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Expose those who fund terror groups: Trump at UN meet

UNITED NATIONS, Sept 19: US President Donald Trump today told world leaders that it is time to "expose" and "hold responsible" those countries that provide funding and safe havens to terror groups, weeks after he warned Pakistan for supporting "agents of chaos."

In his maiden address to the United Nations General Assembly, Trump said that all responsible nations must work together to confront terrorists and "the Islamic extremists that inspire them."

"We will stop radical Islamic terrorism because we know that provides funding and safe havens to terror groups," Trump said.

"It is time to expose and hold responsible nations that provide funding and safe havens to terror groups," Trump said.

"We must drive them out from our nations. It is time to expose and hold responsible those countries who support

and finance terror groups like al-Qaeda, Hezbollah and the Taliban and others," he said.

The US President said America and its allies were working together to crush the terrorists and prevent the re-emergence of safe heavens they use to launch attacks.

Recalling his new strategy in Afghanistan and South Asia, Trump said it was aimed at defeating terrorists in war-torn Afghanistan.

"From now onwards, the security agencies will dictate the length and scope of military operations, not our betraying benchmarks and timetables set up by politicians," he said.

"I have also totally changed the rules of engagements of our fight against the Taliban and other terrorist groups," he said.

Pakistan Prime Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi is currently here, heading his country's delegation to the UN General Assembly session.

Last month, Trump had issued the sternest warning yet by an American leader to Pakistan for providing safe havens to terrorists. — PTI

UNITED NATIONS, Sept 19: UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres today urged Myanmar to halt its military campaign against Rohingya Muslims, just hours after Aung San Suu Kyi failed to quell an international outcry in an much-anticipated address.

Addressing the opening of the UN General Assembly, Guterres said he had "not noted" of Suu Kyi's pledge to end the recommendations of a report by former UN chief Kofi Annan that had advocated citizenship for the Rohingyas.

"But let me be clear," Guterres said, "the authorities in-

Myanmar must end the military operations and allow unhindered humanitarian access."

More than 420,000 Rohingya have been forced to flee violence in Myanmar's northern Rakhine state in what the United Nations has described as "ethnic cleansing."

In her nationwide address, Suu Kyi insisted that army "clearance operations" are response to attacks by Rohingya militants, had finished on September 5 and denied that Rakhine was in flames.

"More than 50 per cent of the villages of Muslims are intact," she said.

The Nobel laureate called for patience and understanding of the unfurling crisis in her "fragile democracy" and pledged to resettle some refu-

gees, but she did not speak out against the military campaign.

"We are all shocked by the dramatic escalation of sectarian tensions in Myanmar's Rakhine state," Guterres told world leaders.

In an interview earlier this week, Guterres described the address by Suu Kyi as "a last chance" to speak out and in motion an end to the mass exodus.

The 1.1-million strong Rohingya have suffered years of discrimination in Myanmar, where they are denied citizenship even though many have long-standing roots in the country. — AFP

India for probe into North Korea's nuke links

NEW YORK, Sept 19: India today sought a probe into North Korea's nuclear proliferation linkages and demanded that those responsible for it should be held accountable, in a veiled reference to Pakistan.

External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj deployed another mid-range ballistic missile over Japan on Friday. It follows North Korea's sixth and most powerful nuclear test on September 3 which was in direct defiance of United Nations sanctions and additional international pressure.

"External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj deployed

those involved must be held accountable," the Ministry's spokesperson, Raveesh Kumar, told reporters at a news conference here.

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"We have very clearly mentioned that we not only deplore

North Korea's recent actions but also stated that its proliferation linkages must be explored and those involved be held accountable," Kumar said.

In addition to proliferation,

the three leaders discussed the issue of maritime security and connectivity.

The first triilateral ministerial meeting between the three countries was held in 2015. Senior official level meetings have been taking place since 2011. — PTI

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Decorative structures for Durga Puja

Committees asked to secure safety certificates

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 19: The Kamrup (Metro) district administration today directed all the Durga Puja committees in the city to secure safety certificates from departments concerned while constructing decorative structures and said that failure to do so would invite legal action.

"Most of the Durga Puja committees in and around Guwahati are constructing decorative structures for making puja pandals attractive without any structural

safety audit of these structures. At any instant these unsafe erections may collapse and lead to accidents due to adverse weather conditions and due to large congregation of public during the puja days causing loss of life and property," said Kamrup (M) Deputy Commissioner Dr M Angamuthu.

He said that all the puja committees have been directed to construct such structures adhering to proper structural safety norms of competent authorities like PWD (Buildings), Fire and Emergency Services, GMC, Pollution Control

Board and GMDA and to acquire safety certificates from these departments before constructing such structures.

"If a puja committee is found constructing such structures without proper vetting and safety certification from the competent authorities, appropriate legal actions will be initiated against its president and secretary," said the DC.

With regard to construction of pandals on some roads and by-lanes, Dr Angamuthu said that the administration would look into the deadline.

Meanwhile, with Durga Puja round the corner, the district administration has issued an order to the departments concerned to ensure that all streetlights in the city are made functional by September 23.

Deputy Commissioner Dr Angamuthu has constituted six teams which have been asked to examine all the streetlights of Guwahati and make them functional before the deadline.

The DC has ordered Forest officials to undertake pruning exercise along the riverfront by September 23. A detailed action taken report will be submitted to the Guwahati Development Department (GDD) Minister once the entire exercise is over.

Training on bakery products at IIE

CORRESPONDENT

JALUKBARI, Sept 19: A five-day training on value addition in food processing was inaugurated at the IIE campus yesterday.

The training programme is aimed at enhancing livelihood opportunities for start-up entrepreneurs of the joint forest management and eco-development committees. Twenty entrepreneurs from Lakhimpur and Digboi are participating in the training.

The inaugural session was presided over by Mathilde Baedane, agronomist project manager, Euro Vanilla India and attended by assistant faculty members of IIE Santmoan Deka and Biraj Das, managing director of the Guwahati-based Indian Skill Academy Anjan Choudhury and IIE research assistant Jintu Shih.

The main objective of the programme is to make the entrepreneurs familiar with the latest art of making and baking breads, cakes, pastries, biscuits, pizzas,

chocolates, rolls, etc.

Addressing the gathering as the chief guest, Mathilde Baedane urged the participants to put into use the skills they would acquire during the training to be self-reliant. She advised the trainees that they can register themselves as a SHG or a society to enable them to set up a bakery unit, as it would not be easy for them to start any project individually.

Santmoan Deka in his introductory speech pointed out that the participants can apply for the schemes like PMEGR, National Mission on Food Processing, etc.

Biraj Das, Anjan Choudhury and Jintu Shih acted as the resource persons.

Sponsored by the Assam Project of Forest and Biodiversity Conservation Society, Forest Department, the project is being implemented by the Consortium for Micro Planning and Enhancing Livelihood Opportunities comprising IIE as the lead partner with RGVN as an associate.

Assam's culture, people reflect teachings of Sankaradeva, Madhabdeva: Govt

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 19: Governor Biju Patnaik attended a function 'Swagatam Sharat', which is a part of the All India Sangeet and Nritya Utsav organised by Pracheen Kal Kendra, Chandigarh at the Rabindra Bhawan here on Saturday evening.

Speaking on the occasion, Governor Purohit said that Indian culture is the most ancient and at the same time very strong because of its deep-rooted faith in the essence of religion. He also said that though in the past several attempts

were made to disintegrate this composite Indian culture, all the attempts failed because of its strong root. "We are proud of our rich and culture, on the basis of which we can become Viswa Guru (World Leader)," the Governor added.

