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Vice presidential election**Dummy voting for NDA MPs to rule out invalid votes**

NEW DELHI, Aug 3: A day before casting their votes in the vice presidential election, NDA MPs will take part in a dummy voting exercise tomorrow as the ruling alliance works to minimise the possibility of any vote going invalid.

The NDA MPs will also be joined by the lawmakers from the AIADMK, the TRS and the YSRCP three

regional parties supporting the candidate of M Venkaiah Naidu, the BJP sources said.

Naidu will also address them, seeking their votes, they said.

The dummy exercise will be followed by a dinner and Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to join the MPs then. He will also speak to them, the sources said.

During the presidential poll, 77 votes in total were declared invalid and 21 of them belonged to parliamentarians, hailing from various parties.

Both Modi and Shah in their addresses to BJP members have emphasised on voting correctly to rule out any voting going invalid.

Unlike the presidential election in which the electoral college also includes MLAs, only MPs of the two Houses can vote in the vice-presidential poll.

Naidu, the NDA candidate, is all but certain to win the election in which the opposition parties have put up Gopal Krishna Gandhi as their nominee against the former BJP president and Union minister. The current NDA strength in the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha is 337 and 80 respectively. The AIADMK, TRS and the YSRCP have together 50 and 17 MPs in the two respective Houses. The electoral college comprises 790 members and parties with 484 members have already pledged their support to Naidu, who is also expected to be backed by several nominated members. — PTI

Karnataka minister raids**I-T seizes Rs 15 cr cash, jewellery**

BENGALURU/NEW DELHI, Aug 3: Cash and jewellery worth over Rs 15 crore have so far been seized by IT authorities as part of the ongoing searches at multiple premises linked to Karnataka Energy Minister DK Shiva Kumar and his associates in connection with a case of alleged tax evasion.

The minister, who has been overseeing the stay of 44 Gujarat Congress MLAs at a resort on the outskirts of Bengaluru, a senior official said, has

also been confronted with certain documents seized by the sleuths during the raids and his statement would be recorded under the Income Tax Act.

The MLAs were brought to the Karnataka capital a few days back by the Congress over fears that they could be "poached" by the BJP in view of the August 8 Rajya Sabha polls in Gujarat.

The raids are continuing at a number locations for the second day today and I-T sleuths seized a number of documents, account books and financial papers.

About Rs 8.33 crore cash has been seized from Delhi, Rs 2.5 from Bengaluru and Rs 60 lakh from Mysuru till now, a senior official said.

"About Rs 11.43 crore cash has been seized till now from various locations. Jewellery worth about Rs 4.4 crore has also been recovered. Some searches and surveys are still on," the official said.

Documents related to investments in real estate, including some alleged benami transac-

tions, are being analysed by the department, the official said.

The tax department may share its findings against the minister and his associates with the CBI and the Enforcement Directorate for probe under the Anti-corruption Act and the Foreign Exchange Management Act respectively.

The IT Department has said it is investigating Shivakumar in a case of alleged tax evasion and "huge" undisclosed investments in real estate, jewellery and other sectors. — PTI

NEW DELHI, Aug 3: Opposition vice presidential candidate Gopal Krishna Gandhi today alleged that direct and indirect attacks are being made on freedom of belief, thought and speech and that a "new partition of a psychological" nature is being sown in the minds, and the wounds of partition.

"That Partition is now of 1946-47 a thing of the past. And yet a new partitioning is being sown in our minds, a psychological division."

While hailing the Election Commission for conduct of free and fair polls, he asked, "We have to also ask ourselves: In the larger arena of free choices, how free are we? Are we free to choose our way of life, our forms of thought and expression? Are we free to tell the bully and the bulldozer in high office or on the street-corner, off?" — PTI



Village Shadai in Zanskar area of Ladakh region was electrified for the first time, using Solar Nano-Grid Technology on Wednesday. The village has 13 households and a population of around 90 to 100 people. — UNI

Pak constructing 6 dams in PoK with China's assistance

NEW DELHI, Aug 3: Pakistan is constructing six dams on the Indus river in PoK with China's assistance and India has made démarche to both Islamabad and Beijing conveying that it is in violation of its sovereignty and territorial integrity, the Rajya Sabha was informed today. Minister of State for External Affairs VK Singh said in a written reply. — PTI

BJP leader asks CBI to re-investigate Bofors case

NEW DELHI, Aug 3: BJP leader Ajay Agrawal today asked the CBI to re-investigate the Bofors case and offered to share documents which he claimed to have collected from Tis Hazari court. Agrawal, who had unsuccessfully contested the 2014 Lok Sabha election from Rae Bareli against Congress president Sonia Gandhi, today submitted a memorandum on the matter to CBI chief Alok Verma. — PTI

ED questions BJP leader in Panama Papers probe

KOLKATA, Aug 3: The Enforcement Directorate has questioned West Bengal BJP leader Shishir Bajoria in connection with the investigation into investments in offshore firms, as revealed in the Panama Papers exposé. Bajoria was yesterday questioned by the directorate's officials in Kolkata. "We had questioned him yesterday regarding his investments in offshore firms," an ED official said. When contacted Bajoria said, "I was questioned yesterday regarding my investments abroad. I had fully cooperated with the ED officials. All my overseas investment are through the normal banking channels under RBI rules and permission." — PTI

RAMJAS COLLEGE INCIDENT**Police examining students, teachers**

NEW DELHI, Aug 3: The Delhi Police today told a court here that it was examining students and teachers to identify the culprits involved in the Ramjas College clashes that broke out between ABVP and Left-affiliated AISAs early this year.

In a nine-page action taken report, the police said it was also examining members of both the groups, ABVP and AISAs, and details of students of various colleges of the Delhi University were being sought from the proctor.

The report was filed before the Metropolitan Magistrate in connection with a complaint seeking lodging of an FIR in the Ramjas College incident in which anti-national slogans were allegedly raised by members of students groups AISA and SFI in February this year.

The court listed the matter for August 29 for hearing complainant Vivek Garg. "Complainant seeks time to

advance arguments on his application seeking FIR. Put up for arguments on August 29," the magistrate said.

The report filed by Joint Commissioner of Police, Crime, in pursuance to court's earlier order, said the administrative staff as well as teachers of Ramjas College are being examined. It said they have already lodged an FIR on February 22 for the alleged offences, causing hurt and assault to detect public servant from discharging duty.

Police has also given notice to the college principal to provide the footage of the CCTV installed in the college or any video recording conducted by the administration.

Regarding a video footage provided by the complainant, the police said as of now its authenticity is not clear and it has been obtained from an unknown social network and media websites and "apparently looks doctored". — PTI

'Pranab Da, you have been a father figure'

NEW DELHI, Aug 3: "Pranab Da, you have always been a father figure and a mentor to me," an emotional Prime Minister Narendra Modi wrote in a letter to Pranab Mukherjee on his last day as President.

The letter, which spells out the bond between the two leaders who come from different political ideologies, was shared by the former President on Twitter today.

"On my last day in office as the President, I received a letter from PM @narendramodi that touched my heart! Sharing with you all," Mukherjee said in a tweet.

Modi responded by saying, "Pranab Da, I will always cherish working with you."

In the letter made public by Mukherjee, the Prime Minister said he had come to New Delhi three years ago as an outsider.

"The task before us was huge and challenging. In those times, you have always been a father figure and a mentor to me. Your wisdom, guidance and personal

warmth have given me greater confidence and strength," he said.

Modi said Mukherjee's "intellectual prowess" had been of constant help.

"You have been so warm, affectionate

and caring to me. Your one phone call asking me 'I hope you are taking care of your health' was enough to fill me with fresh energy after a long day at meetings

or on a campaign tour," he said in the letter dated July 24. Mukherjee stepped down from office the next day.

"Pranab Da, our political journeys took shape in different political parties. Our ideologies, at times, have been different. Our experiences are also varied. My administrative experience was from my State, whereas you have seen the expanse of our national polity and politics for decades."

"Yet, such is the strength of your intellect and wisdom that we were able to

work together with synergy," Modi said.

The BJP leader praised the Congress veteran and former President for opening the Rashtrapati Bhavan to initiatives and programmes that recognised innovation and the talent of India's youth.

"You belong to a generation of leaders for whom politics was simply a means to selflessly give back to society. You stand as a great source of inspiration for the people of India. India will always be proud of you, a President who was a humble public servant and an exceptional leader. Your legacy will continue to guide us," Modi said.

The Prime Minister said he and all others would continue to draw strength from Mukherjee's democratic vision of "taking everybody along".

"Rashtrapati Ji, it has been an honour to work with you, as your Prime Minister," Modi said. — PTI

SC refuses to stay NOTA option in RS polls

NEW DELHI, Aug 3: The Supreme Court today refused to stay the Election Commission's notification allowing none of the above (NOTA) option in the ballot paper for the upcoming Rajya Sabha polls on a plea of the Congress which has filed a writ petition against the NOTA option.

A bench, headed by Justice Dipak Misra, however, agreed to examine the constitutional validity of the NOTA provision in Rajya Sabha polls. — PTI

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AJYCP stages statewide protest against mega dam

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 3: Hitlering out at both the Union and State Governments for their hypocritical attitude towards the issue of mega dams, the Asom Jatiyabadi Yuva Chhatra Parishad (AJYCP) today staged protests throughout the State against the Lower Subansiri mega dam project.

The Lower Subansiri Hydro-Electric Project (LSHEP) was kept in abeyance by the previous Government due to strong protest by the local organisations as well as the local people. But after coming to power, the BJP-led governments in the State and at the Centre are making every possible move to complete the project as soon as possible, which re-



AJYCP protest demonstration in Gauhati on Thursday. — AT photo

veal their hypocritical attitude towards the issue," Palash Changmai, general secretary of the AJYCP said.

"The recent move of both the Governments to approach

the National Green Tribunal for a green signal to the project is another move that cannot be accepted by the people of Assam," he added.

The youth body argued

that in view of the havoc wreaked by the Ranganadi project, another such project, which is four times bigger in size, cannot be allowed in the State.

Youth found hanging from mobile tower

CORRESPONDENT

JALUKBARI, Aug 3: Seng-khang Marak (18), a resident of Games Village at Borjora, was found hanging from the mobile phone tower located on the roof of his apartment last night. He was originally from Meghalaya and was living at the Games Village with his grandmother.

After preliminary investigations police suspect that he was passing through a phase of extreme mental depression after failing to clear the matriculation examination for two consecutive years.

Lokapriya memorial meet

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 3: Commemorating the 67th death anniversary of Bharati Ratna Lokapriya Gopinath Bardoli, a memorial meet and a quiz competition will be held on August 5 in the District Library auditorium. The memorial meet will start at 11.30 am and the quiz competition will be held from 2.30 pm.

Temple closure

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 3: On account of lunar eclipse, Sri Sri Balaji Mandir, Betekuchi, will remain closed for devotees from 1 pm of August 7 to 8 am of August 8.

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By an Affidavit before the Court of Judicial Magistrate at Dibrui on 28th July, 2017, Dipshika Bora, W/o Shrinath Baruah and mother of Mitali Akash Baruah, by process of Procurer, President of Dibrui University and the Department of Life Sciences and a resident of Baruahguri, near Dibrui College, Dibrui, Assam, declared that in some of the School Certificates my name is registered as Dipshika Baruah instead of Dipshika Bora. That the names Dipshika Bora and Dipshika Baruah are same and identical, identifying my name.

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AGP, BPF may get only one berth each after ministry expansion

PRANJAL BHUYAN

GUWAHATI, Aug 3: Even as the AGP and the Bodoland People's Front (BPF) are hoping to get at least two more berths each during expansion of the Sarbananda Sonowal ministry, which is expected to happen soon—it is unlikely that either party will be offered more than one slot each.

Senior State BJP leaders told *The Assam Tribune* that while all the eight remaining vacancies in the ministry are likely to be filled up during the expansion, the saffron party will keep six of the new berths for itself, while AGP and BPF are expected to be offered only one additional ministerial berth each.

"It is all settled. There will be six new ministers from the AGP and one each from the BPF and BPF," said a senior BJP leader on condition of anonymity.

In the present 11-member ministry, there are seven ministers from the BJP, including the Chief Minister, while both the AGP and BPF are represented by two ministers each. Both regional parties have been demand-

ing that the composition of the ministry should be on proportional representation based on the strength of each party in the Legislative Assembly.

The ministry can have a maximum strength of 19.

On being contacted, State BJP president Ranjeet Kumar Das refused to divulge details about the expected expansion of the ministry or its likely composition. "The expansion will happen soon," he told this newspaper. However, senior BJP leaders said the expansion would be indicated from the Barak Valley will be increased.

"Besides, the dominant Albon community is currently not represented in the ministry and that will have to be taken care of. The question of representation from the minority communities will also be looked into," he said.

Meanwhile, asked about the MLAs who may make it to the list of the new ministry, State BJP spokesperson Dr Rajdeep Roy said, "That is the prerogative of the Chief Minister. But the social angle and other factors will be taken into account." He said there is no difference among the NDA allies in Assam.

"The alliance is strong and will remain intact till 2021. If there are any issues, we will sort them out through consultations. All NDA constituents, whether the BJP or the AGP or the BPF are behind the Sonowal government's efforts in its fight against corruption, in building a climate where investors can look to the State and in ensuring that the social welfare measures reach the masses," Dr Roy said.

"We have to be extra careful not only because of the ABMSU leader's killing, but also because the Independence Day is approaching and all the active militant outfits try to make their presence felt in the run-up to August 15," he added.

Sahay said that a meeting of all the stakeholders including Police, Army, Central forces and intelligence agencies was held yesterday to chalk out strategies to maintain peace all over the State and it was decided that the intelligence gathering mechanism would be strengthened further to ensure that the situation remains under control.

The DGP said that the monitoring of the situation and the investigation into the murder need to go side by side. Though the reason for the murder is yet to be ascertained, he said, "we are covering all possible angles, including involvement of cattle smugglers, as the ABMSU leader was reportedly opposing such activities, business rivalry and even political angle," he said.

He revealed that two persons arrested in connection with the case were involved in cattle smuggling and two more have been picked up. The questioning of the persons arrested and picked up may lead to vital information, he said.

Sahay also admitted that the PSO attached to Ahmed was not with him when he was killed. When questioned, the PSO claimed that he had gone home because his wife was not well. The PSO also said that he had taken permission from Ahmed to attend his home. "Since Ahmed is dead we cannot verify whether the PSO had taken his permission and the antecedents of the PSO are also being checked," he added.

He further revealed that from the bullet recovered from the place of occurrence, it seemed that the miscreants had used small arms for the murder and recovery of the weapons will be vital for proper investigation.

Project report ...

(Contd from page 1)

In reply to a query by Badrunnaim Ajmal, the Minister said that the DPR for construction of the Dhubri-Phulbari bridge over the Brahmaputra to connect Assam and Meghalaya is under preparation by the National Highway and Infrastructure Corporation Limited (NHIDCL). The draft DPR is presently under examination in consultation with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

It is too early to specify the time by when the project and financial aspects of affected area is likely to start, as it will depend on the acceptance of DPR by JICA. Redrafting of the DPR for project of 15 floating terminals of 17m length in the Brahmaputra was sanctioned by the Ministry of Shipping on June 2, 2014, at an estimated cost of Rs 6.07 crore.

Under a Central Sector Scheme for development of inland water transport infrastructure in the Northeastern region, 100 percent financial assistance is provided by the Shipping Ministry to the state governments concerned, he said.

In addition, a proposal submitted by the Government of Assam for construction of 15 numbers of 17m-long floating terminals in the river Barak was received in December 2016 and it is being examined by the Ministry of Shipping. Another proposal, for construction of 25 such floating terminals in the Brahmaputra, was received in June this year, he said.

Excellence award for teachers

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 3: In an attempt to inspire the high school teachers of the State, city-based Assam Down Town University has taken an initiative to give the ADTU award of excellence in school teaching.

The award, consisting of a citation and a cash reward of one lakh rupees, will be handed over on the occasion of Teacher's Day on September 5 in the university's premises.

