

## NEWS CAPSULE

### Animal deaths

KAZIRANGA, Aug 4: The recent floods have claimed the lives of 124 animals, including nine rhinos, in Kaziranga National Park (KNP). Besides, 130 other animals were injured when flood waters submerged 85 per cent of the World Heritage Site. — PTI

### India hope

NEW DELHI, Aug 4: Unrest over China stalling the move to list JeBu's Masood Azhar a global terrorist by the UN, India today hoped that countries sharing its concerns over international terrorism would cooperate in fighting all forms of terror. — PTI

### Pak activity

NEW DELHI, Aug 4: Pakistan has increased attempts to push terrorists into Jammu and Kashmir through the border but there is a high number of casualties on their side, Defence Minister Arun Jaitley said in Lok Sabha today. — PTI

### AIUDF donation

NEW DELHI, Aug 4: Donating Rs 30 lakh to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund, the AIUDF today demanded that the Assam flood problem be declared a national problem. AIUDF president Badruddin Ajmal led a delegation to make the donation. — Sp! Correspondent

### C-sec concerns

NEW DELHI, Aug 4: The number of Caesarian deliveries or C-section surgeries have increased in the country, which is a matter of concern for all. Health Minister JP Nadda said today, adding, "our efforts are on to bring down the number." — PTI

### Aadhaar

NEW DELHI, Aug 4: From October 1, death certificates will be issued after relatives of the deceased provide Aadhaar number to authorities, a government notification said today, adding, "it will prevent identity theft." — PTI

### Subsidy

NEW DELHI, Aug 4: Subsidy worth Rs 6,000 crore has been allocated for the handloom sector, which does not fall under the purview of the GST regime, the Rajya Sabha was informed today. — PTI

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### Sikkim standoff

## China says its restraint has 'bottom line'

BEIJING, Aug 4: China has said that it has shown "utmost goodwill" over the prolonged military standoff with India in the Sikkim sector but warned that its "restraint" has a "bottom line".

The reaction from the Chinese defence minister late last night came a day after the Indian External Affairs Ministry in a statement said that the peace and tranquillity of the India-China boundary constitutes the important prerequisite for the smooth development of bilateral relations.

External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj last month made clear India's position on the over-a-month-long stand-off in the Doklam area, saying both sides should first pull back their troops for any talks to take place, favouring a peaceful resolution.

The stand-off began on June 16 after Chinese troops began constructing a road near the tri-junction with Bhutan, which India says was a unilateral action by Beijing to change the status quo in the area.

Ren Guoqiang, a spokesman of the Chinese defence ministry, in a statement called on the Indian side to swiftly address the situation in a proper manner to restore peace and tranquillity in the border region.

"Since the incident oc-

curred, China has shown utmost goodwill and sought to communicate with India through diplomatic channels to resolve the incident. Chinese armed forces have also shown a high level of restraint with an eye to the general bilateral relations and the regional peace and stability," Ren said, according to report in the

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## At least 15 railway projects on in NE: Gohain

### SPL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI, Aug 4: The Railways has taken up at least 15 major projects of new lines in the northeastern states, including in Assam, Minister of State for Railways Rajen Gohain said in Rajya Sabha today.

The Indian Railways has laid great emphasis on improvement and development of railway infrastructure in Assam and the northeastern states, said the minister in reply to a question by Santus Kujur.

The projects include Bogibeel bridge with linking lines between Dibrugarh and the North Bank (73 km). The anticipated cost of the bridge project is Rs 4,996 crore and expenditure

tured incurred up to March this year was Rs 4,102 crore. The total outlay for the project this fiscal is Rs 300 crore.

Gohain said final location survey for new lines included in the budget has been taken up by the North-East Frontier Railway. Asked about the estimated time-line to complete the railway lines for commencement of operations, Gohain said the Railways has huge throw-forward of ongoing projects with limited resources.

He said completion of projects also depends on land acquisition and forestry clearance, law and order, NOC in road, canal and electrical works from different Central and state government authorities.



Girls admiring rakhis at a roadside stall ahead of Raksha Bandhan festival, in Kolkata on Friday. — UNI

## SC forms panel on Bangla border fencing

### SPL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI, Aug 4: In a significant development, the Supreme Court has constituted a three-member committee with former Home Secretary GK Pillai as chairman to oversee the border fencing works on the Indo-Bangladesh border.

In an order issued by Justice Ranjan Gogoi and Justice Rohinton Fali Nariman, the apex court said, "...having considered the names suggested by the parties we constitute a committee to oversee the border fencing work on the Indo-Bangladesh border, including the riverine portion thereof..."

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## BTAD remains hotbed for arms trafficking

### SANJOY RAY

GUWAHATI, Aug 4: Contrary to face-saving claims made by those at the helm of affairs, the BTAD (Bodoland Territorial Area Districts)

continues to remain a hotbed for unauthorised and free movement of illegal arms and ammunition.

Together, the four districts of the Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) have recorded an aggregate of nearly 35 per cent of the total arms and ammunition recovered in the

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State in the last five years or so. Needless to say, the conviction rate remains abysmally low in these cases, giving a free-reign to the offenders.

With the killing of ABMSU president Lefukhul Islam once again laying bare the hollow feature of the existing security mechanism, there now emerges a serious question mark on the existing law and order scenario of the four BTC districts of Kokrajhar, Chirang, Dalgudi and Baksa together.

In 2016, of the 546 arms re-

## Naidu favourite VP poll today

NEW DELHI, Aug 4: Ruling

NDA's candidate M Venkaiah Naidu is tipped to be India's next vice president as members of Parliament gear up to cast their ballot tomorrow.

The name of the next vice president of India will be known tomorrow evening after members of Parliament cast their ballot tomorrow.

The counting of votes will

commence after polling and the results will be declared by 7.00 pm, Election Commission offi-

cial House.

The ruling NDA, which has a majority in the Lok Sabha, will find it easy to place its candidate as the next vice president.

The opposi-

tion has fielded

Gopal Krishna Gandhi against Naidu.

The BJD and the JD(U)

which had supported NDA

nominee Ram Nath Kovind for the post of president, have decided to back opposition nominee Gandhi.

Though the JD(U) has bro-

ken ties with

modhagathbandhan

and joined hands with the BJP to form a new government in Bihar, it has decided to vote for Gandhi, a former governor

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### Lafikul's murder

## State moves Centre for CBI probe

### STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 4: The State Government has written to the Centre recommending a probe by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) into the sensational murder of ABMSU president Lafikul Islam Ahmed.

Confirming this, Media adviser to the Chief Minister Hrishikesh Gogoi said that it is up to the Home Ministry to decide whether the case should be handed over to the CBI or not.

Meanwhile, the State Government has constituted a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to be headed by IGP (SB) Anurag Tankha. Under the direct supervision of the Director General of Police, the SIT will look into all aspects of the case including the involvement of a senior police officer.

The Superintendent of Police of Kokrajhar Rajen Singh will be kept out of the investigation team.

## Kaliabor plans unique digital initiative

### SIVASISH THAKUR

GUWAHATI, Aug 4: In a first-of-its-kind endeavour in the State, the Kalibari sub-di-

visional administration is set

to launch the Smart Kaliabor Project for facilitating digital empowerment of the masses and ensure transparent and hassle-free service delivery.

The objectives of the project include increasing digital literacy, making government services and information easily available online, and bringing efficiency and transparency in governance using IT tools.

"Most people across the State face harrowing experiences while visiting a government office for redressal of their grievances concerning service delivery by the administration or other government departments. We want this to stop completely and provide time-bound delivery of services," Pankaj Chakravarty, SDO (Civil), Kaliabor told *The Assam Tribune*.

SKP (Smart Kaliabor Project) (See page 4)

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**4 GMCH staff held over fund anomaly**  
STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 4: Police have arrested four persons in the last 24 hours over a case registered in connection with fund misappropriation in the blood bank of the Guahati Medical College Hospital (GMCH).

The arrested persons include Abdul Hafizintu Talukdar (both laboratory technicians), Dhruba Sarma and Kuldip Kumar Nath (both computer operators) of the GMCH. The arrests were made by Bhangarhat police since last night.

Sources informed that the accused may also be part of a racket involved in illegal sale of blood to needy patients.

"Blood cannot be sold. It can only be exchanged or obtained from the hospital. The public must understand that accepting blood from unknown donors or people against money can be dangerous," sources said.

Police said such rackets may be active in other hospitals as well and investigation in this regard is on.

"We are keeping vigil and more arrests could follow," a police official said.

**Foundation day**

GUWAHATI, Aug 4: The foundation day of Nijora Baba Jagrata Dham will be held at the Nijora Baba Suresh Rajahua Smasnah Kali Mandir here on August 6. The day-long programme will include open puja, kumari puja, aarti, namam, nagara naam, etc.

- Talk on 'Nationalism & Spirituality' by former Governor of Meghalaya Ranjit Shekhar Moosahary at Assam Down Town University, Panikhaiti, at 1 pm.
- Meeting of Octogenarians' Club of Guwahati at Ikon Academy, Rajgarh Road at 4 pm.

## Water supply project hits PWD road repair schemes

RITURAJ BORTHAKUR

GUWAHATI, Aug 4: Which is more important: water or roads? As people in Guwahati hum and haw about their priority, the Public Works Department has found itself in a quandary.

Consider this: The four city divisions of PWD have got a sanction of Rs 7,361 lakh in this financial year under the Annual Road Maintenance Fund (ARMF). The projects include 202 schemes – repair and maintenance works – in the city and North Guwahati.

According to an official document, 130 of the 202 sanctioned schemes have been completed. Work in the other 72 schemes, which include some major roads in Guwahati, has been extremely sloppy – and out of them 68 due to the under-construction water supply project.

The contractors involved in laying the pipes of the water supply project have damaged as many as 13 roads and have not restored them, according to an official document in possession with *The Assam Tribune*. Among these, seven are under PWD City Division I, four under City Division II and two under North Guwahati State Road Division.

In 55 other roads, the pipelines were partially laid and the damaged roads partially repaired – 32 of them under City Division III.

"We are not being able to proceed with the repair and maintenance works in respect of 68 roads due to the water supply project. These roads are among the 72 schemes under ARMF which are yet to be completed," a senior PWD official said.

"In some cases the pipes have a width of 1.2 metres. If you dig so much and keep it without refilling for a few days, the width of the hole goes on increasing, given the regular traffic on the road. Moreover, the holes are re-

on many occasions, no intimation was given to the PWD.

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restored to their original shape.

The situation has come to such a pass that the PWD contractors who have been allotted the repair and maintenance works, are reluctant to start work fearing that the roads might be dug again for the water supply project.

"Now, the PWD contractors have to maintain the roads they make for three years. They are not willing to take the chance. What if the road is dug within days of its repair by the PWD contractors?" the official said.

The PWD has sent a number of letters to the Project Director and other officials of the JICA-funded water supply project (soon one of them are in possession of this newspaper) citing its plight.

"We could not take up improvement works on all the roads of Guwahati city due to non-restoration/partial restoration of the roads against which water supply pipes are laid...it is obvious that due to non-repairing of city roads the PWD has been facing a lot of criticism though the department is not at all liable for the same," "our recent letter to the Project Director of the water supply project stated that the deadlock has not yet ended, laying bare the lack of coordination between the two departments."

The physical work of the JICA-assisted Guwahati Water Supply Project costing Rs 1,427 crore, which began in the later half of 2011, has missed several deadlines.



Pathetic state of Hem Barua Road, Panbazar - AT photo

PWD Sources said the estimates of the water supply project include the cost of restoring the roads damaged during laying of the pipes. "The cost of restoration has been included in the contracts of the water supply schemes. However, there have been glaring lapses on the part of the contractors executing the water supply project," the PWD official alleged.

Firstly, the contractors of the water supply project should give the PWD a monthly plan of the digging work, but

filled with the debris accumulated during digging, which is not the norm. Refilling should be done with sand gravel, stone dust, etc., to maintain the road level. Else there could be submergence," the official said, citing the instances of the Chandramati trijunction, Rupnagar-Birubari Road, Majhar Road, AT Road near Bhoothnath, Panbazar, HB Road, etc., where the quality aspect was not followed while refilling. So these roads could not be

restored to their original shape.

The training covered the basics of entrepreneurship, funding sources, idea generation, preparation of business plan, financial aspect of a business, start-up eco system in this region, etc.

The resource persons were a mix of academics, IIE faculties and established entrepreneurs from Assam who rendered knowledge from both theoretical and practical aspects of doing business.

Dr Srirama B Baruah, head of CIE, IIE and AS Dewan, faculty of IIE addressed the participants and took sessions during the training and brought in clarity on developing a start-up idea.

The programme saw a panel discussion on the current scenario of start-ups in the North East with the participants putting across their numerous queries. At the valedictory function today IIE Director Manoj Das addressed the group and motivated them towards entrepreneurship.

The drive is being supervised by Girimallika Sharma, head, Dept of Social Work of the university.

The students collected Rs 5,000 from Dr MN Baruah, MD of the North East Cancer Hospital and Research Institute (NECHRI), Jorabat. In-charge of social healthcare Dr Gitartha Roymedhi and social counsellor Piomoni Khongshai of NECHRI have also joined the drive.

## Flood relief collection drive

CORRESPONDENT

JORABAT, Aug 4: Some students of the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya (USTM) have started a drive in Guwahati city to collect relief materials for the flood victims of Assam.

The group has collected donations and relief materials from Hatigaon, Bhetapara, Ganeshguri, Chamebari and Uzambazar localities. The materials collected include sanitary napkins, soap, packets of biscuit, rice and puffed rice (*muruk*) and medicines.

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healthcare Dr Gitartha Roymedhi and social counsellor Piomoni Khongshai of NECHRI have also joined the drive.

## Workshop

GUWAHATI, Aug 4: The Assam Livestock and Poultry Corporation today organised a special workshop on self-employment for youths at its head office at Panjbari in association with NABARD.

Over 200 youths from Kamrup, Nalbari, Barpeta, Golaghat, Darrang, Boksa, Sonitpur, Goalpara, Majuli, Karbi Anglong and Dima Hasao districts took part in the workshop inaugurated by Corporation Chairman Manoj Saikia. — Staff Reporter



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## Training on start-ups

CORRESPONDENT

JALUKBARI, Aug 4: The valedictory function of a training programme "Managing a Start-up to Success" held from August 1 concluded today at the Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE).

IIE collaborated with Delhi-based Project and Technology Management Foundation (PTMF) to implement the training programme. This is the first time that a training programme for guiding start-ups to build their businesses successfully has been conducted by IIE.

The participants attending the programme came from different backgrounds with ideas to start up in sectors like renewable energy, e-commerce, IT, green tea, animal feed manufacturing, construction business etc. The key factor worth mentioning about the participants is that majority of them were well educated and had years of experience in the corporate sector, banks, IT and BPOs

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**Ministry expansion**

With the long-awaited expansion of the Sarbananda Sonowal-led State ministry expected to take place later this month, all the constituents of the ruling NDA are positioning themselves to gain as many berths as possible. This will be the first expansion of the Sonowal ministry, which took place in May 2016. There are now 11 ministers in the ministry, including the Chief Minister, while another eight berths are vacant. It is expected that all the remaining vacancies will be filled up during the forthcoming expansion. Each of the AGP and BPF junior allies in the NDA, has currently two ministers and both the regional parties have demanded that they be allotted another two berths each during the expansion. However, reports suggest that the BJP is unlikely to accede to the demand of its allies. The BJP leaders have hinted that of the eight berths to be filled up during the expansion, six will be from the saffron party, while the AGP and BPF will each be offered one more slot. The BJP believes it has a claim to a larger slice of the pie because of compulsions like facilitating more representation from Upper Assam and the Barak Valley as well as giving representation to dominant communities like the Ahoms. Ignoring the demand of its allies may strain the BJP's relations with the two regional parties. However, experts and analysts believe that there is no threat to the stability of the government in the near future. The NDA's position nationally looks quite strong at this moment and the AGP and BPF may quite twice before rocking the boat. Besides, the term of the present Legislative Assembly will end only in 2021 and none of the constituents of the ruling front would like to take matters to a point of no return at this stage.

The expected expansion and reshuffling of the ministry will also mean divestment of many portfolios of the serving members and their distribution amongst the new entrants. The ruling alliance believes it will help to streamline the governance and delivery processes as many of the ministers currently are holding numerous portfolios which hamper performance. If that indeed happens and governance improves, it will no doubt be welcome. However, for the people on the street the issue is not the size of the ministry or which party manages to get how many berths or which minister assumes charge of any particular portfolio. Common people are more concerned with issues of bread and butter, of employment and health care, of roads and education. Despite a lot of effort at publicity, reality is that the Sonowal-led Government has not managed to do much during the last 14-15 months. Flood and erosion continue to wreck havoc. Hardly any new jobs have been generated. Law and order continue to be a matter of concern. So, besides inducting more ministers, the ruling alliance also must focus on solving issues affecting the masses.

**Other ramifications**

The brutal killing of the All BTAD Minority Students' Union, Lafqil Islam Ahmed, needs to be thoroughly investigated, because prima facie it appears to have ramifications that may extend beyond the political. No doubt, the immediate motive for the murder might be construed to be to arouse communal tensions in a sensitive area which has witnessed lethal flare-ups in the none too distant past. But there are indications that it might not be a political murder at all and has more to do with aspects such as cattle-smuggling across the India-Bangladesh border. It may be noted that the prime suspect Entaj Ali, who has been arrested, is allegedly a cattle-smuggler and greater investigation might reveal that the murder was the outcome of a personal vendetta rather than a desire to foment communal strife. That, despite the bravado displayed by the so-called *Gau-rakshaks* both at the pan-Indian and regional levels, large-scale cattle-smuggling is being carried on from Assam to Bangladesh, is a reality which cannot be denied and has been well detailed in the local media. Most of the cattle which are smuggled are reportedly aged and well past that stage when they can be used for purposes such as milk or for ploughing. Thus, rather than retain them, farmers find it more profitable to sell these to smugglers who can send them over the border for slaughter.

There appears to be evidence of the existence of a cattle-smuggling mafia which is hand in glove with certain elements in the law-enforcing agencies, with some politicians benefiting for choosing to look the other way. This aspect too must be thoroughly investigated and the guilty brought to book. By all accounts Lafqil possessed a secular mentality and was popular not only amongst the Muslim community, but also other sections of society, which makes it less likely that his killing had political overtones. Whether he had actively opposed the smuggling mafia and the police-politician nexus requires to be brought to light. Though one cannot predict what might happen in the immediate future, the Assam Police through timely action appear to have succeeded for the time being in preventing another communal flare-up. If they can speedily establish the true motive and show up the non-political nature of the killing, it will go a long way to subdue tensions between disparate communities. Thus their mandate is not merely to maintain law and order but to convince the public as to who the real culprits are. Given the situation, one cannot overstate the urgency for a thorough investigation into the other ramifications which might have resulted in the highly condemnable murder. While there might be need for a CBI inquiry, it is up to the local law-and-order authorities to solve the case quickly and prevent escalation of prevalent tensions.