Highlighting the importance of folk dance and folk music, the Governor said that these are an integral part of India's tradition and culture, and their significance is immense. He said the cultural diversity and rich traditional pattern of Indian society is truly reflected through the variety of Indian folk dances. He urged the present generation to work

for preservation of the country's unique identity.

Purohit said Assam owes a great deal to the teachings of Srimanta Sankaradeva and Madhabdeva and the culture and people of the State have had the reflections of the teachings of the great Vaishnavaite saints. He also said that the North East is a hub of rich art and culture. Assam and the other NE states have unique and diverse art and dance forms which mesmerise everyone. He stressed the need to showcase these rich dance forms in the global arena.

NE India int'l travel mart from Dec 5-7

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 19: The Union Ministry of Tourism has chalked out elaborate plans to showcase the best of the North East to the stakeholders of tourism sector from ASEAN, BIMSTEC and SAARC countries in the sixth edition of the North East India International Travel Mart to be held at Vivanta by Taj here from December 5 to 7.

Nearly 100 delegates representing tourism and allied sectors of the neighbouring countries, except Pakistan,

would be participating in the event in addition to 25 tour operators from different parts of the country.

The event is being held in association with the Government of Assam and the governments of all other NE states. The International Travel Mart is hosted annually by one of the eight north-eastern states (including Sikkim).

According to Regional Director of India Tourism Northeast, Shoeb Samad, growing interest of international tourists in the NE region could be

gauged by the fact that the region has witnessed a compound annual growth rate of 18.3 per cent of international tourists from 2013 to 2015 and 1.19 lakh foreign tourists chose the North East as their destination during 2015.

"Similarly, the domestic tourist visits have also shown an increasing trend with the number going up to 79.41 lakh in 2015 compared to 70.45 lakh in 2014 and 66.77 lakh in 2013. The positive impact of tourist arrival in the North East in the past couple of

years would receive a further boost with the travel in Guwahati," he said.

"Altogether 80 stakeholders from the region would showcase the products to the delegates through one-to-one meetings, Tourism product suppliers, tour operators and hoteliers among others would get an opportunity to reach out to the domestic and international buyers, thereby opening new horizons for destinations of the region," according to Assam Tourism Development Corporation Chairman Jayanta Mallick Barua.

Foundation of Biotech Park incubation centre

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 19: With a vision to promote business in biotechnology and allied areas through entrepreneurship development, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today laid the foundation stone of the Technology Incubation Centre of Guwahati Biotech Park at Aminingaon.

The new initiative would facilitate faster penetration of biotech industry and accelerate research and development activities in biotechnology and related fields with effective utilization of the rich natural resources and also utilise local human resources.

"We have inherent skills in organic farming, Assam and the Northeast are rich in natural resources and its biodiversity has the potential to capture the markets of the entire South East Asia through concentration in the organic sector. Biotechnological interventions can immensely help us in becoming an organic hub," Sonowal said while speaking at the foundation-laying ceremony.

To create a scientific ecosystem in the region, the

Chief Minister urged the students and the youth to build scientific mentality and take the benefits of science and technological initiatives of the government.

The Chief Minister also outlined his vision for making Guwahati the gateway to South East Asia and various initiatives mooted for materializing the same, including State Capital Region and the proposed World Trade Centre.

Science and Technology Minister Keshab Mahanta said that already an area measuring 64 bighas of land has been earmarked for setting up permanent campus of Guwahati Biotech Park at Aminingaon. Rs 35 crore has been sanctioned for the construction of the Technology Incubation Centre and work for the same is expected to be completed in 2019.

Mahanta said the Guwahati Biotech Park would support incubation, business, etc., and develop exclusive business and industrial zones. This would benefit college and university students for research and business. He said the government would soon start construction of a Science City at Sonapur.

Pabindra Nath Sarma and Kunjabala Devi Memorial Awards

The last date of submission of all entries for the Pabindra Nath Sarma and Kunjabala Devi Memorial Award for investigative journalism on Human Rights and Women issues of north-eastern India, published during the year 2016 has been extended to October 5, 2017.

The awards instituted in memory of late Pabindra Nath Sarma, freedom fighter and lawyer, and his wife Kunjabala Devi, carries a cash prize of Rs. 30,000 (Rupees thirty thousand only) and a citation each.

(a) Pabindra Nath Sarma Memorial Award:
For investigative journalism on Human Rights
(b) Kunjabala Devi Memorial Award:
For investigative journalism on Women's Issue

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Senior Consultant Multi-visceral Transplant Surgeon

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•Inability to detect low sugar levels
Pancreas Transplant could provide permanent Cure for your Diabetes

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Consult us to assess if you qualify for simultaneous Pancreas & Kidney Transplantation

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For Appointments call: 7002919537, 0361-2461473 / 1474

Durga Puja programme

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 19: The monthly meeting of SHI Pensioners' Association, NE Circle, Guwahati, will be held at the State Bank Learning Centre here on September 23 at 11 am, according to the general secretary of the association.

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Workshop on disaster preparedness

STAFF REPORTER

staff should be fully acquainted with the safety measures because guests depend on them in times of emergency.

The basic objective of the workshop was to sensitise the managements of hotels, cinema halls and shopping malls of Guwahati today at the Assam Administrative Staff College to sensitise them to the needs and mandates for safety, security and disaster preparedness measures including disaster management, planning, response and recovery.

In the technical session, Luish Aind, Deputy Commissioner & Secretary (Revenue & Disaster Management) and Chief Executive Officer, ASDMA inaugurated the workshop. In his inaugural speech, Prasad said safety provisions should be a priority of any hotel, cinema hall and shopping mall. All the owners and

Seminar on juveniles at Don Bosco Institute

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 19: The 12th annual national seminar by the Don Bosco National Forum for the Young at Risk (DB YAR) began today at the Don Bosco Institute, Kharghuli here with stress on creating a safe environment for juveniles, where they can find adequate opportunities to grow to their fullest potential. The theme chosen for the two-day seminar is, 'Restorative Justice and Children'.

Restorative justice is an approach that promotes dialogue between the victim and the offender and has shown the highest rate of satisfaction of the victim and the offender's accountability under the primary responsibility of the community. Law professionals act as facilitators in this system.

Former Meghalaya Governor RS Mahanta, while speaking as the chief guest, lauded the efforts of Don Bosco Forum for taking care of the young at risk. He attributed the plight of children in India to the rampant corruption prevalent in the system. He observed that while the Constitution of India guarantees ample scope for protection of children, the corrupt find loopholes in the laws and escape being caught.

Father VM Thomas, Provincial of Guwahati, said children are the most vulnerable in society, making restorative justice a fundamental requirement, which the society needs to accept as the guarantee factor for the well-being of children.

A book on the success stories of children titled 'Snehalaya House of Love: From Rags to Better Life' was also released on the occasion by the chief guest.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2017



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal paying homage to the martyrs who were gunned down, during the 75 years celebration of Quit India Movement, at Barhampur in Nagaon district, on Monday. — UB Photos

4 top AASU office-bearers expelled in Udalguri dist

CORRESPONDENT

KALAIKAGAON, Sept 19: The Udalguri district committee of AASU recently expelled four top office-bearers of the frontline students' organisation.

Those expelled were from AASU's Kalaiagon anchalkhali committee, including its president and secretary, for unconstitutional activities.