Serving high school teachers of Assam having at least 10 years of teaching experience, with records of creating or shaping new teaching techniques, can apply. The last date of submission of applications is August 15, said a statement.

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Coaching for APSC examinees

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 3: The Gauhati University (GU) Post Examination Training Centre is going to start a 50-day coaching programme for the benefit of candidates of the Assam Public Service Commission's Civil Services Main Examination, 2017.

GU Registrar Dr SK Nath said that the candidates would be enrolled on first-come-first-served basis till August 9. Classes will begin from August 10 at the GU Arts Building.

The coaching programme will include 100 hours of classroom lectures and six full-length tests on general studies, general English and two optional subjects. However, the GU reserves the right to decide which optional subjects would be offered, depending on the preferences of the enrolled students, said the GU Registrar.

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MESSAGE FOR TODAY

Anger is an acid that can do more harm to the vessel in which it is stored than to anything on which it is poured.

— MARK TWAIN

The Assam Tribune

Unobtrusive shifts

In recent days the NDA Government has directly or indirectly engaged in masking certain almost unobtrusive moves on the economic plane which are likely to impact upon the common man. For instance, it has decided to raise the price of cooking gas by Rs 4 per month so that by next year, the subsidy component would be obliterated and all customers will have to pay the full, unsubsidized price. While economists, who have always railed about the heavy subsidy burden of a welfare State, will welcome such an initiative, the common man is unlikely to do so. The gambit has been so cleverly unobtrusive that there has been little protest against it even in volatile, price rise sensitive States like West Bengal. Yet such a strategy is in clear contradiction to the initiative of the Government to give 'free' cooking gas connection to families living below the poverty line, since now they will have difficulty in acquiring refills at unsubsidized prices. Similarly, the sudden decision by India's premier public sector bank, the State Bank of India, to slash the interest rate for savings bank accounts by 50 basis points to 3.5%, coercing other banks in both private and public sector to follow suit, would impact upon clients, especially those belonging to the middle-class. This particular cut has been part of a pattern, with interest rates in long-term deposits having been the first targets.

The objective, naturally, is to lessen the money lying idle in banks so that they have to pay less interest to customers, never mind that the loan-defaulter crisis has assumed gargantuan proportions and the common man has to pay the price. Traditionally, the Indian middle-class is known to prefer the limited but safe interest obtained through putting money in banks, rather than investing it in fiscal instruments yielding higher interest, but entailing greater risks. The decision by banks to gradually lessen the interest rates on savings will adversely affect the common man, yet there have been no sustained objections, political or otherwise, towards such a shift. On the contrary, the NDA Government has been pressurizing the Reserve Bank of India to cut the policy interest rate and has succeeded in attaining this objective. Though the decision has not been unanimous, yet the RBI Board of Directors has decided to cut the repo rate by a quarter per cent to 6%, the lowest in seven years. The cut is expected to make obtainment of loans for housing, purchase of consumer goods, etc., easier for the common man, thereby giving a boost to the consumer-driven economy which has been somewhat sluggish in recent times. However, easy access to bank loans can be a double-edged sword, especially given the spurt in online availability of consumer goods and the lure they offer to even those who cannot readily afford them.

Skill development

Lack of skill development among the North-east's youth has been a perennial bane, worsening the region's unemployment scenario. Assam in particular has been having a very high incidence of unemployment – something largely attributable to the locals' lack of skill for different vocational and high- and semi-skilled engagements. Regrettably, neither the State Government nor the Centre has put any thought into addressing this burgeoning problem of unemployment through skill development. Now in a rather belated move, the Centre has hinted at starting the project Udaan – already under implementation in Jammu & Kashmir – in the NE States. Interventions such as this should have come much earlier given the North-east's mounting unemployment and the definite link between the region's insurgency and unemployment. Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal himself held the Union Ministry for Skill Development for some time but completely failed to make use of the opportunity to make some lasting intervention. Now into the fourth and second year respectively of the Centre and the State Government, the authorities seem quite oblivious to the special needs of the North-east to tide over its crisis caused by dearth of skilled manpower.

A multi-disciplinary skill development intervention is a dire need for Assam and other north-eastern States. It is the perpetual dearth of skilled manpower in diverse sectors that is perpetuating the high incidence of unemployment. Even a cursory glance is enough to make it clear that very few locals are engaged in different skilled engagements and it is also natural that in the absence of a skilled local workforce, people from outside are filling up the huge void. Lack of employability of our local youths needs to be viewed as an area of serious concern with long-term socio-economic implications. The solution has to be sought in a mechanism involving vocational training and skill upgrade so that a pool of skilled manpower is developed. Unfortunately, the ITIs and the polytechnics that are responsible for imparting such skilled training have not been able to function in the desired manner due to infrastructural constraints and lack of support from the Government. The ITIs in particular can hardly be said to be functioning and this calls for a rethink on their management. The growing demand for skilled workforce warrants every development block of the State to have a training centre for skill upgrade in vocational education. Indeed, making the youth more employable should reflect on the policies of the Government, which in turn calls for a major policy shift. At the same time, a universal, fit-all policy for the entire nation will serve little purpose given the diversities and challenges present region-wise. A State-wide consultation with stakeholders and experts will have to precede the roadmap that the Government intends to put in place to propel the nation into the fast-track growth path through a revamp of education and training.

OBOR and India's foreign policy

Ranjit Barthakur

President Xi Jinping's Belt and Road Initiative, also known as One Belt, One Road (OBOR) is one of a kind initiative which redefines China's foreign policy and economic ambitions. By formulating a massive infrastructure building strategy in China connecting underdeveloped provinces and neighbouring regions, the Belt and Road Initiative aims to strengthen China's economic leadership. Though OBOR is viewed by many as an attempt to gain political leverage over its neighbours, some of the key drivers behind OBOR are largely motivated by China's pressing economic concerns.

OBOR is gaining momentum within China, with commitment pouring in from various levels of the Chinese Government right from the national economic planning agency to provincial universities. OBOR will actively work towards economic integration and towards a faster pace of infrastructure and connectivity development. China's strategy in OBOR is not just to boost exports but to promote acceptance of Chinese standards in various sectors including railways, energy telecommunication, etc. A part of the strategy is also to export excess production capacity to other regions to be involved in OBOR.

Halford Mackinder, a renowned geopolitical theorist, was of the view that the rule over the heart of the world's greatest landmass would become the basis for world domination owing to the superiority of rail over ships in terms of time and reach. He predicted that if ever Russia and China joined sides, they could outflank the maritime world. However, post-

World War II he foresaw a world geopolitically balanced between a combination of the North Atlantic, or what he termed as Midland Ocean, and the Asian heartland powers. In effect, he conceded that geopolitical dominance required both a continental as well as a maritime dimension.

Both the road and the belt include regional loops and branches which extend the reach of the emerging transportation networks and also serve to tie the road to the belt at critical points. Thus, the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor is significant because the port of Gwadar is one of the points where the road and the belt intersect. Of interest to India is the belt constituted by the BCIM corridor, which connects to connect Yunnan in southern China with Myanmar, Bangladesh and eastern India.

Any geostrategic interpretation of OBOR is not complete without appreciating the economic agenda of OBOR. The two goals are in fact complementary to each other. China is in fact using OBOR to assert its regional leadership through a vast programme of economic integration. In an OBOR value chain, China plans to be a centre of advanced manufacturing and innovation and the one setting standards for the others to adopt.

Taking advantage of the Greek economic crisis, China has established itself at the strategic port of

Piraeus. The Piraeus port being developed by COSCO will act as a strategic logistics hub of Chinese trade with Europe. A Land Sea Express is being planned by China which will link Piraeus with points on European mainland. A \$2.5 billion project is envisaged having a key high-speed rail link from Piraeus into Western Europe.

The aspect of promotion of financial integration of OBOR countries is important because it adversely af-

fects Piraeus. The Piraeus port being developed by COSCO will act as a strategic logistics hub of Chinese trade with Europe. A Land Sea Express is being planned by China which will link Piraeus with points on European mainland. A \$2.5 billion project is envisaged having a key high-speed rail link from Piraeus into Western Europe.

Geopolitics, predicted that a time will come when India could carve out a geostrategic realm which would be continental/maritime in nature. It would be made possible by dominating the eastern and western reaches of the Indian Ocean and the subcontinent landmass, south of Eurasia but linked to it. India would then have an opportunity to address the challenge of the Chinese geostrategic realm with a better advantage. India has the potential to cope up with China and even overtake it. The existing asymmetry between India and China is not unchangeable and what it will take for India to achieve this long-term goal is something well known.

In the present time, India does not have the resources and the political and economic influence to offer alternative connectivity networks at a global scale. As such, it can carefully evaluate those aspects of OBOR which can help India's own connectivity to major markets and resource supplies and become participants in them just as we have chosen to do with the AIIB and the NDB (New Development Bank). A good example can be the building of a road/rail link to Central Asia through Iran using the port of Chabahar which could then use the Chinese-built routes to access both Central Asian and Russian destinations as well as Europe. India could deploy its comparatively limited resources to build an Indian Ocean network of ports, with connecting highways and rail routes such as exem-

pified by the planned Mekong-Ganga corridor and the Sittwe-Mizoram multi-modal transport corridor. There have been long-standing plans to develop the deep water port on Sri Lanka's eastern coast, Trincomalee, as a major energy and transport hub and yet despite the warning message in the shape of Chinese building the Hambantota port in southern Sri Lanka and expanding the Colombo port, virtually no work has been undertaken since the Indian Oil acquired the tank farm located at the port. The Andaman and Nicobar Islands lie at the very centre of the Bay of Bengal and could be developed to serve as a regional shipping hub for the littoral states and beyond. And yet, these islands continue to be treated as a distant outpost rather than leveraging their unique location at the very centre of one of the most strategic stretches of ocean space.

The OBOR initiative has highlighted a level of ambition and imagination, which is currently absent in Indian foreign policy. The most achievable of OBOR's goals and social influence will be its contribution to upgrading China's manufacturing capabilities. Given Beijing's ability to finance projects and its leverage over recipients of these loans, Chinese-made high-end industrial goods such as high-speed rail, power generation equipment and telecommunications equipment are likely to be used widely in OBOR countries. More questionable, however, is whether China's neighbours will be willing to absorb its excess industrial capacity. The lack of political trust between China and some of our countries, as well as instability and security threats in others, are considerable obstacles.

Victory over ISIS in Mosul: larger issues ahead

Abu Nasar Saeid Ahmed

Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi declared on July 9, 2017 near the Grand al-Nuri Mosque, where from Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi proclaimed himself as the 'Khalif' in 2014, which now stands totally demolished by ISIS, that the city of Mosul had been liberated, after a nine-month bloody campaign in which thousands of people were killed and nearly a million displaced. Currently, the Iraqi forces are still cleansing the last pockets of ISIS resistance. This victory does not mean that the dreaded and most inhuman organization has been finished for all. There are many difficult questions to be addressed carefully not only by the beleaguered Government of Iraq but also by the international community.

The defeat of ISIS in Mosul is undoubtedly a remarkable development in the war against the terror outfit. Mosul is the second largest city in Iraq, built over several decades in a meticulously planned way. It was once a highly resourceful economic centre with oilfields and refineries, a top class university, cultural centres and so on before that ISIS captured it after they decimated Iraqi forces had abandoned it shamelessly without offering any

resistance. It has a diverse population with Arabs, Armenians, Turks, Yazidis and other smaller ethnic minorities. It was known as the seat of Sunni Sufi Islam, living peacefully with Shia and Christian populations for centuries together until the ISIS ravaged its multicultural profile. To rebuild the city's infrastructure and recreate its past fascinating well-planned urban landscape will be a daunting task, involving more than a billion US dollars.

More challenging will be the restoration of trust and cooperation among the fractured communities and bring back its art of living in an admirable atmosphere of mutual respect and understanding.

The liberation of Mosul and the yet-to-be confirmed report of the death of al-Baghdadi do not convince the political observers that the world's most dreaded and hated terrorist infrastructure has been totally destroyed. The military operation against it in the Syrian city of Raqa is going on, as the Arab and Kurdish fighters supported by the United States on the one hand and the Syrian army on the other have decimated the last group of the outfit. It might take a few months to see the inevitable, the fall of Raqa too.

However, the end of the IS after the destruction of the last stronghold does not mean peace has returned. There are small resistance pockets in Iraq, such as, Hawija and Tal Afar and smaller towns in the Euphrates river valley, where the ISIS fighters have held up to regroup and then increase their attacks in urban centres and capitals in order to prove their existence.

At any rate, the degradation of the Iraqi Prime Minister in front of the ravaged Grand al-Nuri Mosque is not a mere act of symbolism; it is a reality to register the fact that the end of the barbarity of the so-called Islamic State can be foreseen, but not the idea it professes. It was in June, 2014 that al-Baghdadi strode to the top of a pulpit and declared the establishment of the caliphate and thereafter ruled ruthlessly the enslaved people of the city by imposing a strict and perverted form of religious laws, held women as sex slaves, carried out public beheading, executed terror attacks on cities and towns killing innocent civilians, and thus, the cult of cruelty and barbarity was institutionalized.

And finally, as the Iraqi forces started entering deep into the heart of Mosul, the ISIS fighters detonated explosives to bring the historic leaning tower of the Grand al-Nuri Mosque to rubble and leaving behind their dead fighters to rot. This was the last remnant of their cruelty against civilization and disrespect for heritage, and one more example of their destructive face. The reason why the liberation of Mosul is to be celebrated and glorified is that the nine-month of dense door-to-door fighting and volley of rifle attacks and suicide bombings, the fight for the city is now known to be the most grueling urban warfare since the Allied and Russian advances towards the city of Berlin. It is heartbreaking that the local enslaved people, irrespective of religious and ethnic affiliations, extended cooperation to the Iraqi army, which made the liberation campaign easier than expected.

It is to be remembered that since the fall of Saddam Hussein and the formation of the new Shia-dominated Government under Nur Kamal al-Maliki, for many of the minority Sunnis who were subjected to abuse and harassment, the ISIS seemed to be their protector. However, after the replacement of al-Maliki as the Prime Minister by a more moderate and less sectarian al-Abdi on August 11, 2014, and the imposition of harsh rule by al-Baghdadi, the Sunnis came in support of the advancing Iraqi army at the final moments of the liberation

countdown.

Despite the fact that the liberation of Mosul caused irreparable loss to the ISIS and destroyed its infrastructure, its capital and resources, and significantly, the ability to recruit new fighters, this so-called state is yet to be defeated completely. Many of the ISIS members, who escaped inevitable death, have now blended in with the Iraqi civilians to pursue their dredged mission of terror at the slightest opportunity. There are media reports showing ISIS fighters having shaved their beards and changed their clothes. There are still many who are ready to assist them. After all the ISIS is a mentality and it is not easy to end it with guns alone.

The most worrying social aspect now confronting the Iraqi Government is the future arrangement of the power sharing between the two most important sectarian communities – majority Shias and minority Sunnis. The liberation of Mosul has been achieved without a political agreement between them. Any attempt to bring back al-Maliki's policy of sidelining the minority Sunnis will help the ISIS escapees to regroup and strike terror once again. This is going to be a huge and unending problem which the government will not be able to handle.

Earthquake: evaluation and awareness

Letters to the EDITOR

Sir,— Amongst all the natural

disasters occurring on earth, earthquake is the most feared of all because of its short effective duration. Within a few seconds, earthquakes of larger magnitude can cause catastrophic disaster.

The recent report published by the NCS shows that 29 cities in India including Guwahati are under severe earthquake threat.

However, it is worth mentioning that not only Guwahati but the entire north-eastern region comes under Zone V which is classified as severe earthquake prone zone in India by the BIS. Therefore, the need of the hour is to perform proper seismic evaluation of the existing structures to ensure safety of livelihood and property along with the generation of public awareness for adopting earthquake resistant construction practices.

