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NEWS CAPSULE

Dhemaji bandh

SILAPATHAR, July 10:
The Dhemaji bandh called by two student bodies in protest against family members of those accused in the infamous Silapathar incident filing a case against 11 leaders of some local organizations passed off peacefully today. — Correspondent

Rail blockade

GUWAHATI, July 10:
Train services in the State were severely affected today due to the 'rail roko' agitation called by the All Koch Rajbongshi Students Union AKRSU activists resorting to the blockade at Basughat railway station. — Staff Reporter

ITT admission

NEW DELHI, July 10:
The Supreme Court today allowed the counselling and admissions into Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) across the country on the basis of the results of the IIT-JEE (Advance) 2017 results by vacating its stay on it. — PTI

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Flood situation worsens

• Over 12 lakh people hit in 23 districts • Death toll rises to 31



Rhinos taking shelter in highland in flood-affected Kaziranga National Park, on Monday. — UB Photos

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, July 10: During the past 24 hours, the overall flood situation in the State worsened with the floodwaters of the swelling rivers affecting 12,569 people, inundating 2,053 villages under 70 revenue circles of 23 districts. The flood-related death toll has also shot up to 31 with seven more cases of death reported from Goalpara (one), Golaghat (one), Jorhat (two) and Lakhimpur (three) today. How-

ever, of the three cases of death in Lakhimpur, two are reportedly related to landslide, said the official flood bulletin here this evening.

Meanwhile, the Brahmaputra is flowing above its respective danger levels in Dibrugarh, Cachar, Biswanath, Karimganj, Nagaon, Golaghat, Jorhat, Chirang, Sivasagar, Dhemaji and Sonitpur. Altogether 18,295 flood-people have been shifted to the relief camps.

Floodwaters have affected a total crop area of 1,05,910 hectares.

In a bid to give a clear picture of the flood situation, the bulletin said that in Kokrajhar district, the Sankosh has a channel avulsed from it at Gokhakha village. The channel is of around 80-metre-width. Severe bank erosion and inundation at Kharanguri village in the right bank of the Sarabhangra river has been reported.

The river Garuthella has also been eroding its left bank at Koirami Advisi Basti and Rajabari village, the Longa riv-

Hailakandi were affected by the current wave of flood today.

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6 Amarnath pilgrims killed in J-K attack

ANTANAG, July 10: Six Amarnath pilgrims were killed and 12 others injured, including policemen, today when a bus of *utris* was caught in a crossfire between militants and a police party in Jammu and Kashmir's Anantnag district, police said.

Inspector General of Police Munir Khan confirmed the toll and said 12 others were injured, including security men. The bus was carrying pilgrims back from Baltal after performing the yatra. A CRPF spokesman was ailing of the part of the official yatra and registered with the Amarnath Shrine Board.

The attack took place hours after the Jammu and Kashmir Police claimed to have busted a Lashkar-e-Taiba module with the arrests of two persons, including Sandeep Kumar Sharma alias Adil, a resident of Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh.

Senior minister in the Mehbooba Mufti-led government Nayem Akhtar termed the attack a "dark patch in the history of Kashmir". — IANS

Rameswar Dhanowar passes away
OUR BUREAU

DIBRUGARH, July 10: Veteran Congress leader and eight-time Digbo MLA, Rameswar Dhanowar today breathed his last at the Assam Medical College Hospital here. The 79-year-old politician was ailing for some time, according to family sources.

A graduate from Gauhati University in 1964, Dhanowar will be best remembered for his amiable character and how he was readily accessible to all, a rarity in these days. He leaves behind three sons and two daughters.

Apart from being MLA from Digbo for eight consecutive terms before he lost to Suren Phukan of the BJP in 2016, he served Assam as minister on several occasions. The portfolios he held included labour, employment and excise. He was also a front

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Rights body tells J&K to pay Rs 10 lakh to 'human shield' Dar

Srinagar, July 10: The Jammu and Kashmir human rights commission today directed the state government to pay a compensation of Rs 10 lakh to Farooq Ahmad Dar, who was used as a "human shield" by the Army during the Srinagar Lok Sabha by poll.

The compensation awarded to Dar was for the "humiliation, physical and psychiatric torture, stress, wrongful restraint and confinement" that he underwent when he was tied to the bonnet of an Army vehicle to ward off stone pelters, the State Human Rights Commission (SHRC) observed in its judgement.

"I have no doubt in my mind that Farooq Ahmad was subjected to torture and humiliation, besides being wrongly confined," the judgement issued by SHRC chairperson Justice (retired) Bilal Nazki said.

He observed that the action led to trauma, resulting in psychiatric stress "which may remain with him for the rest

of his life".

"For the humiliation, physical and psychiatric torture, stress, wrongful restraint and confinement, the commission thinks it appropriate to direct the state government to pay a compensation of Rs 10 lakh to the victim" the SHRC said.

The commission directed the J&K government to comply with the direction within six weeks.

The judgement is recommendatory in nature and would need the approval of the state government for implementation.

"The Chief Secretary of the state shall file a compliance report before the commission within the same period," the ruling read.

The judgement came on an application moved by Ahsan Antoo, chairman, International Forum for Justice and Protection of Human Rights.

Justice (retd) Nazki said the police in its report had said Dar was tied to the Army vehicle bonnet and used as a human shield from the responsibility. - PTI

but observed that the commission was "handicapped" by the fact that it could not refer to the conduct of the Army because of the limited applicability of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993.

"There cannot be any debate as to whether the treatment given to Dar was a violation of human rights or not. There are laws in this country, and international laws, which prohibit such a treatment even to a convict. Such treatment to a human being cannot be accepted by a civilised society," he said.

The commission, however, was "handicapped" by the fact that it could not go into the conduct of the Army who are allegedly responsible for the incident even to a convict. Such treatment to a human being cannot be accepted by a civilised society," he said.

The SHRC chairperson said that in view of the police report, Dar has been subjected to human rights violations and, therefore, the state government could not escape from the responsibility. - PTI

Kejriwal launches Delhi govt's online RTI portal

NEW DELHI, July 10: Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Monday launched his government's e-RTI portal at the Delhi Secretariat here and said that the public who pay tax have all the rights to know how their money is spent.

He said that it was a "historic day" for Delhi's people as with the launching of e-RTI portal (rtionline.delhi.gov.in), no one would have to come to Delhi government offices to file an RTI request.

"File RTI online from your home. Nodal officers have been appointed in each department who will help in providing requisite information on the portal," Kejriwal said.

The All India Party (AIP) leader said that people have almost common queries so if the answers of the RTIs were kept in public domain on internet, then the number of

RTIs would reduce.

"Delhi government would put all relevant information online to ensure transparency in its functioning. Every citizen of the country including the poor pays tax on whatever items he purchases so that he has all the rights to know how their money is being spent and how the government is working," he said.

Kejriwal added that not only the Ministers but even the Chief Minister will come under its purview.

Officials said Delhi has become the first Union Territory to launch such a system.

The Central government in 2013 had launched its own online RTI application portal allowing users to file queries, pay application fee and submit requests for appeal. Maharashtra had also launched its online RTI portal in 2015.

LS Speaker leads parliamentary team to Russia

NEW DELHI, July 10: The National Informatics Centre (NIC) through the RTI applications pertaining to 172 departments of the Delhi government.

Kejriwal said that in order to make the system more transparent "We will try to put all information related to the government's work – affecting people's life – in the public domain."

Giving an example, he said that if the department concerned puts daily sales reports of the ration shops online, people won't have to file RTIs to seek information.

The Delhi government's e-RTI portal would allow users to file their query and pay the fee via netbanking. Not only this but this e-RTI portal will also enable the applicants to file their first appeal online and get email/SMS alerts on the status of the applications. - IANS



NCC cads meeting Rajasthan Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje and Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Harsh Vardhan during the 68th state-level Forest festival at Govindpur in Jaipur on Monday. - UNI

TMC to boycott govt's all-party meet on July 16

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Mahajan in the evening of July 16, O'Brien added.

The Mamata Banerjee-led party, along with the Congress and the Left parties, had earlier boycotted the midnight event organised by the government in Parliament on June 30 for rollout of the GST.

Such a meeting is traditionally held to discuss how that particular session could run smoothly and the Prime Minister also joins it.

The boycott decision comes amidst the TMC and the BJP over the recent violence in West Bengal which is ruled by

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US troops, with soldiers wearing WW-I helmets, walk on the Champs Elysees during a rehearsal of the traditional Bastille Day military parade in Paris, France, on Monday. – UNI

Cardinal Pell back in Australia to face abuse charges

SYDNEY, July 10: Vatican finance chief Cardinal George Pell arrived back in Australia today ahead of a court appearance after this month over his sexual abuse charges.

The 76-year-old touched down in Sydney and was met by security before being whisked away in a waiting car, Channel Nine vision showed. Made no comment.

Pell has been ordered to face

a Melbourne court on July 26 for a preliminary hearing on multiple sexual assault charges related to offences allegedly committed decades ago, when he was a senior cleric in Australia.

The former Sydney and Mel-

bourne archbishop has always maintained his innocence and strenuously denies the allegations. Details of the charges have not been made public although

police said they involved "multiple complainants".

"I am looking forward finally to having my day in court. I am innocent of these charges," Pell, officially considered the number three in the Vatican hierarchy, said from Rome after being charged late last month.

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INTERNATIONAL

AI vehicles, drones may soon help secure US borders

WASHINGTON, July 10: Scientists in the US are developing a system of robotic drones and land vehicles integrated with artificial intelligence that may help security forces better monitor the country's border.

Researchers at the University of Arizona (UA) received a USD 750,000 grant from the US Air Force Office of Scientific Research to build an autonomous surveillance system for land and aerial vehicles monitoring the country's border with Mexico.

They are building a framework for border surveillance that uses artificial intelligence, based on realistic computer simulations, to integrate data from different sources and respond in real time.

"Our goal is to devise a system to most effectively, efficiently and safely deploy border patrol resources," said Young-Jun Son, professor at UA.

The research will help the US Department of Homeland Security's Customs and Border Protection unit to gain a clearer picture of border activities for swifter, better-coordinated responses. Homeland Security has used unmanned aerial vehicles equipped with cameras and radars for border surveillance since 2005, researchers said.

The challenge is to choose the right combination of aerial and ground vehicles, given different terrain and weather conditions, and activate them at just the right time.

"A major task of unmanned vehicles in patrol missions is to detect and find their targets' locations in real time," said Sara Minacea, doctoral candidate at UA.

Researchers have developed novel motion-detection and geo-localisation algorithms for enabling aerial and ground vehicles to work in teams to precisely locate targets and decide how to respond.

They have also been analysing and testing different wireless network technologies for drones to communicate and cooperate over varied distances. – PTI

Blaze ruins part of London's historic market

LONDON, July 10: A huge blaze today destroyed parts of north London's historic Camden Lock market, a popular tourist attraction in the UK, nearly a month after a deadly fire killed at least 80 people in the city.

London Fire Brigade said 70 firefighters and 10 fire engines were sent to the site. No injuries have been reported.

"No one was reported injured and the LFB have brought the fire under control. The cause of the fire is not yet known. The emergency services remain on scene and enquiries are ongoing," Scotland Yard said in a statement.

An eyewitness said the fire spread "very fast" and there were fears of an explosion in nearby buildings when the fire broke out in the early hours of the day. – PTI

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US 'sorry' for calling Xi leader of Taiwan

BEIJING, July 10: The US has apologised to China for mistakenly describing President Xi Jinping as the leader of Taiwan in a statement issued by Washington, a top Chinese official said today.

Reacting strongly to the statement issued by the US after Xi and President Donald Trump met in Germany on the sidelines of the G20, China's Foreign Ministry spokesman Geng Shuang told a media briefing here that the Chinese side has "lodged a solemn representation with the US".

"The US said sorry for the technical error and they made the correction," he said when asked about the fax pas by Washington.

In a statement issued after Xi and US President Donald Trump met in Germany on the sidelines of G20, the White House press office described Xi as the President of the Republic of China, the formal name for Taiwan. China, led by Xi, is officially called the People's Republic of China (PRC). Taiwan is a sensitive issue for China as it considers it as part of the mainland under its One-China policy. – PTI

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Search on for missing teenager

CORRESPONDENT

JALUKBARI, July 10: A search is under way for 19-year-old Jasmina Khatun of Barpeta, who had gone missing after leaving her married sister's home at Boragona here on July 7.

Jasmina's family today lodged an FIR at the Garchuk Police Station after failing to trace her. Police investigation is on.

2 held with brown sugar

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, July 10: Guwahati Customs yesterday evening caught two persons - Osman Gonji and Abbas Ali - with 400 grams of brown sugar worth Rs 5 lakh at Ganeshguri. The drug was brought from UP sources said.

Mishap claims 1

CORRESPONDENT

JALUKBARI, July 10: One Yabub Hussain (74), who was rushed to GMCH in a critical condition after being hit by a bus while trying to cross the road near the mosque at Jalahkuri around 11 am today, succumbed to his injuries at the hospital.



Pumps being put into service to flush out water from Avil Nagar, Nabin Nagar and other nearby areas, into the Bharali river on Monday. - AT photo

AASU for declaration of State flood as national problem

STAFF REPORTER

rooned and there is no one to rescue them.

Moreover, the flood-hit people are not getting adequate amounts of relief in several districts, alleged the student body.

It has demanded urgent steps to protect the famous river island Majuli and rescue and relief operations on a war-footing. The student body has also urged its units to stand by the flood-hit people and to extend all sorts of help and support to these people.

Rangnadi: The AASU demands that the twin problems have been affecting the very foundation of the State's economy in an indescribable manner. This year, these problems have made life miserable for the State's people. A number of people have lost their lives to flood and erosion and many people have to save their lives by climbing trees. In many villages, people are ma-

dam. The Chief Minister should take the initiative in this respect, it said.

It has alleged that due to the NEEPCO authorities releasing the excess water from their Rangnadi Hydel Power Project dam, floodwater of the Rangnadi has been creating a horrible situation in Lakhimpur district of the State. This has proved the veracity of the allegation of the State's people that big dam power projects are detrimental to the cause of the State's people.

