

NEWS CAPSULE

State ad scam

GUWAHATI, Aug 22: Probing the advertisement scam associated with the Vision Assam Mission Assam' project, the CM's Special Vigilance Cell has started verification of the hoardings put up under the project. — Staff Reporter

House session

GUWAHATI, Aug 22: The State Assembly session will begin on September 4 and conclude on September 12. September 9 and 10 will be holidays, an official release said. — Staff Reporter

JK encounter

SRINAGAR, Aug 22: A militant was killed today in an encounter with security forces in Handwara area of north Kashmir's Kupwara district, an official said, adding the operation was still in progress. — PTI

Ultra nabbed

SONARI, Aug 22: One NSCN(OR) extremist — Kajit Rokha (Konyak) was today caught by the Government Railway Police and local public near Bhijon railway station. A pistol was recovered from him. — ANNS Service

Death in pit

JORHAT, Aug 22: A six-year-old boy — Hafizul Ali from Jorhat Model TE, Nazira in Sonapur district, today died after falling into a pit dug to install a mobile phone tower in the area. — Staff Correspondent

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Muslim women celebrating after the Supreme Court verdict on triple talaq in Lucknow on Tuesday. — UNI

SC strikes down 'triple talaq'

A five-judge Constitution bench by a majority of 3:2 delivered the order

NEW DELHI, Aug 22: In a landmark verdict, the Supreme Court today put the curtains down on a 1,400-year-old practice of 'triple talaq' among Muslims and set it aside on several grounds including that it was against the basic tenets of the Holy Quran and violated the Islamic law Shariat.

A five-judge Constitution bench, by a majority of 3:2 in which the Chief Justice JS Khehar was in minority, said in a one line order: "In view of the different opinions recorded by a majority of 3:2, the practice of *talaq-e-biddat* or triple talaq is set aside."

The three separate judgments totalling 395 pages, written for the majority by Justices Kurian Joseph and RF Nariman, did not concur with the minority view of the CJI and Justice SA Nazeer that 'triple talaq' was a part of reli-

gious practice and the government should step in and come out with a law.

The three judges, Justices Joseph, Nariman and UU Lalit, expressly disagreed with the CJI and Justice Nazeer on the key issue whether triple talaq was fundamental to Islam.

The verdict was immediately welcomed by the government, political parties, activists and the petitioners,

with Prime Minister Narendra Modi hailing it as "historic" and saying it has granted equality to Muslim women.

Legal luminary Soli Sorabji said: "It is a progressive judgement which has protected the rights of the women and now no Muslim man can divorce his wife through this method."

With triple talaq being set aside, now Sunni Muslims, among whom triple talaq was prevalent, will not be able to take recourse to this mode as it would be "void ab initio".

They are now left with two other modes of securing divorce — *talaq hasan* and *talaq ahsan* after the apex court today set aside the *talaq-e-biddat* or triple talaq.

Writing the majority judgement, Justice Joseph said: "I find it extremely difficult to agree with the CJI that the

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practice of triple talaq has to be considered integral to religious denomination in question and that the same is part of their personal law." This view was shared by Justices Nariman and Lalit who were part of the majority.

Referring to the Quran, Justice Joseph said, "They are clear and unambiguous as far as talaq is concerned. The Holy Quran has attributed sanctity and permanence to matrimony."

"However, in extremely unavoidable situations, talaq is permissible. But an attempt for reconciliation, if it succeeds, then revocation, are the Quranic essential steps before talaq attains finality.

"In triple talaq, this door is closed. Hence, triple talaq is against the basic tenets of the Holy Quran and consequently, it violates Shariat."

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Sonowal urges Prabhu to restore rail links soon

SPL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI, Aug 22: Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today urged Union Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu to restore train services with the northeastern region on a war footing.

The Chief Minister's action came after reports in the media which quoted railway officials as saying that the rail services to the Northeast are likely to be restored towards the month-end. Sonowal called Prabhu over phone this morning and drew his attention of the harrowing time the rail passengers, particularly from the Northeast, have been going through following disruption of rail link in the Katihar division of the Northeast Frontier Railway and requested him to restore the train services on a war footing.

The Chief Minister also apprised the Railways Minister of the impending shortfall of essential commodities that the region might experience following prolonged disruption of rail traffic — both passenger and goods trains — and sought his intervention for early restoration of the damaged portion of the tracks

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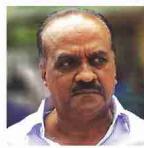
Bhagya Kalita acquitted of all charges

Karabi-Dubori murder case

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 22: After exactly 22 years and 22 days of the sensational Karabi-Dubori murder case, the Court of District and Sessions Judge, Kamrup (Metro) today acquitted businessman Bhagya Kalita and his driver Fatruddin Ali of all charges due to lack of evidence.

The court before pronouncing the judgement maintained that the prosecution could not come up with evidence against the accused duo. unidentified miscreants shot dead Karabi Das and her minor daughter Dubori Das at their residence at Ambari



The country's premier investigating agency, which registered the case on November 6, 1995, filed the chargesheet on October 7, 1998 naming Bhagya Kalita, Fatruddin Ali and Bhupen Medhi as accused. The trial began the very next year. Medhi, ever since the murder, could not be traced.

Recording of evidence began in July 31, 1995 creating a huge public outcry. Although initially a case was registered with the Latsali police station, the case was later handed over to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) following the intervention of the Gauhati High Court.

Flood situation improves further

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 22: Further improvement in the overall flood situation of the State has been reported today with the number of villages still under floodwaters coming down to 1,008 under 33 revenue circles of 12 districts, and the water levels of most of the rivers receding.

However, the Brahmaputra is still flowing above the danger level at Neamatiaghata and Dhurbi. Its tributaries Dhangiri (South) and Kopili are also flowing above their respective danger levels at Numaligarh and Dhamtar respectively.

According to the flood bulletin of the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) here this evening, 11,01,546 people are still facing the direct impact of the flood, 31,519 of them still taking shelter in 94 relief camps in the districts of Lakhimpur, Barpeta, Cachar, Kokrajhar, Dhubri, Goalpara, Morigaon, Nagaon and Golaghat. However, there is no fresh report today of flood-related loss of human life.

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MLAs loyal to Dhinakaran revolt against CM

CHENNAI, Aug 22: Unhappy over the merger with O Panneerselvam faction, MLAs loyal to sidelined AIADMK leaders Sasikala and the Governor told the Governor that they no longer had confidence in Chief Minister K Palaniswami, prompting the Opposition DMK to demand a trust vote.

"We are going to initiate efforts to bring in a new Chief Minister with the help of our supporting MLAs," Dhinakaran, a former supporter and Andippatti MLA Thanga Tamil Selvan

told reporters following a meeting with Governor Ch Vidyasagar Rao, a day after the patch-up between the camps led by Palaniswami and rebel leader Pannirselvam.

The Dhinakaran camp had yesterday claimed the support of 25 AIADMK MLAs.

Raj Bhavan sources confirmed that the meeting took place this morning, but did not divulge details, including the number of members in the delegation and the nature of their interaction with Rao.

"We have informed the Governor that we don't have confidence in the Chief Minister," Selvan said after the MLAs owing allegiance to

an's RK Nagar constituency is still vacant. The DMK has 89 seats followed by its allies Congress eight and IUML one seat.

Seeking to capitalise on the

of the Palaniswami government facing a trust vote, Selvan said that was "our intention". Our intention is that there should be a trust vote. So after that a new Chief Minister will be in place," he claimed.

MLAs supporting Dhinakaran have been on a warpath against Palaniswami, questioning the merger of the Anna faction led by him and Pannirselvam's Puratchi Thalaivi Anna faction yesterday.

Selvan criticised Palaniswami for aligning with Panneerselvam,

who had been critical of the government till very recently.

"The 122 (AIADMK) MLAs

had made Palaniswami Chief

Minister because Chinammma

(Sasikala) asked us to do so.

Panneerselvam had voted

against the government (in the

February 18 trust vote).

"He (Pannirselvam) wanted to split the party and topple the government. Yet (Palaniswami) gave the Deputy Chief Minister's post to him. What is the need for that now?" Selvan asked. - PTI

DMK demands trust vote

Dhinakaran, nephew of jailed AIADMK general secretary VK Sasikala, met Rao.

Of the 234-member Assembly, the AIADMK has 134 MLAs excluding the Speaker. Late Chief Minister Jayalalitha-

developments, principal opposition DMK shot off a letter to the Governor asking him to convene the Assembly and dismiss Palaniswami to prove his majority in the House.

Asked about the possibility



A Sikh man with his eyes covered by a cloth breaks watermelons closely placed around a performer as they practise Gatka, a traditional form of martial art, during celebrations to mark the 413th anniversary of the installation of the Guru Granth Sahib, the religious book of Sikhs, in Amritsar on Tuesday. - UNI

Shahabuddin charge-sheeted in journalist murder case

MUZAFFARPUR, Aug 22: Former RID MP Mohammad Shahabuddin was today charged by the CBI in a special court here for the offences of murder and criminal conspiracy in the killing of journalist Rajdeep Ranjan in May last year.

Sunil Singh Rawat, the investigating officer of the case, and public prosecutor Deep Narayan submitted the charge-sheet against Shahabuddin, a four-time MP from Siwan, and six others before CBI Judge Anupam Kumar.

Defence lawyer Sharad Sinha said that the other accused against whom the agency has filed the charge-sheet are Azamuddin Beig alias Laddan Mian, Rishi Kumar Jaiswal, Rohit Kumar, Soni Vijay Kumar Gupta, Ranjeet Kumar and Sonu Kumar Gupta. - PTI

Flag marches held in Punjab, Haryana

CHANDIGARH, Aug 22: Security forces today conducted flag marches in many parts of Haryana and Punjab in the wake of upcoming court verdict in the sexual exploitation case against Sirsa-based Dera Sacha Sauda chief Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh.

Senior administrative officials reviewed the security arrangements in the two States, officials said. Along with paramilitary forces, the CRPF and Rapid Action Force, SSB held the flag marches.

Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh warned against any attempt to disrupt the State's law and order in view of the upcoming judgement by Panchkula court on August 25.

"All steps were being taken to ensure that law and order is not disturbed in any way in the wake of the court orders," the Chief Minister said. Appealing all to maintain peace, Amarinder said that people should accept the court judgement. - PTI

Bengal govt invites GNLF for talks on Darjeeling on August 29

KOLKATA, Aug 22: Extending an olive branch, the West Bengal government today invited the GNLF for talks on August 29 on the Darjeeling stalemate, but snubbed agitation spearhead Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM).

"I received a letter from the Gorkha National Liberation Front (GNLF) last night and within 24 hours we have responded. Doors for a dialogue have to be always kept open," Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee told a press conference at the State Secretariat after returning from a tour to flood-affected areas of north Bengal.

She said that the State government accepted the proposal of the GNLF to hold dialogue as a "good and constructive gesture". Banerjee said, "Major political parties and develop-

(GMCC), for a dialogue and fixed August 29 for the discussion at the State Secretariat. But she made no mention of agitation spearhead Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM).

Mixed with the West Bengal government for responding to GNLF's appeal for talks, GMCC convener and GJM vice president Kalyan Dewan said a GJM till now had expressed its willingness for a dialogue can only be successful if the main stakeholders of the Gorkhaland movement are invited for talks. "Responding to GNLF's appeal is nothing but an effort to undermine the GJM and GMCC," Dewan said.

Describing the request of the GNLF to hold dialogue as a "good and constructive gesture", Banerjee said, "Major political parties and develop-

ment boards, which have been involved in development work in the hills, will be invited for the meeting."

The Chief Minister said, "The State government is for development and always open to hold talks to restore peace in the hills." Banerjee said only the GNLF till now had expressed its willingness for a dialogue can only be successful if the main stakeholders of the Gorkhaland movement are invited for talks.

"The agitation completed its 69th day today."

"A stalemate is continuing in the hills. Any other major political party apart from the GNLF, which is in favour of peace and willing to participate in talks, is welcome. My government is always ready for talks," she said.