The lack of proper earthquake resistant construction practices makes the structures vulnerable. The disaster management authority should therefore generate proper public awareness

for encouraging earthquake resistant construction practices to ensure life safety and prevent building collapse. With respect to the built-up structures, the seismic evaluation of such structures is very essential to ensure safety of the dwellers. For seismic evaluation of structures, advanced analytical software tools are readily available; it is worth mentioning that some research scholars from the premier technical institutes of our State are well equipped with such software tools. Therefore, a joint collaboration of the concerned administration with such research scholars will be highly beneficial to study earthquake mitigation techniques in Assam and the North-east.

The learning of earthquake mitigation techniques are of utmost importance in an earthquake prone zone such as Assam. Yours etc., TAHER AHMED, NIT, Silchar.

Unfortunate situation

Sir,— Some teachers of the provincialized colleges of Assam have been deprived of their due promotions for years. After the Director of Higher Education (DHE), Assam introduced the process of screening the appli-

cants' documents by a screening committee, this unfairness has been observed frequently. Thus, some eligible applicants even after completing the initial processes of getting the promotion in the DHE office have been sidelined by retrospective screening committees for several times without citing valid reasons. I am one such teacher, being deprived of my second level promotion to the position of Assistant Professor (Selection Grade) by three retrospective screening committees in the recent past; and then, proving the unfortunate harassment the college teachers go through in Assam, I was deprived of my third level promotion to the position of Associate Professor, which was due even four years ago, for two times in this year itself despite having met the required criteria and fulfilling all other official conditions. In an unfortunate discriminatory situation, where some of their contemporary colleagues have got their third level promotions without doing any extra labour for producing good research and publications, these deprived college teachers naturally will feel

frustrated and dejected which may dangerously hamper their motivation for imparting proper teaching as well as fulfilling other official duties. Further, this unequal treatment breaking the constitutional ethos also has created an untold and unhealthy environment of power politics that has been polluting the internal academic environment of the provincialized colleges since the last couple of years. This is very unfortunate at a challenging juncture. Yours etc., DR MUKUL KR SARMA, Sarukshetra.

APSC answer keys

Sir,— Apropos the letter 'APSC answer key rectification process' by Sharmista Chaudhury (AT, August 2), I would like say that it is OK to err and it is divine to accept one's mistake, but that is not the case with the APSC.

There were gross mistakes in regard to the GS paper of the APSC Prelims, in setting the question paper and marking the answers. What they did seems to be a cut-and-paste job from various sources like the internet, past bank PO and IAS Prelims exam question papers, etc. When

the APSC is having such a pool of 'learned persons' who have 'sufficient knowledge' in their respective fields, why were such basic mistakes made in the first place? I think if they really want to come out clean and earn a little respect, they can't afford to make such basic fundamental mistakes. There should no scope for a second opinion on this. Yours etc., CHINMOY DAS, Dispur.

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Sir,— Through your esteemed daily, I would like to request the APSC to provide the marks of the CC (Mains) exam, 2015 without further delay. Though the results of the exam were declared on July 29, 2017 but the authorities are yet to provide the marks obtained by the respective candidates. I would like to request the APSC to provide the same so that the aspirants may find their weak points. This will help them to prepare better for the next exam. Yours etc., MOUSUMI DUTTA, South Haibaragaon, Nagaon.

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পূর্ণাম যাত্রা'১৭-১৮



অসম চৰকাৰৰ পঞ্চটি বিভাগে "পূর্ণাম যাত্রা"ৰ অধীনত বয়োজ্যে তীর্থযাত্ৰীক সম্পূর্ণ চৰকাৰী খৰচত ভাৰতবৰ্ষৰ বিভিন্ন তীর্থস্থান দৰ্শন কৰাৰলৈ এখন আঁচনি হাতত হৈছে। এই আঁচনিৰ জৰিয়তে ২০১৭-১৮ বৰ্ষত প্ৰথম পূৰ্ণামৰ বাবে প্ৰায় ৩০০০ জন তীর্থযাত্ৰীলৈ সুবিধা আগবঢ়াৱা হৈব। ইচ্ছুক বাঙ্গিক লৱণ দিয়াৰ দৰে প্ৰয়োজনীয় লখি-পত্ৰৰ সৈতে ৫ আগষ্টৰ পৰা ৩১ আগষ্ট তাৰিখৰ তিতৰত ডাকমোটে অথবা নিজ হাতে লৱণ ঠিকনাত জমা দিবলৈ অনুৰোধ কৰা হৈল। অনলাইন www.assamtourismonline.comত উপলব্ধ প্ৰ-পত্ৰ অনলাইন বোগে ৮ আগষ্ট ২০১৭ তাৰিখৰ পৰা জমা দিব পাৰিব।

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৩০গাঁও/টটুন		৩০৫োঁঅঃ		৩০৪ুখ্লা		
৩৩বিধান সভাৰ সমষ্টি নং		৩৩জিলা		৩৩পিল		
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৪০শান						
৪৫তাৰিখ		৪৫ যোক্ষণ/টিপ চই				



পূৰ্ণাম যাত্রা '১৭-১৮ বৰ্ষৰ প্ৰ-পত্ৰ পূৰ্বৰ সহায়িকা:

- ১, ২, ৩। যি মাধ্যমেৰে প্ৰ-পত্ৰ পূৰ্ব কৰি পঠিওৱা হৈছে, তাৰ ঠিক দিব দিব লাগিব।
- ৪। ক্রমিক নং কৰ্মসূলত পূৰ্ব কৰা হৈব।
- ৫। প্ৰ-পত্ৰ পূৰ্ব কৰি জমা কৰা তাৰিখ লিখিব।
- ৬। পচাটা আৰুৰ কৰ্মসূলত লগত লাগিব
(৩.৫০০x৪.৫০০মিৰি)
- ৭। আবেদনকাৰীৰ নাম লিখিব।
- ৮। ১। পূৰ্বৰ মহিলাৰ যিকোনো এটা আৰৰ্ত বাচনি গঠিইত চিহ্ন দিব।
- ১১। বয়স লিখিব।
- ১১। পৰিয়ালৰ যিকোনো চৰকাৰী প্ৰমাণ পত্ অথবা জৰুৰি থকা প্ৰমাণ পত্ গাঁঠি দিব আৰু প্ৰমাণ পত্ৰখনৰ নাম লিখিব।
- ১২, ১৩, ১৪, ১৫, ১৬, ১৭, ১৮, ১৯, ২০, ২১, ২২। আবেদনকাৰীৰ ঠিকনা, যোগাযোগৰ বিভ তথ্য লিখিব।
- ২১। আবেদনকাৰীৰ অসমৰ বাসিন্দা হয়/নহয় ✓ চিনেৰে বাচনি কৰিব।
- ৪১। অসমৰ বাসিন্দা হোৱাৰ যিকোনো চৰকাৰী প্ৰমাণ পত্ গাঁঠি দিব আৰু প্ৰমাণ পত্ৰখনৰ নাম লিখিব।
- ৪৫। আবেদনকাৰীৰ অভিভাৰকৰ অভিভাৰক নাম লিখিব।
- ২১। আবেদনকাৰীৰ অভিভাৰকৰ লৱণত ভেঙ্গেৰ সমৰ্ক লিখিব।
- ২৭, ২৮, ২৯, ৩০, ৩১, ৩২, ৩৩, ৩৪, ৩৫, ৩৬, ৩৭। অভিভাৰকৰ ঠিকনা, যোগাযোগৰ বিভ তথ্য লিখিব।
- ৩৮। আবেদনকাৰীৰ ব্যক্তিগত শাৰিকীক অৰপ্তা দীঘৰীয়া যাত্ৰাৰ বাবে অনুকূল তাৰ প্ৰমাণ গাঁঠি দিব।
- ৩৯। আবেদনকাৰীৰ অভিভাৰকৰ অৰপ্তা দীঘৰীয়া যাত্ৰাৰ বাবে অনুকূল তাৰ প্ৰমাণ গাঁঠি দিব।
- ৪০। শাৰিকীক অভিভাৰক অথবা বিকলসতা আছে ভেঙ্গে উল্লেখ কৰিব।
- ৪১। আবেদনকাৰীৰ বাৰ্ষিক আয় লিখিব।
- ৪২। সংলগ্ন প্ৰমাণ পত্ নাম লিখিব।
- ৪৩। আবেদনকাৰীৰ ধৰ্মীয় পদাৰ নাম উল্লেখ কৰিব।
- ৪৪। পঞ্চটি বিভাগে ২০১৭-১৮ বৰ্ষৰ বাবে তীর্থশ্লাসমূহক চাৰিটা আৱৰ্তনত ভাগ কৰিব। আবেদনকাৰীৰ ইয়াৰে যিকোনো এটা আৰৰ্ত বাচনি কৰিব পাৰিব।
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- ৪৫, ৪৬, ৪৭, ৪৮।
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- ৪৯, ৫০, ৫১। এটা পৰিয়ালত অভাবিক দুঃখ ব্যক্তিয়ে আবেদন কৰিব। যদি আবেদনকাৰীৰ পৰিয়ালৰ কোনোবাই আবেদন কৰিবে তেওঁকে নাম, বয়স আৰু সমৰ্ক লিখিব।
- ৫২, ৫৩, ৫৪, ৫৫। আবেদনকাৰীৰ অভিভাৰকৰ অধীনস্থ পৰিয়াল কৰিব।
- ৫৬। পৰিয়ালৰ পূৰ্ব কৰিব, আৰু অভিভাৰকৰ পৰিয়ালৰ সৈতে বাল্কৰ/টিপচৰী কৰিব।
(টোকা: কাৰ্যকৰ দিয়া প্ৰ-পত্ৰখন কাটি ফটোকপি কৰি ব্যৱহাৰ কৰিব অথবা প্ৰ-পত্ৰ প্ৰেৰণ কিপ্পতাৰ থাবে www.assamtourismonline.com ৱেবচাটট ইংৰাজী ভাৰত থকা আবেদনকাৰীৰ পৰা জমা কৰিব। আবেদন কৰিবে তেওঁকে নাম, বয়স আৰু সমৰ্ক লিখিব। এই বীৰুক্ত লৰণ যাত্ৰাৰ সময় আৰু যাত্ৰা পোৱা জমা দিব পাৰিব। আবেদনকাৰীক কাকত প্ৰকাশিত হৈব।)

'Dibang valley project may bring threat to Dr Bhupen Hazarika Setu'

CORRESPONDENT

DOOMDOOMA, Aug 3: "As the entire north-eastern region lies in a highly seismic zone, hence 3,000 MW Dibang Valley Hydro Power Project over river Dibang in Lower Dibang Valley district of Arunachal Pradesh may bring threat to the newly-constructed Dr Bhupen Hazarika Setu, India's longest river bridge," said Dr Manik Kar.

While interacting with the local scribes at Doomdooma Press Club recently after paying a visit to the 9.15-km-long bridge at Dholia, Dr Manik Kar, a geomorphologist and specialist in flood hazard of international repute also said: "The river Brahmaputra has its origin in the Manas Sarobar in the Himalayas, the geological formation of which is comparatively young and still continuously changing. The character of the river Brahmaputra is itself very problematic. So, taming of the river is not easy as it is thought to be."

"The people of Assam are yet to experience the real danger of flood. If all the 165 hydro power

projects come up in Arunachal Pradesh, then only people of Assam will experience the real danger of flood," said Dr Kar.

The dredging of the river Brahmaputra as a flood control measure will be a futile effort if we don't introduce the river navigation as was done by the British during pre-Independence era. Only the movement of big cargo ships will reduce the process of siltation on bed of the river. Unlike in the hills, the slope of the river in the plains is almost horizontal. So, the 'Burha Luit' (as sung by Bhupen Hazarika) is unable to carry forward the huge amount of debris and silt that is accumulated on its bed due to soil damage in the hills. The flow of the single river channel of the Brahmaputra near Pandu is only 78 cubic metres per second during winter. As Assam lies in a highly seismic zone, where on an average 120 tremors of minimum intensity take place every day, the construction of the bridge should not have been made of concrete, but of iron. At least on the river portion, it should have been a steel bridge like that of the



bridges constructed in California, which also lies in a highly seismic zone," he added.

However the height of the present bridge is not sufficient for movement of ships under it. The width of the bridge also should have been more than what is now to facilitate the free flow of vehicles in either direction," he said.

Dr Kar also said, "The long-est bridge of the nation con-

structed in this region after 70 years of Independence is not a showpiece of technological marvel if we compare it with the bridges constructed in China. Significantly, out of the total 27 longest bridges in the world, the first seven bridges are in China itself. The longest one is 164.8-km-long and the bridges on the river portion are steel extension type. The concrete pillars of Dr Bhupen Hazarika

Setu have, in fact, narrowed down the width of the river and together with huge amount of water released from the big dams of hydro power projects of Arunachal Pradesh, it will give rise to flash floods in the downstream of Assam."

The internationally reputed geomorphologist Dr Manik Kar expressed surprise at the callous attitude of the government in not giving due import-

tance to its security aspects. There should at least be provision of light and armed guards to counter the threat of conventional explosives, collision of structure, fire, chemical/biological weapons and extremists, he added.

Dr Kar, however, also pointed out the positive aspects of the bridge and said that it was the duty of every citizen to protect this national property.

Resentment over not imprinting Bhupenda's name on nameplates

CORRESPONDENT

DOOMDOOMA, Aug 3: While inaugurating India's longest river bridge connecting Sadiya with Dholia on May 26, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had announced that the bridge would be named after the legendary musician of the State, Dr Bhupen Hazarika. Though more than two months have passed after his announcement, the name of the musical icon is not mentioned on a single nameplate of the bridge.

"We knew that the bridge was named after Dr Bhupen Hazarika, but we could not see Bhupend's name on the nameplates of the bridge. His name should be written on the nameplates soon," said Sabayasachi Borborah, who came to visit the bridge from Jorhat.

"Since the government has already decided to name the bridge after Dr Bhupen Hazarika, then the nameplate should be changed immediately," said Arindom Phukan of Jorhat.

When quizzed on this matter, an official of the authority concerned said, "We have not received any formal order from the government. As soon as we receive such an order we will change the nameplate of the bridge immediately."

Protests against dams in North Lakhimpur

CORRESPONDENT

NORTH LAKHIMPUR, Aug 3: North Lakhimpur witnessed demonstrations by various organisations on Monday and Tuesday in protest against the killing of the president of All Bodoland Minority Students' Union (ABMSU), Lafikul Islam Ahmed.

It may be mentioned here

that Ahmed was killed by un-

identified miscreants at Tit-

aguri in Kokrajhar district on Tuesday at around 4.30 pm. After at least two hours of blockade, the police cleared the road. The protesters de-

manded immediate arrest of the miscreants.

Meanwhile, the members of

the Hailakandi district com-

mittee of All Assam Minoty

Students' Union (AAMSU)

burnt the effigy of Chief Min-

ister Sarbananda Sonowal in

Hailakandi town in order to

register their protest against

the killing of Lafikul.

Later, the leaders of the organisation condemned the killing and said that there is no safety and security of common people in Kokrajhar. They also demanded immediate arrest of the miscreants and adequate compensation to the family of Lafikul Islam. Holding the State government responsible for the incident, the student body also demanded a CBI probe into the killing and exemplary punishment to the culprits.

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3 die in road mishap

CORRESPONDENT

DERGAON, Aug 3: Three youths of the same village died in a accident at Missamari Dulia Gaon, 7 km from here, last night. The victims have been identified as Bhupen Bora (26), Prasanta Bora (43) and Simanta Bora (39) - all residents of Missamari Dulia Gaon under the Dergaon PS.

Jorhat Medical College Hospital.

According to information available, Bhaben was riding on a motorcycle along with Prasant and Simanta on the NH-37 and Missamari Telia Sonari Road when their bike knocked down Simanta, who was riding on a bicycle near Dulia Gaon Barnanghar.

Bhaben and Prasant died on the spot, while Simanta succumbed to his injuries at the Jorhat Medical College Hospital.

