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## NEWS CAPSULE

### LeT ultras shot

Srinagar, Aug 1: Top Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) commander Abu Musab, a Pakistani national wanted in connection with many attacks on security forces, and his aide were today killed in an encounter in Pulwama district of Kashmir, the Army said. — PTI

### Pak PM

ISLAMABAD, Aug 1: Shahid Khaqan Abbasi was today elected Prime Minister by Pakistan's National Assembly, becoming the interim leader of the country after Nawaz Sharif was disqualified by the Supreme Court over the Panama Papers scandal. — PTI  
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### Panagariya

NEW DELHI, Aug 1: NITI Aayog vice chairman Arvind Panagariya today said he will leave the government think tank on August 31 and return to Columbia University. The Indian-American joined as the first vice chairman of NITI Aayog in January 2015. — PTI  
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### Mallya case

LONDON, Aug 1: The Indian government has submitted the requisite "opening note" and paperwork related to Vijay Mallya's extradition case to the Indian court's legal team within the UK court deadline, according to official sources. — PTI

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<http://epaper.assamtribune.com>*

## Modi announces Rs 2,000-cr flood package for NE

**Rs 250 cr for immediate flood relief in Assam**

### STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 1: Prime Minister Narendra Modi today announced a package of Rs 2,000 crore for immediate flood relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction activities of the damaged infrastructure in the northeastern region.

This excludes Rs 250 crore announced for immediate flood relief operations in Assam, which comes in addition to a package of Rs 345 crore released in June this year.

During the five-hour-long high-level meeting held here today, Modi reviewed the flood scenario and the scale of damage caused by floods and erosion in the northeastern states, and vouched for creation of a corpus fund of Rs 100 crore for a study to be conducted by a high-power committee of experts which will suggest measures for permanent solution of the flood problem.

The high-power committee will study the course of the Brahmaputra river along with its multi-state and multi-national ramifications.

During the meeting, the Prime Minister reviewed the flood situation and relief measures in Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Nagaland and had separate discussions with the respective chief ministers and senior officials.

**Expert body to study Brahmaputra course for permanent solution of flood problem**



## ABMSU president shot dead

### CORRESPONDENT

KOKRAJHAR, Aug 1: unidentified miscreants this afternoon shot dead Lafikul Islam Ahmed, president of the All BTC Minority Students Union (ABMSU) at Titagarh Bazar, around 6 km from here.

The incident took place at about 4.30 pm when the ABMSU president was purchasing items at a shop in the market. He was 36 years old.

A worker of the shop, Subhankar Chakraborty also re-

ceived bullet injuries when the miscreants opened indiscriminate fire and he was admitted to the RNB Civil Hospital, Kokrajhar. Senior police and civil officials rushed to the spot and investigation is going on.

Meanwhile, tension prevails in and around Kokrajhar following the incident and security measures have been tightened in the entire Kokrajhar district. People in the incident site shouted slogans against the police and administration. The ABMSU has threat-



Lafikul Islam Ahmed  
en an indefinite BTC bandh if the culprits are not arrested. Several leaders have condemned the killing incident. The ABSU also demanded an

inquiry into the incident. Condemning the incident, former MP UGC Brahma alleged that it might be an attempt to create ethnic disturbance. He also appealed to all sections of people to maintain peace.

**Star Reporter adds from Guwahati:** Following the Kokrajhar incident, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal held a high-level meeting with civil and police administration officials at Janata Bhawan this evening and asked

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## Over-arching guidelines needed to guard personal info: SC

NEW DELHI, Aug 1: The Supreme Court today said that there has to be "over-arching" guidelines to protect an individual's private information in public domain to ensure that it was used only for an intended purpose.

A nine-judge Constitution bench, dealing with the contentious issue whether right to privacy was a fundamental right, rejected a plea of a Gujarat government lawyer that misuse of personal information could be dealt with on a "case-to-case basis" and said an all-embracing guideline was need-

ed keeping in mind the size of the population.

The bench, headed by Chief Justice JS Khehar, also referred to the fact that India was a signatory of a 1948 international convention which recognised privacy as a human right.

Referring to arguments put forward by the Maharashtra government on the issue, the court said, "Even if we accept that the Constitution Assembly dealt with it (privacy issue) and decided against including it as a fundamental right, then how you will deal with the fact that India is a signatory to the Universal Declaration on Human Rights which recognises it."

The bench, which also comprised Justices J Chelameswar, SA Bobde, RK Agrawal, RF Nariman, AM Sapre, DY Chandrachud, Sanjay Kishan Kaul and S Abdul Nazeer, said that there has to be an "over-arching" or all-embracing guideline to ensure that the private information of individuals, put in public domain, was used only for each case. You have to have over-arching principles or guidelines to regulate."

"If I give personal information like names, parents' name and telephone numbers for a particular purpose, then a rea-

sable expectation will be that it is used only for that particular purpose... (Otherwise) how we will deal with the violations?" it asked.

On the issue that a large number of people have put their personal information in public domain, the bench said, "When you have so many users, then you cannot decide on facts of each case. You have to have over-arching principles or guidelines to regulate."

At the outset, senior advocate CA Sundaram, representing the Maharashtra government, said the apex court has

been entrusted with the power of interpretation of the Constitution and the law and it can not introduce right to privacy as a fundamental right under the Constitution.

"Parliament and only Parliament can do it," he said.

"This is not a case of interpretation of the Constitution or the law. This is the case of introduction of a right as a fundamental right. This can be done only by Parliament," Sundaram said.

He then referred to the terms, interpretation, introduction and interruption and

said that the courts could interpret, but not introduce privacy as a fundamental right.

In the Constituent Assembly debates, the forefathers of the Constitution had considered the issue of privacy and decided against including it as a fundamental right if, now it was being felt that it should be considered as a fundamental right, then only Parliament could do it," he said.

The bench, however, said that it could not be stated that the Constituent Assembly debated every aspects of privacy.

Sundaram said.

## SC agrees to hear plea to cancel Nitish's Legislative Council membership

NEW DELHI, Aug 1: The Supreme Court today agreed to hear a plea seeking cancellation of Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's membership of the State Legislative Council for allegedly concealing a pending criminal case against him.

A bench of Justices Justice Dipak Misra, Amitava Roy and AM Khanwilkar said it will look into the matter after petitioner advocate ML Sharma sought an urgent hearing of his plea. The bench said it would see when the matter could be listed for hearing.

The plea, which was filed yesterday, alleged that there was a criminal case against the JD(U) leader wherein he was accused of killing a local Congress leader Sitaram Singh, and injuring four others ahead of the 2010 Jana Masjid blast case.

Additional Sessions Judge Sidharth Sharma, however, discharged three alleged members of the outfit, saying there was not enough evidence against them.

The court discharged Syed Ismail Afzaque, Abhus Saboor and Riyaz Ahmad Sayeedi, who were named in the charge sheet by the police.

The case pertains to an explosion near the historic Jama Masjid here on September 19, 2010 soon after two suspected IM operatives had fired at a bus from which foreign tourists were descending near a gate of the mosque. Today's order came on the blast incident.

The police had charged these suspected IM members, including its co-founder Yasin Bhattacharjee, in connection with the blast case and said these operatives had carried out the strike to dissuade foreign nations from participating in the 2010 Delhi Commonwealth Games.

The police had also said IM operatives had planned that foreign tourists found near Jama Masjid would be randomly shot and a bomb blast would be executed there for maximum casualty.

It had claimed that Bhattacharjee had prepared a pressure cooker IED, which was planted in the car parked outside Jama Masjid, and an explosion had taken place. - PTI



spite knowing facts about his (Kumar's) criminal case, did not cancel his membership of the House and respondent (Kumar) still enjoys constitutional office till date," he said.

The lawyer has sought cancellation of Kumar's membership as per the Election Commission's 2002 order stating it is mandatory for candidates to disclose criminal cases against them in their affidavits annexed to nomination papers.

He claimed the Bihar Chief Minister did not disclose the criminal case that was pending against him in affidavits since 2004, except for 2012. - PTI



Haj pilgrims offering prayer before leaving for Madina in Saudi Arabia at Saribazar Bhaderwah, in Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday. - UNI

## Opp attacks govt on move to do away with LPG subsidy

NEW DELHI, Aug 1: Opposition parties today attacked the government over its decision to gradually do away with the LPG subsidy, calling it "cruel" and demanding that the proposal be withdrawn.

KC Venugopal (Cong) raised the issue during the Zero Hour, saying it will adversely affect the common man and there was no justification of it when the crude oil prices had gone down. "It should be immediately withdrawn," he said.

Sudip Bandopadhyay (TMC) said the steady increase in the LPG cylinder price by the government had been highest in the last six years.

Describing the move as "anti-welfare", he wondered what will be the "fat" of over 2.5 crore women given the connection for free.

While Sreeyanti Teacher (CPI-ML) said the decision was cruel, NK Premachandran (RSP) accused the government of avoiding transparency on the matter as he said the decision was taken in March this year and was not publicly notified.

Opposition parties later staged a walkout from the House as they sought a response from the government. - PTI

## No coercive step against NDTV on Rs-428 cr IT demand: HC

NEW DELHI, Aug 1: The Delhi High Court today directed the Income Tax Department not to take any coercive step against media house NDTV in connection with a Rs 428-crore demand raised by the authority.

A bench of justices S Muralidhar and Pratibha M Singh said it was "satisfied" that there was a prima facie case in favour of New Delhi Television (NDTV).

The court also issued notice to the IT Department and sought its reply on the television channel's plea challenging the demand order of July 26 and a show cause notice of the same day. The notice was issued for failure to pay the amount in time.

Senior advocate Harish Salve, appearing for NDTV, contended that the July 26 order was "without jurisdiction" and based on "piecemeal assessment".

Pulling up the tax authority for issuing the demand order and the notice, the bench noted that the time given for deposit of the amount was "immediately now" which appeared to be an "over enthusiastic step" and "on the face of it illegal". - PTI

"not to repeat" (such conduct), Parliamentary Affairs Minister Ananth Kumar said.

When the party issues a whip, members must be present in the House. The party president has taken a serious view of the absence of members. He said it should not have happened and must not be repeated," Kumar said.

The absentee MPs will be asked to give their explanation in writing," added a senior party leader on the condition of anonymity. He said their absence despite a party whip asking them to ensure their presence was a serious matter.

The Opposi-

tion-sponsored amendments were passed by 74 to 52 votes. The BJP's strength in the house is 56, while the ruling block enjoys the support of 88 members, includ-

ing 10 JD(U) MPs. A BJP MP present in the meeting said Shah wondered if the absentee MPs should be named as the party, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, had repeatedly stressed on the need for their presence in Parliament.

He also referred to some votes that turned out to be invalid during the presidential poll and asked them to ensure that they cast their votes properly during the vice presidential election.

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## HC questions police over delay in probe into Pushkar's death

NEW DELHI, Aug 1: The Delhi High Court today questioned the Delhi Police over the delay in finding reasons behind the death of Congress MP Shashi Tharoor's wife Sunanda Pushkar.

A bench of justices GS Sastri and Chander Shekhar said the police had collected evidence in the matter in February 2015, but was yet to get the final result of the electronic evidence they seized in the case, including that of the close friends of Tharoor and Pushkar.

"This (collection of evidence) is something that happened in February 2015. Why has the police not been able to get the final result even after two years?" the bench asked.

Senior advocate Vikas Pahwa, appearing for Menon, said,

he has also questioned Swamy's locus in seeking such a probe alleging that he was doing it only for publicity.

Objecting to the locus issue of the petitioner raised by Menon's counsel, Swamy said, "There is no lack when it comes to publicity and I am a national level politician."

He said he was only trying to stop the police from covering up the investigation in the case.

Swamy alleged that Pushkar's son is not at all interested in knowing the reason behind the death of his mother and is only interested in her property in Canada.

"He (Menon) was in jail in Dubai in connection with a narcotics case. Tharoor got him out," Swamy claimed. - PTI

NEW DELHI, Aug 1: The government has no specific or credible information about a "new method" allegedly devised by Pakistan's spy agency ISI to fund spies who gather secret and strategic information in the country, the Lok Sabha was informed today.

Minister of State for Home Affairs Hansraj Gangaram Ahir said as per information received from the Government of Rajasthan, 11 persons were arrested in Barmer, Jaisalmer and Sri Ganganagar districts of Rajasthan adjoining the Indo-Pak border for indulging in espionage activities from 2015 till July 28, 2017.

"There is no specific credible information in this regard," he said in response to a question by Devji Patel. - PTI

## Be harsh in cases of crime against women: Prasad

NEW DELHI, Aug 1: Union minister Ravi Shankar Prasad today asked law enforcement officials to be "very harsh" in dealing with cases of abuse and offence against women on social media.

The IT and Law Minister also said that the government would ask firmly all social media platform to follow Indian laws, especially in issues related to women.

Addressing a conference of Superintendents of Police and Commandants of Central

armed police forces here, the minister said, "I have to make one request to all of you. In case of offence against women, abuse in social media, become very harsh. We are doing our best. Large number of sites have been blocked."

"I have taken a meeting very recently. We are going to sensitize all social media platforms. Indian laws are required to be very firm message we are going to convey at least as far as women related

issues are concerned," Prasad said.

He said that the government has come up with a system of panic button on cell phones for protecting women.

Prasad said that to block child pornography his ministry has already taken measures in coordination with Interpol.

The minister also urged IPS officers to use social media to communicate right information to public and dispel immediately

rumours intended to disturb peace. He also asked them to adopt digital technologies for efficient governance.

Prasad said that he received a complaint from a motor vehicle owner that he was fined by policemen even after showing licence in digital form in mobile phones.

He, however, cautioned police officers from using finger print and iris scans for ordinary policing. - PTI

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## INTERNATIONAL

## Pak Army chief thanks China for support on Kashmir issue

ISLAMABAD, Aug 1: Pakistan is "indebted" to its all-weather ally, China, for its "unflinching support" to it on the Kashmir issue, the expansion of the Nuclear Suppliers Group and the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation, Army chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa said.

Describing China and Pakistan as "important strategic players in the region," Gen Bajwa, who was the chief guest at a reception in Rawalpindi yesterday hosted by the Chinese Embassy, said their bilateral ties have jointly benefited both the countries, "the people of Pakistan take great pride in our deep-rooted brotherly relationship" with China. He noted that both China and Pakistan are faced with similar challenges and opportunities. Both countries have assumed shared responsibility towards stability in the region and prosperity of their people, he said.