The NEEPCO authorities have committed an unpardonable crime against the people of the State by releasing the excess water of the Rangnadi Hydel Power Project's dam, said the student body.

Contractors cry foul over pending bills, GMC says works not satisfactory

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, July 10: Contractors executing projects of the Guwahati Municipal Corporation (GMC) today cried foul over non-clearance of their pending bills and charged the municipal body with violating the terms of the agreement.

Addressing a press conference today, the contractors said bills worth Rs 3 crore pertaining to the projects of 2014 were cleared only last month.

In February, the Chief Engineer had passed the bills worth Rs 7,42,740 pertaining to works of 2015-16. "The Guwahati Development Department had released the funds. But mysteriously, the Corporation has not yet released the payment. This is despite a commitment by the GMC that the payment would be

made every three months," contractor Jitendra Saloi said.

Alleging that some officials of the GMC had been holding back the payment in an attempt to get some commission, the contractors said the municipal body has been putting pressure on them to continue executing the works.

Meanwhile, a GMC official said the works carried out in the last two years were not satisfactory and as such the bills are being re-examined.

"They are also bringing allegations of some officials demanding commission. If they can give a formal complaint, we will inquire into it. Or else we will have to consider disciplinary action," the official said.

The contractors, however, questioned that if the works were not satisfactory, why did the Chief Engineer pass the bills in February?

The contractors also claimed that this year's flash floods in the city were not despite non-payment of the bills.

Around 27 contractors are executing thirty projects in Greater Guwahati area, mostly related to desilting of drains. The projects were allotted in 2014 and are scheduled to be completed in October this year.

The contractors also claimed that this year's flash floods in the city were not



Activists of Assam State Anganwadi and Helpers' Association staging a dharna demanding a hike in their salaries, on the bank of the Dighalipukhuri in Guwahati on Monday. - AT photo

Barsola Beel faces encroachment threat

A part of the boundary wall on the eastern side of the Barsola Beel at Chailpool in Guwahati has completely collapsed, but the cause has not yet been known. This may result in encroachment unless GMDA soon constructs a temporary barrier there till a permanent one is built.

In this part of the beel, water hyacinth and mud have also not yet been removed by the authorities concerned. I request the GMDA authorities to take urgent steps before it is too late.

- Ashim Dutta,
Chailpool, Guwahati

Parking charge

As we all know, parking charges are being levied all over Guwahati.

citizens' voice

Citizens are requested to express their Guwahati-specific views within 100 words and mail the same to: citizensvoice365@gmail.com

I fail to understand, when we purchase a car or a scooter, we pay road tax and insurance charges. Obviously, when we pay road tax, we will drive and also park our vehicles as well.

But when we park our vehicles, parking charge is taken from us.

I request the GMC authorities to please clarify why there is parking charge.

- Umesh Sethi, Betola Tinali

Protect water bodies

Guwahati, gateway to the North East, recently hogged the media limelight for its flash floods, which have now become

an annual phenomenon. Although several scientific measures can be taken to tackle the problem, protection of the city's wetlands, lakes, ponds and natural water harvesting structures can play a crucial role.

There is an urgent need to make Deepor Beel and Sisakote Beel on the outskirts of the city free from encroachment and illegal construction.

Rejuvenating the natural water sources can go a long way in mitigating the problem of flash flood in the city.

According to a media report, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in the Inter-

Governmental Panel on Climate Change has expressed deep concern at the increasing risk of climate change in urban areas. The report forecasted localised and heavy rainfall within a short span of time in South Asia. Therefore, the government needs to develop climate resilient disaster mitigation and preparedness measures to minimise the vulnerability of urban flooding.

The Assam government and the Central government should work together on this issue and find mechanisms to deal with the city's artificial flood problem. Measures should also be taken to protect all the water bodies in and around the city, and stop illegal construction activities.

- Surajit Talukdar, Guwahati

Two landslides in city, no casualties reported

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, July 10: Two landslides were reported in the city today. Nobody was hurt in the incidents. While one of the slides took place at Krishnamagar in Chandmari area, the other happened near the Srimanta Sankar Academy at Dispur. A couple of houses were badly damaged in the landslide at Krishnamagar where a huge chunk of the hill came crashing down.

Kamrup Metro Deputy Commissioner Dr M Angamuthu said that the administration is monitoring the situation and is maintaining constant vigil.

The city has witnessed a number of landslides so far this monsoon season. A six-year-old girl died in a slide at Panikhaiti last week.



A rainfall-induced landslide damaged a temporary dwelling near the Srimanta Sankar Academy, Dispur in Guwahati on Monday. - UB Photos

Fake note making den busted

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, July 10: The historic 105-year-old library of the Kamrup Anusandhana Samiti (KAS) would be reopened tomorrow in presence of the GMC Circle Officer Daudmod Barnam, after a gap of four years, following a legal battle. The library will be opened at 3 pm.

It is alleged that the party forcefully kept the historic library under lock and key on a plea of litigation, which was, however, dismissed by the Civil Court No 1 of Kamrup (Metro) on May 26, 2017. The library will now be opened as per the directive of the District Magistrate, following the dismissal of the court case.

Child escapes unhurt

CORRESPONDENT

JORABAT, July 10: A 13-year-old child, identified as Amit Kumar, miraculously escaped unhurt when a speeding car, after losing control hit a divider on NH-37 at Jorabat around 2.15 pm today and jumped over it, before landing in front of the child. At that time Amit was helping his sumi in selling pineapples on the roadside.

The vehicle was coming full speed from Byrrihat towards Sonapur. Locals said the driver was drunk. Jorabat Traffic Police took custody of the vehicle and the driver was sent to the GMC for a medical check-up.

Water machine

GUWAHATI, July 10: Marwari Sammelan Guwahati branch today installed a water cooling machine at Panchayati Thakurbari, TRP Road here. Social worker Loknath Moura inaugurated the machine, donated by the family of late Devi Devi Bajoria in her memory.

OBITUARY

Aparajita Sarma

GUWAHATI, July 10: Aparajita Sarma, an accomplished painter, died at the International Hospital here today after a protracted illness. She was 47.

Her amiable and philanthropic nature had endeared her to all who knew her. She leaves behind her parents, husband, a son and a daughter.

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MESSAGE FOR TODAY

Part of life is understanding that challenges, obstacles and roadblocks will appear from time to time.

— ROBERT RIVERS

The Assam Tribune

Not the end

Without doubt the recapture of Mosul, the second largest city in Iraq after Baghdad, by the Iraqi army is a significant milestone in the ongoing fight against the Islamic State, which has proved to be the most brutal entity in modern times. The 'victory' has come at a heavy price; estimates put the loss of at least 40% of the elite, anti-terrorist Iraqi troops sent on this particular assignment. In Syria Bashar al-Assad's forces, which had earlier recaptured Palmyra, are inexorably advancing against the IS in its operational base of Raqa. Thus the tide appears to be gradually turning for Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi's outfit in Syria and Iraq and the space created by it is shrinking in those two countries. Simultaneously, strengthened security by intelligence agencies in the West have ensured that coordinated terrorist attacks from the Caliphate have tapered out and the outfit is relying on home-grown psychopaths to carry out lethal assaults using non-conventional weapons. However, it would be naïve to assume that the IS is on its last leg and the deadly threat to humanity posed by it would be eradicated very soon. For one thing, both Syria and Iraq are huge countries and the IS still possesses large swaths of territory and has a strong presence in rural areas. Depriving it of these would be a long-drawn affair and require inexhaustible patience from the anti-IS forces.

For another, the schism between the radical Islamic entities and other faiths had become too deep for quick and easy healing. To refuse to concede that today, large segments of Muslims living in non-Muslim nations are alienated from the mainstream in those countries would be to put one's head in the sand. Negative trends like harassment of Muslims at airports or other entry points, hate crimes by non-Muslims against them, etc., have only served to exacerbate such alienation. Little wonder that random terrorist assaults by home-grown radicals, something extremely difficult for the law-enforcing agencies to prevent, have increased in number. The social network has emerged as the most potent weapon in the hands of a terror-outfit like the IS and it can be used to preach hate messages and radicalize vulnerable individuals thousands of miles away, no matter where the terrorist organization is located. Moreover, there are too many divisions within the Islamic world itself, as also amongst the anti-IS entities, for the international community to launch a concerted assault against it. Also, the terrorist attacks launched by the 'soldiers' of the IS have seemingly given legitimacy to the toxic rhetoric of far-right-wing elements all over the world, thereby creating a vicious cycle of hate, crimes and retractions. Thus the 'victories' so far attained by the anti-IS forces are mere episodes in a long-haul battle and it is too early for the world to heave a sigh of relief.

Construction materials

In recent months the people of Assam have been hearing a lot about the shortage of construction materials. Many infrastructure projects have slowed down and work on many schemes have come to a virtual standstill due to the reported scarcity of such materials. In April-May this year, officials in the State PWD had said that construction activities across Assam, and particularly in Guwahati, have come to a halt due to an unprecedented shortage of building materials like stones, chips and sand; they had said that most of the ongoing projects will not be finished as per the deadlines set due to the same. Contractors had also then alleged that the suppliers have refused to supply the construction materials citing restrictions by the departments concerned. Construction activities in many parts of the State, including Guwahati, are mostly dependent on materials from Meghalaya, and reports had suggested that no materials were coming from Meghalaya due to restrictions imposed by the Government of the neighbouring State. The quarries in Meghalaya are entangled in legal hassles over issues concerning the environment and Shillong had reportedly imposed prohibitory orders on sand and stone mining in several areas, leading to a scarcity of the building materials. The PWD officials had also alleged that the Assam Forest Department was also not allowing carrying of sand and stones from the mines in the State. In Guwahati itself, the shortage had affected projects being carried out by the PWD under the Performance Based Maintenance Contract (PBMC) and also some drainage projects being implemented by the Guwahati Development Department (GDD). To tackle the problem, PWD had recently announced that it will use a new technology, based on a soil stabilizer and pavement material, to cut down the requirement of materials as well as build roads which are more durable and need less maintenance. Taking a serious view of the scarcity of construction materials, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal had also recently asked the Forest Department to make the materials available.

Now, in a strange twist to the entire saga, Forest Minister Pramila Rani Brahma has described the shortage of construction materials as "artificial". She said that to make stone easily available for development purpose, an additional 57 quarries are under process of sale and forest clearances have been sought from the Central Government for operating another 23 quarries falling under the reserve forest area. So it seems that two government departments are speaking in contradictory voices. That is no something which the people had expected when they voted the BJP to power at Dispur last year hoping for *parivartan*. Such kinds of discrepancy and lack of coordination between government departments are really surprising. The State Government must clear the air in the matter and also take urgent steps to deal with any scarcity of construction materials, if there is really a shortage.

Floods and the vicious cycle

■ Swapnanil Barua

The Brahmaputra river is in news now, much more than it was during the Namami Brahmaputra festival. The annual *mela* is back, something which an old Assam hand MS Prabhakar described, that it was repetitive, that even a journalist could not coin a new tag line, other than describing it as 'devastating and unprecedented', and it continues to be so. This year, till now 20 people have died in this wave of floods, nearly 10 lakh people have been affected, there is loss to property and public institutions, homes have been swept away with cattle, personal effects and, above all, the irreplaceable loss of land due to erosion. With land lost, for an agriculturist it is the end of the road, for as the American saying goes, 'God does not make land any more'. He not only loses his property, but he is left with no factor of production, to rebuild his life anew. Not only does he suffer, but his entire family suffers, without succour in sight. Multiplying this loss since 1950, one can gauge the epic proportions of the disaster, which will definitely describe in terms of financial, physical and mental loss to the State and its suffering people.

The response to this 67-year-old problem has had its various suggestions. Political parties and students' organizations want it to be declared a National Problem, the Government in power wants to dredge the river, power generators want dams to be built on the tributaries to control high flood discharge, water resources officials want more and higher embankments, environmentalists want every man-made obstructions in the water flow removed. All have been

advocating reasons and figures for solving the flood issue, yet it defines a solution. Every proposal put forward has its logic, but it's a 'six blind men and the elephant story' — each was correct in his own little way. Nothing has worked so far and no end is in sight. The only thing that effectively functions in flood situation is the lowly revenue *Mandal* and the boatmen, who risk their lives in rescue and relief. In over-laden country boats, they ferry people and livestock to safe sanctuaries, set up relief camps, arrange for food, firewood, water and sanitation, often with all odds to their backs, with tempers, insecurities and emotions run high and yet they do man management so effectively that a visiting MLA or a Minister, accompanied by press, do not have to face public ire or assault.

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could have toppled. The Chief Minister has sent his Ministers to the flooded areas to be King Canute, asking the waters to go away, but the people want solutions to this vexed perennial problem, not sympathy or assurances.

Floods will go, but the post-flood rehabilitation programmes will not come in time. Again the *Lal Mandals* and agriculture village-level extension workers will assess the damage. The first assessment will be of

sated. Students lose books, which they have to buy or borrow, or forget exams or going back to school again. For those who have lost their crops, they have to plough their fields and buy their own seedlings again. The lucky ones may have their fields tilled at government expense and get some out-of-season seedlings, after anxious waiting. Farmers, based on assurances wait in anticipation of government seedlings, till a time comes when neither government supplies come, nor arrangements are made individually, leading to fields remaining barren. The State Government will appeal to the Centre asking for funds to deal with the rehabilitation issues. A memorandum of flood loss will be submitted to the Centre, who in turn will send a Central Assessment Team, who will then go and submit a report. The report will go to various ministries and by the time the money, much below the required amount, will come, it will be 'seasons out of time'. The proof of the pudding is in its eating. A performing government will not wait to use traditional means to combat the

for the *Rabi* season.