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B. Supply of 250 KVA and 100 KVA Diesel Generator Sets and Related Services for various substations of AEGL under PSDF (Package-B).

Cost of each Bidding Doc.: Rs. 10,000.00 to be paid through online e-tender portal.

Tender end date & time: 12:00 hrs on 04-08-2017.

Tender Opening Date & Time: 12:00 hrs on 29/08/2017.

Intending bidders may visit www.aegcl.com and <https://aegcl.etenders.in> for all detail further.

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JAB HARRY MET SEJAL (Hindi)

Stg: Shri Rukh Khan, Anushka Sharma

Timing: 9:00 am to 8:00 pm

Tel: Booking No. 8876580301/

(Terms & conditions apply)

Ticket Rates: Regular Show

Rs. 150/-, 200/-, 250/-, 300/-, 350/-

Upper Class: Rs. 400/-, 450/-, 500/-, 550/-, 600/-

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Screen-1

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At 12:30 & 8:15 pm

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At 12:25, 3:20 & 8:40 pm

MONDAY

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At 11:00 am & 1:15 pm

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Screen-2

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WEATHER

NORTHEAST

Forecast for NE: Moderate rain/thunderstorms is very likely to occur at many places over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura.

Warning: Heavy rainfall is very likely to occur at isolated places over Arunachal Pradesh on August 6 & 7. Heavy rainfall is very likely to occur at isolated places on August 4 & 5 and heavy to very heavy rain is very likely to occur at isolated places on August 6 & 7 over Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura.

Temperatures:

	Max (°C)	Min (°C)
Dibrugarh	31.1	24.1
Tezpur	30.3	27.3
Silchar	33.5	25.9
Dhubri	32.8	26.3
Jorhat	34.9	26.1
NLakhipur	31.8	24.4
Silong	25.8	20.8
Imphal	32.7	23.9
Itanagar	33.3	24.5
Aizawl	30.2	13.6
Agartala	34.6	26.7
Kohima	25.6	18.7
Passighat	30.2	25.2
Cherrapunjee	23.8	19.1

CAPSULE**BMW launches 320d Edition Sport**

NEW DELHI, Aug 3: German luxury car maker BMW today launched its new BMW 320d Edition Sport priced at Rs 38.6 lakh (ex-showroom), expanding its 3 Series model portfolio. The new car, which will be locally assembled at the company's plant at Chennai, is powered by a TwinPower Turbo diesel engine producing an output of 190 hp with a top speed of 190 km/hr. BMW India said in a statement, "PTI"

Jio 4G fastest

NEW DELHI, Aug 3: Reliance Jio has topped the chart among all the 4G service providers by registering an average download speed of over 18 mbps in June, as per data published by telecom regulator TRAI. As per the TRAI test results, Bharti Airtel's average 4G download speed was lowest at 8.91 mbps. In the 3G segment, Vodafone topped the chart with an average download speed of 5.16 mbps, followed by Airtel at 3.66 mbps, Idea 2.94 mbps, Aircel 2.39 mbps and BSNL at 1.65 mbps. —PTI

Titan net up 96.8%

NEW DELHI, Aug 3: Tata Group firm Titan Company Ltd today reported a 96.84 per cent increase in consolidated net profit to Rs 237.97 crore for the first quarter ended June 30 led by robust sales in its jewellery division. The company had reported a net profit of Rs 120.89 crore in the April-June quarter a year ago. Titan said in a BSE filing. —PTI

Sony home theatre

GUWAHATI, Aug 3: Extending its premium home audio line-up, Sony India has launched a new home theatre system - HT-RT40. This new 5.1-channel rear surround sound system can create an immersive environment, delivering a phenomenal 600W of power through 'tail boy' and rear speakers. Adding to the seamless connectivity, the sound bar is enabled with one-touch multi-room listening with NFC and Bluetooth and is embedded with an option for USB port (music) and HDMI out X-1, a press release said.

AA(S)/7/2015/15 ADDENDUM

In respect of the Notice Inviting Tender Vide No. AA(S)/7/2015/15 dated Dispur on 20/05/2015 issued at The Assam Tribune, Guwahati and Dated on 27/05/2017 for 2017/2018 for supply and installation of Air Conditioners & Accessories in the office of the Directorate of Information & Public Relations, Last Gate, Dispur, an addendum has been issued. The intending Tenderer/Bidders who have already collected the Tender Document may collect the details of Addendum from the office of the undersigned on any working day during office hours till 14th August, 2017.

**Sd/- Director of Information and Public Relations
Janasanayog/2149/15**

No. CE/BR/131/2015/15 CANCELLATION NOTICE

It is for general information that the tender process for the following work under Central Road Fund (MORTA) for the year 2016-17 invited vide Press Note No. CE/BR/131/2015/121 Dated Guwahati the 25th May 2017 is hereby cancelled due to technical reason.

Sd/- Chief Engineer, PWD (Border Roads & NEC works), Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-6

No.UWS (T)-107/2000/PT-II/243/ SHORT e-PROCUREMENT NOTICE/INVITATION FOR BID (IFB)**SNIT NO 2 OF 2017-18**

The Managing Director, Assam Urban Water Supply and Sewerage Board, Amitpur Path, Ganeshpuri, Guwahati-6 invites bid through e-procurement system from the Class-I Govt. registered contractors or Firm in PWD, PHED or Board having requisite experience of execution of similar nature of works for execution of the following mention works.

The details of invitation for Bid and its relevant information will be available on website <http://assamtenders.gov.in> from 28/08/2017.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Cost Construction (Approx) in Rs in lacs	Completion period	EMD (In Rs.)	Cost of Bid Documents (In Rs.)
1	Construction of 1500 cum capacity Elevated Service Reservoir with staging height of 18.00M at Palpara for Bongaigaon Town Water Supply Scheme	323.292 Lakh	12 (Twelve Month)	2 % for General category and 1 % for SC/ST/BC/ MOBC bidder	Rs 5000.00
2	Construction of Balance part of 450 cum capacity Elevated Service Reservoir with the staging height of 18.00M at Gandhi Maidan for Mangaldoi Town Water Supply Scheme	67.204 Lakh	12 (Twelve Month)	2 % for General category and 1 % for SC/ST/BC/ MOBC bidder	Rs 5000.00

Govt to go after bank loan defaulters who divert funds, says Jaitley

NEW DELHI, Aug 3: The Lok Sabha today passed the Banking Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 2017, after Finance Minister Arun Jaitley declared that criminal and recovery proceedings will be started against defaulters of bank loans who divert money and asserted that no one can claim equality in not repaying loans to the banks.

Replying to a debate on the bill, Jaitley said that a company defaulting on loans cannot claim the right of equality in treatment as regards repaying the loans. He said defaulting companies cannot ask why it was being targeted when some other defaulters were being let free.

"No, that cannot be an argument. The system has the capacity to take only a certain

number of cases. I'm sure they will take up more case," he said, referring to the 12 non-performing assets (NPAs) that have been identified for action by the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT).

He said the government

The Minister said that the loans, which have turned NPAs, were probably given at a time when the economy was in a "boom" period and they seemed good investment proposals.

"Nobody anticipated global crisis at that time... in last 3-4 years, prices of commodities collapsed. We're now trying to find a solution for this difficult situation," he said.

"Our laws are obsolete and impeding the recovery process... therefore this mechanism is needed. It will select defaulter, direct banks to move expeditiously against the defaulter. NCLT will dispose of the case within 180 days. This process will recover the public money, so no one should have objection," he added. —IANS

LS passes Banking Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 2017

would go after those who diverted funds got through loans and defaulted on payments.

"Many Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) cases could be fraud, as money taken was diverted. These are not routine NPAs. Criminal proceedings will be carried out and bank will start recovery procedure for such accounts," Jaitley said.

Reserve Bank of India to issue directions to any banking company to initiate insolvency in respect of a default under the provision of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code.

It also has provisions empowering the Reserve Bank of India to issue directions to banks for resolution of stressed assets.



An Indian delegation led by Secretary, DoNER, Navneet Verma and Japanese delegation led by Japanese Ambassador Kenji Hiramatsu, during the first meeting of the Japan-India Coordination Forum for Development of North-Eastern Region, in New Delhi on Thursday. —PIB

Businesses can start filing July returns from Aug 5: GSTN chief

NEW DELHI, Aug 3: The first tax returns under the new goods and services tax (GST) regime can be filed from Saturday and the facility will remain open till August 20, GST Network Chairman Navin Kumar said today.

Businesses can start filing their first GST returns and pay

taxes for July on the portal of GST Network – the IT infrastructure provider for the new tax regime, beginning August 5, he told PTI.

To make compliance easy for businesses, the GST Council has allowed businesses to initially file their returns on self-assessment basis in the first two months of the GST rollout.

So, the GST returns for July and August will be filed on the Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN) portal by filling up GST 3B form.

"We will start the facility of filing interim return form GSTR 3B by August 5 and any registered entity who has transacted business in July will have to file the return for August," Kumar said.

Companies will have to file a sale invoice for August with due date for filing return for August with due date for filing return for August 20," Kumar said.

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The GSTN has tied up with 25 agency banks authorised by the RBI to collect taxes, he said.

"We have tied up with all major banks, both private and

public. The facility for tax payment is already on and Integrated GST is being collected. Along with filing of returns by August 20, payments for Central and State GST will also come in," said Kumar.

The final GST returns for July will have to be filed by these businesses by September 5 instead of August 10.

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The decision to increase the commission was taken after a meeting with dealer representatives on July 31.

BPCL dealers' commission hiked

CHENNAI, Aug 3: Public sector oil marketing company BPCL today said it has increased the commission offered to its dealers by 50 to 50 per cent effect from August 1 and it would have a positive impact on all, including the customers.

The commission paid to dealers for various products had been revised upwards from a minimum of 20 per cent to a maximum of 50 per cent based on their category from August 1, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) Chairman and Man-

aging Director D Rajkumar said here.

The revision would have a 'marginial impact' on the financials of the company, he said.

"We have announced upward revision in dealers' commission and it will have a positive effect on all the stakeholders including customers," he told reporters.

Following the increase in revision, the outlets were mandated to provide clean toilets and transparency in quality and quantity of fuel supplied to customers, said.

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BPCL into gas business: BPCL plans to venture into gas business and diversify resources for source of fuels as part of its five-year plan, the BPCL CMD said today.

"BPCL under the next five-year plan has set a target of Rs 1-lakh crore to be spent for its expansion activities which includes marketing, refining, etc...," Rajkumar told reporters here. —PTI

The total jewellery demand in India for Q2 2017 was up by 41 per cent at 126.7 tonne as compared to Q2 2016 (89.8 tonne). The value of jewellery demand was Rs 33,000 crore, up by 36 per cent from Q2 2016 (Rs 24,350 crore).

"Though underlying concerns about GST and other transparency measures continue, predictably, positive sentiment returned with continued remonetisation and an expectation of good monsoons.

This was evident in the sales momentum during Akshaya Tritiya supported by a relatively higher number of auspicious wedding days during the quarter," said Somasundaram. —IANS

IOC net dips 45%

NEW DELHI, Aug 3: Indian Oil Corp (IOC), the nation's biggest oil company, today reported a 45 per cent drop in its June quarter net profit after inventory losses ate into refining margins. Net profit in the April-June period, at Rs 4,548.51 crore or Rs 9.60 per share, was 45 per cent lower than the Rs 8,268.98 crore (Rs 17.45 a share) net profit in the same quarter of the last fiscal. —PTI

The Minister said the

Guwahati Smart City Limited	
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 পণ্ডিত দীনদয়াল উপাধ্যায়
 (১৯১৬-১৯৬৮)

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তাৰিখ - ০৪-০৮-২০১৭

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মুখ্য অতিথি - শ্রীযুত সৰ্বানন্দ সোণোৱাল, মাননীয় মুখ্য মন্ত্রী, অসম।

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৪। বিশ্বনাথ	৮। কাছাৰ	১২। কাৰ্বিআৰলং

চলিত বছৰৰ পৰা উচ্চ শিক্ষা বিভাগে ৫ খন আদৰ্শ মহাবিদ্যালয়ৰ শুভাৰ্জন কৰিবলৈ যো-যা চলাইছে। এই ৫ খন মহাবিদ্যালয়ৰ বাবে চৰকাৰৰ অধ্যাক্ষৰ ৫ টা, সহকাৰী অধ্যাপকৰ ১৪৪ টা, ওয় শ্ৰেণীৰ কৰ্মচাৰীৰ - ২৫ টা, ৪ৰ্থ শ্ৰেণীৰ - ৬৭ টা সৰ্বমুঠ ২৪১ টা পদ মোকাবাই দিছে। ভাৰতৰ এগৰাকী মহান দাখিলিৰ, সংগঠক পণ্ডিত দীনদয়াল উপাধ্যায় (১৯১৬-১৯৬৮)ৰ নামেৰে এই মহাবিদ্যালয়সমূহ চৰকাৰে নামকৰণ কৰাৰ সিদ্ধান্ত লৈছে। চলিত বছৰত ৫খন মহাবিদ্যালয়ত পাঠদান আৰম্ভ কৰা হ'ব। এই ৫খন মহাবিদ্যালয় হৈছে - ১। গোৱালপুৰা জিলাৰ আমজোংা ২। বঙাইগাঁও জিলাৰ তুলুটীয়া ৩। দৱৎ জিলাৰ নগাঁও ৪। বিশ্বনাথ জিলাৰ - বিহালি আৰু ৫। কৰিমগঞ্জ জিলাৰ ইৰালিঙ্গুল।

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অজি হং ০৪-০৮-২০১৭ তাৰিখে অসমৰ মাননীয় মুখ্য মন্ত্রী শ্রীযুত সৰ্বানন্দ সোণোৱালদেৱ দ্বাৰা ৫খন মহাবিদ্যালয়ত নৱ নিযুক্ত ৯৩ গৰাকী অধ্যাপকসকলৈ নিযুক্তি পত্ৰ আগবঢ়োৱা হ'ব।

আদৰ্শ মহাবিদ্যালয়সমূহ	উচ্চতৰ মাধ্যমিক	নাতক	সৰ্বমুঠ
পণ্ডিত দীনদয়াল উপাধ্যায়	১৫০	১৫০	৩০০
তুলুটীয়া-বাণিজন শাখা			
পণ্ডিত দীনদয়াল উপাধ্যায়	২০০	২০০	৪০০
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আদৰ্শ মহাবিদ্যালয়,			
ইৰালিঙ্গুল-বিজ্ঞান শাখা			
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Scientists predicted that by the end of this century climate change could lead to severe summer heat waves in South Asia, a region of deep poverty where one-fifth of the world's population resides. There is still time to avert such severe warming if measures are implemented now to reduce the most dire consequences of global warming, researchers said. However, without significant reductions in carbon emissions, the heat waves could begin within as little as a

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few decades to strike the fertile Indus and Ganges river basins that produce much of the region's food supply, they said.

The areas likely to be hardest hit in northern India, Bangladesh and southern Pakistan are home to 1.5 billion people. These areas are also among the poorest in the region, with much of the population dependent on subsistence farming that requires long hours of hard labour out in the open and unprotected from the Sun.

While the projections show the Persian Gulf may become the region of the worst heat waves on the planet, northern India is a close second, Elsahir said, and eastern China, also densely



Know your DAY

By JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! For Friday, August 4, 2017:

ARIAS (March 21-April 19) You're extremely social and few days. Conversations have a vivid quality to them. People might go to excess when discussing certain details. Your sense comes through, and as a result, you'll need to pay more attention to it. Test out your ideas. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

You're keeping your cool to someone else's ideas. You will have a meeting of the minds. You might remain open and communicate your interactions. You might want to go to a major purchase, but you'll want to weigh the pros and cons first. Tonight: Follow a friend's lead.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

You're enjoying relations on a one-on-one basis whenever you encounter them in business or in your personal life. You will see a big difference once you get through a charm that you have been fighting. You appreciate having others' support. Tonight: Say "yes."