In a press release issued by Pranjal Patowari, president and Saiful Haque, secretary of AASU's Udalguri district committee, it was declared that adviser Manoj Kumar Deka, president Gauri Kanta Nath,

secretary Ranjan Sarma and assistant secretary Nilotpal Hazarika of the AASU's Kalaiagon anchalkhali committee were expelled from the primary membership of the premier students' body and the executive committee has also been dissolved with immediate effect.

The press release further stated that that tough action had to be taken against the officials for their anti-AASU activities, thereby damaging the image of the students' organisation. According to information available from reliable sources, it is known that AASU leaders demanded strict action against the BDO of Kalaiagon Block and pres-

ident of Kalaiagon VCDC for sub-standard construction work of CC topping of a road at Kalaiagon town in which an amount of nearly Rs 50 lakh had allegedly been misappropriated by a nexus of corrupt officials and contractors.

The ABVP's Kalaiagon unit too had demanded the Chief Minister to initiate a probe into the matter. However, according to local news sources, huge amounts of cash changed hands between the officials concerned and members of some organisations in an effort to hush up the unsavoury episode, hence the aforementioned stringent action.

Cleanliness drive

DIPU, Sept 19: A massive cleanliness drive was carried out on Sunday in Karbi Anglong hill district.

In Dipu headquarters, the cleanliness drive was launched by Dipu Town Committee (DTC) under the banner of Clean Karbi Anglong Mission (CKAM) under the theme 'Swachhata Hi Sewa'.

The cleanliness drive was carried out around Dipu town and its surrounding areas. Dipu local MAC and Executive Member of KAAC Ratan Teron accompanied by many social workers, citizens and members of NGOs participated in the mass cleanliness drive.

Among others, the Dipu town area, market, council colony, DCH and its adjoining areas were sprayed up and cleared of garbage and filth.

According to reports available, the massive cleanliness drive was carried out in all the 26 MAC constituencies under the leadership of the respective local MACs and EMs of KAAC. — Correspondent

OBITUARY

Lakhi Buragohain

CORRESPONDENT

HAILAKANDI, Sept 19: Former MLA Rahul Roy was unanimously selected as the president of Hailakandi District Congress Committee.

In a meeting of the party workers held at the Congress Bhawan here recently, the name of vice president Roy was proposed by the chairman of the Zila Parishad, Anam Uddin Laskar, chairman of Seva Dal Hirendra Chandra Paul, chairperson of Mahili Congress Committee Madhavi Sarma, former district Congress president Ashok Duttagupta, Ishaque Ali Barbuinya, Najrul Islam Mira, president of District Youth Congress Fakru Mazumdar, Subhankar Bhattacharjee and Samsul Islam Barbhuinya, among others.

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BASANTA SARMA was born to Late Pandit Haradev Sarma (who established and developed the Bagata Mukhi Temple) and Late Karunamoyee Devi of Kamakhya Dhaara. He did his schooling at Sonaram High School and subsequently started his spiritual

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Jyotimoy Baruah

Men live in deeds and not in years. This is applicable to our treasured father, husband and uncle Jyotimoy Baruah. He was born on August 8, 1958 to a respectable family at Salona Tea Estate. He served the Forest and Environment Department, Assam from 1983 to 2017 with dignity and respect.

His demise on September 10 has left a void which will be difficult to fill. Today, we pray to the Almighty to grant eternal peace to his departed soul. — Nizom, Nisha

CORRESPONDENT

NAGAON, Sept 19: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal paid a visit to Barhampur on Monday to attend the Martyrs' Day programme which was organised to observe the 75th martyrdom day of Bhugeswari Phukanani, Thogi Sut, Bol Sut and Lakhi Hazarika in police firing at Barhampur on September 18, 1942. In his address, Sonowal paid tributes to the

freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives to free the country from the shackles of British rule. Highlighting the sacrifice of Barhampur, the Chief Minister said that their names will forever be printed in golden letters in the history of freedom movement of the country.

Sonowal called upon the people to follow the ideals of freedom fighters and appealed to the next generation to go through the history of the freedom movement of

our country. He highlighted the achievements of the present Government in the last 13 months and urged the people to extend their support to its development works.

Former MP and well-known writer Dr Joyshree Goswami Maanta presided over the meet. Ministers Keshab Mahanta and Atul Bora, MLA Rupok Sarma, Upal Dutta, Dimbeswar Das and others graced the occasion.

The Chief Minister paid floral

tributes at the *sweahid bedi*, visited the place near the tree where the freedom fighters faced the bullets of the British Army. Family members of the martyrs, freedom fighters and local people were felicitated in the function. A procession was also taken out.

Sonowal also visited the Barhampur Blind School and interacted with the students. He also paid a visit to the Barhampur Veterinary farm, Shahid Udayan, army camp etc.

Govt bid to provide fiscal help to martyred scribes' families hailed

CORRESPONDENT

GUWAHATI, Sept 19: The Changsari branch of the State Bank of India organised an awareness programme at Dallang Milan High School premises on September 16, a press release received here stated.

A meeting on the occasion was presided over by Debendra Nath Deka, president of Dallang Milan Samiti. Anindita Mukherjee, manager of State Bank of India, Changsari branch was the chief guest. She informed the gathering about various steps being taken by the SBI for overall development of the students and other people, such as Vidyalakhi, Apun Ghar, Digital Banking' etc.

In the meeting, Dwijen Nath, secretary of Assom Umanay Sabha, Rangiya Division, vidyalaya organising committee president Mohan Chandra Nath, Hema Kanta Nath, Headmaster of Dallang Milan High School and many other prominent persons of the locality took part.

Mukherjee donated Rs 2,000 to the Students' Welfare Fund. She advised the students to open savings account in the State Bank of India. As a part of the itinerary, she inaugurated the library of Dallang Milan High School, the release added.

Silchar observes Hindi Divas

SILCHAR, Sept 19: All India Radio (AIR) Silchar observed Hindi Divas in a befitting manner at its office premises.

In a release issued to the media, Sanjiv Sharma, News Editor of the Silchar station informed that DIG, Southern range Akhilés Kumar Singh was the chief guest at a function which was presided over by Kush Prasad Yadav, the station head.

In his speech, the DIG underscored the importance of Hindi as a common language which binds people belonging to diverse cultures and languages within the country.

On the other hand, among the employees of the organisation who took part in the competitive events, Hitabrata Bhattacharjee won the dictation and translation title. His team won the first prize in the quiz contest while Dalia Choudhury won the extempore speech event. — Staff Correspondent

TEZPUR, Sept 19: Two frontlines' bodies of the State, namely All Assam Journalists' Union (AAJU) and All Assam Press Correspondents' Union (AAPCU) have welcomed the Government's decision to grant financial assistance of Rs 5 lakh to the next of kin of each of the 31 martyred journalists who laid down their lives in the line of duty.

The two scribes' bodies urged the

Government to apprehend the culprits involved in the killing of those 31 journalists and provide adequate compensation to their families. "Fortunately, good sense seems to have prevailed at long last as the Sarbananda Sonowal Government has shown its sincerity on the issue by dealing with the long-pending issue like providing compensation to the families of those martyred journalists. We are hopeful that besides this, the Government will do the needful to apprehend the culprits involved in the assassination of those scribes," a press statement said.

Goalpara resident gets Rs 79 lakh electricity bill!

CORRESPONDENT

GOALPARA, Sept 19: Abdul Hoque, a resident of Udaynagar of Goalpara town got the shock of his life when he received a electricity bill amounting to a bill period of 31 days.