"This unity of purpose has led to the consolidation and has strengthened our resolve as determined nations, to brave all challenges and storms together," he quoted as saying in a press release issued by the Inter Services Public Relations, the media wing of the Pakistani Army. The Pakistan Army chief also

pointed out that China and his country have expanded their cooperation to wider areas and launched strategic initiatives like the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, defence collaboration in numerous joint projects and united diplomatic front internationally.

"Pakistan is indebted to China for its unflinching support to our perspective at all international forums, may it be the expansion of the Nuclear Suppliers Group, Kashmir issue or Pakistan's full membership of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation," Gen Bajwa said.

While China is blocking India's membership bid in the NSG as New Delhi is not a signatory to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, Beijing is apparently seeking equal treatment Pakistan in the elite nuclear trading group, China, however, backed both India and Pakistan to become full members of the Beijing-based SCO - PTI

## Over 21 lakh Indians applied for H-1B visas in 11 years

WASHINGTON, Aug 1: Over 21 lakh Indian technology professionals have applied for H-1B work visas in the last 11 years, an official report said.

The report of the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has also reflected the impression that those who applied for the visa were not highly qualified.

On an average, their salary over the last 11 years has been USD 92,317 and an overwhelming majority of them are Masters or Bachelor's degree holder.

According to the report, since 2007 till June this year, the USCIS received 3.4 million (34 lakh) H-1B visas applications, of which people from India accounted for 21 lakh. During the same period, the US issued H-1B visas to 26 lakh people, the US CIS said in its report, which, however, does not give a worldwide breakdown.

In terms of number of H-1B applications between 2007 and 2017, it is followed by a distant China with 296,313 H-1B applications, Philippines (85,918), South Korea (77,356), and Canada (68,228).

The report said majority (23 lakh) of the beneficiary of H-1B visas were in the age group of 25-34, and 20 lakh came from the computer-related occupation category. Computer was followed by architecture, en-

gineering and surveying (318,670), education (244,000), administrative specialisations (245,000), and medicine and health (185,000).

In all these 11 years, more than 2,000 foreign nationals of more than 65 years of age received H-1B visas. This year alone, so far 122 H-1B visas have been allocated to those above 65 years. The report said the custom computer programming services industry received the maximum number of 999,901 H-1B visas in these years. It was followed by computer systems design services (287,000) and college universities and professional schools (229,000).

Contrary to the general perception, the average salary of H-1B visas has increased significantly since 2007 when it was USD 68,159. In 2017, the average salary of H-1B visas holder foreign guest worker is USD 92,317. The USCIS's report was first reported by Breitbart News.

The USCIS date shows that between 2007 and 2017, the H-1B visa, which imports foreign workers to take American jobs, the programme has grown exponentially. The vast majority of visa holders are from India," Breitbart said, adding that roughly 70 to 80 per cent of the foreign workers imported every year are from India. - PTI

## Refugee status not...

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regard to their number in the country, added.

The Central government has requested the state governments to set up special task force in each district for detection, identification and interception of illegal immigrants. Rijiju said, Further, the state governments have also been given powers under Section 3(2) of the Foreigners Act to deport illegal migrants.

In order to prevent further illegal migration, the Central government has enhanced

## Modi ...

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Himanta Biswa Sarma after coming out of the meeting said that the break-up of the Rs 2,000-crore package announced for the region will be detailed later.

Later briefing media persons State Water Resources Minister Keshav Mahanta said

the Prime Minister during the meeting said the Centre 'is always with Assam and we should concentrate on converting the problem to power'." The Prime Minister, Mahanta said, also vowed for a coordinated effort by different departments to achieve lasting solutions.

Mahanta further said out of the Rs 2,000-crore relief package announced for the entire region, Rs 1,200 crore has been earmarked for infrastructure sector for Assam alone. The funds will be utilized for repair, maintenance and strengthening of roads, bridges and other damaged infra-structure.

Condemning the killing, Sonowal called upon the people to maintain peace and harmony and stay away from the rumour mongers.

An ex gratia assistance of Rs 10 lakh to the next of kin of the deceased, and Rs 50,000 to each of those seriously injured due to the floods has been sanctioned under the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund (PMNRF).

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MOSCOW, Aug 1: Russian officials said three people have been killed and four injured in a shoot-out at a courthouse in a Moscow suburb.

Russia's Investigative Committee, the country's chief investigative body, said in a statement today the incident took place when five handcuffed defendants tried to escape as they were escorted by two guards who were escorting them to a court hearing.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2017

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REMOVAL NOTICE AGAINST MISS TAGE YAGA

To, Miss Tage Rhy, Staff Nurse/ LMG Dhr. Ry. Hospital, House No. 107, Eel. Rd, Agartala, Tripura - 799001, State Arunachal Pradesh, Pin-791120, State Code: 781021, Report under Rule 10 of RSGL/2008 rule 1668 again: Miss Tage Yaga served with a Major Charge Memorandum dated 20.07.2017 and 15.08.2017.

While working as Staff Nurse under CMatron/CLIMG, you have committed a major offence in misappropriation of funds as much as you are threatening from duty w.e.f. 24-05-2016 without any authority and left HQ without prior permission of your commanding officer.

After examining the facts and evident it is found that you have violated Rule 3(1) & (2) of Ry. Circular (Commander Rule).

Under Rule 17/EE/PWD/2017 dated 26.07.2017.

For replacement of bridge by RCC bridge over Thakura Cherra on Gangachara-Balipahari Road at Ch. 35 km sanctioned for implementation under NABARD (RID-FX) (3rd Call).

With Estimated Cost Rs. 1,88,88,609.00, Earnest Money : Rs. 1,88,88,600.00

Time of completion : 18 (eighteen) months, Last Date of dropping off tenders : 24.08.2017 upto 3.00 PM. For details, please visit [www.tripura.nic.in](http://www.tripura.nic.in) or [www.tripura.gov.in](http://www.tripura.gov.in).

Executive Engineer Ambassa Division, PWD (R&B) Ambassa, Dhalai, Tripura G/1017/1

General Manager (Operations) NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

PASSENGER SPECIAL TRAINS BETWEEN GUWAHATI - DUDHNOKI

It has been decided to introduce a DEMU Fast Passenger Special Train No. 07532/07531 Guwahati - Dudhnokhi - Dibrugarh - Kamakhya - Dibrugarh - Kamakhya Express will originate from and terminate at Guwahati instead of Dibrugarh w.e.f. 27-06-2017 and 30-06-2017 respectively.

2. 13248/13247 Rajendranagar - Guwahati - Rajendranagar Capital Express will terminate at and originate from Kamakhya instead of Guwahati w.e.f. 21-08-2017 and 22-08-2017 respectively. 15065/15064 Kamakhya - Dibrugarh - Kamakhya - Dibrugarh - Kamakhya Express trains will originate from and terminate at Guwahati w.e.f. 21-08-2017 instead of Kamakhya (BG) Express will originate from the terminate at Kamakhya w.e.f. 21-08-2017. (II) 15665/15666 Kamakhya - Dimapur - Kamakhya intercity Express and 15605/15605 Kamakhya - Dimapur - Kamakhya intercity Express trains will originate from and terminate at Guwahati instead of Kamakhya w.e.f. 21-08-2017. (IV) 55601/55602 Kamakhya - Lumding - Kamakhya Passenger will originate from and terminate at Guwahati instead of Kamakhya w.e.f. 21-08-2017.

General Manager (Operations) NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

ATTACHMENT OF ADDITIONAL COACH

One additional coach will be attached of Train No. 1970/1971 Jorhat-Kamakhya & 1960/1962 Udupari-Jalpaiguri Express to clear extra rush of passenger as under:

Train No. & Name Coach Period  
1970/1971 Jaipur-Kamakhya-Jaipur Kavi Guru Express AC-3 Tier (one) 07-08-2017 to 28-08-2017 From Jaipur To Kamakhya (on nominated days)

1960/1962 Udupari City-New Jalpaiguri-Udupari City Express AC-3 Tier (one) 08-08-2017 to 26-08-2017 From Udupari City To New Jalpaiguri (on nominated days)

General Manager (Operations) NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

TENDER NO. 244 OF 2016-17  
PRESS NOTICE

The Addl. Chief Engineer cum Director, PWD, B.T.C., Kokrajhar invites bids for 2(Two) Nos. of work under Mushalpur (R&B) Division under AOP Fund in B.T.C. Kokrajhar, total bid amount of Rs.1,20,72,260.00Rupees One Crore Twenty Lakhs Twenty Two Thousand Two Hundred and Sixty only from the registered contractors of Class-I (A, B & C) and Class-II category of Assam PWD (Roads) B.T.C.

Details may be seen at [www.assamtenders.gov.in](http://assamtenders.gov.in) and also at the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/-  
Addl. Chief Engineer, Cum Director, PWD, Bodoland Territorial Council, Kokrajhar.

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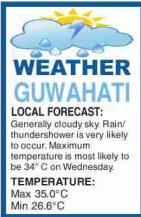
General Manager (Operations) NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

GENERAL NOTICE

Applications are invited for the posts of 1 (One)

Consultant, 1 (One) General Duty Executive (GDE) and 1 (One) Multi-Tasking Staff (MTS) for Centre for North East Culture at Centre for Cultural Resources and Training (CCRT) 15A, Sector-7 Dwarika, New Delhi-110075 on contract basis initially for one year. The details of post(s), job requirement(s), age limit, qualification(s) and experience required for the post(s) are available at NEC Website: <http://necouncil.gov.in>. Applications with required enclosures may reach the Director, Information and PR, North Eastern Council, Nongrim Hills, Shillong-793003 by 31st August, 2017 at the latest. Candidates applied in response to the earlier advertisement for these posts may not apply again.

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**LOCAL FORECAST:**  
Generally cloudy sky Rain/  
thunderstorms is very likely  
to occur. Maximum temperature  
is most likely to be 34°C on Wednesday.  
**TEMPERATURE:**  
Max 35.6°C  
Min 26.6°C

### Ganja seized at Rly Station

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 1: Government Railway Police today seized 12 kg of ganja from a woman travelling on the Dn Brahmaputra Mail.

Chirka Mandal (40) of Murshidabad was carrying the ganja from Dimapur where she had reportedly bought the stuff from unidentified persons for Rs 24,000. The ganja was concealed in four packets in two bags. Mandal was caught during a regular check, GRP OC Pankaj Kalita said.

### Media institute inaugurated

GUWAHATI, Aug 1: Turning Point – Institute of Media and Creative Skills, was formally inaugurated today in Guwahati, state a press release.

A venture of Vision North East Foundation, Turning Point, is a complete educational centre with a state-of-the-art television studio, editing, graphics, and control room setup.

Vice-Chancellor of Gauhati University, Dr Meital Hazarkar, was the chief guest at the inaugural function.

### DDK phone-in prog today

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 1: Doordarshan Kendra Guwahati will telecast a live phone-in programme in Assamese on present agricultural practices in context with fields affected by the recent flood, tomorrow from 5.30 pm to 6 pm in its Krishi Darshan programme.

Dr Kishore Kumar Sharma of the Department of Plant Breeding and Genetics of Assam Agricultural University and Mousumi Horaika, Assistant Director of Agriculture, will take part in the discussion and interact with farmers.

### Farewell

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 1: Rabindra Kumar Doley, who retired as Joint Director of Agriculture on July 31, was accorded a farewell at a meeting held today at the Directorate of Agriculture, Khamapara.

### OBITUARY

### Purnima Phukan

GUWAHATI, Aug 1: Purnima Phukan, wife of Late Jnanendra Nath Phukan, expired yesterday evening at her residence at Supermarket. She was 75 and was ailing for some time.

She was active member of Jonaki Sangha and was also associated with numerous social and voluntary associations of Rukmini Nagar area.

## Parties urge PM to recognise flood as national problem

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 1: The Bharatiya Janata Party, Ason Gana Parishad and Bodoland People's Front today urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to recognise flood and erosion in Assam as national problems.

In a joint memorandum handed over to the Prime Minister during an interaction programme here today, the ruling parties were unanimous in demanding a Central Water Commission office in Guwahati,

which should be empowered to clear all schemes without referring them to its headquarters in New Delhi.

The memorandum signed by State BJP president Ranjeet Kumar Dass, BPF chief Harguna Mohial and AGP president Atul Bora also urged the Prime Minister to constitute a group of ministers to suggest a multi-pronged permanent solution to flood and erosion problems in the State.

The joint memorandum also demanded that the Central gov-

ernment should take an initiative to bring about international (Bhutan) and inter-State (Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Nagaland, Meghalaya and Mizoram) cooperation on afforestation and soil conservation in the upper catchment of various rivers.

"The 5,000 km of existing embankments may be strengthened and converted into road-cum-embankment," the memorandum stated, adding, "Dredging Corporation of India be instructed to start scien-

tific dredging in Brahmapu-

tra and its important tributaries on a priority basis and to establish a dam in Assam." They also sought Modi's intervention in providing special assistance of the Natasurya Nat Samarooh started today at the Rabindra Bhawan here. The festival is being organised by the theatre group Natasurya in association with the Directorate of Cultural Affairs, Assam.

The seven-day festival was inaugurated this evening by Editor of *The Assam Tribune* and president of Socio-cultural organisation Jyotirupa PG Baruah.

Paying tribute to the versatile actor, playwright and director Natasurya Phani Sarma, Baruah, in his inaugural speech, lauded the efforts of the organisers to take theatre to the masses and offer choice of plays to the audience.

"Phani Sarma was aptly

called Natasurya, because, like a sun, he illuminated the theatre world of Assam. The contemporary social issues of Assam were reflected through his plays, which made him so popular among the people," he said.

"Theatre has come a long way and a lot of experiments are being done through

## 22nd edition of Natasurya Nat Samarooh begins

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 1: With some finest stage performances on offer to theatre connoisseurs, the 22nd edition of the Natasurya Nat Samarooh started today at the Rabindra Bhawan here. The

play was staged under the aegis of Akriti Productions. Another play *Mukha-mukhi* directed by Nayan Prasad was also staged today.