# A history of Jorhat

**PLAIN-SPEAK**

Arup Kumar Dutta

**D**uring a recent visit to Jorhat I was gifted a book titled *Jorhati Bihas*, which translates as 'The History of Jorhat'. It is a highly commendable venture at documentation by some individuals of this historically important township, now in the process of evolving into a city. Edited by Ajit Kumar Dutta and Saumitra Pujari, the book offers unique glimpses into Jorhat's past and will offer invaluable inputs to future historians.

The Chief Editor of the book Ajit Kumar Dutta perfectly puts it in his preface: "In broader historical writings it is not possible to simultaneously broach in details about the history of smaller regions. Yet the role played by smaller regions in the evolution of a society cannot be understated. Global history comprises of the histories of smaller regions and the study of the latter not only helps us in creating a historical profile of any region, but also in documenting and conserving historical facts. Research on small regions enables history to be taken to the grassroots level and cumulatively trace history at a national or international level."

To a great extent *Jorhati Bihas* achieves such an objective, especially in depicting the pre-Independence phase of Jorhat's past. Some of the pieces contributed by individual writers make for fascinating reading. For instance, the article on the administration of Jorhat till Independence takes us back to Jorhat's area history right up to the time of the Ahom monarch Suhungnung, though, of course, the name Jorhat may not have come into being till then. The writer states that the monarch had built an embankment to save the region from floods which could be simultaneously

used as a road.

This piece gives us some lesser known information on the shifting of the Ahom capital from Rongpur to Jorhat in July-August 1794 during the Moamariya uprising in Upper Assam. That earlier Purnananda Buragohain had established temporary fortifications at Charaihali, and later on the banks of the Disor (Bhogdoi) as well as in Teok to the advance of the Moamariya is mentioned. According to the author, remnants of fortifications can be seen even to this day and places like Borhatai in Jorhat which bear their name from these.

This piece also gives us interesting facts such as how the Disor river's name changed to Bhogdoi. One version has it that during the time of Swargadeo Kamleshwar Singha, the monarch had offered 'bhog' or estates to the Disor river so that it would flow southward and irrigate farms established by him. A more credible version has it that the Buragohain had men dig a new channel from the Disor river which in the course of time became the main river Bhogdoi which today flows through Jorhat town.

"After the capital was brought to Jorhat, the ministers and officers of the king too were shifted to houses constructed for them. The lodgings of the Buragohain were located at today's Marwari Thakurbari; that of the Buragohain at the Tarajan area, or the Barjatia at the place where the Jagannath Barua College is located today, and the Baruah had his residence at Antor... The king had his residence at Rajahar... some writers assert that in today's Court Field had once been erected the *kholong*,

ghar, padghar etc., of the king." Such details make this piece particularly interesting.

Naturally, the history of any region has numerous facets and it is not possible to cover all of them. To their credit the editors of this book have tried to cover as many of these as possible. There are sections on the prehistoric past of the region, the geographic background, the archaeological finds, and the political history of the town from medieval period

Thengal Kachari, Sonowal Kachari, other backward tribes, Brahmin, Kalita, Ahom, Koch, Chutia, Chao-dang, Muslim, tea tribe, Bengali, Sikh, Marwari, Hindusthani, etc.

Care too has been taken to trace the economic development of the centrally-located township and a well-researched article on this aspect gives us a broad overview of the topic. This piece contains interesting bits on insurance companies, printing presses, shops, markets, etc., of Jorhat during the pre-Independence period. As an example can be cited: "Prior to Independence, Cinema hall and theatre hall had been established in Jorhat for the entertainment of the public. It is believed that the Eleve Cinema Hall was the first in Jorhat, followed by two others named Arati and Shankar. Similarly, for theatrical performances various venues such as the Jorhat Theatre Hall, Milan Mandir at Baligaon, Lakshmi Union Hall, etc., were set up."

Other interesting articles include the evolution of scientific and technical education in Jorhat, the contribution of Jorhat to Assamese language and literature, the gradual progress in the media scenario, the role of the area in the freedom movement, etc. Complementing the comprehensive nature of this book are sections devoted to the contribution of women to Jorhat's development, tracing the history of various local institutions and organizations, brief recapitulation of the history of theatre, sports, fine arts, music, etc., scenario of the town.

Given such comprehensiveness, one cannot do justice to the merit of the book *Jorhati Bihas* in the span of so short a column. It is indeed a

stupendous endeavour to capture the essence of Jorhat's history. However, I would like to point out to certain negative aspects too. First, during the 1860s with the establishment of the Jorhat Tea Company and private gardens, the township became a focal tea-centre for entire Assam, as establishment of institutions like the Tocklai Research Centre had shown. It was the place from which Robert Bruce learnt about the tea plant growing wild in Assam, and where Maniram Dewan set up the first privately owned garden at Cinnamom. Unfortunately, the aspect of Jorhat as a tea-town has not been covered as well as it should have. Moreover, there was a sizeable presence of British planters till the pre-Independence phase, some of them colourful characters, and information about them would have enriched the book further.

More concerning is the lack of mention of numerous individuals, particularly when the respective authors are dealing with history of the post-independence phase. There are too many cases where mediocrities have been given overt importance....

## Skilling in making Assam awesome

■ Uddipan Sarma

**D**eveloping skills and building up a land of tourists is relevant here in Assam. Assam is known for its multiple flavours of attraction covering rich and admirable history to cultural richness, multifarious traditions and beliefs as well as immemorable ways of livelihood. The presence of such treasured flavours confirm a favourable growth of tourism based on the polished skills. It also requires a proper agenda to remove errors while shaping the foundation of a strong tourism industry. Because certain factors, whether political or traditional, may easily create unavoidable disturbance spoiling the talents. Identification of the broken or weak corners which certainly discourage improvement of the tourism industry in Assam needs to be announced mandatory so that the giant structure of the industry in future may sustain for a long period without affecting the traditional participation as well as the elements of technology. Hence, question emerges, indicating the factors affecting the tourism industry in our State. Assam is filled with mixed flavours of multifarious tribes and traditions, social behaviours; the tribes have their own social systems that see

to be extremely conscious regarding their roots, for which by no means they allow any external force to control the same which may cause threat to their own existence. Thus very often we see various measures of promotion getting unsuccessful results because of the particular tribes that do not long for global nationwide introduction.

As every individual holds certain sentiments for his family or community, every social group equally holds similar sentiments which must not be harmed for the sake of peaceful cooperation among different groups. We often overlook the probable impacts of such sentiments and administer modern techniques, disseminating one after another. This is the main reason behind the failure of all government instructions in making tourism a grand structure of development. Therefore planning for sustainable tourism, we need to examine each and every sensitive part and for an appropriate balance of traditional designs and modern initiatives. Although the Government of Assam has recently taken some measures for the growth of tourism, yet since the last so many years and even now the imperatives

for a highly decorated industry have not been made. In simple sense, the people of Assam are less aware of the benefits of tourism development and we rarely show deep interest in travelling or sightseeing sites within our State. Thus we cannot even imagine how tourism industry works and makes a state economy stronger. Assam is also affected by different problems like many other parts of the country which normally do not encourage tourists to come and explore the land. While internal disturbance is one among them, poor infrastructure is another serious issue. Tourism development sincerely depends on the structure and mindset of the State, how it presents its resources and encourages tourism. Tourism, thus, is an art demonstrating the modes of life.

Recently, the Government of Assam has also invited discussions on developing tourism sites. But the absence of proper infrastructure management creates debate among intellectuals. The skills and crafts are ex-

pected because there are many undeveloped sites in our State with great natural, historical and religious importance often ignored by the people.

The sense of nationalism must come only from the development and sustainable use of resources which

are the pride of one State or country. Resources here also include human resource from where the great idea of skill development arises. Thus for a timely tourism industry, each and every skill from all over Assam must be encouraged as well as empowered and necessary provisions need to be implemented for the appropriate development of the skills. Because skill development is nothing but the basic structure of human resource development, and humans can make a tourism industry stronger and beneficial.

For a better concept on skill empowerment in Assam, we need to draw a general concept on the major skills, empowerment of which can lead us to greater success. For the existence of vibrant tribes and traditions, the indigenous people of the State are associated with various activities like fishing, cattle farming, agricultural works for which they prepare necessary tools which undoubtedly show their skills. Silk weaving (textile cottage industry) activities of Sualkuchi and the handicrafts of terracotta and pottery practised in Ashoknagar Craft Village (Dibrugarh) project brilliant techniques and determination of people engaged in such occupations. Again for cultural purposes, they always materialize their best level of creativity and it reflect on

different forms of paintings, designs, traditional ornaments, products made from ivory, masks of different kinds, traditional fireworks industry of Barpeta and so on.

Moreover, Assam is also rich in brass and bell metal industries. A mark of glory and respect have always been carried by both the industries for decades but gradually they have lost their previous shine due to the easily available cheap, similar products of other metals. Therefore, efforts for the preservation and promotion of such skills through verbal and digital methods need to be nourished. The Government can also establish showrooms providing a collection of multiple products prepared by the local people in every district so that everyone may become aware of the resources and skills that exist here. Moreover, individuals interested in historical events can practise historical storytelling which is a new concept of encouraging tourists and developing skills as well as entrepreneurship.

Thus for the sustainable growth of Assam tourism, identification of the skills must be the first duty of every individual along with the Government. Identification of skill leads to recognition through various policies and encourages the idea of entrepreneurship.

## Letters to the EDITOR

Sir,—This refers to the article 'Brahmaputra: need for holistic development' (AT, August 2).

There has been no analysis on the rainfall duration and frequency on the mighty Brahmaputra which results in the loss and destruction during floods. This year the magnitude of flood aftermath was bigger.

The PM had recently met the Chief Ministers of four NE States to take stock of the latest flood situation in a review meeting in Guwahati and a package for flood relief and rehabilitation has also been announced.

A research project for study of the Brahmaputra and its role in creating devastating floods has also been proposed.

So far an empirical approach is generally followed for embankment, waterway of bridges, cross drainage structures leading to disasters in the plains. Moreover, the probable peak discharge of water from dams like the Lower Subansiri during monsoon rainfall

has never been considered. A rational and scientific estimation of floods is the need of the hour for safe, yet economic, design of structures.

Data collection on rainfall and river discharge is a critical issue. Yours etc., KAMAL BARUAH, Rukmigeni, Guwahati.

**Swachh Bharat**

Sir,—Through this esteemed daily, I would like to draw the attention of the Prime Minister towards the woeful condition of the employees orchestrating the Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) in Assam. Many letters regarding this issue are also being sent as emails directly to the Prime Minister's mail ID but no action has been taken till date. The monthly honorarium for district consultants of the Mission is Rs 20,000 with a mobility charge of Rs 2,000, the same for the block resource centre coordinators (BRC) is Rs 5,000 with a mobility charge of Rs 125 and for cluster resource centre coordinators (CRC), it is Rs 4,500 with a mobility charge of Rs 100. The employees are rendering their

service at this lowest remuneration which is not justifiable as far as the workload is concerned. For them it is difficult to make ends meet in this prevailing period of hyperinflation. In order to run the mission in a competent manner, the matter should be looked into as most urgent. We'll look forward to the PM's response and action on this vital issue of national interest which is directly related to paying homage to the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi. Yours etc., SANKALPITA PRIYAM, Jorhat.

**Lafqil killing**

Sir,—The broad daylight killing

of the minority students' body leader

Lafqil Islam in the Bodo heartland

Kokrajhar is highly condemnable.

The incident has once again exposed

the failure of the law-and-order

machinery under the BTU and the

vulnerability and threat to the life of

the common people in the BTAD

region. The leaders of All BTAD

Minority Students' Union (ABMSU), an organization that caters to the voice of the Muslims in the

BTAD region, have been attacked

by miscreants on several earlier occasions too. Kokrajhar has witnessed

the epicentre of violence, has witnessed many ruthless killings, from journalist Kulajit Salsik in 2008, Bodoloo Narzary in 2007 to the Balajan Thinali shooting in 2016. But those involved have never been apprehended and justice delivered to the family members. The State Government and the BTU

authorities should initiate a CBI

inquiry into the incident and look for all possible angles involved. The

people of different communities in

the area should maintain communal

harmony; they should keep in mind

that the flames of hatred are

remote-controlled by someone

else. Yours etc., SHAJID KHAN, Tanga.

**Coaching classes**

Sir,—Now that the APSAC CCE Prelims are over and the Mains are round the corner, it has called for a new market to emerge, a market for the lucrative coaching institutes to make huge profits out of it, a market of so-called sophisticated 'notes' for the Mains exam. It

seems like the people who can invest huge amount of money in the name of coaching can only turn out to be the ultimate winners whereas the poor shall remain deprived forever. But this is not always true as most of the times, the winners in life come from humble backgrounds. Let us see what time has got in store for them. Yours etc., A CANDIDATE, Guwahati.

**Kaziranga animals**

Sir,—As shown by different media, the animals of the Kaziranga National Park do not have proper and safe places to take shelter during floods. This has been a problem for years together, but the State Government has not taken appropriate steps in this regard. The ruling party had criticized the earlier Congress Government for not doing much for the safety and security of the animals in the KNP. Now, whom will they blame? Yours etc., SAMAR DEB, Guwahati.

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



A differently able student receiving the Bharati Infratil Scholarship Award for higher education at a function organised by Shishi Bharati at NEDFi House in Guwahati on Friday. – UB Photos

**APCC condemns attack on Rahul Gandhi in Gujarat**

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 4: Assam Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC) president Ripun Bora has condemned the physical attack by a section of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) workers on All India Congress Committee (AICC) vice president and Lok Sabha MP Rahul Gandhi while the latter was on his way to meet the flood-hit people of Gujarat today.

Stones pelted by the BJP workers severely damaged the vehicle in which the Congress leader was travelling and injured some of his PSOs, Bora said, and described this incident as an outcome of the frustration in the BJP camp over the growing popularity of the Congress and its vice president in different parts of the country.

The BJP workers are so frustrated that they could not restrain themselves even in the home State of Prime Minister Narendra Modi from indulging in such a heinous act, Bora said.

The Congress members will take recourse to a programme at 12 noon tomorrow at the APCC headquarters, Rajiv Bhawan, here to register their protest against today's attack on Rahul Gandhi.

#### OBITUARY

**Barada Sharma**

GUWAHATI, Aug 4: Barada Prasad Sharma, retired vice principal of Sonaram Higher Secondary School, passed away at a local hospital here today. He was 80.

#### ASSAM HIGHER SECONDARY EDUCATION COUNCIL

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Dated : 29.7.17

No AHSEC/EXD/NOTIFICATION/2017/2018 is issued for information of all concerned that the candidates who intend to appear in the Higher Secondary Final Examination 2018 under the following categories are required to obtain prior permission from the Council. 1. Candidates with to appear under Betterment of Result Scheme/Re-appearance Scheme 2. Candidates under Distance Education Scheme 3. Certain Subjects 4. Mill. Subject permission 5. Those appearing in respect of Non Institutional Private candidates In this connection prescribed application forms and detailed information are being sent to the concerned Principals of all permitted/recognized institutions of the Council. Interested and eligible candidates may apply through the Principals of their respective institutions to obtain permission. The last date for submission of application forms and documents and fees to the Council office is fixed on 26.09.2017. Permission forms may be downloaded from Council's website – www.ahsecassam.org. Sd/- S. D. Das, Secretary  
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#### NATIONAL HEALTH MISSION ASSAM

No NHM/NCD/NDP/2016-17/1133/10262 Date: 04/08/2017

#### Extension Notice - 4 E-Tender for establishing Dialysis Unit in PPP mode at District Hospitals

This has reference to the e-tender NO: NHM/CD/NDP/2016-17/1133/3796, dated 01/06/2017 for establishing Dialysis Unit in PPP mode at District Hospitals. The scheduled date for bid submission has been extended as follows:

SNo	Scheduled	Start date	Time
1	Last date and time of upload of tender document	10/08/2017	Up to 2.00 PM
2	Date and time of opening of tender document	04/08/2017	At 3.00 PM

All other terms and conditions remain of the above referred tender shall remain unchanged until further notice.

Sd/-  
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Deendayal Upadhyaya Adarsha Mahavidyalayas

## CM distributes appointment letters to principals, lecturers

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 4: "Students must be shaped as resources for the future of the society with quality education and for that, a holistic academic environment has to be provided. The people of the State must take the responsibility to make Assam one of the best States of the country and this can be achieved only through quality education. For creating a conducive environment to nurture young students, teachers have to play an important role so that students can establish themselves as able citizens and contribute meaningfully to society," Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal said today while distributing appointment letters to the newly-recruited principals and lecturers of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Adarsha Mahavidyalayas at a programme organised by the Higher Education Department at Janata Bhawan.

Saying that the qualitative aspect of the education system cannot be strengthened without dedication, Chief

Minister Sonowal stated that strong steps initiated by the Education Department must be made successful for achieving transformation of the whole system and making it appealing to the young generation.

Saying that teachers must inspire brilliant students to remain in the State and serve the society, Sonowal remarked that Assam is deprived of the services of its meritorious students who go outside the State in large numbers.

In speaking at the meeting, Education Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma stated that from now onwards, people do not need to set up educational institutes as the Government would establish such institutes wherever they are needed. Informing that 12 Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Adarsha Mahavidyalayas have been set up in the State, Sarma said that the Central Government would provide Rs 4 crore to each institute where an amount of Rs 7 crore has been released by the State Government. He also stated that the State Government

is planning to open 300 more such institutes in the State and added that complete transparency has been maintained in the recruitment of teachers for these institutes.

Admitting that people will have higher expectations from these Mahavidyalayas as these are government institutes, Sarma called on the newly-recruited lecturers to apply themselves with a selfless spirit to serve the society. The Education Minister also informed that eight girls' colleges would be set up in the minority-dominated areas.

Nobtably, in today's programme, principals and associate professors of five model colleges were also given appointment letters. A total of 93 professors will be appointed.

Irrigation Minister Ranjit Dutta, the Chairman of House, Ranjit Dass, several MLAs, Chief Secretary VK Piperverse, Vice Chancellor of Cotton State University and top officials of the Education Department were also present in today's meeting.

## Onion prices likely to escalate further

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 4: The steep surge in onion prices is likely to hit the common man yet again due to a hike in the wholesale rates of the kitchen essential in the onion-prone States like Maharashtra, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh.

Owing to the countrywide phenomenon, market sources predict that the rates might go up further unless fresh supplies from the southern States arrive to ease the situation, which is less again likely due to the inclement weather conditions.

Onion rates have gone up from Rs 20 per kg in mid-July to Rs 30 per kg now. Those having a craving for the red punjab onions might end up paying up to Rs 35 as this variety sells at a greater price than its white counterpart.

As per a report sent to the Commissioner and Secretary of the Food, Civil Supplies and Consumers Affairs Department from the Kamrup district administration, the wholesale rate of the bulb has suddenly gone up from Rs 800-Rs 1550 per quintal (depending on qual-

ity) on July 15 to Rs 1,750-Rs 2,600 per quintal in the first week of August.

