

SITUATION VACANT

DON BOSCO SCHOOL, PANBАЗAR, GUWAHATI. WANTED A PT & SCOUT MASTER AND ALIBRARIAN. MALE TEACHER PREFERRED. QUALIFICATION: GRADUATE. SV/P/17133/1

Wanted experienced Physics (PGT) for IITian. Qualification: M.Sc., handles salary plus accommodation. Contact: 9843621939/9436046767. Interested candidates must submit resume at imbusitor@gmail.com. SV/P/A241/5

JOB ADVERTISEMENT

Candidates required for Waste Management Projects in 7 NE States for Site visit, Assessment, Survey, Drawing, Installation & Maintenance. Engineers/Service Engg/Supervisors: BE/T.I/B.Sc/HS Science pass with knowledge of Civil Engineering. 2 yrs+ Salary: Incl also respectively Rs. 35,000/-/25,000/18,000/12,000. Age: 24 to 65 yrs. Executive: M.S. - Flow up, On site Monitoring Graduate with Computer knowledge age 26 yrs Salary: Rs. 12,000. megacons01@gmail.com Ph: 8811072436, Guwahati, Assam CD/SV/KP92/6

Wanted B.Com. Accounts Assistant for Accounts office in Data Entry in ERIP and MS Office for an established firm located in Fancy Bazaar and having good atmosphere to work and learn. Salary negotiable. Apply within 10 days from the date of advertisement to Box No. 3351, C/o, Assam Tribune, Chandmari, Guwahati -781003. SV/P/3351/1/B3

AXEL PUBLIC SCHOOL, GUWAHATI AFFILIATED TO CBSE INVITES APPLICATION FOR FILLING UP THE POST OF PGT-ENGLISH. MINIMUM QUALIFICATION IS MA (ENGLISH MAJOR) WITH B.Ed. SEND YOUR RESUME TO axelpublicschool23@102.gov.in CALL: 98642-64412, 64412, 0361-2228951. SV/P/A434/2

TGT, PGT VACANCY PRAGJYOTISH (SFC SEC) SCHOOL WEST BORAOAON, GHY-33

REQUIRED TGT (MATHS, SCIENCE) AND PGT (PHYSICS, CHEMISTRY) FRESHERS & QUALIFIED DYNAMIC CANDIDATES INTERESTED IN MAY FORWARD THEIR CV/RESUME TO PRAGJYOTISH SCHOOL OFFICE@GMAIL.COM/ BEFORE 30th September. CD/SV/285/1

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Wanted Head Tea House with minimum 10 years of relevant experience for Belsen Estate located near Dhekiajuli in Sonitpur District. Please contact G.M. 9543989032 for details". SV/286/7

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VACANCY FOR CAMPUS SUPERVISOR

Qualification: Post Graduation/ Graduation with an experience of 5 yrs as a supervisor or facility manager

NOTE- 1. Bio – Data along with photograph to be sent on either by mail or by post. **Address :** #12, Bhaskar Nagar, R.G.Baruah Road, Guwahati-21. Email ID: hr@asianinstitutons.com. Phone no-7002996766

Required Sales (FMCG, Cement), Accounts, Tally, Administration ymresolution@gmail.com, www.ymresolution.com. SV/P/A404/03

Required experienced Trainer/ Gym Instructor and Helper for a reputed ASAP, 9864937639, 9058058600. SV/P/I7155/2

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REQUIRED COMPUTER TEACHER HAVING KNOWLEDGE OF DTP TALLY, AND COMPUTER BASIC, TUTORIAL, GANESHGURU GUWAHATI CONTACT NO. 98640-98643, SV/P/I7165/1

Required instructor for Zumba & Aerobics. Office Assistant with knowledge of Computers & fluency in Hindi & English, Kuberan, Beliata, Guwahati. Ph: 9706191099. SV/P/4320/1

Required Marketing Executive male/female for reputed matrimony centre in Guwahati having two wheeler preferred. Salary no bar for the right candidate with attractive incentive. 9678488706. SV/P/A432/1

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Mr. Graduate with 1 year of experience in education sector. Counselling experience

Please send your CV Within 7 Days from the date of Advertising

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Interested candidates are hereby requested to appear walk in interview on 24.09.2017 (Sunday) right 10.30 a.m. to onwards at Holy Child School, Bipu for the following post(s). 1. Principal, 2. One each Science and English Teacher. Qualification for Principal must be Post graduate with B.Ed. and experience holder Honourable Rs. 21,000/- (plus) per month. Non-Teaching posts Graduate or Post graduate with B.Ed. and Honourable Rs. 14,00/- (plus) or Negotiable. English medium back ground and experience holder are Preferable. Sd/- Secretary, Holy Child School, Bipu. P.O.- Bipu, Dist.- Chirang (Assam). Contact No.: 9954380429, 94350-23068, 9957134737. SV/P/1704/3

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1. Resident Medical Officer (RMO) Min Qualification: MBBS

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4. Minimum Education- Graduate

5. Experience- Min 5 years

6. Medical Records Officer (MRO) Min Qualification: B.Sc with 1 yr Diploma/Certificate course in Medical Record Keeping

7. Medical Records Technician (MRT) Min Qualification: 6 months Diploma in Medical Record Keeping

8. Experience- 2 years in medical records maintenance

9. Medical Social Worker (MSW) Min Qualification: Bachelor in Social Work

Experience: 1 year in hospital practice or blood bank.

Resume must be send to healthcare.guahati@gmail.com within 7 days.

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PS Rahangdale, chief of the Mumbai fire brigade, said fire personnel are still struggling to contain the fire. - PTI

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MUMBAI, Sept 16: A major fire today broke out at the iconic RK Studio, founded by Indian film legend Raj Kapoor, in suburban Chembur, gutting its ground floor.

Six fire tenders and five water tankers have been rushed to the site to contain the blaze and so far, no casualty has been reported, a senior fire brigade official said.

The fire was reported around 2.20 pm, the official said. Thick dark smoke enveloped the entire area as flames swept through the basement of the sprawling studio, where Raj Kapoor, his siblings and children made a number of films over the decades.

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Polly Das

3rd January 1946

18th September 2008

We all miss you every moment as your silent presence, all around us, is always felt. The warmth of your love and blessings will always be in our heart.

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Lt. Kishori Mohan Das

Birth: 29.09.1934

Death: 06.09.2017

The whole family wishes to thank and express gratitude for the kind words of sympathy and grief to all who visited, contacted us. We will be grateful if all the well-wishers and relatives join us in praying for the departed soul on the occasion of Adya Shraddha on 18th Sep '2017 in our residence at Pankaj Nagar, Guwahati.

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GUWAHATI

LOCAL FORECAST:
Partly cloudy sky. Rain/
thunderstorms is very
likely to occur.

Maximum and Minimum
temperatures is most likely
to be 34°C and 26°C
respectively on Sunday.