The theatre enthusiasts can enjoy William Shakespeare's *Macbeth* directed by eminent playwright and thea-



Punar Janam Loi Tejimolai being staged on the opening day of the festival. - AT photo

## 3-day jackfruit festival begins

CORRESPONDENT



A participant at the festival. - UB Photos

JALUKBARI, Aug 1: The three-day 2nd Northeast Jackfruit Festival organised jointly by the Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IEE), Guwahati and Meghalaya Institute of Entrepreneurship (MIE), Shillong began today on the IIE campus here.

Ram Muivah, Secretary NEC, Shillong, who was the chief guest, inaugurated the festival in the presence of IIE Director Manoj K Das; Dr BDR Tiwari, Secretary Community and Rural Development, and Executive Director MIE and a host of other dignitaries.

The primary aim of the festival is to make the prospective farmers and entrepreneurs aware of the entrepre-

neurial opportunities present in the jackfruit which is found in abundance in the North East.

The festival includes workshops, seminars, lectures and presentations by experts from the University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS) Bengaluru and demonstrations by leading entrepreneurs of Kerala and Bengaluru who will showcase various value-added products that can be prepared from the fruit.

The festival also includes exhibition cum sale of raw jackfruits and processed value-added products. Competitions in different areas such as biggest jackfruit display, lifting the biggest jackfruit, peeling the best method of peeling jackfruit, fastest peeler etc., will also be held.

### AGSU campaign against ragging

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 1: The All Assam Students' Union (AGSU) today launched its anti-ragging campaign through streetplays corresponding with the beginning of the academic session of the city colleges.

The AGSU was in a statement that it members enacted anti-ragging streetplays on the campuses of Cotton University, Handique Girls' College, Gauhati Commerce College and B Borao College.

The faculty members of these academic institutions, students and their guardians extended support to the AGSU members in staging their plays. The students of Cotton University and Handique Girls' College took part in the plays as actors.

The student body is planning to stage plays on the campuses of other city colleges in the days to come.

It needs mention here that students from other parts of the State flock to the city colleges to pursue their higher education and ragging has been proving to be a very demoralising factor for many of them. In the recent past, some brilliant students coming from remote areas, allegedly had to leave many city colleges for their native places after facing both physical and mental torture in the name of ragging.

### Watery grave

JALUKBARI, Aug 1: A fishing trip ended in tragedy when 55-year-old Zamatali Sheikh of Garigoni drowned in the Brahmaputra today around 5.30 am. It took nearly two hours for the River Police and local people to retrieve Zamatali's body. The body was later sent for post-mortem to the GMCH. - Correspondent

## Year of Community Oncology launched at BPCI

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 1: The B Borao Cancer Institute (BPCI) launched the Year of Community Oncology today in its premises.

With the launch BPCI will now be intensely conducting community-based cancer prevention and control programmes from till July 31 next year.

It may be mentioned that the past one year was observed as the Year of Academic Excellence by the institute.

BPCI has been conducting community-based cancer prevention and control activities for the last many years.

BPCI Director Dr Amal

Kataki, while speaking on the occasion, said that in accordance with worldwide trends, cancer incidence rates will continue to rise in India due to the rising burden of chronic disease risk factors such as tobacco, alcohol, physical inactivity, high fatty diet and obesity.

Primary prevention of cancer is an important goal, as this alone can reduce cancer incidence. Increasing incidence of cancer demands a planned approach to reduce its burden in society and this can be done by undertaking a community-based approach for cancer prevention, Dr Kataki added.

The launching ceremony

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SPOs addressing a press conference at the Guwahati Press Club in Guwahati on Tuesday. - UB Photos

## NHAI to build Kurua-Narengi bridge over Brahmaputra

R DUTTA CHAUDHURY

terprise, with the responsibility of carrying out the survey.

Sources said NHAI would start working on the bridge immediately after receiving the report from the State PWD. The project cost is also yet to be estimated. It can be done



only after the PWD submits the report. However, the NHAI can also change the design of the bridge even

after receiving the report from the PWD if that any change is required. Funds will not be a problem for construction of the bridge as the Government of India has already accepted the proposal to provide money for the same, sources added.

held several rounds of meetings with officials concerned and directed the PWD to expedite the process of completing the feasibility study report at the earliest possible.

Sources revealed that the bridge when completed would be of great help in reducing the traffic congestion in Guwahati city as vehicles—including heavy vehicles like trucks and buses—would be able to bypass the city to travel between upper and lower Assam. The present National Highway bypass is not very effective as it has turned out to be more of a city road, sources added.

Official sources further said that the new bridge would be connected by road from Bahata Chariali so that vehicles can bypass Guwahati city and it will also be connected with National Highway 37. The bridge will also reduce travel time between upper and lower Assam to a great extent.



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## MESSAGE FOR TODAY

The way to get started is to quit talking and start doing.

— WALT DISNEY

## The Assam Tribune

### Succour for Kaziranga

Situated as it is on the floodplains of the mega-river Brahmaputra, as also having numerous rivers and streams running through its terrain, the world famous Kaziranga National Park is inundated every year to a more or less extent. There is a paradox to this phenomenon – the floods, replenishing as they do the soil with freshly laid alluvia, help to sustain the floral opulence of the Park which makes it an optimum habitat for wildlife. If Kaziranga to a great degree has been a success story in rhino conservation, much of it is due to the abundance of grass species available within the sanctuary. Floods also do a clean-up act by removing unwanted and invasive species of plants while replenishing the numerous *beels* within the Park so necessary to preserve its unique ecosystem. Yet, on the other hand, especially when there is heavy flooding as has been the case this year, the wild animals suffer and the infrastructure takes a hit. There are not enough highlands for the animals to take shelter during high-flooding, while the submergence of grass species makes it difficult for them to find food. Thus many of them migrate to the Karbi Anglong hills where they fall victim to unscrupulous poachers. Also, with the national highway passing through Kaziranga, scores of animals are killed by thoughtless high-speed cars, buses and trucks, thereby adding to needless casualties.

The death toll in the first wave of high-floods this year has indeed been heavy – no less than 83 hog deer, seven rhinos and two sambar deer have been reported killed. But these are merely recorded deaths and there may be more unrecorded deaths of animals. Moreover, Kaziranga is also the habitat of lesser faunal species including reptiles, which too must have suffered losses that cannot be recorded. It is ironic indeed that despite experts recommending for decades the setting up of a Special Task Force to safeguard the animals, especially during periods of natural disasters like high-floods, it is only now that serious note of the need for one is being taken. It is astonishing to learn that there was no deployment of any animal protection force in Karbi Anglong during this round of high floods and what the consequences have been is anybody's guess. Also, reportedly, the infrastructure within the Park has been badly damaged, with roads, forest guard patrol paths, forest camps and bridges being affected. Park authorities have requested the State Government to release funds for the repair – this needs to be sanctioned immediately so that the Park can be made ready for tourists by October. At the same time the Forest Department needs to acknowledge that lesser wildlife habitats in the State situated in the floodplains too have suffered due to this year's floods and require succour similar to that of Kaziranga.

### School education

In a positive development, the State Government has decided to fill up vacant posts of headmasters and assistant headmasters by the first week of this month. Shortage of teachers including the heads of schools has been a perennial bane affecting the functioning of a large number of educational institutions across the State. This, in fact, is a major reason behind the poor academic environment and lack of discipline in many schools. School education being the foundation of all learning activities, it is highly imperative that this crucial sector does not suffer on account of quantitative and qualitative constraints. With the Right to Education (RTE) Act now under implementation with massive Central funding, sweeping changes are on the anvil in the sphere of elementary education. A lot, however, will depend on the role of the State Government, which needs to exhibit the required proactiveness. With budgetary allocation assured for the purpose, consistent political attention will be critical to achieving the all-important goal of universal elementary literacy. Civil society, too, will have a role in enhancing awareness on the importance of education among the illiterate masses for whom comprehending or appreciating the significance of education is difficult. The biggest challenge before the authorities lies in making education accessible to all, especially the less privileged segments of society.

With funds assured, it should be relatively easy to put in place the required infrastructure in terms of school buildings, classrooms, and desks and benches but the bigger challenge lies in addressing the qualitative concerns. Indeed, the qualitative decline in school education – more conspicuous in government-run education – constitutes the biggest challenge for the State Government. A marked decline in quality, especially at the elementary stage, has been plaguing government schools for long. The inevitable fallout in the trend of a substantial segment of society comprising the middle class increasingly opting for education in the private sector, therefore, hardly merits surprise. While the launching of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan had boosted enrolment, the same cannot be said about quality – the real test of any educational system. Periodical assessments done on school education by independent agencies keep on revealing appalling statistics, confirming the abyss to which our education has plummeted in recent years. Bringing in qualitative changes and restoring people's confidence in government-run education should be the biggest engagement with the authorities. It is something the Education Department should pursue with single-minded devotion. Much harm has already been caused by the corruption-ridden teacher appointment process in the past two-and-a-half decades. The teacher's eligibility test (TET) has been a much-needed intervention which can go a long way in keeping the realm of teaching out of bound for the undeserving. Our educational institutions need teachers who are competent, trained and committed. Making teachers accountable for continuous poor performance by schools can also help improve their performance.

# Population policy in Assam

■ Dr Abinash Bharali

**A**sian is known for its wildlife, especially for the one-horned rhinos, archaeological sites and tea plantations. But, it faces various crucial problems like high population growth rate, high pressure on land and other natural calamities, unemployment, inflation, poverty, etc. All these problems are directly or indirectly related to the high rate of growth of population in this area. Assam has adopted family planning policies to curb its population, but still it has not shown fruitful results. According to the Census Report 2011, Assam's decadal growth rate (17.07%) is slightly lower than the national average (17.64%), but the decadal growth rate of Muslims (29.59%) is much higher than the growth rate of Hindus (10.9%) in the State. The population density in Assam is 398 per sq km which is higher than India (368 per sq km). Therefore, population control is the most challenging task before the State Government.

Different countries like India, China, etc., have enacted and implemented population policies to control the population growth in the respective countries. India was the first developing country to adopt the Family Planning Programme in 1951 and efforts were made to stabilize the population of the country, but it did not fetch the desired results. Different States of India (e.g., Kerala and Rajasthan) also enacted population policies separately. Population policies in

our nation are voluntary in nature. The Chinese Government adopted a policy of one child per family in 1983. Discussions are now going on to implement a separate population policy in Assam (a highly restrictive two-child policy per family), but the enactment of the same in Assam is not a simple task because of heterogeneity in the socio-economic and demographic features of the population of Assam.

The Health Minister of Assam has announced the proposed two-child population policy for Assam few months back, where the minister put forward some important points of the proposed policy targeting only the Government employees. But, in reality, population explosion is not created by the educated employees of the State; they also know about the high cost of bringing up a child maintaining their standard of living. So, the illiterate people are the prime cause of population explosion in the State.

Various religious and ethnic groups live in different parts of Assam. The implementation of the proposed policy in Assam will affect these groups differently, because their size and growth rates are different from each other. Most of these ethnic groups (like Boro, Mising, Karbi, Rabha, Kachari, La-

lung, Dimasa, Deori, etc.) belong to the ST category. The ST population has decreased from 12.83% of the total population of Assam in 2001 to 12.45% in 2011, so the decadal growth rate of the ST population in Assam was very low (approximately 13.5%) during this period. Their literacy rate was 62.5% (male 72.3% and female 52.4%), according to the Census. The total number of Muslims increased from 30.8% of the total

dominated, but it increased to nine in 2011. From the above statistics, it is clear that the haphazard growth of the Muslim population is a prime factor behind the population explosion in Assam while the low literacy rate among the Muslims, especially females, is a principal cause of it. It is also mentionable that the population growth rate of these ethnic groups of Assam is very low, so the Assam Government should implement the proposed population

policy keeping in view these ethnic groups, because it may adversely affect their existence itself. When the Government of Assam implements this policy, they should also provide special education and family planning policies particularly focusing the Muslim women of Assam.

The enactment of this policy may adversely affect the HDI (Human Development Index) of the State. Around 85.92% of the total population of Assam lives in the rural areas and the rural literacy rate is 70.44% only in 2011 and the poverty rate is also high (36.4% in 2011) in rural Assam. These poor people thought that if they have many children in their family and all of them get engaged in various works to earn money for their family, then it will uplift their economic condition; but it is not true in reality. This instead leads them to the vicious circle of poverty.

If the proposed population policy

is implemented in Assam and those who do not follow the two-child norm, then they are not eligible for the benefits of any government welfare programme. This may reduce their income, worsen their health conditions and increase the literacy rate among them, ultimately lowering the HDI of the State. Therefore, mass campaigning of the population policy is essential in the rural areas of the State and simultaneously, these people should be made aware of the benefits of the Family Planning Programme before the enactment of the policy.

This policy will limit the family size of each and every family to two children. But, if the first two children of a couple are born with serious birth defects or are physically challenged, then what will happen to that particular family? Is this particular family go for the third children and how, under the norms of this population policy?

population of Assam in 2001 to 34.22% in 2011. The decadal growth rate of the Muslim population was 29.59% in 2001–2011 and their literacy rate was 48.43% (male 56.04% and female 40.23%) in 2001. In 2011, 61.47% of the total population of Assam was Hindu and their decadal growth rate was 10.9% in 2001–2011. In 2001, six districts of Assam were Muslim-

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### Brahmaputra: need for holistic development

■ Dr Tapan Dutta

**T**he publication of the news, captioned 'Centre wants Ganga unfettered, silent on Brahmaputra' (AT, July 17) had opened up the differential policy of the Government of India between 'Ma' Ganga and 'Baba' Brahmaputra. No doubt, this has been observed during the last decade of the previous century, when over-exploitation of the natural resources of the Brahmaputra basin became known through media reports. For more than a decade, there have been demands for restructuring of the Brahmaputra Board into the North East Brahmaputra River Rejuvenation Authority (NEBRAA) in response to my letter dated June 12, 2014 to Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India. Subsequently it was confirmed in the Parliament on December 18, 2014. Further, Uma Bharti, Minister for Water Resource had given a positive communication through a personal communication, dated April 14, 2015. However, ultimately the Bill was not placed in the Budget Session of 2015, as proposed. Therefore, this author had visited the offices concerned in New Delhi to know the status. One could learn that there was a shuffling not only in the Brahmaputra Board wing, but also important replacement was effected in the senior bureaucratic level post in the Ministry. On pursuing, any how, it was learnt that one senior technocrat from Assam might have motivated the Prime Minister on the possibilities of creating complicity by the authority in exploration of energy and other resources by the Government of India.