The biggest losers are the erosion-affected people. From landlords they become landless overnight. They lose what had been a home for generations and have to take refuge in embankments, PGRs or forest lands. From happy comfortable homes, these people are left loose in a home of uncertainty, forever under the sword of eviction. The tragedy and pathos of losing a permanent home can only be felt by one who has lost one. Without a home, without any means of income, respectable people till the other day have to stoop to the nadir of acts and character, all for the sake of the belly. Personal losses apart, the community too loses, in terms of schools, medical centres, community centres, water supply plants, electric facilities, etc., things that have been created over a time, spending public money. From a life of enjoying these public facilities, to be rudely snatched away from its benefits, only the sufferer will know. There are no government schemes for helping the erosion-affected, both at the Centre and in the State. They cannot be given lands as there are no *khas* lands. They cannot be settled in reserve forests or grazing grounds, as it is prohibited by law. Without land, they cannot build houses, not enjoy public facilities. Without land *pattas*, these people cannot avail any loans. The provision of unsecured loans is there, but no banker risks a non-performing asset. No one in the Revenue Department is thinking to find a way out to this vexed problem. With Majuli, the Chief Minister's constituency, being most vulnerable to erosion, the solution has to be now or never. After all, it's a Government for protecting the Assamese, their lands and homes.

Sustainable organic agriculture with RNAi technology

■ Anupam Gogoi

Sustainability and organic agriculture are the backbone of a balanced healthy environment and future food security. The term 'organic' has gained immense importance in recent times when the whole agricultural ecosystem is being affected by the use of toxic chemicals including synthetic fertilizers and pesticides. In the early 1960s, the Green Revolution in India led to the increase of food grain productivity, especially wheat, with the adoption of modern agronomic practices including the use of improved cultivars, irrigation and use of synthetic fertilizers and pesticides. However, continuous use of synthetic chemicals in crop production has deteriorated the soil quality and enhanced residual toxicity in food. The use of synthetic insecticides has not only killed important crop pests but also eradicated beneficial insects from agricultural zones. A havoc was faced by the people of Kerala, which indefinitely used Endosulfan (an insecticide) from 1978 onwards (banned in present times) to control the menace of the tea mosquito bug in plantation crops, resulting in serious health implications to both humans and animals such

as physical deformities, cancers, birth disorders and damages to brain and nervous system. Although most chemicals have already been banned, the use of many pesticides in agriculture is still continuing with the use of improper application doses by the illiterate farmers in India. It is an undeniable fact that a major proportion of Assam is now facing a serious problem with rising health complications that include cancer. Apart from many types of cancers, the liver and stomach cancers are a rising concern for the people of Assam. The primary root behind such health implications is believed to be due to unhealthy food production, i.e., residual toxicity of insecticidal pesticides in staple cereals, vegetables, and meats.

The NE States are being considered as an organic state by default, as the major portion of agricultural land is not under the use of modern day chemicals due to lack of sufficient funds in farmer's hand. These States have immense potential to become the organic hub of the country. However, the emerging biotic stresses to agricultural crops and overcoming such threats without affecting the environment are big chal-

lenges in order to establish organic agriculture and sustainability.

Meanwhile, the use of organic pesticides (to control pests) and viricides (to control plant viral diseases) is being developed and tested in many pests and infected plants respectively. The organic products from Neem, citrus, chrysanthemum and garlic are being used as pesticides in conventional agriculture for crop protection from pests and diseases. Although such naturally occurring organic pesticides can control crop pests and diseases, the efficiency for crop protection is comparatively low with respect to the synthetic pesticides. Hence, to effectively control crop pests and diseases, the conventional organic agriculture must switch to the use of modern day molecular organic pesticides in staple cereals, vegetables, and meats.

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lenges in order to establish organic agriculture and food security. Exogenous application of dsRNA (the active molecule) solution in plants has the potential to eradicate economically important crop pests that will feed on treated plants. Adoption of this eco-friendly molecular pesticide along with integrated farming practices will increase crop productivity and will be a co-factor for sustainable organic farming. It should be noted that the application of dsRNA (RNAi molecule) to control crop pests and diseases is not being commercialized; however, such technology will be an advantage to the people for future adoption. Further, it is noteworthy to mention that many naturally occurring biological predators can effectively reduce pest population by directly feeding on them as bait. However, the application of biological predators in crop fields alone cannot eradicate pest population completely due to several limitations. Such limitations include non-availability of natural predators to certain pests and change in feeding behaviour of predators based on temperature, humidity and host plants. Thus, integrating the RNAi approach and reliable biological control methods will enhance crop protection and in turn promote organic farming.

Letters to the EDITOR

Sir, — Through these columns, I would like to bring to focus and attention of our Education Minister Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma, the appalling condition of the present History textbook of Class X of SEBA. This textbook was introduced in 2016 replacing the old one. The number of gross grammatical mistakes in the book coupled with dreadful spellings of names of places would give anyone a rude shock. Initially, we thought they were printing mistakes. But what would one make of the spelling of Bengal that has been misspelt as 'Bupal' and of the pitiful sentence structures that are not only confounding but misleading as well? Sometimes, it takes a lot of effort to understand what exactly the writer is trying to convey since the information is also very poorly arranged. We as teachers have been thoroughly confused as to what meaning to decipher out of many of the sentences that seemed to make fun of the English language.

Students with a strong English base may not face much difficulty

Appalling condition of SEBA Class X History textbook

since they will rectify these mistakes and write notes on their own, while trying not to copy answers from the book directly. But we are concerned about the students who are weak in English and depend on rote learning from books. They won't realize that they are learning very poorly-constructed sentences that are grossly incorrect to say the least. What is needed is a thorough revision of the book by experts and a massive makeover in terms of the kind of language used, if really care about the future of our students.

Yours etc., DEBOLINA C. BAKSHI, Dibrugarh

Stone supplies

Sir, — It has been reported (AT, July 10) that the State PWD Minister has initiated steps to reach out to the stone suppliers of Bhutan to overcome the present crisis of stone material shortage. But from the experience of the ongoing power line construction project of the Bhutan Power Corporation in the six districts of eastern Bhutan, I would like to bring to the notice of the authorities concerned that over the past one year, the project is suffering from shortage of the

profession. People love to see and enjoy the drawings/paintings but are not interested to buy the same. There are a few old and noted art galleries in Assam such as the State Art Gallery, Guwahati Artists' Guild and Sankaradeva Kalakshetra where the veteran and young artists have been organizing exhibitions of paintings and sculptures. Work but apart from getting appreciation from the critics, the artist have failed to get customers of their work. I feel there is a need to create awareness among the masses about the value of fine art.

Yours etc., KALYAN RABHA, Biergaon, Udalguri

Fine art

Sir, — Any form of art, be it music, dance, painting or literature, should reflect the problems of the mankind and fine art is an easy way of expressing thoughts of one's mind as well as the socio-economic, political, cultural and educational problems of the society. But the problem with art is that it is very expensive and we still do not have a satisfactory market for drawings and paintings in Assam for which the artists are still not able to take up fine art as a

profession. The department towards the serious and hard-working candidates who had to travel hundreds of kilometres to appear for the test, wasting energy, time and money. Similarly, the candidates were notified through the official website of the department to report three-and-a-half hour before the commencement of the exam for the biometric attendance. Perhaps nowhere in the world, a candidate had reported so early in the examination hall. The department would have understood the pains of the candidates, especially those from the flood-ravaged areas and far-flung places, had it been seriously concerned to create a clean image for itself.

Will the minister concerned wake up to the cries of the thousands of young people who, with the hopes of *ache din* sat in the examination that had been conducted in such a lackadaisical manner?

Yours etc., DIPANKAR BORAH, Khelmati, North Lakhimpur

Lackadaisical Forest Dept

Sir, — It is disheartening to note that the Forest Department has miserably failed to conduct its recruitment process for junior assistant in a smooth and convenient manner. As has been reported in various local media, thousands of aspirants for the recruitment examination had to face a lot of problems while appearing for the same. The department concerned has conducted a biometric test of all the candidates just a couple of days before the exam. It showed

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Artiste eager
to promote
mekhela chadar
STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, July 10: Fashion stylist and TV personality Iman A Siddique of Big Boss-6 fame recently inaugurated the D'Royal Studio of the Royal School of Fashion & Technology at the Royal Global University.

Mezbanur Ershad, Mehdia Saikia, Meghal Dass and Dilip Barooh joined him in a conversation on 'Exploring North East in pursuit of making it the fashion capital of the nation', a press release stated.

Siddique, who asked about *jansone*, the traditional Meghalaya dress for women, promised to remove the negative publicity due to the recent incident at Delhi Golf Club by promoting it all across the nation and letting people know the aesthetics of the garment in the fashion world. He is looking forward to styling an Assamese dress and would love to promote the Assamese *mekhela chadar* in the fashion world, he said.

Asked how it balances between Indian culture and modernity, he said that the West has been using Indian weaves extensively to give a different twist to its fashion industry and Indian designers should wake up to this call and start realising the fact that we are already well equipped with abundant weaves and fabrics which need to be promoted extensively.

Siddique expressed his awe and appreciation at the beauty and splendour of the North East, especially its different dress forms, material and unique styling.

Artists' Guild

GUWAHATI, July 10: The Gauhati Artists' Guild will celebrate its 41st anniversary tomorrow with hoisting of its flag by its president Dhruba Deba at 10 am. The daylong programme will include exhibition of art works of Assam during the pre-Independence era, inauguration of catalogue of the exhibition, cultural evening, etc., said a press release.

Disabled employees' body demands removal of pay structure anomalies

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, July 10: The State Government's Disabled Employees Parishad has written to the Chairman of the Anomies Committee of the Seventh Pay Commission for removal of anomalies in the sixth and seventh Assam pay panels regarding the pay and prerogatives of the disabled employees of the Government of Assam.

A sister concern of the Sadou Assam Karmachari Parishad, the disabled employees' association has asked for release of 21 months' arrear for the Sixth Pay Commission, and disability, child care, transportation allowance and children educational allowances, before submission of the final Seventh Pay Commission report.

"Our salary and allowances should be

at par with the Central government employees as we also have to survive in the same market condition and same taxes which affect the Central government employees. Moreover, the transportation allowance of Rs 1,000 should be given to every State government employee, as enjoyed by the Central government employees," advisor to the Parishad Jagadish Sarma said.

The Parishad has also asked the Commission to consider inclusion of the provision for flexible housing loan for the disabled employees with 75 per cent subsidy or minimum interest of two per cent per annum and also a hassle-free loan processing facility.

"We have had always demanded a distinctive government policy for the approximately five lakh disabled persons

of the State with provisions of encouraging the persons with disability to get employment in different government and non-governmental sectors.

"The uplift of persons living with disabilities depends on the quality of education provided to them to overcome different challenges of life and get suitably equipped to be considered as effective manpower. For that to happen, we need more advanced special education school that can train our children to become self-sufficient either through jobs or by entrepreneurship," he added.

The memorandum further included the demand for a separate directorate to mobilise and look after all the affairs of the differently able persons, including the differently able State government employees.

CME programme on oncology organised

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, July 10: A two-day national continuing medical education (CME) programme on oncology organised by the Dr Bhupaneswar Borborah Cancer Institute (BBCI) in association with the Indian Society of Oncology, concluded on Sunday.

While Dr JK Singh, President of the Indian Society of Oncology delivered the welcome address, Dr Amal Chandra Kataki, Director, BBCI, gave an overview of cancer treatment facilities in the North East.

The invited speakers for the CME programme were DR KS Panda from Cuttack, Dr D Barman of Guwahati, Dr Preeta Jain from Jalapabupur, Dr Ravi Deo and Dr Ramesh Bilmaga from Bangalore, Dr Geeta K and Dr Harit Chaturvedi from New Delhi, Dr Arvind Krishnamurthy from Chennai, Dr SS Nayyar

from Indore and Dr Ranjan Deshpande, Dr Sanjay Sharma, Dr Bharat Chauhan and Dr Dhairya Singh Sawant from Mumbai.

The speakers deliberated upon various aspects of management of oral, breast, thyroid, colon, lung and uterine cervical cancers.

Around 80 doctors and health care professionals involved in cancer treatment and care from the entire North East attended the CME. There was a separate interactive session with different NGOs working in the field of cancer prevention and control in the region.

Deepak Foundation, Roodali, Phatlik, Sarathi and some other NGOs participated in the interactive session along with media personnel.

The harmful effects of tobacco and implementation of the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act were discussed. Surgical video presentations of complicated

procedures were made during the two-day programme.

Data available with the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has revealed that only 12.5 per cent of cancer patients come for treatment in early stages of the disease. One in eight Indians is likely to develop cancer in their lifetime, and in the North East the risk is higher.

Cancer of breast with estimated 1.5 lakh new cases during 2016 is the number one cancer in the country. Cancer of the lung is the next with estimated 1.14 lakh (83,000 in men and 31,000 in women) new cases during 2016. Cancer of the uterine cervix in women is the third most common cancer with estimated 1.14 lakh new cases in 2016. Cancers associated with the use of tobacco account for about 30 per cent of all cancers in men and women.

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Dima Hasao have zero pass percentage whereas not a single student of four schools in Kamrup district could clear the HSLC examination this year.

During the assessment, several disturbing facts about the educational scenario in the schools of Assam came to light, contrary to the general opinion about lack of teachers and poor infrastructure in government schools. Several of the under-performing schools have more teachers, compared to the number of students appearing for the HSLC examination.

At many places, teachers draw their salaries without even going to schools. The Education Minister also quizzed the principals about the attendance and educational qualification of the teachers. "During the review, we also noticed that several recently pro-

Perform or ...

vinciated schools have single-digit number of students. As per rules, the schools should have at least 30 students for provincial-level examinations, but today we find several contractions, inquiry would be conducted by tallying the school records with the SEBA records. We will de-provincialise such schools giving false date of students," said Sarma.

The principals of 93 schools having a pass percentage below 10 were also held accountable for their failure.

"We would send inspection teams to such schools to review the overall performance of the teachers. The team will also interact with the local people and further action would be taken upon the basis of reports produced by the team. If required, such schools would be merged with other schools and teachers would be transferred elsewhere," he added.

Flood situation ...