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Your conventions are likely to reveal various possibilities until now have not been brought up. Feedback might be more important than ever. The more discussions you have, the better the results will be. Ask a friend for his or her input. Tonight: Launch into the weekend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

At the last minute, you could wind up competing someone else's work. Try not to take on too much responsibility. Communication flourishes, and you seem to have unusual ease working through the details. Return calls and confirm weekend plans. Tonight: Put up your feet.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

It's time to make a decision and perhaps merge together. Allow your work to speak for itself. Others receive your messages and prove to be highly responsive to any matter that you present. Use care when making purchases, as you could go overboard. Tonight: Paint the town red.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

You remain true to yourself. Your words seem to carry a certain type of seductiveness with them. Opportunities come from out of the blue. As a result, you might opt to head in a new direction. Tonight: Stay close to home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Report for more information. You might be excited to learn that you have more options than you originally had anticipated. Know that everything will fall into place, despite any obstacles you encounter. A new friend might serve as your muse. Tonight: Catch up with friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Be aware of the costs of continuing on your present path. If you are not comfortable, let others know, and wear off. You will want to stay in close communication with those around you. Avoid obsessing over any one issue in your mind. Tonight: Treat a friend to a fun night.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Go for what you want. When you notice that you're on a roll, don't hesitate to pursue a long-term wish. A parent or higher-up appreciates your attention. You might not be aware of how important your communication is to the person. Tonight: In the limelight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You sense a whirlwind of activity happening around you. Some things you can't change, and others you can't define. Try not to get stuck in what you think you should say as opposed to what you want to say. Relax and give it a flow. Tonight: Follow through on plans.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)

Avoid a power play, and you will be more content. A meeting cannot be postponed, nor do you want it to be. You will like the outcome if you stick to the plan. You might need to avoid a controlling individual right now. Your instincts are right-on. Tonight: Tap into your imagination.

Thought for the day

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Russia blasts US curbs as 'economic war'



MOSCOW, Aug 3: Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev lashed new US sanctions as a "full-fledged economic war" in Moscow, saying they crushed hopes for repairing ties and demonstrated President Donald Trump's "total weakness... in the most humiliating way."

Trump reluctantly signed off on the new sanctions Wednesday, bowing to domestic pressure after the White House failed to scupper the bill or water it down.

Medvedev warned the move would have "consequences," saying "it ends hopes for im-

proving our relations with the new US administration."

"Second, it is a declaration of a full-fledged economic war on Russia," Medvedev said on his Facebook page.

Taunting the notoriously thin-skinned US president, Medvedev added: "The Trump administration has shown its total weakness by handing over executive power to Congress in the most humiliating way."

Trump signed the legislation behind closed doors and his reluctance was on full display in an angry signing statement in which he called the legislation "significantly flawed."

In its haste to pass this legislation, the Congress included a number of clearly unconstitutional provisions," he said, including curbs on the President's ability to "negotiate" with Russia.

"It built a truly great company worth many billions of dollars. That is a big part of the reason I was elected. As President, I can make far better deals with foreign countries than Congress," Trump claimed.

The legislation - which also includes measures against North Korea and Iran - targets the Russian energy sector, giving Washington the ability to impose sancti-

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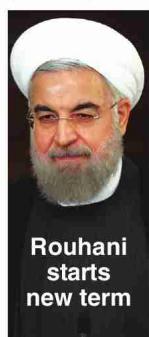
HANOI, Aug 3: Flash floods triggered by heavy rains have killed seven people and left 27 others missing in northern Vietnam.

Disaster official Luong Tuan Anh said today two people died and 13 are missing in the worst hit province of Yen Bai. Some 900 government forces have been mobilized to search for the missing.

The other casualties were reported in the neighbouring provinces of Son La and Lai Chau. A government delegation led by Deputy Prime Minister Trinh Dinh Dung is in the area to direct relief efforts.

Vietnam is prone to floods and storms, which kill hundreds of people each year. - AP

US breaching nuke deal, says Iran



Rouhani starts new term

agreement which Trump has repeatedly threatened to tear up.

"We believe that the nuclear deal has been violated and we will react appropriately," deputy foreign minister Abbas Araghchi said on state television.

"We will certainly not fall into the trap of US policy and Trump, and our reaction will be very carefully considered."

The mounting crisis creates a difficult position for Rouhani, a 68-year-old moderate who won re-election largely thanks to his efforts at repairing relations with the West.

"We will never accept isolation," Rouhani said as he was sworn in front of top political and military officials. - AFP

'Sara Netanyahu grilled in fraud probe'

JERUSALEM, Aug 3 (AFP): Israeli police grilled Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's wife for two hours on suspicion that she diverted public money for private housekeeping expenses, local media said.

The interrogation came as a new threat loomed over the premier in his own long-running battle with corruption suspicions, as his former chief of staff reportedly considered an offer to turn state's evidence.

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Neymar set to jet in for world record move



Neymar arrives in Porto on Wednesday for his PSG medical ahead of the world-record deal.

Canada's De Grasse to miss Worlds with torn hamstring

OTTAWA, Aug 3: Canadian sprinter Andre De Grasse suffered a torn hamstring in training and will not compete at the IAAF World Championships in London, Athletics Canada has announced.

The 22-year-old from suburban Toronto, who took silver in the 200 metres and bronze in the 100 at last year's Rio Olympics, was expected to challenge Usain Bolt for gold in London, where the meet begins tomorrow.

It was not revealed on which leg De Grasse suffered the torn hamstring, which happened in a Monday training run. A second opinion yesterday confirmed the diagnostic, leading to his decision to withdraw from the Worlds.

"The entire year this 100m race in London was my focus. I am really in the best shape of



my life and was looking forward to competing against the best in the world," De Grasse said.

"I really feel for Andre," said Athletics Canada coach Gregor Gilbert. "I know he really wanted to make a mark at the World Championships."

"Injuries are part of the sport, obviously. The timing is terrible."

"As a team, the focus doesn't change. We need to be ready to compete starting Friday. We've been talking about the depth of the programme. Now there is a chance for some of our other stars to shine and have some of our up and coming athletes step up," AFP

Sharapova withdraws from Stanford

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug 3: Five-time Grand Slam champion Maria Sharapova withdrew from the WTA Bank of the West Classic just before her scheduled second-round match yesterday with a left arm injury, tournament officials announced.

"We're sad to announce that @maria_sharapova has withdrawn after doctor's advice regarding her left arm," a post on the tournament's Twitter feed said.

Sharapova played her first US match in more than two years on Monday, defeating American Jennifer Brady 6-1, 4-6, 6-0 in an opening-round match at the hardcourt event in Stanford, California.

"Toward the end of the Monday night's match, I felt pain in my left forearm," Sharapova said on Wednesday. "After yesterday's scan, the doctor has recommended I don't risk further injury."

The former world number one from Russia hadn't played in the US since March of 2015, before serving a 15-month doping suspension for the use of melonium.

Seventh-seeded Ukrainian Lesia Tsurenko advanced by walkover as a result

of wildcard entrant Sharapova's early exit.

"Unfortunately, I have to withdraw from today's match," Sharapova said. "Monday night's crowd was so special and I wish I could continue playing but I have to make a preventative decision."

Sharapova, 30, returned to competition in April, but her comeback was disrupted by a hip injury that forced her to withdraw from Wimbledon qualifying.

Sharapova's ranking has fallen to 171 in the world.

"I feel like I'm playing catch-up against everyone who has had a head start," Sharapova said after her match. "All that matters is that I keep playing."

Tsurenko next faces American Madison Keys who survived a test from Caroline Dolehide to reach the quarterfinals, rallying from a set down for a 3-6, 6-2, 6-3 win.

The other day session singles match saw No. 5 seed Ana Konjuh edge Natalia Vikhlyantseva 6-4, 7-5 to advance to the last eight, where she'll face Garbine Muguruza who cruised past American teenager Kayla Day 6-2, 6-0. - AFP

Sharapova told supporters after her Monday match that her cheers meant a great deal to her.

"I feel like I just want to hug everyone and say thank you," Sharapova said on Monday. "It's my first match in the States in a really long time, and it's the closest thing to home for me."



Du Plessis urges SA to follow Elgar lead in England finale

MANCHESTER, Aug 3: South Africa captain Faf du Plessis wants his batsmen to raise their game as they look to finish their lengthy tour of England with a flourish in the fourth Test at Old Trafford.

The Proteas ended into the match with only a share of the spoils available to them after a thumping 239-run defeat in the third Test at The Oval left them 2-1 down with just one to play.

A tour that started back in mid-May has already seen South Africa lose one-day international and Twenty20 series to England, with the Proteas suffering a disappointing first-round exit in the Champions Trophy while during their time in England.

But victory at Old Trafford would at least ensure South Africa maintain a proud away Test record.

In their past 19 series they've won 13, drawn five and lost just one – in India in 2015-16.

But if they are to triumph at Old

Trafford – a ground where their lone Test win in eight visits came back in 1965 – they will surely need an improved showing from their top order.

For all that South Africa were handicapped at The Oval by the stomach illness suffered by seamer Vernon Philander, being

bowlled out for just 175 in their first innings put them at a disadvantage they were never able to overcome in the rest of the match.



England players were forced to train indoors after rain played spoilsport, on Thursday.

PARIS, Aug 3: Neymar is expected to arrive in Paris today to finalize his world record 222 million euro move from Barcelona to Paris Saint-Germain, which will earn him around 30 million euros a year.

The summer's longest-running transfer saga, which this week saw the 25-year-old tracked from the United States to China to the Middle East, back to Barcelona to say goodbye before a swift detour to Porto where he was thought to have undergone a medical, will end in the French capital with new teammates already queuing up to welcome him.

Argentine midfielder Javier Pastore is already set to surrender his symbolic number 10 shirt to his fellow South American at the Parc des Princes, where Neymar could be unveiled to fans on Saturday evening when PSG open their Ligue 1 season against Amiens.

"I want him to feel comfortable and happy from day one," Pastore told Cadena SER radio.

On Wednesday, Barcelona admitted defeat in convincing Neymar to stay at the Camp Nou where he has played since 2013.

The player travelled to Porto by private jet from Barcelona surrounded by his entourage, including his father and agent Neymar Sr, after saying goodbye to his Barca teammates.

Among that party was Wagner Ribeiro, an advisor to the player, who claimed PSG

would pay his 222 million euro buyout clause in the "coming hours".

That would more than double the current transfer record set by Paul Pogba's 105.2 million euro move to Manchester United last year.

Media reports suggested that Neymar had gone to Porto, where PSG sporting director Antero Henrique had worked until recently to undergo a pre-transfer medical.

Neymar has been tempted to Paris by an astronomical offer that would reportedly see his wages tripled to 30 million euros a year after tax.

However, on the field he also faces the challenge of stepping out of the shadow of five-time World Player of the Year Lionel Messi to try and prove himself as the world's best.

"It was a huge pleasure having shared all those years with you, my friend @neymarjr," Messi posted on Instagram alongside a montage displaying some of the pair's finest moments together.

"I wish you lots of luck in this new stage in your life. See you soon tkm," he added. "Tkms" stands for "te quiero mucho" (I love you loads).

"Thanks brother. I will miss you man," Neymar replied.

Winning the Champions League for a first time is the driving force behind PSG's owners Oryx Qatar Sports Investments (OSI) to fund a deal that could herald the

start of a new era at the elite level of European football.

Since QSI's takeover in 2011, PSG have failed to make it beyond the quarterfinal stage – most notably blowing a 4-0 first-leg lead to lose 6-1 to a Neymar-inspired Barcelona in the last 16 of last season's competition in March.

Rising Neymar from the grip of Barca would truly announce PSG's presence as a contender for the likes of Barca, Real Madrid and Bayern Munich to fear.

Neymar has formed one of the deadliest strike partnerships in football history with Messi and Luis Suarez over the past three seasons.

Together they have won two La Liga titles, a Champions League and three Spanish Cups, whilst Neymar has scored 105 goals and provided 80 assists in just 186 games.

However, his four-year spell in Spain has also been overshadowed by the murky transfer deal which brought him to Barcelona from Santos in 2013.

He and his parents as well as Barca president Josep Maria Bartomeu face charges of fraud and corruption in an ongoing case brought by DIS, a Brazilian investment company. DIS owned 40 per cent of the players' rights at the time of the deal and believe they were deliberately cheated out of their real share due to the complex structure of the transfer. - AFP

Cricket Australia pay dispute ends

MELBOURNE, Aug 3: Australia's bruising and protracted cricket pay dispute was finally resolved today with players and management agreeing on a new "in-principle" deal, ensconcing upcoming India series against Bangladesh, India and England can go ahead.

The players appeared to be the winners in the five-year agreement, worth an estimated Aus\$500 million (US\$396 million), as they retained the revenue-sharing model they had been fighting for – with women cricketers also included for the first time.

The bad-tempered stand-off had been rumbling for months, rattling the game and badly straining the players' relationship with governing body Cricket Australia.

Some 230 cricketers had been unemployed since the end of June when their contracts expired, putting this month's Test tour to Bangladesh under

outrage.

"Today's agreement is the result of sensible compromises by both parties," said CA chief James Sutherland, adding that the "core issues" had been worked out.

ly and it will also allow the all-important tour of Bangladesh to proceed as planned."

At the heart of the dispute was the divisive issue of revenue-sharing.

CA wanted to scrap the

Crickets Australia CEO James Sutherland (left) and Australian Cricketers' Association CEO Alister Nicholson announce that a new deal has finally been agreed.

He said the five-year deal would "restore much certainty to the game of cricket."

"It will allow all players – state and international players – to be contracted immediately

model that has governed players' salaries since their first memorandum of understanding was brokered 20 years ago.

Players have been paid a percentage of gross revenue

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Under the new deal, they will share up to 30 per cent of agreed revenue – 27.5 per cent of forecast revenue streams, and a 2.5 per cent performance pool.

This is estimated to be worth Aus\$500 million over the next five years.

Under the previous system, male players had been sharing up to 26 per cent of revenues. - AFP

Prannoy, Sourabh reach quarters at NZ Open

AUCKLAND, Aug 3: HS Prannoy today advanced to the quarterfinals of the New Zealand Open, defeating Chinese player Hong Kong's Wei Nan in the men's singles match of the Grand Prix Gold event.

Fourth seed Prannoy, who had clinched the US Open last month, defeated 10th seed Wei Nan 21-18, 21-18, 21-19 in a 46-minute match, to set up a clash with 11th seed Lin Yu Hsien of Chinese Taipei.

Former National champion and seventh seed Sourabh Verma also reached the quarters after emerging victorious in an all-Indian pre-quarterfinal battle against Parupalli Kashyap.

The 24-year-old from Dharavi overcame Kashyap 21-18, 13-21, 21-16 in a close match that lasted an hour and four minutes at the North Shore Events Centre here.

He will next take on either Israel's Mishal Zilberman or Hong Kong's Lee Cheuk Yiu.

It was curtains for young Siril Verma after he lost 13-21, 14-21 to Chia Hung Lu of Chinese Taipei.

Prannoy had lost to Wei at the Malaysia Open in 2014 but he avenged his loss today

after dishing out a gritty performance.

The World No. 17 Indian was leading 9-5 in the fifth game when Wei managed to claw back at 10-10 and then earned another edge at the break when Prannoy hit long.

Wei moved to 13-10 before Prannoy reeled off five straight points to turn the tables.

The Indian eventually moved to game point when the Hong Kong shuttler sent his return to the net. Prannoy then won a net duels to earn the bragging rights.

In the second game, Wei had a 10-6 advantage but Prannoy erased the deficit and leveled the score at 11-11 when Wei hit wide. What ensued next was a close battle as neither could gain inch and moved neck-and-neck till 16-16.

The Indian then dominated a parallel game and closed it when Wei hit wide again. He then grabbed another point at the net to make it 18-18.

Prannoy continued to move ahead and grabbed two match points with a superb return on his opponent's backhand. The Indian fumbled at the net once but sealed the issue with a quick net play – PTI

Jhajharia, Sardar recommended for Khel Ratna

NEW DELHI, Aug 3: Devendra Jhajharia today became the first paralympian to be recommended for India's highest sporting honour – the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna – along with celebrated former hockey captain Sardar Singh.