Recalling that meetings were earlier held to initiate a dialogue, Banerjee said, "I had held a meeting with the chairman of different (development) boards." She said, later, State Chief Secretary Maloy Kumar Deyal also held a meeting but not all representatives of various parties participated in it.

Banerjee said there would be discussion on the destruction and vandalism which affected normal life and tourism.

"The police and general public have shown restraint. A few people have lost their lives in the current unrest. Many government and private properties in the hills were destroyed during this period. There will be discussions on them also," she said. - PTI

Aadhaar to be must for open school exams

NEW DELHI, Aug 22: Aadhaar will now be mandatory for those appearing for open school exams to ensure there are no proxy candidates appearing on others' behalf.

Following approval from the HRD Ministry, the National Institute of Open Learning has decided to make Aadhaar mandatory for candidates appearing for the next examination. "During the exams held in March, the inspection teams had found proxy candidates who were appearing on other students' behalf. To check this practice, Aadhaar has been made mandatory. - PTI

Flood scene remains alarming in UP

LUCKNOW, Aug 22: The flood situation in Uttar Pradesh today remained alarming with reports of 10 more deaths, taking the toll to 82 in the current wave of floods in the State.

The death toll in the floods has reached 82 in the State, where 2,855 villages in 25 districts are inundated affecting a population of over 22 lakh.

The Relief Commissioner's office said here citing a report compiled till yesterday.

It said that around 50,000 people have taken shelter in relief camps in the affected districts of eastern UP where there was no let-up in flood fury as raging waters of the river Ganga were on the rise.

On the other hand, the inspection team

caused havoc in vast swathes of human habitation.

Reports reaching here said that Army choppers, NDRF and PAC (flood) jawans continued relief-and-rescue operations round the clock in the severely hit areas of the flood-affected districts of the State.

Release of water in the rivers emanating from Nepal and incessant rains impeded rescue work and evacuation of people to safer areas, they said. 26 companies of NDRF, 30 companies of PAC (flood) and several columns of the Indian Air Force (IAF) and several columns of the Army personnel were working round the clock to save lives and prop-

erties in the affected areas.

Central Water Commission report

here said that the Sharda was flowing above the red mark at Palia Kalan and near the danger mark at Sharadnagar, while Ghaghara was flowing above the red mark at Elgin Bridge, Ayodhya and Turtipar (Ballia).

River Rapti was also flowing well above the red mark at Rigituli and Birdhat (Gorakhpur), while Budhi Rapti was above the danger level at Kakrakh (Siddhartha Nagar), rivers Rohen and Quane were flowing above danger mark at Trimohini (Maharajganj) and Chandradeep Ghat (Gonda), it said. - PTI

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Rebel JD(U) leaders to call national meet, stake claim

NEW DELHI, Aug 22: Rebel JD(U) leaders, led by Sharad Yadav, will call a "national council" meeting and approach the Election Commission to stake claim as the "real" party. Arun Shrivastava, a close aide of Yadav, said today.

His announcement came days after Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar-led faction called a national council meeting of the party, which was attended by all MLAs as well as all but three members of Parliament, in Patna. It endorsed Kumar's decision to ally with the BJP and accepted the invitation to join the NDA.

"We will call a meeting of national council. Many leaders and State units are with us. We will approach the EC as we are the real party," he claimed.

He was referring to late

70s and early 80s when Yadav was among the better known socialist leaders at the national level.

Yadav had never attacked Kumar by name and the Bihar Chief Minister should also have maintained this decorum, he said.

Shrivastava also alleged that the claims of JD(U) leaders that over 95 per cent of the office-bearers were with Kumar were wrong.

The Kumar-led JD(U) faction has insisted that there is no split in the party as an overwhelming majority of party's office-bearers in States and at the national level were with him. It has maintained that the decision of one or two leaders to leave the party cannot be called a split.

The Yadav faction had hosted

a parallel meeting in Patna on the day of national council meeting but almost all senior leaders had skipped it. - PTI

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**WEATHER
GUWAHATI**

LOCAL FORECAST:
Partly cloudy sky becoming generally hazy. Rain & thunderstorms likely to occur in some areas.
Maximum temperature is most likely to be 35°C on Wednesday.

TEMPERATURE:
Max 36.0°C
Min 26.5°C

RG Baruah College
students, teachers
to donate money
for flood-affected

GUWAHATI, Aug 22: The teachers and students of the RG Baruah College have decided to cancel the cultural function of the fresher's social of the college and to donate the money earmarked for the function to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund for the benefit of the flood-hit people of the State.

The function is scheduled to be held on September 1 and now the students' union has decided to hold only the meeting and donate Rs 25,000 earmarked for the cultural programme to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

Meanwhile, the teachers and students of the college yesterday visited two flood-affected villages in Morigaon district and distributed relief materials among around 140 families. The Principal, teachers and other staff of the college contributed the money required for procuring the relief materials.

- Staff Reporter

Pensioners' meet

GUWAHATI, Aug 22: The monthly meeting of SBI Pensioners' Association, NE Circle, Guwahati, will be held on August 26 at State Bank Learning Centre here from 11 am. The general secretary has requested all the members to attend the meeting, a release stated.

Strike hits bank operations

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 22: Banking operations were severely hit today in Assam and other states of the northeast region as employees and officers of nationalised banks participated in a day-long country-wide strike to protest the government's proposed 'consolidation' move and other decisions.

The strike call was given by all unions under the aegis of the United Forum of Bank Unions (UFBU) opposing the 'anti-peoples' banking reforms, writing off of corporate NPA and increase in different service charges.

Besides clearing and processing of cheques, ATM operations were also hit in the State as they were not replenished during the day.

Demonstrations were held at the regional and zonal offices of the banks. The protesters also staged picketing to prevent officials from joining work.

"The strike was 100 per



Activists of the United Forum of Bank Unions during the daylong nationwide strike in front of the SBI local head office, in Guwahati on Tuesday - AT photo

cent successful in Assam and other parts of the Northeast. Officers of all nationalized banks along with regional rural banks, IDBI, Federal Bank, South Indian Bank joined the strike," a bank official said.

"We have been observing that the burden of the corporate NPA is put on the shoulders of the common people in the form of hike in fees, charges and penalties for all types of banking services. UFBU

also demands immediate implementation of the parliamentary committee recommendation on recovery of NPA and adequate recruitment in banks," the striking staff said.

NFR inspection drive in catering units

Over 340 unauthorised vendors apprehended

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 22: Over 340 unauthorised vendors were apprehended during a just-concluded three-week-long inspection drive of catering units launched by Maligaon-headquartered Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR).

The drive was conducted across the zone jointly by officials from commercial, mechanical and electrical departments of NFR. Railway magistrates, along with RPF and GRP personnel, also participated in the drive.

"Altogether 342 unauthorised vendors were apprehended and of them 207 were sent to judicial

car services were checked. Seven base kitchens were inspected and three of them, located at Kathiabari, New Cochhebari and Dibrugarh, were upgraded, while one at Guwahati was closed down due to poor infrastructure. In addition, 28 refreshment rooms were checked and inspected and the deficiencies in them addressed," said an official.

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"Altogether 342 unauthorised vendors were apprehended and of them 207 were sent to judicial

custody," said the official. Fines worth over Rs 10 lakh were realised from vendors and units that were found to have flouted norms.

"Catering service of trains like Jansatshadbi and Purvottar Sampark Kranti Express will be handed over shortly to the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC). Divisions have been instructed to ensure cleanliness, sanitisation and rectification of any electrical or mechanical deficiencies in pantry cars. Field units have been instructed to continuously monitor catering service in real time basis," said an official.

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APCC slams Minister

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 22: The Assam Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC) today criticised State Water Resources Minister Keshab Das

alleging that the latter is trying to cover up the poor work quality of the contractors responsible for constructing embankments.

"The minister cannot shy away from his responsibility and instead of blacklisting the contractors (firms), he is terming the breach of embankments as a conspiracy, which is unfortunate," APCC spokesperson Imdad Hussain stated in a press release today.

"The Minister has utterly failed to do the repair work in time. And instead of criticising the Opposition, he should concentrate in making strong and scientifically designed embankments," Hussain added.

In an order issued by Dr M Angamuthu, District Magistrate of Kamrup Metro, certain specified areas have been put under this category to regulate the entry of unauthorised persons into the areas specified.

The areas are the GS

Road starting from the Ganeshguri Flyover up to Super Market Police Point,

Areas around Secretariat, Assembly to be 'protected'

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 22: In view of the forthcoming session of the Assam Legislative Assembly, the administration has declared areas around the Legislative Assembly and the State Secretariat as 'Protected Area' with effect from August 30 and till further orders.

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servants of the Assam Secretariat and other offices, only persons having permission of the District Magistrate or any officer duly authorised by him on his behalf or the Commissioner of Police, Guwahati, or Secretary, Assam Legislative Assembly, or an officer duly authorised by him would be allowed to enter the specified areas till further notice.

Temporary jails'

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 22: In view of the ensuing Session of the Assam Legislative Assembly, scheduled to start from September 4, the Kamrup Metro district administration today declared a few places as "temporary jails" with immediate effect.

The places are Basistha police station, ASEB (Stores) Complex at Kaliapur, Sonaram HS school playground at Bharumukh and the Bhetaapara Hockey Stadium.

PABINDRA NATH SARMA AND KUNJABALA DEVI MEMORIAL AWARDS

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

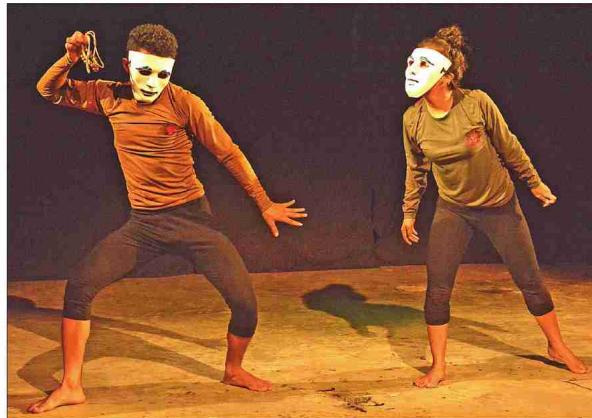
- (a) **Pabindra Nath Sarma Memorial Award:** For investigative journalism on Human Rights
 - (b) **Kunjabala Devi Memorial Award:** For investigative journalism on Women's Issue
- The awards instituted in memory of late Pabindra Nath Sarma, freedom fighter and lawyer, and his wife Kunjabala Devi, carry a cash prize of Rs. 30,000 (Rupees thirty thousand only) and a citation each.

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

The terms and conditions are as follows:

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

Convenor
Pabindra Nath Sarma & Kunjabala Devi Memorial Award Committee
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A scene from the play Etheror Irika, directed by Mrinal Jyoti Goswami, at the Seagull Studio Theatre in Guwahati on Tuesday - UB Photos

Dolphins fast losing habitat in Brahmaputra

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 22: The Brahmaputra and its adjoining flood-plains lake holds hundreds of species of macro-invertebrates, hereto-fauna and avian fauna, and the most fascinating fauna of the mighty river is the endangered Ganges dolphin (*Platanista gangetica gangetica*). Only a few pockets are now left in the Brahmaputra which may be the last habitat for this national aquatic animal. This was observed by Prof SP Biswas, Head of Department of Life Sciences, Dibrugarh University.

Prof Biswas was delivering the Dr Robin Banerjee Memorial Lecture organised recently by the Kaziranga Wildlife Society in Guwahati.

Delivering the lecture on 'Threats and Conservation of Aquatic Fauna of the Region', Prof

Biswas said that siltation of the riverbed and widening of the river is a common scenario in almost the entire stretch of the Brahmaputra.

Further, he added, the erratic nature of water discharge, high rates of erosion and siltation, and habitat destruction are having negative impacts on commercial fishery and on the mega-fauna like giant cat fishes, feather-back, mackerel and turtles.