(Contd from page 1) embankments on the river or both its banks are under tremendous pressure. High flood in the Gangetic alluvium also exerts severe pressure on the river's embankments, while flood situation in and around Dhemaji town at Nagaland village and Dhemaji Children Park has been reported. This situation is attributed to congestion of the Rangajin and Ghagrabyan by

Meeting of Govt Pensioners' Association held GUWAHATI, July 10:

The first year annual general meeting of the biennial term of the Government Pensioners' Association, Guwahati branch was held at the Lakhmir Sarala Balai Das Auditorium in the Pensioners' Bhawan here recently. The meeting was presided over by Professor Balindra Kr Sarmah, president of the Government Pensioners' Association, Prabin Kumar Dutta, former Chief Secretary, Government of Assam also attended the meeting, stated a delayed press release.

'Science not alienated from society, it's a part of our day-to-day life'

STAFF REPORTER

temperament among the general people.

Around 60 selected individuals from across the State participated in the workshop. Six resource persons from the Pachim Banga Vigyan Mancha including Dr Prabin Kumar Panda and Shankar Kar attended and trained the participants during the two-day programme.

The workshop was inaugurated by Dr Misra. The inaugural session was presided over by president of the Ellora Vigyan Mancha Dr Chandra Mohan Sarma. Former general secretary of the Mancha Dr Jaidev Sarma said that only a scientific temperament can bring about the required reforms in society and that without a scientific way of thinking a society can never develop.

The Ellora Vigyan Mancha organised the State-level workshop at the BSNL Multipurpose Hall, Panbazar, for spreading scientific temperament here on Sunday.

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the water-borne plants, narrow culverts and the buildings and wall constructed haphazardly, said the bulletin.

In Golaghat district, the embankment of river Galibali at Kacharipani and Dani Chapor of Missamora Mouza under Dergaon Revenue Circle is reported to be facing further erosion.

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Roshni Hassan crowned Mrs United Nations 2017



GUWAHATI, July 10: Roshni Hassan has brought accolades for the country as well as the State as she was crowned the Mrs United Nations 2017 at a glittering function held in Jamaica on July 8.

It may be mentioned that Roshni Hassan, a resident of Guwahati, was selected to represent India in the Mrs United Nations Pageant, after she became the 2nd runner-up of Mrs India Earth 2016. She also got the People's Choice Ambassador Award.

Meritorious students feted

CORRESPONDENT

RAHA, July 10: The Raha Anchalik Chitra Sancha of the All Assam Students' Union (AASU) in association with the Raha town unit of AASU on Sunday felicitated meritorious students of the greater Raha area who had excelled in the HSLC and HS examinations this year.

On the occasion, a felicitation meeting was organised at Dr Bhupen Hazarika ground premises where 58 meritorious students of Raha were accorded warm felicitation with plaudits, mementos, file bags and books. The felicitation programme was inaugurated by Dr Nilmoni Devi, Principal, Raha Basic Training Centre.

The meeting started with a chorus chaired by Dr Amaryoti Choudhury, former Vice Chancellor, Gauhati University; as the chief guest. Moni Madhab Mahanta, vice-president, AASU, was the key-note speaker.

Dr Bed Kumar Chalhia, principal, Raha College, Rout Sharma, Mridul Hazarika, State executive members, AASU, Abhijit Das, president, AASU Nagon district unit, Munna Sharma, general secretary, Nagon district unit, also addressed the gathering as distinguished guests.

Workshop on phonetics held

CORRESPONDENT

DERGAON, July 10: A workshop on phonetics of English language was held at Golaghat Commerce College (GCC) recently. The workshop on the topic, 'Dealing with the speech sounds of English', was held under the aegis of Entrepreneurship and Career Guidance Cell (ECGC) of GCC in association with the Department of English of the College.

The workshop was chaired by the principal of the college Dr Jatinra Nath Saikia, who also delivered the keynote address.

Delivering his speech on the topic, 'Significance of English as an International Language', the HoD of English department of the college, Dr Jibon Jyoti Kakoti highlighted the different aspects of English as a lingua franca.

The technical session participated by several teachers and students was attended by the Asstt Professor of English, Nandini Baruah and Nazia Rahman as the resource persons. The entire programme was moderated by Asstt Professor of Management, Sucharitha Chettri with the help of the coordinator of ECGC of the College, Bhaskar Kakoti.

Flood scene remains grim in Goalpara dist

CORRESPONDENT

GOALPARA, July 10: The overall flood situation in the district remained grim due to the incessant rainfall for the last days inundating vast stretches of low-lying areas and the houses of people living along the banks of the Brahmaputra. Till now, a total of 63 families of ward nos 11 and 13 under Balajan Revenu Circle have been affected.

Rising flood waters have claimed the life of 12-year-old Sagar Das, who was reportedly drowned on Saturday in Jayantipur village, Dolgoma under Matia Revenue Circle.

According to DPO, DDMA, Ranji Sarma, two relief camps have been set up to shelter these affected families but till now the inmates

have chosen to spend nights in their homes.

She also said that the DDMA is monitoring the flood water level and is ready to meet any emergency situation and react promptly and effectively in case of any eventualities.

The DPO informed that the Brahmaputra is maintaining a rising trend and flowing 0.9 metres above the danger level of 36.27 metres in Goalpara as reported today at around 8 am. Meanwhile, its tributaries Krishnai at 40.71 metres, Jinai at 38.23 metres and Duddhnoi at 45.50 metres are flowing below their respective danger levels marks.

According to official sources from the agriculture department, no reports of crop damage have been so far registered from any part of the district.



A vehicle loses balance and falls into flood waters at Gohpur, on Sunday. UB Photos

Breached dykes causing flood in Kalaigaon

CORRESPONDENT

KALAIGAON, July 10: People of flood-affected villages of Kalaigaon have demand immediate repair of the breached embankments of Noa river at several places in and around Kalaigaon town, specially at places where Noa had changed its course since 2015.

People of the badly-hit villages namely, Rupali, Bheghuri, Balipota, Shagunbahi, Gerua, no. 2 Kaligong (near Kankaldita Das Bio-diversity Park) and parts of Kalaigaon town demanded the BTC authority, State government and the civil administration of Udaguri district to take action immediately to repair or to construct anew the breached embankments of Noa river.

But the voice of people has never reached the government. "The changed course of Noa river could be the reason for the present calamities," says Arun Samra, a mepanoper living in a flood-affected village at Bheghuri. According to him an

amount of Rs 10 lakh was only sanctioned by the BTC administration for the repair of the breached embankment at Bheghuri last year. But the contractor concerned did nothing causing severe flood in the villages this year.

The 15-km-long Kalaigaon-Bengbari PWD road (McKenzi Road) had been one of the oldest roads in Assam which was constructed prior to 1860 by the British. Vehicular traffic has now been disrupted because of the dilapidated state of the road. Neither the BTC nor the State government has taken up any step for its repair. The Kalaigaon-Rangmati PWD road (KR road) which was originally a part of McKenzi road, is in a poor state too with knee-deep water-filled pot holes, causing untold misery to school-going children of Kalaigaon town not to speak of the common man. People have requested Maheswar Boru, MLA, Kalaigaon and Jagadish Sarkar, EM, BTC to take necessary action immediately.

Anaemia detection, treatment camp held at Rajgarh

ANN Service

NAMRUP, July 10: Consistent with the Dibrugarh Deputy Commissioner's direction to conduct an anaemia detection and treatment camp at one of the gardens under Naharani Block PHC to find out the trends of prevalence of anaemia and their follow-up, the Naharani Block PHC in collaboration with Nilmoni TE Rajgarh conducted an anaemia detection and treatment camp at Nilmoni TE School premises, Rajgarh recently.

To mark the occasion, an awareness camp was held to highlight all the aspects relating to anaemia, its signs and symptoms, issues relating to pregnancy, safe abortion, nutrition of a pregnant women and child etc. In the camp, the registered women under the age group of 15-45 including pregnant women, adolescent girl and women of reproductive age were asked several questions pertaining to knowledge about IFA tablets, knowledge about early pregnancy and the risk associated, FP methods, knowledge about spacing, knowledge about immunisation and danger signs of child disease and the like.

Along with the programme, a team of ICMR, Dibrugarh under the supervision of Dr SK Sharma, Scientist-F conducted a haemoglobinopathy detection camp. Moreover, to find out malnutrition among children (0-5 years), a Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) screening camp was also held.

This very programme also witnessed a public discussion session where Dr Udayan Kumar Baruah, Joint Director, Health Services, Dibrugarh spoke on the importance of such camps to find out anaemia, sickle-cell disease and thalasssemia instances among the tea garden populace and hoped to conduct such camps at different tea estates of Dibrugarh. Besides, Dr Biswajit Baruah, SDM & HO, Naharani Block PHC dwelt at length on the

significance and need of such camps for the greater health benefits of the people living in tea garden areas. He further added that those detected with anaemia will be given iron tablets and future management will be provided to them through ASHA workers. Dr Baruah also informed that the children found under "Severe Acute Malnutrition" would be sent to Nutritional Rehabilitation Centre at Moran, Tili. The discussion session followed by some cultural performances and a play performed by the members of Namrup Bagan Kishor Sangha which added significance to the occasion.

A host of notable dignitaries including Monisha Borgohain, District Programme Manager, NHM, Dibrugarh, Nandita Baruah, Circle Officer, Tengkhang Revenue Circle, Anuj Gogoi, Manager, Nilmoni TE, Victoria Tamuli Phukan, BPPM, Naharani Block including Medical Officers of Rajgarh and BPPM staffs of Naharani BPPHC, nutritional counsellor and dietician, Health Educators, Namrups MPHIC and Rajgarh CHC assisted the camp through their corporation.

It is to be added that Naharani BPPC selected Nilmoni TE as a sample TE to organise such camps to find out anaemia-related diseases to take preventive measures to prevent maternal and infant morbidity and mortality as well as mortality rates. In the camp, 360 women were examined where among pregnant women 47.5%, 42.5% & 2.5% of mild, moderate and severe anaemia was detected respectively. In adolescent girls, 64%, 36% & 0% of mild, moderate and severe anaemia cases were detected. Again 40% mild, 55% moderate and 5% severe anaemia was found among the women of reproductive age.

In the SAM screening camp, 124 children were screened out of which 18% of children found under Moderate Acute Malnutrition and 9% children found under Severe Acute Malnutrition.

Writers are transformers, not creators: Borthakur

CORRESPONDENT

DOOMDOOMA, July 10 :- "Man cannot be a creator. Man can only transform whatever he learns, sees his surroundings to art, literature etc. In that sense, writers are not creators, they are transformers. Hence, I'm also not a writer. I've taken the popular legends of the Assamese language and transformed them into drama suitable for children and the Sahitya Academy has given me the recognition for this," said Horendra Nath Borthakur who was awarded the Sahitya Academy Children Literature Award for his life-time contributions to the Assamese Children Literature this year. He was addressing an elite gathering at Doomdooma Press Club (DPC) on Sunday after receiving a public felicitation.

Borthakur also said that the Assamese children's literature is rich enough to compete with the children's literature of any other language of the world. Perhaps, the Assamese children's literature is the oldest children's literature of the world which was started by Madhabdev, he added. Borthakur lamented the neglect of children's literature by the intellectuals of the State.

In this public felicitation programme organised by the Doomdooma Press Club (DPC), 22 organisations including Doomdooma, Kapokothar and Saikhowa Press Clubs and Tinsukia District Journalists Association (TDJA) offered Horendra Nath Borthakur warm felici-

tations for winning the Sahitya Academy Children Literature Award.

DPC president Anup Kalita chaired the programme and it was also attended by TDJA secretary Manoranjan Das and former president Arjun Baruah. Retired principal of Doomdooma College Dr Pratul Medhi, eminent Assamese poet Dr Aruna Gogoi Baruah and writer Sarat Chandra Chiraphuphan also addressed the gathering. The speakers highlighted various aspects of Borthakur's life and works.

Child artiste Bishmita Das presented an Assamese modern song in the programme. The felicitation programme was anchored by DPC secretary Abhijit Khataniar. He also offered the vote of thanks at the end of the programme.

Notorious cattle smuggler held

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DHUBRI, July 10: Police have apprehended one Ashraf Alakand (27), a notorious smuggler, in connection with cattle smuggling.

Sources informed that he was apprehended at Kalbari under Tufanganj PS in West Bengal. It is to be mentioned that cattle heads are regularly smuggled to Bangladesh and recently the area was in the national and regional media for smuggling of cattle to the neighbouring country through the river in a most inhuman manner.

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covered with leaves and left in a river flowing to Bangladesh. These cattle which bear numbers on their bodies are picked up by the buyers in the neighbouring country accordingly.

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Mankachar sector has assumed alarm-

ing proportions in the last few days. It is learnt that in different operations, the Border Security Force (BSF) under 174 bn BSF, 57 bn BSF and Hatisingi police caught altogether 642 cattle, four smugglers and one cattle carrier engine boat from the border while crossing the riverine border.

The BSF jawans under engaged along the Dhuri and Mankachar border caught 170 cattle recently from the border while. On the other hand, the police of Southsalmara district caught 92 cattle heads, two smugglers and one engine boat was seized from different places on Sunday night in connection with the cattle smuggling.

Sivasagar advocates feted

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SIVASAGAR, July 10: The Bar Council of Assam in association with the Sivasagar Bar Association felicitated advocates Ajit Kumar Borupuri and advocate Khadim Jahan for their distinctive career in legal services spanning over 50 years on July 6 in a meeting held at the Sivasagar Bar.

Justice Ujjal Bhuyan of the Gauhati High Court while honouring the two distinguished advocates said that it is a rare privilege for any Bar to have persons like Borupuri and Jahan with outstanding knowledge gathered through their legal services. He said that the law profession must have a deeper understanding of the social problems and do research on finding ways to their legal solutions. He said that the people must provide all legal rights to the accused guaranteed by the Constitution.

The seminar, moderated by advocate Lohit Prakash Dutta was also addressed by Advocate General and Chairman, Bar Council of Assam, Justice Chimmin Chowdhury.