Javelin thrower Jhajharia, the first Indian to win two Paralympic gold medals, was the first choice of the award selection committee headed by Justice (Retd) CK Thakkar.

The committee has picked 31-year-old midfielder Sardar as its second nominee for the top honour and has suggested that both Jhajharia and Sardar be considered for the award jointly.

The 36-year-old Jhajharia's two gold medals came in the 2004 Athens Games and last year's Rio Paralympics and he set new world records on both the occasions. He also won a gold medal at the 2013 World Championships.

Sardar on the other hand, has been a constant in India's fast-improving standing in international hockey.

The 31-year-old, regarded as one of the ace midfielders in the world, became the youngest player to captain the Indian hockey team when he led the side at the 2008 Sultan Azlan Shah Cup.

Khel Ratna recommendations: Devendra Jhajharia (Para-Athlete) and Sardar Singh (Hockey).

Arjuna Award recommendations: Vaibhav Suresh (Archery), Khushtab Kaur (Athletics), Arunkumar Rajiv (Athletics), Prasarth Singh (Basketball), L. Deepak Singh (Basketball), S. S. Chandrasekhar (Pulikali), Oiram Bambam Devi (Football), SS Chinnappa Goutham (Volleyball), Hock Kok (Judo), S. S. Jayaram (Kabaddi), PN Pakash (Shooting), A. Amalraj (Table Tennis), Saketh Myneni (Tenis), Satyavrat Kadian (Wrestling), Manoj Kumar Thangavelu (Para-Athlete) and Varun Bhati (Para-Athlete). - PTI

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Pujara's century propels India to 344/3 on day 1

COLOMBO, Aug 3: Cheteshwar Pujara chose an apt occasion to profess his never-ending love for red-ball cricket, scoring another classy century as India reached 344/3 against Sri Lanka, here on the first day of the second Test.

On a day when Pujara played his landmark 50th Test match and was also recommended for the prestigious Arjuna Award, the Saurashtra right-hander remained unbeaten on 188 - his 13th hundred in the longest format.

Ajinkya Rahane (103 batting) also roared back to form after a patchy last season hitting his ninth Test ton while adding 211 runs for the unbroken fourth wicket stand as Sri Lankan bowlers once again had a poor day in office.

Comeback man KL Rahul (57) and senior opener Shikhar Dhawan (35) will be cursing the lack, missing out on a run-feast against a below-par home team attack.

Rahul in fact looked good for a big one before an unfortunate mix-up led to his run-out. Skipped, Virat Kohli (13) was the only batsman to be dismissed cheaply.

Pujara was an epitome of patience facing 225 balls, hitting 10 fours and a six while Rahane was more attacking in his



Cheteshwar Pujara celebrates after reaching the triple figure mark against Sri Lanka during day one of the 2nd Test.

168-ball effort, that had 12 boundaries.

In route his second successive hundred in the series, Pujara also completed 4000 Test runs. His sequence of Test scores over the past few Test matches before the current one - 17, 92, 202, 57, 153.

He also became the seventh Indian batsman to score a century in his 50th Test.

match. The illustrious six before him are Polly Umrigar (1961) Gundappa Viswanath (1979), Kapil Dev (1983), VVS Lakman (2004) and Virat Kohli (2016).

He has also become the second Indian after Sachin Tendulkar to score hundreds in three consecutive Tests in Sri Lanka.

In the final session, Pujara-Rahane duo

took India across the 250-mark with ease. Rahane reached his half-century off 83 balls, inclusive of 6 fours. The duo crossed their 150-partnership with ease as India's 300 came up in the 77th over of the day.

Three overs later, he survived a leg before shout via DRS off Malinda Pushpakumara (0-82) but the ball seemed to be going down leg.

Thereafter, Rahane celebrated the double hundred partnership with Pujara. When he tapped for a single to complete his hundred, it was more like an elation for Rahane, who got a Test hundred after nearly 10 months. His last hundred was 188 against New Zealand in Indore last year.

Rahane survived another lbw shout via DRS off Rangana Herath (1-83), but there was a clear inside edge as umpire Bruce Oxenford had to reverse his decision.

It was the Anti-Berlin

Anand draws with Nakamura in Sinquefield opener

ST LOUIS (USA), Aug 3: Five-time world champion Viswanathan Anand played out an easy draw with nemesis Hikaru Nakamura of the United States to kickstart his campaign in the Sinquefield Cup, a part of the Grand Chess tour.

Among the chess elite, Nakamura has troubled Anand not only in one else in classical chess in the past few years and the Indian decided not to go for the blood despite his white pieces. The end result was a rather dull draw.

For the records, it was the Anti-Berlin by Anand and Nakamura had little trouble in equalising. The American tried to make some headway in the centre but Anand gave nothing away and it was a balanced position when the two players decided to repeat and signed

peace after 30 moves.

It was an otherwise lively start to the super tournament as the first round witnessed as many as three decisive games. The four Russian speaking Grandmasters were pitted against each other and that itself provided the major share of decisive results in the opener.

Sergey Karjakin was a class act

against compatriot Peter Svidler, while Levon Aronian of Armenia continued with his excellent form to beat Russian Ian Nepomniachchi.

French Grandmaster Maxime Vachier-Lagrave landed a crushing blow to the aspirations of Wesley So of United States while the much followed game between American Fabiano Caruana and World Champion Magnus Carlsen of Norway ended in a draw. - PTI

Neeraj lone hope for India in World Athletics' c'ships

LONDON, Aug 3: Sprint King Usain Bolt's retirement will mark the end of an era in athletics but no momentous beginning is expected for the Indians when they compete in the IAAF World Championships beginning here tomorrow.

The 25 Indian athletes taking part in the showpiece event are not expected to make much of an impact, having an outside chance of a medal from world junior record holder javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra.

Everything depends on this 19-year-old Haryana athlete's performance on Aug 10 and 12 - qualification round and finals - on whether India manages to put an end to the medal drought since 2003.

For a country which has taken part in every championships since the first one in 1983, legendary long jumper Anju Bobby George's bronze in Paris 2003 was the lone medal at this global stage.

The historic topping of the medal tally by the Indian athletes in the recent Asian Championships in Bhubaneswar is laudable but the success at the

continental event will have no bearing at this global showpiece event.

The competition at the Asian Championships was at best mediocre with several top athletes from China, Japan, Qatar and Bahrain skipping it.

In this light, the controversies surrounding the selection of the Indian squad for the World Championships, triggered by PUSC, without commenting on who's right or wrong, was not only ironic but also bizarre.

Pella, who had shown the door to another Indian Ramkumar Ramanathan in the opening round, defeated Mischa Zverev of Germany 6-7(5), 7-6(2), 6-3 in the second round. - PTI

Brilliant Bham bri stuns Monfils in Citi Open

WASHINGTON, Aug 3: India's Yuki Bhambhani produced one of the best performances of his career and stunned World No. 22 and defending champion Gael Monfils in a tough three-setter to enter the third round of the ATP Citi Open, here.

Bhambhani, who had qualified for the main draw of the ATP 500 tournament, took one hour and 51 minutes to register the 6-3, 4-6, 7-5 upset win over the sixth-seeded Frenchman to enter the round of 16.

Bhambhani will next be up against Guido Pella of Argentina.

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Klitschko announces his retirement

BERLIN, Aug 3: Ukraine's former world heavyweight champion Wladimir Klitschko announced his retirement from boxing today to scupper any hopes of a November rematch against Britain's undisputed champ Anthony Joshua.

Hamburg-based Klitschko, 41, hangs up his gloves as one of the all-time greats of the ring after a nine-and-a-half year reign as heavyweight champion, which was ended in 2015.

Klitschko, who won super-heavyweight gold at the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games, was the undisputed world champion from 2002-2015, when he held several belts, before finally losing to Britain's Tyson Fury on points in 2015.

Klitschko's last fight was in April when he was stopped by Anthony Joshua in the 11th round of the WBA title fight at Wembley Stadium in London in a hard-fought bout in which both fighters hit the canvas. - AFP

England colts need 339

GUWAHATI, Aug 3: Indian colts set up an imposing target of 339 in the second innings to their English counterparts in the second four-day match.

On the final day, India, resuming at the overnight total of 169 for three, were all out for 330. Shubman Gill was the top scorer with 102 of 111 balls.

Ryan Parag, who was unbeaten on 25 yesterday, completed his third half century in the series as he scored 52. He hit five boundaries and a six during his 92-ball knock.

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Wonder women!

PRAYASEE BARUAH on how the recent World Cup loss could be a major victory for Indian women in sport.



Only once in a blue moon, life presents a moment which if seized has the potential to create history; a chance to carve the moment in the hall of fame with golden ink, to be a paradigm that generations would remember. Such a moment was the World Cup Final of Women's Cricket played on July 23 last. People were waiting for a repetition of the unforgettable conquest of the men's team in 1983 played at the same historic ground of Lord's.

Over one billion people felt their hearts sinking as they saw Mithali Raj and her army crumbling to pressure and falling short of a mere nine runs. It was disheartening to see tears in the eyes which had held dreams, to see the 11 girls who had fought their way to reach this point, return without the trophy. Nevertheless, there is not an iota of doubt that being the runners-up in the tournament itself is no easy feat. They won alright; they might not have a trophy to show off but they have the support of a billion proud hearts. In a country where girls are killed in the womb, and more money is spent on a girl's wedding than education, India bowed down to these girls for their determination, their grit and herculean efforts.

But to retrospect the important question is Do we really deserve to bask in the glory of their accomplishments? We, who probably did not even know the names of the cricketers a month back, who would have shrugged our shoulders with apathy had the girls been out at the qualifier stage. We, who have no idea of the

hurdles they crossed to reach this point, let alone help or even cheer for them! While we say cricket is a religion in India, in practice it holds true only for men's cricket.

The root of the problem lies not in technique and finesse but much deeper in the mentality of people. While sport is not encouraged at all in India, the scenario is worse for girls. Any neighbourhood or school in India inherently presents a sight of young boys playing cricket; one in two boys must have dreamt of becoming a cricketer at some point. However, a group of girls playing the gentleman's game is a rare sight. When a boy tells his parents he wants to become a cricketer, he might be met with mild annoyance but when a girl makes the same announcement, in all probabilities, she would be met with utter shock. People relishing in sexist jokes about how women do not understand sports are more common than people who encourage women in sports. For young girls who defy stereotypes and want to start playing cricket, it is another thorny task to find a proper coach or an academy. Many academies do not accommodate girls, and the ones that do, see cricket as a mere hobby for girls, rather than a career prospect. This sorry state of affairs speaks a lot about Indian women's cricket.

Indian women's cricket has come a long way since its inception. There was a time when under the Women's Cricket Association of India (WCAI), players had to pay to be able to play tournaments, but now, Indian women have travel and accommoda-



for the next World Cup but they can leave with heads held high. They are the leaders of the difficult expedition that has led them here today. For the fresh new faces, the future seems bright. Thanks to social media, they are already heroes and accolades have started pouring in from all quarters.

Their journey has cajoled people out of their apathetic mode and compelled them to take notice. Slowly and surely the times are changing. Today, women are competing equally in all fronts like wrestling, badminton, tennis and all other sports. Sports in India is gaining more attention, partly due to social media. Perhaps this attention is transient. Perhaps we will conveniently forget all about them until it is time for the next World Cup. But for all of us who saw the match, saw them fight with passion till the end and end up with tears in their eyes, they will remain heroes. The women in blue will encourage many a young girl to pick up the bat and ball now, and that itself is the greatest victory.

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The voice from the sky

Maitreyee Dutta

"When you listen to radio you are a witness of the everlasting war between idea and appearance, between time and eternity, between the human and the divine."

- Hermann Hesse

One of the most powerful weapons capable of influencing minds by birthing a million pictures of a million things in a million brains – the radio has been a revolution in itself. It was the tiny stream which gave birth to the large river of communication; it was and always will be a commendable and thorough success of the genius of human mind.

Radio came to being in 1897 with the foundation of the Marconi Corporation, and today, 120 years later, this medium is growing and thriving in its own pace. In India, the first footprints of radio fell during the British rule, with a broadcast by the Radio Club of Bombay in 1923. The Indian Broadcasting Company (IBC) too began in 1927 but could not survive the passage of time and three years later it was turned into an experimental venture.

It was then that on August 1935 a private radio channel came up known as Akashvani, which literally translates to "Voice from the sky". The IBC continued as an experiment for two years and finally on June 8, 1936, the Indian Broadcasting Service was adopted as the All India Radio (AIR) which gained foothold and became a permanent mark in India's history. Years later, in 1956, M V Gopalaswamy used the term Akashvani to denote AIR and thus AIR came to be known as Akashvani from then onwards.

However, before marching on to more intricate details, it is necessary to limit the All India Radio's identity into a definitive boundary.

AIR actually is the National Radio Broadcaster of India, which is also one part of India's largest public broadcasting agency Prasar Bharati; the second part of the puzzle being Doordarshan, the national public television broadcaster.

Coming back to AIR, its journey since the pre-Independence days to the present 21st century has been nothing short of phenomenal. For 10 years before our country

got its freedom, AIR was slotted under the Department of Communications and four years later it was shifted under the Department of Information and Broadcasting. After Independence, there were three radio stations in the newly formed Pakistan — in Lahore, Dacca and Peshawar, whereas there were six stations in India — Delhi, Tiruchirappalli, Bombay, Madras, Lucknow and Calcutta; all with a meagre coverage of 2.5 per cent of the area and a miserable 11 per cent population reach.

However, today with a total of 262 stations, AIR is one of the biggest media organisations present in the entire world, with a 92 per cent reach of population in our area. From an experimental venture to an unstable one, today AIR has a freedom of broadcasting in 23 languages and around 146 dialects, thereby being able to cater to the digital population of India with its varied socio-economic background.

Not only within the country, AIR now reaches across 100 countries where the external broadcasts in 16 foreign languages and 11 Indian languages successfully informs the overseas listeners about the development of the country.

A broadcasting giant, around 314 headlines are mounted on 41 AIR stations on FM mode on an hourly basis. It operates on 18 FM service channels at present, called AIR FM Rainbow, which targets the urban population. Four other FM channels called the AIR FM Gold broadcast composite news and entertainment programmes from the four major metropolitan cities.

History has been a fair witness to the impact and influence of radio. Wherever we turn our eyes, radio is a living emblem of a war of ideas, of thought and of humanity. Radio, thus, is deeply rooted to a society and AIR has a special place in the Indian society. With the digital revolution, AIR too has adopted the Digital Radio Mondiale or DRM. The change is drastic and dynamic yet can only promise to further enhance the medium into a new era.

FUTURE OF TOURISM

Deep Shankar Gogoi

The tourism industry has the potential of generating funds that can fix the economic woes of our State as well as curb unemployment. With this in sight, the government has roped in Priyanka Chopra as a brand ambassador and events such as Namami Brahmaputra are being held. However, we are still far from harnessing the true potential that the tourism industry of Assam has to offer. Assam is a region of immense natural beauty. Both national and international tourists are attracted to Kaziranga and the Manas National Park in great numbers. Besides, the largest river island Majuli and Kamakhya Temple too act as tourist magnets. But, should we be content with that?

An innovative step towards increasing tourist inflow would be to set up 'Heritage Villages' for the various ethnic groups living in Assam like the Mishings, Karbis, Deoris, Tai Phakes and the Singphos to showcase

their tradition and culture. Vehicles shouldn't be allowed within the premises of these villages and use of modern amenities should be kept to a minimum, while tourists would be able to truly experience the surreal lifestyle of the tribal people of Assam. Homestay facilities should be provided, which can be a source of supplementary income for the families.

We can also focus on tea tourism which will acquaint the tourists with the process of preparing tea, right from the tea gardens to our teacups. Also, tea tasting tours can be organised where tourists get a chance to enjoy one of the best tea brands in the world.