He received the highly inflated bill with an absurd amount which is actually wrong and mentioned that it is beyond anyone's imagination how a bill with such a huge and impossible amount be issued by the electricity Board against a domestic

electricity bill of Rs 1200/- per month. He paid a bill of Rs 1248/- in the month of August (from 02/07/17 to 01/08/17) and he doesn't have any outstanding bill amount.

When contacted, Hoque said that he received the highly inflated bill with an absurd amount which is actually wrong and mentioned that it is beyond anyone's imagination how a bill with such a huge and impossible amount be issued by the electricity Board against a domestic

connection with a known average monthly consumption throughout the year. Hoque is now planning to approach the consumer court to resolve the matter while on the other hand, he demanded that the electricity board issue a new corrected bill on the basis of monthly average consumption and withdraw the amount of the current faulty bill.

Meanwhile, technical glitches may be cited as one of the reason for the faulty bill, an official opined.

Tea town Doomdooma hit by frequent road blockades

CORRESPONDENT

DOOMDOOMA, Sept 19: Frequent blockade of National Highway-37 by the labourers of various tea gardens of Doomdooma Circle over the bonus issue since the last few days has made life miserable for the common people of Tea town Doomdooma.

Most of the tea companies have agreed to pay 20% bonus to their labourers in two instalments. But the labourers are demanding the bonus in a single instalment. As the tea companies refused to comply with the demands of the labourers, the latter resorted to blockade of National Highway-37 in order to

fulfil their demands.

During the current month, the labourers blocked National Highway-37 by the labourers of various tea gardens over the same demand. On Friday too, the labourers of Ajapey Tea Limited blocked NH-37 at Borapahar from 9 am to 7 pm. On Saturday again, the labourers of McLeod Russell India Limited blocked NH-37 at Uchamati.

In fact on Saturday the company was about to pay the first instalment of the bonus to the labourers of its gardens. But the labourers refused to accept it and demanded the bonus in a single instalment.

Later, they blocked NH-37 at

Uchamati, which was still continuing till the time of filing this report.

Meanwhile, it was learnt that a few labourers accepted the bonus on Saturday itself, and as a result they were beaten up by the other faction of labourers who refused to accept the bonus. Consequently, the situation became tense in the gardens areas here.

Through the tea labourers have been resorting to blockade of NH-37 continuously in order to fulfil their demands and thereby causing great harassment to the common people. The State Government seems to be looking the other way and wilfully ignoring the plight of the regular commuters.

Dibrugarh Kukis observe 'Black Day'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

DIBRUGARH, Sept 19: In solidarity with the rest of their Kuki brethren all over the globe, the Kuki community of Dibrugarh city also observed September 13 as 'The Kuki Black Day' or what they called 'Sahnit Ni'.

The day was observed as a day of mourning and prayer for all the departed souls of those Kukis who were gruesomely slaughtered by the cadres of NSCN (I-M) way back in 1993. The infamous incident is

also known as 'Zoupi Massacre' as the ghastly incident took place at Zoupi village. It was on this day 24 years back, about more than 100 defenceless innocent villagers of Zoupi, Gelnei and Janglenphai villages were horrifically hacked to death by the NSCN (I-M) militants.

In the process of this ruthless (NSCN-I-M) ethnic cleansing campaign, more than a thousand Kukis were killed and more than 360 villages were destroyed, and about 100,000 of Kukis were rendered homeless, the release added.

In strict adherence to the formal appeal of the Dibrugarh Kuki Welfare Service and the Dibrugarh Kuki Students' Organisation (KSO), all Kuki ethnic families of upper Assam observed the day with mourning and prayers. Dr L. Doungel, chairman of the KWS (Dibrugarh) and advisor of the KSO (Dibrugarh) when contacted told this correspondent that "though the day is observed at the backdrop of horrific incident, it is not to perpetuate hatred and hostility between the Kukis and the Nagas. It is observed seeking justice against the heinous crime of genocide committed on the innocent Kukis and those villagers who were misplaced and rendered homeless and more importantly to spread the message of love and peaceful coexistence." He also said with a little disappointment that the Government seems to have feigned ignorance of this crime perpetrated against humanity by NSCN (I-M) even after repeated reminders sent to the Government of India by the Kuki Inpi, the apex body of the Kukis for early dispensation of justice.



People offering tarpan in memory of their forefathers in river Barak on the occasion of Mahalaya, in Silchar on Tuesday.— Photo: Staff Correspondent, Silchar

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He was very helpful, sincere, polite and honest. He was a good friend of the poor and often helped the needy. Of cheerful disposition, he was associated with various social activities in his area.

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Originally hailing from Uzanga, he retired as State Forest Range Officer. He leaves behind his wife, two sons, one daughter-in-law, one grandson and a host of relatives and well-wishers.

APCC functions today

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 19: Assam Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC) will hold two functions tomorrow at Gohpur and Dhekaijuli to pay homage to the martyrs of the 1942 Quit India Movement. In a statement here, APCC president Rupan Bora today urged the people, particularly the young generation, to remember the martyrs of the Freedom Struggle.

Many people laid down their lives at Dhekaijuli, now in Sonitpur district, on September 20, 1942 while taking part in a march to the Dhekaijuli PSC to hoist the Indian tricolour there. They include, among others, Manbar Nath, Kumali Devi, Maheirun Koch, Tleswari Barua, Ratan Kachari, Khalu Devi, Maniram Kachari, Lerela Kachari, Dala Panika, Mangal Kurku and Sarunath Chutia. They braved the shower of bullets fired by the police, in their attempt at hoisting the Indian tricolour.

At Gohpur in the same district, Kamaklata Barua and Mukunda Kakati sacrificed their lives while making a similar attempt that day.

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Security beefed up in Mizoram

AIZAWL, Sept 19: Security has been beefed up and patrolling by the Assam Rifles intensified along the Mizoram-Arunachal Pradesh border in the State's Lawngtlai district, in view of the possibility of Rohingya Muslim militants and refugees attempting to enter the State.

A senior Home Department official said that several meetings were held by the Mizoram police, paramilitary forces and intelligence agencies of both the Central and the State Governments to review the security situation along the Myanmar border.

"Not a single Rohingya Muslim has so far entered Mizoram," he added. Mizoram shares a 404-km international border with Myanmar and a 318-km border with Bangladesh. - PTI

Violence mars Arunachal bandh

CORRESPONDENT

ITANAGAR, Sept 19: Violence marred the 12-hour State-wide bandh called by the All Arunachal Pradesh Students' Union (AAPSU) today.

The dawn-to-dusk bandh was called in protest against the Centre's decision to grant citizenship to the Chakma and Hajong refugees residing in Arunachal Pradesh.

Normal life was hit by the bandh as shops and business establishments kept their shutters down across the State. Government offices, banks, post offices, educational institutions also remained closed during the bandh period. All types of vehicular traffic were off the roads, which were a deserted look.

Police said about a dozen vehicles were damaged by the bandh supporters.

Superintendent of Police, Itanagar Capital Complex, Sa-

Will move SC for change in order on Chakma, Hajong refugees: Rijiju

NEW DELHI, Sept 19: The Supreme Court will move the Su- preme Court to seek modification of its order to grant citizenship to Chakma and Hajong refugees since it could unbalance the social and demographic structure of Arunachal Pradesh, Union Minister Kiren Rijiju said today.

The Minister of State for Home told reporters here that the Supreme Court would apprise of the "ground reality" on the matter.

"The ground reality is that the Chakmas and Hajongs have entered settlement camps in Arunachal Pradesh illegally in large numbers. If the small

original Chakmas population is given status of Arunachal tribals or as indigenous (people) of Arunachal Pradesh, it will (cause) imbalance in the social and demographic structure of the state," he said.