"Their numbers are dwindling sharply in the upper stretches. The Ganges dolphin is the hardest hit among the aquatic fauna," he said. "It is important to gather knowledge on the present status of wild-

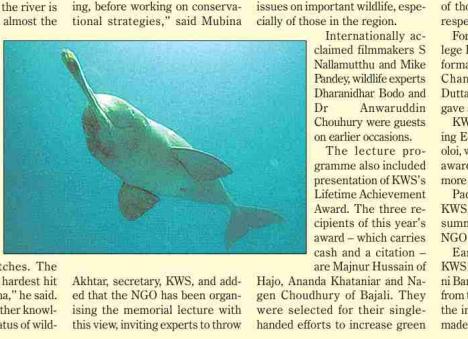
life and the threats they are facing, before working on conservation strategies," said Mubina

Akhtar, secretary, KWS, and added that the NGO has been organising the memorial lecture with this view, inviting experts to throw

light on some of the most urgent issues on important wildlife, especially those in the region.

Internationally acclaimed filmmakers S Nallathambi and Mike Pandey, wildlife experts Dharindhar Bodo and Dr Anwaruddin Choudhury were guests on earlier occasions.

The lecture programme also included presentation of KWS's Lifetime Achievement Award. The three recipients of this year's award - which carries cash and a citation - are Majnur Hussain of Hajo, Ananda Khatanai and Naren Choudhury of Bajali. They were selected for their single-handed efforts to increase green



cover by planting and taking care of thousands of saplings in their respective areas.

Former Principal of Cotton College Dr Anil Goswami, retired Information Commissioner Mohan Chandra Malakar and Indrajit Dutta, former president of KWS, gave away the awards.

KWS vice-president and Managing Editor of DY365 Pranay Bordoloi, while lauding the efforts of the awardees, said the State needs more such efforts at the grassroot level.

Padma Shri recipient KWS, who chaired the meeting, summarised the journey of the NGO founded in 1969.

Earlier, former presidents of KWS Ramani Kanta Deba and Abani Baruah reminisced about events from the life of Robin Banerjee and the immense contribution he had made in the field of conservation.

MESSAGE FOR TODAY

Never let the fear of failure be an excuse for not trying.

- AMBER DECKERS

The Assam Tribune

Convoluted plot

Unlike Tamil films, which have relatively simplistic plots, the political scenario in Tamil Nadu is somewhat convoluted. Not only had the passing away of J Jayalalithaa, popularly known as Amma or mother, at Chennai in June last year marked the end of an era, it also created the huge vacuum responsible for the twists and turns in the political drama which ensued. Jayalalithaa during her prolonged tenure at the head of the party had kept a tight leash on the AIADMK, not allowing anyone to even remotely become a rival. When she was dispatched to jail on a bribery charge, she had placed her trusted aide O Panneerselvam in the CM's chair, but did not officially name anyone to succeed her in case she died. This led to a tussle for supremacy within the party after her demise and, though O Panneerselvam was elected the leader of the party, he was soon ousted by VK Sasikala, close confidante of Jayalalithaa. The AIADMK split into two factions with Sasikala commanding a majority of party MLAs; but, as destiny would have it, before she couldoint herself as the CM, she herself was sent to jail on corruption charges! Ironically, it was now her turn to nominate a surrogate to rule in her place, this being K Palaniswami who was made the CM while her nephew Dinakaran was appointed AIADMK general secretary.

Now, Tamil Nadu politics since then having taken many more twists and turns, the two AIADMK factions, which have been engaged in a fight over the party symbol, have all of a sudden decided to bury the hatchet and reunite. However, it was Palaniswami, rather than Dinakaran, who surreptitiously decided to make common cause with Panneerselvam, accepting the latter's demand that both Sasikala and Dinakaran be removed from the party, which is likely to transpire in the future. Apparently, Sasikala could not control the turn of events from behind bars, though no one quite knows what she is capable of after her release. Unfortunately for the united factions, their combined MLA strength is only 116 in the 234 member Assembly – with Dinakaran still commanding the 'loyalty' of 18 MLAs, the Sasikala camp can muddy the waters. It may be noted that the traditional opponent of the AIADMK, the DMK, has 89 MLAs and is also capable of taking advantage of the fluid situation. The primary hope of the AIADMK combine rests, paradoxically, with the BJP at the Centre; it is no secret that the master strategists in the NDA have been behind the developments in Tamil Nadu and are working indefatigably to ensure that the latest combination lasts till the coming elections. The BJP has been looking for a window of opportunity to make its presence felt in the State and might have just been provided one.

Agri concerns

Agriculture is one area that has borne the brunt of the recent flood-induced devastations in the State. Vast stretches of cropland have been inundated by the floodwaters, and as per official estimates the State will witness a deficit rice yield to the tune of six lakh MTs. This is not surprising given that the floods have affected 1.73 lakh hectares of *Sali* paddy land, while the total cropland affected is 3.08 lakh hectares. As many as 6.29 lakh farmer families in 4,717 villages have been hit by the floods. All this presents a grim picture of the State's agricultural scenario. The immediate damage in terms of crop loss apart, the situation has ramifications that are long term and debilitating for the tillers. The recurring devastating floods are impacting the livelihoods of the farmers. Large swathes of farmland today lie buried under deep layers of sand, rendering those unsuitable for future use. This means that even if there were to be no floods next year, the farmers will not be in a position to raise crop on those plots. This is a matter needing urgent intervention of the Government. Sadly, despite the fact that this disturbing phenomenon has been conspicuous for over a decade now, little intervention has gone towards addressing it. Compensating the loss of the farmers is another area where the Government is failing. It is baffling that few farmers in the State are covered by crop insurance despite the fact that natural calamities, floods in particular, have been wreaking havoc on cultivation year after year.

In spite of being endowed with favourable geo-climatic conditions, the State's agriculture sector is nowhere near realizing its potential. This is actually a poor reflection on the governance the people are getting. On paper, interventions are showed to have been made and substantial funds spent, but the desired impact has been far from visible. Apparently, the small and marginal tillers that constitute the bulk of the farming community continue to be distanced from the interventions, including the much-needed technological upgrade. Consequently, the growth rate of agriculture still remains well below national average, let alone competing with other agriculturally-advanced States. While the vagaries of nature like recurring and un-seasonal floods and dry spells continue to be a bane for agriculture, the technological interventions have not percolated down to the grassroots where agriculture continue to be a primordial engagement. There is a definite need to bring the fruits of scientific research to the marginalized farming community. They require all the expertise related to crop production, management, post-harvest technologies and value-addition, storage, market linkage and institutional finance. Unless these issues are addressed, poor remuneration for the toiling farmers will continue to be the reality. Shrinking of agricultural land due to erosion and change in land use patterns – particularly transfer of farmland for residential, industrial and commercial purposes – have also hit the sector hard.

GST: the spaghetti tangle of taxes

■ Samipya Mahanta, Ayan Borkotoky

GST as it has presented itself pretends to be a messiah of tax neutrality across the country. It is one indirect tax for the whole nation, which will make India (including the north-eastern regions) one unified common market. GST is a consumption-based tax. This establishes a directly proportional relationship between consumption and revenue collection in a State. The incidence of double taxation will be removed and there will be no cascading effect of multiple levies. GST is going to affect each and every one of us and so the pertinent question arises whether this is going to affect us in good or bad. GST has received mixed reactions from all over the nation. Is it a boon or a fiscal entanglement?

"GST will lead to lower logistical overheads. Being tax neutral, it will eliminate time consuming border procedures and toll check posts and encourage supply of goods across inter-state borders, thereby cutting down multiple taxes imposed by the Central and State governments. The State will even start getting State GST on import of all goods and services which were earlier outside the ambit of state taxation. This would further act as a catalyst in the implementation of the Act East Policy. So, we won't be seeing dual price labels (one for NE States, another for Rest of India) for the same consumer product. Goodbye unjust疑惑! Assam is already taking up steps to shut down its depots or sales tax check gates at inter-state boundaries including the ones at Srimarpur and Boorbari. Accordingly, the logical cost for companies manufacturing bulk good will be reduced. Such costs can be

ent rates for indirect taxes on goods and services: 5%, 12%, 18% and 28% plus a 0% rate for items like food grains, cereal, fresh milk, and a luxury tax (43% and more) on expensive cars and other high-end consumer items. These rates are the highest in the world. In India, nearly 60% of all goods fall under the 18% or 28% bracket of GST. An additional surcharge will apply to some high-tax products – and the rate of surcharge could be any-

ment's relentless efforts towards curbing it, exclusion of the aforementioned entities seems submissive to the demands of certain groups of tax profiteers. For a reform meant to introduce a single, simple and low tax rate to India, this bewildering maze is quite hilarious. This spaghetti tangle of taxes is an invitation to corruption and bribery; it incentivizes lobbyists to move from one tax rate to another as in many instances a single good/service is taxed at different rates. The Government's idea of One India, One Tax is just a contemporary of their idea of *Akhand Bharat*. None seems to exist in reality.

Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal was of the opinion that there may be some shortfall in the revenue during the initial years of GST till the situation stabilizes. State Finance Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma expressed that the State stands to benefit from the GST regime and inflation would be curbed. Assam would get Rs 300 crore per year in terms of GST compensation for the next 10 years, courtesy Section 18 of the 101st Constitutional Amendment Act. Assam along with other NE States is going to lose revenue worth thousands of crores of rupees on account of GST. Assam faces monstrous and mutilating floods every year leading to losses amounting to crores of rupees, the loss of human lives is another matter altogether. This year, an official figure ranks the flood damage at an initial estimate of Rs 2,938 crore.

The exemption threshold for GST is Rs 20 lakh in general but in

Soaking in the hypocrisy, a business having Rs 12 lakh turnover will be exempted in Delhi but taxed in Manipur. This isn't what the NE region needs at this very hour. Special economic advantages and not disadvantages are undeniably the need of the region.

where from 3% (on personal jets) to 12% (on sodas), 17%, 21%, 61%, 72%, 142%, 160%, 204% or 290% (on pipe tobacco). Complicating matters further, there are significant omissions. VAT and state excise duty on alcoholic liquor for human consumption and VAT on petroleum crude, petroil, diesel, aviation turbine fuel and natural gas, stamp duty on transfer of immovable property, electricity, road and passenger tax, toll tax, property tax (real estate) will not be subsumed under the 'unified umbrella' of GST. The most notable are alcohol and real estate – two notorious sources of black money. Taking into consideration the current govern-

GST regime and inflation would be curbed. Assam would get Rs 300 crore per year in terms of GST compensation for the next 10 years, courtesy Section 18 of the 101st Constitutional Amendment Act. Assam along with other NE States is going to lose revenue worth thousands of crores of rupees on account of GST. Assam faces

monstrous and mutilating floods every year leading to losses amounting to crores of rupees, the loss of human lives is another matter altogether. This year, an official figure ranks the flood damage at an initial estimate of Rs 2,938 crore. The exemption threshold for GST is Rs 20 lakh in general but in

Sankaradeva as an economic reformer

■ Rajib Dutta

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In medieval times, there prevailed a very unhealthy economic atmosphere in Assam as well as other parts of India. Common people's lives had been miserable because of economic exploitations. These exploitations were done by mainly two classes – the priestly class and the kings. In this regard, renowned scholar of *Satra* culture Dr Sanjib Kr Borkakoti in his book *Srimanta Sankaradeva: A Multifaceted Genius* said, "Generally, the religious orders thrive on the surplus generated by the working class in the society. In the process the cult leaders become appropriators. The Guru (Sanka-

radeva) was aware of this aspect of the religious orders. In fact, the then priests had made the lives of people miserable by their enormous demands. There is every reason to believe that Chuklenamur persecuted the Bhuyans as they posed a hindrance to the semi-feudal polity of the Ahoms. The Bhuyans, under the leadership of the Guru, were building up a peasant economic structure in Assam. It ran counter to the semi-feudal design of the Ahoms." The Guru understood it very clearly that without redemption of the people from economic exploitations, a nation could not prosper. That is why he propagated *Ek Saran Nama Dharma* where realistic paraphernalia were totally discarded. In scriptures, worshipping numerous deities with a selfish motive is called the 'Agam' path. Unlike the 'Agam' path, Sankaradeva's 'Nigam' path asked people to submit themselves to the supreme God, Lord Krishna.