TEMPERATURE:
Max 34.5°C
Min 26°C



The illuminated Assam Tribune premises on the eve of Biswakarma Puja, on Saturday evening. - AT photo

1 more held in MP Jewellers robbery case

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 16: City police crime branch has caught another accused involved in the MP Jewellers robbery case. The accused, identified as Lauremban Robinson of Leikai in Imphal, was arrested from Manipur and brought to Guwahati today.

Drive against illicit liquor

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 16: A special drive has been launched by Basistha police at the dhabas and stalls along the highway against selling of illicit liquor. A number of dhabas were raided last night and necessary action taken against the violators, ACP (Basistha) Mousumi Kalita said. The drive, carried out as part of measures to check road accidents, will continue throughout Durga Puja, she said.

Conference on energy

GUWAHATI, Sept 16: The Assam Don Bosco University (ADB), in association with the Assam Energy Development Agency (AEDA), a State nodal agency for the Union Ministry of New & Renewable Energy, is organising the 'National Exhibition & Conference on New and Renewable Energy (NECONRE)-2017', on October 6 and 7.

The main theme of NECONRE-2017 is 'Renewable Energy for rural India: the present and the future'.

The organisers have solicited research papers from academicians, industry delegates, innovators, researchers and students latest by September 20, a release said. - Staff Reporter



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IITG fifth cleanest Govt institution in India

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 16: IIT Guwahati is the fifth among the top cleanest government institutions in India.

This was declared at an award ceremony of 'Swachh' Ranking 2017 of higher educational institutions held in New Delhi on September 14.

Union Human Resource Development Minister Prakash Javadekar gave away the prizes to the awardees.

The MHRD Swachh Ranking was an exercise based on the principles of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan to rank higher educational institutions in terms of cleanliness and hygiene.

Parameters for a clean campus were formulated, like

student/oidn ratio, kitchen hygiene, availability of running water, modernity of toilet and kitchen equipment, campus green cover, garbage disposal in hostels and academic buildings, disposal techniques, water supply systems and also a certain weightage to whether the institutions has adopted any neighbouring locality or village to spread awareness and activities in Swachhata.

About 3,500 higher educational institutions participated in the ranking process. The top 174 institutions were shortlisted as per criteria and officials from UGC and AICTE inspected the premises of all the 174 institutions. Finally, out of the 174 institutions, the top 25 institutions were selected across four categories,

viz., universities, technical institutions, colleges and government institutions.

Speaking on the success of achieving the rank, Prof Gautam Biswas, Director of IITG said, "The award is a recognition to the tireless effort of the whole IIT Guwahati fraternity, including faculty members, students, research scholars, staff and officers, to build this institute a world class one. I am very happy that our successes in research and teaching are complemented by campus cleanliness too."

He also referred to the hard work and dedication of the institution's entire cleaning team and garbage disposal staff, "whose sincere efforts always keep this campus clean".

More suspended trains to resume

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 16: Maligaon-headquartered Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) will resume services of a few more long-distance trains which had been suspended in August after rail links from the NFR zone to the rest of the country had got snapped due to heavy floods in eastern Bihar.

"Consequently upon the issuance of fitness certificate with speed restriction of 10 km per hour for running of passenger trains through the flood-affected 'down' line portion between Telta and Sudhani stations under Kathiar Division of NFR, some more trains are proposed to be restored," said an official.

"These trains are in addition to trains like Rajdhani Express, NE Express, Kamrup Express, Kanchanajhuri Express, SaratExpress, Guwahati-Secunderabad Express, Avadh Assam Express, Capital Express, Kamakhya-Gandhinagar Express, and the Guwahati-Olka Dwarika Express whose services have been restored after repair of up line approach of bridge no 133 between Telta and Sudhani stations has been carried out," said the official.

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Biswakarma Puja today

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 16: Lord Biswakarma, the deity of architecture and engineering, would be revered throughout the State on the occasion of Biswakarma Puja tomorrow.

The unique occasion that celebrates the man-machine bonding, holds a special significance on the festive calendar of Assam witnessing the participation of all age groups and faiths.

Considered as the biggest celebration for any installation that uses machinery, Biswakarma Puja in Assam kickstarts an entire festive season that includes Durga

Puja, Diwali, Christmas, New Year and extends up to Magh Bihu in the following year.

The puja is celebrated by cleaning and worshipping the machinery and also by holding the puja rituals in pandals specially constructed to worship the deity.

Biswakarma Puja will be celebrated with much fanfare in the Assam Tribune premises here tomorrow like every year. This year being the 70th Assam Tribune Biswakarma Puja, elaborate arrangements have been made to celebrate the occasion in a befitting manner.

The puja will start from 8 am tomorrow followed by *pushpanjali* and *prasad* distribution. In the evening, a *nagara naam* presentation would be done by Trailokya Deka of Kamrup and Tarun Kakati of Darrang. The programme would be inaugurated by Prasanta Jyoti Barua, Executive Editor of *The Assam Tribune*.

State Govt has poured cold water on people's aspirations: Cong

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 16: The Opposition Congress today alleged that the BJP-led State government has failed on multiple fronts and asked it to "cease the writing on the wall".

Addressing mediapersons a day after conclusion of the nine-day Assembly session, Opposition leader Debabrata Saikia said given the lacklustre performance of the government, the BJP's much-hyped slogans are bound to vanish in thin air in days to come.

"Price rise has been abnormal, but the government is reluctant to admit it. The government has imposed 133 per cent tax on petrol and 200 per cent tax on diesel. Prices of all commodities are on the rise. I am not saying price rise doesn't happen...but it doesn't

happen so abnormally," Saikia said, referring to occasions in the past when BJP leaders would register protest by riding bicycles when fuel prices had increased marginally.

Alleging that the government has poured cold water on the aspirations of the people, Saikia said the BJP leaders should recall the promises they made to the people before coming to power.

"Three organisations had yesterday taken to the streets protesting different failures of the government. Ministers have themselves admitted in the Assembly that syndicates are still operating in the State. Even a legislator has to pay bribe to get his MLA fund released from the DC office," Saikia alleged, questioning as to why the CBI hasn't yet taken up the case of Lajifull Islam's murder.

The Congress leader said that on one hand the government claims there is no dearth of funds and on the other flood-hit people are complaining of inadequate relief. Roads in the State are in a shambles.

He also charged the representatives of the government with speaking "illogically" and "casually" on key issues plaguing the State, like NRC and Aadhar, etc.

On May 11 last, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Chandra Mohan Patowary had said the Aadhaar cards would not be rolled out in the State before the NRC is updated because the cards would help illegal migrants get enrolled in the NRC. However, the government now has said the Aadhaar card process would begin in November this year. The government is contradicting itself," he added.

