO-Pandu, Guwahati-781012, Kamrup(M).	4 01 no.	25.09.2017
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Minimum educational qualification required for the Post is M.A./M.Sc./M.Com. along with B.Ed. degree having uniform good academic career. The candidate must have rendered at least 5 years of service as Post Graduate Teacher or Vice-Principal or both in any of the Provincialized Higher Secondary Schools, or 17 years of teaching experience as Graduate Teacher in any Higher Secondary School. The age of the candidate must not be less than 40 years as on 01.01.2017 and he/she must possess commanding personality, administrative ability and leadership skills.

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Police, fire and ambulance crew attend to an incident at Parsons Green underground station in London, Britain on Friday. — UNI



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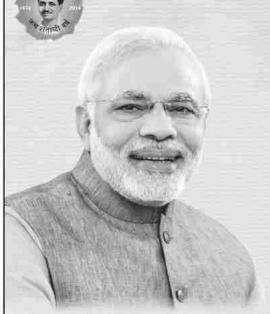
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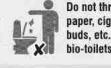
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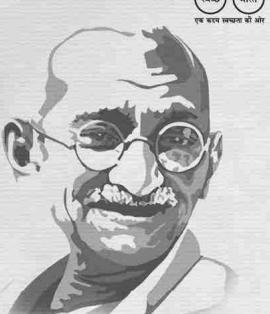
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INDIAN RAILWAYS

Ramkumar to face Schnur, Myneni dropped

EDMONTON, Sept 15: India's hopes to get a point on the opening day of the Davis Cup tie against Canada received a boost with Ramkumar Ramanathan drawn to play against debutant Brayden Schnur even as Saketh Myneni was dropped from the squad due to fitness concerns.

Ramkumar, ranked 154, will open India's campaign at the World Group Play-off tie against the 22-year-old Schnur, ranked 202 while Yuki Bhambhani will play a crucial second singles against world number 51 and Canada's biggest hope Denis Shapovalov.

The Canadian team did not field Vasek Pospisil, world number 82, for the singles, probably since he is going through a rough patch of late.

Pospisil is coming into the tie after five straight losses on the ATP Tour. Interestingly, during Canada's last tie against Great Britain, it was Pospisil, who had won both his singles rubbers.

India's non-playing captain Mahesh Bhupathi was forced to pair Rohan Bopanna with Purav Raja instead of Myneni, whose fitness to last five sets has come under scanner.

Bopanna and Raja, who will play only his second Davis Cup tie, will take on seasoned Dan Nestor and Pospisil.

Raja was brought into the team in the last minute as a reserve player when N Sri Ram Balaji, one of the two reserves named initially in the squad, twisted his ankle during the training camp in New York.

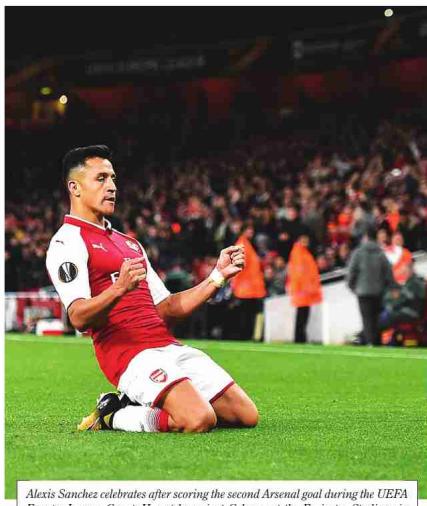
On the final day, Yuki will take on Schnur and Ramkumar will lock horns with Shapovalov in the reverse singles. Bhupathi said the draw has come out exactly the way they wanted.

"The draw is favourable. We were expecting Schnur to play on Friday and wanted Ram to start," Bhupathi told PTI after the draw.

Asked to explain change in nomination for the doubles rubber on Saturday, the Indian captain said, "Doubtless we feel this is our best team keeping in mind Sathesh not yet physically ready to play a tough five set match."