Sankaradeva created an atmosphere of work culture to a very great extent. The 'Virindavani

Here, no mediators or Brahmanical rituals are necessary for salvation. Only chanting the God's name with a pure heart is enough for people to gain supreme bliss. According to renowned scholar Banikanta Kakoti, this is one of the spiritual contributions of Sankaradeva to the Assamese civilization. As for example, *Nalage vaktita deva, devia, rishi huibe/ Nalage asvetau sashtra bistare janibe/ Tapa japa jajna dana sobe birambana/ Rebala vaktita tustu hunta Narayana* (One need not be a deity or Brahmin or seer in devotion/One need not study the whole scriptures thoroughly/Penance, meditation, holy fire, donation – all are useless/Narayana is pleased only by devotion). Again, *Namkesi kariba para parama siddhi/Hariha nama jogarale nidhi/* (On uttering Hari's name, all success can be met/It is his name which is the wealth of whole Universe).

Sankaradeva always preferred to observe an ascetic life which is a very new economic thought of present-day world. Former

Prime Minister of India, Dr Manmohan Singh in his second consecutive term had taken some strict measures to reduce the excessive expenses of his ministers, bureaucrats and other officials. And being a *Siromoni Bhuyan* and a *Landlord* traditionally, the Guru renounced both of these and came down to the status of the common people. It is mentioned in the hagiographies that various crops were cultivated in his land. He never misused these. Unlike other religious institutions, *Namghar*, the community prayer hall, is simple and economic. The decorations and constructions of a *Namghar* is always inexpensive and that is the foremost characteristic of this institution.

These are only a bit of the great saint's economic thinking. There are more such things in his writings and practical life which are not yet discovered and if discovered, he will be established firmly as an economic reformer.

(Published on the occasion of Sankaradeva Tithi today)

Letters to the EDITOR

Sir, – Through your esteemed daily, I would like to draw the attention of the State Transport Minister to the sorry state of affairs in the ASTC. Throughout Assam, the ASTC has huge immovable property like land and buildings in all major township areas. It is a great asset for any organization to have, but the same is lying unused in depleted conditions. Due to sheer negligence, lack of will, dedication, foresightedness and commitment of the top level management of the Corporation, this immense wealth of Assam along with the symbolic one-horned rhino, once a pride of Assam, is lying in total disarray. Recently, it was in news that the ASTC is going to ply Mercedes buses in Assam by spending crores of rupees. Is the move viable taking into consideration the present condition of the national and state highways? We the general public without any technical knowhow can simply say that this move of the ASTC management is totally uncalled for and unjustified. This will be a total wastage of public money as the roads are not worthy of plying such costly buses. This is poor planning

and execution of policy matters by the management which shows the utter lack of practical field level insight. Instead, the primary objective of the management should be to prepare a DPR of its assets including the present status of the buses, category-wise, and to formulate a roadmap for the revival of the organization within a specific time frame. This can be done best in the public-private partnership mode thereby transforming the ASTC property into commercial hubs, like opening markets/malls, letting out space to offices, banks or any other organization of repute, parking lots, housing lots/colonies/ societies, inter-district bus terminals, vehicle showrooms, community halls, government training institutes, etc. This way, every inch of its resources will generate a sizeable amount of revenue for the organization to thrive. Yours etc., RAJU BORA, Chandmari, Guwahati.

Brahmaputra Ashok Hotel

Sir, – We request the authorities concerned to see to it that the iconic Brahmaputra Ashok Hotel in front of the Gauhati High Court is not closed for the purpose of making it a guest house. Its location is the best of all hotels in Guwahati;

sister, P&G of excluding the family pensioners from the benefit of 20% enhanced pension on attaining 80 years of age. This seems to be discriminatory and distressing for a person at such an age. Yours etc., BALINDRA KR SARMAH, Govt Pensioners' Association, Guwahati Branch, Zoo Road, Guwahati.

Noise over a name

Sir, – The State Government decision to name a few new and to be established colleges after Deendayal Upadhyay has drawn a great deal of flak from some individuals and organizations for the so-called 'national interest'. I do not believe that the Assamese identity, its culture and its essence are so weak that by naming a few colleges after a person, the Assamese will cease to exist. Had it been so then 22 colleges set up by the Ajmal Foundation with predominantly Islamic religious overtones, the tens of Don Bosco schools and colleges with predominantly Christian ethos and tens of Delhi Public Schools (DPS) coming up to cater to only rich students and with unabashed pro-western (read American) values and overwhelming emphasis on only the English language with no regards whatsoever for the life and culture of the place and people would have wiped out the

Assamese identity already.

These people are shouting themselves hoarse to drive home the following points that a) Deendayal Upadhyay has no relevance in Assam, b) the RSS will propagate its Hindutva philosophy in these academic institutes which will communalize Assam and c) Assam has many laudable personalities who contributions to Assam will be sidelined, if not blackened. These cannot be farther from the truth. In their eyes, the scores of Ramkrishna Missions, Satyagya Bihars, etc., have greater relevance in Assam! Or the thousands of Islamic madrassas and close to a crore of Bengali immigrants have not communalized Assam! Or the Kanoi College of Dibrugarh or the Debjay Roy College of Golaghat established by non-Assamese philanthropists finished the streets of Assam!

These people have personal and ideological clash with those in power today. That is why they are creating such a noise on a non-issue. Yours etc., SANJIB SABHAPANDIT, Mother Teresa Road, Guwahati.

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Training for engineers to work in solar plants

GUWAHATI, Aug 22: In view of the numerous renewable energy projects being taken up in the State in the coming days, the Assam Energy Development Agency (AEDA) is going ahead to create a pool of trained engineers, particularly in the field of Solar Photovoltaic Energy, said a press release here today.

The first such training programme is being scheduled for August 29 and 30 at Hotel Gateway Grandeur, GS Road, here, in which fresh as well as experienced engineers would

be trained in design, development, installation, maintenance and upkeep of solar PV power plants.

The participants would also be exposed to different solar power plant designing aspects involving software like PVsyst and HOMER. A fee of Rs 2,000 will be charged from each participant which is to be deposited at AEDA office at Biganj Bhawan on or before August 28.

Initially, 30 such engineers would be trained to cater to the demand in the solar rooftop projects.

MAMATA MISHRA

GUWAHATI, Aug 22: The Circuit House and Hotel Brahmaputra Ashok will be merged together for a grand State guest house cum convention centre to be set up at the location, which according to the government would be a one-stop centre for government programmes and accommodation of State guests.

The proposed convention centre would be a comprehensive project, planned in the lines of the India Habitat Centre in New Delhi. It will function as a venue for most of the important events in the city, apart from serving as a State guest house.

It may be noted that the two State guest houses – one built on the Koinadahills and the other near the Raj Bhawan – in Guwahati are at present occupied by former Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi and the present Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, leaving the State in need of a facility for accommodation of the State guests.

The hotel, established in 1987, was handed over to the Government of Assam as the Union government approved disinvestment of hotels and properties of the India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC), which was running

Hotel Brahmaputra Ashok in Assam. Subsequently, the Assam Tourism Development Corporation was given the responsibility of running the facility from July this year.

The decision for disinvestment was taken on the ground that managing hotels in professional lines is not the work of the government or its entities.

"That running hotels is not a viable

venture for government-run agencies, has been proven again and again across

suggest options, once the hotel is vacated from next month," the sources added.

Both the Circuit House and the hotel are located on the picturesquely bank of the River Brahmaputra.

"As the State government already has a plan for developing the riverfront in the 'Smart City' project, it would also take care of the stretch of the riverbank on the site of the proposed convention centre," the sources added.

On the other hand, keeping in mind the discontent among the contractual employees of Brahmaputra Ashok, the ATDC has taken an initiative to rehabilitate them within September this year.

"Though they are not government employees, we have consulted the hoteliers' association and the management of Taj Vivanta and Radisson Blu on their behalf on humanitarian grounds. The association is ready to accommodate those employees who are below 40 years of age. As most of the contractual employees of Brahmaputra Ashok fall within that category, we will collect their details and would give them to the association. In all probability, the employees would be absorbed within next month," the ATDC Chairman said.

According to sources, the project would be designed in a state-of-the-art manner, offering five star facility as well as huge spaces for holding conventions, conferences, etc. "The State government has decided to complete the project on a priority basis and the consultants would assess the location and

Gogoi hails verdict on triple talaq

GUWAHATI, Aug 22: Former Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi has welcomed the Supreme Court's verdict setting aside the practice of divorce through triple talq among Muslims. Gogoi said that the verdict of the apex court is "progressive" and will empower the Muslim women in the country and give them relief from discrimination. – Staff Reporter

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Activists of the All India Mahila Sanskritik Sangathan staging a demonstration in front of Prasanti Udayan, Dighalipukuri in Guwahati on Tuesday, protesting against abnorminal rise in prices of essential commodities, violence against women, etc. - AT photo

New executive of PR body's Guwahati chapter

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 22: The annual general meeting of Public Relations Society of India, Guwahati Chapter was held recently, where a new executive committee was formed for the tenure 2017-18. Formed in the year 1958 PRSI is the apex body of PR professionals in the country headquartered in New Delhi with 24 city chapters across the country.

Madhuchanda Adhikari (NRL) was unanimously elected as chairperson of the chapter for the 4th consecutive term. The other office-bearers of the new

committee include general secretary Sita Baruah (IOCL), vice-chairperson Rumy Chakraborty (Big FM); joint secretary S Sinha Roy (DDK); treasurer Amanjit Roy Barooah (Janmadsarov); editor Alekash Das (GK, IDOL); executive members Junita Saikia (NEDFI), Dipen Mazumdar (AIR) and Hamad Barlestehkar (Tangent).

Earlier at the AGM, the chairperson presented a report on activities undertaken by the chapter. Chairperson Suniti Barooah presented the modified accounts for the financial year 2016-17 and first quarter of 2017-18.

Speaking on the occasion,

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WEATHER
NORTH EAST

Forecast for North-East States: Moderate rain thundershower is very likely to occur at most places over Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura around the light to moderate rainfall. It is very likely to occur at a few places over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam & Meghalaya.

Warning: Heavy rain is very likely to occur at isolated places over Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura on August 23, 25 & 26.

Temperatures:

	Max (°C)	Min (°C)
Dibrugarh	35.8	26.3
Tezpur	34.3	26.6
Silchar	34.6	23.2
Dibr	34.1	25.8
Jorhat	35.4	25.8
NLakshimpur	36.3	25.8
Shillong	25.9	14.8
Imphal	30.3	22.6
Mor	36.8	23.0
Aizawl	29.9	13.2
Agartala	34.8	24.2
Kohima	27.0	18.3
Pasighat	35.5	26.0
Cherrapunjee	26.5	17.5

Rishang Keishing passes away



IMPHAL, Aug 22: India's oldest Parliamentarian Rishang Keishing passed away due to the multi-organ failure at the Regional Institute of Medical Sciences Hospital around 8.15pm, hospital sources said. He was 98.

The senior politician had been undergoing treatment at the hospital since July 1. He leaves behind his wife, three sons and two daughters.

Born on October 25, 1920 at Bungna village in Manipur's Utkhrum District, Rishang contested the first Assembly election from his home constituency Phungyar in 1972. He won the seat seven times and became the State's first longest-serving Chief Minister.

Meanwhile, the State Government has announced three-day mourning as a mark of respect to the departed leader. — Correspondent

No. CE/DEV/OIL-CSR/45/2017-18/13 Dtd. 18.08.2017
PRESS NOTICE (RE-BID)

The Chief Engineer P.W.D. (Roads), Assam, Chandmari, Guwahati-3 invites Re-Bids on behalf of Governor of Assam for the work "Development works at Kamakhya Temple Complex under SWATCH BHARAT ABHIYAN under CSR initiative of Oil India Limited" from approved & eligible Contractors amounting to Rs. 2416.644 Lakh (approx). Details may be seen at website www.assamtenders.gov.in. Amendment /Addendum to the SBD, if any, and further notifications shall appear in this website and also at the office of the undersigned during office hours. The contractor/bidders must be registered with the Electronic Tendering System (ETS) of PWD, Assam website www.assamtenders.gov.in.