**Letters to the EDITOR**

Sir. – In response to the letter published in your daily on July 27, 2017 by Animesh Bora, I would like to put forward my views regarding the answer key rectification proposal given by the APSC for the CCE Prelims that was held on July 2 last. I hail the initiative taken by the APSC, because, 'to err is human', and looking into a second opinion to the probable answer is the most appropriate step taken up by the Commission. Though the APSC does not recommend any specific books but, it provides a detailed syllabus that covers Indian polity, geography, history, etc. As such, any question based on polity should be in conformity with the Indian Constitution; likewise, questions on defence can be searched on the DRDO site for corroboration or the answer to this year's question on population growth rate should be authenticated from the government census data. The APSC is having a pool of learned persons who have sufficient knowledge in their respective fields and they will definitely not agree to any claim of anomaly, unless it is proved with

sufficient evidence. Yours etc., SHARMISTHA CHAUDHURI, Ukhra, Guwahati.

#### ITG irregularities

Sir. – The Research and Development wing of IIT Guwahati handles purchases and payments worth cores of rupees every year. The present Assistant Registrar of R&D, who is in charge of Purchase and Finance, joined IIT Guwahati in March, 2001. Since his joining, he has always been at R&D, never transferred, except for two months when he was posted at stores and purchase, ignoring all Gol orders regarding regular transfer of employees handling matters of purchase and finance. It is as if the officials in charge of transfer of employees, the Joint Registrar as head of administration and the Registrar, are of the belief that the R&D would become crippled without this particular Assistant Registrar and none of the other Assistant Registrars at IIT Guwahati are capable enough to handle the Purchase and Finance. Paper A' (General Studies) and 'Paper B' (Qualifying) are common to all candidates. But in the APSC Prelims, while the General Studies paper is common to all candidates, the other paper is optional which the candidates have to choose from the allotted subjects. As such a technical snag does exist which the candidates have to face as the standard of paper in the optional subjects may differ to a great extent. This glaring point has been the hot topic of discussion amongst the candidates who opted for Economics as they had to face a very difficult paper to improve their efficiency. Thus the performance of students goes down with each semester and even those who got 80% in HS some-

times fail to clear all the six semesters. Our students seem to be less equipped to handle academic challenges and a little failure triggers extreme steps, which should not happen as these students are our future human resources.

Yours etc., LEEELADHAR CHOUDHURI, Kokrajhar.

#### Jobless growth

Sir. – With reference to the news item 'The death casts gloom' (AT, July 31). Here we want to correct the fact that the student as per the mark sheet obtained only 56% in Physics Major of Semester-I exam, and not 75% as quoted in the news report. But the issue of suicide is linked to some perennial problems faced by the colleges of Assam. Colleges with science stream in the rural areas are compelled to enrol almost double the number of students as compared to their intake capacity of Major course, as they cover a large geographical area. In such a scenario, it's not possible to pay attention to every learner to improve his/her deficiency. Thus the performance of students goes down with each semester and even those who got 80% in HS some-

times fail to clear all the six semesters. Our students seem to be less equipped to handle academic challenges and a little failure triggers extreme steps, which should not happen as these students are our future human resources.

Yours etc., PRANAMY BARKATAKY, Chandmari, Guwahati.

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**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

## GST : Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on Export

**GOODS AND SERVICES TAX**

**NATION TAX MARKET**

**Q 1. How are exports treated under the GST Law?**

**Ans.** Under the GST Law, export of goods or services has been treated as:

- inter-State supply and covered under the IGST Act.
- 'zero rated supply' i.e. the goods or services exported shall be relieved of GST levied upon them either at the input stage or at the final product stage.

**Q 2. What will be the impact of GST on zero rating of export of goods?**

**Ans.** This will make Indian exports competitive in the international market.

**Q 3. Have the procedures relating to exports by manufacturer exporters been simplified in GST regime?**

**Ans.** Yes. The procedures relating to export have been simplified so as to do away with the paper work and intervention of the department at various stages of export. The salient features of the scheme of export under GST regime are as follows:

- The goods and services can be exported either on payment of IGST which can be claimed as refund after the goods have been exported, or under bond or Letter of Undertaking (LUT) without payment of IGST.
- In case of goods and services exported under bond or LUT, the exporter can claim refund of accumulated ITC on account of export.
- In case of goods the shipping bill is the only document required to be filed with the Customs for making exports. Requirement of filing the ARE 1/ARE 2 has been done away with.
- The supplies made for export are to be made under self-sealing and self-certification without any intervention of the departmental officer.
- The shipping bill filed with the Customs is treated as an application for refund of IGST and shall be deemed to have been filed after submission of export general manifest and furnishing of a valid return in Form GSTR-3 by the applicant.

**Q 4. For merchant exporters, is there any change in the Export Procedure under the GST regime?**

**Ans.** The concept of merchant or manufacturer exporter would become irrelevant under the GST regime. The procedure in respect of the supplies made for export is same for both merchant exporter and a manufacturer exporter.

**Q 5. The supplies to a SEZ unit or SEZ developer are treated as zero rated supplies in the GST Law. Then why there is no specific mention in the GST Law about not charging of tax in respect of supplies from DTA unit to a SEZ unit or SEZ developer?**

**Ans.** Yes, supplies made to an SEZ unit or a SEZ developer are zero rated. The supplies made to an SEZ unit or a SEZ developer can be made in the same manner as supplies made for export:

- either on payment of IGST under claim of refund or under bond or LUT without payment of any IGST.

**Q 6. When a SEZ unit or SEZ developer procures any goods or services from an unregistered supplier, whether the SEZ unit or SEZ developer needs to pay IGST under reverse charge or these will be zero rated supplies?**

**Ans.** Supplies to SEZ unit or SEZ developer have been accorded the status of inter-State supplies under the IGST Act. Under the GST Law, any supplier making inter-State supplies has to compulsorily get registered under GST. Thus anyone making a supply to a SEZ unit or SEZ developer has to necessarily obtain GST registration.

**Q 7. How soon will refund in respect of export of goods or services be granted during the GST regime?**

**Ans.** (a) In case of refund of tax on inputs used in exports:
 

- Refund of 90% will be granted provisionally within seven days of acknowledgment of refund application.
- Remaining 10% will be paid within a maximum period of 60 days from the date of receipt of application complete in all respects.
- Interest @ 6% is payable if full refund is not granted within 60 days.

 (b) In the case of refund of IGST paid on exports: Upon receipt of information regarding furnishing of valid return in Form GSTR-3 by the exporter from the common portal, the Customs shall process the claim for refund and an amount equal to the IGST paid in respect of each shipping bill shall be credited to the bank account of the exporter.

**Q 8. Will export of goods to Nepal and Bhutan treated as zero rated and thereby qualify for all the benefits available to zero rated supplies under the GST regime?**

**Ans.** Export of goods to Nepal or Bhutan fulfills the condition of GST Law regarding taking goods out of India. Hence, export of goods to Nepal and Bhutan will be treated as zero rated and consequently will also qualify for all the benefits available to zero rated supplies under the GST regime. However, the definition of 'export of services' in the GST Law requires that the payment for such services should have been received by the supplier of services in convertible foreign exchange.

**Q 9. What is deemed export under GST Law? Whether any supply has been categorized as deemed export by the Government?**

**Ans.** Deemed export has been defined under Section 2(39) of the CGST Act, 2017 as supplies of goods as may be notified under section 147 of the said Act. Under section 147, the Government may, on the recommendations of the Council, notify certain supplies of goods manufactured in India as deemed exports, where goods supplied do not leave India, and payment for such supplies is received either in Indian rupees or in convertible foreign exchange. However, till date, the government has not notified any supply as deemed export.

**Q 10. Whether the EOU scheme will continue to be in operation in the GST regime and whether EOU is required to take registration under the GST Law?**

**Ans.** EOU is like any other supplier under GST and all the provisions of the GST Law will apply. However, the benefit of Basic Customs Duty exemption on imports will continue.

**Q 11. What tax benefits will be available to EOU scheme in GST regime?**

**Ans.** The duty free imports under GST regime will be restricted to Basic Customs Duty. Exemption from the additional duties of Customs, if any, under section 3(1), (3) and (5) of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 and exemption from Central Excise duty will be available for goods specified under the Fourth Schedule to the Central Excise Act. IGST or CGST plus SGST will be payable by the suppliers who make supplies to the EOU. The EOU will be eligible, like any other registered person, to take Input Tax Credit of the said GST paid by its suppliers.

**Q 12. Whether supplies to or from EOU will be exempted from GST?**

**Ans.** No.
 

- Under the GST Law, IGST or CGST plus SGST will be payable by the suppliers who make supplies to the EOU. The EOU will be eligible to take Input Tax Credit of the said GST paid by its suppliers.
- The supplies from EOU will not be exempted from GST, except in the case of zero rated supplies defined under section 16 of the IGST Act, i.e. supplies made by EOU in the form of physical export or supplies to a SEZ Unit or SEZ Developer for authorized operations.

**Q 13. What procedure will be followed by EOU to import goods without payment of Customs duty in the GST regime?**

**Ans.** To avail such import benefits, EOUs will have to follow the procedure under the Customs (Import of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty) Rules, 2017.

**Q 14. Whether an EOU can clear goods to another EOU (inter-unit transfer)? And whether an EOU can send goods for carrying out job work on such goods? In such situations, how will the tax liability be discharged?**

**Ans.** Supply of goods from one EOU to another EOU will be treated as any other supply under GST Law. An EOU can send goods for job work as per section 143 of the CGST Act, 2017 and rule 45 of the CGST Rules, 2017 and the tax liability shall be discharged accordingly.

**Q 15. M/s XYZ is engaged in export of goods only having exports of approx. Rs. 5 crores and no clearances for home consumption are affected. M/s XYZ was not required to be registered under Central Excise. Whether M/s XYZ would be required to get itself registered under GST?**

**Ans.** Yes, because exports have been treated as inter-State supplies under IGST Law.

**Q 16. We are engaged in the manufacture of exempted excisable goods for export. We availed input stage rebate used in the manufacture of exported goods. How would our case be dealt under GST law if our supply remains an exempt supply?**

**Ans.** Under IGST law a person engaged in export of goods which is an exempt supply is eligible to avail input stage credit for zero rated supplies. Once goods are exported, refund of utilized credit can be availed under Section 16(3)(a) of IGST Act, 2017 and Section 54 of the CGST Act, 2017 and the rules made thereunder.

**Q 17. We are merchant exporters dealing in various products. As per current procedure, we purchase goods from a particular factory against CT1/ARE 1 so that no excise is levied on us. After goods are exported, we provide proof of export and Form H (for sales tax exemption) to the concerned factory. How would GST impact us and what will be the process now?**

**Ans.** Taxable event in the GST regime is supply of goods. Exports being inter-State supply, you would be required to obtain GST registration. The manufacturer would be supplying you the goods, the payment of IGST or CGST and SGST/UTGST as applicable. You may avail of input stage credit of the tax paid on goods and services and export the goods under bond/LUT. Utilized credit can be availed as refund. Alternatively, you may export the goods on payment of integrated tax and refund of integrated tax would be available to you.

**Q 18. I have stock of inputs, semi-finished goods and finished goods on the date on which GST comes into force. But I have duty paying documents. How am I going to be compensated for the taxes paid on the said inputs, semi-finished goods, and finished goods before GST for the exports made after GST is implemented?**

**Ans.** A transition period of three months has been provided for availing of drawback. For exports during this period, higher rate of duty drawback (composite AIR) shall be available subject to conditions that no ITC of CGST/GST is claimed, no refund of IGST paid on export goods is claimed and no CENVAT credit is carried forward.

**Q 19. I supply goods to SEZ units and developers. For such supplies, presently drawback is available to the recipient or to me (if recipient gives a disclaimer). What is status of such drawback under GST regime?**

**Ans.** There is no change except for the fact that if drawback is claimed by DTA supplier, the claim needs to be filed with the jurisdictional Customs Authorities.

**Q 20. Whether an EOU can clear goods in DTA?**

**Ans.** Yes, an EOU can clear goods in DTA in accordance with the provisions laid in the Foreign Trade Policy.

**Q 21. Will an exporter be required to pay GST in case of goods procured from unregistered persons (including unregistered job workers)?**

**Ans.** In case of supply by an unregistered person (including unregistered job workers), the registered person i.e., exporter shall be liable to pay GST under reverse charge mechanism. However the exporter can avail ITC of such GST paid and either utilize the ITC or claim refund of the same.

**Q 22. Is GST payable on Agency commission earned by buying agents of foreign buyers?**

**Ans.** Yes. Since commission is received by agents in India, and the place of supply of service is in India, GST will be payable.

**Transition of Export Promotion Scheme on implementation of GST**

**Q 1. Will duty Drawback scheme continue under GST regime? If yes, what will be the rates of Drawback?**

**Ans.** Yes. Duty Drawback scheme with certain modifications will continue under the GST regime. The changes in the said scheme are as follows:
 

- The Drawback shall be available only of Customs duties on imported inputs and Central Excise duty on items specified in the Fourth Schedule to the Central Excise Act 1944 (specified petroleum products, tobacco etc.) used as inputs or fuel for captive power generation.
- As an export facilitation measure, for the transition period of 3 months, from July to September, 2017, Drawback at higher composite rates will continue to be granted subject to certain safeguards i.e. for claiming the higher rate of drawback, the exporter has to make a declaration that no Input Tax Credit (ITC) of CGST/GST is claimed, no refund of IGST paid on export goods is claimed and no CENVAT credit is carried forward.
- In absence of such declaration, drawback will be restricted to the customs portion of drawback.

**Q 2. Is Drawback at a higher All Industry Rate (AIR) admissible if an exporter has not availed Input Tax Credit of GST or refund of IGST paid on exported goods?**

**Ans.** No. After 30th September 2017, drawback will be admissible only at lower rate determined on the basis of the custom duties paid on the goods imported for supplying goods for export.

**Q 3. If an exporter has stock of GST paid inputs as well as inputs from pre-GST period and if inputs from both lots are used in export goods, what shall be Drawback on such exports?**

**Ans.** During the transition period upto 30th September 2017, exporters can avail drawback at higher rate subject to the conditions that no Input Tax Credit (ITC) of CGST/GST is claimed, no refund of IGST paid on export goods is claimed and no CENVAT credit is carried forward.