Vaishnavite sites of historic importance such as the Dhekhalukhwa Namghar, which houses the longest burning oil lamp, and Athikheila Namghar should be included in the itinerary of tour packages. Crafts such as mask making should be patronised so that more and more people can know about them.

If one browses

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Things we take for granted!

The popular ad slogan – ‘Yeh dil maange more’ (the heart wants more) coined for Pepsi at JWT by Anuja Chauhan in 1998 literally defines the common behavioural instincts of the human species across the length and breadth of the blue planet. In many ways, we are programmed to yearn for more on every aspect of our lives. Perhaps the desire for more material comfort has pushed us to innovate and create fancy products that have marked the chequered journey of the human race, from once being cave dwellers to those who now explore deep space.

While we are engrossed in our pursuit for more of everything – wealth, longevity, social affiliation, happiness, etc., I believe that somehow we have taken for granted a lot of things around our ecosystem that contributes greatly to our well-being.

If we just look around our immediate environment and try to evaluate the contribution of Nature herself, we will have reasons to be in awe of every tree we see. In one year, an acre of mature trees can provide enough oxygen for 18 people. Trees absorb odours and pollutant gases (nitrogen oxides, ammonia, sulphur dioxide and ozone) and filter particulates out of the air by trapping them in their leaves and bark. Studies have shown that patients with views of trees from their windows heal faster and have fewer complications. Children with ADHD show fewer symptoms when they have access to nature. Exposure to trees and nature aids concentration by reducing mental fatigue. Experts also opine that neighbourhoods and homes that are barren have shown to have a greater incidence of violence in and out of the home than their greener counterparts. Trees and landscaping help reduce the level of fear.

Parents tend to get annoyed when they see their children creating havoc in the house, dirtying the living rooms, breaking stuff around when they prefer to play indoors with their friends, and one fine day, when the kids have to move out for higher education, the deafening silence of the empty rooms can become so terrifying for the parents. You end up losing your appetite and even avoid eating your food which were your kid's favourite. Life is indeed so funny. Nostalgia moistens the eyes and heart with memories of bygone days, days when we hardly had time to enjoy what we actually end up cherishing years down the line.

In our quest for acquiring more for us and our family, we end up missing the very joys of spending quality time with the family and relish each other's company despite the endless arguments and mood swings that we will encounter very often. Interestingly, when we reminisce over the proverbial good old times, the silly fights and arguments that we had with our dear ones actually brings in a cheer as we quietly smile over our own stupidities. It is but most natural for siblings to quarrel, for friends to fight, for couples to lock horns. Those who claim that they don't are either lying or are probably not human enough.

As kids we pestered our parents for whatever we desired. It is only when we grow up, we realise the struggle that our parents may have gone through to fulfil our wishes. It is but natural for kids to take for granted that their parents would go out of the way to make good things happen for their kids within the best of their abilities. Not that parents do things because they want anything in return, but it is the kids' turn; once they grow up, to return the favour by doing all they can to say 'thank you' to their old folks for their unconditional love and sacrifices.

Every morning, when we wake up and get on with our lives, we don't necessarily pause to take in account the contributions of the people around us, many of whom are almost invisible to us, like the old night watchman who has helped prevent possible theft. Yes, one can say that it is his duty to do so, but well, if he fails in his duty our life can become miserable! Likewise, so many people help us carry on with our individual journeys – people who want us to do well and don't bother even if we take them for granted!

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India's first bullet train project the 'Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail (MAHSR) corridor' will be launched during the visit of Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on September 12-14. Abe and Prime Minister Narendra Modi will jointly inaugurate the bullet train project with the laying of the foundation stone and a ground breaking ceremony. This is expected to take place in Ahmedabad or Gandhinagar. This Rs 1 lakh crore project involves the construction of a 505-km line using Japanese 'Shinkansen' technology. For this, Japan will provide a soft loan worth \$12 billion, at a cost of 0.1 per cent for a 50-year period including a 15-year moratorium. The Japanese government will be bearing 80 per cent of the total project cost and the increase in cost estimate has to be borne by both India and Japan.

In today's Master's Choice section, do try out a set of questions on 'Western Movies' compiled by Nairo Devi from Guwahati. Meanwhile, keep writing to us with quiz reports, questions (with answers and full postal address) and interesting bits of information at: Quizzone, Horizon, C/o The Assam Tribune, Maniran Dewan Road, Guwahati. SMS at: 98640-26322 and e-mail at: tosallen@gmail.com or quizzonesallen@gmail.com. To read Quizzone online, you can log on to exper.assamtribune.com.

MASTER'S CHOICE

1. Which 2005 film starring Anthony Hopkins is the story of New Zealander Burt Munro, who set the land speed world record at Utah's Bonneville Salt Flats in 1967?
2. Which animated film from the Walt Disney studios was a series of animated interpretations of classical music?
3. Name the film about a WWII American Army medic who becomes the first man in American history to receive the Medal of Honor without firing a shot.
4. In the 2016 film *Arrival*, who plays the role of the linguistics professor Louise Banks?
5. Starring Eddie Murphy, which film is about an extremely pampered African prince who travels to Queen's New York City?
6. *The Last Emperor* was a collaboration on film between Britain and which two other countries?

The nightmare

The bed creaked, waking me up with a start, There you sat on the edge of the bed, Face obscured in the darkness of the night, Moonlight seeping in through the windows, Revealing a hideous gaze and a sly smile.

Late last night, rocking on my arm chair, I felt a gentle push behind me, Cold sweat trickled down my face; I tugged at my collar feeling short of breath, The fan hardly did its job, rotating on its hinges.

Gitumita Lahkar,
Guwahati

Zenith

A glaze of yearning in their eyes, Fostered dreams to fly beyond the skies; Young minds crafted with imagination, Thoughts harmonising an undiscovered creation.

They have embarked on their journey, With heads held high and minds unsullied; Against the wind, into the storm, No stumbled step or rocky path, Can bring these warriors to a halt.

Their force is fierce, And thirst unquenched, With a zeal to learn and explore, And a zeal to bring a change, They march towards the zenith; There is no stopping this force.

Sampriti Rajkhowa,
Nagason

SCIENCE ZONE

Dr Dharmakanta Kumbhakar



A single fly can carry 6,500,000 bacteria
Pathogenic organisms, ova and cysts have been recovered from the bodies of common houseflies.

Housefly - the porter of diseases

Houseflies are the commonest and most familiar insects which live close to humans. They occur in abundance all the year round in India. The most important of these are – *Musca domestica*, *Musca vicina*, *Musca nebula*, and *Musca sorbens*.

Diseases spread by houseflies

Houseflies are potential vectors for transmission of many diseases to human beings, such as typhoid and paratyphoid fever, diarrhoea and dysentery, cholera, salmonellosis, gastroenteritis, amoebiasis, helminthic infestations, tuberculosis, poliomyelitis, enterovirus, viral hepatitis (A&E), conjunctivitis, anthrax, yaws, etc. **How do houseflies spread infections?** Houseflies are exceptionally efficient spreaders of microorganisms. The legs and body of a housefly are covered with numerous short and stiff hairs, called tenent hairs which secrete a sticky substance. They transport microorganisms through their feet, hairy legs and body. The fly covers itself with microorganisms while feeding on garbage. Adult flies delight in spumum, faeces, discharges from wounds and sores. A single fly can carry 6,500,000 bacteria. Pathogenic organisms, ova and cysts have been recovered from the bodies of common houseflies. Houseflies are therefore called 'porters of infection'. Microorganisms may be carried

in the digestive system of the housefly for as long as four weeks, and the microorganisms can be transmitted by succeeding generations.

The majority of house-frequenting flies are non-biting. It is attracted to foods by its sense of smell. It cannot eat solid foods; it transfers its food to liquid or semi-liquid by regurgitation of some formerly swallowed liquid, such as sewage and bacteria laden saliva on the food. The regurgitated stomach contents or 'vomit drop' is a rich bacterial culture. The liquefied food is then sucked up and part of the regurgitated liquid is left behind. By its habit of vomiting and defecating constantly, the housefly deposits countless bacteria on exposed food. The excrement of a housefly has been found to contain numerous micro-organisms as well as cysts and ova of intestinal parasites. It is a restless insect and moves back and forth between food and filth, which helps in spreading of infection mechanically.

How to control housefly population?

Controlling of fly population can be best achieved by making food inaccessible (covering food, water and other items; screening of houses, hospitals, fruit markets, restaurants and other such establishments); eliminating their breeding sites (fresh horse manure, human excreta, manure of other animals, garbage, decaying fruits and vegetables, rubbish dumps containing organic matter, ground where liquid wastes are

spilled, etc.); and to bring about an overall improvement in environmental sanitation on a community-wide basis. This, in effect, implies the following: (1) storing garbage, kitchen waste and other refuse in bins with tight lids, (2) efficient collection, removal and disposal of refuse by incineration, composting or sanitary landfill, (3) provision of sanitary latrine, (4) stopping open air defecation, (5) sanitary disposal of animal excreta, and (6) stepping up general sanitation.

A clean house with clean surroundings is the best answer to the fly problem. Houseflies should be regarded as a sign of insanitation, and their number an index of that sanitation. Houseflies first showed resistance to DDT in 1948. *Musca domestica* has developed resistance to other organo-chlorine compounds as well as organophosphorus and carbamate pesticides. Use of residual spray containing chemical insecticides such as five per cent methoxychlor, 0.5 per cent fenthion or 2.5 per cent chlordane; space spray containing pyrethrin; solid or liquid poison bait containing one or two per cent diazinon, malathion or ronnel; hanging of insecticide impregnated ribbons, cords and sticky fly papers in places where flies abound, and use of larvicides in housefly breeding places can reduce fly population. This, however, is not a substitute for sanitation.

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QUIZ ZONE

Sailen Baishya

Picture clue:

18. Identify this legendary singer from her childhood photo. (Adish Agarwalla, Moranhat)

**ANSWERS**

1. *The World's Fastest Indian*. 2. *Fantasia*. 3. *Hacksaw Ridge*. 4. Amy Adams. 5. *Coming to America*. 6. Italy and China. 7. Damien Chazelle. 8. United Artists. 9. *Treasure of the Sierra Madre*. 10. Anthony Hopkins and Jodie Foster. 11. Kirana Gharaana. 12. Amazon Spark. 13. Seat belt. 14. Old English. 15. Plato. 16. They are the creator of the Red Ribbon. 17. MS Swaminathan. 18. Lata Mangeshkar. 19. The soft drink brand Fanta. The name is derived from *fantasie*, meaning imagination in German.

7. Who was the director of the multi-award winning film *La La Land*? 8. Which film distributing company did Chaplin launch with DW Griffith, Douglas Fairbanks and Mary Pickford? 9. Which 1948 classic was described as 'Greed, gold and gunplay on a Mexican mountain of malice'? 10. Who were the first performers to win the Best Actor and Actress Oscars in the same film after Henry Fonda and Katharine Hepburn in 1981?

READERS' CHOICE

11. If Bharat Ratna Pandit Bhimsen Joshi belongs to the Kirana Gharaana, then which gharaana was late Gangubai Hangal from? (Amrit Jyoti Thakura, Guwahati)
12. Amazon has launched a stoppable feed of stories and images much like a social network for its Prime members in the US. What is it called? (Narjuma Begum, Tangla)
13. What did Swedish inventor Nils Bohlin invent for road safety in the early 20th century? (Priya Das, Digboi)
14. Which simple term, alternatively called Anglo-Saxon, refers to the English language which was used from the 5th century Germanic invasions, until its fusion with Norman-French around the 12th-13th centuries? (Bandana Das, Gauhati)
15. Name the eminent philosopher who opined that democracy is the third corruption of the ideal state? (Subrat Dutta, Tangla)
16. What is the contribution of an organisation called Visual AIDS, USA, in the area of AIDS awareness? (Chinmay Baroi, Dhemaji)
17. Who is known as the Father of the Green Revolution in India? (Chiranjeeba Dutta, Jorhat)

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

19. This innovative product, born out of shortages or embargoes during World War II, was invented in Germany. Whey and apple pomace were two of its key ingredients. Its branding was the result of a brainstorming session that started with the head of the company exhorting his team to "use their imagination". Name the product. (Dr Jayanta K. Sharma, Guwahati)

Unman Dutta

As a psychological consultant, parents often come to me and complain about online gaming behaviours in children and the time they consume in these activities. It is surprising to see that more and more children are becoming addicted to internet gaming. This has taken a toll on their academics, lifestyle and their social interactions.

Often internet gaming starts with the motive of fun and entertainment, and slowly more and more time is spent on it. Moreover, it is played to distract oneself from the things happening around oneself. Internet gaming is a waste for many children as well as adults to do away with social interaction, due to lack of self-esteem. Research has found that some adults and adolescents engage in online video games and play with players around the world in order to gain approval from people virtually and avoid social interaction with them. Moreover, some children start playing video games because the parents want them to play for some time, so that they can do the household chores, when he/she is busy in a virtual world of games.

It is really important to understand the few signs of the child to know if he/she is actually addicted to online video games:

- Your child's life will be surrounded by video games. He will talk about his games and how he played it and will keep planning about his next opportunity to play.
- Academic performance of your child will suffer.
- His hunger and hygiene will take a setback.
- He would lose interest in all other activities, including other hobbies, social interaction, etc. His friendships and familial relationships will suffer.
- Try stopping them from playing video games and they would show irritable behaviour, sad mood and aggressive tendencies.

To effectively manage the gaming behaviour in children, it is really important to have

some set boundaries fixed for both the child as well as the parents.

Never use it for your benefit: It is really important for the parents to understand that letting the child play video games and doing the household chores in peace will give you temporary happiness, and later this might turn into a distress for you when the child's video games become an addiction for him.

Start gradually: If your child is already addicted to online video games, gradually, start cutting down on the time spent playing video games. Each time you start limiting his/her game time, give something different for the child to engage in, such as an outing with family, outdoor play time with friends, etc.

Set a time: The time for online gaming should be set. The child must play in those times when the parents are available at home and that time period should be decided with the consent of the child as well.

State before gaming starts: Before the child starts playing a video game, the child must be informed about the timings of the game period.

Internet gaming and your child



Liaison psychiatry

Psychiatric and medical disorders coexist commonly. Consultation-liaison psychiatry looks into this aspect of patients who attend psychiatry and general healthcare systems. Compared to the West, such works are less in India. Vijay Niranjan and Bharat Udey carried out such a research at the Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi. Their research work, titled 'Clinical and demographic profile of in-patient psychiatry referrals in a multispecialty teaching hospital' has been published in the *Open Journal of Psychiatry & Allied Sciences* (www.ojas.com).

At this multispecialty hospital, psychiatric referrals were called from other departments; most frequently from the medicine department. Male and female patients represented 56 per cent and 44 per cent, respectively. Majority of the patients were 20 to 40 years old. Abnormal behaviour and suicidal/harm acts were the commonest reasons for seeking psychiatric referral. Psychiatric diagnoses include delirium, psychosis, mood disorder, depression, and substance-related disorders.

Contrary to the mind-body dualism concept, there is an urgent need to create awareness regarding the fact that the same individual can suffer from disorders of both. Mind and body are not separable. Instead of trying to approach them separately, we need to have a comprehensive approach in treating a suffering individual through a holistic approach.

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MIND MATTERS

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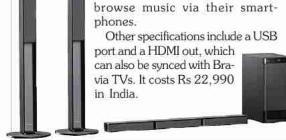
Sony launches HT-RT40 home theatre system

Sony has introduced its new home theatre system – the HT-RT40 – with a surround sound system. The premium home theatre system features 5.1 channel surround sound and has a power output of 600W.

The sound bar delivers sound through 'Tall boy' and rear speakers. A dedicated external subwoofer is also there that works with a 3-channel soundbar to deliver theatre-like surround sound, the company said.

Connectivity options include Bluetooth and NFC that would let users connect their devices for streaming music. The HT-RT40 also comes with Music Centre through which users can browse music via their smartphones.