The Guwahati Potato-Onion Traders' Association, a body of wholesale potato-onion traders, said that at Nasik, the largest supplier of onions around this season, the wholesale rates have gone up to Rs 2,300 per quintal.

"Traders are buying good quality Patna onions at the bulk rate of Rs 2,400 per quintal, Rajasthan (Ajmer) onions at Rs

### Bad weather conditions may hit fresh supplies

2,200 per quintal and Indore onions at the rate of Rs 2,100-2,200 per quintal. Throughout the country, the rates have gone up and in the North East, the retail consumption of red onion is more, so the buyers feel the pinch harder," secretary of the traders' association Binod Surana told *The Assam Tribune*.

"The prices generally go up at the beginning of the year and the arrival of fresh crops from southern States like Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh provides some relief to the buyers. However, this year the Southern States have pro-

duced only 30 per cent of the expected output due to the bad weather conditions," he added.

The market sources further stated that the situation was likely to continue till the end of September.

However, any scarcity of the item is unlikely in Guwahati and Assam in general, assured Kamrup Metro Depto Commissioner Dr M Angamuthu. The district administration of fields had a meeting with the wholesale onion traders of Guwahati. Rakes of onions are being brought from the source to Guwahati that will cater to the requirements of the entire North East. Some consignments are coming via roadways.

With the fresh arrival of 16,000 quintals and another 10,000 quintals in the pipeline, the market has the stocks to meet the average daily consumption of 600 quintals of onions in Guwahati and that of the entire North East, which stands at 2,280 quintals.

"We will take steps to ensure a price margin in the retail market so that exorbitant rates are not charged by traders," the Kamrup DC added.

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## E-newsletter on Sustainable Development Goals

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 4: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal formally launched e-newsletter *Doron* prepared by the Transformation and Development Department and Centre for Sustainable Development Goals (CSDGs), Government of Assam at a programme held in the Chief Minister's conference hall at Janata Bhawan today.

The first SDG e-newsletter *Doron* has been launched with an aim to disseminate understanding on SDGs among all and highlight the work being done on Sustainable Development Goals in Assam.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Sonowal said Assam was one of the first states in the country and in the world to adopt the SDGs into the policy process of the State.

"Assam had released its vision document, Assam 2030, 'Our Dream, Our Commitment', Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, which set the vision and strategy for achieving the SDGs in Assam by 2030," the Chief Minister added.

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Chief Secretary VK Piperverse, Additional Chief Secretary KV Eapen and Director Assam Administrative Staff College Arjan Chakraborty were also present on the occasion among others.

The new executive body of Inner

Wheel Club takes charge

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 4: The purpose of the health awareness camp was to educate the upcoming generation on daily self-care and living a healthy, hygienic life as well as orienting necessary and sound social and civic etiquettes among the citizens.

Awareness programmes under UFDI's Health Orientation Programme Execution (HOPE) are organised mainly with a target to fill the void in school curriculum regarding health and civic etiquettes. In order to ensure that, UFDI has been trying to impart education on these topics through cartoons, animations, videos, etc.

"We have been organising such kind of camps for quite some time now and we plan to continue with our project. Our main objective is to slowly change people's attitude towards self-health maintenance and also incorporate civic etiquettes and humanity," said Dr Rathnangan Chatodiyah, chairman, UFDI.

Established on August 3,

UFDI has been organising such camps with a goal

of creating awareness among the masses about the need to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

signing their policies towards achieving the SDGs by 2030, Sonowal informed that a comprehensive SDG State plan would be prepared for highlighting the path forward for each goal in the State.

The Chief Minister also said that the Government of Assam now plans to take the SDGs to the grassroots to bring forth voices from the most marginalised areas of Assam and build a better future for all. The e-newsletter will be a platform for engagement for all including government officials, youths of Assam, citizens of the State, civil society organisations and NGOs to participate in the SDG journey of Assam, the Chief Minister added.

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The new club president

Debjani Das, who was elected for the sixth term, sought the cooperation of all members.

Das took charge from Almanir Begum, the outgoing president of the Club.

The other office-bearers of the new executive body are Dr Rosaline Begum, vice president; Kabitia Das, secretary; Padmaja Datta, treasurer; Mr Gayatri Goswami, editor and Sangita Sarma, ISO.

President and members of the Rotary Club of Guwahati, members of the Inner Wheel Club and their family members also attended the function.

## Gogoi for Lafiqul murder probe by CBI's Spl Task Force

GUWAHATI, Aug 4: Former Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi today said that a mere request to the CBI for taking over the investigation of the Lafiqul Islam murder case is not sufficient. Gogoi said it is not a simple case of murder. "The case is complicated as several angles of investigation may be necessary to trace out the root cause of the murder. It may be linked to prevailing insurgency or be an act by fundamentalist groups of cattle smugglers linked to political leaders," he said.

The Congress strongman added, "In view of this, the State government, showing ideal guardianship, should prevail upon the Government of India to get the murder investigated by the Special Task Force of CBI immediately and ensure that the actual perpetrators of the crime are booked." – Staff Reporter

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Members of All Assam NREGA Employees' Development Council staging a demonstration on the bank of the Dighaliukhuri in Guwahati on Friday. – AT photo

# Wholesale market of dry fish at Jagiroad on the verge of closure

ANIL BORA

JAGIROAD, Aug 4: The wholesale market of dry fish at Jagiroad, which caters to the need of this commodity for the entire North-east, might close down if the Government does not stop levying GST over it. The site of the market already looks deserted for want of import of the item from the coastal areas, as the traders there have stopped the maniacal processing of fresh fish due to imposition of this new tax. The whole market of dry fish does an average transaction of Rs 40 crore per annum providing avenues of livelihood to many a needy people of the area apart from generating a steady source of income for a number of entrepreneurs of the locality.

The market has been contributing handsomely to the socio-economic uplift of the community by playing a catalytic role in generating direct and indirect avenues of livelihood to thousands of people.

Supply of dried fish is made from the coastal areas of Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal. The trade on the item has suddenly come to a halt leading to

an uncertain future for the traders and the suppliers.

A spokesman of the local dried fish traders association pointed out that the dried fish is considered a perishable good. "There is also no tax prevalent upon the trading of fresh fish. Dried fish is not a processed food. It is made by drying manually the fresh fish in its state of rotteness by wage labourers in the coastal areas. Therefore, any tax on dried fish is deemed to be injurious," he said.

For almost all the tribal people of the North-east and a chunk of other people of the region, dried fish is an indispensable part of their traditional food culture. The GST on the item may therefore deprive them of their most sought after food item. "Further, dried fish is one of the poor people's food and imposition of any proposal for imposing of GST upon it would increase its retail price



Jagiroad dry fish market wearing a deserted look. — Photo: Jagiroad Correspondent

## IMPACT OF GST

nomic development of the locality by aiding unemployment. When contacted, Mumit Borthakur, a senior citizen of the area, who was associated with the market since its inception, told this correspondent that the origin of the market can be traced back to the early sixties. At that time, in the swampy, low-lying areas surrounding Jagiroad in Morigaon district, a dry fish market appeared.

The market started growing in stature and fish from different regions of the State were sold in the market. In 1965, dry fish from Gujarat, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu were imported with the gradual expansion of the market. Initially, the market catered to the local needs, but with its expansion, neighbouring States like Meghalaya, Manipur, Nagaland, Tripura and Arunachal Pradesh entered the market and Jagiroad became an important dry fish trading centre of

the North-East Region.

The market generally operated on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. There are now about 200 dry fish shops which are operated by *muhaddars*. Over 4000 people are directly or indirectly associated with this thriving trade. The price of fish varies according to size and quality. Sea fish and fresh water fish like *bandha*, *puthi*, *misa* range from Rs 10 to Rs 110 per kilogram. The market situated very near the Jagiroad Railway Station is well served by rail and NH-37. The famous dry fish trade is controlled by the Jagiroad Dry Fish Merchants' Association. The association has to pay a substantial amount of money as taxes. The association donates parts of its profits to schools, colleges, organisations and sports activities, claimed the president and the secretary of the Jagiroad Dry Fish Merchants' Association Kamal Dey and Rajesh Deka respectively. The association in tandem with the Jagiroad Lion's Club has also constructed footpaths and drains in the market area, they added.

## BJP to contest alone in panchayat polls: Dass

CORRESPONDENT

HAILAKANDI, Aug 4: Assam State president of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Ranjeet Kumar Dass worked at the grassroots level workers to streamline their developmental works for the ensuing panchayat polls slated for early next year.

During his two-day visit to rural areas of Hailakandi district, Dass cautioned the village workers not to apply for the party tickets if they have the intention of misappropriation of fund meant for rural development. Addressing a booth-level workers' meet at Katchheria of Hailakandi district, Dass said that the vision of BJP is to have a corruption-free panchayat. He stressed the need of strengthening the party at the grassroots level.

He lamented that there is no party representation from Hailakandi district both in the Assembly and in the Parliament. He said that the time has come to grab these seats from the Opposition and confidently

said that the change is on the cards in the next panchayat poll. He also said that the party will fight alone in the panchayat polls.

Dass reiterated the stand of both the State and Central Government to root out corruption and said that some of the corrupt officials and elected representatives are already behind the bars on charges of misappropriation. He said that the local people had been suffering a lot. — Correspondent

## Free health camp

TEZPUR, Aug 4: The Tezpur Medical College and Hospital organised a day-long free health check-up camp at Chitalmari ME School premises in Singri area, some 30 km away from Dhekaijuli town in the southern part of Sonitpur district.

Over 1,000 people, including children and women of the greater area were registered at the camp and free health check-up done accordingly. The patients were provided medicines free of cost. — Correspondent

## Flouting of labour laws alleged

CORRESPONDENT

GOALPARA, Aug 4: It is a matter of regret that the non-compliance of labour laws has become the order of the day, especially by business establishments, as workers who are mostly on contractual jobs are afraid to voice their dissent against their working conditions and wages despite the fear of losing their jobs.

It has come to notice that Eveready Industries (India) Ltd which has set up a unit for manufacturing LED flashlights and batteries in the Mata Industrial Estate, has been engaging outsourced labour, both skilled and unskilled in connection with the work related to the industrial unit and has engaged two private firms, namely Beem Products & Services Pvt Ltd of Dehradun and Shri Enterprises from Uttrakhand as its service providers through which workers are hired. It has come to light that

these two firms having no registration numbers displayed in their official pad have been allegedly blatantly violating labour laws with impunity right under the nose of the district administration and the Labour and Employment Department, Assam.

It is still not known whether the Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Act, 1970 is implemented by the principal employer to provide better working conditions and stop exploitation of the workers and also while paying of remuneration.

Recently, under Mata Industrial Centre Contract Labour Union (MICCLU), Mornoi meeting was held at the Mornoi Tarun Kala Sangha where the workers protested and raised a slew of demands. These included that both the labour contract firms must pay the wages as determined by the government or under the

## NCC camp ends at Biswanath Chariali

CORRESPONDENT

BISWANATH CHARIALI, Aug 4: The 10-day long prestigious Combined Annual Training Camp of the NCC ended successfully at Biswanath College here recently with a cultural and prize distribution ceremony.

The camp was conducted by the Army personnel of 5 Assam Battalion NCC in association with 24 Assam Rifles. Around 600 cadets belonging to schools, colleges and universities of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh participated in this mega event. The highlights of the camp were a rally by the NCC cadets promulgating the ill-effects of drugs among the youths today, a *shradhanjali* programme on the occasion of Samrat Manowar of 24 Assam Rifles, AACU Central Assistant Secretary Duldui Borkakoti, among others, were present on the occasion. The cadets from Assam and Arunachal Pradesh enthralled the audience with some colourful presentations.

War and also paying homage to the martyrs during the war, training of the cadets in weapons, drill, physical, free medical camp, tent pitching and map reading.

The cadets also practised Swachh Bharat Abhiyan every day for an hour each for a cleaner India. The closing ceremony was conducted by Major Anirudha Bhuyan of the Indian Army while a good number of dignitaries including Biswanath Deputy Commissioner, Asitaksha Chakravarty, Biswanath College Principal Dr Mrinal Kumar Borah, Major Manu Tanwar of 24 Assam Rifles, AACU Central Assistant Secretary Duldui Borkakoti, among others, were present on the occasion. The cadets from Assam and Arunachal Pradesh enthralled the audience with some colourful presentations.

## Flood relief distributed in Mayong villages, health camp held

CORRESPONDENT

MORIGAON, Aug 4: The Dalmia Cement Company in collaboration with *Abikhal*—an NGO conducted a flood-relief operation in flood-razed Morigaon district on August 3. As part of the relief efforts, humanitarian assistance in the form of provisions like buckets, food items like *chira*, salt, detergent powder, bathing soap, candles etc., were distributed among the affected people. A total of 200 families were covered in the relief operation in the affected areas. The flood relief campaign was flagged off by Fransila Rani Brahma, Minister, Forest and Environment, Assam in presence of BB Brahma, Principal Chief Conserva-

tor of Forest (PCCF), Assam. Earlier in the day, a free health check-up camp was organised for the frontline forest staff of Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary which was also inaugurated by the Forest Minister. The health camp was organised by jointly by *Abikhal*, Assam Forest Department, Dalmia Cement Company and Assam Medical Service Association. There will be a free Tuberculosis (TB) detection camp also where specialists from the Health Department will do the screening and tests and any positive case detected will be provided free treatment.

Participating in the free health check-up camp, Satish Sarma, Deputy Executive Director, Sales and Marketing, Dalmia Cement (Bharat) said, "As human beings and as Indians we need to do all that we can to help our countrymen in need. In the face of such a calamity, it is nothing less than a moral responsibility of every citizen and corporate of India to step forward and extend the best possible support towards relief."

Anti-poaching watchers and forest guards who execute their responsibility of protecting wildlife under tough conditions, often without easy access to medical facilities and general health care were screened for health risks. The frontline staff of Pobitora Wild Life Sanctuary were provided with a kit containing antiseptic liquids, medicated soaps, a pair of sandals, T-shirts and cotton vest. Around 120 forest guards participated in the free health check-up camp at Pobitora.

## OBITUARY

### Mahesh Dutta

ANN Service

SIVASAGAR, Aug 4: Freedom fighter, social worker, retired teacher of Dikhowmukh Janjati High School and former president of Dikhowmukh College governing body Mahesh Dutta died at his Mathurapur residence on August 3 due to old age ailments. He was 99.

Kamalhya Prasad Tasa, Hembrai and many other individuals and social institutions have condoled his demise.

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

## Infrastructure development of Paglababa dham demanded

AMBUNATH SHARMA

GAURIPUR, Aug 4: Due to the lack of infrastructure development of Shri Shri Paglababa dham situated at Madargola along the present Gurughat Bahadur Road (earlier Dhubri-Kachugaon Road) six km away from Gauripur and established 70 years ago, the devotees are facing a lot of problems.

Though there is no written document of the history of establishment of the temple, it is said that some labourers coming from Bihar and Uttar Pradesh were working in a brick kiln owned by the founder of Town Store of Dhubri town. Some people of the locality constructed a thatched house to sell country-made liquor and used to drink liquor in the evening. They were in the habit of lighting earthen lamps below a *banyan* tree standing beside the road. This was virtually the beginning of the temple.

Today, on the day of *ardha kumbh mela* I along with the family members pray to God for eternal peace of her soul. — Kalyani Hazarika

With the help of donation of the devotees and a small amount received from the district authority, the managing committee built a small temple and installed an image of Lord Shiva made of marble and sandalwood at the entrance for installation of a 'trishul' and that was ceremoniously opened by the DC on February 24 last.

As time passed, people of all communities began to attend the temple and the number of devotees has gradually been increasing day by day. Shrivari is observed every year with a two-month programme. Various cultural events are also organised in the temporary set-up. In the month of *Sravana*, thousands and thousands of devotees throng the place to pay obeisance to Lord Shiva but they have had to bear the hot sun and the pouring rain.

There is not a place to take shelter during the time of rainy season. There is abundant *jhara* and nearby the adjacent Dabar Bazaar. The devotees have urged the Government to construct an auditorium and a rest



Paglababa dham at Madargola — Photo: Gauripur Correspondent

## Nirmali Kataki: a tribute



Nirmali Kataki, my *khuri*, who was born to Late Nandi Nath Kataki and Late Premabala Kataki on April 4, 1937, passed away on July 24 last. She hailed from the famous Tura Kataki family of Balighat in Sivasagar district. Her father settled down at Dibrugarh where she was born. After her graduation, she started learning to play Hawaian guitar from Shekhar Deb Roy. Not only that she learned Boys geet from Late Naren Das. Her indomitable spirit together with her relentless effort paved way in the formation of a socio-cultural organisation named Chaturanga Kala Kendra. She also had a

flair for writing and her literary skill was well evident in the form of short stories and articles published in various periodicals and magazines. She was also the vice-president of Sadou Assam Lekhika Samoroh (Guwahati branch).

*Khuri*'s love and care showered upon me and my brother Sidhartha Kataki would always be cherished by us for the days to come. At the time of her demise, she left behind two sons, both lawyers of Gauhati High Court.

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house nearby to meet the needs of the devotees coming from North Bengal so that they can take part in the yearly festivals without any hassles.



A scene from the play Bhugiora staged during the Natassurya Phani Sarma Drama Festival at Tezpur Ban Theatre, in Tezpur on Thursday - UB Photos

### Lafikul Islam Ahmed murder case probe

## Kokrajhar police hires Kolkata-based sketch artist

**CORRESPONDENT**

**KOKRAJHAR**, Aug 4: The Kokrajhar police in a positive step forward have hired a Kolkata-based sketch artist to proceed with the investigation of the ABMSU president Lafikul Islam Ahmed murder case. It may be mentioned here that Lafikul was killed in broad daylight by armed miscreants last Tuesday at Titagarh in Kokrajhar.

Talking to mediapersons, Kokrajhar SP Rajan Singh said that the Kolkata-based sketch artist will reach here very soon. At the same time, he also revealed that already a CBI team has arrived here to as-

sist the SIT team in the investigation process.

He also informed that after the killing incident, some people with vested interest have been trying to destabilize the peace and normalcy in the region through various social media and two such cases have been registered in this regard and stern action will be taken against such people, he said.

It may be mentioned here that Kokrajhar Deputy Commissioner, Birebani Choudhury, today handed over a cheque of Rs 5 lakh as compensation from the Government of Assam to the family members of Ahmed at Salakata.

The district administration of Kokrajhar has also arranged medical treatment to the ailing parents of Ahmed.

Meanwhile, under the aegis of Kokrajhar district adminis-

tration, a peace meeting was held at DC's conference hall today. The meeting was chaired by Kokrajhar Deputy Commissioner, Birebani Choudhury.