Sd/- Chief Engineer PWD (Roads), Assam, Chandmari, Guwahati-3

E-Procurement Notice
The ASCD Ltd, Managing Director, Assam, publishes the e-Tendering online bidding for the year 2017-18 through e-Procurement portal: [https://www.assamtenders.gov.in](http://www.assamtenders.gov.in), for supply of Mini Rice Mill from Manufacturers/Distributors/ Authorized Dealers of Brand/Brands.

To participate, interested bidder should have a valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) and have to register in the e-Procurement portal: <http://www.assamtenders.gov.in>. Detail Tender Document may be downloaded from the said e-Tendering portal from 25th August 2017 at 4:30 PM to 08 September 2017 up to 4:00 PM.

For further details please visit the website <https://www.assamtenders.gov.in>

Sd/- Managing Director
ASDC for Scheduled Castes Ltd.,
Sarumotaria, Dispur, Ghy-06
Janasanyog/C/121/17

No. EAA/SIU/Esslt/7/2014/Pl-JX/19
NOTICE

In continuation to this office Notice issued vide No. EAA/SIU/Esslt/7/2014/Pl- IX/15 dated 17.08.2017, it is for information of all concerned that the candidates must bring the Admit Card which was issued for written test examination in OMR sheet held on the 05.01.2016 & 30.01.2016 while attending in the Writing Ability and Computer Test which will be held on the 27.01.2017 & the 28.01.2017 respectively. No separate Admit Card will be issued for the Writing Ability and Computer Test. Candidates without the above mentioned Admit Cards are not allowed to appear in the Writing Ability and Computer Test under any circumstances.

Sd/- Director,
Elementary Education, Assam
Kahilipara, Guwahati-19
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NORTH EAST

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2017

Railway link to NE States remains cut off



AGARTALA, Aug 22: With floods ravaging West Bengal and Bihar, train services between north-eastern States and the rest of India remained cut off for the 11th day on Tuesday, affecting supply of essential commodities to the region, an official said on Tuesday.

The North East Frontier Railway (NFR), which serves seven districts in West Bengal and five districts in north Bihar besides the north-eastern States, is working on a war footing to restore railway services, said the official.

NFR's Chief Public Relations Officer Pranav Jyoti Sharma said: "Floods in Assam, north

Araria districts of Bihar. As per the engineering estimate, full connectivity cannot be restored before August 28," he added.

Another NFR official said due to cancellations of trains followed by cancellation of tickets, the NFR had suffered a loss of over Rs 550 crore so far.

Tripura Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Minister Bhanu Saha said they were in touch with the NFR to ferry goods to Tripura from the other parts of the country.

"The railway services between the North-east and rest of India are likely to be restored by the first week of September," Saha told IANS.

Mizoram MBBS quota reduced

CORRESPONDENT

AIZAWL, Aug 22: The reduction of the Mizoram State quota for MBBS seats from the central pool by eight seats has come as a shock for Mizoram officials and students' organisations here.

This year the Ministry of Health and Family welfare has allotted 17 medical seats from the central pool to the students of Mizoram, a decrease by eight seats compared to the previous years.

The Miz Zirai Pawl (MZP), the state's apex students' body, expressed extreme disappointment over the reduction of the central pool quota for Mizoram and termed it as "contempt" towards the people of Mizoram.

"Mizoram was usually allotted 25 to 27 MBBS seats from the central pool in the previous years. Moreover, the med-

ical colleges allotted for Mizoram students are low-ranking colleges. Why has the Central Government done this to Mizoram?" the MZP asked.

The MZP today wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Health Minister Jagat Nadda urging them to allot MBBS seats to Mizoram from the central pool like the previous years.

Two Mizoram MPs, C.L.Ru-

ala (Lok Sabha) and Ronald Sapa Tlai (Rajya Sabha) also expressed their anguish over the reduction of MBBS seats to Mizoram from the central pool.

As Nadda was away in Himachal Pradesh, the two Mizoram MPs met with the Minister's Joint Secretary Arun Singh. The Joint Secretary told the MPs that he understood

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Galo bodies launch stir

ITANAGAR, Aug 22: The Galo Students' Union (GSU), Galo Youth Organisation (GYO) and Galo People Front (GPF) launched "The Tala Bandh Andolan" at all Government establishments barring schools and hospitals in 28th Likabali and 36th Narai Assembly Constituencies which entered the second day today.

The Galo organisations resorted to this harsh agitation in protest against the State

Government's alleged failure in functioning the newly created Lower Siang district, which was notified way back in 2014.

The agitating organisations have been insisting the Government to functionalise the Lower Siang district by posting the Deputy Commissioner and Superintendent of Police along with other HoDs at the temporary district headquarters, Likabali, located along the Assam-Arunachal border. — Correspondent



Participants during a training programme on 'Cyber Security & Cyber Crime' organised by South West Garo Hills District administration in Shillong on Tuesday. — UB Photos

Untrained teachers need to undergo training: Minister

CORRESPONDENT

DIMAPUR, Aug 22: It is now mandatory that all untrained teachers would be allowed to continue in service including the Government-aided schools and private schools beyond May 31, 2019, Nagaland Minister for School Education and Parliamentary Affairs Tokheho Yethon informed today.

He said the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, has directed that all untrained elementary teachers have to be trained on or before March 31, 2019, as the MHRD has terminated the scheme from April 2017. The department is seriously examining how to absorb these teachers, he said.

Tokheho pointed out the reasons for unsatisfactory results in the Government schools over the past years. He assured that shortage of science and mathematics teachers in the Government schools will be provided within next few months.

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He was speaking at the two-day All Nagaland Government Schools' Teachers' conference that began at the NCSC convention hall, Kohima today.

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CAPSULE**All-new Verna**

NEW DELHI, Aug 22: South Korean automaker Hyundai today launched an all-new version of Verna in India with introductory price starting at Rs 7.99 lakh (ex-showroom Delhi) as it seeks to regain lost market share in mid-sized sedan segment. The petrol variants of the Verna are priced at Rs 7.99-8.69 lakh, while the diesel trims are tagged between Rs 9.19-12.61 lakh. — PTI

VLCC Ayurveda'

GUWAHATI, Aug 22: VLCC, a well-known health beauty and wellness brand, has launched its new 'Ayurveda range, inspired by the power of ancient recipes of nature. The VLCC Ayurveda range comprises 'Skin Brightening Haldi and Chandan Face Wash', 'Natural Fairness Double Action Chandan and Kesar Face Wash', 'Haldi and Tulsi Face Wash' and 'Skin Purifying Double Power Neem Face Wash', a press release said.

Ola-Google tie-up

BENGALURU, Aug 22: Ride-hailing app Ola today announced an inter-city travel partnership with Google that would help long-distance commuters discover Ola's 'Outstation' category on Google Maps. The move enables bookings from 23 cities to over 100 destinations in the country. In the coming weeks, the integration would be expanded to 500 routes. — IANS

Bajaj CT100 variant

NEW DELHI, Aug 22: Bajaj Auto today launched electric start variant of its entry-level motorcycle, CT100 at an introductory price of Rs 41,997 (ex-showroom Delhi). The new variant is powered by a 4-stroke, 102 cc single cylinder engine and is also equipped with alloy wheels, the company said in a statement. The new variant also features SNS (Spring in Spring Suspension) technology that helps to handle rough road conditions with comfort, it added. — PTI

FSDC meet underlines India's stable economic fundamentals

NEW DELHI, Aug 22: India has macroeconomic stability on the back of structural reforms like GST and the long-term positive impact of demonetisation, with the financial markets expressing confidence through high stock valuations, the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) noted in its meeting held today.

FM-chaired Council underscores need to be prepared to face challenges to economy

of the credit rating agencies (CRAs).

The Council noted that India has macro-economic stability today in the back of improvements in its macroeconomic fundamentals, structural reforms with the launch of the goods and services tax (GST), action being taken to address the Twin Balance Sheet (TBS) challenge, extraordinary financial

market confidence, reflected in high and rising bond and especially stock valuations, and long-term positive consequences of demonetisation," the Finance Ministry said in a statement. It also deliberated on strengthening the regula-

tion programme for India, jointly conducted by the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

"The Council directed that

the assessment report should be finalised by the end of this year," it said.

port Affairs Secretary Tapan Ray, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology Secretary Ajay Prakash Sawhney, Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) Chairman Ajay Tyagi, Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) Chairman TS Vijayan, Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) Chairman Hemant G Contractor and other senior officers of the government and financial sector regulators.

FSDC took note of the developments and progress made in setting up of Computer Emergency Response Team in the Financial Sector (CERTFin) and Financial Data Management Centre and discussed measures for a time-bound implementation of the institution-building initiative. — IANS



Union Minister for Finance, Corporate Affairs and Defence Arun Jaitley chairing the 17th Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) meeting, in New Delhi on Tuesday. — UNI

NITI Aayog to launch 'Mentor India' campaign today

NEW DELHI, Aug 22: Aimed at engaging industry leaders to mentor students in various schools across the nation, the NITI Aayog will launch the 'Mentor India' campaign tomorrow.

The mentors under the programme would guide students at more than 900 Atal Tinkering Labs across the country set up as a part of the Atal Inno-

mation Mission, a NITI Aayog statement said.

'Atal Tinkering Labs are dedicated work spaces – equipped with state-of-the-art equipment such as 3D printers, robotics and electronics development tools – where students from class VI to class XII can learn innovation skills and develop ideas.

Under the programme, the industry leaders will spend one to two hours every week in one or more such labs to

maximise the impact of these labs... The idea is to engage leaders who will mentor and guide students. These labs are non-prescriptive by nature and mentors are expected to be enablers rather than instructors," the statement said.

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Govt to ensure protection of IPRs: Nirmala

NEW DELHI, Aug 22: Commerce and Industry Minister Nirmala Sitharaman today said the government will ensure protection of intellectual property rights of film and music industry as any kind of piracy is "absolutely unacceptable".

Addressing the participants of a three-day national workshop on enforcement of intellectual property rights, the minister said the film and music industry have been approaching Cell for IPR Promotion and Management (CIPAM) to know their IPR rights and ways to protect them," she added.

Talking about the workshop, Sitharaman said through this

couraging institutionalised arbitration processes to settle cases outside courts.

She informed that a government's task force on innovation has submitted its report and the ministry is "engaged to understand what they can draw from it and to do better in innovation".

Speaking at the function,

Secretary in the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) Ramesh Abhishek said the ministry is taking steps to reduce the time for examination of patent applications.

He said 458 new patent examiners have been recruited, besides 57 regular trademark examiners. Augmentation of manpower has helped in reducing examination time for trademarks from 13 months to one month. "The examination of patent applications in the first four months this year has shot up five-fold to over 16,000," he added. — PTI

Film & music industry

exercising the ministry is trying to build awareness about protection of IPRs.

"We are going to bring in certain level of credibility and build awareness among people who are IP holders and institutions which should know where they have to intervene, so that rule of law plays its role," she added.

The minister informed that special courts are being set up for speedy resolution of disputes. The ministry is also en-

MODIFICATION OF EARLIER ADVERTISEMENT

In pursuance of the publication made by the Govt. in this newspaper on Dated: Vigilante No. ABP/192/15/21, Dt. Dispur the 27th September, 2016 and Finance (Est.-A) Dept Letter No. FEQ/32/2016, Dt. 28th October 2016 regarding application fees, it is notified that the applications of the candidates who had applied for the post of Junior Assistant in response to our earlier advertisement was published in the Assam Tribune on 3rd March, 2016 (Janasanyog/1486 1/15) and other News Papers etc. hereinafter cancelled and modified.

After modification of application, interested candidates are invited from Indian Citizen in the prescribed Standard Form as published in Assam Gazette Part-X from the intending eligible candidates along with requisites mentioned below for filing up of the following vacant post under the Inspectorate of Electricity, Assam as Special Recruitment Drive for Persons with Disabilities in Government Service, 2017.