Others by the District and Sessions Judge S K Podder, Chief Judicial Magistrate Roshan Lal, Addl CJM M H Ansari, advocate Sheikh Samsher and advocate Muruli Shawheba. The meeting began with a chorus presented by the new members of the Bar led by advocate Prasanta Pratim Sarmah.

Addressing the seminar held on the occasion on 'Elder, Complaint and Rights of Persons after arrest', Justice Ujjal Bhuyan said that the new generation of lawyers taking to the profession must have a deeper understanding of the social problems and do research on finding ways to their legal solutions. He said that the people must provide all legal rights to the accused guaranteed by the Constitution.

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Dr Rajendra Nath Dutta, my brother-in-law, a highly acclaimed teacher and a thorough medical professional, passed away peacefully in the wee hours of July 2, 2017 at a city hospital.

Unlike many of us like me in particular, who have virtually become 'knowledge-proof' today owing to our fast declining reading habits, Dr Dutta was a voracious reader always in the quest of, and more importantly, in the dissemination of knowledge all through his life. Perhaps this was the reason why he opted for the teaching profession and joined as a teacher at the Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh. He ultimately retired from the position of the Professor and Head of Department of ENT in Silchar Medical College.

Born in 1931 at Jorhat to his Late Mandakini Dutta and Late Ratneswar Dutta of a reputed family of Titabar, Dr Dutta was a holder of a post graduate degree (ENT) from Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh. He had earned valuable hands-on experience for about a year at the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital in Melbourne, Australia as a Colombo Plan Fellow.

Apart from his prowess as a medical professional, he had also a keen interest in music and dance. He, in fact, had been a celebrated Kathak dancer and a 'Bhao-na' performer during his student days at the Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh and kept in touch with these forms of fine arts since then.

I had always marvelled at his suave dealing, humane approach and desire to impart the best to others, the rare qualities that he possessed, which sur-

ly made him the popular and well sought after individual and medical professional that he was, amongst everyone cutting across all the levels of the society.

He had the wonderful ability to persuade his patients not to lose their cool over any ailment, so that they can supplement the treatment process with a positive frame of mind. I reckon it was for this reason only that all the members of his extended family and close friends settled in different parts of the country and even abroad, used to approach him first to seek his advice in the event of any medical emergency.

The family and the society have become poorer today in his absence.

I salute him for what he was and pray for the eternal peace of his great departed soul.

- Bikash C Bora



Bayanacharya Ghanakanta Bora Borbaya (L) and Guru Gejendra Panda, noted Odissi exponent from Bhubaneswar receiving awards from Governor Banwarilal Purohit at the 9th Rashtraswar Sankalpa Borbaya Sattriya Award 2017 ceremony, in Guwahati on Saturday. - Photo: Samarendra Sora

Dam-induced flood & nature's fury devastate North Lakhimpur

FARHANA AHMED

NORTH LAKHIMPUR. July 10: Incessant rain and dam-induced flash floods accompanied by a storm left North Lakhimpur devastated today.

Since Sunday evening, the flood situation here has been grim as district HQ North Lakhimpur was cut off from the rest of the country following breach of National Highway-15 at Gendhale in Nowbiosa by overflowing waters of the river.

The sudden rise in water level was induced by NEEPCO's 405-MW Rangnadi Hydro-Electrical Power Plant at Yazali in Arunachal Pradesh, which caused havoc in the district since the early hours of Sunday by breaching the embankment at one point, besides inundating thousands of hectares of cropland.

According to sources in the State Water Resources Department, flood in the Rangnadi this time surpassed the amount of deluge which had

devastated North Lakhimpur in 2008. The overflowing waters of the river damaged an RCC culvert on National Highway-15 at Gendhale in Nowbiosa by breaching the road connecting North Lakhimpur with Dhemaji, besides many places like Ziro, Pasighat etc. of Arunachal Pradesh at 10 pm on Sunday.

The overflowing waters of Rangnadi also breached its embankment on the right hand side at Jorpur village last night and destroyed households and swept away cattle of 10 families. The breach on the embankment submerged 50 villages under Telaiha Gaon Panchayat of North Lakhimpur Revenue Circle and Nowbiosa Revenue Circle, including villages like Ezarguri, Banglamra, Konuwa Doloni, Bhekeli, Teokia, Kathipukhuri, Baligson, Naharbari, Naharani and Gopalpur.

Meanwhile, rescue operations for the marooned people were on in the worst-affected Deejao Sapori, Kula-



(Left) A flood victim being rescued by NDRC personnel at Borbeel, Rangnadi. (Right) Following the storm, an uprooted tree blocking the road near the DC Office in North Lakhimpur town, on Monday. - Photos: North Lakhimpur Correspondent



beel, Pachoi, Pub-Khundu, NDRC and SDRF personnel hicles was restored today after repair of the breached portion on NH-15. But the PWD

SDRF personnel in the meantime rescued more than 200 marooned people from four villages of a river island of Rangnadi in the Bagalejan-Kulabed-Borbeel area. Many rescued families – mostly women and children, had still not got any relief material from the authorities till 4 pm today in the Borbeel area.

Lakhimpur MP Pradan Baruah along with State Minister Nabu Kumar Doley and Lakhimpur MLA Utpal Dutta visited the flood-affected areas of North Lakhimpur and Nowbiosa and took stock of the situation. Incidentally, North Assam Commissioner Mukti Gogoi was camping in North Lakhimpur to monitor the overall flood situation.

The rise of the Rangnadi due to release of water by the NEEPCO dam today claimed the life of one Kanak Gogoi, who drowned at Bagalejan area of Rangnadi as he tried to row a boat. The flash floods forced many villagers to flee for safety. The NDRC and

road connecting NH-15 with Deejao and Kimin in Arunachal Pradesh remained cut off as flood waters of the Rangnadi were still overflowing the area.

In other parts of Lakhimpur district, floods caused extensive damage. All the major rivers of the district, namely Subansiri, Dikrung, Rangaon, Kakoijana and the Brahmaputra were flowing above the danger level. The Gabo, Singya, Pabna, Poita,

As if the above was not enough, a storm accompanied by strong winds lashed North Lakhimpur at 5 pm today, thereby damaging many houses and uprooting trees in North Lakhimpur.

Traffic too was disrupted and power transmission hit.

The district headquarter is out of power since today morning.

Majuli flood scene grim

A CORRESPONDENT

further swelled the rivers which were already in spate.

As the floods had compelled many people to remain confined to their homes since the last several days, the district administration today morning released 5,000 mm of water, which

rescuing around 200 people. An SDRC team rescued flood-affected villagers from Kakarika, Pabna Hm and No. 1 Borchukh Gaon.

On the other hand, due to the rising water level and dense fog, all ferry services between Jorhat and Majuli remained suspended today. Yesterday, two ferries – one from Neamatghat to Kamalabari and another from Kamalabari to Neamatghat remained stranded for many hours in the midst of the river, and subsequently reached their destinations only at night.

In the meantime, floods severely affected Birinbari and Barinchukh villages and operations were initiated today to shift the flood-affected families to Bapali Sapiro Community Hall. Again, the District Disaster Management Committee dispatched two ferries with flattened rice, jaggery and drinking water bottles to Bhekeli Sapori for

Cong leader visits flood-hit areas of Karimganj district

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Though around 1,80,000 people were badly affected by the annual deluge since over 25 days throughout the district, but the Government authority distributed relief material among the marooned people only once, he claimed.

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While addressing mediapersons at Karimganj on Friday, he alleged that the BJP-led State Government and district administration have totally failed to distribute sufficient relief material among the flood-affected people of Karimganj district.

Earlier, Debabrata Sakia, Rajdeep Goswami, Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, Susmita Dev, MP, Silchar Mala Kamalakhya Dey Kurkashya and members of the District Congress Committee visited the flood-affected areas and various relief camps and subsequently participated in a review meeting arranged by the district administration at the DC's conference hall under the chairmanship of Prakash Kumar Talukdar, Deputy Commissioner of Karimganj.

The concerned Circle Officer lodged the FIR only to have him

from the charge of discrimination and negligence of duty towards the flood hit people, opined Debabrata Sakia.

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**WEATHER
NORTHEAST**

Forecast for NE: Moderate rain very likely to occur at most places over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram.

Warning: Heavy rain is very likely to occur at isolated places on July 11 and 12 over Assam & Meghalaya. Heavy rain is very likely to occur at isolated places on July 11 and 12 over Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura.

Temperatures :

	Max (°C)	Min (°C)
Dibrugarh	25.4	23.3
Guwahati	26.3	24.8
Silchar	22.4	19.8
Dispur	26.2	25.7
Itanagar	27.0	24.3
Jorhat	25.7	21.7
N Lakhimpur	22.7	15.9
Shillong	28.2	22.0
Morjoria	25.5	22.0
Aizawl	28.2	13.0
Agrahar	28.2	25.8
Kohima	NA	18.8
Pasighat	25.1	22.5
Cherrapunji	20.7	17.8

Mob lynch alleged rapist

SHILLONG, July 10: A mob yesterday lynched a 30-year-old man here for allegedly raping a minor girl. Police later arrested two persons.

The incident took place at Upper Shillong in which the alleged rapist, Yakub Khan Nongkyrih, was lynched by a mob after lewd clips of the 11-year-old victim was found in the person's mobile phone.

Yakub was staying alone as a tenant and is alleged to have raped the minor on several occasions and threatened her of dire consequences if she reported the matter to anyone.

The police said that after the pictures were videos were discovered, the family informed the police and subsequently Yakub was hauled by the public and locked in a room.

By the time police arrived he was severely assaulted by a mob. The police managed to rescue him from the mob, but he succumbed to his injuries at the hospital.

Police have arrested the father and son of the minor girl in connection with the lynching. Further investigation is on into the incident. - Staff Correspondent

Close Bru camps if they refuse to return: MHA adviser

AIZAWL, July 10: The six Bru relief camps in Tripura should be closed and assistance provided to the inmates there should be stopped if the Brus continue to refuse to return to Mizoram, an adviser of Ministry of Home Affairs said.

An official release here said that Ministry of Home Affairs Adviser (North East) MK Singla expressed this opinion while meeting Mizoram Chief Minister Lal Thanhawla. However, this is his personal opinion, the release said.

The MHA and Mizoram Government had made a number of plans to repatriate the Brus from Tripura since 2009.

However, a number of Bru families refused to return to Mizoram and Mizoram Bru Displaced People's Forum, the apex body of the Bru refugees in the relief camps, continued to make fresh and series of demands till date.

Singla proposed that a time-bound repatriation process should be undertaken to ensure that all the Brus return to Mizoram from the relief camps.

He alleged that some Bru leaders have been misguiding the inmates of the relief camps.

Brus migrated en masse to Tripura after Bru militants gunned down a Forest guard inside Dampa Tiger Reserve on October 21, 1997 and many of them remained in the relief camps while hundreds of families have returned during government-sponsored repatriation and also on their own will. - PTI

NORTH EAST

IPFT blockade cuts off Tripura

PABIR SIL

AGARTALA, July 10: Thousands of Indigenous People's Front of Tripura (IPFT) supporters on Monday blocked Assam-Agrahar National Highway (NH) and railway track at Khamtingbari in West Tripura district cutting the State half distance to the blockade.

However, there was no report of untoward incident during the road and rail blockade demanding Tripwipraland, a separate State comprising areas under Tripura

Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council (CTAADC).

The blockade began at 6 am today as thousands of IPFT supporters put a siege on the NH West district, Abhijit Saptarshi said. "The situation is peaceful along the national highway and we are keeping an eye on the situation."

NC Debrahma, president of IPFT said, "We are hopeful there will be no untoward incident during the blockade programme. We had a meeting with top police officials and discussed the issue. We are in fa-

deployed in and around Khamtingbari where around 8,000 IPFT supporters joined the blockade programme. SP West district, Abhijit Saptarshi said. "The situation is peaceful along the national highway and we are keeping an eye on the situation."

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vor of a peaceful observance of the blockade," he told the media.

However, the ruling CPI (M) sees red in the IPFT headed rally for indefinite period demanding Tripwipraland.

"The IPFT had called the blockade programme after a meeting in Prime Minister's Office (PMO) in Delhi on June 15. It means the BJP has fuelled IPFT's attempt to divide the State," CPI(M) central committee member Gautam Das had said in a press conference recently.

Security forces have been



Supporters of Indigenous People's Front of Tripura staging a sit-in demonstration blocking the rail and roadways demanding a separate State Teipraland, in Agartala on Monday. - UB Photos

Meghalaya women panel summons Delhi Golf Club secretary

SHILLONG, July 10: Meghalaya State Women's Commission today summoned the secretary of Delhi Golf Club, following a petition by Tailin Lyngdoh, who was ousted from the puch club because of her traditional attire last month.

"We have summoned the secretary of the club to depose before the Commission on July 14," State Women's Commission chairperson Theihlin Phanhub told reporters here.

She said that the Commission acted on a complaint made by Lyngdoh, a government, who accused the club and its members of allowing racial profiling

of people in its premises which tantamount to racial discrimination of tribal people, a punishable offence.

Stating that since the PMO has also taken note of the incident apart from the National Commission for Women, Phanhub said the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes and the National Commission for Human Rights have also been petitioned.

Borthakur said Tailin was part of the nine other guests at the Golf club but she was singled out because of the jemis she was wearing and her

looks apparently.

"The Club has such policy and allows racial profiling of people based on their looks. Merely action against the manager of the club will not suffice as the policies are anti-peop[e]," she said.

Justice (retired) Mukul Madgal with head a committee, set up by the club, to look into Lyngdoh's case.

Borthakur, however, said,

"How can they inquire against their own people and the policies of the club? We do not recognise this committee but will surely cooperate with an independent inquiry." - PTI

Lyngdoh along with her employer Dr Nivedita Borthakur Sonoih deposited before the Commission today.

Phanhub said, "Lyngdoh was humiliated by the club. We will support her in her struggle against such racial profiling as it is against the Constitution of India."