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17th September, Sunday

- 12:15pm: Film Screening: Cine Basket - Short Films
- 01:05pm: Special Screening Large Short Films
- 01:25pm: Film Screening: The Endless Note - Folk Instruments of Sikkim
38 min/Sikkim - Northeast Cut;
Director: Palzor Bhutia
- 02:15pm: Film Screening: A Death in the Gun
110 min/Hindi, English, Bengali
Director: Konkona Sen Sharma
- 04:05pm: Award Ceremony
- 05:20pm: In Conversation with Gauri Shinde, Filmmaker & Adil Hussain, Actor;
Topic: Looking For a Story
Moderator - Mitrajit Bhattacharya
- 06:05pm: Film Screening: The Black Cat
20 min/English/Assam - Northeast Cut;
Director: Bhargav Salik
- 06:35pm: Film Screening: Antardrishti
100 min/Assamese/Assam
Northeast Cut;
Director: Rima Das

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MESSAGE FOR TODAY

The limits of my language means the limits of my world.

— LUDWIG WITTGENSTEIN

The Assam Tribune

Unpardonable error

One of the key benchmarks of the identity of any community is its language. In the history of Assam it is astonishing as to how many assaults have been made to baffle Assomya, the language of the Assamese people and indicator of their identity! One of the earliest assaults was attempted just after the annexation of Assam by the British, who brought with them lackeys from outside to help administer the newly conquered territory. Due to their machination for quite a few decades Bengali replaced Assomya as the official language of this region and it was not until 1871 that, thanks to the efforts of members of the nascent Assamese middle-class as also the Baptist missionaries, it was reinstated to its former status. Even the post-independence period there were academic assualts on the language with "scholars" of dubious reputations attempting to prove that Assomya was merely a patois of Bengali. It needed genuine linguists such as Dr. Grierson, Bankanta Kakati and Birinchi Kumar Barua to conclusively prove that Assomya had an independent identity of its own. The unique identity of this language had been enhanced by the intrusion of Mon-Khmer, Tibeto-Burman, Tai and other elements of the Indo-Chinese family of languages, which is not the case with most recognized Indian languages.

It is in such a context that the "error" committed by the publishing house, Oxford University Press, in defining the term "Assamese" in their Oxford Dictionary of English, Third Edition, 2010, is so unpardonable! As reported in the media, both the print as well as the internet editions of the Dictionary defined Assamese as "the indic language which is the official language of Assam, related to Bengali and spoken by around 23 million people, roughly half in Assam and half in Bangladesh." Such ignorance on the part of the compilers and editors of a reputed publishing house as OUP about a language which has a long and rich literary repertoire is absolutely unbelievable! This leads one to the logical assumption that the "error" is yet another deliberate attempt by vested interests to belittle one of the recognized languages of India, an extension of the "error" committed by the Unicode system of language recognition. It is heartening to note that a Guwahati-based journalist has started an online petition, which has been backed by thousands of people, demanding that the OUP correct the error. It is imperative that the publishing house not only retracts a definition which is insulting to the entire Assamese community, but also apologize to it for having hurt sentiments. The silence of organisations like the Asan Sahitya Sabha on this issue is deafening and they need to do their bit to get this unpardonable error rectified.

Population policy

Albeit quite late in the day, the State Assembly has done well to adopt the Population and Woman Empowerment Policy. A much-needed exercise against the backdrop of a long-prevalent high growth rate among the immigrant Muslim community which is leading to adverse socio-economic fallouts, this can go a long way in stabilizing the State's population at a sustainable level. Eleven districts witnessing an abnormally high population rate have been brought under special focus of the policy. All along successive governments had been maintaining an ostrich-like attitude over the immigrant Muslim community's high fertility rate for the fear of offending religious sentiments as well as upsetting vote banks. Such placating has to stop and the Government must step in with the right kind of interventions to prevent a possible unmanageable situation later on. As the high fertility rate among the immigrant Muslim populace is largely attributable to lack of education, ignorance and superstition, a multi-pronged approach is warranted. Along with sustained promotion of birth control, emphasis has to be accorded on the spread of education and healthcare among the backward community. Indeed, a long-term policy to put this marginalized community at par with others must have education, healthcare and woman empowerment at its core. Indeed, woman empowerment through enhanced access to education and healthcare holds the key to the success of the interventions sought to be made.

The State has added some one crore population in the past one decade or so – a high increase by any count. The adverse effects of a rapidly growing population – most of this segment bereft of access to the basics of health and education – hardly warrant any reiteration. Throttling human resource development apart, it is also subjecting the scarce natural resources and the fragile natural environment to enormous pressure. Also evident have been the adverse socio-economic fallouts in the form of growing tension and unrest triggered by an expanding population. Among the provisions in the population policy are incentives for parents with two or less children, and disincentives for persons with more than two children in matters of employment in the public sector.

The Assam Tribune

From THE PAST

Coal Industry And Govt. Reach Agreement

NEW DELHI, September 16: Agreement is understood to have been reached over the price of coal between the Government and the coal industry in the private sector at a meeting between the representatives of the two, held here today.

It has been decided that an increase of Rs 5 per tonne be given for coking coal supplied to the steel plants for all grades on a flat basis.

The meeting was attended by representatives of the joint working committee of the private coal industry and Sri H Lal, Steel Secretary.

Under the agreement, the new prices for the various grades of coking coal will be the respective pre-decontrol rates plus Rs 5 per tonne.

Since accord has been reached on the two issues of prices as well as joint sampling the private collieries are expected to resume loading coal for the steel plants with immediate effect.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1967

Looking back at Bofors case

■ Aswini Thakur

Ottavio Quattrochi was happy to regain his frozen millions from a London Bank getting undue favour from the Indian Government for obvious reasons of close friendship with the then high command of the party in power.

In the year 2003, Indian Government presented a good prima facie case before the High Court in London with the help of Crown Prosecution Service (CPS). Having heard the arguments of CPS for and against the Indian Government the London High Court passed the order freezing Quattrochi's two bank accounts at the London Bank. Quattrochi went on appeal before a three judge bench of the court of appeal at London.

The appellate court, after examining the facts and circumstances of the matter, unanimously upheld the initial order and kept Quattrochi's bank accounts in London based Swiss Bank in freeze.

Bofors case relates back to gun supply contract of 24.3.1986. The full name of the "Bofors" was M/S Krtongen Kemi Och Forvaltning AB, an FIR (First Information) was lodged in the year 1990. Leveling various charges including conspiracy, cheating and corruption etc pertaining to the Bofors gun deal of the year 1986.

Whether somebody, including Quattrochi and in particular political bosses are found guilty and ultimately sentenced to face substantial jail term is a separate matter but the main issue which is highly essential to focus is to regain confidence of the general public in the Criminal Justice dispensation system.

The investigating agency took as

essential to focus is to regain confidence of the general public in the Criminal Justice dispensation system. It will be highly costly and injurious if we allow the system to erode any further.