"We have to impress upon the Supreme Court to understand the reality that it is not easy to implement its order because of the complexity of the situation," Rijiju said.

The Minister said since he was an MP from Arunachal Pradesh he had to stand for his people".

The Supreme Court had in 2015 directed the Central and Arunachal Pradesh Govern-

ments to confer citizenship rights on the "eligible" Chakmas and Hajong people, coupled with steps to protect their lives and liberty and guard them against any discrimination.

The Home Ministry had last week cleared limited citizenship to the Chakmas and Hajong refugees.

The Chakmas and Hajongs

were originally residents of the Chittagong Hill Tracts of erstwhile East Pakistan, who fled when their land was submerged by the Kapai dam in the 1960s. The Chakmas, who are Buddhist, and the Hajongs, who are Hindus, also faced religious persecution in East Pa-

kistan (now Bangladesh).

They entered India through the then Lushai Hills district of Assam (now Mizoram).

While some stayed back with the Chakmas already settled in the district, the Indian government moved a majority of them to the North East Frontier Agency which is now Arunachal Pradesh.

The State Government has argued that granting citizenship to refugees would reduce the indigenous tribal communities to a minority and deprive them of opportunities. Since 1990, the All Arunachal Pradesh Students Union has been demanding their ouster from the State. - IANS



Manipur Governor Najma Heptulla presenting award to a dance Guru in Imphal on Monday - UNI

States told to double farmers' income

NEW DELHI, Sept 19: Un-

ion Agriculture Minister Radha Mohan Singh today urged the States to chalk out their own strategy to achieve the target of doubling farmers' income by 2022.

The Centre has already come out with a four-volume report suggesting ways to boost farmers' income, which States will have to study and see how best it can be implemented in each State, he said.

Only productivity of various crops needs to be raised, but also focus on allied farm activities like timber cultivation and honeybee cultivation is required, he added.

Addressing a two-day national conference to evolve a sowing strategy for upcoming winter (rabi) season, Singh said:

"The Government's aim is to increase productivity and ensure farmers' get the remunerative price for their produce."

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Organic farming

Fast-track GST refund: Exporters to Govt

NEW DELHI, Sept 19: Bearing that a staggering Rs 65,000 crore could get stuck in GST refunds, exporters today asked the government to fast-track the refund process and avoid further deterioration in their "liquidity situation".

The Committee on Exports, chaired by Revenue Secretary Hasmukh Adhia, today met eight export promotion associations to understand their concerns post the implementation goods and services tax (GST) from July 1.

"If refund does not start flowing immediately then about Rs 65,000 crore would be stuck by the end of October. This will further deteriorate exporters' liquidity situation," FIEO Director General Ajay Sahai told reporters after the meeting. - PTI

He hoped that government would take a decision soon so that exporters get a level-playing field vis-a-vis other sectors.

During the meeting, the exporters pressed for starting the refund process immediately based on GSTR-1 and GSTR-3B data.

While GSTR-3B is the initial simplified returns which businesses have to file, GSTR-1 is the final sales return to be filed every month.

Engineering Export Promotion Council board member PK Shah said in view of the ensuing festive season it is important that the authorities release at least 90 per cent refunds soon after the shipments and complete verification and adjustment process at a later stage. - PTI

NEW DELHI, Sept 19: Intensifying its crackdown on shell companies and their operators, the government has made public names of over 55,000 such directors linked to such firms to ensure they do not get associated with similar roles again.

More such names will be published soon as the government has already identified over 1,06 lakh directors for their association with shell firms which are either yet to commence any business or have failed to submit their financial statements or annual returns for three straight years.

More than two lakh such companies have already been struck off the register of the companies with various ROCs

(Registrar of Companies).

As per the public notices issued by different ROCs, the names have been made public so far for more than 24,000 such shell companies from the Chennai region, as also of over 12,000 each from Ahmedabad and Ermakulam.

Besides, similar lists of thousands of directors have been made public by the ROCs in Cuttack, Goa and Shillong, among others. However, ROCs in Delhi, Mumbai and Chandigarh are yet to publish such lists.

Several of these names could also be linked to various political and corporate groups, but it

could not be ascertained immediately as most of the lists only contain the names of directors and their DINs (Director Identification Numbers) and no any specific personal details. However, addresses were also mentioned for some.

Earlier this month, the government had said more than 1,06 lakh directors will be disqualified for their association with shell companies.

The move came close on the heels of the Corporate Affairs Ministry cancelling the registration of 2.09 lakh companies that have not been carrying out business activities for a long period.

INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST(EOI)

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) affixing fee stamp of Rs.8.25 (Rupees eight and twenty five paisa) is required in the bid system from Registered Registered Local Non Govt. Organization (NGO) preferably having experience in organization of Dairy Cooperative Societies or in the field of Dairy and A. H. & Veterinary sector in the following districts as per terms of reference of Dairy Development, Assam under Annual Budget (SOP) 2017-18 and to be received in the Directorate of Dairy Development, Assam, Khanapara, Guwahati or before 04.10.2017, between 14.00 hours and 16.00 hours on the same day in respective district offices at 14.30 hours in presence of the representative of NGOs or their authorized representatives.

| Sl. No | Particulars of activities | District to be covered | Completion period |
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| 1 | Organization of Dairy Cooperative Society as per Assam Cooperative Societies Act 2007 | Gauhati-10 Nos Bongaigaon-10 Nos Kamrup-10 Nos Darrang-10 Nos Lakhimpur-5 Nos Dhemaji-13 Nos Dibrugarh-10 Nos Tinsukia-10 Nos Sivasagar-10 Nos Jharkhand-10 Nos Golaghat-15 Nos Majuli-10 Nos Charaideo-10 Nos Nagaon-10 Nos Hojai-10 Nos Morigaon-10 Nos Cachar-10 Nos Karimganj-10 Nos Hailakandi-10 Nos Biswanath-10 Nos Nalbari-5 Nos Dhubri-200 Nos | Three Months |
| 2 | Training on rearing of cattle Management/Value Addition etc | 2000Ccs X20 Farmers/DCS =400 Farmers | 2000Ccs X20 Farmers/DCS =400 Farmers |
| 3 | Farmers exposure /orientation visit to Progressive Dairy Cooperative Society of Bajali, Barpeta District | 2000Ccs X2 Farmers/DCS =400 Farmers | 2000Ccs X2 Farmers/DCS =400 Farmers |
| 4 | Orientation training of President & Secretary of the DCs for two weeks at Institute of Cooperative Management, Guwahati | 2000Ccs X2 Farmers/DCS =400 Farmers | 2000Ccs X2 Farmers/DCS =400 Farmers |

Interested NGO may collect details of terms of reference and eligibility criteria on submission of application to the office of underwriting during office hours within 2.00PM. of 04.10.2017.

Sd/- G. Malakar, Director
Dairy Development, Assam
Khanapara, Guwahati-22

No. ASULMS(SMMU)/Admin-07/119/2017/1026
Request for Offer for Empanelment of Hotels for providing Boarding and Lodging Services
(Tender No. 1- Of 2017-18)

Sealed Offers affixed with court fee stamp of Rs.8.25/- are invited by Assam State Urban Livelihoods Mission Society (ASULMS), Guwahati-781006 from reputed and experienced Hotels from Guwahati for providing "Hotel Services" for officials and guests of ASULMS on official purpose.

- Details of terms & conditions for Offers and bid application form can be obtained from the address given below from 20.09.2017 to 09.10.2017 on all working days between 10.00 a.m. to 05.00 p.m. or may be downloaded from the website: www.nulmasam.in.