**Q 4. Will brand rate of Drawback be admissible for Central Excise duty and Service Tax in respect of exports made prior to GST implementation, for which application is filed after 1st July 2017?**

**Ans.** For the exports made prior to 1st July 2017, application for fixation of brand rate as per Drawback scheme under the earlier law (defined as 'existing law' in section 2(4B) of the CGST Act, 2017) can be filed even after 1st July 2017.

**Q 5. Applications for fixation of brand rate used to be filed with jurisdictional Commissioner of Central Excise having jurisdiction over the factory where export goods were manufactured. Under GST regime, will there be any change regarding filing of application for fixation of brand rate?**

**Ans.** With effect from 1st July 2017, applications for fixation of brand rate shall be filed with the Commissioner of Customs having jurisdiction over place of export of goods i.e. the port/Airport/CD etc. where Shipping Bill was filed. This shall be applicable even for exports made prior to 1st July 2017 for which application is yet to be filed. In case exports are from multiple places, application shall be filed with the Commissioner of Customs having jurisdiction over any one of the places of export of goods.

**Q 6. Is there also a change under the GST regime in respect of filing of application for fixation of brand rate of Drawback for supplies to SEZ units and SEZ Developers?**

**Ans.** Prior to 1st July 2017, applications for fixation of brand rate for supplies to SEZ units and SEZ Developers used to be filed with the jurisdictional Commissioner of Central Excise. With effect from 1st July 2017, applications for fixation of brand rate will be required to be filed with the Commissioner of Customs having jurisdiction over the principal place of business of the DTA supplier. This shall be applicable even for exports made prior to 1st July 2017 for which application for fixation of brand rate is yet to be filed.

**Q 7. On re-export of imported goods, drawback of all duties paid at the time of importation was admissible earlier, as per the rates prescribed in this regard. What will be the position in respect of re-export made after 1st July 2017, of the goods imported prior to 1st July 2017? After 1st July 2017, IGST and Compensation Cess will also be payable on the imported goods. If such imported goods on which IGST and Compensation Cess were paid, are re-exported, whether Drawback of IGST and Compensation Cess will also be granted?**

**Ans.** Drawback under Section 74 of the Customs Act, 1962 is available for duties paid at the time of importation. Therefore, whatever duties / taxes are paid at the time of importation of goods, Drawback of the same will be granted. Drawback of Basic Customs Duty plus Additional Duty of Customs (CVD) plus Special Additional Duty (SAD) paid on the goods imported prior to 1st July 2017 will be paid even if the re-export is made after 1st July 2017. Similarly, in respect of the goods imported after 1st July 2017, Basic Customs Duty plus IGST plus Compensation Cess will be paid and Drawback of all of these would be paid on re-export of such imported goods.

**Q 8. Under the GST regime, will benefit of exemption from all duties available under Advance authorization scheme, EPCG scheme and duty credit scrips such as Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) & Service Exports from India Scheme (SEIS) will continue?**

**Ans.** After 1st July 2017, the benefits under all the said schemes shall be restricted only to Basic Customs Duty, Safeguard Duty, Transitional Product Specific Safeguard Duty and Anti-dumping Duty in respect of goods leviable to IGST. For items specified in the Fourth Schedule to the Central Excise Act, 1944 (specified petroleum products, tobacco etc.) exemption from Additional Duty leviable under Sections 3(1), 3(3) and 3(5) of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 shall be available.

**Q 9. Under GST regime, can we get duty free benefit (all duties exempted) if we import capital goods using EPCG authorization?**

**Ans.** Only basic customs duty will be exempted on imports made under EPCG Authorization. The EPCG holder will have to pay IGST on import of capital goods and take Input Tax Credit.

**Q 10. Can duty credit scrips such as Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) and Service Exports from India Scheme (SEIS) be used for payment of GST?**

**Ans.** No. MEIS and SEIS scrip can be used only for payment of Basic Customs Duty or additional duties of Customs on items not covered under GST for imports under GST regime.

**Q 11. What will be exemptions available for various authorizations/scrips which have been issued prior to 1.7.2017 and remain unutilized on 1.7.2017?**

**Ans.** No exemption under GST Law is provided. The EXIM scrips under the export incentive schemes of chapter 3 of FPT (for example MEIS and SEIS) can be utilised only for payment of Customs duties or additional duties of Customs, on items not covered by GST, at the time of import. The scrips cannot be used for payment of Integrated Tax and Compensation Cess. Similarly, scrips cannot be used for payment of CGST, SGST or IGST for domestic procurements.

**Note: Reference to CGST Act, 2017 includes reference to SGST Act, 2017 and UTGST Act, 2017 also.**

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Unabated river bank erosion at Salmora in Majuli district, as seen on Monday. — UB Photos

## Call to start online teaching in Assamese-medium schools

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

JORHAT, Aug 1: Tezpur University Vice-Chancellor Dr Madan M Sarma, who is a noted linguist, appealed to the civil society of Assam here on Monday to launch online teaching system in Assamese-medium schools in order to supplement the education-imparting system in the State.

Sarma was speaking as the chief guest at a function organised at the District Library auditorium here in which he released the bilingual *Bhabharik Jatiya Abhidhan* (Applid Dictionary) in both Assamese and English), published by Assam Jatiya Prakash.

Assam Jatiya Prakash, it may be mentioned, is an organisation which a few years back had published the biggest-ever comprehensive dictionary in Assamese (*Asoniya Jatiya Abhidhan*) running into four

volumes with 5,700 pages and incorporating over two lakh words. Sarma is the president of the Asoniya Jatiya Abhidhan Samiti, the committee that conceptualised and carried out research work for bringing out the lexicons.

Sarma said that several States in the country have introduced online learning system by preparing study material in many subjects by using the respective languages spoken in those States to assist their education system from school to the university level.

The Vice-Chancellor said that in Assam, online education was coming into play through material available in English and there was a strong need to extend the initiative by preparing online teaching material in Assamese language to reach out to the schools across the State, many of which were in remote and far-flung areas and have

very less teacher strength.

Sarma, while appealing to the civil society and also the Government to undertake such an initiative, said initially a pilot project should be carried out by any educational organisation or by a group of educationalists and subsequently obtain Government support to execute the same.

He said a few schools should be selected where the project should be launched on an experimental basis.

Sarma suggested that in the proposed pilot project, study material should be prepared for Class-IX and X students in the following four subjects: Science, Mathematics, Assamese and English. He said the project could be started from Jorhat district, which is an educational hub with so many leading educational institutes located here.

The Vice-Chancellor while lauding the Asoniya Jatiya Abhidhan team for the painstaking efforts

undertaken by them in bringing out the lexicon volumes and also the *Asoniya Jatiya Abhidhan Bigrum Prakriti Khanda* (A Dictionary of Scientific Technological Terms in Assamese), lamented that so far no dictionary published in Assam had no IPA (International Phonetic Alphabet) symbols available.

Sarma said scholars should come forward to carry out our research work on phonetics of Assamese language and come out with IPA symbols to define the correct pronunciation.

Chief Editor of the Asoniya Jatiya Abhidhan project and Editor of *Bhabharik Jatiya Abhidhan*, Dr Devabrat Sharma said the *Bhabharik Jatiya Abhidhan* has one lakh words and runs into 1,057 pages.

Among others, Toiyan Falola, Historian and Professor of African Studies at the Texas University (USA) was among the guests present at the function.

The Vice-Chancellor for the second time lauded the Asoniya Jatiya Abhidhan team for the painstaking efforts

### Flood relief

GUWAHATI, Aug 1: A non-governmental, social organisation, Manab Adhikar Parishad, Assam distributed flood-relief materials among the flood-hit people of Datkola village under Bakori Dalani GP of Biswanath district on July 30, a press release stated.

The relief material was distributed among more than 200 people at the Kolongpuri High School premises, a press release stated.

### OBITUARY

#### Anjoli Boruah

ANN Service

SIVASAGAR, Aug 1: Retired Assistant Teacher of Fuleswari Girls HS School, Sivasagar Anjoli Boruah died of cardiac arrest on July 29 night. She was 67.

She was very popular as a teacher among the students as well as among the residents of Phukan Nagar.

She leaves behind her husband, a daughter, two sons and a host of relatives.

## Sivasagar youth's appeal for help

ANN Service

SIVASAGAR, Aug 1: Biswajit Chutia (30) – an enthusiastic young man, was the beacon of hope of a poor family of Sivasagar Red Cross Road till that fateful day on which urologists at AMC, Dibrugarh declared that both his kidneys were damaged. Obviously, the family saw sheer darkness around.

Determined to save the youngest son, the family members (the father long since dead), sold their

marginal land and moved from place to place – from Dibrugarh to Guwahati and Hyderabad, and finally Kollkata, for his treatment. On September 14, 2016, Biswajit got a kidney transplantation done at a huge cost of about Rs 20 lakh. But the hopes of the family were dashed to the ground as the kidney developed snags within months and finally, Biswajit was taken to the doctors recently, who advised a second transplantation.

Now the helpless family is looking

up to the Almighty to save their son as the doctors have given him only three months time. Biswajit's mother, through the media, has pleaded earnestly to Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal and Health Minister Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma to extend a helping hand to save her son.

Biman Chutia, Biswajit's brother has requested the benevolent section of people to donate generously to Biswajit's account (UBI 0020010056006) to help him see this beautiful world for some more years.

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## Post-flood veterinary camps held

TEZPUR, Aug 1: The State Veterinary Hospital here organised four post-flood health check-up camps along with distribution of free medicines at different locations under its jurisdiction.

The health check-up camps were held at Tal Gerkasi, No. 1 Dolabari and Bhitar Suti Gutlong, all under Tezpur Police Station. Dr K Kalita, Veterinary Officer at the State Veterinary Hospital here informed this Correspondent that in the three camps more than a thousand domestic animals and around 300 fowls were checked for different post-flood diseases.

## Concern voiced over pitiable condition of Silchar-Kalain road



An autorickshaw plying on the pot-holed Silchar-Kalain road in Cachar district. — Photo: Silchar Correspondent

### CORRESPONDENT

SILCHAR, Aug 1: The Silchar-Kalain road, repaired nearly a year ago by expending Rs 60 crore, is presently an abysmal state.

The road, under the PWD (North Eastern Council) is dotted with crater-sized potholes causing serious inconvenience to the people travelling to and from Guwahati to Barak Valley. The commuters invariably experience bumpy jolting journeys on the road stretch, which more or less resembles a dirt track.

Despite such a huge sum of money being spent for its repair, what caused the condition of the 28-km road from E&D Colony at Silchar to Kalain Bazaar to reach its present wretched state even before completing a year after construction, questioned Bordhola MLA Kishore Nath.

In his words, no Government can sanction such massive funds for the repair of this road every year. The onus is on the former Government and the elected representatives to make the all-important road which connects Barak Valley with Meghna-

lay, Mizoram, Manipur and other States, fit enough for the commuters.

The BJP-led Government will not tolerate any lapse on the quality of work in connection with the road under review.

The Government has taken a stand on proper utilisation of funds meant for repair of the road.

An inquiry team will soon visit the location to inspect the lapses that led to the wretched condition of the road, the legislator maintained.

On the other hand, PWD Minister Parimal Sukulabady informed that based on the report of the inquiry team, the Government will initiate necessary steps for the road construction.

Meanwhile, expressing deep annoyance over the dilapidated state of the road, the All Barak Youth Students' Association, Aranyak Victoria Club and other associations blamed the concerned authorities for the dreadful condition of the road.

In his statement submitted to the Cachar Deputy Commissioner, the association alleged that ahead of the 2009 Lok Sabha election, Rs 6 crore was spent for repairing the road, which lasted even less than three months.

NALBARI, Aug 1: As part of the Integrated Approach of Technologies in Education (ITE) conducted by Gramya Vikash Mancha (GVM) in collaboration with the Rashtriya Madhyamik Siksha Abhiyan, an ITE summer camp was organised with an objective to promote selected students of Government schools as ITE student leader in their respective alma mater.

Five camps were organised from July 5 to 27. All the camps were of residential nature and of 3 days duration. A total of 135 students from Nalbari, Kamrup and Baksa districts participated in the camps, thereby representing 62 Government schools.

In the ITE summer camp, students were given exposure to ITE application like scratch, turtle, logo and photo story, among others. Apart from different ITE applications, students worked on problem-solving skills, cultural activities, sports, gender equality, importance of education, health and hygiene etc.

## ITE summer camp for Govt schools concludes at Barbari

### CORRESPONDENT



Nalbari MLA Ashok Sarma and RMSA Mission Director Aroma Rajoria distributing cheques among meritorious students. — Photo: Nalbari Correspondent

The ITE summer camps came to an end with a closing ceremony held at the premises of GVM at Barbari in Nalbari district on July 31. The concluding programme was attended by Ashok Sarma, MLA of Nalbari constituency, Aroma Rajoria, Mission Director of RMSA, Nalbari, Dr RC Chutia, Inspector of Schools, Baksa, Ami-

taurous students who performed well in the last HSLC examination from the constituency. They are Manas Prajapati, Dhrishtima Rajbanshi, Nikshit Barman and Bhaskaryoti Das. The MLA gave Rs 20,000, Rs 19,000 and Rs 10,000 each respectively from his salary.

The GVM also distributed cheques worth Rs 10,000 each to 13 poor students of Nalbari, Kamrup (Rural) and Baksa districts. Besides, GVM distributed ITE accessories to various schools under their project area. Speaking on the occasion, Ashok Sarma urged the civil society to change their attitude towards the Government schools, which have resourceful teachers, meritorious students and adequate infrastructure.

In her address, Mission Director Rajoria disclosed that in the last Gomotsav, such schools performed better where teachers, guardians and the community were alerted.

The closing ceremony was also addressed by Pithi Bhushan Deka, Dibakar Deka and Upal Medhi from the GVM.

na Charania, TISS Mumbai, Gitika Dutta Sarma, District Consultant of RMSA, Nalbari and Tamuli of Tata Trust.

All the participants along with headmasters and assistant teachers of the project schools were present on the occasion. The students presented their works which they did during the summer camp. In the closing ceremony, Mla Ashok Sarma distributed cash prize to four meri-

## Gogoi sore over inept handling of flood situation

### STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 1: Lambasting the Central and the State Governments over inept handling of the flood situation, former Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi on Monday claimed that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has literally been forced to decide on his proposed Assam visit to take stock of the situation only after exertion of tremendous public pressure.