Would it be correct to say that CPI and other police officials and NIA did not have adequate say in the matter. It is their solemn duty to serve the state and the country as a whole with best of their ability, sincerity, integrity and honesty without fear and favour. What the Indian army, BSF, CRPF and intelligence agencies are doing at the freezing point of Himalayan border or at the international border of western Rajasthan deserts. Thousand of military and paramilitary personnel sacrifice their lives for protection of international borders and save us from dreaded terrorist attacks. Then why the CPI, Police, NIA and other investigating agencies could not save us from clutches of corrupt, antinational and unsavory politicians who siphoned off thousands of crores of taxpayers money. These agencies are required to be made accountable for their lapses in discharging their solemn official duties. Over all we may say that criminal justice delivery system has collapsed almost in entirety and people's faith in the system is eroding day by day.

The investigating agency took as many as 10 long years to file charge sheet against the company. Although charges against those companies along with M/s AB Bofors. In the year 2002, the special judge framed charges against all the accused named in the FIRs and Rajiv Gandhi (since dead) for conspiracy to commit offence of cheating and bribery under the Indian Penal code and also under the provisions of prevention of corruption Act (prevailing at the material time). At the same time the special judge framed charges against M/s Hinduja Brothers for committing offences of cheating, conspiracy and two other offences. Charges against M/s Hinduja Brothers were challenged at the High Court in a Criminal Revision Petition. The High Court at Delhi quashed all the charges pertaining

at the initial stage, an Indian Company M/s Hinduja Brothers based in London and another company namely M/s Svenska Inc. and A.E. Services were under CBI scanner and FIR were filed but charge sheet was filed against them without procuring sufficient authenticated materials against them.

However, a special judge, taking cognizance of the matter had framed

to corruption and bribery leveled against M/s Hinduja Brothers and completely exonerated Late Rajiv Gandhi on 04.02.2004.

One of the learned trial magistrates had expressed his anguish by passing an order as follows:

"That the relevant and material documents are not available in original and no copies duly authenticated in accordance with the Indian Evidence Act are available."

Meanwhile NDA Government lost power at the centre. Congress Party came to power again in the year 2004. Change of power means change of almost every existing administrative system at the highest levels. Diplomatic, bureaucratic or executive and law enforcing bosses are generally replaced by few "caged parrots" for political convenience.

In the year 2003 two bank accounts of M/s Hindujas were frozen. In the year 2005 same were defroze in a very "suspicous" manner and circumstances. To get Quattrochi off the hook the party in power in India tried their best with the help of the then Additional Solicitor Generals of India and managed an opinion not to move the Supreme Court of India against the order of the Delhi High Court which not only quashed the charges against M/s Hinduja Brothers but also exonerated Rajiv Gandhi (since dead) from all the charges leveled against him. Then additional Solicitor Generals Dutta and Pathak allegedly compromised with their official position. One dissuaded the CBI from moving the Supreme Court against the Delhi High Court order of quashing the charges against M/s Hinduja Brothers and Rajiv Gandhi (since dead) and another had travelled to London to persuade the crown prosecuting agency to move the London High Court for an order of defreezing the bank account of Ottavio Quattrochi.

Brazen cover ups and manipulations at the behest of political powers since 1997 still remain inexplicable. Former ambassador to Sweden (1984-88) narrated a complete account and chain of events of Bofors cases in his book titled as *Bofors: The Ambassador's Evidence*. The writer showed how the bureaucracy, the cabinet and the entire Governmental system were involved in subverting an important political scandal having national security risk with international ramifications.

The main accused Quattrochi had sent a message from Milan saying that "I am proud to be a friend of Gandhi family, but please leave the friendship alone".

Since 1986 to 1989 nothing tangible was done by the Government to bring the truth before the public. In the year 1990, yielding to the media pressure, an FIR was lodged in a police station without naming Quattrochi. In the year 1996-98 during the tenure of HD Devegowda and IK Gujral, warrant of arrest was issued against Quattrochi. Some concrete steps were initiated during 1998-2004 during the tenure of AB Vajpeyi. But between the period of 2004 to 2013 the Bofors case died down.

Neurasthenia

■ Chandana Choudhury Barua

he other day, while browsing through a publication, my attention was drawn to the above illness, which is termed as the disease of the affluent. Though the term was first introduced by George Beard in 1869, later on, it spread rapidly and by 1920, it was described as the fashionable disease. It was described as a disease in which the patient experienced severe fatigue. It was believed to be more common among the educated than the unskilled, and the cause was thought to be environmental - it was brought in by what are today regarded as stress factors such as emotional upset, bad experience and over work. The cure was said to be rest.

The main symptoms are identified as mental and/or physical fatigue, accompanied by atleast two of seven symptoms (dizziness, dyspepsia, muscular aches or pain, tension, headaches, inability to relax, irritability, and sleep disturbance). But for diagnosis of the illness, it must be a persistent symptom. Exclusion criteria include the presence of mood, panic, or generalized anxiety disorders.

The characteristic symptom of the disease is excessive physical and mental fatigue and muscle weakness. Mental symptoms may be insomnia, lack of concentration, depression, fear and irritability. It is not a disease of the poor, women and later on it became an area of psychiatry. It was first thought that the illness was due to a deficiency in nervous energy often found in businessmen or others exposed to the competition, luxuries and vices of modern society. Beard also felt it was more common among those with a more refined nervous system, including intellectuals and professionals. Initially though it was thought to be a fashionable disease of the upper classes, but later it spread downward through the social classes.

Elaine Showalter presents a feminist thesis on neurasthenia. She paints a picture of neurasthenia in which its female victims languished fatigued, often incapable of walking, on the chaise-longues of London and New York, and included few-known literary figures like Virginia Woolf, Charlotte Perkins Gilman and Alice James. According to her, it arose in women as a form of protest against their empty and unfulfilled lives. Some writers obviously saw it as a disease of professional and intellectual men, for example. However, there was also a view that women were more vulnerable owing to their weaker nervous systems.

Like hysteria, there has been an apparent diminution of the prevalence of neurasthenia to the point where it actually disappeared. Some writers have assumed the reality of this diminution and have attempted to explain it in various ways. Feminists have pointed to the emancipation of women and liberation of sexual attitudes as important in decreasing women's need to express themselves somatically. Within the medical profession the development of ideas about the unconscious and the increase in psychological treatments are postulated as a reason for the disappearance of disorders that were a physical expression of distress. Few opine that the decreased prevalence of neurasthenia as being due to a paradigm shift in medicine in which neurasthenic symptoms can come to be regarded as caused in the mind. However, it is possible that neurasthenia as a symptom complex never actually disappeared, but was simply relabelled as medical nosology (classification of disease) evolved.

The development of theories about psychogenic mechanisms began to take its toll on the notion of neurasthenia as a functional physical illness. In 1896, Freud removed anxiety neurosis from neurasthenia and in 1903 Janet introduced the term psychoanalysis, whose core was obsessive compulsive states. But neurasthenia remained stubbornly a "functional" disorder without any structural pathology. The victim is unable to recover through rest, relaxation or enjoyment. It may continue for 3 months or more.