Representatives of almost all the parties including Congress, BPF, UPPCL, BJP, CPI, All Bodol Students' Union (ABSU), All Bodoland Minority Students' Union (ABMSU), AASAA, AAUS, AKRSU, Bodol Sahitya Sahitya etc., and other socio-sabir literary organi-

sations including senior citizens of the district attended the meeting. The meeting was also attended by senior police officials including the SP of Kokrajhar.

Deputy Commissioner Birebani Choudhury, appealed to all parties and student organisations to help the district administration to maintain peace and tranquility among all sections of people. He also said that adequate security would be given to the people for their safety and security. He also thanked the ABMSU leaders and supporters for showing their positive response to maintain normalcy in the district.

## ABSU protest against Facebook comment

**CORRESPONDENT**

**BONGAIGAON**, Aug 4: ABSU activists burn the effigy of one Bijit Axom this noon at Chirang district headquarter Kajalagon protesting against a comment posted on his Facebook account against ABSU president Pramod Boro. Bijit in his comment had said that ABSU president should be killed next. He posted this remark on his Facebook account on August 1 after Lafikul's murder.

The student group has staged this protest in 19 places in and outside BTAD before filing reports against Bijit in respective police stations today.

The student group has de-

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## Financial aid distributed among Barpeta Satras, Shishu Niketans

**CORRESPONDENT**

**BARPETA**, Aug 4: Eleven Satras and eight Sankardev Shishu Niketans in Barpeta district were given financial assistance today; Deputy commissioner of Barpeta, Thaneswar Malakar distributed cheques to these institutions in a function held in the conference hall of his office this noon.

Out of a total amount of Rs 129,87,000 granted by the Archaeology department of the State, Bamekata, Narayan Das Thakur At Gurumukhi Than Satra, Sankardev Than Patbausih, Rupa Bhabanipuri Satra, Madommohun Gosha Than Satra, Gaja Satra, Gobindapur Satra and Srimanta Sankadeva Bhradhwaj Ghat Satra, received ten lakh each.

While Gomora Satra estab-

lished by Sri Sri Madhabadeva

received an amount of Rs 15

lakh, Ganakuchi and

Vasukuchi Satra received Rs

20 lakh and 14.87 lakh respec-

tively.

The Deputy Commissioner lauded the role of the government for its step to revamp the Satra institutions and urged upon the management of the Satras to utilise the money properly. He also informed that legal action will be taken against three Satras of the district for their failure to submit utilisation certificate against the money granted to them for the development of the Satras.

An amount of Rs 5 lakh each to eight Sankardev Shishu Niketan were also distributed in the meeting. The Niketans include Sankardev Shishu Vi-

dyo Niketan Pathshala, Sankar-

devi Shishu Niketan Bhab-

anipuri, Sankardev Shishu Ni-

ketan Metukuchi, Sankardev

Shishu Niketan Uttar Bar-

tarao, Sankardev Shishu Ni-

ketan Gorakhpur and Sankar-

devi Shishu Niketan Howli.

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WEATHER  
NORTHEAST

Forecast for NE: Moderate rain/thunderstorm likely to occur at many places over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura.

**Warning:** Heavy rainfall is very likely to occur at isolated places over Arunachal Pradesh on August 6 and 7, over Assam and Meghalaya on August 5 and 6, over Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura on August 5 and 8 and over Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura on August 6. Heavy to very heavy rainfall is very likely to occur at isolated places over Arunachal Pradesh on August 7 over Assam and Meghalaya on August 7 and 8, over Nagaland on August 6 and over Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura on August 7.

**Temperatures:**

	Max (°C)	Min (°C)
Dibrugarh	34.6	25.6
Tezpur	31.5	25.8
Silchar	36.3	25.6
Dhubri	33.2	27.7
Jorhat	33.7	26.1
N Lakhimpur	36.8	24.2
Shillong	24.4	16.4
Imphal	28.8	22.5
Itanagar	31.7	24.0
Aizawl	31.2	13.2
Moribanda	35.1	26.0
Kohima	27.7	18.4
Pasighat	34.5	26.0
Cherrapunji	25.7	18.9

'Proposal for food parks in Manipur scrapped'

SPL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI, Aug 4: The Centre has scrapped the proposal to set up food parks in Manipur and currently there are no plans for revival of the scheme, said Minister of State for Food Processing Harshmala Kaur Badal in the Parliament.

The said Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has approved two food parks in Manipur during the 9th and the 10th Five Year Plans. Thereafter, the scheme of food parks was discontinued, the Minister said.

The suitable proposals for setting up mega food parks are selected based on merit and through a stringent and elaborate process, Badal added.

Nagaland Govt withdraws check posts

CORRESPONDENT

DIMAPUR, Aug 4: The Nagaland Government has withdrawn all the inter-State check posts manned by the Department of Taxes with effect from the August 3 midnight.

In an order, officer on special duty (finance) Talremba said the move was necessitated following the repeal of the Nagaland VAT Act, 2005 and in the interest of easy movement of goods in and out of the State of Nagaland under the GST regime.

The abolished inter-State check posts include Newfield Check post, Dimapur; Dillai Check Post, Dimapur; Tsu-tapela Check Post, Dimapur; Tukochung and Watiyangong Check Post, Tuli, Mokokchung.

# NORTH EAST

## Two new Meghalaya ministers sworn in



Governor Banwarilal Purohit administering the oath to Celestine Lyngdoh at Raj Bhavan in Shillong on Friday. —UB Photos

SHILLONG, Aug 4: A day after dropping two ministers, Meghalaya Chief Minister Mukul Sangma today inducted two other Congress MLAs into his Cabinet.

Celestine Lyngdoh and Congming Ymbom were administered the oath of office and secrecy by Governor Banwarilal Purohit at Raj Bhavan.

Lyngdoh will take over as the Public Health Engineering (PHE) Minister and Ymbom will look after the Community and Rural Development (CARD) Department.

The Chief Minister, State Congress president DD Lapang, Cabinet ministers and both ruling and opposition legislators were

present at the swearing-in ceremony.

But Prestone Tyosong and Sniawhalang Dhar, who were dropped as ministers last evening, were not present.

Tyosong was the PHE Minister and Congming Ymbom was the Power and C&RD Minister while they were sacked.

They were taken off their ministerial responsibilities so that they can work for the party, the Chief Minister said.

"There should be more exercise of this kind (reshuffling) as it creates a healthy environment. We want to create space for everyone," he added.

The Cabinet reshuffle came two days

after the Congress formed a 10-member election panel in the State in an attempt to stop party leaders from joining the BJP.

Asked about his strategy to tackle anti-Congress forces like the BJP or the National People's Party (NPP), Sangma said, "There are lots of comprehensive measures. We have to identify leaders who can contribute towards strengthening of the party. We cannot continue to carry on with old and usual approach. We are determined to see the party performs better in the upcoming elections."

The Assembly Elections in the State are due next year. —PTI

## Teachers continue hunger strike in Tripura

AGARTALA, Aug 4: Rejecting a Government appeal, around 50 SSA teachers on the indefinite hunger strike, over 250 others remain present at the hunger strike venue and all others support the demand," Deobarma said.

All opposition parties, including the Congress and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), have supported the demands of the SSA teachers.

"We would continue our indefinite hunger strike until the Tripura Government decides to regularise our service," Tripura SSA Teachers' Welfare Association secretary Bastab Deobarma told the media on Friday.

He said several State Governments in the country had already regularised the jobs of the SSA teachers.

Teachers to withdraw their strike as the State Government was "sympathetic to their demand".

"The SSA teachers in Tripura are getting salaries and some facilities similar to the regular teachers. The Government would soon introduce EPF (Employees Provident Fund) for the SSA teachers," Tripura Education Minister Tapas Chakrabarty told the media.

"We have collected information about SSA teachers from many States. Most States did not regularise their jobs. Our Lok Sabha member Jitendra Chowdhury raised the issue in Parliament, but

the Centre has remained silent on the regularisation of service of the SSA teachers," he said.

The SSA, introduced in 2001 as a Central scheme, is meant to implement the Right To Education (RTE) Act, which aims to universalise elementary education.

Trivisa, around 5,200 SSA teachers are getting pay and allowances similar to regular teachers of the State Government.

According to the agitating SSA teachers, unlike the regular teachers, they are deprived of various facilities like professional fund and leave travel concession. —IANS

## Manipur Integrity Day observed

NEWMAY NEWS



Speaking on the occasion, AMUCO president Ph Devan called upon all the communities in the State to stand united in protecting the territory of Manipur.

Devan said the mammoth rally was a show of solidarity to the State's stand on the territorial integrity issue.

Devan further said, "We are not against the ceasefire agreement between the NSCN-IM and the Government of India, but we are against ceasefire by the State Government for exploiting the resources of Manipur by using several unwanted techniques.

The AMUCO president said ever since Manipur became a part of the Indian Union, the people of the State have been suffering. Devan also slammed the State Government for exploiting the resources of Manipur by using several unwanted techniques.

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## Drug abuse a silent killer in Mizoram

Over 1,400 people have died due to drug abuse in the State since 1984; Chief Minister Lal Thanhawla makes a clarion call to combat the menace

NEWMAY NEWS

AIJAWL, Aug 4: Over 1,400 people have died due to drug abuse in Mizoram since 1984 when the first drug-related death was detected in the State. This was highlighted in the consulta-

tive meeting on drug menace organised by the central committee of the Young Mizos Association (Central YMA), involving ministers, top Government officials and church leaders, here on Friday. Chief Minister Lal Thanhawla was also present in the meeting.

Central YMA vice-president Vanlaruata, in his presentation, said at least 1,456 people, including 156 females, have died due to drug abuse in the last 34 years in the State. Presently, there are 2,080 people in Manipur, who are undergoing treatment at different rehabilitation centres

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2017

No. UWS(T)-1424/2013/PI-V Date: 4-08-2017

### EXTENSION NOTICE

The date of submission of detailed tender paper against NIT No. 1 of 2017-2018 for (i) Supplying, installation and commissioning centrifugal clear water pump sets and submersible pump sets, pumping sets of health material Town Water Supply Scheme and (ii) Supplying, installation and commissioning centrifugal clear water pump sets and submersible pump sets, pumping sets of Lehmbari town Water Supply Scheme is hereby extended up to 3.00 pm on 9/08/2017 instead of 5/08/2017 and the same will be opened on the same date at 3.00 p.m. in the office of the undersigned.

Other terms & conditions will remain same.

Sd/- Managing Director  
Assam Urban Water Supply & Sewerage Board, Guwahati-6

No. PC/Sec/43/2017/63

### National Competitive Bidding

The Director of Secondary Education, Assam invited Bids in two bid system through E-tendering process to be managed by Assam Electronics Development Corporation (AMTRON) Ltd. for supply & purchases of 2,25,000 ( Two lakhs twenty five thousand) approximately Ladies Bi-cycles of 20 (twenty) inch Height from qualified Bidders.

Interested manufacturers may download the Bid documents from the Assam Government E-tender portal <http://assamtenders.gov.in>.

Last date of submission of Bids on online is 28-08-2017 upto 2.00 PM.

Sd/- Director of Secondary Education,  
Assam, Kahilpara, Guwahati-19

### INVITATION FOR BIDS

1. Separate Sealed Tender in prescribed format affixing non-refundable court fee stamp worth Rs. 8.25 (Rupees eight & paise twenty five) only are invited by the Divisional Forest Officer, Assam State Zoo Division for the bidders named in the application form for Quarantine House in the Assam State Zoo Division, Guwahati.

Bidding document may be purchased from the Divisional Forest Officer, Assam State Zoo, Guwahati on working day during office hours till 1.00 PM, from 8th August, 2017 to 21st August, 2017, for non refundable fee of payment of Rs. 50/- (Rupees Five Hundred) only per bidder. The Change/Deletion Form of the Bidding Document may be obtained from the Divisional Forest Officer, Assam State Zoo Division, Guwahati-65.

3. Bids must be delivered to the Office of the Divisional Forest Officer, Assam State Zoo, Guwahati on or before 3.00 P.M. (IST) at the Herbarium Hall, Assam State Zoo, Guwahati-05.

4. Construction of Quarantine House in the Assam State Zoo premises, the Earliest Money of total value is 2% of the Bid.

Sd/-Divisional Forest Officer  
Assam State Zoo Division  
Guwahati-05.

### INTERVIEW NOTICE

#### Member, Foreigners Tribunals of Assam

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

Pursuant to advertisement dated 21.06.2017 preparing a panel of advocates for appointment as Member, Foreigners Tribunals of Assam, Interview will be held w.e.f. 21.08.2017 to 12.09.2017.

Detail schedule of interview, provisional list of candidates for interview, etc. can be seen in the relevant notification published in the official website [www.ghconline.gov.in](http://www.ghconline.gov.in) & Notice Board of the Gauhati High Court.

By Order,

Sd/- A. Ajitaria  
Registrar (Judicial)  
Gauhati High Court, Guwahati

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM  
FINANCE (BUDGET) DEPARTMENT  
WAYS & MEANS BRANCH  
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BW/03/2017/17 Auction of 10 year Assam Government Stock (Securities)

1. Government of Assam has offered to sale the dated securities for an amount of Rs. 100.00 Crore with ten year tenure by auction. The State Government will have the option to retain an additional amount up to Rs. 100.00 Crore. The auction will be conducted by the Reserve Bank of India, Mumbai Office, Fort, Mumbai-400001 on August 08, 2017.

2. The procedure of auction of the State Development Loan as under:

(a) Competitive Bids

All competitive bids shall be submitted electronically on the Reserve Bank of India Core Banking Solution (E-Kuber) System. Perhaps, other than CBS members, shall route their competitive bids through a CBS member. Non-competitive bids may be submitted between 10:30 A.M. and 12:00 P.M. on the day of the auction, as herein.

(b) Non-Competitive Bids

No bids shall, henceforth, be accepted in physical format in the auctions of State Development Loans, except in ordinary situations as may be specified by the Reserve Bank of India.

3. The bids may be submitted electronically to the Regional Director, Reserve Bank of India, Mumbai Office, Fort, Mumbai-400001

4. The result of auction shall be displayed by the Reserve Bank of India on its website on the same day of auction. The payment by successful bidder will be on August 10, 2017.

5. The rate of interest i.e., the cut-off yield determined at the auction will be the coupon rate percent per annum on the stock sold at the auction. The interest will be paid on February 09 and August 09.

6. The investment in Government Stock will be reckoned as an eligible investment in Government Securities by banks for the purpose of Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) under Section 24 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949. The Stocks will qualify for the ready forward facility.

7. For other details, please see the Notification of the Government of Assam No. BW/03/2017 dated 4th August, 2017.

Sd/- Dr. Ravi Kola, IAS  
Principal Secretary of the Government of Assam  
Finance Department, Dispur

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TRIPURA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

### Re-Advertisement for the Posts of Professor, Technical (Engineering) Degree Colleges in Tripura

Applications in prescribed forms are further invited for 6 (six) (i) Civil Engineering-02 posts (UR-01 & ST-01), Electrical Engineering-02 posts (UR-01 & ST-01) & Mechanical Engineering-02 posts (UR-01 & ST-01) Permanent posts of Professor, Technical (Engineering) Degree Colleges in Tripura, Group-A, Gazetted under the Education (Higher) Department, Government of Tripura in the Scale of Pay: P.B.- Rs. 37,400/- to 67,000/- with A.G.P. 10,000/- per month.

Employment Qualifications & other terms & conditions will remain unchanged as seen in the Commission's Advertisement No. 06/2017 dated 28.04.2017.

For filling of applications, the date of extended upto 05.09.2017 with reference to Advertisement No. 06/2017 dated 28.04.2017.

Sd/- (S. Riyam).  
Secretary,  
Tripura Public Service Commission

CDW/203/1

**CAPSULE****EID Parry**

CHENNAI, Aug 4: Sugar manufacturer EID Parry, has recorded a 7.5 per cent rise in consolidated net profit for the April-June 2017 quarter to Rs 20.33 crore. - PTI

**Lifestyle plan**

COMBATORIE, Aug 4: Apparel retailer Lifestyle plans to open six more stores during this fiscal, a top company official said today. - PTI

**Dabur India**

NEW DELHI, Aug 4: FMCG major Dabur India today reported a 9.80 per cent decline in consolidated net profit at Rs 264.86 crore for the first quarter ended June. - PTI

**Monsanto India**

NEW DELHI, Aug 4: Biotech major Monsanto India today posted 5.05 per cent drop in net profit at Rs 54.48 crore for the first quarter ended June. - PTI

**Repro Home**

NEW DELHI, Aug 4: Repro Home Finance today reported a growth of 14 per cent in net profit at Rs 45.20 crore for the first quarter ended June. - PTI

**New BlackBerry**

GUWAHATI, Aug 4: Optiemus Infracon Limited, a leading Indian telecom enterprise, today unveiled the BlackBerry Key one limited edition black in India, a press release stated, a press release stated.

**Sensex up 87 point**

MUMBAI, Aug 4: After trading with volatility for most part of the day, the Indian equity markets on Friday pared their initial losses to close in the green as broadly positive European markets and a surge in buying activities in consumer durables, oil and gas, and metal stocks lifted investors' sentiments.

The wider Nifty50 of the National Stock Exchange (NSE) closed higher by 52.75 points or 0.52 per cent at 10,066.40 points.

The scrip Sensitive Index (Sensex) of the BSE, which opened at 32,191.12 points, closed at 32,325.41 points - up 87.53 points, or 0.27 per cent - from its previous close at 32,237.88 points. - IANS

**Kult launches new smartphone**

NEW DELHI, Aug 4: Domestic telecom brand Kult from the Optiemus group on Friday launched its 'Beyond' budget smartphone at Rs 6,999.

Housing a multi-purpose fingerprint sensor, 'Beyond' will be available on Amazon.in from August 18.

"This smartphone comes with class-leading features and functionalities at a very attractive price," said Hardip Singh, Executive Director, Optiemus Infracon, in a statement.

The fingerprint sensor feature can be used to unlock the device, open applications, answer calls, play and pause music and movies, turn off the alarm and scroll home page.

Featuring 5.2-inch HD IPS display, it sports 13MP rear camera and 13MP selfie flash camera with dual-tone LED flash support in both. The dual-sim device comes with 3GB RAM and 32GB ROM which is expandable up to 32GB. - IANS

# Govt to roll out Bharat 22 exchange traded fund: FM

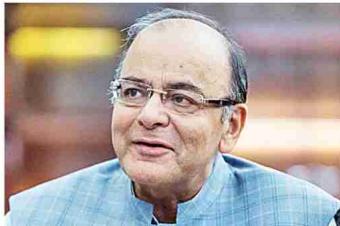
NEW DELHI, Aug 4: In a move to boost its disinvestment programme, the Centre on Friday announced the creation of the Bharat 22 exchange traded fund (ETF) comprising 22 companies, or investments, from among central public sector undertakings, public sector banks and strategic holdings in the Specified Undertaking of UTI (SUTI), Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley announced here.

"A new ETF will have been created under the name Bharat 22," Jaitley told reporters here, adding that this was the most significant announcement so far this year on the government's stake divestment programme.