Myneni, who recently returned to competitive tennis after recovering from a foot injury, had also pulled out of the tie against New Zealand in Pune at the last minute and then captain Anand Amitraj was forced to give an SOS call to Vishnu Vardhan to pair with Leader Paes.

The tall Myneni had also missed the next tie against Uzbekistan and Bopanna teamed up with Balaji. - PTI



Alexis Sanchez celebrates after scoring the second Arsenal goal during the UEFA Europa League Group H match against Cologne at the Emirates Stadium in London.

Arsenal win Europa League clash, Everton humbled

LONDON, Sept 15: Alexis Sanchez scored a stunning goal as Arsenal came from behind to beat Cologne 3-1 in a Europa League clash on Thursday that was delayed for an hour due to crowd trouble.

Kick-off in the Group H opener at Emirates Stadium was delayed in the interests of "crowd safety" after problems caused by thousands of ticketless Cologne supporters arriving at the ground.

Police confirmed four arrests were made before kick-off while there were reports of scuffles inside the stadium.

However, when the match did get underway, those travelling fans who got in were treated to a stunning 40-yard strike by Jhon Cordoba that put Cologne ahead with a two-hour drive south of their base in Bergamo, because their own stadium does not have a licence for European games.

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European action in a fortnight in Belarus against BATE Borisov, who drew 1-1 at Red Star Belgrade.

Earlier, Everton's group-stage campaign got off to a disastrous start as Ronald Koeman's side were taken apart in Italy, losing 3-0 to Atalanta.

The Serie A club – back in Europe after a 26-year absence – were forced to entertain their English visitors in Reggio Emilia, a two-hour drive south of their base in Bergamo, because their own stadium does not have a licence for European games.

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India assured of 9 medals in Turkey boxing tourney

NEW DELHI, Sept 15: India have assured of at least nine medals at the Ahmet Comert youth boxing tournament for women in Istanbul, Turkey after a fine performance in the quarterfinals. Nine boxers advanced to the semifinals with contrasting victories to make the medal rounds.

Lalita (64kg) defeated local favourite Candu Cakir in a split verdict, while Ankushika Boro scored a commanding victory over Aleyna Tur in the same weight category.

Shashi Chopra (57kg) edged past Turkey's Havanur En. Manisha (69kg) got the better of Thailand's Thanchanok Sakstri – also in a 3-2 decision.

Tilotama Kshetrimayum Chanu (60kg) defeated Russia's Anna Krasopanova, Parveen, on the other hand beat Ayten Cumertor of Turkey.

In the 48kg category, Soniya defeated Ukraine's Olga Shalimova, while Jyoti Gulia (51kg) got the better of Milisa Polat in an unanimous verdict. - PTI

Chennaiyin FC sign Mailson, Sereno

CHENNAI, Sept 15: Chennaiyin FC today announced the signing of Indian Super League winning defensive duo of Mailson Alves and Henrique Sereno for the upcoming season.

Both the central defenders have signed for the 2015 ISL champions on free transfers.

Brazilian Mailson is joining after the end of his contract at Brazilian third tier outfit Volta Redonda while Portuguese Henrique Sereno has signed after a short spell with Spanish second tier outfit Almeria.

Mailson returns to the club having won the title in 2015 when he made 12 appearances. Sereno lifted the ISL trophy with Atletico de Kolkata last season and also scored in the final.

Chennaiyin FC head coach John Gregory said, "We are very happy to have signed two winners who have proven themselves in the ISL already. It is great to have Mailson back at the club as he contributed so much to the success two years ago and had a fantastic season this year in Brazil."

"Sereno has an incredible CV with immense experience and was one of the best defenders in last season's ISL. The duo adds strength in depth to our defence." - PTI

17 national anti-doping agencies call for Russia ban

LOS ANGELES, Sept 15: Seventeen national anti-doping agencies have called for Russia to be banned from the 2018 Pyeongchang Winter Olympics over "one of the biggest doping scandals in sports history".

In a statement issued at the end of a two-day meeting in Denver, Colorado yesterday, officials charged the International Olympic Committee had failed to hold Russia accountable despite evidence of widespread state-sponsored doping over a wide array of sports.