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of people in its premises which tantamount to racial discrimination of tribal people, a punishable offence.

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CAPSULE**AI catering service**

NEW DELHI, July 10: National passenger carrier Air India decided to halt its non-vegetarian meals on all its domestic economy class flights. "Air India has taken a conscious decision not to have non-vegetarian meals in economy class on its domestic flights," an Air India statement said, adding, this would help reduce wastage and costs and also improve its catering services. - IANS

Google UPI bid

BENGALURU, July 10: Technology giant Google has started the testing of its Unified Payments Interface (UPI) payment service and is awaiting Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) approval to launch its service in the country. The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) today said the interbank payment system in India also said, Facebook and WhatsApp too are in discussion with it, regarding rolling out of their UPI payment services. - PTI

New Flipkart offer

NEW DELHI, July 10: Flipkart is expected to make a revised offer in the next few days for buying Snapdeal, after its first proposal of \$850 million was rejected by the board of the smaller rival. The new offer is likely to be closer to \$1-billion mark, which is in line with the asking price for acquisition of beleaguered e-commerce marketplace, sources privy to the development said. - PTI

Grasim Industries

MUMBAI, July 10: Grasim Industries Ltd, a flagship company of the Aditya Birla Group, today said it has entered into a share transfer agreement for the divestment of its 100 per cent holding of Gramin Bhawani Textiles Ltd (GBTL), a wholly owned subsidiary to Duncar group of Mumbai. - PTI

Amazon FDI

NEW DELHI, July 10: The government has approved major Amazon's proposed \$500-million investment in setting up of food products in India, an official said. As per the proposal, the company will open a wholly-owned subsidiary in India to carry out the business. It will stock food products and sell online. - PTI

Paytm Mall

MUMBAI, July 10: Online shopping platform Paytm Mall is set to hire nearly 2,000 new personnel across various business and tech roles to effectively scale up its operations. The shopping platform is under the wing of Paytm Payments Bank, recently incorporated separate entity, to address the potential in online commerce. Paytm said in a statement. Paytm said in a statement. - PTI

Syndicate Bank

GUWAHATI, July 10: The Manipal-headquartered Syndicate Bank has reduced its MCLR by 15 to 25 basis points across all tenors effective from today. The tenor-wise MCLR has decreased from 8.30 per cent to 8.05 per cent (overnight), 8.25 per cent to 8.10 per cent (1 month), from 8.40 per cent to 8.15 per cent (3 months), from 8.60 per cent to 8.35 per cent (6 months) and from 8.75 per cent to 8.60 per cent (1 year), a press release said here today.

Officers deputed to monitor GST implementation in NE

SPL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI, July 10: Top Central government bureaucrats have been appointed as monitors to supervise the implementation of the Goods and Services Tax (GST).

IAS officers Nukunji Kumar Srivastava and Vijayendra have been allocated various districts of Assam. Srivastava is working in the Commerce Ministry and Vijayendra with the Department of Defence Production here.

The officers will monitor the implementation of GST including registration of traders in the allocated districts, said official sources here.

They will obtain feedback from consumer associations, individual consumers, business associations, district administration on a daily basis. The officers will also activate and utilise channels of feedback such as call centres, web portals, video conferences, and social media.

The senior officers will monitor calibration of billing soft-

wares by traders, with special focus on accounting and billing systems of public sector undertakings.

They will have to monitor availability of essential commodities' and retail price trends. Specific instances of price rises have to be reported in real time to consumer affairs and revenue departments. The officers have been asked to report sector-specific tax rate related issues to the Revenue Department, said sources.



Jennifer Holmgren, CEO of LanzaTech and SSV Ramakumar, Director (R&D), Indian Oil, displaying the signed agreement on construction of world's first refinery of gas-to-bioethanol production facility in India in the presence of Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of State (Ind Charge) for Petroleum & Natural Gas, and Sanjiv Singh, Chairman, Indian Oil, in Istanbul on Monday. - UNI

Jaitley launches 'Aaykar Setu' to boost e-access of taxpayers

NEW DELHI, July 10: Finance Minister Arun Jaitley today launched 'Aaykar Setu' – an e-initiative for the Income Tax Department to directly communicate with the taxpayers and aimed at providing information on useful tax services.

"A new taxpayer service module 'Aaykar Setu' was launched by Minister Jaitley today. The new step is an effort by the Income Tax Department to directly communicate with the taxpayers on a range of multiple informative and useful tax services," he said.

To enhance mobile access experience, a mobile responsive android version was also released along with the desktop version.

The taxpayers will also be able to receive regular updates regarding important tax dates, forms and notifications on mobile numbers registered with the Income Tax Department.

All taxpayers who wish to receive such SMS alerts are advised to register their mobile numbers in the Aaykar Setu module, the statement said. "CBIT constantly endeavours to provide better taxpayer services and reduce taxpayer grievances," it said. - IANS

Gifts worth up to Rs 50,000 by employer exempt under GST: Govt

NEW DELHI, July 10: The government today clarified that gifts worth up to Rs 50,000 by an employer to its employees as also free membership of clubs, health and fitness centres will not attract the goods and services tax (GST).

The centre would hold true for free housing as part of cost-to-company (C2C) package.

Commenting on reports of gifts and perquisites supplied by companies to their employ-

ees being taxed under GST, it said, Any club, health and fitness centre membership provided by an employer to its all employees free of charge will not be subject to the GST.

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Maruti to open 300 Nexa service outlets by 2019-20

NEW DELHI, July 10: Maruti Suzuki India will soon open standalone service outlets for its premium retail chain Nexa and plans to set up 300 of these by 2019-20.

The company is also revamping its traditional sales outlets by incorporating learnings from its Nexa experience to cater to the demands of its ever increasing young buyers.

As part a transformation to reinvent its corporate brand across all channels, MSIL will also open standalone showrooms for its pre-owned car chain, True Value, with 150 such outlets set to be operational by next March.

For all these initiative, the company will be leveraging heavily on digital technology to provide more transparency and enhanced customer experience.

"We have always been looking at how to enhance our customer experience. Last year we started preparing for the new service outlets concept for Nexa," MSI Managing Director & CEO Kenichi Ayukawa told PTI.

He said that after opening Nexa showrooms in 2015, the company has received feedback from customers appreciating the idea, and is now extending a similar experience to them when they come for servicing their cars.

Sharing the company's plans for the new initiative, Ayukawa said: "It is not so easy to open service outlets but we are looking at similar number of Nexa showrooms and service outlets in the next few years." - PTI

'Project Next'

Bharti Airtel to invest Rs 2,000 cr

NEW DELHI, July 10: Bharti Airtel will invest Rs 2,000 crore to enhance customer services under which its post-paid subscribers will be able to roll over unused mobile data to next billing cycle and end postpaid on monthly payment starting at Rs 49.

The telecom major announced that it will invest Rs 2,000 crore over three years under 'Project Next' to ramp up customer touch-points. Airtel stores and mobile application, and enhance postpaid customer experience. "This is first step towards

GST rollout cutting trucking time: Assocham

NEW DELHI, July 10: The goods and services tax (GST) is saving fleet owners between 24-36 trucking hours, besides around Rs 7,500 per trip at the tax check posts which have since been dismantled, an industry association said today.

"Our quick check has shown that on an average a lorry or truck runs for 10-12 hours a day and should cover a distance of about 2,200 km between, say, Delhi-Chennai in three days."

"However, for traversing through different States and braving the stoppages at several check posts of VAT, Octroi, other local taxes it was taking five to six days," Assocham Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (Assocham) said here in a statement.

At least 24-36 hours would easily be saved for these truck routes after dismantling of the check posts, it said after interacting with the fleet owners and transport intermediaries.

"Besides, the bigger nuisance of corruption at each of the check posts and through various States would have meant an additional expenditure of Rs 5,000-7,500 per trip. That has been done away with," - IANS

India to import US crude

NEW DELHI, July 10: India, the world's third-largest oil importer, has sealed a first deal to import crude oil from the US and the shipment is expected to touch Indian shores in October.

The deal, by state-owned Indian Oil Corp (IOC), comes within weeks of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the US. "We have bought 2 million barrels of crude oil from North America comprising 1.6 million barrels of US Mars crude and 400,000 barrels of Western Canadian Select," IOC Director (Finance) AK Sharma told PTI here.

NATIONAL HEALTH MISSION ASSAM	
No. EMRI/MSC/485/11-12/P/14580	Date 10/07/2017
EXENTION NOTICE e-TENDER NOTICE "EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES" Project No. EMRIMSC/455/11-12/P/14580 dated 14/06/2017 for EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES popularly known as "Mitiyanoj-108" the end date of submission of tender is extended upto 31/07/2017 by 2:00 pm. The bid opening date is hereby fixed on 31/07/2017 at 3:00 pm	
Sd/- Mission Director NHM, Assam	

NATIONAL HEALTH MISSION ASSAM			
No. NHM/NCD/NDP/2016-17/1133/859	Date 10/07/2017		
Extension Notice -1 E- Tender for establishing Dialysis Unit in PPP mode at District Hospitals.			
This has reference to the e-tender NO. NHM/NCD/NDP/2016-17/1133/859, dated 01/06/2017 for establishing Dialysis Unit in PPP mode at District Hospitals.			
The scheduled date for bid submission has been extended as follows			
S.No	Last date and time of upload of tender document	Start date	Time
1	Last date and time of upload of tender document	24/07/2017	Up to 2:00 PM
2	Date and time of opening of tender document	24/07/2017	At 3:00 PM
All other terms and conditions remain of the above referred tender shall remain unchanged until further notice.			
Sd/- Mission Director NHM, Assam			

SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed tender eventually to be drawn on F-2 Form affixing non refundable court fee stamps of Rs 8.25 (Rupees eight and paiza twenty five) only and with a validity period of 180 (one eighty zero) days are invited from APWD, Class-I (A,B,C registered contractor (Building) for the work as detailed below and will be received on the office of the undersigned up to 14.00 hours of 19.07.2017 and the same will be opened on same date and place at 14.30 hours. Detailed particulars may be seen from the office of the undersigned or on before 13.07.2017 during office hours.

Name of work	Approx. Tender Value (in Rs.)
Construction of Swami Vivekananda Auditorium and Guest House, at Panchgram (under Algapur Circle) in Hailakandi District under Untitled Fund, 2016-17	99,00,967.00
Sd/- Superintending Engineer, PWD Silchar Building Circle Janasanyog/1690/17	

NOTICE INVITING RE-TENDER

With reference to our tender notice no. BP(G)/33/RC/2016/PR-III/1168-73, Dated Bongaigaon the 8th Jun/2017, sealed re-tender affixing court fee of Rs. 8.25 are invited from registered firm/ dealer/supplier/for supply of water purifier cum cooler at Bongaigaon Polytechnic, Bongaigaon for modernization under NEQP (Phase III) Project.

The tender documents may be downloaded from the website www.bnpoly.org or collected from the office of BNP, Bongaigaon Polytechnic, Bongaigaon, Assam, Pin code 783001, phone no. 0362-2400, fax no. 0362-2400, e-mail id: bnp@bnpoly.ac.in. Bid document fees of Rs. 800/- to be paid in the form of two separate DD drawn in favour of Principal, Bongaigaon Polytechnic, payable at SBI, Mulaiganj.

The tender complete in all respect must be submitted to the Principal, Bongaigaon Polytechnic, Bongaigaon on or before 21.07.2017 (12.30 pm). Those who had already submitted, need not have to submit again. Any corrigendum and addendum shall be published on our website regarding this work.

Sl. No.	Name of work	Brief description of work	Approx. value	Time for completion of works
1.	Supply of Water purifier cum cooler	Storage capacity 12-40 litres, Cooling capacity 10-20 litre/hr.	Rs. 100000/-	1 (one) month

Bongaigaon Polytechnic Bongaigaon

MILITARY ENGINEER SERVICES NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

1. Garrison Engineers(North) Tezpur on behalf of President of India, invites online tenders bids on Single Stage Two Cover Bid System for the following works :

Ser. No.	Name of Work	Estimated cost in Lakh	Period of Completion	Tenderid
(a)	Sip- repairs to Bldg No NP/2F; NP/5F (Gurjan Oth T-1 & T-2 (SM Barrack) and T-3 (Cook House) of MES Complex and Certain Minor/Revenue Works at NAA under GE (North) Tezpur	45.00	240 days	2017_MES_121359
(b)	Sipl repairs to storage acn at Stin Furniture Yard Bldg No T-1 & T-8 and T-8 (Cook House) of MES Complex and Certain Minor/Revenue Works at NAA under GE (North) Tezpur	45.00	240 days	2017_MES_121361
(c)	Welcome maintenance of Officers Quarters and professional Services to JCO/OFR Md Acn in NAA under GE (North) Tezpur	25.00	270 days	2017_MES_121364
(d)	Repair and maint of internal wiring Repairs to Summer appliances & cooling appliances and Certain Minor Works at NAA under GE (North) Tezpur	35.00	270 days	2017_MES_121367
(e)	Repair/Renewal of pumps and motor and wmt out CIGI pipeline of external water supply and Repair/servicing/preventing maintenance to DG Set of various capacities under GE (North) Tezpur	30.00	270 days	2017_MES_121370
(f)	Supply of Chemicals for Water treatment at various installations of Solmara and Charduar under GE (North) Tezpur	48.00	365 days	2017_MES_121372
(g)	Repair/Polishing to certain items of wooden furniture under GE (North) Tezpur.	28.00	270 days	2017_MES_121376
(h)	Repair to mist wooden/steel furniture items and polishing/painting of furniture for Misra Camp under GE (North) Tezpur	22.00	270 days	2017_MES_121378

2. For further detail refer web site eprocuremes.gov.in on or after 15 Jun 2017.

Note : Notice Inviting Bid as published in newspapers shall not form part of Notice of Tender/ Bid document.

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UP Budget session from today

LUCKNOW, July 10: The Budget session of the Uttar Pradesh Assembly begins tomorrow with presentation of the BJP government's first annual Budget, even as Opposition parties gear up to corner Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on the law and order front and other issues.