"We hope the Prime Minister's visit will not turn out to be a political gimmick. Modi has been forced to announce his Assam visit on account of the pressure exerted by all sections of the Assamese society," Gogoi said.

He said that the Centre should give topmost priority to the flood and erosion problem of Assam.

Asked if he expects anything substantial from the Prime Minister's visit, Gogoi replied in the negative.

He said that the Modi dispensa-

regime has taken no steps to solve the flood and erosion problem of Assam during the last three years and claimed that the previous UPA regime of Dr Mamnoon Singh had given more grants and aid to the State in these areas when compared to the present dispensation.

Gogoi said that Assam is yet to receive an amount totalling Rs 1,200 crore which was sanctioned by the previous UPA regime for relief work.

"On the one hand, Himanta Biswa Sarma claims that Assam is getting more funds from the Centre since the NDA Government came to power, and on the other hand Sarbananda Sonowal is seeking release of the aforementioned Rs 1,200 crore. Himanta Biswa Sarma is on record to have stated that the State Government has resources to tackle the problem.

The local authorities provided motorboats and tractors to carry both men and material to the camp site.

The general secretary of the Association thanked the Moriong district administration, Mayong Police Station and the local body for helping to make the mission a success.

The Association also lauded all the employees and agents under LICI Guwahati Division in general for their cooperation and to LICI, Guwahati Divisional Office authority and Moriong branch authority in particular for extending their support during the relief mission,

the release added. Gogoi termed the Sonowal Government as "most corrupt". Check-gates have been closed down, but prices of items are still going up. They claim there is no corruption, but the conduct of the roads is getting worse," he said.

Gogoi also accused the BJP of trying to foment divisiveness across the country and said institutional discrimination against Muslims and Dalits have increased manifold under the Modi regime.

## Vety camps held in Dhubri dist

### CORRESPONDENT

GAURIPUR, Aug 1: The Dhubri District Veterinary Department under the leadership of Dr Dinesh Gogoi, District Veterinary Officer took up a number of post-flood measures to check deaths of cattle-heads by organising health check-up camps in a large number of villages.

On July 25, the Department held such camps at Basamur char and Rau-marampara Primary School located at Baramari. The Department also arranged a health check-up camp at Kalapani under Bhogalbari GP and examined 235 cattle-heads and a large number of chicken and distributed medicines free of cost. It also distributed fodder to the severely flood-damaged areas where there was shortage of fodder among the cultivators. Measures for purification of drinking water including distribution of bleaching powder and halogen tablets among the affected people were also taken.

## Three held in Dhiru Kalita murder case

CORRESPONDENT

RAHA, Aug 1: Six days after the sensational murder of Dhiru Kalita, a resident of Roopnagar, Guwahati, whose body was found on NH 37 at Jorbal Balu Garh under Raha PS, Raha police have arrested Minu Nath, Homeswar Nath and Rupa Devi, who had allegedly committed the crime, from their residence at Milipur in Biswanath Chariali.

Moloy Kumar Acharye, officer-in-charge Raha PS, who was investigating the case, said that the accused Minu Nath, Homeswar Nath and his wife Rupa Devi were arrested from their house at Milipur in Biswanath Chariali on Saturday afternoon.

During questioning, the three arrested persons confessed to their crime. The main accused Minu Nath, who killed Dhiru Kalita with a cricket bat, is Rupa Devi's elder brother.

Police have also recovered the cricket bat from Homeswar Nath's house, which Minu had used to kill Dhiru Kalita.

Homeswar Nath and Rupa Devi helped Minu in the crime after killing Dhiru Kalita. The trio packed the body with a blanket and kept it inside Homeswar Nath's Wagon-R car and moved towards Guwahati. But on the way, they changed their minds and left the body on NH 37 at Raha," the police officer said.

Meanwhile, the arrested persons have been taken on police remand for three days.



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The students availing the award are requested to follow the instructions available along with the application form before submitting the application online through <http://arbas.assam.gov.in>.

Online application form will be available from 4th August, 2017 and last date & time for submission of online application is 5:00 P.M. of 18th August, 2017.

Sdr/- Managing Director

## STATE

# Early release of employees' salaries demanded

CORRESPONDENT

HAILAKANDI, Aug 1: The family members of the employees of Hindustan Paper Corporation's Cachar Paper Mill at Panchari in Hailakandi district have demanded the release of their 10 months' due salaries.

It may be mentioned here that the production at Cachar Paper Mill had stopped on October 20, 2015, while payment of salaries of the employees had stopped from September 2016.

The mill has 700 regular and 800 casual employees and labourers. Due to the closure of the mill, 49,000 MT bamboos, 12,000 MT coal and 800 MT lime is going to be wasted on the campus.

Meantime, the Centre published a tender on June 5 for stake sale in Cachar Paper Mill. The notice says the mill's value is Rs 817.3 crore and there are 1,541 regular employees. Kamal Chakraborty on behalf of the

family members of the employees alleged that the government is intentionally keeping mum towards the plight of the employees of the mill, one of the biggest in Asia, he added.

He said that due to the non-payment of salaries for the last ten months, the employees and their family members are passing the days in a pitiable state, particularly they are unable to bear the cost of medicine and education of their children. The employees are also unable to pay the premium of their insurance, he added.

Some employees have died without treatment as the family members were unable to bear the cost of treatment. Surprisingly, he said that the employees are to attend the duty on time and the system of picking up of employees from nearby places by the shuttle buses has also been stopped.

He added that they have resorted to protest against the extreme discrimination of the authorities towards the employees and planned to stage protests in the headquarters of three districts.

Various political parties and organisations have supported their agitation and the representatives of various political parties have assured them to extend their support towards their movement. They have also submitted memoranda to the Finance Ministers of both the Centre and State through the Deputy Commissioner of Hailakandi.

Meanwhile, Hailakandi district committee of Akhil Bharatiya Vidarthi Parishad (ABVP) demanded the revival of the mill immediately considering the plight of the employees of the defunct mill.

In a memorandum to the Prime Minister of India, ABVP said that about one lakh people are directly and indirectly connected with the mill and they are passing their lives in uncertainty due to the sudden closure of the mill.

## Cachar Paper Mill closure

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A waterlogged area of Ambikapatna, in Silchar on Tuesday. — Photo: Correspondent

## Waterlogging woes haunt Silchar residents again

CORRESPONDENT

SILCHAR, Aug 1: The heavy shower on Monday late night threw life out of gear for the residents of Silchar as the city was submerged on Tuesday.

With the civic administration literally failing to tackle the situation, life became miserable for pedestrians, motorists through-out the day. Almost all the major parts of the city including Ambikapatna, Shillongatty, Link Road, Church Road and its adjoining low-lying areas like Sarat Pally were submerged due to clogged drains and canals.

According to the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) Cachar, 134,20 mm rain was registered on Monday which has once again triggered a fresh rise in the water level of river Barak. Reports from the DDMA suggest a rise in the water level by 6 cm per hour.

People were seen struggling to deal with the drain water which overflowed and entered into the households, bringing it with filth and mud. Most of the schools and colleges remained suspended for the day as students were unable to enter the premises due to heavy water congestion.

Annoyed with the recurring problem, Haridas Dutta, a resident of Church Road and also the secretary of a local consumer forum Nagarik Swartha Raksha Sangram Parishad said, "My home is still waterlogged and it is quite frustrating to witness the inaction on the part of the civic board and the administration to solve the mess."

On the other hand, when asked about measures to solve the waterlogging woes, NN Tagore, the chairman of Silchar Municipal Board told this Correspondent, "Even as the Cachar district administration took proactive steps to clean

the major canals like Rangirkirch and Longakhal, there is lot left to be done."

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On the other hand, District Commissioner S Vishwanathan has said that the rainfall on Monday night has been one of the highest recorded rainfall on a single night. "The district administration has done a review of the situation and found that barring Bilpar, water from other areas is receding despite a severe deluge and this is because of the dredging of the main canals of the city. We shall organise a separate meeting to tackle the water-logging issue in Bilpar," the Deputy Commissioner said.

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## Tea planter Cheniram Khanikar passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

DIBRUGARH, Aug 1: Cheniram Khanikar, one of the pioneers in taking up tea plantation on a small scale in the State, an educationist and well-known social activist, passed away last night at a private nursing home here. He was under medical observation since past one month.

Khanikar, a resident of Udupi in Tingkhong, was a vibrant leader who steered the All Assam Small Tea Growers' Association (AASTGA) in its capacity as its vice president, working president and as the president of the organisation from 2005 to 2011. He later served the small growers' body as its chief advisor.

Khanikar had retired as a school teacher early to carry out some social activities in Tingkhong area. He was a founder member of Tingkhong College, founder general secretary of Tingkhong Model School and president of Tingkhong unit of the Assam Sahitya Sabha.

In recognition of his popularity, a section of the Tingkhong people had also fielded him as a candidate in the Assembly polls once.

Kafeucha, a prominent self-help group in the tea circle was also founded by Cheniram Khanikar. Today Kafeucha has turned out to be a small industry, having its own tea manufacturing factory.

The last rite of Khanikar was carried out at the crematorium at Raigarh today. Earlier his body was carried to Tingkhong College, Tingkhong Model Academy and the small tea growers' body office of Tingkhong unit in Raigarh town for last tributes.

The leaders of AASTGA, members of Assam Sahitya Sabha, Rajgarh traders' body, local mediapersons besides MLA Biplob Baroi and Chakradhar Pathak their last respects to the departed soul.

Cheniram Khanikar leaves behind his wife, a son, three daughters, grand children and a host of admirers and friends.

The AASTGA has decided that they would observe a seven-day mourning in all its offices with organisation's flag half-mast, Rohit Borgohain, general secretary, AASTGA informed.

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### "Logo" and "Caption" competition

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ADMISSION NOTICE  
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**Date of publishing of list of selected candidates:** 25/08/2017

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If the total number of candidate(s) registered for the Walk-in-Interview on the above scheduled date is beyond the normal limit/capacity, please note that, the Walk-in-Interview for the remaining registered candidate(s) will be carried forward/completed on the subsequent day(s), as required.

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2 killed in attack on Iraq Embassy in Kabul

KABUL, Aug 1: Two people died in an attack on the Iraqi Embassy in Kabul claimed by the Islamic State group, Afghan officials said, with analysts describing the strike as revenge for the group's defeat in Iraq.

Yesterday, a suicide bomber blew himself up outside the embassy, allowing at least three other militants to breach the compound unleashing an hours-long gun battle.

Afghan officials initially said that no one had been killed in the assault, but the Interior Ministry later confirmed that two people – a woman and a guard – had died and two policemen were injured.

All embassy staff including Iraqi charge d'affairs were "unharmed," Interior Ministry spokesman Najib Danish said.

Security experts characterised the attack as a warning to Baghdad after it pushed the IS out of Mosul, and said it could suggest a growing operational link between the jihadist group and its Afghan affiliate, Islamic State Khorasan Province (IS-K).

The IS-K claimed responsibility for the Kabul attack, according to a statement by the IS's central propaganda agency, Amaq. It said two of its members attacked the embassy, killing at least 27 guards and other embassy staff. – AFP

**ISIS, climate change, China major threat for India'**

WASHINGTON, Aug 1: The Islamic State terror group along with climate change are seen as posing a major risk to India by its people, while an assertive China is considered the third top threat to the country, a latest Pew research survey said today.

In India, 66 per cent of the respondents considered Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (also known as ISIS or ISIL) as a major threat, while 47 per cent said they considered global climate change as the major threat, the report said.

ISIS is named as the top threat in a total of 18 countries surveyed – mostly concentrated in Europe, the Middle East, Asia and the US, it said. Forty-four per cent said China posed a threat to India. This was closely followed by cyber attacks (43 per cent), according to the report.

Chinese and Indian troops are locked in a face-off in the Doklam area, also claimed by India's ally Bhutan, for over a month after Indian troops stopped the Chinese army from building a road in the disputed area. While China tops the list among three countries in terms of threat perception for which Pew did the survey, it is quite low for the US (19 per cent) and Russia (17 per cent). – PTI

#### 90th founding anniversary of PLA



Chinese President Xi Jinping during the ceremony at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on Tuesday. – UNI

### China won't allow anyone to split its territory: Xi

BEIJING, Aug 1: Talking tough, President Xi Jinping said today that China would not allow anyone to "split its territory" as he lauded the PLA's strong resolve to protect the country's sovereignty and defeat "all invasions" amid Beijing's territorial disputes with its neighbours.

He said China would never allow "any people, organisation or political party to split any part of Chinese territory out of the country at any time, in any form."

"The Chinese people love peace. We will never seek aggression or expansion, but we have the confidence to defeat all invasions," Xi, 64, said at the ceremony held at the Great Hall of the People attended by Premier Li Keqiang and other top leaders of the ruling Communist Party and army officials. This is the second time in three days that Xi spoke of the PLA's capability to combat and sure to win."

"There are various means and choices to safeguard peace and security and prevent war, but military means should remain the final guarantee," he said.

Xi, also general secretary of the

Communist Party of China Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, made the remarks at the ceremony to mark the 90th founding anniversary of the 2.3-million-strong PLA, the world's largest standing army.

He said China would never allow "any people, organisation or political party to split any part of Chinese territory out of the country at any time, in any form."

"The Chinese people love peace. We will never seek aggression or expansion, but we have the confidence to defeat all invasions," Xi, 64, said at the ceremony held at the Great Hall of the People attended by Premier Li Keqiang and other top leaders of the ruling Communist Party and army officials. This is the second time in three days that Xi spoke of the PLA's capability to combat and sure to win."

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#### ADVERTISEMENT

No RMSA/Special TET/842/2017/85

APPLICATIONS FOR APPEARING IN THE TEACHERS' ELIGIBILITY TEST (TET) ARE INVITED FROM THE INTENDING CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE TEACHERS IN SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSAM FOR MANIPURI MEDIUM ONLY

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA for Graduate Teachers in Secondary Schools: The Assam Secondary Education (Provincialised) Service (Amendment) Rules, 2012 has prescribed the amended qualification for direct recruitment to the post of guides.

As per the substituted Schedule – I the qualification for 1) Graduate Teacher who has been prescribed as B.A/B.Sc/B.Com with 50% marks with B.T./B.Ed. degree from any recognized university.