Sl. No.	Name of the Post	Nos of Vacancy	Reservation	Educational and other qualifications (Minimum)	Scale of Pay
1	Junior Assistant, Grade-II for office of the Chief Electrical Inspector cum-Adviser, Assam at Guwahati.	1 (one)	Persons with Disabilities (PwD)	(a) A candidate must have possesses a Bachelor's Degree from a recognized University or any declared examination equivalent by the Government. (b) Must possess Diploma in computer skills for handling data and text on computer typing both English and Assamese.	Rs. 14,000/- to 49,000/- plus Grade Pay Rs. 6,200/- in Pay Band 2
2	Junior Assistant, Grade-III for office of the Senior Electrical Inspector, Tezpur Zone, Tezpur.	1 (one)	Persons with Disabilities (PwD)	(a) A candidate must have possesses a Bachelor's Degree from a recognized University or any declared examination equivalent by the Government. (b) Must possess Diploma in computer skills for handling data and text on computer typing both English and Assamese.	Rs. 14,000/- to 49,000/- plus Grade Pay Rs. 5,600/- in Pay Band 2

Eligibility, requisites, procedure, terms & conditions etc.:

(1) Candidates must be Citizen of India within meaning of Article 5 of the Constitution of India.

(2) Candidates must not be of age less than 21 years and more than 43 years as on 1st January 2017. However the upper age limit is relaxable by 10 years in case of Persons with Disabilities (PwD) Category of persons as per Govt. CM No. ABP/14495/121, Dt. 28th October, 2016.

(3) Candidates applying for the above posts must possess the prescribed minimum qualification mentioned above.

(4) Candidates, who are already employed, should submit their application through proper channel.

(5) Candidates will have to appear for written test/computer proficiencies test at their own expenses if and when called for.

(6) Incomplete and wrongly filled application form will be rejected and no appeal and/or correction in that regard shall be entertained.

(7) The envelope containing the application should be clearly marked as "Application for the post of Junior Assistant Category PwD".

(8) The applications are to be submitted with the following requisites attached thereto:

(a) One self addressed envelope of 5 cm X 11 cm affixing unused postal stamp of Rs. 5/- (Rupees Five Only).

(b) Attached copies of all certificates in support of Educational Qualification, Age.

(c) 2(two) copies of recent passport photographs signed and dated by the candidate on reverse side of those.

(d) Attached copy of valid Registration Certificate of Employment Exchange.

(10) Pension Scheme: "Government servants joining the service of the State Govt. or on after 1st Feb. 05 shall not be governed by the existing pension rules (Personnel Rules, 1969 and orders issued there under from time to time. So far as their pension and other retirement benefits are concerned, they will be governed by a new set of Person Rules formulated in line with the Contributory Pension Scheme announced by the Govt. of India vide Finance Dept. Circular No. BW/3/2003/pt-II, Dt. 25th January'05".

No TADA shall be provided to the candidates for appearing the selection process.

The applications are to be submitted to the undersigned.

Any postal delay in the process of this matter shall not be a matter of responsibility of the undersigned.

(14) Canvassing directly or indirectly will be deemed to be appropriate ground for disqualification of the candidate.

(15) The undersigned reserves the right to accept, modify or cancel the advertisement and to cancel or postpone written test/interview without assigning any reason thereof.

Last date of submission of application to the undersigned is 18th September, 2017.

Sd/- (A.C. Khatnar)

Chief Electrical Inspector-cum-Adviser, (IC)

Government of Assam,

Housed Complex, Dispur,

Guwahati-781006,

Janasanyog/C/2809/17

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Applications are invited from interested candidates in Standard Form of Application, as published in the Assam Gazette Part-D, along with requisites mentioned below for filling up of following vacant post in the Inspectorate of Electricity, Assam.

Sl. No.	Name of the Post	Nos of Vacancy	Reservation	Educational and other qualifications (Minimum)	Scale of Pay
1	Junior Assistant, Grade-III for office of the Senior Electrical Inspector, Silchar Zone, Silchar.	1 (one)	Schedule Caste (SC),	(a) A candidate must have possesses a Bachelor's Degree from a recognized University or any declaration declared equivalent by the Government. (b) Must possess Diploma in computer skills for handling data and text on computer typing both English and Assamese.	Rs. 14,000/- to 49,000/- plus Grade Pay Rs. 5,600/- in Pay Band 2

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(3) Original copy of Treasury Challan after depositing of application Fee under the Head of Account "0043-Taxes and Duties on Electricity, Sub-head-102 Fees under the Indian Electricity Rules". Fee for i) Schedule Caste (SC) - Rs. 150, (Rupees One Hundred Fifty) only. ii) Candidate having BPL Certificate - Nil.

(4) Candidates applying for the above posts must possess the prescribed minimum qualification mentioned above.

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(c) 2(two) copies of recent passport photograph signed and dated by the candidate on reverse side of those.

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(10) Pension Scheme: "Government servants joining the service of the State Govt. or on after 1st Feb. 05 shall not be governed by the existing pension rules (Personnel Rules, 1969 and orders issued there under from time to time. So far as their pension and other retirement benefits are concerned, they will be governed by a new set of Person Rules formulated in line with the Contributory Pension Scheme announced by the Govt. of India vide Finance Dept. Circular No. BW/3/2003/pt-II, Dt. 25th January'05".

No TADA shall be provided to the candidates for appearing the selection process.

(11) The applications are to be submitted to the undersigned.

(13) Any postal delay in the process of this matter shall not be a matter of responsibility of the undersigned.

(14) Canvassing directly or indirectly will be deemed to be appropriate ground for disqualification of the candidate.

(15) The undersigned reserves the right to accept, modify or cancel the advertisement and to cancel or postpone written test/interview without assigning any reason thereof.

Last date of submission of application to the undersigned is 18th September, 2017.

Sd/- (A.C. Khatnar)

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Trump slams Pak over safe havens of terror

WASHINGTON, Aug 22: Talking tough, President Donald Trump today hit out at Pakistan for providing safe havens to "agents of chaos" that kill Americans in Afghanistan and warned Islamabad that it has "much to lose" by harbouring terrorists.

Trump, in his first prime-time televised address to the nation as the commander-in-chief, came down heavily on Pakistan for its support to terror groups, saying the country receives billions in US aid but continues to harbour militants.

"For its part, Pakistan often gives safe haven to agents of chaos, violence, and terror. The threat is worse because Pakistan and India are two nuclear-armed states whose false relations threaten to spiral into conflict. And that could happen," Trump said.

He said after a "comprehensive review," it was decided that the American strategy in Afghanistan and South Asia would change dramatically. Trump said a pillar of his new strategy was a change in America's approach to Pakistan.

He slammed Pakistan for its support to terror groups and warned Islamabad of consequences if it continues to do so.

"We can no longer be silent about Pakistan's safe havens for terrorist organisations, the Taliban, and other groups that pose a threat to the region and beyond," Trump said.

"Pakistan has much to gain from partnering with our effort in Afghanistan. It



US President Donald Trump gestures as he departs after announcing his strategy for Afghanistan during an address to the nation from Fort Myer, Virginia. — UNI

has much to lose by continuing to harbour terrorists," he said, in a warning to Pakistan. The US President also reached out to India, seeking an enhanced role for New Delhi, especially in the economic stakes, to bring peace and stability in the region.

Trump's strong criticism of Pakistan comes days after the US designated Kashmiri militant outfit Hizbul Mujahideen as a "foreign terrorist organisation."

Also, it comes about two months after declaring the group's Pakistan-based chief Sayed Salahuddin as a global terrorist. In a statement following Trump's address, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson echoed the President's views on an enhanced role for India in the new South Asia strategy. — PTI

will change immediately. No partnership can survive a country's harbouring of militants and terrorists who target US service members and officials. It is time for Pakistan to demonstrate its commitment to civilisation, order, and to peace.

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In his speech, Trump slammed Islamabad for harbouring militants who target US service members.

"But that will have to change. That

North Korea hits out at Trump for 'weird articles'

SEOUL, Aug 22: North Korea today described President Donald Trump as a leader who frequently tweets "weird articles" of his ego-driven thoughts" and "spouts rubbish" to give his assistants a hard time.

The North's official Korean Central News Agency made the comments in response to tough talk in Washington and Seoul over threats posed by Pyongyang's nuclear and missile programmes. In the same commentary, KCNA also criticised South Korea's "puppy-like" Defence Minister Song Young-moo who, it said, was "running wild" while relying on the "master of the White House."

Song recently ordered the South's military to be prepared to "immediately and sternly punish" any kind of provocation by North Korea, which has caused hostility with two intercontinental ballistic missile tests last month and a threat to lob missiles toward the US territory of Guam.

"Trump spouted rubbish that if a war breaks out, it would be on the Korean Peninsula, and if thousands of people die, they would be only Koreans and Americans may sleep a sound sleep," KCNA wrote, ridiculing Song for "pinning hope on that mad guy."

The agency's comments came hours after North Korea's military issued standard fiery threats over ongoing joint military exercises between the US and South Korean militaries, vowing "merciless retaliation" for exercises Pyongyong claims are an invasion rehearsal. The allies describe the annual war games as defensive in nature.

North Korea has unleashed personal attacks on past Washington and Seoul leaders, calling former President Barack Obama a monkey and ex-South Korean President Park Geun-hye a prostitute. — AP

Doklam impasse China sticks to stand on Indian withdrawal

BEIJING, Aug 22: China said today that the only way to end the standoff in Doklam was for India to unconditionally withdraw its troops from the area, a day after Home Minister Rajnath Singh hoped Beijing would make that possible.

Singh yesterday had hoped that a solution to the standoff in Doklam would be found soon and said India never attacked a nation nor did it harbour any expansionist behaviour. In a speech, he had also expressed the hope that China would undertake a positive initiative to resolve the standoff.

But China responded with its standard propaganda attack by repeating its accusation that Indian troops illegally crossed the boundary.

Chinese Foreign Ministry

believes would allow Beijing to cut its access to the northeastern States.

Bhutan says Doklam belongs to it but China claims sovereignty over the area. China's state media has written shrill commentaries over the standoff and those who have released a video which portrayed Indians in a very poor taste.

In a separate incident on August 15, Indian and Chinese troops engaged in stone pelting in Ladakh which resulted in minor injuries to soldiers on both the sides. India said China "loves peace and firmly upholds peace."

"So only pre-emptive and considerate of this incident is unconditional withdrawal of the Indian troops and equipment," Hu told reporters.

India and China have been locked in a standoff for more than two months in Doklam near the Sikkim sector. The face-off began after Indian troops stopped Chinese military from building a road India

had planned to the area.

"We will not allow any country or any individual to infringe upon China's territorial sovereignty," she said. — PTI

Approaching typhoon forces mass flight cancellations in Hong Kong

HONG KONG, Aug 22: Widespread flight cancellations were set to bring chaos to Hong Kong's busy international airport as Typhoon "Hato" churns towards the city today.

The weather observatory said the storm would pass within 100 kilometres of Hong Kong tomorrow, "posing considerable threat" to the territory.

It warned of strong winds, rough seas and possible flooding due to heavy rain. Flag carrier Cathay Pacific said almost all its flights between 6 am and 5 pm local time tomorrow would be axed.

Hong Kong Airlines has also cancelled all its flights from 7 am to 5 pm and other carriers

have already posted cancellations to their schedules.

The Hong Kong Airport Authority said passengers should confirm their flights before heading to the airport.

"As Typhoon "Hato" gradually approaches, flights at the Hong Kong International Airport will be affected all day tomorrow," it said. Cathay said wind speed and direction was "severely impacting flight operations" in a statement of its website, although it added operations remained normal tonight.

The observatory raised its Typhoon 3 warning today evening, triggered when wind speeds are expected to hit between 41 and 62 kilometres per hour. It predicted it would raise to a Typhoon 8, the third highest warning level, around midnight.

Hong Kong is regularly hit by typhoons between July and October. The city saw its strongest storm in 1962 when the eye of Typhoon "Wanda" passed over and gusts of 284 kilometres per hour were recorded. It killed 130 people and destroyed thousands of residential units, leaving 72,000 people homeless.