"The 22 companies, oblique investments, comprise of central public sector undertakings (CPSEs), public sector banks (PSBs) and some strategic holdings in SUTI," he said.

Large institutional (sovereign/pension funds) prefer investing in ETFs due to the benefits of ETF being low cost and less risky, being highly liquid assets, transparent investment and that these can be traded at real time market price, the Finance Minister noted.

"Compared to energy heavy



CPSE ETF, it is a well diversified

portfolio of six sectors, which are basic materials, energy, financial, FMCG (fast moving consumer goods), industrial and utilities. No sector crosses the 20 per cent sectoral cap and there is a stock capping of 15 per cent," he added.

The Bharat 22 Index will be rebalanced annually. ICICI Prudential Asset Management Company (AMC) will be the ETF Manager and Asia Index Private Limited will be the Index Provider.

An ETF is a traded security that tracks an underlying asset like a

group of companies or commodity. The government last month approved the alternative mechanism through the ETF route to divest its stake in CPSEs.

The alternate mechanism will be used to take decisions for divestment through ETF for all listed CPSEs, subject to them retaining a 51 per cent stake in them.

The finance sector companies include the State Bank of India and Axis Bank, where the government holds some stake, while the only firm included in the FMCG sector is ITC. - IANS

## GST Council may finalise e-way rules

NEW DELHI, Aug 4: The GST Council is likely to lower tax rate tomorrow on job works making fabric to garments to 5 per cent and put in place a mechanism for online registration of goods above a certain value before they can be transported.

The Council, headed by Finance Minister Arun Jaitley, will also review at its meeting the implementation of the new Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime since July 1 and may finalise a mechanism to operationalise anti-profiteering provision to protect consumer interest.

Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC) Chairperson Vanaja Sarna said movement of goods between states has smoothed with 25 out of 29 states abolishing checkpoints.

"About 25 states have removed those checkpoints. So far, it has been going all right," she told PTI here.

This would further smooth after e-way bill in GST that requires any goods more than Rs 50,000 in value to be pre-registered online before it can be moved.

As per the draft provision, GSTN would generate e-way bills that will be valid for 1-20 days, depending on distance to be travelled - one day for 100 km, 3 days (100 to less than 300 km), 5 days (300-less than 500 km) and 10 days (500-less than 1,000 km).

The information technology platform for the e-way bill system is being developed by the National Informatics Centre.

Earlier this week, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley had said it would be mandatory for manufacturers to pass on benefits of reduction in taxes post GST to consumers.

Apart from reviewing the rollout of the GST regime, the 19th meeting of the Council may tomorrow take a look at

streamlining the anomalies faced by the industry over the past one month, said an official, who did not want to be named.

It will be the first full-fledged meeting of the GST Council, also comprising representatives of all the 29 states, after the rollout of the new indirect tax reform on July 1.

The Council had on July 17 discussed, via video conferencing, hiking cess on cigarettes as there was some anomaly in the rate fixed earlier.

After the July 1 rollout, the textile sector had protested, demanding rollback of 5 per cent GST on fabrics. - PTI

## FIEO seeks new textile policy

CHENNAI, Aug 4: The Federation of Indian Export Organisation (FIEO) representing various industries, has appealed to the Tamil Nadu government to set up a Textile Promotion Board and also formulate a new textile policy.

The textile industry is fully dependent on the overseas market and a Textile Export Promotion Board should be formed with an objective to provide better linkage facilities and for marketing of finished products, FIEO regional chairman Sakthivel said.

The textile industry is one of the oldest in the country and accounts for four per cent of the GDP (Gross Domestic Product). The trade employs nearly 35 million people and offers huge potential, he said in a statement here.

Stating that the United States and Europe constituted the major market for textiles, he said today India faces serious challenges from Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Vietnam.

Urging the state government to announce a new textile policy to help boost trade, he said a textile park in Tamil Nadu may be set up.

Sakthivel said Tamil Nadu textile industry generates business to the tune of Rs 50,000 crore every year and it was expected to reach Rs 75,000 crore by 2020.

"With proper policy direction from the government, the state can become a top textile producer and exporter." - PTI



Minister of State for Civil Aviation Jayant Sinha and Karnataka Minister for Medium and Large Scale Industries RV Deshpande during the launch of 'Heli Taxi service' in Bengaluru on Friday. - UNI

## Safexpress to invest Rs 300 crore

Director Rubal Jain told reporters here.

The upcoming parks are going to cost around Rs 300 crore to set up six more logistics parks across the country.

The firm today opened its 32nd logistics park in Bengaluru. Set up at an investment of Rs 30 crore, the park is spread over 4 lakh sq ft and is the company's largest logistics park in South India, senior officials of Safexpress said here.

"With the opening of the logistics park in Hyderabad, we have completed our five-year plan of building 32 ultra modern logistics parks across the country."

"We have six new logistics parks under construction at Bangalore, Jaipur, Mumbai, Siliguri, Aurangabad and Ludhiana," Safexpress Managing

## Sushma Swaraj to attend Bimstec meet in Nepal

NEW DELHI, Aug 4: External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj will travel to Nepal next week to attend the 15th Bimstec Foreign Ministers' meeting to be held in Kathmandu, it was announced on Monday.

The meeting of the Bimstec Foreign Ministers on August 11 would discuss progress in the implementation of the agenda of action agreed at the leaders' retreat and on all other agreed areas of cooperation in the run-up to the 4th Bimstec Summit to be hosted by Bimstec chair, Nepal, later this year. External Affairs Ministry spokesman Gopal Bagayad said in his final weekly media briefing here.

The leaders' retreat of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (Bimstec) comprising Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand was held in New York in October last year on the margins of the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) Summit.

The main objective of Bimstec is technical and economic cooperation among south Asian and southeast Asian countries along the rim of the Bay of Bengal.

The company showcased here its new and high strength Verna developed at an output of 60,000 Verna units per year and the plant had the necessary capacity to achieve that.

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With the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) virtually rendered ineffective as a bloc largely due to non-cooperation on the part of Pakistan in a number of areas, India has been giving more importance to Bimstec in recent times.

"Bimstec is observing its 20th anniversary this year and it has seen a renewed momentum since the leaders' retreat hosted by India in October last year," Bagayad said. - IANS



for families of accident victims.

The Bill was introduced in the Lok Sabha last August and was referred to a parliamentary standing committee, whose suggestions have been endorsed by the Union Cabinet.

Gadkari was keen on passing the Bill this session. The government during the previous session, had listed the Bill but could not be taken up.

Sources said that Kurien had made a similar attempt earlier also to reach at consensus but failed.

The changes in the Motor Vehicle (Amendment) Bill 2016 were approved by the Union Cabinet on March 31, proposing hefty penalties for various traffic offences, three-year jail terms for persons caught driving and causing fatal accidents and a ten-fold increase in compensation.

Approximately 1,374 accidents and 400 accidental deaths take place every day on Indian roads, as per a report by the Road Transport and Highways Ministry in 2015. A tough law is needed to bring down by 50 per cent the road traffic accidents by 2020, a commitment India made by adopting the Brasilia Declaration for Road Safety. - IANS

owing to digital disruption.

However, e-recruitment in manufacturing has continued to be significantly below the corresponding period a year ago. This necessitates strong policy impetus to develop manufacturing sector," he added.

Meanwhile, online recruitment activity in e-commerce sector weakened last month as demand eased one per cent below the year-ago level.

In terms of occupation, online demand exceeded the July 2016 level in 12 of the 13 occupation groups monitored by the index. Sales and business development professionals saw the steepest annual growth (up 29 per cent) in July.

City-wise, e-recruitment activity exceeded the year-ago level in 11 of the 13 cities monitored by the index.

Kolkata registered the steepest annual growth in hiring.

Among other major cities, Mumbai (up 12 per cent) was the only city to exhibit double-digit annual growth rate, while Chennai was down two per cent and Delhi-NCR (down four per cent), the report said. - PTI

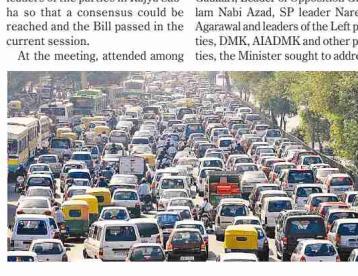
## Motor Vehicle Amendment Bill's passage unlikely in monsoon session

NEW DELHI, Aug 4: The Motor Vehicle (Amendment) Bill 2016, which is dubbed as crucial to bring down incidence of road accidents, is unlikely to be passed by Rajya Sabha in the ongoing monsoon session of Parliament, said informed sources.

As no consensus was reached among the government side and some political parties at a meeting convened by the Upper House Deputy Chairman PJ Kurien, it has been decided to send the Bill to the Select Committee, the sources said.

They said that the Bill should have been agreed in the first week of the next session of Parliament after the committee submits its report.

The sources said that Kurien on



# Park bench musings

If in one line we were to sum up the play *Mukhamukhi*, then we can say that "two men met in a park and the rest is history". The park has been a romantic heart of lovers in the earlier decades. So also it forms the crux of the narrative in question. But there is more to the play than meets the eye. This play is a sequel which remains true to the earlier plot. In times when sequels of films are fast gaining popularity, a sequel to a play is perhaps a rarity. It goes to the credit of our reputed director Nayan

**Meenakshi Gautam**  
Prasad Das to come up with this venture on stage. The storyline is exceptionally simple, but the simplicity of the storyline with no layered undertones and subtle messages proves to be one of its strengths. At best, we can understand it as a romantic tale where the protagonist is out to nab the culprit who has stolen his niece's heart, in true *film* style.

The play opens with a park scene where you find a few young people exercising and romancing at the same time; both believed to be good for health. Cut to the next scene and you

find a young man sitting on a park bench and he, at times, seems to be merrily observing a middle-aged gentleman nearby. After some time they strike up a conversation. From there, the play takes off with not a single dull moment.

In fact, the conversation flows easily between the two characters and their tongue in cheek replies arouse laughter in the audience. In a play like this, one has to be very strong on the dialogue since there is barely any incident happening. The entire burden of car-

rying the narrative forward depends on the chemistry shared by the two characters and how easily they make the conversation seem real and close to their hearts. The actors almost succeed in creating a sense of normalcy and reality.

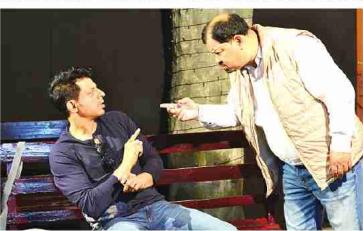
The two actors who play the lead roles are Dr Chinmoy Chakraborty and Dr Jayanta Das. Dr Chinmoy is a dentist and Dr Jayanta Das is one of the leading psychiatrists of the North-East. In fact, somebody comically commented that "the play is a journey from the dental to the men-

tal". The setting of the play is a replica of the Dighali Pukhuri Park and, therefore, one could find an immediacy to the content and setting of the play. The play almost becomes a character in the play as the characters refer to it more than once. The director mentions that economic concerns and the light vein of the narrative encouraged him to produce a sequel.

The characters of the play are pret-

ty close to reality; one character is a

young man in search of a wife and the other is a police officer. The young man in question has lost his heart to



the clouds of confusion are cleared when the police officer manages to overpower the innocent young lover by threatening him with dire consequences, which includes a stint in jail. But as they say, all's well that ends well. The play ends with a promise of the lovers being united.

A word about the actors: both the lead players try to remain true to their characters.

Dr Chinmoy, who plays the romantic lead, does maintain a very good tonal quality, body language and almost enters the skin of the character. As for Dr Jayanta Das, though in the beginning he appears to be a little rigid as one expects more fluidity of movements, but as the play progresses, he manages a grip on the character and narrative. But one cannot help remembering the earlier part of this sequel,

where you had Dr Chinmoy Chakraborty playing the young Romeo and Upakul Bordoloi playing the older protagonist, both of them exuding a camaraderie and ease that really took the play to the next level. All in all, the play was a good effort and an entertaining one, which kept you engrossed throughout.

The director promises that there is one more sequel lined up. It is an Assamese adaptation of a very renowned Bengali playwright Shirshendu Mukhopadhyay's play and the Assamese rendition is by Bipul Jyoti Saikia. The play was staged at the Rabindra Bhawan on August 1 as part of the ongoing Phani Sarma Nata Surya Nata Samaro. Nayan Prasad Das, the director has for the last few decades given us beautiful and in-depth dramatic experiences.

**T**he Assam Cultural Trust, formed primarily to look after the entire management of the Pragyoiti Cultural Complex Guwahati, organised a one-day drama festival in memory of late Arun Sarma and *Natassarini* Girish Choudhury on July 22 and 24, respectively, as a tribute to the two thespians. While Arun Sarma was a veteran playwright-cum-master director, Girish Choudhury (1921-2004) was a pathfinder in this field of performing art during the middle part of the last century when there was barely any infrastructure to fill the thirst.

A pioneer of developing modern Assamese theatre in Guwahati, which was back then the only cosmopolitan city in Assam, Choudhury was instrumental in staging plays over makeshift stages and hiring sets from outside. *Gidambar* was a production which was performed in the sprawling space of the Machukhowa *Idgha Maidan*, adjacent to the present ITC Cultural Complex, way back during the '40s of the last century. As such, the trust has rightly chosen to pay a befitting tribute to this enterprising soul who strived throughout his entire life for the cause of dramatics and celluloid.

To *Pitidom*, based on a Rabha folk tale and directed by Sukracharya Rabha was the second day's presentation. The language was not understandable by a majority of

## An ethnic flavour

**Dibyendu Goswami**

the audience since the script was in the Rabha language, yet the bold movements of the performers and the introductory notes given before the play was staged, made the task easy. A name to reckon with in the amateur dramatic circle, Sukracharya Rabha's initiative in mainstreaming this form of performing art, cutting across various tribal and other ethnic groups for the greater interest of social uniformity is worth praising.

His brainchild *Budhangobba*, founded in 1998 in Goalpara, taking the local theatre lovers of his own community within its fold has henceforth been able to produce newer techniques and environment to aid in the blossoming of a healthy drama movement.

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### Sadhu Kothare at 92.7 Big FM

Folk tales play an important role in child education, but in this changing scenario, children of the new-age generation are not really aware of our Assamese folk tales. To promote our folk tales among kids, 92.7 Big FM Guwahati organised a special programme, *Sadhu Kothare*. The FM station selected some of the kids and organised a workshop on storytelling and radio drama, and a story writing competition too. They adapted four popular stories from *Rasoraj Lakshminath Bezbaroa's Barhi Aair Sadhu*. The stories were *Tejimola, Sorobjaan, Champawati* and *Chionoir Jyekor Sadhu*. The radio dramas based on the respective stories were written by journalist Jitumoni Bora, RJ Shubhankar, who also directed all the plays, and RJ Sujita. The participating children were Radha, Ragini, Arani, Boni, Tridiv and Tashmin. The programme was aired on the last four Sundays of July.

Further, to appreciate the participating children, 92.7 Big FM organised an event with the presence of their parents and invitees at the Anuradha Box Office Feast, where they got the opportunity to tell stories written by them.

### NE Cultural Festival held

A North-East Cultural Festival-2017 was organised by the Dotara Sanskritik Sabha, in collaboration with the Directorate of Cultural Affairs, Assam, at the Rabindra Bhawan on July 22. The festival was opened with the lighting of the lamp by Nirupama Borgohain, Tarapharba Kalita, Dr Nirmal Kanti Bhattacharjee, Ranjumoni Saikia, Paritosh Kar, Purkayasha and Alok Kar. The programme started with a chorus by artistes of DOTARA, composed by Sastriya Chakravarty. Other programmes included a Manipuri



### Photo exhibition on performing arts

An impressive photography exhibition on performing arts was organised from July 24 to 29 at the State Art Gallery by the Indian Council for Cultural Research in collaboration with Directorate of Cultural Affairs. Altogether, 51 photographs by reputed photographer Anjan Deka were displayed in the exhibition showcasing performances particularly by tabla maestro Zakir Hussain, dance expo-



ne, folk dances of North and South India, besides Sattriya and Devdasi. The photographs were eye-catching and bear testimony to the brilliance of the photographer.

- Features Editor

## A classical camp

**Jintu Sarma**

valuable talk which was informative for the 25 students who participated in this workshop. On July 11, a Kathak dance workshop was inaugurated by Haricharan Bhuyan Borbayan. About 45 students participated in this workshop.

The 10-day long workshop concluded on July 15. More than 70 participants took part in it.

A Sattriya dance and *khol* workshop started on July 5 and this was inaugurated by Hemanta Baruah, Associate Professor of the LOKD College, Dhekaijuli and president of the Tezpur Saka Sahitya Sabha and Santanu Baruah, social activist of Tezpur. The programme was inaugurated by Dr Madhurima Goswami by lighting a lamp. The inauguration programme was a *Gayan Bayan* performed by the participants of the Sattriya workshop. The second item was a *Borgeet* sung by vocalist Rajashree Baruah. After that, Kathak exponent Hemanta Kalita presented a Kathak *Abhinaya*. The composition and performance was superb. Then the Kathak learners of the workshop performed a *Guru Vandana*. In the same programme, Haricharan Bhuyan Borbayan was specially felicitated by Saptaswa for his recognition by the Sangeet Natak Akademie.

A *Jhumura Nach* performance followed. After that, a *Shiva Vandana* was presented in Kathak style. Then the young participants of the Sattriya workshop presented a *Gopabali* dance. Then the senior participants presented a *Chali Naach*.

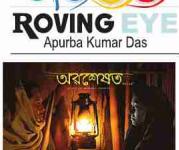
The last item of the evening was a *Ram Bhajan* of Tulisidas. Eminent guru Haricharan Bhuyan Borbayan expressed his happiness at holding such a workshop in honour of Srimanta Sankardeva.

### Sushant Singh Rajput to undergo special training at NASA

Sushant Singh Rajput has quite a few ambitious projects in his kitty. He will next be seen in Dharma Productions' *Drive*, which the makers intend to develop as a trilogy. Then he is slated to star in Abhishek Kapoor's *Kedarnath*, which is Hrithik Kapoor's dream debut. And then he has one of India's first space adventure films *Chanda Mama Door Ke* in his kitty. The actor started prep for the film months ago. First, he took training on a stimulator; pictures of which he shared months ago on his Instagram page. Now, Sushant, who is playing an astronaut in the film, has headed off to NASA for a full throttle training to get hold of the character.

A few pictures of Sushant Singh Rajput have surfaced on the internet at NASA's Space and Rocket Centre. Right now it seems like is having fun there, but the real work will begin soon. The actor had stated in an interview earlier, that he will be at the facility for a month, trying to get the body language and mindset of an astronaut right. Sushant has already done a lot of research for the role. "I finished training on a simulator this week. Sanjay [director] has given me around 15 books and eight documentaries, including *For All Mankind* (1989) that documents the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) Apollo Mission, to understand the life of astronauts," the actor said in an interview.

Directed by Sanjay Puran Singh Chauhan, *Chanda Mama Door Ke* also stars Nawazuddin Siddiqui and R Madhavan.