Neurasthenia is still diagnosed in Oriental countries such as Hong Kong and Taiwan. In the west, however, fatigue is seen to be a symptom of some other disorder rather than a disease in its own right. It has been noted by some psychiatrists that what is currently known as chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS), bears a strong resemblance to what the Victorians called neurasthenia. CFS used to be termed "yuppie flu" because it was first identified as a problem experienced by those who were striving to climb the ladder of success and it often occurred after the person had a viral infection, such as flu. Chronic fatigue syndrome is now regarded as a better name on account of the symptoms.

Neurasthenia is also known as Primary Neurasthenia, Cardiac Neurosis,

Chronic Asthma, Da Costa's Syndrome, Effort Syndrome, Functional Cardiovascular Disease, Soldier's Heart, Subacute Asthenia. The cause of Neurasthenia remains unknown; however like most disorders, certain predisposing factors may play an important part, like heredity factors, occupation (high stress occupations), age (tends to occur between 20 and 35 years of age), and sex (predominantly seen in males). More recently, professionals and lay people in Japan have used neurasthenia as a "camouflage" to cover serious mental disorders, such as schizophrenia and related illnesses. This use makes the patient's role more socially acceptable and allows biologically focused Japanese psychiatric professionals to apply their treatments.

Neurasthenia in Japan is currently considered a curable physical condition without the stigma of a psychiatric diagnosis. The treatments of choice include plentiful rest, a peaceful environment, and time for a relatively gradual and prolonged recovery. Unfortunately, no well-designed studies have been conducted to assess the effectiveness of such supportive approaches compared to psychological or pharmacologic approaches. In *Traditional Chinese Medicine*, the etiology of neurasthenia is described as a decrease in vital energy (qi). Harmful factors to the patient's body, both exogenous and endogenous, reduce the functioning of the five internal organ systems ("wuzang"); heart, liver, spleen, lungs, kidneys), which leads to deficiency of vital energy (qi) and lower bodily resistance.

I chafe and fret under the raw deal fate has dealt me. I refer to my baldness. Okay the forehead is distinguished, but beyond it looms the massive rumparts of a bald head. When I go to the hair dresser he charges me an extra Re 5 itemized as "search" fee to try and locate that elusive strand of hair to snip, but the worst ignominy of it all, my grand children, forgetting the respect due to an elderly patriarch have dubbed me "Marblehead" and that rankles like a sore boil.

In a desperate bid to fend off my pursuers, I have even invoked the Biblical story – that of the wise but bald prophet Elisha who was mocked at by some misguided children and were rightly eaten by bears, but even the possibility of being on a bear's supper plate hasn't put off my tormentors. My spirits were miraculously revived when I read in the morning newspaper that an internationally renowned wig expert and hair fixer was in town and was available for confidential consultations and I let out a wild whoop of joy for a wig seemed just the answer for my top deck cosmetic affliction and I lost no time in making an appointment.

Next morning as I walked into the hotel lobby, it was as though I was

making an grand entry into the 52nd biennial convention of the National Association of Baldies. As far as the eyes could reach, there was a gaggle of bald heads and I felt at home.

My turn for consultations came at

last and I was afraid that the wig expert could accentuate my misery with

some devastating banter and persiflage over my bald cupola, but I could not

have been more wrong. He was kindness personified – it was obvious that he subscribed whole heartedly to the golden dictum that bald heads are more than coronets – as he enquired solicitously about my distressing affliction while his assistants hustled about taking measurements and studying the contours of my face (or "mug" in trade jingo). It was finally agreed that "Dev Anand a la deluxe" would best fit my "mug".

I was awkwardly fitted with one and sent out to face a jeering world. I have a consolation of sorts for at least now I have a "thatched" roof over my head.

Voices of the WEEK



Courtesy: THE HINDU

"The decision of the Centre will spark social unrest in the State and we will oppose granting of citizenship to them (Chakma and Hajong refugees)." — TOBOM DAI, general secretary, Arunachal Pradesh Students' Union

★ ★

"I have seen adverse reactions on my recent comment at the airport. It was entirely unintentional and nothing was meant seriously, I love the Indian Army." — ZUBEEN GARG, singer

★ ★

"After Gunotwas, we discussed having a similar programme to improve our hospitals.... we hope the drive will help us identify the gaps in our healthcare system and improve them." — HIMANTA BISWA SARMA, Health Minister, Assam

★ ★

"The illegal foreign immigrants will be strongly dealt with." — RAJNATH SINGH, Home Minister, India

★ ★

"Myanmar's crackdown on Rohingya Muslims marks the death of the Nobel Peace Prize." — AYATOLLAH ALI KHOMEINI, supreme leader, Iran on Rohingya genocide

★ ★

"Give more respect and space to regional languages and their speakers in a bid to make Hindi more popular across the country." — RAM NATH KOVIND, President, India on appealing to Hindi speakers

★ ★

"This is not the right time for bank mergers." — KISHOR KHARAT, CEO, Indian Bank

★ ★

"There should be more and more women employees in schools and school buses can also have women drivers so that there is more safety for students." — PRAKASH JAVADEKAR, Union HRD Minister

★ ★

"When I talk of culture, we are not talking of religion. Culture is a way of living while religion is a way of worship." — VENKAIAH NAIDU, Vice President, India

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"When earlier I talked about bullet train, they (Opposition) used to say it was a big talk, and now when it has come they are saying what is the need for it." — NARENDRA MODI, Prime Minister, India

The last word

S RAGHUNATH

A hairy tale

fiction and I lost no time in making an appointment.

Next morning as I walked into the hotel lobby, it was as though I was making a grand entry into the 52nd biennial convention of the National Association of Baldies. As far as the eyes could reach, there was a gaggle of bald heads and I felt at home.

My turn for consultations came at

last and I was afraid that the wig expert could accentuate my misery with

some devastating banter and persiflage over my bald cupola, but I could not

have been more wrong. He was kindness personified – it was obvious that he subscribed whole heartedly to the golden dictum that bald heads are more than coronets – as he enquired solicitously about my distressing affliction while his assistants hustled about taking measurements and studying the contours of my face (or "mug" in trade jingo). It was finally agreed that "Dev Anand a la deluxe" would best fit my "mug".

I was awkwardly fitted with one and sent out to face a jeering world. I have a consolation of sorts for at least now I have a "thatched" roof over my head.

Goalpara
scribes protest
Gauri Lankesh
killing
CORRESPONDENT

GOALPARA, Sept 16: The Goalpara District Journalists' Association (GDJA) expressing solidarity with other journalist associations across the country staged a one-hour sit-in demonstration from 12 to 1 pm in front of the Deputy Commissioner's office on Thursday.

Condemning the brazen and dastardly killing, the GDJA termed this as an attack on freedom of expression and attempt to throttle the voices of those who believe in democracy.

In a memorandum addressed to the Union Home Minister through the Deputy Commissioner, Goalpara, the GDJA demanded a high-level inquiry to investigate the killing of journalist Gauri Lankesh and immediately apprehend the perpetrators of the crime. The Association also demanded that the process of investigation be fast-tracked.

The GDJA further demanded that the State as well as the Central Government should enact Journalist Safety Laws to ensure protection and to prevent recurrence of such attacks in the future.