Since then, Hong Kong has adapted to typhoons, including making sure its highest commercial skyscrapers can sway in the wind, and they now rarely cause deaths. — AFP

Some Like It Hot voted best comedy film ever made

LONDON, Aug 22: Billy Wilder's 1959 hit, Some Like It Hot – about two musicians who after witnessing a murder dress up in drag to hide from gangsters – has topped the list of the greatest comedies ever made in a critics' poll by the BBC.

The black-and-white film featured Marilyn Monroe, Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon in the lead roles. More than 250 film critics from over 50 countries participated in the poll conducted by BBC Culture.

Each critic ranked their top 10 favourite comedies with films from across the world, including Hollywood, Bollywood, Nollywood (the Nigerian film industry), being nominated. No Indian film made the cut though.

Some Like It Hot pushed Stanley Kubrick's 1964 film, Dr Strangelove, to the second position. Woody Allen's 1977 ro-

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Soup (1933) came in third, fourth and fifth respectively.

BBC Culture film critic, Nicholas Barber, said Wilder's film won because it is not only a romantic comedy but "a buddy movie, a crime caper, and a musical. Some Like It Hot is an anthem in praise of tolerance, acceptance, and the possibility of transformation. It is an anthem that we need to hear now more than ever."

Terry Jones's Life of Brian (1979), Airplane! (1980), Playtime (1967), This is Spinal Tap (1984) and The General (1926) complete the top 10 list.

Charlie Chaplin, the master of comedy, may not have made it to the top 10 list but his films appear four times in the top 10 with Modern Times (1936) at number 12; The Great Dictator (1940) at number 16; City Lights (1931) at 21 and The Gold Rush (1925) at 25. — PTI

ADMISSION NOTICE

The following candidates enlisted below who have been allotted/ Re-allotted seats in order of merit during the second counseling held on 19.08.2017 in different Medical Colleges of Assam and Regional Dental College, Guwahati for MBBS/BDS course for the session 2017 are hereby directed to report to the respective Principals on or before 25th August/2017 for admission.

The candidates who have been re-allotted seats at the time of second counseling are to first collect their original documents with release letters from the respective Principals of the colleges into which they have got admitted after allotment of their seats in the first counseling and then only they will report to the Principals of the re-allotted colleges for admission.

Candidates shall have to enter into an agreement as per the admission rule in prescribed format which will be available in the admission rule Schedule-II-A/ Schedule -II-B published in this directorate website www.dmeassam.gov.in

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1.	(High Court Int. Order)			Un-reserved	JMC, Jorhat (OBC)	GMC, Gh.
2.	(High Court Int. Order)			Un-reserved	AMC, Dib.	GMC, Gh.
3.	(High Court Int. Order)			Un-reserved	AMC, Dib.	GMC, Gh.
4.	(High Court Int. Order)			Un-reserved	AMC, Dib.	GMC, Gh.
5.	Anurupa Ghosh	900811371	90	Un-reserved	AMC, Dib.	GMC, Gh.
6.	Anushuya Sarmah	900810040	91	Un-reserved	AMC, Dib.	GMC, Gh.
7.	Priyanshu Bhattacharjee	901801365	92	Un-reserved	AMC, Dib.	GMC, Gh.
8.	Anurupa Sarma	900804769	94	Un-reserved	AMC, Dib.	GMC, Gh.
9.	Anurupa Sarma	900806083	95	Un-reserved	AMC, Dib.	GMC, Gh.
10.	Mimansa Kalita	900813715	173	Un-reserved	SMC, Sil.	AMC, Dib.
11.	Saih Ali Naser	906800517	179	Un-reserved	JMC, Jorhat	AMC, Dib.
12.	Sourav Karmakar	900807695	180	Un-reserved	SMC, Sil.	AMC, Dib.
13.	Hashnur Rahman	900813949	181	Un-reserved	JMC, Jorhat	AMC, Dib.
14.	Anrankita Sharma	900815266	183	Un-reserved	SMC, Sil.	AMC, Dib.
15.	Abjalur Rahman	900814627	184	Un-reserved	JMC, Jorhat	AMC, Dib.
16.	Narminda Zannat	900803259	185	Un-reserved	SMC, Sil.	AMC, Dib.
17.	Dipika Das	90081477	186	Un-reserved	SMC, Sil.	AMC, Dib.
18.	Purnima Ghosh	900815255	188	Un-reserved	SMC, Sil.	AMC, Dib.
19.	Dibyajyoti Sarma	900700476	191	Un-reserved	JMC, Jorhat	AMC, Dib.
20.	Igopal Baruah	900700250	194	Un-reserved	JMC, Jorhat	AMC, Dib.
21.	Pritam Kashyap Sarmah	900806537	195	Un-reserved	SMC, Sil.	AMC, Dib.
22.	Gunjan Kalita	900813210	198	Un-reserved	SMC, Sil.	AMC, Dib.
23.	Subham Nunia	900803014	201	Un-reserved	GMC, Gh.	SMC, Silchar
24.	Vivek Anand Rao	900800829	203	Un-reserved	JMC, Jorhat	SMC, Silchar
25.	Sajida R. Choudhury	900803169	213	Un-reserved	JMC, Jorhat	SMC, Silchar
26.	Pritiwaril Das	900814830	216	Unreserved	TMC, Tezpur	SMC, Silchar
27.	Abdus S. Laskar	900806825	217	Unreserved	JMC, Jorhat	SMC, Silchar
28.	Abu Saleh	900804456	223	Unreserved	JMC, Jorhat	SMC, Silchar
29.	Sahanaz A. Laskar	900808496	225	Unreserved	TMC, Tezpur	SMC, Silchar
30.	(High Court Int. Order)				JMC, Jorhat	SMC, Silchar
31.	Abowar H. Laskar	900805464	240	Unreserved	JMC, Jorhat	SMC, Silchar
32.	Abulbari Bhattacharjee	907812969	247	Unreserved	JMC, Jorhat	SMC, Silchar
33.	Masuduzz A. Mazharuzz	900801730	249	Unreserved	FAAMC	SMC, Silchar
34.	Mumtuzil M. Mazumder	900802947	262	Unreserved	TMC, Tezpur	SMC, Silchar
35.	Parthajit Dev	900809317	266	Unreserved	TMC, Tezpur	SMC, Silchar
36.	(High Court Int. Order)				JMC, Jorhat	SMC, Silchar
37.	Kajal Borpara	900702062	250	Unreserved	TMC, Tezpur	SMC, Silchar
38.	Uday Sankar Hazarika	900801971	256	Unreserved	TMC, Tezpur	SMC, Silchar
39.	Manas Pratim Medhi	900801021	260	Unreserved	FAAMC, Barp.	JMC, Jorhat
40.	Souvik Dey	900805339	272	Unreserved	TMC, Tezpur	JMC, Jorhat
41.	(High Court Int. Order)				TMC, Tezpur	JMC, Jorhat
42.	(High Court Int. Order)				TMC, Tezpur	JMC, Jorhat
43.	Shakil Ahmed	900816081	277	Unreserved	FAAMC, Barp.	JMC, Jorhat
44.	Abdul M. Ahmed	900810832	278	Unreserved	TMC, Tezpur	JMC, Jorhat
45.	Ganesh D. Bhattacharjee	900816068	288	Unreserved	JMC, Jorhat	SMC, Silchar
46.	(High Court Int. Order)				TMC, Tezpur	JMC, Jorhat
47.	Hirshikesh Bora	900811737	296	Unreserved	FAAMC, Barp.	JMC, Jorhat
48.	(High Court Int. Order)				TMC, Tezpur	JMC, Jorhat
49.	Rajul Talukder	900701999	322	Unreserved	R.D.C. Gh.	TMC, Tezpur
50.	Muzfizul I. Laskar	900808820	330	Unreserved	R.D.C. Gh.	TMC, Tezpur
51.	Shohid A. Choudhury	900803961	331	Unreserved	R.D.C. Gh.	TMC, Tezpur
52.	Abid A. Barbuuya	900813689	332	Unreserved	R.D.C. Gh.	TMC, Tezpur
53.	Mahima Gupta	900812987	344	Unreserved	R.D.C. Gh.	TMC, Tezpur
54.	Shahrukh A. Choudhury	900813769	341	Unreserved	R.D.C. Gh.	TMC, Tezpur
55.	Chandra Sen	900802338	342	Unreserved	R.D.C. Gh.	TMC, Tezpur
56.	Taber Rahman	900815644	345	Unreserved	R.D.C. Gh.	TMC, Tezpur
57.	Ibrahim Ali	900806903	348	Unreserved	R.D.C. Gh.	TMC, Tezpur
58.	Siddhartha S. Sarma	900809037	355	Unreserved	TMC, Tezpur	FAAMC, Barp.
59.	Saurabh Chakraborty	900801298	356	Unreserved	TMC, Tezpur	FAAMC, Barp.
60.	Samiul Islam Khan	900803755	358	Unreserved	TMC, Tezpur	FAAMC, Barp.
61.	Duvashi Das	900803755	367	Unreserved	TMC, Tezpur	FAAMC, Barp.
62.	Safdar Islam	9008015019	369	Unreserved	TMC, Tezpur	FAAMC, Barp.
63.	Mustafizur Rahman	90080240	373	Unreserved	R.D.C. Gh.	TMC, Tezpur
64.	Jamal Ahmed	900805298	374	Unreserved	R.D.C. Gh.	TMC, Tezpur
65.	Anuradha Sarma	900803896	375	Unreserved	R.D.C. Gh.	TMC, Tezpur
66.	Anisur Rahman Sarkar	900813547	379	Unreserved	R.D.C. Gh.	TMC, Tezpur
67.	Fuzail Ahmad Tapadar	900802712	383	Unreserved	R.D.C. Gh.	TMC, Tezpur
68.	Aminul Islam Khan	900818475	384	Unreserved	R.D.C. Gh.	TMC, Tezpur
69.	Ripunjay Samra	900804583	389	Unreserved	R.D.C. Gh.	TMC, Tezpur
70.	Bherabgab P. Borah	900700578	397	Unreserved	R.D.C. Gh.	TMC, Tezpur
71.	Rajan S. Baradwaj	900807186	399	Unreserved	R.D.C. Gh.	TMC, Tezpur
72.	Anamika Kalita	900801890	400	Unreserved	R.D.C. Gh.	TMC, Tezpur
73.	Nazrul Islam	900813918	402	Unreserved	R.D.C. Gh.	TMC, Tezpur
74.	Eliza Parbin Ahmed	900809638	403	Unreserved	R.D.C. Gh.	TMC, Tezpur
75.	Hijabul Islam	9008016568	406	Unreserved	TMC, Tezpur	FAAMC, Barp.
76.	Krishna Roy	900807003	408	Unreserved	TMC, Tezpur	FAAMC, Barp.
77.	(High Court Int. Order)				TMC, Tezpur	FAAMC, Barp.
78.	Asif Rahman	900806364	408	Unreserved	TMC, Tezpur	FAAMC, Barp.
79.	Anurag Ojha	900806268	409	S.C.	TMC, Tezpur	FAAMC, Barp.
80.	Barsha Das	900806554	409	S.C.	TMC, Tezpur	FAAMC, Barp.
81.	Leela Bhattacharjee	900702172	2022	S.T.(P.)	TMC, Tezpur	FAAMC, Barp.
82.	Ananya Monika Saikia	900810186	1984	S.T.(P.)	JMC, Jorhat	FAAMC, Barp.
83.	Anikesh Sonowal	900815952	2136	S.T.(P.)	JMC, Jorhat	FAAMC, Barp.
84.	Matri Rabha	900815785	2163	S.T.(P.)	R.D.C. Gh.	FAAMC, Barp.
85.	Dicky Doley	900805975	2149	S.T.(P.)	R.D.C. Gh.	FAAMC, Barp.
86.	Gaurav Deori	900805975	2186	S.T.(P.)	TMC, Tezpur	FAAMC, Barp.
87.	Mayur P					

Sterling comes to City's rescue with late equaliser

MANCHESTER, Aug 22: Raheem Sterling came on to score an 82nd-minute equaliser as 10-man Manchester City rescued a 1-1 draw against Everton in their opening Premier League home game on Monday.

Wayne Rooney put Everton ahead with his 200th Premier League goal before City home debutant Kyle Walker was controversially shown a second yellow card following a collision with Dominic Calvert-Lewin.