### Short film *Obosheshot*

A ssamese short film *Obosheshot* (AAF Last...), directed by Duliyan Barooh, is based on a short story titled *Debdou* by renowned Assamese filmmaker and novelist, late Dr Bhupendra Nath Saikia. The film is a fictional drama that explores the essence of a mother's sacrifice and love towards her children. It has been selected for various film festivals in and outside India.

The film has managed to impress the jury and has received accolades and official selections in various film festivals like the Honourable Jury Mention Award at the prestigious 7th Dada Saheb Phalke Film Festival in Delhi, the Special Festival Mention at the 6th Bangalore Shorts Film Festival, and the Outstanding Achievement Award at the Calcutta International Cult Film Festival. It has been officially selected for screenings at other film festivals like – the prestigious 12th Cyprus International Film Festival, Pafos, Cyprus; the Five Continents International Film Festival- 2017, Venezuela, the Barcelona Planet Film Festival, Spain, etc.

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# Pushing theatre forward



In the last 20 years, perhaps, the most uttered name in every nook and corner of Assam has been that of Abhijit Bhattacharya. The conical mike, either tied to a bamboo or on a treetop, or on a running auto or rickshaw, rings out... *Ajir natak Abhijit Bhattacharyar dwara rachit aru parichita* (Today's play has been written and directed by Abhijit Bhattacharya). This announcement is quite commonly heard during the August to April mobile theatre season, particularly near the makeshift *pandal* locations. The theater group moves from one place to another every three days, leaving behind a deserted ground, but the name remains long after the hoardings get blurred. The mobile theatre audience is always thrilled to see banners and posters with the name of Abhijit Bhattacharya. This helps producers to sell tickets and draw crowds to their makeshift auditoriums.

Abhijit Bhattacharya is unmistakably the most profound scriptwriter for mobile theatre that Assam has ever produced. And down the line, as the hectic activities of the theatre groups go on, it's virtually impossible without Abhijit Bhattacharya. Why? Simply handing over a quality script to a theatre house against a contracted value by a star writer like him should have been enough. But behind the scenes, the pivotal role he plays goes unnoticed. In addition to writing the script, he is the driving force behind the groups as they prepare for a perfect stage presentation. Mobile theatre is the only industry in Assam that has turned profitable in the last few decades, while it has also created a lucid and fertile ground for all performers, starting from actors, dancers, musicians, electricians and other technicians, including even the cooks, drivers and helpers. The man responsible for being the stimuli, to a lot extent, is Abhijit Bhattacharya. When Abhijit Bhattacharya is there in the group, the producer is relieved of half the load — the music director is set at ease as the

background conflicts are kept at bay, the stage zones are so well defined that the task of lighting becomes easier, the settings are not clumsy. Even the tour managers, who are responsible for fixing the dates and the agreements with the inviting committees at the particular locations, rely on him at times. His scripts with

cept by importing new dimensions with additive commercial values to it."

Merciless critics have often found enormous faults in his scripts. But Abhijit Bhattacharya is hardly bothered to respond. Because he is determined to take the industry in the right direction with a much broader vision, unthinkable to critics. Writing scripts is now only a part of it. Today, nearly 4000 people associate directly, and many more indirectly, plus their families are dependent on mobile theatres. In whatever measure it may be, and however the media rates it, mobile theatre would always be indebted to Abhijit Bhattacharya for giving it the boost of popularity. From the time he wrote *Lady Diana*, his



all the popular ingredients like action, songs and dances appeal to the taste of every mobile theatre viewer. Surely, he writes at a marathon pace to comply with the demands for at least 15 to 20 scripts a year, and submitting them well in time. Along with scripts, he also provides recorded songs, guiding lines for choreography, action and music direction. In fact, he's a single window solution for the producers. But his uniting work in the green room, unknown and unseen to the audience, is more significant to keep the industry so dynamic and vibrant. It was he who pressurised production houses to link their theatrical works with the market economy, based both on urban and rural sectors. He has introduced elements that the Assamese audience had been looking for long, particularly at a time when Assamese cinema has failed miserably to provide the same. "Art can't be an isolate practice only for art's sake," Abhijit Bhattacharya believes, adding, "Mobile theatre has changed this con-



flict dramatic adaptation for mobile theatre produced by Avawon Theatre. Abhijit Bhattacharya has not stopped writing. He is now an institution in the domain of Assamese culture. Abhijit Bhattacharya is not only a creator of hundred scripts, but he is also the mentor for many actors, musicians, choreographers and scriptwriters from the new generation.

## Of a forgotten war

An Assamese feature film directed by National Award winning director Hiren Bora (of *Basundhara - the Earth fame*) — *Seema - The Story Untold*, is nearing completion. The film is made in the backdrop of the 1962-Chinese Aggression and its impact on the people of Tezpur and its nearby areas.

In fact, back then, the Chinese army had reached Bomdila in Arunachal Pradesh, then known as NEFA (North East Frontier Agency) and had marched into Assam. It needs mention here that the then Prime Minister Pt Jawaharlal Nehru had made a controversial statement in a radio broadcast admitting his inability to save Assam and literally bade farewell to its people. The local authority of Tezpur through its public address system had asked the people to vacate their houses and shift to other places due to security reasons. It created panic among the locals. The aged people of Tezpur and its adjoining areas still recall those days of insecurity and remember how they lived in fear. During the period, even the money and documents of State Bank of India were thrown into the water and the Tezpur Mental Hospital was vacated; the situation was beyond description.

Director Bora, who hails from Tezpur, for the purpose of making the film, met various people in Tezpur town, Arunachal and south of Assam to gather mate-



rials for the film's script which is based on this tragic chapter of Indian history. Bora has written the script in association with Ranjit Sutradhar, Sapan Duarah and K Harshan of Mumukshu. The script also covers the geographical and social aspects and the integrity among the people of the region, irrespective of

caste and creed, and the tragic circumstances leading to it, making it a theme of human appeal.

It has been learnt that while witnessing the editing of the film at Kolkata, some noted directors and film journalists appreciated the presentation, as well as the production.

In the cast, well-known actor George Baker, who is currently busy with Bengali films and TV serials plays the role of a British journalist, while veteran Assamese actor Nipon Goswami portrays the character of an elderly eye-witness of the events residing near the Silchar Airport of Tezpur. Also, versatile actor Arun Nath appears in the role of an aged professor, supported by Krishna Das Nath, Rita Bora, Dr Jahanara Begum, Shyamal Prasad Saikia, Ritwick Pedowar, Prema Lamu, a Monpa actress of Arunachal, and others.

Vivek Banerjee, reputed cinematographer of Hindi and Bengali films cranks the camera. National award winning Tarali Sarma has scored the music for the film.

Meanwhile, *Khoob* (Anguishi), the second film by director Hiren Bora, is awaiting release in September in different theatres of the State. *Khoob* is based on child psychology. *Seema - The Story Untold*, the third venture of director Bora, is also scheduled for release during the present year. Bora plans to exhibit the film at forthcoming national and international film festivals.

### prelude

**iconography** in art history, is a study of subject matter in the visual arts. The meaning of a work of art is often conveyed by the specific objects or figures that the artist includes within it. Iconography attempts to identify, classify and explain these objects, thus, the meaning of certain works of art. Iconography is particularly important in the study of religious and allegorical painting, where many of the objects that are pictured — crosses, skulls, books, or candles, for example, have special significance, which is often symbolic or obscure. The bestowal of an iconographic meaning on certain images is probably as old as art itself. The earliest iconographic symbols that can clearly be identified as such date from 3000 BC, when the Neolithic civilisations of the Middle East used non-human or animal figures to represent their gods. In the modern period, art has become so highly individualistic that the use of widely understood iconographic objects has disappeared. Some exceptions are Cubism, Dadaism, and pop art, the images of which are everyday objects — newspapers, soup cans, photographs, comic-book figures, that have become genuine iconographic symbols reflecting modern culture.

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### harmonisers

From Shaikh Khan, Tangla College —  
Originally, dictionary of arts and sciences edited by William Smellie. It added history and biography to its second edition, and many more editions followed under several publishers. However, since 1922, a system of continuous revisions has replaced the issuance of new editions. Name this reference work first published in 1768 by a "Society of Friends in Scotland".  
3) Who has got its name from a Sanskrit word which means "Priceless"?  
4) Who is widely referred as the Quality Guru and the author of the book *Quality is Free, Quality Without Fears and Running Things?*  
5) This famous personality founded the first American insurance company — Philadelphia Contributionship, and he also played an important role in the Drafting of Independence (1776) and in drafting the American Constitution (1787). Who?  
**unities**  
From Shaikh Khan, Tangla College —  
6) This fictional character was created by novelist Ian Fleming in 1953. Based on the character, a series of movies — *The World Is Not Enough* (1999), *Die Another Day* (2002), *Quantum of Solace* (2008), *Skyfall* (2012), *Spectre* (2015) were made. Name the character.

### the colosseum

Neelopal Deka

#### side screen

1) Picture Clue: What is the significance of this image? (Hirak Jyoti Lahan, Gohpur)



2) Abhishek Bachchan entered the *Guinness Book of Records* in the category of the greatest number of public appearances by a film star at different cities in 12 hours. He promoted a film in different cities in the period. Name the movie.  
3) It is the story of an Indian middle-class family of the 1950s and the 1960s. It was a very popular sitcom. It was presented on the television as a Mexican television series, *Van Conningo* (1973), using the education-entertainment methodology. It was Indian television's first soap opera and also the first drama series on the Indian sub-continent. Name the TV series.

#### do-re-me

- 9) Vermicelli, Rigatoni, Linguini and Fusilli are various types of which food item? (Mridusmita Talukdar, Tangla)  
10) Who was the father of the modern form of what? (Maharani Gogoi, Lakhimpur)  
11) Which word, also the name of a very popular game, is derived from the Persian word *Shah*? (Suman Das, Guwahati)

#### ANSWERS

- 1) Les Horribles Cernettes was the first photographic image published on the World Wide Web in 1992's *Encyclopaedia Britannica* 3) Amit from *Amulya* 4) Philip Cross 5) Benjamin Franklin 6) Bond 7) Delhi 8) Human Log 9) Pasta 10) Cartoon 11) Chess (The Persian word *Shah* means 'king') 12) Bob Dylan 13) Fuhrer 14) Rowland Hill 15) These form the hierarchy of angels in Christianity.



## A doyen's legacy

Dr Parag Kumar Bhattacharyya

Upal Dutta, a functionary of all India Radio has a special zeal for journalistic writing and he is so fastidious in his workmanship that he gives minute attention to small details and wants everything to be perfect. So is the case with Dr Bhabendra Nath Saikia, the doyen of Assamese literature, art and culture, whom the writer establishes as a mysterious personality by mingling the excerpts from different writings with a personal interview with him in his newly published book *Dr Bhabendra Nath Saikia: Sol Dasakar Gadya*. He has compiled the book so as to unravel Saikia's literary talent, along with the hidden mystery of his creative fecundity.

Dutta selects two stories from Saikia's early period of writing and includes them in the collection. Saikia's success as a short story writer is quite comprehensible from the story *Pather Nirupam*. It is a story of revenge exacted by a beggar boy on a military personnel whose brutal manner becomes the cause of his father's death. Another short story *Surbash* beautifully portrays the class consciousness between the rich and the poor with a sympathetic tone. Likewise, the dramatic gift that he has developed from the early part of his literary career is best manifested in the one-act play *Alankar*, which is included in this work. Another inclusion is an excerpt from the script of the film *Sandhyavarg*, which is sufficient to show his talent of scriptwriting.

Dr Saikia is a blend of a great littérateur and a great journalist. The difference between great journalism and great literature is that great journalism deals with the application of general ideas to particular and transient problems, great literature to universal problems. Like his story *Gabbar*, which is the epitome of universal appeal, his journalistic essays contain humanitarian appeal. As an editor of *Prantik* he wrote articles and editorials dealing with some problems of topical issues, but their appeal was unique and universal.



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## Immortalising literature

Dr Tapati Baruah Kashyap

The power of creative work is often long-lasting. Though a large number of people have, over the ages, pursued creative literary work, only a handful of them have remained immortal with a universal appeal. It is true that people cutting across barriers of time, geography, language and culture continue to adore those creative works.

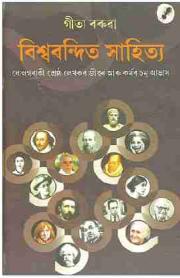
Written by Geeta Barua, a professor of English who retired as the Principal of Handique Girls' College, Guwahati, the book at hand highlights the works of 16 world-famous littérateurs through an equal number of essays on their respective best works, in the Assamese language. Introducing them to the Assamese reader with a focus on their lives and works makes the book additionally useful.

The 16 writers that Barua has chosen come from the ancient to the contemporary time, yet each of them has a universal appeal — Homer, Cervantes, Shakespeare, Dostoevsky, Emily Dickinson, Mark Twain, Joseph Conrad, James Joyce, Virginia Woolf, Albert Camus, Ralph Waldo Ellison, Arthur Miller, Doris Lessing, Gabriel Garcia Marquez, Toni Morrison and Svetlana Alexievich.

Works of most of these authors are familiar across the globe, including among the Assamese readers. But bringing as many as 16 of them to the Assamese reader in one collection is a commendable effort, and Geeta Barua must be lauded for this. Her choice of specific works of these authors, too, is noteworthy. They include Homer's *Odysses* and *Iliad*, Shakespeare's *Hamlet* and *King Lear*, Mark Twain's *Huckleberry Finn*, Tom Bombadil, and *The Hobbit*, Dostoevsky's *Crime and Punishment*, among others.

One may always accept that these and other such great works have not only enriched the literature of languages in which they were written, but have also contributed immensely towards shaping the minds of people across the world.

A teacher for over three decades, Geeta Barua is also a very avid reader and sensitive critic. More importantly, she has been able to take the Assamese reader to various socio-cultural scenarios that have constituted the backdrop for these writers. This, in turn, has helped them enrich and refresh their minds with the universal appeal of the numerous ideas, concepts and realities as reflected in these immortal works. What appears more important is that Barua's book, apart from making Assamese literature richer, would also add scope to intellectual exercise in the Assamese language.



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- 12) He won the Grammy award (Album of the Year) for *The Concert For Bangladesh* in 1973. He won the Academy Award in 2000 in the 'Best Original Song' category for *Things have changed* from the movie *Wonder Boys*. He was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature on October 13, 2016, thus becoming the first person to win an Academy Award, a Nobel Prize and a Grammy award. Identify him. (Adish Agarwalla, Moranhat)  
13) This is a German word meaning 'leader' or 'guide'. As a political title, it is most associated with the Nazi dictator Adolf Hitler, who was the only person to hold that position. What is it? (Sunita Pathak, Dibrugarh)  
14) A type of clothing stumps instead of wraps or other device for mail was suggested in the 1830s by an Englishman. Who is he? (Maharaj Gogoi, Lakhimpur)  
15) What is common to Thrones, Dominions, Powers, Virtues and Principalities? (Narjuna Begum, Hospital Road, Tangla)

#### crescendo

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# Full-scale India-China war likely soon, says Meghnad Desai

NEW DELHI, Aug 4: With India, the US and China forming a "very combustible mixture right now", the fate of the ongoing Doklam stand-off would largely depend upon events in the South China Sea, noted commentator on international affairs, Meghnad Desai has said.

If a war is to break out in the two theatres, which he predicted will begin very soon, it will see the US and India on one side and China on the other.

Desai, a Labour Peer in the British House of Lords, did not consider the Doklam stand-off a mere India-China issue but rather equated it to the geo-political tensions across the globe, primarily in the South China Sea.

"Even today, nobody is contemplating that the whole Doklam thing could break away. We could be in a full scale war with China within a month. At that stage it will not be controllable. It may come as a surprise, but that is when the defence

cooperation of India (with various countries) will bear fruit," Desai told IANS in an interview.

But is a war really likely to break out?

"I am not a *pyothi* (astrologer). I cannot say what day or date but I think at this time it is very likely that we will be in a state of full-scale war with China very soon. And mind you, on several fronts, not just Doklam. It is just one frontier, they will start from all places, across the northern Himalayas," Desai, a recipient of the Padma Bhushan, India's third highest civilian honour, claimed.

He said that India and the US have an "implicit defence relationship" and that the two countries can safely rely on each other. When asked specifically on the expected reaction of the United States in case there is a war between India and China and whether Washington would stand shoulder-to-shoulder with India, Desai responded: "Absolutely."

"Ultimately, you have to understand that India cannot stand up to China without American help and support. America cannot stand up to China without Indian help. That is the symmetry in this relationship," he elaborated.

Desai maintained that "China is the central problem" in the way the American vision is concentrated.

When asked about the possibility of any backchannel discussions with the US on the Doklam stand-off, Desai said that there were not just backchannel negotiations in play but it was being dealt with at the highest level by President Donald

Trump and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who talk directly to each other.

"All things that follow now will have a lot to do with what happens in the South China Sea. The US has sent out enough signals. If there is war, it will be a US-China war, with India on the US side, in the South China Sea and in the Himalayas. This trio is a very combustible mixture right now," he contended.

He said that it is important to understand the Chinese thought process because they are "much more nationalistic, militaristic and aggressive" this time.

"I am sure we are not told everything that is going on. But my worry is even though India will not openly become militaristic but have we got the preparedness for it? We may have things in place. I just wish and hope that we are prepared for a very tough war which may last for a long time," he predicted.

Desai also suggested that India should not make the mistake of equating the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) with the Pakistani Army.

"I think, from past experience, we are well prepared but you will be fighting one of the finest armies in the world. It is a very powerful army and I think they also have (much) training in mountain warfare. So, according to me, it will be a very tough fight for India. Don't be mistaken that this will be easy. It is not Pakistan. The Pakistani Army is the same set of people. They come from the same

army traditions and they have the same thinking but the Chinese are very different," he reiterated.

Desai also expressed his disappointment over "the lack of talent on the top" of the ruling NDA government. "Arun Jaitley is a very good friend of mine but you can't have a person handling both the finance and the defence ministries," he said and suggested that it is perhaps high time that the defence ministry was again made an exclusive portfolio, so that the concerned minister could focus entirely on it.

The Doklam stand-off began in mid-June near the tri-junction of India, China and Bhutan when Indian troops moved in to prevent China from constructing a road on Bhutanese territory on the Doklam plateau. China claims the Doklam plateau is a part of South Tibet.

China had recently claimed India had partially withdrawn its troops, which New Delhi firmly denied. - IANS



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## RSS demands judicial probe into killings of workers in Kerala

NEW DELHI, Aug 4: The RSS today demanded a judicial probe into the "political killings" of its workers in Kerala, alleging that CPI(M) cadre were involved in the violence which was aimed at checking its expanding base in the State.

Claiming that law and order has completely broken down in the State due to misdeeds of the ruling Left party, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) joint general secretary Datatreya Hosale said an "independent judicial inquiry" should be carried out into the killings.