Russian track and field athletes were barred from the Rio Olympics last year and from the athletics World Championships in London last month.

But the IOC declined to issue a blanket ban of Russia from the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics.

Officials at this week's meeting, including representatives of anti-doping organizations from the United States, France, Germany and Britain, insisted an IOC lack of action on Russia "impairs clean athletes and the future of the Olympic movement".

"A country's sport leaders and organizations should not be given credentials to the Olympics when they intentionally violate the rules and rob clean athletes. This is especially unfair when athletes are punished when they violate the

rules," the statement said.

It added that they remained committed to providing criteria for individual Russian athletes to compete as neutrals if they have been subject to "robust anti-doping protocols".

"The failure to expeditiously investigate individual Russian athlete doping poses a clear and present danger for clean athletes worldwide and at the 2018 Winter Games," the group said.

"We have serious doubts that the 2018 Games will be clean due to the incomplete investigation of massive evidence of individual doping by Russian athletes at the 2014 Sochi Olympic Games and given the inadequate testing evidence of Russian athletes over the past four years."

The group voiced support for the World Anti-Doping Agency requirement that Russia take public responsibility for the doping charges outlined in the McLaren Report, or provide "credible proof to refute it".

With five months remaining before the Pyeongchang Games begin on February 9, there is no time for delay, the group said.

"It's time for action. Athletes want to see results – not more lip service – that actually support their decision to compete clean." - AFP

Wrist spinners will have a big role to play: Agar

CHENNAI, Sept 15: Australia's spin-bowling all-rounder Ashton Agar today said wrist spinners will have a big role to play in the five-match ODI series against India starting here on Sunday.

Speaking about the impact of wrist spinners in limited-overs cricket, Agar said: "They (teggies) are a really valuable asset in limited-overs cricket because they can spin the ball both ways. When it is night time it can be harder to pick up the wrong'uns. In general, they are wicket-taking bowlers. They are good attacking options and can be hard to get away," he told reporters here ahead of Australia's training session.

Referring to his own teammate Adam Zampa and the two wrist spinners in the Indian line-up – Yuzvendra Chahal and Kuldeep Yadav, Agar said: "I think they will have a big role in the series, to be fair. There are three of them at the moment. I think they can certainly put more on the ball."

"They don't need more of the spin-friendly wicket to spin the ball and they are all pretty clever, the three leg-spinners – Chahal, especially Zampa, with his slider and wrong'un, he's got a lot of different balls and he knows when to use them. It will be interesting to see how they play out."



The hunky left-arm spinner said there was a possibility of him figuring in the playing XI along with Zampa.

"It all depends on the wicket. I guess Adam is obviously the frontline spinner in this squad and he has bowled really well in the IPL and previous tours. If the wicket permits, there may be a chance that both can play in the XI," he said.

Agar, who made his Test debut in the 2013 Ashes against England and scored 98 batting at No. 11, said it was good to be back after a long time at the recent Test series against Bangladesh.

"I was so happy to be back. I felt a lot more calm and a lot more comfortable out there. It's amazing what four years of experience can do and just a little bit of age in general. I was pleased with the way I performed. It was nice to finish on a high," the 23-year-old Western Australian said.

It has been two years since he last played an ODI but Agar believes he is better prepared and can do well if given the opportunity. - PTI

Handscomb to join Oz squad

CHENNAI, Sept 15: Australia has included batsman Peter Handscomb to the squad for the ODI tour of India as cover for injured opener Aaron Finch.

Reporting to a cricket.com.au report, Handscomb will fly in as cover ahead of Sunday's series opener against India here.

Finch aggravated a calf injury during training here on Thursday. A scan later revealed that he would need to sit out the early part of the five-match series.

Finch was rested from Australia's lone warm-up match against Board President.

There were initial fears that the injury might rule out Finch for the entire tour, but according to the report the opener will remain with the squad with an aim to play in the later part of the series.

Handscomb, who returned to Melbourne following the recent Test tour of Bangladesh, would depart for India on Saturday and would be available for selection in the opening match of the series.