**NDFB(S) ultra held at Mazbat
CORRESPONDENT**

KALAGAON, Sept 16: Udaguri police apprehended Someswar Boro, a member of NDFB (S) at No. 2 Kadabhi village in Mazbat yesterday evening. The apprehended cadre is the son of Late Bony Boro of Gossagaro village under Goreswar police station in Baksa district.

**Encroachment alleged
CORRESPONDENT**

DIPHU, Sept 16: Worried citizens of Lohorjan locality, Karbi Anglong district have alleged that people from neighboring Nagaland are encroaching on forest and revenue land of this district in connivance with a section of Land and Revenue department and local public leaders. They have appealed to the Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council authority to visit the affected area.

They claimed that a resident of Dimapur town has encroached 500 acres of land near Lohorjan along Asian Highway-1 and is trying to register the plot in his name and the Settlement Office is well aware of the matter. They have appealed to the council authority to take proper action against the persons involved in selling of Karbi Anglong land illegally.

**Police drive against illegal practices
CORRESPONDENT**

MANGALDAI, Sept 16: With the coming of the festival season illegal gambling, lottery and teer are also on the rise in many parts of Darrang district including at Mangaldoi, Kharupeta, Dhubia etc, and simultaneously the Darrang Police has also intensified drives against these illegal practices.

In one such drive on Thursday night, police from Dhubia Police Station led by Amrit Kr Hajai, DSP (Probationary) raided the house and campus of one Omar Ali in Keotchuba near Kharupeta and seized a huge quantity of documents including ticket receipt books and cash amounting to more than Rs 1.66 lakh. Three persons have been apprehended in this connection. However, the prime accused Omar Ali is still absconding.

OBITUARY

**Kamala Puzari
CORRESPONDENT**

DOOMDOOMA, Sept 16: Kamala Puzari, a pious and popular lady of Lachit Nagar of Rupai Siding near here breathed her last at her own residence on Thursday morning. She was 87. She leaves behind three sons and a daughter along with a host of relatives. Her death was widely mourned in the area.



Children taking out a cultural rally during the golden jubilee celebration of Kushal Konwar Balya Bhawan School, at Golaghat on Friday. — UB Photos

Dikom Tea Estate disburses bonus digitally

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

DIBURGARH, Sept 16: Payment of annual bonus to the tea garden workers is one of the most important events in the tea garden with lots of expectations and excitement. Traditionally, for centuries, this was being paid in cash to the workers, who immediately after getting the cash, fall prey to the local vendors or repaying to the moneylenders and as such they are left as empty-handed as before. Gambling, consuming liquor and other anti-social activities are also major ill effects of cash bonus.

With the aim of eliminating the vices that workers go through, this year the management of Dikom TE decided to pay the bonus to the workers through online where all the money was deposited in the individual accounts of the workers. The tea estate is perhaps the only garden which has doled out the bonus digitally. The garden management had opened bank accounts of cent per cent workers of the estate. However, transferring of Rs 1.5 crore to individual accounts was a big challenge. This idea of online payment to individual workers by the garden management was appreciated by the garden ACMS offi-

Seminar on sports journalism

CORRESPONDENT

KALAGAON, Sept 16: A day-long seminar on sports journalism was held at the conference hall of the office of the SDO (Civil), Bheraon subdivision yesterday. The seminar titled, 'Sports Journalism as a Medium for Skill Development for the Human Resources of Assam' was organised by the Assam Sports Journalists' Association in collaboration with State Level Advisory Committee (Students and Youth Welfare), Government of Assam and in association with Bhergaon civil Administration and Bhergaon Press Club.

The seminar was meant for students who are interested in sports journalism and for the creation of a sporting atmosphere in the society for promotion of sports and health care in villages. On-the-spot sports news writing competition marked the beginning of the seminar, which was inaugurated by DN Hazarika, SDO (Civil), Bhergaon subdivision at 9:30 am followed by the seminar on sports journalism.

Swapanali Barua, Commissioner, Sports & Youth Welfare and Industries of Assam (retired) inaugurated the seminar at 10:30 am. Thanking the organisers for arrangement of the seminar in rural Bhergaon area, he said that sports journalism could play a vital role in motivating students to choose sports journalism as a career in life and to find hidden sport talents in the villages.

The seminar was also addressed by Subodh Malla Barua, president, All India Sports Journalist Federation; Pratima Hazarika of DD Sports; Palitra Gogoi of *The Assam Tribune* and noted photographer Samsul Huda Patgiri.

Injured elephant calf at ICU of CWRC

CORRESPONDENT

KAZIRANGA, Sept 16: An elephant calf, which suddenly fell down into a narrow drain at Mikirian in a tea garden at Behora near Kaziranga National Park and rescued by its own mother, is now under the treatment of Centre for Wildlife Rehabilitation and Conservation (CWRC) under Wildlife Trust of India at Borjuri here.

According to Dr Samual Haque, attending veterinarian, even though the elephant calf was initially rescued by the mother elephant, but later in the

evening it again fell down, only from Corbett Foundation felt that there is a need for meaningful talks between the officials of tea gardens and Forest Department to find out a solution to minimise the tragedy. Dr Pandey added that often the calves suffered more in many of the cases and, in some cases, the nature of the injuries remained fatal. He said that already the elephant corridors in the nation remained very fragmented, therefore the Government must initiate steps to keep the existing elephant corridors intact even if these corridors were inside the tea estates.

The calf was then immediately brought to the CWRC and put under ICU treatment, said Dr Haque. But now the calf is showing a sign of slight improvement although it is not out of danger.

While talking about the problems being faced by elephant calves in tea gardens because of the existence of drainage system at the very corridors intact even if these corridors were inside the tea estates.

Jaluguti HS School, Speaking on the occasion, Sanghamitra Bhagawati, Circle Officer, Morigaon Revenue Circle dwelt at length on the modulus operandi of Disaster Risk Management in Morigaon areas.

SILCHAR: The District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Cachar in association with the Assam State Disaster Management Authority and local NGOs organised a zero-casualty campaign across 136 gaon panchayats under Cachar district on Friday.

In one such emergency exercise at the Bhorakha High School adjacent to Silcoorie area under Cachar district, Deputy Commissioner Dr S Laxman shared his personal experiences of dealing with disaster situation. "We must not panic during earthquakes and such drilling sessions will give the know-how to the students to avert massive effects during emergencies," Dr Laxman maintained.

Project Officer of District Disaster

Management Authority Cachar Shamin Ahmed Laskar thanked the students for turning up in large numbers to take part in the emergency drill.

Meanwhile, in another such emergency exercise at Nehru High School in Singari Basti, as many as 150 anganwadi workers alleged that they were denied training services for which they were asked to join the venue.

DHEMAJI: Along with rest of the State, the District Disaster Management Authority, Dhemaji in collabora-

tors, the Puranmati Tea estate at Tiliakon on the outskirts here, has been attached for default of dues amounting to the tune of Rs 28.56 lakh.