- Offers must be sent in the Performa as per Annexure-A, B and C of Tender Document with the terms & conditions (Page nos. 2 to 6 of Tender document) duly signed by bidder as a token of acceptance in a sealed envelope superscribed as "Annexe A, B & C" and Annexure- D (Financial Offer) must be put in another sealed envelope superscribed as "Annexe D-Financial Offer". Both the sealed envelopes must be placed inside a bigger sealed envelope addressed as below and it should be superscribed at the top as "Offers from Hotels for Empanelment under ASULMS".

- The bigger sealed envelope must be submitted at or if sent by post or courier, should reach the address below, latest by 05.00 p.m. or before 10.10.2017. State Mission Director, Assam State Urban Livelihoods Mission Society (DAY-NULM, Assam).

Or the Director of Municipal Administration, Near APRD, Ganeshguri, Dispur, Guwahati- 06

- The Offers must be accompanied with the documents as desired in Clause 5 of the tender document and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of Rs.5,000/-.

- The most competitive and complete offers will be put in the panel of ASULMS for (2 years).

- The number of Hotels empanelled will be decided by the Competent Authority and any canvassing in this regard will not be acceptable.

Sd/- State Mission Director,
Assam State Urban Livelihoods
Mission Society, Ganeshguri,
Dispur, Guwahati- 06

TRAI slashes mobile termination charge to 6 paise per minute

NEW DELHI, Sept 19: The Indian telecom regulator today came out with a regulation where it has more than halved the mobile termination charges from mobile to mobile to 6 paise per minute effective from October 1, 2017.

"For mobile to mobile, termination charge has been reduced from 14 paise per minute to 6 paise per minute with effect from October 1, 2017."

It said for other types of calls (such as wire-line to mobile, wire-line to wire-line and wire-line to mobile) the termination charge would continue to remain zero.

The TRAI said: "Further, the cost of termination of calls will drastically come down over a period of two years and very small residual value, if any, can be absorbed by the TSPs in

their tariff offerings. As a result, the Authority prescribes a 'bill and keep' regime for the wireless-to-wireless calls effective from January 1, 2017."

The regulation was notified on February 23, 2015 and came into effect from March 1, 2015.

This regulation of TRAI will give a big jolt to the incumbent Interconnection Usage Charges (IUC) regulation.

"The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) said in a statement. It said: "Such a revision in the mobile termination charge is in line with the international trends."

Domestic termination charges are the charges payable by a

telecom service provider (TSP) whose subscriber originates the call, to the TSP in whose network the call terminates.

It further added: "From Janu-

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Ram Rahim growing vegetables, pruning trees in jail

CHANDIGARH, Sept 19: He was master of the sprawling Dera Sacha Sauda headquarters at Sirsa till past August 28. But, now incarcerated, Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh will spend his time in jail growing vegetables, pruning trees – eight hours a day just for Rs 20.

The 50-year-old self-styled godman, who boasted of millions of followers, is lodged in Rohtak's Sunarsi Jail for raping his two disciples.

A special CBI court had sentenced him to 20 years in jail, 10 years each in two rape cases, on August 28. And the 'pita-j' as he follows, used to call him reverently, was stamped as a prisoner number 1997.

No. ASULMS(SMMU/Admin-07) 120/2017/ 1025
NOTICE FOR INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PROCUREMENT OF SAAS BASED HRIS FOR ASULMS (EoI No. 1, Of 2017-18)

The State Mission Director, Assam State Urban Livelihoods Mission Society (ASULMS) desires to procure Software as a service (SaaS) based Human Resource Information System for ASULMS from eligible firms/ companies having experience in the field of software application development.

Expression of Interest (EoI) is invited to short list the firms/companies followed by issuance of Request for Proposal (RFP) to the short listed firms/ companies. However, it is to be noted that short listing of applicants should not be treated as a contract for the proposed work. Guidelines for submission of EoI are placed in EoI Document.

Details of terms & conditions for EoI can be obtained from the address given below from 20.09.2017 to 09.10.2017 on all working days between 10:00 a.m. to 05:00 p.m. or may also be downloaded from the website: www.nuassam.in.

Sealed EoI should be submitted at or if sent by post or courier, should reach at the address below, latest by 05:00 p.m. on 10.10.2017.

State Mission Director,
Assam State Urban Livelihoods Mission Society,
Office of the Director of Municipal Administration,
Near APRD, Ganeshguri, Dispur, Guwahati - 781006

The EoI must be sent in a sealed envelope addressed as above and it should be superscribed at the top of envelop as "EoI for SaaS based HRIS".

EoI must be sent in the Performa as per Annexure-I & II of EoI Document with the terms & conditions (Pages nos. 1 to 8 of EoI document) duly signed by applicant as a token of acceptance.

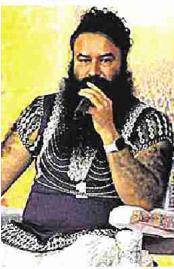
Sd/- State Mission Director,
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Mission Society,
Dispur, Guwahati - 781006
Janasanayog/Cf/1527/17

Adjoining his barrack, there is a small plot of land where he will grow vegetables, KC Singh, DGP (jails), Haryana, told reporters today in Panchnikula. Whatever he produces will be used in the jail mess.

Born in the Sri Guruar Modia village in Rajasthan's Sri Gangaragar district on August 15, 1967, Ram Rahim used to help his landlord father in farms during his early years.

"In jail, he will also prune trees adjoining his barrack. He will get Rs 20 per day for farming work, which falls under the unskilled work category," the DGP (jails) said.

Normally, eight hours is maximum a prisoner is allowed to do, he said.



He described the high-profile inmate as a "disciplined prisoner" as he dismissed reports that Ram Rahim was being extended any special treatment.

"It is (a) baseless and imaginary (report). No prisoner in jail is given any special treatment and that includes Ram Rahim," he said, adding there is no TV set in his cell. "He is living in jail like any other ordinary inmate and he is living like a disciplined inmate. He is being provided the same food as given to other prisoners."

Asked for his response over reports which quoted some inmates, who have come out of the Sunaria prison, to claim that Ram Rahim is uncomfortable and breaks down in jail,

the DGP said, "This is baseless". "He (Ram Rahim) does not have common contact with other prisoners. Access to his barrack is controlled (for security reasons)," he said. Media reports about his health and other activities are also without any basis, said the jail officer.