The session, which will conclude on July 28, is likely to witness fireworks with Opposition Congress planning to raise the issue of crime and farmers' problems.

"From Agra to Kushinagar, farmers have committed suicide due to loan burden but the state government has failed to come out with a clear policy of loan waiver," Congress Legislature Party Leader Ajay Pratap Lalju said here.

"We will also raise the issue of deteriorating law and order," he said.

In a similar vein, Samajwadi Party spokesman Rajendra Chaudhary said his party will vociferously raise the issue of "rising crime graph" across the state besides "burning issues" facing the poor, especially farmers.

Both the Congress and the SP have decided to highlight the objections raised by traders against the GST regime, noting the tax on some of the items will be

fatal for small and medium enterprises. The BSP too will seek to pillory the government on a host of issues, especially on the law and order front, a senior party leader said.

According to the schedule approved by Speaker Hridaynath Dixit, the session will have 14 sittings. Separate days have been earmarked for discussion of the 2017-18 Budget and the budgetary provisions for departments before passage.

The previous Akhilesh Yadav government had in December last year presented a vote on account for the period ending July 31 this year.

Other than the Budget, the House will discuss some legislative business as well.

The BJP and its allies have a massive majority of 325 in the 403-member House, while the Opposition has only 74 MLAs.

The very first session of Uttar Pradesh Assembly after the BJP stormed to power in March had witnessed ruckus by Opposition parties which protested with placards and threw paper balls at Governor Ram Naik over the law and order situation in the state.

The Assembly was last in session in May, during which the State GST (Goods and

Services Tax) Bill was passed unanimously.

The 2017-18 Budget is expected to include measures to mop up additional resources to offload Rs 36,000 crore meant for crop loan waiver to benefit nearly 86 lakh small and marginal farmers, and Rs 34,000 crore required to meet expenses for implementation of the seventh pay panel's recommendations and some other major commitments made in its election manifesto.

This is for the first time that the state government will need such a big amount of additional funds in a financial year.

The state's total indebtedness is estimated to have increased from Rs 2,25,123.59 crore in 2012-13 to Rs 3,75,049.45 crore as on March 31 this year, according to official data.

Additional borrowings might make funding for development projects more difficult as the state government spends about half of its revenue receipts on payment of salaries, pension and debt services.

The expenditure on payment of salaries, pension and debt services is estimated to have reached 51.7 per cent on March 31 against estimated 49.1 per cent in 2015-16. - PTI

Prez inaugurates presidential retreat annexe in Dehradun

DEHRADUN, July 10: President Pranab Mukherjee today inaugurated the annexe of the Presidential retreat Ashiana here which has accommodation facilities for accompanying officers and staff of the Rashtrapati Bhavan.

The Ashiana was built originally as a bungalow of the commandant of the President's Bodyguard and was revived by Mukherjee after long years of disuse.

KR Narayan, in March 1998, was the last President to stay here. The restored and renovated main Ashiana building was inaugurated by the President on September 27 last year.

The Ashiana annexe has 12 low-cost dwelling units for officers and staff of the Rashtrapati Bhavan during Presidential visits.

The technology used for the renovation was sustainable, cost effective, and environment-friendly with disaster resilient features.

Treated water from the estate is safely discharged for irrigation and non-drinking usage leading to mitigation of disease risk and ensuring good health and well being of residents.

Earlier, Mukherjee, on a day-long visit here, was received by Uttarakhand Governor KK Paul and Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat at the airport.

After inaugurating the annexe, Mukherjee took a tour of the premises and was given an overview of the projects undertaken in the President's estate.

Former Uttarakhand Chief Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal was also present. - PTI

Notice Inviting e-Tender

No. SSA/MIS/Teacher Attendance/03/2017/01412 Date: 07/07/2017
Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhiyan Mission, Kahilpara, Guwahati-19, Assam invites tender through e-Tendering process from reputed Agency for Teacher Attendance Monitoring Project To be implemented under project through e-procurement mode. Bidder should have valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) of class-II (minimum) and have to register in the portal <https://assamtenders.gov.in> by themselves.

The bidder who have downloaded the tender schedules containing the tender details, terms and conditions, from the website shall submit their tender on-line through the website <https://assamtenders.gov.in>, with proof of payment of non-refundable tender fee of Rs. 100/- (Rupees One hundred only) in the form of demand draft/Bank Cheque drawn in favour of Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhiyan Mission, Kahilpara, Guwahati-19, Assam and payable at Guwahati. The tender should be submitted on-line as per date and time of submission as per specified schedule.

3 months 3 Sd/- Mission Director,
SSA, Assam, Kahilpara, Guwahati-19
Janasanayog/832/17

Short e- Procurement Notice / Invitation for Bid (IFB) No. 11 of 2017-18

On behalf of the Governor of Assam, the Chief Engineer (PHE) W Assam, Hengrabari, Guwahati-36 invites bids in electronic bidding system from Manufacturer or their authorized Dealers/Distributors for supply of Hydrated Lime for the year 2017-18 against different destination of PHE Stores as detailed in the bid document.

All other relevant information and the Bid Document is available in the web portal www.assamtenders.gov.in and can be viewed from 10-07-17 up to 16.00 hr of 17.07.17 Bid is to be submitted through online and in no case manual bid shall be entertained.

Sd/- Chief Engineer, (PHE), Water Assam, Hengrabari, Guwahati-36.
Janasanayog/1684/17

NGT seeks plan for Yamuna rejuvenation

NEW DELHI, July 10: The National Green Tribunal has asked some northern states to submit a detailed report on rejuvenation and restoration of the Yamuna in three weeks, saying pollution in the river was of serious concern as it was highly contaminated by industrial effluents and sewage.

A bench headed by NGT chairperson Justice Swatanter Kumar directed Himachal Pradesh, Haryana and Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) to file a complete report in this regard within three weeks.

The green panel warned that in case of default, each of the state would be liable to pay an amount of Rs 50,000.

"The pollution of river Yamuna still remains a matter of serious concern. River Yamuna is highly polluted by industrial effluents, sewage and other wastes. We direct the State of Uttar Pradesh, UP Jal Nigam, Namami Gange (Ministry of Water Resources) and Haryana to submit their proposed plan for prevention, control, rejuvenation and restoration of river Yamuna.

The tribunal had earlier banned open defecation and dumping of waste on the floodplains of the Yamuna and announced an environment compensation of Rs 5,000 for those who violated the order.

It had also constituted a committee headed by the Delhi Jal Board CEO to oversee the execution of work pertaining to the cleaning of the river and asked it to submit reports at regular intervals. - PTI

Owaisi calls for world heritage city tag to Hyderabad

HYDERABAD, July 10: A day after Ahmedabad became India's first World Heritage City, AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi urged the Centre and the Telangana government to secure a similar tag for Hyderabad.

The Hyderabad MP's idea received support from Central Minister Bandaru Dattatreya and Telangana's Minister for Municipal Administration and Urban Development KT Rama Rao.

Union Minister for Labour

Bandaru Dattatreya, who rep-

resents Secunderabad Lok Sabha constituency, promised that he will do his best to get World Heritage City tag for Hyderabad.

KT Rama Rao, son of Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao, said the state government would make all efforts in this regard.

He said that monuments like Charminar of Hy-

derabad deserved the World

Heritage City status. - IANS

NOTICE

In continuation to the advertisement vide Janasanayog/1003/17 [TE(E)-A/15/2017/2099-2102 dated 29/04/2017], it is for the information to all concerned that Written Tests for the post of Junior Assistant & Assistant Store Keeper under DTE, Assam will be held on 30th July/2017 and the Admit Card can be downloaded from the website of the Directorate [www.dteassam.in] by putting the Application Number, from 18/7/2017.

The candidates who have not entered/provided their correct Application No. while making the payment of Examination Fee at State Bank Collect will not be able to download their admit card. The list of such candidates will be made available at www.dteassam.in on 12/07/2017. Such candidates may come to the Help Desk at the Directorate of Technical Education for fixing the problem by providing the proof of payment [i.e. State Bank Collect Reference No.] during 12/07/2017 to 15/07/2017. It is to be noted that there will be no Help Desk after 15/7/2017 and no request for issue of Admit Card shall be entertained.

Structure of Written Test for the post of Jr. Asstt. & Asstt. Store Keeper

Sl. No.	Post	MCQ Type Question			Total	Duration
		English	Numerical Ability & Reasoning	General Knowledge		
1	Junior Assistant/ Assistant Store Keeper	50 Questions	15 Questions	15 Questions	80 Questions	2 hours

Note: 4 marks will be awarded for every correct answer and 1 mark will be deducted for every wrong answer.

Computer Proficiency Test (For the Shortlisted candidates based on Written Test as Notified)

Sl. No.	Post	Assignment on		Total	Duration
		Proficiency in MS Office	Accessing Internet, E-mail, Handling of printer & other accessories of computer		
1.	Junior Assistant/ Assistant Store Keeper	20 Marks	10 Marks	30 Marks	One hour

Sd/- Director of Technical Education, Assam

Kahilpara, Guwahati-19
Janasanayog/4978/17

One-Day Orientation Programme

Newly Appointed Regular Teachers in LP & UP Schools

to be held

on 12th July, 2017

at 10:00 AM

Venue: Gauhati Medical College Auditorium
Bhangarh, Guwahati - 781032

Chief Guest: Sjt. Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam

Guest of Honour: Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma, Hon'ble Minister of Education, Assam

Regular Teachers (TET-qualified) appointment during the year 2016-2017:

- 7226 Nos. of Teachers of LP School in June, 2016
- 4823 Nos. of Teachers of LP & UP Schools in March, 2017
- Appointment will be given to 974 Nos. of Teachers of LP & UP School on 12th July, 2017

Total Appointment made in 2016-17: 13023 Nos. of Regular Teachers (TET Qualified)

All the candidates selected in the Final Select List published on 10th July, 2017 in the website www.ipupteachers.com for the post of Regular Teachers of LP and UP Schools are hereby requested to be present in the programme positively on 12th July, 2017 at 9:30 AM.

Around the WORLD

Prehistoric shark remains found

WASHINGTON, July 10: Scientists have discovered the remains of a prehistoric shark back 400 million years near Peru's Lake Titicaca, the world's highest navigable lake. The "Pucampampa Shark" was unearthed at Inmarucco, a paleontological site at the northwest of Titicaca. The remains, found by researchers from the State University of Punta de Perú, are believed to date from the Devonian epoch, also known as the "Age of Fish," when various fish species emerged. - PTI

Purpose in life linked to good sleep

WASHINGTON, July 10: The secret to a good night's sleep lies in the amount you wake up in the morning, say scientists who found that older adults with a purpose in life are less likely to suffer from sleep disorders. Researchers, including those from Northwestern University in the US, found that older adults who felt their lives had meaning were 63 per cent less likely to sleep apnoea – a disorder that occurs when a person's breathing is interrupted during sleep. The team also found that these people were 59 per cent less likely to have restless leg syndrome and had moderately better sleep quality, a global measure of sleep disturbance. - PTI

Oldest hippo dies at Manila zoo

MANILA, July 10: Bertha, believed to be the world's oldest hippopotamus, has died aged 65, the Manila Zoo said today, having beaten the typical lifespan for the mostly herbivorous mammals by decades. The 2.5-tonne female was found dead Friday in her enclosure, with a post-mortem examination concluding that Bertha, the zoo's oldest resident, had died from multiple organ failure, zoo director James Dichaves said. "Bertha was among the pioneer animals here. Her mate died sometime in the 1980s and the couple failed to produce any offspring," he told AFP.



Iraqi forces push to clear last IS pockets in Mosul

MOSUL, July 10: Iraqi forces fought to eliminate the last pockets of Islamic State group resistance in Mosul today after the prime minister visited the devastated city to congratulate troops on securing victory.

With the jihadis surrounded in a city of territory in Mosul's Old City, attention was turning to the huge task of rebuilding the city and helping civilians, with aid groups warning that Iraq's humanitarian crisis was far from over.

Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi visited Mosul yesterday and hailed Iraq's "heroic fighting forces" after months of difficult battles that left much of the city in ruins.

The Old City in particular has been devastated, with many buildings reduced to little more than concrete shells and rubble littering the streets.

Upon his arrival in the city, Abadi's office said he was visiting "liberated" Mosul to

congratulate troops on a "major victory". Abadi later said that while "victory is certain", he was holding off on making a formal declaration "out of my respect and appreciation for our... forces that are conducting the clearing operation."

A senior commander today said Iraqi forces were engaged in heavy fighting with the remnants of jihadis, but that the battle was near its end. Lieutenant General Saad al-Arifi of the elite Counter-Terrorism Service said the jihadis had been reduced to an area of the Old City of about 200 by 100 metres.

"They do not accept to surrender," Arifi said, adding "operations are in their final stages," and will "likely end today".

Arifi said his forces had information that there were between 3,000 and 4,000 civilians in the area but that could not be independently confirmed.



Smoke rises from clashes in the Old City of Mosul, Iraq, on Monday. - UNI

Backed by the US-led coalition battling IS, Iraqi forces launched their campaign in October to retake Mosul, which was seized

by the jihadis during the mid-2014 offensive that saw them take control of large parts of Iraq and neighbouring Syria. - AFP

Probe team finds disparities in Sharif family income

Panama Papers case

ISLAMABAD, July 10: A joint investigation team that probed the Panama Papers graft case against Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and his family has found "glaring disparities" between their known sources of income and their actual wealth, the Dawn reported.

The JIT report suggests that a reference should be filed against Prime Minister Sharif and his sons Hassan Nawaz and Hussain Nawaz, as well as daughter Maryam Nawaz, under Section 9 of the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) ordinance 1999, the Dawn said.

The JIT that investigated Sharif's family's business dealings has recommended that the National Accountability Bureau open a reference against Sharif and his family after the probe panel found "glar-



"Significant gap/disparity amongst the known and declared sources of income and the wealth accumulated by the Respondent No.1, 6, 7 and 8 have been observed," the JIT observed in its concluding remarks. - PTI

Tillerson in Istanbul amid tensions

ISTANBUL, July 10: US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson held talks with Turkish leaders in Istanbul on issues ranging from Syria to last year's failed coup.