He said that the garden, owned by Puranmati Plantation Private Limited, Guwahati, has failed to deposit PF (both workers' and management's shares) along with Deposit-Linked Insurance and administrative cost fees to AT-EPFO, which too are required to be deposited with the Government for a period of five years.

After the Government attaches property of a defaulting company, then the said company cannot sell or transfer or lease out any immovable property owned by it to any other party or organisation.

Assistant PF Commissioner-cum-Recovery Officer (AT-EPFO), Jorhat zonal officer Someswar Barhoi told this correspondent that as per the direction from the headquar-

ters, the order have been hung up at different areas of the estate to make the order visible to all.

Barhoi said that during the attachment period, the day-to-day business activity of the garden could continue.

He said that the attachment is carried out for violation of provisions of the Assam Tea Plantation Provident Fund Scheme Act, 1955, after a company fails to deposit its dues despite serving of several reminders and a deadline by the Government.

He said in the case of Puranmati, the first 'notice of demand' was served to the estate to pay the dues on June 13 this year.

The total area of Puranmati garden is 554 bighas and 16 lechas.

PF office attaches Puranmati TE

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

JORHAT, Sept 16: The Assam Tea Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (AT-EPFO), under the State Labour Department, has attached a tea garden in Jorhat district for default in deposit of provident fund and other allied dues to the Government for a period of five years.

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Artisan bid to promote eco-friendly Durga idols



Artisan Pradip Ghosh giving finishing touches to his Durga idol. — Photo: Dhurbi Correspondent

CORRESPONDENT

DHUBRI, Sept 16: The effort of this idol maker teaching us to promote eco-friendly idols made out of different kinds of unused materials every year and his exercise simply seems to be unstoppable.

Like every year this year too, Pradip Ghosh has come up with a unique idea of making a Durga idol out of unused materials that is environment-friendly. This year Ghosh will be displaying his six-foot-tall Durga idol made out of sugarcane waste in the Raja Prabhat Chandra Baru-

to me, which they happily did. And from those waste materials, the idol of Goddess Durga has been made."

The motive of this 42-year-old private tutor behind making idols out of waste materials is to promote the use of eco-friendly products while celebrating festivals and for decorative purpose. While talking to this correspondent, Gosh said,

"If waste materials could be used for a purpose, why give the environment an extra burden." He also said that using waste materials for different purpose is not only cheap but is also very attractive.

Probe to be ordered in new-born exchange case

CORRESPONDENT

BONGAIGAON, Sept 16:

The Superintendent of Bonigaon Civil Hospital has decided to initiate a probe against the nurses who had allegedly handed over a new-born baby to different parents on Thursday night.

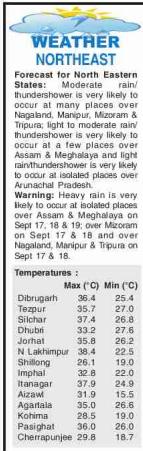
Susurni Samanta (25), a resident of Bangalbari in Chirang district, had delivered a baby boy on Thursday at the Bonigaon Civil Hospital, Sahita Sarkar (23), a woman of Manipur area in Bonigaon district, had also delivered a baby boy at the Manipur Health Centre on Thursday morning.

Considering the health condition of the baby, he was admitted to the Bonigaon Civil Hospital. Both the babies were kept at the ICU under the supervision of nurses and mothers were kept separated.

On Friday night, doctors advised Sabita's family to take their baby to the Barpeta Medical College for better care and handed over to them a newborn. Sabita's family left the hospital with the baby. Later, when Susurni's family wanted to see the baby, then the nurses could sense the mistake and called back Sabita's family and received the baby, which was of Susurni. Later, they informed the mistake to Susurni's family.



NDRF personnel taking part in an emergency drill during a disaster management exercise at Bhorakha High School, in Silchar on Friday. — Photo: Silchar Correspondent

**ASI circle office inaugurated**

AIZAWL, Sept 16: Union Minister of State for Culture Dr Mahesh Sharma today inaugurated a Circle office of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) here. Sharma expressed the hope that the ASI Circle office would be instrumental in the works done by the ASI in the Northeastern region.

Mizoram Governor Lt Gen Nirbhay Sharma (retd) said the nation should learn its roots and the contributions of the ASI in this regard was enormous. -PTI

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The Executive Engineer, Dibrugarh Rural Road Division invites bid from approved and eligible contractor registered with Public Works Department (Roads). Assam for execution of the work " Construction of rodyati MTB Deiguri to Gheria (Hatiwal Chawk) Phase-II in Dibrugarh Rural Road Division (RRD)" under PWD (SC) for the year 2014-15 for a total amount of Rs. 36,931.00 (Rupees thirty six lakhs nine thousand three hundred thirty one) only.

Details may be seen at the website <http://assamtenders.gov.in> and also in the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/-Executive Engineer, PWRD
Dibrugarh Rural Road Division
Dibrugarh

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Centre flayed for granting citizenship to Chakmas, Hajongs

CORRESPONDENT

ITANAGAR, Sept 16: In the wake of Centre's reported decision to grant citizenship to Chakma and Hajong refugees in the State, said the Congress never granted citizenship to the refugees.

"During 1964, the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi gave temporary settlement to the Chakmas and Hajongs who were displaced from Bangladesh (erstwhile East Pakistan), on humanitarian grounds but there is no written document of the Indira-Mujib pact as alleged by Riju," he said.

Sanjay added that in 1964, Arunachal Pradesh Government today asked the opposition Congress to stop politicising the Chakma-Hajong refugee issue and to work together for a logical solution.

He also criticised the State Government for failing to circulate the minutes of the all-party meeting on Chakma and Hajong issue even after two months.

On the other hand, the All Arunachal Pradesh Students' Union while voicing to fight against any move of grant-

ing of citizenship to Chakma and Hajong in Arunachal tooth and nail, said that the AAPSU, which has been spearheading the movement on refugee issue since last many decades, will not bow down in any case for the welfare of indigenous people of the State.

AAPSU general secretary Tobom Dai said: "Such a decision is going to adversely affect the rights of the indigenous people."

PTI adds: Meanwhile, Arunachal Pradesh Government today asked the opposition Congress to stop politicising the Chakma-Hajong refugee issue and to work together for a logical solution.

"It is time that all political parties should join hands for a solution to the vexed issue," State Government spokesman Passang Dorjee Sonal told a press conference. He also urged the Congress to work with the State Government for a result instead of giving the issue a political colour.

The government had earlier filed a Special Leave Petition in the Supreme Court and another SLP filed by the AAPSU was pending in the court," he said.

A question to the Tibetan Refugee Rehabilitation Policy, Sonal said the State Government has made it clear to the Union Home Ministry that the policy would be implemented but the interest of the indigenous people should not be hampered.

"The government will provide the basic facilities to the Tibetans living in the State in their respective settlements on humanitarian ground which will not affect the indigenous population at any cost," he added.