2) Hindi Teacher. Pravir/ Ratna in Hindi with 50% marks having degree qualification from any recognized University or B.A with Hindi as one of the subjects with 50% marks and B.T./B.Ed. degree from any recognized University. (The candidates must have aggregate 50% marks in Degree.)

The Secondary Education Department, Govt. of Assam vide Office Memorandum No. ASE-465/2011/95, dated: 20.09.12 have declared that "Hindi Sikshak paragat" and "Hindi Sikshak mukta" conducted by Kendriya Hindi Sikshak Mandal, New Delhi to B.Ed. in Hindi Medium for the purpose of teaching Hindi in High/Higher Secondary Schools. The same cannot be considered as B.Ed and M.Ed for other categories of teaching positions.

3) Classical Teacher (Sanskrit)- Shastra with 50% marks having degree qualification from any recognized University or B.A with Sanskrit as one of the subjects with 50% marks and B.T./B.Ed degree from any recognized University. (The candidates must have aggregate 50% marks in Degree.)

4) Classical Teacher such as Arabic, Urdu, Persian etc:- MWT with 50% marks with degree qualification from any recognized University or B.A with Arabic as one of the subjects with 50% marks and B.T./B.Ed. from any recognized University. (The candidates must have aggregate 50% marks in Degree.)

5) Classical Teacher (Assamese Language, Manipuri Language):- B.A with, Honours/ Major in concerned subject with 50% marks and B.T./B.Ed. degree from any recognized University. (The candidates must have aggregate 50% marks in Degree.) However all intending candidates may note that

> B.T. / B. Ed. Degree from recognized university is a mandatory prerequisite eligibility qualification for applying for the TET examination.

> The candidate must have completed 10+2 examination with Manipuri language as one of the Subject or read up to HSLC level in Manipuri Medium School.

Provided that in case of recruitment of teacher for teaching M.L. subject, the candidate passing HSLC examination with that particular M.L. subject shall be considered.

> Degree qualification means a Bachelor Degree, no equivalence will be drawn.

> Degrees served from off Campus Centers shall not be accepted.

> The candidates who have applied earlier vide advertisement no. RMSA/TET/343/2014/1 dated 30/06/2014 need not pay the fee for this TET provided the applicant have to mention his/her online Application Number against our earlier advertisement no. RMSA/TET/343/2014/1 dated 30/06/2014 in the form.

> The status of the present contractual teachers who are working under the scheme of "Strengthening and Improvement of the Quality Education in the State" on contractual basis will remain same. This is a category for the present contractual candidates for appointment in Secondary schools in addition to the strength of the present contractual teachers. However, there will be no bar on submitting application by eligible and existing contractual teachers, if they desire so. It may be noted that the requirement of TET for this category of contractual teachers in recruitment process of Graduate Teachers shall be subject to final outcome of the WA No. 23/2017 and Review Application No. 14/2017.

> The Candidate must be a Citizen of India and must be a resident of Assam.

Further, Rule-10 of the aforesaid Service Rules provides that, in addition to such academic and professional qualification mentioned in Schedule-II for direct recruitment to the post, all candidates shall have to appear and pass in the Teachers Eligibility Test (TET) conducted by the Government scoring minimum 60% marks in case of SC/ST/OCMBC/ General category candidates and minimum of 55% marks in case of SC/ST/OCMBC/ Physically handicapped candidates.

It shall be noted that mere qualification with prescribed marks in the TET examination for Secondary Education shall not confer on any candidate the right to employment as a teacher. However qualification in TET examination is a mandatory prerequisite to appear at the interview for teacher recruitment and the marks obtained in the TET examination by a candidate who has qualified in the TET examination shall be counted in the interview for the teacher recruitment which will be advertised subsequently.

The teacher recruitment after TET of graduate teachers in the provincialised High School, Higher Secondary School and High Madrasah shall be governed by Rule- 8 of the aforesaid rules. The advertisement for the posts of graduate teachers shall be issued by the concerned School Selection Committee. The School Selection Committee shall hold interview and prepare a panel of school wise selected list and subject to approval of the District Approval Committee, the appointment to the post of kachie shall be made from the selection list as per merit and subject to following government prescribed Reservations. However, oral marks shall be there in interview stage.

**Who Can Apply**

A. The Candidate must be a Citizen of India and must be a resident of Assam. He/she must be a Graduate having 50% marks from a recognized University with B.T.B.Ed from a recognized University.

B. In case Manipuri medium the candidate must have passed HSLC or equivalent examination with Manipuri language as one of the Subject or read up to HSLC level in Manipuri Medium School.

C. Age of the candidate must not be less than 18 years of age and not more than 43 years of age as on 01.01.2017. Relaxation of upper age limit will be applicable as SC/ST/P. ST (H) for another 5 years as per Govt. of Assam OM No. ABP/06/2016/04 dated 03.03.2016.

D. The Upper age limit may also be relaxed in case of candidates who are working under the scheme of "Strengthening and Improvement of the Quality Education in the State" on contractual terms for a maximum period up to 5 years and willing to take part in the instant TET.

**Minimum qualifying marks for passing TET:** To qualify TET Examination the candidate must score at least 60% marks. However, 5% relaxation in marks will be

given for candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC/MOBC/PWD. Only following category of PWD/P/HIP persons can apply for appearing at the TET:

■ Those who are orthopedically impaired or have locomotor disability. In this regard the candidate shall obtain a certificate from competent government authority like from Social welfare Deptt/ Orthopaedic surgeon for submission to the Mission Director, RMSA, Assam. The candidate whose degree of physical disability is more than 40% are only eligible to apply, under this category.

Notwithstanding the minimum prescribed marks secured in TET Examination, the number of candidates declared as TET Examined qualified would be a maximum of double the number of vacancies of Teachers and such candidates will be determined as per merit position.

**Validity:** All candidates who pass the TET will be awarded a certificate. The validity of the certificate shall be for a maximum period of 5(five) years from the date of issue of the certificate by the Empowered Committee, Government of Assam subject to the condition that the candidate otherwise fulfills the eligibility criteria prescribed for recruitment to the services in Government of Assam.

**Time Schedule for TET, 2017:**

1. Opening of Online Application Form 22nd August, 2017

2. Last date of Submission of online Application form 09th September, 2017

3. Last date of fee Payment at Bank 14th September, 2017

4. Date of examination Will be notified later

Candidates are advised to apply early in order to avoid last minute rush.

**Structure & Content of Test:-** The examination shall be for 200 marks of 200 Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs), each one of them carrying equal marks. The subject areas broadly are as follows.

**Si. No Subject Number of Questions Marks**

1	General Studies & Current Affairs	100 MCQs	100
2	Pedagogy & General English	100 MCQs	100
		<b>Total Marks</b>	<b>200</b>

Candidates have to qualify both the parts separately to qualify the exam. **IMPORTANT POINTS:**

■ The cost of the application form is Rs.400/- (Rupees Four Hundred only)

■ Detailed instruction on filling up of online application form will be uploaded in the website [www.rmsaassam.in](http://www.rmsaassam.in).

■ For more information on TET candidates may please contact all Inspector of Schools offices in Districts and their RMSA cells; State Mission Director RMSA Office, Kahilpara, Guwahati; Office of the Director of Secondary Education, Assam, Kahilpara, Guwahati during office hours on all working days.

■ Syllabus for the TET examination will be available on website [www.rmsaassam.in](http://www.rmsaassam.in).

■ Degrees/B.T.B.Ed degree served from off Campus Centers or unrecognized institutions/universities shall not be accepted.

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**Sd/- Member Secretary, Empowered Committee for TET for Secondary Education, Assam**

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INTERNATIONAL

### Shahid Khaqan Abbasi succeeds Sharif as Pak PM



Former Pakistan Petroleum Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi, who has been elected Prime Minister, arrives to attend the National Assembly session in Islamabad on Tuesday. – UNI

ISLAMABAD, Aug 1: Shahid Khaqan Abbasi, a diehard loyalist of Nawaz Sharif, was today elected Prime Minister by Pakistan's National Assembly and put up a strong defence of the ousted leader, saying that he may have been disqualified by the Supreme Court but remains the "people's Premier."

Abbasi, 58, was elected Pakistan's 18th Premier after getting 221 votes in the House of 342, defeating his three rivals emphatically. Naved Qamar of Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) got 47 votes, Sheikh Roshid Ahmed, an Awami League leader who was Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's (PTI) managing just four votes.

Abbasi's Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N)-nominated Abbasi, the former Petroleum Minister, will act as interim Prime Minister till Sharif's brother, Shehbaz, is elected as a National Assembly member.

"Shahid Khaqan Abbasi has

been declared elected as the Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan," National Assembly Speaker Sardar Ayaz Siddiqui quoted amid sloganising. He then asked Abbasi to take the seat of the Prime Minister and address the House.

Abbasi, while addressing the Parliament after the voting, said that his election was a victory for democracy. He criticised the Supreme Court judgement which

disqualified Sharif.

"I am grateful to you all, for following the democratic process – whether you voted for or against me. I am grateful to the people of Pakistan and I am grateful to the people's Premier, Nawaz Sharif," Abbasi said in his acceptance speech.

"I am also grateful to the Opposition and Imran Khan, for remembering us in their daily slandering," he said. – PTI



Ousted former Thai Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra greets supporters as she arrives at the Supreme Court in Bangkok on Tuesday. – UNI

### Toronto Int'l Film Fest to open with biopic on Borg-McEnroe

TORONTO, Aug 1: This year's Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) will court the love of tennis fans all around the world with the screening of some of our favorite stories from the sports arena at Roy Thomson Hall. Directed by Janus Metz, the film stars actors Shia LeBeouf as American tennis champ John McEnroe and Sverrir Gudnason as his Swedish counterpart, Bjorn Borg.

"The problem before us is unfortunately all too familiar in the world we now find ourselves a part of. As has been the case with any challenge we have ever faced, I have absolutely no doubt that we will navigate our way through this successfully," he wrote. – PTI

With the electric energy of Toronto on the opening night, "The story of this nail-biting match-up changed the sport of tennis forever, and the outstanding performances from LaBeouf and Gudnason will be a spectacular way for festival-goers to kick things off."

Metz said he was "extremely honoured" by TIFF's gesture for presenting the movie to kick off the event. "It is a great celebration and recognition of everyone in the cast and crew who worked so hard to make this film what it

is. We had very high ambitions for this project and have come such a long way together. I'm very excited that we can finally let the film out into the world, and I couldn't dream of a better way of doing this."

Apart from the film, which has been penned by Ronnie Sandahl,

*Battle of The Sexes* is the second

tennis movie that will be

presented at the festival. It stars

actors Steve Carell and Emma Stone.

The TIFF will run till

September 17 this year. – PTI

# LA agrees to host 2028 Games, Paris set for 2024

LOS ANGELES, Aug 1: Los Angeles announced its intent to host the 2028 Olympics, paving the way for Paris to host in 2024 in a deal hailed as a win-win for both cities and the Olympic movement.

"I am proud to announce the Olympic Games are coming back to the United States of America," Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti said at the ceremony at the StubHub Center Stadium.

"In 2028, we are bringing the Games back to LA, one of the great capitals of the Olympic movement. A city that has always been a Games changer and will be again in 2028."

Los Angeles had been in a race with Paris to follow Tokyo 2020 as the 2024 host with the winner to be named by the IOC on September 13 in Lima.

But the possibility that Los Angeles would abandon a 2024 bid and instead accept the 2028 Games has been growing since the IOC decided in July that it would attempt to award both Games at its Lima meeting.

Paris had remained insistent on hosting in 2024, on the 100th anniversary of the city's 1924 Olympics.

LA officials, who had put forward a USD 5.3 billion bid for

2024, said an agreement had been reached with the IOC on financial considerations that would make waiting an extra four years feasible.

Bid chief Casey Wasserman said the IOC had waived various fees and payments that could ultimately save LA organisers millions.

The IOC will also advance USD 180 million to LA organisers to lessen the impact of the longer leadup time, money that normally wouldn't be disbursed until closer to the Games kickoff.

"The IOC contribution as stipulated by the HCC is USD 1.8 billion and has the potential to exceed USD 2 billion according to the evaluation of the LA bid committee when taking into account the estimated value of existing sponsor agreements to be renewed and potential new marketing deals," the bid committee said in a statement.

Garcetti added: "This was too good to pass up."

The deal will bring the Games back to Los Angeles for a third time, after the city hosted in 1932 and 1984.

The agreement must still be approved by the Los Angeles City Council, an enthusiastic supporter of the Games, said the council committee on the Games



Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti speaks at the podium, flanked by LA 2024 Bid Chairman Casey Wasserman (L) and City Council President Herb Wesson (R) during a press conference to announce the awarding of the 2028 Olympics to Los Angeles at StubHub Center Stadium in Carson, California, on Monday.

mittee - both of which backed the 2024 bid.

City Council president Herb Wesson, an enthusiastic supporter of the Games, said the council committee on the Games

would thoroughly vet the new proposals before making its recommendation to the full council for a vote hopefully within two weeks.

Local backing is crucial to

the success of any Games, but federal government support is also key since the national government will play a key role in security.

Wasserman singled out the

support of US President Donald Trump as helping to bring the Games back to the United States.

The USA last hosted the Summer Olympics in Atlanta in

1996 while the Winter Games were held in Salt Lake City in 2002.

Garcetti said that if all goes according to plan, LA is confident it will receive 100 percent support by IOC members in Lima for a bid that relies largely on existing infrastructure and features iconic venues such as the Memorial Coliseum - slated once again to host athletics.

IOC president Thomas Bach also said he was confident any remaining hurdles could be cleared.

"We are very confident that we can reach a tripartite agreement under the leadership of the IOC with LA and Paris in August, creating a win-win situation for all three partners," he said.

"This agreement will be put forward to the IOC Session in Lima in September for ratification."

The IOC's efforts to streamline the bidding process didn't help the number of candidates for 2024. Boston was first selected by the USOC as a prospective host but dropped out amid local opposition and money concerns. Hamburg, Budapest and Rome also pulled out of the race.

"In sports terms, there is no

other metaphor it was a marathon," Garcetti said of the arduous process. "Today, we are at the finish line."

Paris, which will also be hosting the Games for a third time, endured the disappointment of failed bids in 1992, 2008 and 2012.