"The Kerala government should fulfil its constitutional responsibilities and check this political violence. There should be a judicial inquiry by either a judge of High Court or the Supreme Court in the murders of RSS workers in the State," Hosale told reporters here.

"Our workers are targeted as more common and poor people are joining the RSS, which is not going well with the ruling CPI(M), that is why they are killing our workers," he alleged.

"These are not just murders

but political killings," he said.

Attacking Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, Hosale said since he assumed the top post "violence has seen new heights".

He also alleged that Vijayan, who hails from Kannur, the epicentre of political violence,

"was an accused in one of such political murders".

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## Cong gives notice for privilege motion in RS against Swaraj

NEW DELHI, Aug 4: The Congress today gave a notice to move a privilege motion in the Rajya Sabha against External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj alleging that she misled the House on August 3 while replying to a debate on India's foreign policy and engagement with strategic partners.

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House that none of the members of the Indian delegation was given an opportunity to deliver a speech on the occasion, which the Congress members are objecting to dubbing it as "false".

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statement given by the Minister for External Affairs on the floor of the House wherein the matter was discussed after giving due notice of short duration discussion which the minister was also very keen to discuss and reply to.

"It is also a matter of shame that during the reply, the minister said that Bandung Conference is different from Asian African Conference whereas the fact is that Asian African Conference is popularly known as Bandung Conference," the privilege motion filed before RS Secretary General said.

During the debate yesterday, Anand Sharma pointed out to Swaraj in the House that

Minister of State for External Affairs VK Singh had given a speech in Bandung on the 60th anniversary but she completely denied that.

TMC MP Derek O'Brien then stated that speeches were made by the Minister of External Affairs and the MoS on the occasion but she again denied stating that the speeches were delivered at some other conference a day before but not at the 60th anniversary event.

Swaraj's speech at 60th Asian African Conference (also known as Bandung Conference) is available on the Ministry of External Affairs website and the Congress has attached the same in its notice. - PTI



A man checks the sound of a dhol inside a workshop in Mumbai on Friday. - UNI

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Sd/- Director of Information and Public Relations  
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## Kishore Kumar remembered on birth anniversary



KISHANGAON (MP), Aug 4: People of Khawanda town in Madhya Pradesh today observed the 85th birth anniversary of legendary singer, actor and filmmaker Kishore Kumar.

Kumar was born here on August 4, 1929.

Fans paid tributes at his memorial in the town, making offerings of 'dooodh jaalabi', which was his favourite dish.

Major Subhash Kotbari, local MLA Devendra Verma, District Collector Abhishek Singh and Superintendent of Police Navneet Bhasin visited the memorial.

A few of his popular songs were also sung. Kumar spent his childhood years in Khawanda before shifting to Mumbai.

Apart from acting and directing films, Kumar lent his versatile voice to several stars, from Dev Anand to Rajesh Khanna and Amitabh Bachchan.

"He didn't forget his birthplace, and often said 'Doodh jaalabi khayangi, Khawanda me has jaayenge' (will have milk-with-jalebi and settle down in Khawanda)," reminisced a fan named Milin Mishra.

Madhya Pradesh Congress spokesperson Pankaj Chaturvedi has demanded that the State government should convert Kumar's ancestral house in Bombay Bazaar area here into a grand memorial.

In Bhopal, Samrat Sangeet Sadhu Seva Samiti, a music group, paid tribute to Kumar through a special event in which singer Sadhu Sargan along with Sunit Shukraware performed. - PTI

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5. A complete set of bidding documents in English may be downloaded from the following website at free of cost [www.iwt.assam.gov.in](http://www.iwt.assam.gov.in) by interested eligible bidders. The bidder is responsible for ensuring that any addendum available on the website is also downloaded and incorporated.

6. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the bidders' designated representatives and anyone who choose to attend at the address below on 18th September, 2017 at 3:30 pm.

7. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of US\$ 10,000/- or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency.

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**SC relaxes ban on liquor vending in 9 districts of Uttarakhand**

NEW DELHI, Aug 4: The Centre today approved a proposal to rename the iconic Mughalsarai railway station in Uttar Pradesh after Jan Sangh leader Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, a home ministry official said. The proposal was given by the BJP government in Uttar Pradesh, in a bid to revive the legacy of Upadhyaya, who died in 1968 in the junction itself. Minister of State for Home Affairs Hansraj Ahir cleared the proposal today, the home ministry official said. The junction, the fourth busiest railway station in the country, is located on the main Howrah-Delhi Grand Chord line. Upadhyaya's body was found under mysterious circumstances on a platform of Mughalsarai in 1968. The town is part of Chaudhuli district and is just 20 km from Varanasi. - PTI

## SC relaxes ban on liquor vending in 9 districts of Uttarakhand

NEW DELHI, Aug 4: The Supreme Court today relaxed its ban on liquor vending alongside highways in nine districts of Uttarakhand and parts of two other districts from the 500-metre cap. A bench headed by Chief Justice JS Khehar granted the relief to the hill State after its counsel referred to the March 31 order and said the relaxation be extended to the State as it was suffering severely due to the ban. The relaxation would apply to the districts of Uttarkashi, Chamoli, Rudraprayag, Tehri, Pauri Garhwal, Pithoragarh, Champawat, Bageshwar and Almora. It, however, refused to grant the relief to the districts of Udhampur Nagar and Haridwar. - PTI

Tender closing date and time for submission of bids: 1300 Hrs (IST) on 28.08.2017.

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## Around the WORLD

### Why onions make us cry decoded

WASHINGTON, Aug 4: Ever wondered why chopping onions leave us teary-eyed? Scientists, including one of Indian origin, have decoded the natural defence mechanism that springs into action when we cut the vegetable, making our eyes sting and water.

Adding onions to a recipe can make a meal taste rich and savoury, but cutting up the onion can be brutal.

The onion releases a compound called lachrymatory factor (LF), which makes the eyes water.

Scientists know that a certain enzyme causes this irritating compound to form but precisely how it helps LF form in the onion remained an open question.

When an onion is cut, it has a natural defence mechanism that springs into action, producing LF. This kind of compound is rare - only four known natural types exist. - PTI

### Summer storm in Phoenix

PHOENIX (US), Aug 4: A summer storm in Phoenix has brought lightning, strong winds and sheets of rain that flooded streets, delayed flights and left thousands of people temporarily without power.

The storm made for a frightening commute for motorists as torrents of water poured from darkened skies onto Phoenix roadways and power outages turned off streetlights last evening. Emergency vehicles rushed through the opposite lane of traffic amid broken tree limbs as cars clogged the other side of the road.

Huge trees were uprooted, blocking traffic, and especially heavy street flooding was reported in nearby Tempe.

The roof of an unoccupied furniture store collapsed, apparently under the weight of water and fire authorities said. No injuries were reported. The Phoenix Zoo will close today while workers clean up and assess damage to the grounds, mostly from downed trees. All animals were reported safe and accounted for, Phoenix radio station KTAR reported. - AP



A dog swims in the waters of the Yenisei River on a hot summer day, with the air temperature at about 31 degrees Celsius (67.8 degrees Fahrenheit), in the Siberian Taiga area outside Krasnoyarsk, Russia on Thursday. - UNI

### Lighter, greener washing machines

LONDON, Aug 4: Scientists in the UK have developed a simple device to reduce the weight of washing machines that could save fuel and lower carbon emissions.

A regular washing machine is weighted by 25 kilograms of concrete to stop it from moving while on a spin cycle.

The new device designed by researchers from Nottingham Trent University in the UK is a sealable plastic container that is filled with water - but only once the machine is in place.

By replacing the concrete with empty containers, the weight of the machine is reduced by 10 kilograms, the team reported.

Researchers said that if the change became standard, it would cut the weight of trucks carrying the machines which would in turn reduce emissions. - PTI



A tourist leaps in the air with a backdrop of the skyline of Barcelona, Spain on Thursday. - UNI



A man takes a photo of a graffiti depicting US President Donald Trump on the controversial Israeli barrier in the West Bank town of Bethlehem, on Friday. - UNI

## China's claims on Arunachal meaningless: Chinese scholar

BEIJING, Aug 4: In an unusual move, a Chinese strategic analyst has questioned Beijing's "national obsession" with Arunachal Pradesh, saying that the state is only a "chicken rib" and hardly an "asset" for the country.

China claims Arunachal Pradesh as "South Tibet" and in April Beijing had announced Chinese "standardised" names for six places in retaliation to Tibetan spiritual leader Dalai Lama's visit there.

The Chinese state media had said the move to rename the places was aimed at reaffirming China's claim over the state.

But Union minister of state for home affairs Kiren Rijiju, who accompanies the Dalai Lama to Arunachal, had made clear that the state is "an inseparable part of India". The Dalai Lama's visit to Arunachal was the seventh since he fled from Tibet through Thiwang and sought refuge in India. "Although China and India have been in a rocky

relationship over the disputed territory for years,

the disputed territory, which has been a national

troops tried to construct a road in Doklam area in the Sikkim sector. India has protested the move saying it would allow China to cut India's access to its northeastern states. Social media websites and blogs - like the zhihu.com - have become popular over the years in China, where millions access them on their mobile phones.

"The territorial dispute between China and India is essentially meaningless, because this disputed territory for India and China, not only difficult to development, but the moral, economic, political and management costs are extremely high," Wang said. "In this case, it is hard for China to actually go to war with India for these chicken ribs as long as it does not hamper security interests," he said, suggesting that any contest over Arunachal will have adverse impact on rest of the Tibet potentially strengthen separatist forces. - PTI



obsession, is hardly an asset to China," Wang Tao said. "In realistic terms the area is just a chicken rib for China," Wang wrote on the popu-

larity, interestingly, the article came at a time when India and China have been engaged in a border standoff for more than a month after Chinese

## Modi ushered in a golden age for BJP: US think-tank

WASHINGTON, Aug 4: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has ushered in a golden age for the BJP as the party made a comeback to power in Bihar after Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, relegated coalition partner RJD, lost the state's Lok Sabha seat last week, notes a top Indian-American think-tank.

"The upheaval is only the latest signal that the BJP is the dominant party of political gravity in a country being controlled by the Narendra-Gandhi dynasty of Congress Party," Milan Vaishnav, director and senior fellow of South Asia Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace said in an op-ed yesterday.

The BJP not only occupies prime position for the country's next general election - scheduled for 2019 - but it is also moving at "breakneck speed" to cement its hold over powerful state governments, he wrote.

"Although the BJP government's gath-

ering strength, signals policy stability and political consolidation, it simultaneously raises concerns about the health of India's democratic checks and balances," Vaishnav said.

Touting his business-friendly policies, nationalist rhetoric, and an aspirational appeal that struck a chord with a young and increasingly restless India, Modi led his party to a historic electoral victory, he said.

"Securing the first single-party parliamentary majority three decades, Modi has ushered in a golden age for the BJP," he wrote in the op-ed.

Noting that the BJP's momentum has opened up "unprecedented opportunities" for the party, Vaishnav wrote, in the longer term, the addition of Bihar will hasten the arrival of the BJP's majority in the upper house, whose members are indirectly elected by India's state legislatures; this could materialise as soon as late 2018. - PTI

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Russian President Vladimir Putin, accompanied by Sergei Menyailo, the presidential envoy in Russia's Siberian federal district, Alexei Tsydenov, the acting head of Buryatia, and Leonid Mikhalev, the head of the Main Board on the Protection and Reproduction of Fish Stock and Fishery Control (Glavrybvod) local branch, releases young omul into Lake Baikal at the Baikal Nature Reserve in the Republic of Buryatia, Russia on Friday. - UNI

## 'Mueller empanels grand jury for Russia probe'

WASHINGTON, Aug 4: Special counsel Robert Mueller has convened a grand jury to investigate the alleged collusion between the Trump campaign and Russia, US media reports said, suggesting that his probe was expanding to focus on financial crimes.

The *Wall Street Journal*, which first reported the news, said this was a sign that Mueller's inquiry was growing in intensity and entering a new phase. A CNN report said that the investigation has now widened to focus on possible financial crimes.

Mueller, a former FBI director, was appointed in May - after James Comey was abruptly fired as the chief of the investigating agency - to probe the alleged Russian meddling in the 2016 presidential election.

The impaneling of the grand jury means that Mueller could be expected

to hear from witnesses and demand documents in the coming weeks, American media reports said.

The Russian meddling allegations have weighed on the Trump admini-

stration, putting the US president in a difficult position hindering his efforts to improve ties with Moscow.

The development came as Trump

signed a law authorising new sancti-

tions on Russia on Wednesday. A

week before that, the US Congress had overwhelmingly voted in support of the legislation, curtailing room for

Trump to modify or lift the sanctio-

nations without congressional approval.

Ty Cobb, special counsel to Trump, said he was not aware that Mueller had started using a new grand jury.

"Grand jury matters are typically secret," he said.

"The White House favours anything that accelerates the conclusion of his work fairly... The White House is committed to fully cooperating with Mueller," he said. Cobb added that Comey had said three times Trump was not under investigation and "we have no reason to believe that has changed."

Congressman Jimmy Gomez said the reports of Mueller impaneling a grand jury demonstrates that there are serious questions about foreign adversaries trying to gain influence through the financial interests of the US President, his family members, and other associates. - PTI

## 'Mona Lisa of dinosaurs' discovered in Canada

TORONTO, Aug 4: Scientists have discovered the world's best-preserved armoured dinosaur - dubbed as the 'Mona Lisa' of dinosaurs - in Canada that dates back about 110 million years.

The new genus and species *Borealopelta markmitchelli* used camouflage to hide from predators despite being built like a tank, researchers said.

An analysis of the 18-foot-long specimen's exquisitely well-preserved form, complete with fully armoured skin, suggests that the nodosaur had predators, despite weighing more than 1,300 kilogrammes.

The specimen was found by

conclusion based on studies of the dinosaur's skin, showing that *Borealopelta* exhibited countershading, a common form of camouflage in which an animal's underside is lighter than its back.

The scientists say the discovery suggests that the dinosaur belonging to nodosaur family faced predation stress from meat-eating dinosaurs.

"Strong predation on a massive, heavily-armoured dinosaur illustrates just how dangerous the dinosaur predators of the Cretaceous must have been," said Caleb Brown, a scientist at the Royal Tyrrell Museum in Canada.

The specimen was found by accident in 2011, by mining machine

operator Shawn Funk at the Suncor Millennium Mine in Alberta.

Over the last five and a half years, museum technician Mark Mitchell spent more than 7,000 hours slowly and gently removing rock from around the specimen to reveal the exceptional, fossilised dinosaur inside.

The specimen now represents the best-preserved armoured dinosaur ever found, and one of the best dinosaur specimens in the world, the researchers said. "This nodosaur is truly remarkable in that it is completely covered in preserved scaly skin, yet is also preserved in three dimensions, retaining the original shape of the

animal," said Brown.

"The result is that the animal looks almost the same today as it did back in the Early Cretaceous. You do not need to use much imagination to reconstruct it; if you just squint your eyes a bit, you could almost believe it was sleeping."

"It will go down in science history as one of the most beautiful and best preserved dinosaur specimens - the Mona Lisa of dinosaurs," Brown said.

The condition of the specimen made it possible for researchers to document the pattern and shape of scales and armour across the body. - PTI





## Senate panel okays Bill to suspend US aid to Palestinians

WASHINGTON, Aug 4: A Senate committee approved legislation that would suspend US financial assistance to the Palestinian Authority until it ends what lawmakers said is a long-standing practice of rewarding Palestinians who kill Americans and Israelis.

Members of the Republican-led Senate Foreign Relations Committee yesterday voted 17-4 to pass the measure, sponsored by Senators Lindsey Graham, and the committee chairman, Senator Bob Corker.

Corker said the Palestinian Authority has "enshrined in law" a system that creates a monetary incentive for acts of terrorism by paying monthly stipends of as much as USD 3,500 to Palestinians who commit acts of violence and to their families. The



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amount of the payment depends on the length of the jail sentence they receive for the crime, he said.

"This is sick," Corker said.

Husam Zomlot, chief representative of the Palestinian General Delegation to the US, called the legislation "misinformed and counterproductive." He disputed Corker's assessment of what he described as a 52-year old program "to support families who lost their breadwinners to the atrocities of the occupation, the vast majority of whom are undoubtedly arrested or killed by Israel."

Palestinians have argued that ending Israel's occupation of the West Bank, Gaza Strip and east Jerusalem – lands Palestinians seek for their state – is key to defeating terrorism.

"The program has served a so-

cial and security need to provide for our people, guarantee a better future for the children and protect the needy from the many radical groups around us," Zomlot said in an emailed statement.

The bill is named for Taylor Force, an MBA student at Vanderbilt University in Tennessee and a West Point graduate who was visiting Israel in March 2016 when he was stabbed to death by a Palestinian. Force was from Lubbock, Texas. His parents live in South Carolina.

Graham said the Palestinian Authority praised Force's killer as a "heroic martyr" and he's termed the payments "pay to stay." He estimated that the Palestinian Authority has made USD 144 million in what he described as "martyr payments." – AP

## UN reports hundreds of civilians slain in Congo's Kasai

GENEVA, Aug 4: The UN today detailed more than 250 "extrajudicial or targeted killings" of civilians in the Democratic Republic of Congo's Kasai region from mid-March to mid-June, counting dozens of children among those massacred.

The findings, based on interviews with 96 refugees from the conflict-hit Kasai who had fled to Angola, blamed state agents for the murders of seven children. The refugees gave harrowing accounts of the violence in the central region, which the UN warned had taken on an "increasing and disturbing ethnic dimension."

Victims recounted mutilations, including of a seven-year-old boy whose fingers were cut off, and an attack on a



hoop in the village of Cinq where 90 people were killed, some because they were too injured to escape a raging fire. Aside from government troops, the UN blamed a reportedly state-backed militia called the Bama Mura as well as the anti-government Kamuina Nsapu militia for a range of atrocities.

"Survivors have spoken of hearing the screams of people being burned alive, of seeing loved ones chased and cut down, of themselves fleeing in terror," the United Nations human rights chief Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein said in a statement. A team of investigators has confirmed 251 executions

between March 12 and June 19, the UN report said.

"These included 62 children, of which 30 were aged under eight".

Regarding the murdered, the UN explained that seven were killed by members of the army (FARDC) or the national intelligence service, while six died at the hands of the rebel group Kamuina Nsapu.

The Bama Mura militia members were blamed for the deaths of 49 minors. Scott Campbell, the head of the western and central Africa division at the rights office, said the new UN report was merely "a snapshot" of the wider conflict and atrocities had likely continued over the past six weeks. – AFP

## Fire put out at 86-storey residential skyscraper in Dubai



Flames shoot up the sides of the Torch tower residential building in the Marina district, Dubai, United Arab Emirates, in this picture taken by Mitch Williams on Thursday night. – UNI

No major injuries had been reported. A few people were treated for smoke inhalation, according to Dubai's Gulf News website.