Singh said Ram Rahim has provided two telephone numbers to prison authorities – one of which is of his adopted daughter Honeypreet, and the other his own number he left behind at the Dera headquarters in Sirsa. But, he has not made any special request to talk to Honeypreet and media reports suggesting this are "wrong", the officer said. – PTI

JD(U) pushes for Yadav's disqualification from RS

NEW DELHI, Sept 19: Referring to the decision of the Tamil Nadu Assembly Speaker to disqualify 18 AIADMK MLAs from the House, the JD(U) today demanded a similar action against two of its rebel MPs, Sharad Yadav and Ali Anwar. Janata Dal (United) chief spokesperson KC Tyagi in a statement, said Yadav and Anwar acted in a manner similar to that of the AIADMK MLAs, by indulging in "anti-party" activities. The party has already approached the Rajya Sabha Chairman, seeking disqualification of the two MPs, who were yesterday given one more week by the House to respond to the JD(U)'s charges against them. Tyagi also took exceptions to the statements of Congress leader Anand Sharma and CPI(M)'s Sitaram Yechury, both of whom had asked the Chairman to refer the matter to the Ethics and Privileges Committee. He said the Chairman, M Venkaiah Naidu, was a competent authority to take a decision on the matter. – PTI

Girl falls to death in school

DEORIA (UP), Sept 19: A class 9 student fell to her death from the third floor of a school building here, police said today, even as her father alleged that she had been pushed. The incident took place at Modern City Montessori School, a co-educational institute, yesterday. Acting on the complaint of the father that his daughter Neetu Chauhan could not have committed suicide as was pushed, the police have registered a case against unknown persons, SP of Deoria Rajiv Malhotra said. "It has emerged that the CCTV's at the school are not functioning," the SP said. – PTI

2 trains derail at same spot

SITAPUR, Sept 19: Two trains derailed at the same spot in a span of 10 hours in Sitapur district of Uttar Pradesh, but no casualties were reported. The engine of a goods train jumped the tracks near Sitapur Cantt station around 7:10 am today at the exact spot in Sitapur in the district where the 54322 Burhan-Balmau passenger train derailed around 9:40 pm yesterday, an North Eastern Railway spokesperson said. A section engineer (permanent way), who was in charge of the track, has been suspended, he said. – PTI

Vaghela to lead new political front

AHMEDABAD, Sept 19: Former Gujarat Congress strongman Shankarsinh Vaghela today announced that he will lead a new political 'front' which will contest all seats in the upcoming assembly polls.

Vaghela said the front 'Jan Vikalp' was floated by some city-based "professionals", who approached him to provide an alternative to the ruling BJP and the Opposition Congress in Gujarat, and claimed a number of people wanted to see him as the Chief Minister.

The 77-year-old former Chief Minister, who recently quit the Congress apparently as the party was reluctant to name the chief ministerial candidate for the upcoming election, made the announcement about his much-awaited next political move at a press conference here.

Vaghela claimed the people associated with Jan Vikalp had conducted a survey and found that most respondents wanted to see him as the next Chief Minister of Gujarat. The survey "revealed that people are highly dissatisfied with both the parties. A large number of people said I should be the next Chief Minister". "When these professionals conveyed this to me, I decided to extend my support to it. They asked me to be with them and lead this front," Vaghela said.

"This is not a party, it's a front which will become the voice of people who are unhappy with the system. I hereby announce my support to Jan Vikalp, which will raise issues concerning farmers, women, traders and unemployed youth. We are planning to field our candidates on all the 182 seats," said Vaghela. – PTI

No. CE/DEV/RIDF/021/2016-17-V

PRESS NOTICE (RE-BID)

Dated: 18.09.2017
The Chief Engineer PWD (ROADS), Assam, Chandmari, Guwahati-3
regarding works on behalf of Government of Assam for Road projects
Burgaon Roads in Assam first approved & enhanced width of road from Bazaar to
Howly Sericulat farm road i) Construction of RCC br No.1/1 on Lakh
Noba road under RIDF-XXI of NABARD Package No. Barpeta/RIDF-
XXII/04 under RIDF-XXII of NABARD for an amount of Rs.19,111 Lakh.
(Topic: Bazaar to Howly Sericulat)

Details may be seen at website <http://pmgsyentrancesam.gov.in>
Amendment/Addendum to the SBD, if any, and further notifications shall appear in this website and also at the office of the undersigned during office hours. The contractor/bidder must be registered with the Electronic Tendering System (ETS) of PWD, Assam website <http://pmgsyentrancesam.gov.in>

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

No. KRA.9/2014/537

NOTICE

To,
Sri Mahesh Agarwala, S/o- Lt. Kuvar Agarwala,
P/o- Jaynagar, Gurihat-28, PS. Basistha,
P.O. Beikola, Dist. Kamrup, Assam.
You are hereby asked to appear before the undersigned on
15.11.2017 at 11 am for a hearing as per direction of the
Hon'ble Gauhati High Court's order dated 30.03.2017 passed in
W.P.(C) 661/2014 in connection with payment of
compensation of acquired land measuring 28-3K-4Ls covered
by Dag No. 104 of Patta No. 37 of village Damarapather under
Panbar Mouza.

The party concerned is asked to be present on the fixed date and
time along with the relevant records to solve the matter failing
which the ex party order will be passed.

Given under my hand and seal of this court on this 16th day
of September, 2017 at Guwahati.

Sd/- Addl. Deputy Commissioner,
Kamrup Metropolitan District,
Guwahati.

SHORT QUOTATION

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Cibulkova powers through to 2nd round

TOKYO, Sept 19: Fifth seed Dominika Cibulkova pummelled Spain's Carla Suarez Navarro 6-3, 6-3 on Tuesday to storm into the second round of the Pan Pacific Open.

The Slovakian World No. 9 produced glimpses of the red-hot form that won her four of her eight career titles last year with some brutal hitting in Tokyo's sunshine.

Cibulkova, who climbed as high as fourth in the women's rankings in 2016, underlined her early dominance by ripping a backhand down the line to take the first set.

It was one-way traffic in the second set too as the 28-year-old from Bratislava broke in the fourth game, before putting Suarez Navarro out of her misery with a thumping forehand on match point after one hour and 24 minutes.

Elsewhere, Caroline Gar-

cia restored a measure of French pride after eighth seed Kristina Mladenovic was

humiliated 6-0, 6-0 by China's Wang Qiang in the first round on Monday.



Dominika Cibulkova of Slovakia hits a return against Carla Suarez Navarro of Spain during their women's singles first round match at the Pan Pacific Open in Tokyo, on Tuesday.

Garcia, seeded ninth, had no such trouble and comfortably overcame Aliaksandra Sasnovich of Belarus 6-4, 6-3.

Last year's Rio Olympic gold medallist Monica Puig also advanced but had to work to beat Taiwan's Hsieh Su-Wei 2-6, 6-1, 6-1.

The Puerto Rican will face top seed Garbine Muguruza in the last 16.

In other matches, Russia twice got the better of their American rivals, Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova battling past Catherine Bellis 6-4, 6-0, 6-4 and Daria Kasatkina also taking three sets to see off Madison Brengle 3-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Muguruza, Wimbledon champion and newly crowned women's world number one, heads a strong field in Tokyo featuring seven top players including Karolina Pliskova, Caroline Wozniacki and Johanna Konta. — AFP

KOLKATA, Sept 19: Steve Smith is in the middle of a challenging phase as captain and he must define the way for the Australian team's comeback in the ongoing ODI series against India, feels his former skipper Michael Clarke.

"Smith's batting has been outstanding for a long time but his captaincy is challenged now. He needs to define the way for his team to have success," Clarke said.

Having drawn the two-Test series in Bangladesh, Smith's captaincy is likely to be tested to the limit with Australia trailing 0-1 in the five-ODI series against India.

Australia had the series opener in Chennai firmly in control with India reeling at 87 for five before MS Dhoni and Hardik Pandya turned it around with a century partnership en route to a 26-run win via D/L method.

"It's high time that Australia make a comeback. I think this is the match that will decide the

Don Bradman's bat, that the legend used in India's first tour of Australia in 1948, to the Fan-

atic bowler Kuldeep Yadav. "He is an attacking spinner. His control as a wrist spinner from the back of his hand is amazing and is his strength. He has got all the skills, spins both ways, bowls long spells. He did well in the Test series."

Phoni is back in his prime and Clarke in a lighter vein said: "Don't ask me whether he will play in the 2019 World Cup. He will play in 2023."

Clarke further said David Warner will be back amongst the runs after missing out in Chennai.