Paris Mayor Anne Hidalgo said on Twitter: "Happy that my friend @MayorofLA has made an important new step on an agreement that will have three winners: Paris, Los Angeles and the IOC #Paris2024."

Garcetti downplayed any risk involved in taking on the Olympics so far in advance, saying political or economic setbacks in the interim, or even a natural disaster such as an earthquake, wouldn't prove fatal to the preparations.

"Los Angeles is resilient," Garcetti said. "I'm not worried about those things. We aren't going to see sports go away. We're not going to see stadiums disappear."

"When you look at those risks, sure in some scenario if the entire Earth falls apart probably the Olympics aren't happening in Los Angeles."

"But short of that," Garcetti said, "We're going to have a great Games here in LA." - AFP

## Jadeja maintains top position, Virat stays 5th

DUBAI, Aug 1: Star spinner Ravindra Jadeja maintained his position at the top of the bowlers' list while India skipper Virat Kohli remained static at fifth place in the batting charts in the latest ICC Test Rankings released today.

In the batsmen's rankings, Cheteshwar Pujara is the top-ranked Indian at the fourth position while opener Shikhar Dhawan climbed 21 places to be ranked 39th.

The batting list is being topped by Australia captain Steve Smith followed by England's Joe Root and New Zealand's Kane Williamson.

In the bowlers' chart, Ravichandran Ashwin displaced Sri Lanka captain Rangana Herath to claim the second spot back. Herath is third in the rankings. Pacer Mohammed Shami gained a place to be 23rd.

Jadeja also maintained their second and third ranks respectively in the all-rounders' list. Bangladesh's Shahid Afridi is still perched at the top of the table.

England all-rounder Ben Stokes moved up 12 places to joint-25th position in the rankings for batsmen and also gained two places to reach 19th position. His effort also saw him overtake South Africa's Vernon Philander to take fifth position, the list of all-rounders.

The latest rankings, which also take into account performances in the first Test at Galle, in which India defeated Sri Lanka by 304 runs to take a 1-0 lead in the three-Test series, saw other England players make notable gains too. - PTI

## Ranji home and away concept back

KOLKATA, Aug 1: The BCCI has decided to scrap the controversial neutral venue format in the Ranji Trophy after just one season, following criticism from leading domestic players including India opener Abinav Mukund.

The 2017-18 Ranji Trophy season starts on October 6 and the decision to revert to the home-and-away format was taken by the BCCI technical committee headed by former India captain Sourav Ganguly.

Another notable decision taken was dividing 28 teams into four groups of seven instead of usual three groups. The committee took the expected call after receiving overwhelmingly negative feedback from the coaches and players at its Annual Conclave in Mumbai, earlier this year.

With the addition of Chattisgarh, 28 teams were last year divided into nine teams each in Group A and B and 10 teams including debutants Chattisgarh

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After breaking serve four times in the opening set, Sharapova - the 2010 runner-up - quickly fell behind 3-0 in the second, and while the five-time Grand Slam champion recovered briefly, Brady advanced.

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## Barcelona block Neymar's multi-million bonus

BARCELONA, Aug 1: Barcelona have blocked payment of a 26-million-euro (\$31-million) bonus for star striker Neymar as speculation mounts that he will move to Paris Saint-Germain, a source at the club said today.

The Brazilian football star, who is due to come back for training on Wednesday morning, is at the centre of an apparent tug of war between the two European giants in what would be the most expensive transfer in football history.

Speculation is mounting that the 25-year-old could quit Barcelona for PSG for a world-record 222 million euros.

"These 26 million euros have been placed with a notary pending to see if the player continues," the source, who refused to

be named, told AFP.

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## Manchester United sign Nemanja Matic

MANCHESTER, Aug 1: Manchester United have confirmed the signing of midfielder Nemanja Matic from Chelsea in a three-year deal that sees the Serbian move to Old Trafford for £40million.

Matic, who will wear the No. 31 at United, was left to train alone at Cobham during Chelsea's pre-season tour of Asia and the Premier League champions have consented to his wishes of being reunited with Jose Mourinho.

As per reports the initial fee is likely to be £35m, with £5m in add-ons based on how the midfielder performs at United. The 28-year-old will earn £140,000 a week with the player in line for a bonus should the club succeed in the Champions League.

Matic is short of match fitness but could make his first United appearance against Sampdoria in Dublin on Wednesday, and he revealed his joy at completing the switch.

"I am delighted to have joined

Manchester United," Matic told the club's website. "To work with Jose Mourinho once again was an opportunity I couldn't turn down.

"I have enjoyed my time at Chelsea and would like to thank the club and the fans for their support. I cannot wait to meet my new teammates and start training with them.

"This is a very exciting time for the club and I am looking forward to playing my part in creating more history for this great club."

Mourinho added: "Nemanja is a Manchester United player and a Jose Mourinho player. He represents everything we want in a footballer: loyalty, consistency, ambition, team player."

"I would like to thank

Chelsea have paid tribute to Matic following his departure, writing on their official Twitter account: "We thank Nemanja for his fantastic service and wish him well for the future."

The signing of Tie-moune Bakayoko meant Matic would have found regular starts limited at Stamford Bridge this season, and the defensive midfielder will now compete with Michael Carrick for a first-team place.

Owner Roman Abramovich had given him permission to join a Premier League rival as a reward for helping the club lift the title twice in the last three seasons.

Though Juventus expressed interest, they were unwilling to match the financial package plus the length of contract that Matic sought. Instead, he will be reunited with former Chelsea boss Mourinho, who tried to sign Matic last season.

Mourinho had targeted at least four signings this summer, though accepts he may have to be satisfied with three following the arrivals of Victor Lindelof and Romelu Lukaku.

Talks over a deal for Ivan Perisic at Inter Milan remain at an impasse, with United unwilling to match the £50m asking price or include Anthony Martial in the deal.

Prior to Matic's unveiling, Mourinho said: "I depend on the situation, the market, and if my club is unable to do two players and just one, I accept that as a consequence of the market now."

Midfielder Ander Herrera is expected to agree terms on a new four-year contract and a proposed contract offer to veteran striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic remains a possibility. - Agencies



Nemanja Matic is United's third major signing of the summer following his completion of a £40m move and he replaces Bastian Schweinsteiger in wearing the No. 31 jersey.

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## Navodaya Vidyalaya kabaddi tourney begins

CORRESPONDENT

MANGALDAI, Aug 1: Navodaya Vidyalaya Regional Kabaddi Tournament (boys) got off to a colourful start today at the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Darrang, Udniari here.

The tournament features Navodaya Vidyalaya's of all the Northeastern States. As many as 24 selected teams from eight different clusters are participating in the tournament which is being played in U-14, U-17 and U-19 groups.

In the inaugural matches of the three respective categories, team from cluster Manipur beat Nagaland in U-14; Goalpara team Tinsukia in U-17 while in the U-19 category Lakhimpur got the better of the Nagaland.

Deputy Commissioner, NVS, Regional Office, Shillong, DS Kumar attended the opening ceremony and inaugurated the tournament in the presence of the principal of JNV, Darrang P Rajesh, journalist Mayukh Goswami, among others.

## Assam players in Indian Postal TT team

GUWAHATI, Aug 1: Three Assam paddlers – Kaushik Phukan, Elsayeed Mustafa Hussain and Murchana Golain has been included in the Indian Post team for the 47th All India Inter Institutional TT Championship which got underway today at Saroop Nagar, New Delhi.

All the major institutions of India including PSPB, Railways, Indian Audit, Defence Accounts, Airport Authority of India, BSNL, ESIC, RRB, OFSCB, LIC, DIR are taking part in the meet.

The postal team members are: (Men) Kaushik Phukan, Elsayeed M Hussain (both Assam), Pritam Bose, Saurya Ghosh (both West Bengal), N Sarah Kumar (Tamil Nadu). (Women) Murchana Golain (Assam), Sugandha Das (West Bengal), Sonal Joshi (Gujarat), Rajni Gupta (Punjab).

## FIDE ratings for State players

GUWAHATI, Aug 1: Young Iksitha Barman (U-9) and veteran player Bibhuti Gogoi got International Fide Rating.

According to August, 2017 Fide rating list published by World Chess Federation, Iksitha Barman and Bibhuti Gogoi of Guwahati Chess Academy have been included in FIDE rating list with 1007 and 1248 rating points respectively. Iksitha at the age of 7 years 11 months became one of the youngest rated players from the State while Bibhuti Gogoi at the age of 59 years 11 month became one of the oldest players from Assam to get FIDE rating. They have been given rating on the basis of their performances in International FIDE Rating Chess Tournament, Assam organised by the Guwahati Chess Association from July 12 to 16 in Guwahati.

## Athletics trial camp

GUWAHATI, Aug 1: The Assam Athletic Association (AAA) will hold a trial camp to pick the State team for the 29th East Zone Athletics Championship which will be held in Kolkata on September 9 and 10.

The trial will be held at the Indira Gandhi Athletic Stadium, Sarasajai here on August 12. Affiliated units of the State athletic body may contact AAA secretary Pradeep Nunisa for further information, a release said.

## Guwahati to host Australia in T20I

SPORTS REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 1: Assam Cricket Association (ACA) has been allotted a T20 International (T20I) to be held at the ACA's Barsapara cricket stadium probably on October 10. It will be the third T20I of the 3-match series.

Guwahati hosted a last One-day International match on November 28, 2010. Confirming the develop-

ment the ACA secretary Pradip Buragohain said: "Guwahati will be hosting the maiden T20I, probably on October 10 against Australia. The BCCI has intimated us at around 6pm today regarding the allotment of the match during the visitors' three T20I match series."

Journey of Guwahati as an international venue started way back December 17, 1983 and since then the city was al-

lotted 16 ODI matches out of which two matches had to be called off – against England on April 9, 2006 and November 29, 2008 due to bad weather conditions and security reasons respectively. The Nehru Stadium in the RG Barolia Sports Complex was the venue which hosted all the matches.

Buragohain stated that from now onwards the whole team of the ACA will have to work round the clock in order to

complete all the remaining works at the Barsapara stadium. Apart from the media centre and players' pavilions, the major task for the organisers is to complete the approach roads to the stadium and arrange adequate space for car parking.

"It will be a beginning for us and after this T20I the city will get to host ODIs and even Test matches in the near future," said the ACA secretary.

## Kolkata, Delhi, Nagpur to host SL Tests

KOLKATA, Aug 1: The BCCI today awarded three Test matches of the November-December series to be played at Sri Lanka to Kolkata, Nagpur and Delhi while the newly-constructed stadium in Barasapara, Guwahati was awarded a marquee T20 International against Australia in October.

The decisions were taken at the Board's tours and fixtures committee meeting here.

It will be a big home season for the Indian team as it will play 23 international matches across three series starting end of September and concluding at the end of December.

The BCCI's Tours and Fixtures Committee however did not announce the dates keeping in mind the logistics.

## Prannoy, Kashyap advance

AUCKLAND, Aug 1: Newly-crowned US Open winner HS Prannoy and Commonwealth Games champion Parupalli Kashyap advanced to the second round but it was curtains for World Championship-bound Ajay Jayaram in the opening round of the New Zealand Grand Prix Gold here today.

Fourth seed Prannoy defeated Indonesia's Shekar Hiren Rhustavito 21-14, 21-16, while

15th seed Kashyap brushed aside Indonesia's Dionysios Hayou Rumbaka 21-5, 21-10 in the men's singles competition.

Prannoy will face Indonesia's Firmans Abdul Kohliq and Kashyap will square off agains local shuttler Oscar Guo tomorrow. Young shuttlers Srilatha Pratul Joshi, Sourabh Verma, Neeraj Vashist and Sahil Sipani also made positive starts to their campaign in the USD

120,000 event.

Seventh seed Sourabh beat Australian Nathan Tang 21-17, 21-15, 16th seed Sril defeated Indonesia's Riyanto Subagja 21-13, 21-12, Pratul got the better of local shuttler Daxxon Vong 21-10, 21-13, Neeraj thrashed Indonesia's Andrew Yunanto 21-8, 21-9, and Sahil surpassed New Zealand's Joshua Feng 21-10, 21-10 in the other men's singles matches. -PTI

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## Can ACA bank on local technical staffs

SPORTS REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 1: The Assam Cricket Association (ACA) is going to conduct interviews for inducing coaches and support staffs for different categories in men and women categories tomorrow and day after at the ACA's Barsapara stadium here.

The State cricket body will pick coaches, trainers and physios for the season 2017-18 in contractual basis.

In the coming Ranji season, Assam will play in Group C, the bottom tier, after they came last in Group B during the last season. In 2015-16, Assam were semifinalists in the premier domestic cricket tournament, but last year with a dismal show Assam managed to win only one match out of eight and lost five. Assam finished their campaign at the bottom in the group with just eight points. Last year former international Sunil Joshi was the chief coach of the Assam team. Prior to that Sanath

Patel and Kishore Chakma were the top two coaches. Now as the State senior cricket team has nothing to lose in the Ranji Trophy, the officials have to think twice whether ACA has to induct costly coaching and support staff for the State team or not?

Now Assam has some qualified and capable professionals who can handle the State Ranji team comfortably. During the last few decades ACA has been inducting three out station players in the Ranji team.

However, this time the top officials are preferring two players from outside the State. It will be a wise decision for the ACA officials if they reduce the number of out stationed re-cruts.

An ACA source revealed that the organisation has been able to draw the attention of the BCCI as far as the financial aspect is concerned.

## Davis Cup team to train in New York

NEW DELHI, Aug 1: The Indian Davis Cup team will train at the indoor courts of University of Columbia in New York, a week before the crucial World Group Play-off tie against Canada in Edmonton, starting September 15.

It is for the first time that a camp has been organised to prepare for an away tie. The team will assemble in New York on September 4 and will leave for Edmonton on September 10.

"I wanted to get the boys together and practice indoors before the tie," Captain Mahesh Bhupathi told PTI, confirming the development.

The AITA has approached the Sports Ministry to fund the

week-long training camp and it is being assessed. The ministry seems keen to provide the financial support.

"There should not be any problem with that (financial assistance) because we do fund training of athletes, including foreign training. However, a decision will be taken after examination of the proposal," a Sports Ministry official said.

Asked why the camp is being organised in New York instead of Edmonton, Bhupathi said,

"Courts will not be ready till Sunday (September 10) before tie."

It will be fourth straight year that India will be in contention for a place in the elite 16-nation World Group. -PTI

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