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"We have big plans for Formula 1. It is still early days. In next three to four years, we can take the sport to a place that is good for all our partners and really adds new level of excitement and dimension to the sport."

"We believe agreements should always reflect ongoing fair value between two parties. We want to make sure we are delivering better and bigger events," he added. - PTI

He will remain with the squad whilst we assess the injury and establish his return to play timelines," the physio added.

The Aussies had used all-rounder Hilton Cartwright as the opener in the warm-up game. He was however, dismissed for a second-ball duck.

It remains to be seen if the visitors use Cartwright or push the left-handed Travis Head up the order for the first ODI. - PTI



Red Bull's Dutch driver Max Verstappen drives during the first practice session of the Formula One Singapore Grand Prix in Singapore, on Friday.

India remains a market with great potential: New F1 boss

SINGAPORE, Sept 15: New Formula 1 boss Chase Carey today said India is a place of great potential and it would be exciting to take the sport back to the country that was dropped from the calendar four years ago.

After announcing a new four year deal for Singapore, F1 CEO and chairman Carey reiterated that Asia is a "tremendously" important region for the sport and India figures in their scheme of things for the future, if not now, with the calendar already packed till next year.

Liberty Media had taken complete control of F1 in January, ending Bernie Ecclestone's 40-year reign at the helm of affairs.

"India is a country that certainly has great potential and as we go forward, we will continue to study. We have so far not got a chance to engage in depth yet, it has only been a little over half a year since the complete change in ownership," said Carey in response to a PTI query.

Carey said India should have a Grand Prix considering its rapid growth as a nation.

"Our focus as of today is making sure that the 21 races next year is everything as it can be. But there are places around the world that present us with great opportunities for us to grow the sport overtime and certainly a country like India with the success and the growth it has had in

recent years, makes it an exciting opportunity down the road."

The Indian Grand Prix went off the calendar after three editions from 2011, largely due to the serious financial problems faced by promoter Jaypee Group and the red tape around the event.

It will be extremely tough for India to find a way back on the crowded F1 calendar with more countries showing interest in hosting the high-profile race.

Asia will only host five out of the 21 races in 2018 as Malaysia goes off the calendar post this season.

Besides India, Korea is another country that could not survive in F1 for long.

Carey said the sport's revamp has already started.

Plan for FIFA U-17 World Cup

GUWAHATI, Sept 15: The district administration has handed over responsibilities to different departments to carry out plans for safety and security arrangements for the upcoming FIFA U-17 World Cup.

Accordingly the Sports and Youth Welfare department will be primarily responsible for preparation and planning of the disaster management plan for the World Cup. District administration will provide departmental DM plans from concerned agencies for incorporation in the Comprehensive Disaster Management Plan.

The departments like F&ES, NDRE Health Services, APDCL, PWD and Electrical Department are asked to prepare their DM plans both for main venue and practice venues considering possible threats like crowd clash, fire, electrocution, hoax call and last-mile earthquake, among others. APDCL, F&ES, PWD(B), PWD Electrical Departments have been asked to conduct safety audits of the main venue and practice venues and issue safety certificate. They have also been asked to conduct safety audit of Hotel Taj Vivanta where the accommodation of the delegates and players have been arranged.

The resolutions were taken in a meeting held today, stated a release.

Nagaland govt to name school after T Ao

GUWAHATI, Sept 15: Principal Director, School Education, Nagaland Smita Sarangi in a notification informed that the government has proposed to name the Government School, Changki, Mokok-chung after legendary footballer Dr T Ao to commemorate his 100th birth anniversary.

It will be a fitting tribute to Dr Ao who was the captain of the Indian football team which participated in the 1948 London Olympics. It was for the first time that India took part in Olympic football, stated a release.

Armwrestling medals

GUWAHATI, Sept 15: India bagged two silver and one bronze medals in the 39th World Arm Wrestling Championship held at Budapest, Hungary where more than 1400 competitors from 46 countries took part in the championship.

The Indian medal winners are - Bindu Valiyapparmbil (bronze), Harish Kumar and Srinamit Jahan (both silver). The India team manager Pran Pratim Chalhia informed that around 46 armwrestlers from India will participate in the Asian Open Arm-wrestling Championship to be held at Kazakhstan next month.