Other specifications include a USB port and a HDMI out, which can also be synced with Bravia TVs. It costs Rs 22,990 in India.



Facebook to show less links to slow-loading websites

In the coming months, Facebook is updating its News Feed to show more weblinks that load faster and less stories which take time to open. Facebook executives said in a blog post that they had heard from people how frustrating it is to click on a link that leads to a slow-loading webpage.

"In fact, even more broadly on the Internet, we have found that when people have to wait for a site to load for too long, they abandon what they were clicking on all together. As many as 40 per cent of website visitors abandon a site after three seconds of delay," the blog post read.

Facebook will take into account the estimated load

time of a webpage that someone clicks to from any link in News Feed on the mobile app. "Factors such as a person's current network connection and the general speed of the corresponding webpage will be considered," the social media giant noted.

(IANS)

and other development is rapidly obliterating the tiger's home and destroying the corridors which are vital for continued connectivity.

Tiger reserves are protected by law, and any non-forest activity has to go through an environment regulatory process. The Union Government, concerned over the declining wildlife population, set up the Indian Board for Wildlife (IBWL) in 1952 as an advisory body chaired by the Prime Minister. It was renamed the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) in 2003. However, the board's recent decisions have gone against all efforts to save the tiger. The clearance to the Ken-Betwa river-linking project is feared to rapidly shrink living space for our national animal as it would drown 200 sq. km of tiger habitat. The NBWL also cleared the Kutku Mandal dam, which will submerge over 1,000 hectares of forests in Jharkhand's Palaman Tiger Reserve. Earlier, the board also cleared a project to assess the possibility of uranium mining in Amrabad tiger reserve, Telangana.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's inaugural address at the 3rd Asia Ministerial Conference on Tiger Conservation in Delhi on April 12, 2016 spelled hope for the tiger when he said, "Tiger conservation is not a drag on development." However, there is a stark difference between the feel-good speeches and reality.

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GDP and tiger numbers!

SEEDS OF CHANGE

Mubina Akhtar



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The tiger is slowly retreating to fragmented habitats isolated by expanding network of roads and railways, dams and canals, resorts, towns and factories and massive mining projects. India loses 333 acres of forest area every day to development projects that gorge on tiger landscapes. Industrial

Take it easy

Anirban Gupta

There are situations in our life that are extremely hard. We are just not able to dodge them, no matter how badly we wish for that divine intervention. It chases us like that rampaging dog at a corner of some abandoned street. We run to escape, with a feeling of extreme fear and curiosity. Now, fear is quite justifiable for our mind to indulge in, but curiosity – Yes, that too very naturally comes to our mind. We imagine how that dog trying to harm us might be loving the moment as much as we are hating it. In the long run, the dog may inflict injuries upon us or we may worsen our fate by letting the injuries dampen us – something that could have been avoided.

Similar is the case with some situations in life where entirely different kinds of repercussions await two different individuals. If a shopkeeper, rude by nature, unknowingly provokes customers then one out of two customers may return with an equal intensity of rudeness to satisfy his ego. This can at times add fuel to turn a situation out of control and spoil the day for both the individuals. A well-tempered, witty person will rather make a funny joke at that point of time when the shopkeeper has made a mistake in counting the dough or shows lack of knowledge of the product he is selling. This intelligent customer thereby scores

points over his opponent, and if he is able to exploit that unfavourable time efficiently, he can make that shopkeeper rectify his attitude towards him forever, if not towards all.

We hardly shout in anger if we are accidentally hurt while moving around at home or in the company of our near and dear ones. Strangely, though, we find it intolerable to see a similar mistake being done by a stranger that has unintentionally caused very little disturbance to us when out on the streets. Our gentleness evaporates from our persona. We have accepted certain norms of our behavioural pattern to fit into our attitude towards things and we hardly bother to introspect.

An old nanny at a certain kindergarten may conduct herself too rigidly with the innocent kids, which would sometimes result in enraging the parents who would then complain to the principal against her. She might be issued a warning. A woman in the same profession, if loving and caring by nature, will always be reciprocated with love by the kids whom she is supposed to look after in the kindergarten. In reality, it is mostly our attitude towards things and not the circumstances present before us that matters. We can always adopt a better attitudinal model to make the very moment beautiful, which could otherwise turn nasty if dealt with the wrong kind of attitude.

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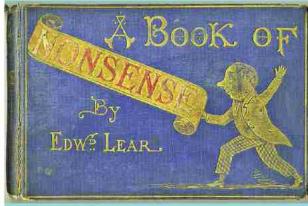


CONFISCATE

THE origin of the word lies in the Latin word 'confiscare', meaning 'to store in a chest or to take something for the public treasury'. The original meaning was to 'take someone's property for the public treasury as a punishment'. The more general use developed later to denote a person in authority taking some prohibited item away from someone – like confiscating animal skins, banned drugs or even merchandise produced in another country without valid papers.

WORDSPeak

The story behind words
Bibekananda Choudhury



LIMERICK

LIMERICK is a principal town of an Irish county of the same name located along the river Shannon in the west of the Irish province of Munster. It is now the third most populous city. Tradition has it that in some convivial gatherings it was the custom for each person to improvise a piece of nonsense verse. The audience would then follow every performance with a chorus containing the words, 'Will you come up to Limerick?' These humorous five-line poems of Limerick ultimately was christened 'limerick'. Its popularity was extended worldwide by Edward Lear in 1845 in his *A Book of Nonsense*.

There was an Old Man of Coblenz
The length of whose legs was immense
He went with one prance
From Turkey to France
That surprising Old Man of Coblenz.



The straight curve

A curve that sets all things straight – smile. One smile can make all the difference in the world. One smile has the power to release stress, calm you down, make you attractive, make someone else happy and believe it or not, smiling can actually cause happiness. This is why 'Smile at life' has become my personal motto.

● Release stress and calm down

Stress is hazardous to your health. When you let your stress levels continually increase without doing anything to prevent it, you will eventually breakdown. And when that happens, it will take you a long time to put yourself back together. However, a smile is the cheapest and fastest cure. When you feel stressed, just take a minute or two to breathe in and out and smile. There is always something to smile about in life. Always!

● Attractive

Whether you are a female or a male, a smile is all you need to complete your beauty. I have always believed that there is nothing more attractive than a man/woman with a smile. Besides, smiling also shows people that you are a positive person and easy to get along with.

● Be someone's sunshine

Fact: smiling is contagious. We all have our own battles to fight – each one of us. And sometimes all a person needs is a smile to reassure them that everything will be alright. The stranger you crossed paths with today, the girl who sits next to you in class – your smile could just make their day, by showing that you noticed and acknowledged them.

● Great social network

As mentioned above, a smile is the most welcoming gesture. Who knows what one smile can lead to? I have personally met a lot of amazing people using this method. Just one smile. That is all it takes.

● Happiness

It is only natural that we smile when we are happy and frown when we are sad or angry. But what if we tried to smile a lot more often? What would happen then?

A smile might seem like a simple act that we often take for granted. But a smile is a lot more than just a line that appears across our faces when we are happy. Keep these reasons in mind, and always remember to smile!

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WEST SIDE STORY

Calvin back with ex-flame

CALVIN Harris, who had enjoyed a seven-month romance with model Aarika Wolf back in 2015, before he dumped her to pursue his former flame Taylor Swift, appears to have now rekindled his relationship with Wolf two years later.

According to sources, things are 'getting serious' between the 33-year-old Scottish DJ and the model.

Alicia's 'love universe'

ALICIA Keys has wholeheartedly declared her love for rapper Swizz Beatz (real name: Kasseem Dean) in a post as they celebrated their seventh wedding anniversary on Tuesday.

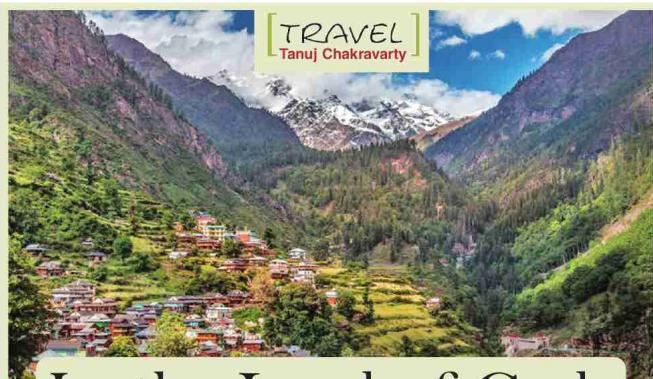
"We look at each other with the wonder of a child and I'm in awe of us everyday! I'm proud of the love we emanate and share with all we connect with and I can't wait for every day of the rest of our lives!!," the 36-year-old said.

Lorde's wise words

FOUR years after she became a household name following the release of her single *Royal*, Lorde, while recently talking about her latest album, *Melodrama*, spoke about being true to herself.

"The main thing is that you're the only one who has to go home and still be you and live with what you've done that day," the 20-year-old singer said.

AGENCIES



In the Land of Gods

Demonitisation had just hit the nation when I, along with three of my friends planned to visit the Land of Gods – Himachal Pradesh. After a long wait in the queue, we were able to withdraw some money and without delay booked our bus tickets from Delhi to Bhuntar for the same night.

As soon as I opened my eyes in the morning, I saw huge green mountains surrounding us. The bus stopped at a roadside *dhaba* and the moment I stepped down from the bus, I could breathe the clean and fresh air. A hot coffee in the *dhaba* was just perfect for that cold, windy weather.

Our journey continued through hills, rivers, small towns and villages. We reached Bhuntar at around 10 am from where we took a local bus to Kasol, which took us 90 minutes. The bus was filled with locals and a few Israelis who were singing Bollywood songs. The roads were narrow with sharp turns, so much so that one mistake by the driver could cost you your life.

After a bumpy ride, we reached our destination. Kasol is a small Himalayan town popularly known as the Israel of India, situated in Parvati Valley on

the banks of Parvati River. It serves as the gateway to all the other villages in Parvati Valley. Kasol is bestowed with all of nature's blessings. It is the perfect vacationing spot for people who practically want to do nothing. There is a German bakery run by a local – its apple crumble and carrot cakes are famous all across the valley. There are shops that sell handmade items, along with other hippie apparels. After having a filling brunch at Little Italy, a famous cafe in the town, we decided to go to the village to Tosh.

Tosh is a village far away from the urban glitters where the locals are so sweet that for once you might think of settling down there. Even the dogs are peaceful, friendly and happy to give you company while you trek to your destination. Tosh is also a real treat for photographers. It also has a few cafes and cheap homestays.

We trekked further uphill to our homestay-cum-cafe, which was about a kilometre from the main village, run by a local who had become our friend from the past visits. It was around 4.30 in the evening and the sun was starting to go down the valley when we reached the isolated cafe in the woods. But to our surprise, the cafe

was closed and no one seemed to be around. After a few failed attempts to contact the owner over the phone, one of us finally managed to get through him and he allowed us to stay at his place. This is one of the many examples which reveal the sweet and friendly nature of these people. It also meant that we owned a cafe for a night in Tosh. Our happiness knew no bounds and we quickly settled inside the cosy cafe and made it our home for the next few days, which were spent doing nothing but enjoying the little pleasures of life in the hills. We trekked through the hills, played cards, cooked our own food and most importantly connected with Mother Nature. The mesmerising beauty of the hills and the serenity of the place will fill your hearts with love and respect for nature and provide you with a sense of peace and tranquillity.

Like all good things come to an end, our trip too ended after four days and with a heavy heart we said our goodbye to Ishu Bhai, the owner of the cafe and his family, and also to the hills which surrounded us, but with a promise to return again, soon.
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DIRECTOR: MADHUR BHANDARKAR
STARS: KIRIT KULHARI, NEIL NITIN MUKESH, TOTA ROY CHOWDHURY, RASHMI JHA



Set during the period of Emergency in India (1975 to 1977), Madhur Bhandarkar's *Indu Sarkar* tries to give us a feel of the dissenting voices and the atrocities inflicted on the people during one of the darkest periods of Indian political history.

The story revolves around a timid, stammering girl named Indu Sarkar (Kirti Kulhari) who despite being in the crossroads of her family life takes up full-fledged activism against the violations resorted to by the then oppressive government.

Although the movie avoids identifying the central political characters like Indira Gandhi and her younger son Sanjay Gandhi by their real names, the portrayals of the key characters, although caricatured, gets the reference across.

Neil Nitin Mukesh's portrayal of Sanjay Gandhi remains unconvincing and his dialogue delivery is over the top. Kirti Kulhari, who plays the protagonist, looks consistent in different shades of the character, unlike the script which hardly offers anything novel.

The movie lacks the usual bold take of the director on issues that are considered touchy. Perhaps the movie's face off with the censor board may have cost the movie its jibe. However, the biggest catch is with the title of the movie – *Indu Sarkar* (read: Indira Government).

The movie, despite offering shades of novelty in treatment, tends to lose connect with the audience especially in the second half due to some loosely-knit shot sequences.

Kunal Kapoor, Amit Sadh and Mohit Marwah essaying the roles of the three INA officers facing court martial, exuded maturity and complimented the court room trial drama and so did Kishen Desai who plays Bhulabhai Desai. *Raag Desh* would be remembered for giving us the best Netaji on celluloid in Kenny Basumatary, who played it to perfection, despite limited space.
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Positive spin-offs!

The conference hall at Janata Sadan was jam-packed with lawmakers and leaders of the ruling party. The agenda was to deliberate on the floods which is creating havoc in the State. Chief Minister Lokananda flanked by Hemen Vishwakarma conducted the meeting. Speaker after speaker vented their ire at the incompetence of the authorities in tackling floods and the devastation unleashed by it every year with monotonous regularity. Some even suggested that as the numerous government departments entrusted with the task to control floods have failed miserably they should be disbanded immediately.

Finally it was the turn of Hemen Vishwakarma to put forward the government's views on what should be done. He started by saying, "It is not as you all think. We too are concerned about floods. For the last so many years I have been busy trying to devise a perfect strategy to combat floods. Even when I was an influential minister of the previous government, I along with Ever Smiling Gogoi have conducted study tours, formed a number of working committees, and went on foreign trips to get the perfect answer to the problem. And let me tell you all that the recurrent failures have not deterred me. I am confident that our efforts will definitely not go in vain."

"Your grievances against the government are justified. For a change, instead of considering floods as a never ending problem, why not appreciate its positive spin-offs. As we had realised its beneficial aspect, the very name of the flood control department has been changed long back to 'flood resources department'. Let me tell you all that floods cannot be controlled and should not be controlled. The resource generating potential of the State floods is simply immense."

"First, let us consider the employment front. Due to the recurrent floods, the State has a number of departments and offices which are providing gainful employment to so many. With the flood fury on the upswing, there is ample scope to open more such offices."



REVERSE SWEEP

Manish Goswami

"Floods have also gone a long way in developing the spirit of entrepreneurship and honing the business acumen of the youths of the region. Right from pushing vehicles from the water logged streets in the city to construction and repair of embankments, floods offer a host of business opportunities. Of course, floods also help in enriching our coffers along with the bureaucrats and contractors associated with combating floods."

"Just imagine the Central aid we get every year to tackle floods. If we manage to tackle floods, the funds which we get will definitely dry up too."

"Floods have all along been an important issue for us and we have extracted the maximum mileage out of it. The issue of floods helps us arouse the emotions of the people during the time of elections. And haven't you all noticed how floods give us an opportunity to share the woes of the common people in our constituencies, which otherwise would not have been possible? Standing in arid deep water or through aerial survey, we do get the feel of what it is like to be in neck-deep water."

"Isn't it amazing that during the floods, in presence of the media, we have been assuring the hapless victims that very soon a solution will be found and their watery woes would end? This ritual has been going on for donkey's years."

"For a change, instead of trying to combat it, why not promote the floods? We can easily market the tourism potential of the annual floods."

Lokananda, who till now was maintaining a stoic silence asked, "Hemen, what do you mean by the tourism potential of floods?"

"Well Sir, as we can't just solve the flood problem, why not make it another festival by organising *Namami Floods*!"

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