After arriving from Ukraine, Tillerson met with his Turkish counterpart Mevlut Cavusoglu yesterday and later held talks with President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, officials on both sides said.

No statement was issued after the late-night talks at the Istanbul residence of Erdogan by the Bosphorus.

Tillerson, the former chief executive of energy giant Exxon Mobil, earlier addressed the opening ceremony of the World Petroleum Congress, notably mentioning the defeat of last year's failed coup against Erdogan. "Nearly a year ago, the Turkish people, brave men and women, stood up against coup plotters and defended their democracy," Tillerson said.

"I recognise their courage and honour the victims." Turkey's relations with the United States plummeted in the final months of former President Barack Obama's administration but Ankara has hoped for an improvement under Donald Trump. - AFP

EU hails fall of Mosul

BRUSSELS, July 10: The European Union has hailed the defeat of the Islamic State group in Mosul as a "decisive step" in fighting terrorism but called on Iraqis to work together to improve their country.

Irak Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi earlier announced that pro-government forces had retaken the second city from IS after a months-long battle that killed thousands of civilians and forced nearly a million people from their homes.

"The recovery of Mosul from the hands of (IS) marks a decisive step in the campaign to eliminate terrorist control in parts of Iraq and to free its people," the EU foreign affairs chief Federica Mogherini and its aid commissioner Christos Stylianides said in a joint statement yesterday. - AFP

3 killed in Pak blast

KARACHI, July 10: A senior Pakistani police official was among three persons killed today when a motorcycle-borne suicide attacker targeted his vehicle in the country's restive Balochistan province.

Eleven people were also injured in the attack.

Although initial reports suggested the blast was caused by an Improvised Explosive Device, sources later said it was a suicide attack targeting the vehicle. The blast took place in Chaman city in Balochistan located near the Afghan town of Spin Boldak.

District Police Officer Killa Abdulah Sajid Mohmand, who was critically wounded in the blast, succumbed to his injuries in the hospital.

"The DPO, his guard and a civilian were killed while another 11 people were injured," police spokesman Shazada Farhat said.

Farhat said police found a badly destroyed motorcycle at site of the blast. - PTI

WORLD POPULATION DAY

11th July 2017

Let's pledge for prosperity of the Nation by Controlling Population Explosion

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GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM

Small Family Happy Family



Foundation of our happiness

Small Family

Good health of mother and children

Good education for children

Helps in population control

Improved financial status

Responsible Family Prosperous Family

- **Delay the first child**
- **Space the second for 3 years**
- **Stop the third**

Be responsible; Adopt family planning



বঙ্গীয় স্বাস্থ্য অভিযান, অসম

Super Lewis decimates India as West Indies win by 9 wkts

KINGSTON (Jamaica), July 10: Evin Lewis once again turned out to be India's nemesis in the shortest format with yet another magnificent hundred in West Indies' comfortable nine wicket victory against India in the one-off T20, here last night.

Chasing a competitive target of 191, Lewis smashed his way to an unbeaten 125 off 62 balls with as many as 12 sixes and six fours as the reigning World T20 champions knocked off the runs in only 18.3 overs.

It turned out to be a forgettable day for the bowling unit after a sub-par start on a batting belter as Lewis notched up the highest individual score by a West Indies batsman surpassing Chris Gayle.

Lewis had earlier tormented the Indian bowlers with a 49-ball-100 during a T20 International in Florida, last year.

In fact, Lewis turned Gayle into spectator with his power-hitting as he cleared the front-leg to hit in the arc between long-off and long-on. Gayle's contribution in the opening stand of 82 was a mere 18 off 19 balls.

On a true pitch, the Trinidad left-hander just hit through the line clearing the ropes at will. He got a couple of reprieves with Mohammed Shami and Dinesh Karthik being the offenders but one can't take anything away from Lewis.

The experienced spin duo of Ravindra Jadeja (5 sixes), Ravichandran Ashwin (4 sixes) conceded nine sixes between them while Mohammed Shami (0/46 in 3 overs) was hit for six boundaries and two sixes. Experienced Marlon Samuels (36 not out, off 29 balls) played second fiddle during the 112 run stand as Lewis fittingly finished the match with a six of Jadeja.

Earlier, Indian batsmen faltered badly after a rolicking start provided by their openers scoring 190 for 6 after being put into bat.



West Indies opener Evin Lewis celebrates after completing his century against India in the one-off T20I at Kingston, on Sunday.

Manu-Sumeeth eye title defence; Pranno, Kashyap also in fray

CALGARY, July 10: Olym- chiefs will meet in Lausanne tomorrow to discuss and likely rubberstamp the process to award the 2024 and 2028 Games simultaneously.

Members of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) will hold an extraordinary session after presentations by the campaign teams for Los Angeles and Paris, battling for the right to succeed 2020 hosts Tokyo and stage the Games in seven years' time.

Last week the IOC Evaluation Commission report lavished praise on both bidding cities, stating there was "very little to separate" the two rivals.

"Members of the Evaluation Commission have used the terms 'forward-looking', 'innovative', 'vibrant' and 'cool', to describe the Los Angeles culture, and 'historical', 'cultural', 'iconic' and 'wonderful backdrops' for that of Paris," said Patrick Baumann, IOC member and chair of the 2024 Evaluation Commission.

"However, whatever the description, it truly is a tale of two great Olympic cities. The two projects are different in nature, but each city presents a proposal which is genuinely authentic and reflects the best of what each has to offer."

The IOC report noted that in line with the reforms of Olympic Agenda 2020, both Los Angeles and Paris are planning to use a record number of existing and temporary venues, a first in Olympic history and a move designed to cut costs and boost sustainability.

Bach said the proposal to award the two Games had been "unanimously" endorsed, adding the IOC had a "golden opportunity" with two "great cities" competing for 2024 and did not want to turn either away, particularly at a time when interest in hosting Olympics has faded, with cities increasingly reluctant to take on the vast expense.

But a double awarding would not be a first, the IOC having, in 1921, awarded the 1924 and 1928 Summer Games to Paris and Amsterdam, as well as later promising Los Angeles the 1932 Games. - AFP

IOC to discuss double host decision for 2024, 2028

Raza gives Zimbabwe historic ODI triumph

HAMBANTOTA, July 10: Sildhar Raza starred with the bat and ball to help Zimbabwe edge Sri Lanka by three wickets and clinch a historic series victory in the fifth One-day International today.

Taking the series 3-2 in Hambantota, the 11th-ranked Zimbabwe registered their maiden series win in Sri Lanka and first overseas triumph in eight years.

Off-spinner Raza claimed three wickets to restrict the hosts to 203-8 after Zimbabwe elected to field first. He then anchored a tense chase with an unbeaten 27 as the visitors won with 71 balls to spare.

Zimbabwe opener Hamilton Masakadza top-scored with a fluent 73 before rookie off-spinner Akila Dananjaya struck back with four wickets to rattle the Zimbabwe mid-order.

The visitors slipped from 137-1 to 175-7 – losing six wickets for 38 runs – but Raza and skipper Graeme Cremer (11 not out) hung on for an unbeaten 29-run stand as the

perennial underdogs erupted in celebrations.

"Happy that Sildhar came to the party. It turned around very quickly but happy we pulled it off in the end," an elated Cremer said following their win.

SCORECARD

Sri Lanka: N Chawla lbw b Cremer 1, M de Silva lbw b Chetara 3, D Gunathilaka lbw b Vilimini 5, K Mendis c Cremer b Raza 1, U Tharanga b Raza 6, A Mathews

c Masakadza b Cremer 24, A Gunaratne not out 59, W Hasaranga c Cremer b Raza 0, N Kulasekara b Chetara 5, A Dananjaya c Musakantha b Vilimini 1, P Naidu c Cremer b Vilimini 18, Extras: (B-6, w-9, lb-12. Total: (For 6 wickets: 20 over) 190. Fall of wickets: 1-64, 2-65, 3-151, 4-158, 5-156, 6-163. Bowling: Badree 4-0, 31-3, Taylor 2-0, Williams 4-0-42-2, Brathwaite 2-0-26-0, Narine 3-0-22-3, Samuels 3-0-31-1.

West Indies: C Gayle c Dhoni b Yadav 18, E Lewis not out 125, M Samuels not out 6. Extras: (b-5, w-2, w-8) 15. Total: (For 1 wicket; 18.3 overs) 194. Fall of wickets: 1-82. Bowling: B Kumar 4-0-27-0, Ashwin 4-0-39-0, Shami 3-0-46-0, Kuldeep 4-0-34-1, Jadeja 3-3-0-41-0. - PTI

Hasananga b Dananjaya 37, C Ernane lbw b Dananjaya 2, S Williams c Mendis b Dananjaya 2, S Raza not out 27, M Williams c & b Vilimini 1, P Naidu c Mendis b Dananjaya 1, G Cremer not out 11 Extras: (LB-2, W-4, NB-1) 7. Total: (For 7 wickets, 38.1 overs) 201. Fall of wickets: 1-64, 2-73, 3-137, 4-137, 5-148, 6-152, 7-172, 8-175, 9-175, 10-175, 11-175. Bowling: Malina 10-0-44-2, Kulasekara 3-0-25-0, Gunaratne 2-0-23-1, Damani 10-1-47-4, Hasaranga 6-1-0-40-0, Chamene 4-1-16-0, Gunathilaka 1-0-2-0. - AFP



Zimbabwe batsman Hamilton Masakadza executes a lofted drive during his match-winning knock of 73 against Sri Lanka in the 5th ODI at Hambantota, on Monday.

Kuznetsova back in Wimbledon quarterfinals after 10-year wait



LONDON, July 10: Svetlana Kuznetsova prevailed in one of the most established "fixtures" in women's tennis as she beat Poland's Agnieszka Radwanska 6-2, 6-4 to reach the Wimbledon quarterfinals on Monday for the first time in 10 years.

The Russian, seeded seventh, has found Radwanska an agreeable opponent over the past decade and did so again to beat her for the 14th time in 18 matches. Kuznetsova, 32, is in the quarterfinals for the fourth time and is yet to drop a set so far in this year's championships, spending less than five hours on court so far.

Having faced opponents with an average ranking of 139 in her opening three matches, Kuznetsova was required to up her game against tricky ninth seed Angelique Kerber or Garbine Muguruza.

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Don't deserve to win if don't grab chances: Kohli

KINGSTON (Jamaica), July 10: Skipper Virat Kohli was critical of India's performance against West Indies in the one-off T20, saying his team was sloppy with both the bat and ball and did not deserve to win.

Put into bat, India posted 190-6 on a batting belter but Evin Lewis blasted an unbeaten 125 off 62 balls with as many as 12 sixes and six fours as the reigning World T20 champions knocked off the runs in only 18.3 overs.

The Trinidad left-hander got a couple of reprieves with Mohammed Shami and Dinesh Karthik being the offenders.

"Even in the first innings, we could have added 25-30 extra. We were on course for 230. And in the field as well, we dropped a few chances and if you don't grab them you don't deserve to win," Kohli said after the match.

"If you give a good start up the order, one batsman has to bat

through. I think Dinesh was good, but we needed someone to get 80-90 which a team needs in T20 cricket, I think.

"Then we didn't start well with the ball and didn't field well. All these games are good feeders of how guys react to situations."

Kohli feels India's T20 team is still in a transition and there would be bad days but overall he was happy with the team's performance.

"West Indies have a good T20 team, they have carried on with the same team for a couple of years. And in experimental stage, we'd have up and downs. But we need to keep going. One game in the ODIs we lost, we won three convincingly," he said.

"T20s is anyone's game, and one

game doesn't make a series according to me. Overall, we enjoyed the tour."

Happy to notch up a nine-wicket win over India, West Indies skipper

themselves. I gave them the captain's incentive, whoever goes and gets a fifty gets half my match fee. We wanted to put smashes on the faces of the fans and that's what we came back to do," said Brathwaite.

"We wanted to wrestle the game back against them. We've seen the IPL, we know how Bhuvneshwar Kumar bowls at the death and we wanted to make him bowl more in the first few overs and that's a box ticked."

Brathwaite also heaped praise on Evin Lewis and Kestick Williams for their performance.

"Evin just played magnificently. He just played on, played through so big kudos to him. It was a good score on the board, but we always knew we could get it," he said.

Carlos Brathwaite said he was happy with the way his team expressed themselves on the field.

"Very happy. Yesterday we asked for the batters to go out and express

"Kestick Williams has produced a fantastic performance, carries it from Pakistan to Afghanistan and here. His figures might not reflect it, but he got Kohli out, the direct hit, and in the sixth he had two new batsmen in and that certainly helped," he added.

Opener Evin Lewis, who was adjudged the Man of the Match for his unbeaten 62-ball 125, said he was not doing well in the last few ODIs but he always kept believing in himself.

"It was a good game. Quality bowlers, and once you get a hundred against a team like India, it's a good hundred. Five games in a row in the ODIs, I didn't do well. But I kept believing in my ability and today I came out trumps," Lewis said.

"Chris is going after the bowling makes it easier for me to score, so I'm thankful to bat with him and I hope I can keep doing my best for the West Indies," he added. - PTI

Jadeja, Ashwin top ICC Test bowlers

DUBAI, July 10: India's spin duo of Ravindra Jadeja and Ravichandran Ashwin continued to sit at the top two positions in the ICC Test bowlers' rankings, released here today.

Jadeja is heading the table with 89 points while Ashwin is placed at the second spot with 86 points but none of the other Indian bowlers figure in the top 10 list.

In the all-rounders chart also, Jadeja and Ashwin remained static at second and third place respectively.

Asi contributed 87 and seven with the bat and bagged four for 59 and six for 53 as England romped to victory with more than a day to spare.

In the batting chart, Ali has gained three places and is now just outside the top 20 at 21st place, while in the bowling table, he has broken into the top 20 in 19th position by rising nine places. - PTI

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