Hayna Club enter semis

TIHU, Sept 15: Hayna Club of Silsukhata entered into the semifinal of the Tarun Dutta, Satish Haloi and Madan Sarma Memorial Football Championship.

In the fourth quarterfinal of the championship at the Makheliba High School playground today, Hayna Club trounced MASA, Mukulma 3-2, Golap Baro, Rupa Baro and Dibring of Hayna Club scored one goal each while Ria Alimmet had both the goals for the losing side.

The first semifinal will be played between 24th IRBN Silsukhata and GATSA of Goreswar on September 18.

The tournament has been organized by the Makheliba Kriya Sangha on the occasion of its golden jubilee year.

Paes dropped from Ministry's list for monthly allowance

NEW DELHI, Sept 15: The Sports Ministry has left out veteran Leander Paes and Saketh Myneni from the initial list of tennis players, who have been chosen for monthly allowance for their preparations for the next year's big-ticket events and the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

According to reliable Sports Ministry sources, among the players who have been chosen for Rs 50,000 allowance per month are leading men's singles players Yuki Bhambhani and Ramkumar Ramanathan, country's top doubles player Rohan Bopanna and youngster Sumit Nagal.

Myneni, who has been dropped alongside Paes, is the recipient of this year's Arjuna award.

Three women players have been included in the list, which features Sana Mirza, Prarthana Thombare and Karman Kaur Thandi.

Surprisingly country's top singles player Ankita Raina has not been included in the list.

While Ankita is ranked 260 in the world, Thombare, who played with Sana, is ranked 801 in singles. There are nine Indian players ranked above her.

In the doubles though, Thombare is country's second highest ranked player at number 129 behind Sana, who

is now world number eight. "This is not the final list," a Sports Ministry official told PTI.

In all, the ministry has chosen 152 athletes across disciplines for their preparations for next year's Commonwealth Games, Asian Games and the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

"Anyone who performs well

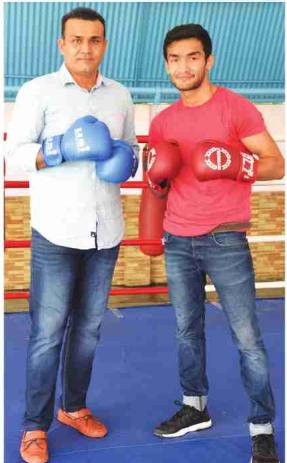
can be added in the list later on and who fails to perform can be removed from the list," the official added.

Another source said a review committee will sit in the next 15-20 days to evaluate performance of the chosen athletes.

"It's a continuous process now. We will see who is doing what. We will see near the Commonwealth Games, what and how they have performed at the CWG to see if they should be kept in the list or removed," said the official.

Asked what was the criteria to choose the players, the official said the list was prepared after getting input from the national federation and government observers apart from ministry's own research committee.

In tennis' case, Somdev Devarman is the national observer. - PTI



Former Test cricketer Virender Sehwag with Olympian boxer Shiva Thapa posing for a photograph at SAI field in Guwahati, on Friday. Sehwag was in the city for an interview and documentary shoot with Shiva. - UB Photos

Guwahati Futsal Festival begins

GUWAHATI, Sept 15: The second season of the Plus Guwahati Futsal Festival kicked off today at the Deshbhakta Tarun Ram Phukan Indoor Stadium here.

Altogether 40 teams from States like Manipur, Sikkim apart from Assam are taking part in the two-day knockout meet.

Amba Medhi football

MANGALDAI, Sept 15: Dhoop-dhara crushed Mangaldai super division football league champion Kehutoli Bangri Club by a big margin of 6-0. Arobindo Muri, Joli Boro, and Rahul Boro scored two goals each for the winning side. On Saturday Kamrupi FC will lock horns with Kabirali FC.

In the one-sided quarter-final match played at the

tember 1, 2018).