"He got centuries in Bangladesh... It is hard to overlook him by seeing his performance in one game.

"He will find ways to score, he always does. He will have lot of impact in the series. He and Smith will be the leading scorers for Australia in the series. Hopefully, they start scoring from Kolkata." — PTI



Michael Clarke

course of the series," he said of the second oneday at Eden Gardens on September 21. Clarke was here to present

attic Sports Museum. Talking about the Indian team, the cricketer-turned-commentator praised china-

After Dhoni, Sachin now a biopic on Jhulan

KOLKATA, Sept 19: Inspired by the success of Mahendra Singh Dhoni and Sachin Tendulkar's biopics, world's leading wicket taker in women's ODI cricket, Jhulan Goswami's life will now be portrayed on celluloid.

Tentatively titled, 'Chakdaha Express' the biopic will trace the journey of Jhulan from her hometown in Nadia district to Lord's where India narrowly lost out on the Women's World Cup final to England.

The movie will be made in Hindi and director Susanta Das said they will start the scripting and the shoot will begin in April next year.

"Shooting will be held from Chakdaha to Lord's," Das who directed 2012 Bengali movie 'Asche Bochor Abo Hobo', told PTI at Fanatic Sports Museum in New Town today.

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The director hoped that it would inspire many youngsters.

"We have seen MS Dhoni and Sachin Tendulkar's biopics. But this will be the first biopic on women's cricket," Das said.

"We will send our crew to wherever Jhulan has played. The focus will be her journey; the odds she overcame since she was 10. Hope it will inspire and motivate millions of youngsters. It's about chasing your dream," he concluded. — PTI

I did not execute my plans well against Hardik: Zampa

KOLKATA, Sept 19: Australia's Adam Zampa today admitted that he failed to execute his plans against Hardik Pandya, whose single-over 24 runs off the leg-spin proved to be decisive in the first ODI against India.

Australia had reduced India to 87 for 5 at one stage before Pandya (83) and Mahendra Singh Dhoni (79) combined for a match-winning stand of 118 runs. The visitors eventually lost the first ODI by 26 runs via D/L method in Chennai.

"I pride myself on bowling well under pressure but the other day I did not execute what I would have liked to in the over against Hardik. It would have been important to get him off the strike. Probably I bowled three balls too full," said Zampa while recalling the 37th over when he was

hit for three sixes in a row by the Indian allrounder.

"As soon as you miss against a player like Hardik, it's going to go the distance. Hardik is a



Zampa

very good player," he added.

The 25-year-old, who is the Aussie's main spin weapon, said the 'length' is very important in the subcontinent.

"In Australia you can mess up your length a little bit and you will probably get away with it purely because of the

size of the ground. Here the length is very important. You never like to be hit for three sixes in a row. But I guess it does happen, probably happened to Shane Warne. As long as you don't put yourself under too much pressure and learn from those situations, it's good. Hopefully I will get him out earlier next time," he said.

Zampa also showered praise on his Rising Pune Supergiant teammate Dhoni, who played a responsible knock at the other end. "MS has obviously done it for a long time and probably played a lot of innings under pressure like that. The way he has timed his innings in his whole career is probably something. To have him as a guide for a young player like Hardik and others in the Indian team is very helpful," — PTI

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We want to show the world we are at par with them: De Matos

MARGAO, Sept 19: India coach Luis Norton de Matos today said he wants his boys to show that they are at best in the FIAU-17 World Cup.

India has been clubbed with USA, Colombia and Ghana for the October 6-28 tournament.

"All games are winnable in football, there is no game which can't be won. Even if there is a five per cent chance of winning we will fight for it," Matos said.

"We want to show that the Indian team is organised as the rest of the world and if we can show the world that we too can play football, it would be even better," he maintained.

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in that," Matos added.

"Every game we play either you win or it is a learning experience. Against Chile and Macedonia, we registered good results but the FIAU-17 World Cup will be a competition and competitions are different from friendly games," he said.

"It is amazing to be a part of a unique moment in Indian football's history. I am very happy to be a part of it. If the players continue to play with hard work and dedication and chart goals for them, they can go on to be some of the best in the coming years," he said.

The Portuguese further added: "The players are already heroes because they will be a different ball game altogether. However, if we can prove that the Indian team can play on the same page as the opposition in the FIAU-17 World Cup, there is a victory

of Subankhatta 5-4 in penalty shootout. After playing a 2-2 draw in regulation time in the second semifinal at the Makshibha High School playground today, Maharashtra netted three against Hayana's two in the tiebreaker.

Deep scored both the goals for Hayana Club while Ramos Ingat and Raj Rei Choudhury netted one goal each in the winning team.

Now Maharashtra AC will face IRB in the final on September 24.

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of Shukram Hemrom in the 8th minute.

Today's match: (S/F) ASEB Sports Club vs Assam Police Radio Organisation.



De Matos

Inter zonal AG carrom from today

MARGALDUR, Sept 19: The Inter Zonal IA&AD Carrom Championship, organised by the AG (A&E) Assam, will start tomorrow at the organisers own premises in Belpola here.

AG teams from Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Gwalior, PDA (Central) Mumbai, Chandigarh, Odisha, Bihar and host Assam will contest for titles in the two-day tournament, stated a release.

Maharana AC in final

TIHARA, Sept 19: Maharana AC of Guwahati cruised into the final of the Tarun Dutta, Satish Haloi and Madan Sarma Memorial Footbal

Tournament defeating Hayana Club

5-4 in the final of the Amba Meedi Football Tournament for the first time in the 38-year history of the championship.

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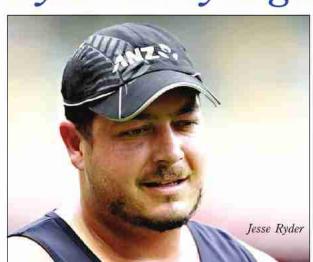
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Ryder not eyeing international comeback, enjoying life



Jesse Ryder

DUBAI, Sept 19: Jesse Ryder, at long last, is trying to embrace life after a brush with death, the flashpoint in a long history of off-field battles, including one with the bottle.

Going through an international exile, the 33-year-old New Zealand all-rounder is not bothered about coming out of it any time soon, as he is "enjoying" life to the maximum.

"Life is good," Ryder told PTI after guiding New Zealand to a win over hosts United Arab Emirates in their opening match of the World Indoor Cricket Federation World Cup here. A little over four years ago, there were serious concerns over his career, concerns over his future and life. Knocked to the ground and put on a 56-hour medically-induced coma after being brutally assaulted outside a Christchurch bar, Ryder has pulled through a fractured skull and a punctured lung.

A year later, another twist awaited, as he was banished from the New Zealand cricket set-up after a late-night drinking session on the eve of a Test match against India.

"I have no plans for international cricket at this stage, just focusing on this (Indoor World Cup) at the moment and then going forward. It's not something I am thinking about at this moment. If it happens, it happens and it doesn't," it isn't," he said.

"Life is good, I am just enjoying what I have been doing," he reiterated.

Along with his teammates at the InSports Club, he looked happy, a far cry from the self-destructive Ryder that he once was.

Ryder is focused on indoor cricket at the moment, the game he is returning to after a gap of seven years. He has been playing indoor cricket since he was 14.

It took him months of painstaking rehabilitation to recover from the injuries.

While another misdemeanour has put the brakes on his New Zealand career, Ryder put together a string of impressive performances for Essex in the county circuit in the summer of 2014 and 2015. The Indoor Cricket World Cup is in its 10th edition and Ryder is the most high-profile, and the only, big name involved with it.

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