Several building residents said the fire broke out just after 1 am at the 86-storey Torch Tower residential building, which had also caught fire just two-and-a-half years earlier. More than 40 floors of the building on one side were engulfed in flames as residents looked on from

below, many in tears. The firefighters battled the blaze for more than two hours.

Dubai's Civil Defence announced about 3:30 am that fire had broken out in the blaze under control and said cooling operations were underway.

By mid-day Friday, a few police cars could be seen in the area, but the streets had been wiped clean of debris from the fire, some of which had fallen on cars parked below.

The building remained closed to residents, some of whom were trapped inside, and even taller residential tower while others took refuge with friends.

More than 1,100-foot-tall (335 meters) tower, located in the popular waterfront Marina district, also caught fire in February 2015; there were also no casualties reported in that blaze.

Authorities had previously acknowledged that at least 30,000 buildings across the UAE have cladding or paneling that safety experts have said accelerates the rapid spread of fires. – AP

In both incidents, it appears fire alarms alerted residents and building staff knocked on doors to ensure a quick evacuation.

Authorities shared a photo of the charred remains of the building after the fire was put out. Officials said they were now working on providing shelter for those affected.

Several skyscrapers in the United Arab Emirates have caught fire in recent years, including a towering inferno that engulfed a 63-storey luxury hotel in Dubai on New Year's Eve in 2016. In that blaze, as in others in Dubai in recent years, residents escaped with minor injuries.

Earlier this year, Dubai passed new fire safety rules requiring buildings with quick-burning side paneling to replace it with more fire-resistant siding.

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**Imran Khan faces parliamentary probe into sexual harassment**

ISLAMABAD, Aug 4: Pakistan's National Assembly today decided to form a special committee to probe sexual harassment allegations against flamboyant Opposition leader Imran Khan by a prominent woman lawmaker of his party.

Pakistan's new Prime Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi, soon after the swearing-in of his Cabinet, called for the formation of a special committee to investigate the allegations of harassment levelled against Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman and former Pakistani cricket team captain Khan by the Member of the National Assembly, Ayesha Gulalai.

Gulalai has alleged that Khan had hinted towards tying the knot in the texts sent to her, which also included inappropriate messages.

Abbasi, in his address to lawmakers, called for the formation of a



special committee to probe the allegations against Khan in-camera and suggested that the committee present a report before the House after its investigation so that the "matter can be closed".

"Both the PTI chief and Gulalai are respectable personalities; therefore, a committee should be formed to probe the allegations," Abbasi told the Assembly.

The Assembly then passed the motion and directed the committee to submit its report within a month, Dawn newspaper reported. The Prime Minister assured both the accused and the accuser they would be respected, adding that the PTI chief had the "right to defend himself". Abbasi also promised round-the-clock protection for Gulalai after she claimed on television that she was scared for her life. While announcing her resignation from the party earlier this week, Gulalai had accused Khan, 64, and his "gang" of having an "immoral character". – PTI

**Cabinet of Pak PM sworn in, Asif becomes new FM**



Khawaja Asif



Shahid Khaqan Abbasi

ISLAMABAD, Aug 4: Pakistan's new Prime Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi today unsworn his Cabinet with Khawaja Asif appointed as the country's first full-time foreign minister since 2013.

President Mamnoon Hussain administered the oath to 28 federal ministers and 18 state ministers at a ceremony at the President House in Islamabad, Dawn newspaper reported.

The new Cabinet largely retained old faces but some new leaders were included as ministers and ministers of state. The cabinet members and their portfolios were finalised by Abbasi after six-hour-long consultations with his predecessor Nawaz Sharif and Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif in the resort town of Murree yesterday.

Asif, earlier the defence minister in the Sharif government, will serve as the country's new foreign minister. The country remained without a for-

mer minister after 2013 when the PML-N came into power. The last foreign minister, Hina Rabbani Khar, was appointed by the Pakistan People's Party. Ahsan Iqbal, former minister for planning, will take charge of the key interior ministry.

Ishaq Dar will continue as finance minister whereas Pervez Malik will be the new minister for commerce in place of Khurram Dastgir Khan, who took charge of the defence ministry.

Dar retained the finance ministry portfolio despite Supreme Court orders to register corruption cases against him.

Mariyam Aurangzeb has retained the portfolio of State Information Minister.

However, the powerful former interior minister Nisar Ali Khan has been excluded from the new Cabinet as he refused to join due to differences with the party leadership. – PTI



A general view shows a flooded area in Sakon Nakhon province, in Thailand on Friday. – UNI

## Rajiv Gandhi was genuinely interested in US military ties: CIA

WASHINGTON, Aug 4: Rajiv Gandhi was "genuinely interested" in developing military ties with the US and the former Indian Prime Minister had shown he could move India's foreign policy in new directions, according to a declassified CIA document.

Gandhi's visit to then Soviet Union, the Middle East, France, and the US from May 1985 – nearly seven months after he was sworn in – "showed he is able to move Indian foreign policy in new directions and to do so in a more pragmatic, less emotionally charged style than his predecessors," the US Directorate of Intelligence said in the document.

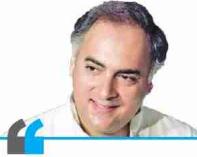
A sanitised copy of the classified 11-page report was released by the CIA in December 2016 along with several other documents related to India. The document said Gandhi "signalled that India was ready to enhance significantly its economic, particularly technological, ties to the United States and Western Europe."

According to the report dated August 1, 1985, three signals emerged from Gandhi's foreign visits about his "evolving personal and diplomatic style".

"First, his apparent willingness to give a fair hearing to other points of view strongly suggests that he is motivated to try to cut through emotionally charged issues to get to the policy-solving. This has, in our view, been played out in his 'step-by-step' approach to improving relations with the US and Pakistan and to resolving the Tamil-Sinhalese conflict in Sri Lanka," it said.

"These relationships also give Gandhi a more strongly held personal stake in making progress in improving relations in South Asia," according to the document.

A large section of the "second signal" has been redacted. The declassified document, however, details the third about Gandhi's personal style, which, it said, "comes from his dealings with the international press - a force with which he has become much more familiar as a result of his trips." – PTI



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# Neymar completes world record PSG move



A boy wearing the jersey of Barcelona's Brazilian forward Neymar walks past a new poster being put up outside the Camp Nou in Barcelona on Wednesday. The previous poster featured Neymar.

## Vijender looks to scale new heights beating Zulpikar

MUMBAI, Aug 4: Indian boxer star Vijender Singh will look to clinch his second title and keep his unbeaten record intact when he takes on undefeated Chinese Zulpiqar Mai-maihali here tomorrow.

The 31-year-old former Olympic bronze-medallist will be fighting his ninth professional fight tomorrow and on the line would be his WBO Asia Pacific super middleweight title.

Mai-maihali's WBO Oriental super middleweight title would also be up for grabs in the double title fight.

Vijender has been training in Manchester with his trainer Lee Beard for this bout, the first ticket of which was presented to cricket icon Sachin Tendulkar at the latter's house by the boxer himself.

A confident Vijender has dubbed his Chinese opponent as inexperienced.



"This is India versus China, I don't need anything and I am excited, I know the whole of India is with me," Vijender said at the weigh-in today.

"I am very confident and hope that the fight will be good and India will win. Last night I checked my weight it was 78 and I had to be 76.2, so I did not eat anything. My weight is 76.00 today, I will very much focus on diet," he told reporters here today.

The official weigh-in and the face-off for the bout happened this afternoon here. - PTI

## India's campaign over at New Zealand Open

AUCKLAND, Aug 4: India's campaign at the New Zealand Open ended today with HS Prannoy and Sourabh Verma crashing out after losing their respective quarterfinal matches in the men's singles competition of the Grand Prix Gold event here.

Fourth seeded Prannoy fought hard before being stunned by Chinese Taipei's Lin Yu Hsien, seeded 11th, while seventh seed Verma went down tamely to unseeded Lee Cheuk Yiu of Hong Kong in straight games.

Prannoy, who had clinched the US Open title last month, was handled a 10-21, 22-20, 21-23 defeat in an hour and six minutes.

Former national champion Verma lost 19-21, 16-21 in a match that lasted just 42 minutes.

The first game between Prannoy and Hsien was a closely-fought affair till 8-8 before the shuttle from Taipei surged a little ahead to lead 11-10 at the interval.

However, after the break, Prannoy failed to earn a single point, even as Hsien bagged 10 successive points to seal the opening game 21-10.

In the second game, Prannoy broke

away from 5-5 to lead 13-8 at one stage, but the Taipei shuttler kept breathing down his neck and made it 17-17.

He then surged ahead to 20-18 before the Indian caught him at 20-20. Prannoy then held on to his nerves to win the next two points and take the match to the decider.

The third and deciding game was a well-fought contest with fortunes swinging from one end to another before the two were tied at 20-20 and then 21-21.

But it was the Taipei shuttler who had the last laugh as he managed to earn two crucial points at the end to advance to the semifinals.

Verma, who had beaten compatriot Parupalli Kashyap yesterday, was lagging behind from the very beginning in the first game, trailing 1-6. He then fell behind 6-11 at the break.

After the interval also Lee continued to stretch his lead to 14-8 but Verma managed to reel off four points on the trot to reduce the margin to 17-14.

Both shuttlers then went neck-and-neck till 18-18 before Lee managed to pocket the game 21-19. - PTI

## One of my best innings against spinners: Rahane

COLOMBO, Aug 4: India vice captain Ajinkya Rahane today rated his knock of 132 against Sri Lanka as one of his best on spin-friendly tracks as he predicted tough times for batsmen in the remainder of the second Test.

Rahane shared a 217-run partnership with Cheteshwar Pujara (133) for the fourth wicket, rescuing India from a precarious 133 for three on day one.

"This was one of the best innings against spinners. My focus was to dominate. Going in to bat I knew a little bit how the wicket was behaving, how much bounce it had and whether it suits my game or not. The communication between Pujara and

me was that we hardly played many maiden overs. So we put pressure back on them. As the match goes on, it will be a more difficult wicket to bat on," said Rahane.

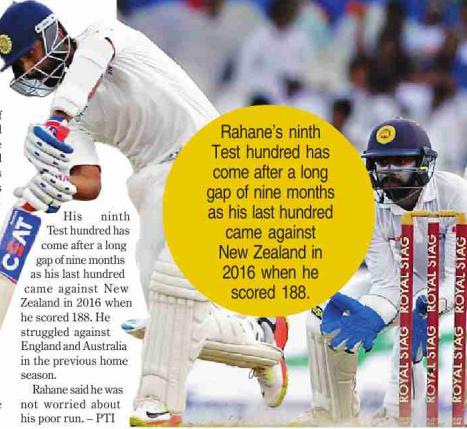
India's strength in this series has been how they have handled the Lankan spinners, in particular Rangana Herath. Rahane said they had a game plan to counter home spinners.

"When we played last time here against Sri Lanka, especially after Galle Test match, we decided that using footwork against Herath was very important. So, throughout against him and their other spinners we wanted to use our footwork so we could get more runs

on the backfoot.

"Especially on this kind of wicket, it is very slow and wicket, so we knew that if we use our footwork we would get more runs. Some balls are bouncing and few balls are keeping low. We knew that if they play sweep shot its good for us we have the chance to get wickets."

"But it's not easy for batsmen playing on this wicket. Tomorrow will be key to our bowlers to bowl in right areas for long period of time," Rahane explained.



Rahane's ninth Test hundred has come after a long gap of nine months as his last hundred came against New Zealand in 2016 when he scored 188.

Rahane said he was not worried about his poor run. - PTI

PARIS, Aug 4: Neymar's world record move to Paris Saint-Germain was completed when the French club confirmed the Brazilian superstar had signed a five-year deal, earning him an estimated 30 million euros (USD 35.5 million) a year.

The deal was signed just hours after the 25-year-old paid off his 222 million euro (\$264 million) buyout clause to Barcelona.

"I am extremely happy to join Paris Saint-Germain," said Neymar.

"Since I arrived in Europe, the club has always been one of the most competitive and most ambitious. And the biggest challenge, what most motivated me to join my new teammates is to help the club to conquer the titles that their fans want."

"Paris Saint-Germain's am-

bition attracted me to the club, along with the passion and the energy this brings. I played four seasons in Europe and I feel ready to take the challenge."

"From today, I will do everything I can to help my new teammates, to open up new horizons for my club and to bring happiness to its millions of supporters around the world."

PSG said that Neymar will be unveiled at a press conference at the club's Park des Princes at 1130GMT on Friday.

He will then be presented to fans at the same ground at 1345GMT on Saturday before the season-opening Ligue 1 fixture against promoted Amiens.

PSG wasted no time in pressing Neymar's commercial value by announcing that shirts bearing his name will be

on sale from 0800GMT Friday at the club's megastore on the city's iconic Champs Elysees.

The transfer is more than double the previous world record set by Manchester United's capture of Paul Pogba from Juventus last year for 105 million euros, leaving many commentators aghast at the rampant inflation in football transfers.

Leading coaches as Arsenal's Arsene Wenger and Manchester United's Jose Mourinho lamented that the move could cause even greater inflation in transfer fees and player wages.

"It also looks like the inflation is accelerating," said Wenger, whose 21 years at Arsenal have been characterised by prudent spending.

"It's beyond calculation and beyond rationality." - AFP



Neymar's tenure at Barca

## Bhambri in quarters of Citi Open

NEW DELHI, Aug 4: Yuki Bhambri has extended his good run at the ATP Citi Open by entering the singles quarterfinals with a come-from-behind win over Argentina's Guido Pella in Washington DC, USA.

Ranked 200, Bhambri eked out a 6-7(5), 6-3, 6-1 win over Pella, who is ranked exactly 100 places above the Indian in the ATP singles chart.

It is for the first time that Bhambri has won three matches in the main draw of an ATP World Tour event.

This will be only the second appearance for Bhambri in the singles quarterfinals of an ATP World Tour event as he had reached the Chennai Open last-eighth in 2014. However, he had won only two main draw matches at that time as it was an ATP 250 event with a draw of 32 singles players. - PTI

## FC Pune City sign Marcos Tebar

PUNE, Aug 4: Indian Super League (ISL) club FC Pune City today announced the signing of Marcos Tebar.

The Spanish central defensive midfielder last represented Delhi Dynamos in the 2016 edition of ISL.

FC Pune City CEO Gaurav Modwel said, "Marcos is a great addition to our team. He brings in a wealth of experience of playing at top level in Europe coupled with his stint in ISL. With his technical abilities and great defensive work rate, he will control the midfield and be the link to our forward line."

Tebar is a product of the famed Real Madrid Academy. During his stint at Real Madrid, he represented Real Madrid Castilla (B Team) mostly. The Madrid-born player later represented Rayo Vallecano, Segunda Division side Girona FC and Almeria before a spell in 2016 at Brentford in England. - PTI

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## Anand held by Svidler

ST LOUIS, Aug 4: Five-time world champion Viswanathan Anand played out another draw with Peter Svidler of Russia in the second round of the Sinquefield Cup here.

Playing back for the first time in the tournament, Anand was up against an English opening that got transposed to the Queen pawn game against Svidler.

Anand holds an excellent record against Svidler but the Russian was simply too cautious having lost the first round of the tournament.

The pieces changed hands at regular intervals and the truce was signed on move 31. This was just one more than Anand's previous round with Hikaru Nakamura of the United States.

World Champion Magnus Carlsen of Norway scored his first victory at the expense of his last world championship challenger Sergey Karjakin of Russia, while Fabiano Caruana of United States outwitted Levon Aronian of Armenia and American Wesley So defeated Ian Nepomniachtchi of Russia. —PTI

## NETF felicitates Priyana Kalita

GUWAHATI, Aug 4: The North East Tennis Foundation (NETF), an affiliated club of the All Assam Tennis Association felicitated Priyana Kalita – a trainee of the foundation for getting full sports scholarship of the Miami University USA.

Priyana a top ranked player of the State got the scholarship for studying in Ohio based Miami University for a four-year degree course on sports leadership and management. She will also have to complete her rounds of trials along with studies for which the sports equipment company Adidas will be the sponsor.

The NETF felicitated Priyana along with her parents and coach Shubh Kumar Prajapati in a function yesterday which was attended by the players and the guardians of the foundation.

**Death condole:** The All Assam Tennis Association condoled the demise of Santosh Mohan Dev, a prominent former tennis player who with his colleagues from Silchar was a regular participant in the Assam Circuit Tournaments held in different parts of the State including Guwahati, Jorhat and Dibrugarh. The former Union Minister was also closely associated with numerous sports organisations all over the country, stated a release.

## Charaimari cops move ahead

TIHU, Aug 4: India Reserve Battalion (IRBn), Charaimari defeated Assam Police Radio Organisation (APRO) of Charuari 2-0 in a first round match of the ongoing 40th Naroram Barman Football Tournament being played at the Charuari Anchalik Kira Sangha's own stadium.

Jiten Baro of IRBn scored both the goals.

Mukalmua Anchalik Sports Association will take on Gobinda Basumatary Sports Academy, Jaruguri, Kokrajhar tomorrow.

# SPORTS

## India in driver's seat in second Test



Ravichandran Ashwin plays one through the off side during day two of the 2nd Test against Sri Lanka in Colombo, on Friday.

COLOMBO, Aug 4: India virtually buried Sri Lanka out of the second Test by crossing the 600-run mark for the second game in a row, setting themselves up for another big win on a pitch that is offering plenty to the spinners.

India, resuming the day at 344 for three, went on to declare at 622 for nine post tea, thanks to half centuries from Ravichandran Ashwin (54 off 92), Wriddhiman Saha (67 off 134) and Ravinda Jadeja (70 not out off 85).

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Kirishna Pujara (133) and Ajinkya Rahane (132) could not

add much to their overnight score.

In reply to India's mammoth total, Sri Lanka were left reeling at 50 for two at stumps with Ravichandran Ashwin taking both the wickets.

The hosts face a daunting task of saving the game and also the series with Ashwin and Jadeja making the ball talk on a

Saha (50) and Dinesh Chandimal (40) not out 70, Muttiah Muralitharan (10) and Upul Tharanga (10) not out 8 Extras: (8.14). Total: (For nine declared in 150 overs) 622.

Fall of wickets: 1-56, 2-109, 3-133,

4-143, 5-173, 6-196, 7-206, 8-226,

9-598. Bonus: Number of wickets: 17.4-2-63-0, Rangana Herath 42-7,

154-4, Dimuth Karunaratne 8-31-1,

Dinesh Perera 40-3-110-5, Muttiah Muralitharan 10-2-162-2,

Dhananjaya de Silva 12-0-59-0.

Sri Lanka's 1st Innings: Dimuth

Perera 4-1, Rangana Herath 3-1,

Akinyaka Herath 2-1, Dinesh

Chandimal not out 8 Extras: (LB-1)

Total: (For 2 wkt in 20 overs) 50.

Fall of wickets: 1-10, 2-19, 3-20,

Mohammed Shami 3-1-70, Ravin-

chandran Ashwin 10-2-38-2, Ravin-

dra Jadeja 7-4-4-0. —PTI

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