Now the AIMTMFB can send the national team for the 3rd International and Thai Martial Arts Games and Festival to be held from March 12 to 22 next year at Bangkok, stated a release.

Muay Thai official

GUWAHATI, Sept 15: The World Muay Boran Federation has recognised Bicham Kumar Singh, president of the All India Muay Thai and Muay Boran Federation (AIMTMFB) as its official member for one year (September 1, 2017 to Sep-



Sindhu in semis, Sameer sinks at Korea

SEOUL, Sept 15: Olympic silver medallist PV Sindhu progressed to the semi-finals of women's singles but top seed Son Wan dishonored a gritty performance to beat the Indian 20-22, 21-21, 13-11 in an hour and nine minute duel.

Sindhu, who had won the silver at the World Championships last month, recovered from a mid-game slump to stave off the challenge from World No. 19 Minatsu Mitani of Japan 21-19, 16-21, 21-10 in a match that lasted 63 minutes.

The fifth seeded Indian, who had a 1-1 head-to-head record against the Japanese, will next face either third seed Sung Ji Hyun or China's He Bingqiao, seeded sixth at the SK Handball Stadium here.

In the men's doubles, the unseeded Indian duo of Satwiksaraj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty lost to third seeded Japanese pair of Takeshi Kamura and Keigo Sonoda 14-21, 21-17, 15-21 in the quarterfinals.

A little more than five months ago, Sameer had defeated Son Wan in the opening round at India Super Series in March but since then the Korean has climbed to the top of world ranking. - PTI

Early this morning, Sameer once again tried to get across the Korean but top seed Son Wan dishonored a gritty performance to beat the Indian 20-22, 21-21, 13-11 in an hour and nine minute duel.

In the women's singles, Sindhu edged out a 6-2 lead early on in the opening game but Mitani managed to claw back and turn the tables around, reaching 11-9 at the break. After a close battle till 16-16, Sindhu jumped to 19-16.

Mitani then erased the deficit but Sindhu ensured she had the bragging rights after the first game as she sealed it quickly.

In the second game, Mitani opened up a 8-4 lead but Sindhu surpassed her soon and was leading 12-9. But the Japanese once again clawed back at 13-13 and then moved away from the Indian to roar back into the contest.

In the decider, Sindhu showed her class as she didn't give any chance to Mitani to make any recovery after zooming to a 9-2 lead. She was 11-6 at the break, which she extended to 19-9 after the interval, before slamming the door on the Japanese. - PTI

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01:35pm: Film Screening: Escaping Time 25 min/English/Arunachal Pradesh - Northeast Cut; Director: Rhett Cutell	
02:05pm: Film Screening: Adaa 22 min/Arabian/Assam/Nagaland - Northeast Cut; Director: Amar Kaushik	
02:35pm: In Conversation with Vishal Bhardwaj, Director, Producer, Writer, Music Director, Singer Moderator - Jamil Shahid	
03:55pm: In Conversation with Nagraj Manjule, Actor, Film Director, Producer, Scriptwriter, Poet; Topic: Making Regional Cinema Work - The Secret Formula, Moderator - Roopa Barua	
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05:40pm: Film Screening: Sarat 174 min/Marathi - Cine Basket Director: Nagraj Manjule	

Conte wants Chelsea to play on after terror attack

LONDON, Sept 15: Antonio Conte says Chelsea's Premier League clash with Arsenal should go ahead on Sunday despite an explosive device being detonated on a tube train near the club's west London stadium.

At least 22 people were injured after a bomb exploded on a packed London Underground train during the morning rush hour on Friday in what police are treating as a "terrorist incident".

Witnesses reported seeing a "wall of fire" and passengers with facial burns at Parsons Green station in west London after the explosion.

The Premier League have given no indication that they are considering cancelling the match, while a Chelsea spokesman encouraged fans to arrive at the stadium earlier than usual due to a likely increase in security checks. - AFP

Lahiri shoots 4-under despite missing putts

LAKE FOREST (USA), Sept 15: Indian golfer Anirban Lahiri missed a fair number of short putts, yet his four-under 67 that included a bogey on the 18th gave him his best start at BMW Championships, the third leg of the FedExCup play-offs on the PGA Tour, here today.