Sterling, a half-time substitute, rewarded heavy City pressure by slammimg in a late equaliser and Everton also finished with 10 men after Morgan Schneiderlin, too, was given a debatable second caution.

"I am pleased with all of them but we lost two points," City manager Pep Guardiola told Sky Sports.

"We are here for the results. At the end, we have to try to analyse the performance. Ten against 11, a Europa League team. We tried. We missed some chances at the end. Even though we scored, we could not win."

Guardiola refused to answer questions about Walker's dismissal.

City preserved their record of never having lost their first home Premier League game, but the main upset was that Manchester United, Huddersfield Town and West Bromwich Albion now boast the only 100 per cent records in the league.

While Guardiola was unable to avenge the 4-0 thrashing masterminded by his old Barcelona team-mate Ronald Koeman in January's meeting between the teams at Goodison Park, there was steeliness to his side's second-half reaction.

For Koeman, who gave a second-half debut to record £45 million (£87.5 million, 49.3 million euros) recruit Gylfi Sigurdsson, this was a sign that his side are now genuine contenders for a Champions League place.

"They did not create a lot of open chances," the Everton manager told BBC Sport.

"They had the domination in the game and on the counter-attack. We had some good opportunities."

Koeman conceded there were "doubts about both red

cards", but accused City's players of trying to "influence the referee" following Walker's



Raheem Sterling of Manchester City scores during the Premier League match against Everton at the Etihad Stadium in Manchester, on Monday.

dismissal in the 44th minute. City made one change from their 2-0 win at Brighton and

Hove Albion, Leroy Sane replacing Danilo at left wing-back, and with Everton con-

tent to sit back and absorb pressure, the hosts took the game to them.

Everton goalkeeper Jordan Pickford was obliged to parry a rasping Nicolas Otamendi drive and Sergio Aguero teed up David Silva to crash a low shot against the left-hand post.

But the pace of Calvert-Lewin made Everton a constant threat on the break and shortly after Silva had rattled the woodwork, they went ahead in the 35th minute.

Sane's under-hit pass let in Calvert-Lewin and he slipped past Fernandinho before crossing for Rooney, who stroked the ball between Ederson's legs before provocatively cupping his ears in celebration.

Rooney, joined throughout due to his Manchester United connections, became the second player to score 200 goals in the post-1992 Premier League era after Alan Shearer, who notched 260 for Blackburn Rovers and Newcastle United.

It was a sucker-punch for City and worse was to come when Walker, who had just

been booked for sliding in on Leighton Baines, was questionably shown a second yellow card by referee Robert Madley for backing into Calvert-Lewin.

Guardiola introduced Sterling in place of Gabriel Jesus at the interval and the former Liverpool man led the charge for an equaliser.

He twice shot over the bar, the second time from an excellent position, but after fellow substitute Danilo had been denied by Pickford, he netted the leveller.

Everton right-back Mason Holgate was unable to get decent purchase on a headed clearance from Danilo's cross and the ball fell kindly for Sterling to lash an emphatic volley into the bottom-corner from 15 yards.

In the last act of a frenetic game, Schneiderlin was harshly shown a second yellow card after sliding in to dispossess Aguero.

The French midfielder showed his displeasure with Aguero's theatrical reaction by wagging his finger at his face as he went off. — AFP

Becker named German federation head of tennis

BERLIN, Aug 22: Six-time Grand Slam champion Boris Becker will be named as the German Tennis Federation's (DTB) first 'head of tennis', according to AFP subsidiary SID.



The 49-year-old was declared bankrupt in June, but has been given the new role in which he will manage all German men's tennis and oversee the running of the Davis Cup team.

Former Fed Cup captain Barbara Rittner will become the head of women's tennis.

Their appointments are set to be made official at a press conference in Frankfurt tomorrow.

"But on Wednesday there will be other surprises," Dirk Hordorf, DTB vice-president, told SID.

Becker, who famously became the youngest ever men's Wimbledon champion at the age of 17 in 1985, will first try to help Germany avoid relegation from the Davis Cup World Group in their play-off against Portugal on September 15-17.

Becker had already reportedly expressed interest in working with the DTB in February after ending his stint as coach of 12-time major winner Novak Djokovic. — AFP

I dedicate my Arjuna Award to women of India: Bembem

NEW DELHI, Aug 22: Oinam Bembem Devi, the flagbearer of Indian women's football for over two decades, today dedicated her Arjuna Award to women of the country who are trying to break the stereotypes.

The 37-year-old Bembem Devi retired from international football last year during the South Asian Games in Shillong, having represented India in 85 games and scoring 32 goals.

"I dedicate this to all the women in the country who overcome hurdles every day in the sociological context to excel in their respective fields. This award is for all of them as much it is for my mom, all my teammates and coaches."

"I also need to thank AIFF for the continuous support," Bembem Devi was quoted as saying to www.the-aiff.com.

Bembem Devi made her international debut in 1995 and is closely associated with All India Football Federation (AIFF) for spreading awareness about women's football in India.

Asked how much India's situation would help to enhance the women's game in the country, the Manipuri said, "As I said, there are sociological obstacles in India which some-

times dissuade girls to play football."

"I feel my award will encourage parents to send the girl child to play football as now they understand that you can win an Arjuna Award by playing women's football in India."

Bembem Devi, who once took back her re-

turnement, eventually bowed out on a high after winning the SAF Games gold medal in Shillong in February 2016.

"After my initial retirement, I was flooded when AIFF called me up and requested me to take back my retirement. You deserve a better future! I was told."

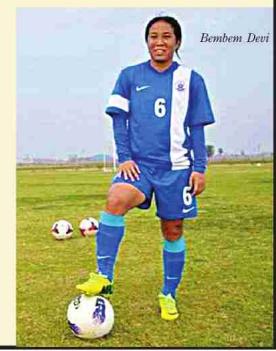
"I wasn't sure, but they insisted. It eventually came when we won the SAF Games gold medal before a packed house in Shillong. I am not sure if this has ever happened in Indian football," she added.

"I am honoured to receive this honour," an emotional Bembem Devi said.

Talking further about the Arjuna Award, she said, "It is one of the highest recognitions for any sportsperson in India. Right from childhood I have heard about the Arjuna Award."

"No sportsperson ever plays for any recognition but at times, it can be so satisfying. My sacrifice over the past two decades has not gone waste."

Asked if she had any message for the girls, Bembem Devi said, "Follow your dream and always believe in yourself. There is no alternative to hard work. Aim for the sky and you will achieve it." — PTI



Zhang upsets Kvitova in first round of Connecticut Open

NEW HAVEN, Aug 22: Petra Kvitova's final tuneup for the US Open ended with a 6-2, 6-1 loss to Shuai Zhang of China in the first round of the Connecticut Open.

Zhang, a two-time Wimbeldon champion and a three-

time champion in New Haven, is just 4-4 on hard courts this season. The Czech player returned to the tour at the French Open in May after she was stabbed during a home invasion in December, leaving her dominant left hand seri-

ously injured.

Zhang, ranked 29th, was playing her first match in the United States since April.

"I just arrived in New Haven last night, coming straight from China," she said. "It's a big change. It's 12 hours' time difference. Before the match I was still sleeping."

Earlier yesterday, Canadian Eugenie Bouchard breezed past higher-ranked American Lauren Davis 6-3, 6-1. Bouchard, a wild-card entry, next faces top-seeded Agnieszka Radwanska.

Bouchard, who reached a career-best No. 5 in the rankings in 2014, has struggled recently, slipping to 74th.

In other matches, Kirsten Flipkens of Belgium beat Lesia Tsurenko of Ukraine 6-2, 6-3, and Romania's Ana Bogdan got past Russia's Elena Vesnina 7-5, 7-5.

The US Open starts from August 28. — AP



Azarenka withdraws from US Open amid child custody dispute

NEW YORK, Aug 22: Two-time Australian Open champion Victoria Azarenka withdrew from the US Open because this year is if leave Leo behind in California," Azarenka wrote,

things stand now is that the only thing I can play in the US Open is if leave Leo behind in California," Azarenka wrote,

"which I'm not willing to do."

Azarenka has not played since Wimbledon, and the former No. 1 player is now ranked 204th.

Born in 1990, she was the runner-up in New York in 2012 and 2013, failing in the final each year to Svetlana Kuznetsova, Naovika Djokovic and Kei Nishikori. — AP



Brazil coach Tite happy with Neymar, Alves at PSG

RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug 22: Paris Saint-Germain's Brazilian signings Neymar and Dani Alves are noticeably happy at having joined the Ligue 1 outfit this summer, according to Brazil national coach Tite.

Neymar has scored three goals and provided three assists in his first two matches for the French side following his world record 222 million euro (\$261.8 million) move from Barcelona, reports Xinhua news agency.

Meanwhile Alves has displayed all of the flamboyance and skill that characterised his spells at Sevilla, Barcelona and Juventus.

"I see happiness in Neymar and Dani at having changed clubs," Tite told reporters in Brazil on Monday.

The 56-year-old denied reports that he gave advice to Neymar about his surprise move to the French capital earlier this month.

"I want players to be happy," Tite said.

"I didn't speak to anybody about moving clubs. Whoever said that lied because I wouldn't give myself the right to do that."

Tite's comments came before his participation in a Brazilian Football Coaches Federation (FBTF) meeting in Rio de Janeiro.

The former Corinthians boss said he backed a proposal to restrict the number of times that clubs could sack coaches.

He also said he supported a request to give Brazil's coaching badges international recognition, a move he says would allow more local managers to work in Europe's top leagues. — IANS

U-17 World Cup trophy to be in display this weekend

KAUSAV BARUAH

GUWAHATI, Aug 22: In a bid to provide some happiness to the people at a time when the State is going through the worst phase owing to floods, the official winner's trophy of the FIFA U-17 World Cup will be displayed here this weekend.

Tournament director of the Local Organising Committee (LOC) of the FIFA U-17 World Cup, Javier Cepi said: "We know about the very critical situation that the State of Assam is suffering because of the floods and we understand that all the attention and efforts of the government and people is focused on helping those in need."

"We are trying to bring some happiness to the people of Assam in this very complicated time, which is why Assam will be the second State in the country that will see the official winner's trophy of the FIFA U-17 World Cup. It will be displayed this

weekend in Guwahati. We are also planning other football activities too because of the love for football that people of Assam have. It can help in bringing a little moment of happiness in this time of hardship. We know that it may not be big, but whatever we can do to help, we will do."

The official winner's trophy will be on public display on August 26 and 27 at the Indira Gandhi Athletic Stadium and Judge's Field.

Asked about the recent decline in ticket sales in Guwahati, the Chilean said: "The sales of tickets has picked up in Guwahati. In fact, all the inventory that has been put up for sale for Category 2 for the semifinal has already been bought by fans, which is quite encouraging. With very high profile teams and

players in Guwahati for the first round, we expect the inventory for all the group stage matches to be sold quite soon. We are on a good track to meet the mission of having

Group E features Honduras, Japan, New Caledonia and France. The U-17 World Cup will be held across six cities in the country from October 6 to 28.

Regarding the remaining work at the stadium and training sites have been completed. There are certain areas that need for the monsoon to end so that they can be undertaken, such as the exterior painting of the stadium, levelling some areas outside the main facility, landscaping, among others. We are not concerned about the pace and status of works in Guwahati and we are quite sure that it will be up to the mark for the tournament."

"All the facilities are coming up

quite nicely and the renovations that were made will definitely give Guwahati world class facilities for the tournament and for the future. When the teams visited, they were quite impressed with the conditions of the pitches, particularly the one at SAI Centre, and now all have improved even further, so we feel that things are in a positive track."

Cepi also thanked the State government by saying: "State Government has had a big role to play on this and we are extremely thankful to Chief Minister and all the authorities of government of Assam, because the FIFA U-17 World Cup is a priority in Assam's policy of becoming the sports capital of the country. With the passion that people in the Northeast have for sports, the development of facilities to a world class level and the conduct of the largest football event India has ever seen, we feel that Assam is indeed on track to become the sports capital of India."

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