Ten days ago, Lahiri was on the verge of packing for the 2017 season, when he got a double dose of great news.

First, he found himself as the 70th man in for the BMW Championships despite being T-56 at the second leg in Dell Technologies, and 24 hours later, Lahiri also got the call that he was also the 'last man in' as one of two captain's picks for the President's Cup.

Lahiri had a fine front nine, despite a bogey on second. He birdied third and then three in a row from sixth to eighth to turn in three-under.

On the back nine, he added three more birdies on 12th, 14th and 15th to go to six-under and was in T-5 before hitting a roadblock with bogeys on 16th and 18th. - PTI

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5				4			3	
7				2	9			
2	3	5				1		
8				3	2	6	5	

Solution of last problem

5	7	1	8	9	2	3	6	4
6	4	2	3	5	7	9	8	1
9	8	3	4	6	1	5	2	7
4	6	5	7	8	3	1	9	2
3	5	2	6	4	3	8	7	1
9	7	5	2	6	4	3	8	1
8	3	4	6	7	5	2	9	1
7	1	9	2	3	4	8	5	6
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16th September, Saturday	
10:00am:	Film Quiz Competition
12:15pm:	Special Screening Large Short Films
12:25pm:	Panel Discussion with Shri Ram Mohan Mishra, IAS, Principal Secretary - Planning, Govt of Meghalaya; Shri Shashi Samad, Regional Director Northeast (India Tourism); Shri Kausar Jamil Hiday, ACS, Managing Director, Assam Tourism Development Corporation Ltd & Ronnie Lalit, Film Producer; Topic: Making Movies in the Northeast. Moderator - Waibor Hussain
01:35pm:	Film Screening: Escaping Time 25 min/English/Arunachal Pradesh - Northeast Cut; Director: Rhett Cutell
02:05pm:	Film Screening: Adaa 22 min/Arabian/Assam/Nagaland - Northeast Cut; Director: Amar Kaushik
02:35pm:	In Conversation with Vishal Bhardwaj, Director, Producer, Writer, Music Director, Singer Moderator - Jamil Shahid
03:55pm:	In Conversation with Nagraj Manjule, Actor, Film Director, Producer, Scriptwriter, Poet; Topic: Making Regional Cinema Work - The Secret Formula, Moderator - Roopa Barua
04:55pm:	In Conversation with Nagraj Manjule, Actor, Film Director, Producer, Scriptwriter, Poet; Topic: Making Regional Cinema Work - The Secret Formula, Moderator - Roopa Barua
05:40pm:	Film Screening: Sarat 174 min/Marathi - Cine Basket Director: Nagraj Manjule

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Indian hockey team goes down 1-3 to Ladies Den Bosch

DEN BOSCH (Netherlands), Sept 15: Defender Navdeep Kaur scored the solitary goal as the Indian women's hockey team suffered a 1-3 loss to Ladies Den Bosch in their third match of the Europe Tour here.

Goals from Ireen van den Assem (12th, 45th) and Imke Hoek (57th) were enough for the hosts to register the win against the visitors as Navdeep (47th) was the lone player to be on target for India.

In the first quarter, India started strongly as they retained possession for the first ten minutes but a counter attack from Ladies Den Bosch saw them earn a penalty stroke in the 12th minute which was well converted by Ireen van den Assem to give the hosts a 1-0

lead at the end of the first quarter. Indian forward Lalremruiam came close to scoring in the 22nd minute, only to be denied by Den Bosch's goalkeeper.

In the same minute, Indian goalkeeper Savita made a terrific save. However, Ladies Den

Bosch showed why nine players from their team play for the national team as they added to their goal tally when Ireen van den Assem beat Savita again in the 45th minute to take a 2-0 lead at the end of second quarter.

India started the fourth quarter swiftly as a brilliant team move saw defender Navdeep Kaur score in the 47th minute to make it 2-1. In the 57th minute, the Dutch side pounced on the opportunity to convert a penalty corner through Imke Hoek to make it 3-1. —PTI



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