Acharya sends birthday wishes to Modi

CORRESPONDENT

ITANAGAR, Sept 16: Arunachal Pradesh Governor PB Achary has conveyed his greetings to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his birthday.

In his message, the Governor said that under Modi's visionary leadership, the State is striving hard to transform the nation into "New India" – free from poverty, corruption, casteism, communalism and terrorism.

"We have come a long way since May 2014 when you took over as Prime Minister. Progress across various sectors have prepared track for 'Bull Train' to Dream New India," the Governor said.

He was reacting to BPL leaders' claim recently that it would resolve the ongoing NBT ban on coal mining in Meghalaya with a span of six to eight months if elected to power in 2018.

The State Government had taken up with

Sangma slams Centre on coal mining ban issue

CORRESPONDENT

SHILLONG, Sept 16: Meghalaya Chief Minister Mukul Sangma on Friday slammed the BJP-led NDA Government for the alleged delay in examining the State Government's proposal to resolve the National Green Tribunal ban on coal mining. The CM also warned the people of the State about a "misinformation campaign" on the issue.

"What prevents the BJP Government from further examining this or they intentionally blocking it... That means they are conniving to deprive our people from the benefit of the provision of the Constitution," he said.

The members of the Committee's Office (PMO) also include secretaries of Ministries of Coal, Mines, Environment and chief secretary of Meghalaya. He said a number of meetings had taken place and that the State Government was sincere in this regard. - PTI

No power shortage during puja: Tripura Minister

CORRESPONDENT

AGARTALA, Sept 16: During Durga puja there will be no power shortage in the State as Tripura State Electricity Corporation Ltd (TSECL) has decided to arrange for 300 MW power, said Power Minister Manik Dey. During puja days, the State will require 450 MW power according to an estimate prepared by TSECL.

"Of the total power requirement, the State will need 300 MW for own consumption while 150 MW will go to Bangladesh", he said while speaking to the media in the Civil Secretariat here on Saturday.

Normally, Bangladesh receives 160 MW power from the State but during puja days, the neighbouring country will get 150 MW and decision has already been communicated to the appropriate authority.

The State will draw 135 MW from Palatana power plant while 85 MW will come from Central sector and Mancharak will supply 95 MW.

Besides, State's own power generation will also be available during the puja. "If additional power is required, TSECL will buy power from different Central PSUs even at extra charge to ensure uninterrupted power supply during the festival", he said.



Manipur Forest Minister Th Shyamkumar inaugurating World Ozone Day function in Imphal on Saturday. — Correspondent

Nagaland to implement DBT scheme

CORRESPONDENT

DIMAPUR, Sept 16: Nagaland will start implementing the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) scheme under MGNREGA from the current financial year.

Rural Development Secretary Kelei Zeling, in a release, said the wages of MGNREGA workers would be directly credited to the individual accounts of the job-card holders who have actually carried out the works on the basis of Rs 177 per day as daily wage through National Electronic Fund Management System (NEFMS)-Public Financial Management System (PFMS). This would ensure transparency and check corruption at all levels, he added.

To avail the benefit, Kelei said every jobcard holder must have a bank account duly linked with Aadhar, unlike the present practice where wages of MGNREGA workers are paid by cash through the VBDS. He said in the new system "no cash payment would be possible."

Kelei also informed that if any jobcard holder needs employment, he/she must ask for work from their respective BDOs, who have been designated as PO, MGNREGA.

Every job seeker will be given employment within 15 days. On being provided employment and measurement of work carried out thereon, muster rolls will be filled and uploaded in the NREGA-Soft MIS," he added. The concerned PO will prepare the bills, digitally sign them and generate Fund Transfer Order (FTO).

Once FTO is generated, Kelei said, it would directly go to the Program Division of Ministry of Rural Development (New Delhi), which will then sanction and transfer wage amount straight to the workers account through PFMS.

REGA workers are paid by cash through the VBDS. He said in the new system "no cash payment would be possible."

Kelei also informed that if any jobcard holder needs employment, he/she must ask for work from their respective BDOs, who have been designated as PO, MGNREGA.

He further informed that the jobcard holders, interested to work at the rate of Rs 177 per day as their wage, may demand works from the concerned BDOs so that they would be provided works within 15 days.

The Secretary has therefore directed all the BDOs and junior engineers/OSOs to remain in their respective station and assist the jobcard holders.

Presently, 46,894 active MGNREGA workers in the State have opened their bank accounts linked with Aadhar and are ready for DBT. A total of 1.79 lakh MGNREGA workers have been verified with Aadhar and are in the process of opening their bank accounts.

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Slippages to be 'under control' in coming qtrs: SBI

KOLKATA, Sept 16: India's largest lender, the State Bank of India (SBI), is expecting that slippages will be "under control" in the coming quarters, an official said here today. "The fresh slippages have started tapering off and going forward, the slippages would be under control," SBI Managing Director (National Banking Group) Rajnish Kumar said on the sidelines of Banking Colloquium organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).

He noted that the cost of credit in large- and mid-corporate segments was high as compared to credit cost in the retail portfolio.

"In the retail portfolio, the credit cost is not high but in corporate and mid-corporate segments, the same is high as the level of non-performing assets (NPAs) is high in the segment and the bank has to make provisions for stressed assets," he added.

Rajnish Kumar said that cost of lending would be high with the provisioning cost of 2.4 per cent which needed to be brought down.

Stressing on the need for improving earnings to make higher provisioning, he said the gross NPAs went up after the merger of associate banks with the SBI.

The lender is projecting a credit growth of 6-8 per cent in the current fiscal, he added.

Kumar said the lender took a host of measures apart from the National Company Law Tribunal process to address the problem of NPAs.

"The provision coverage ratio is over 60 per cent and going forward, it may be required to increase by 600-700 basis points (6-7 per cent)," he added. — IANS



State Bank of India

No further extension in GST returns filing: Govt

BENGALURU, Sept 16: The government today ruled out further extension in filing of returns under the goods and services tax (GST) regime after December and advised taxpayers to file them in advance and not wait for the last day.

"We have kept long deadlines for GST filing. For at least six months, the taxpayers have to file their own assessment. There will be no extension later," Union Revenue Secretary Harshvardhan Adhia told reporters here after the first meeting of the Group of Ministers (GoM) that was formed to tackle the IT-related glitches in the GST Network (GSTN).

The GST Council has allowed businesses to file GST-3B, which is a self-assessment of their sales and purchases, till December.

"Initial inputs are there but no mass-scale failure. Initial issues need to be sorted out. We have decided a plan of action. The attempt was to work around the difficulties to eliminate problems, leading to better understanding of all stakeholders," he added.

"As there are only four days left for filing the returns under 3B for August, I appeal to all the registered taxpayers to file their summary returns under 3B at the earliest and not wait till the last date (September 20)," he said. — IANS

As decided in the last GST Council meeting on September 9 in Hyderabad, returns for July have to be filed by October 10 under GSTR1, by October 31 under GSTR2 and by November 10 under GSTR3.

"The deadline for filing of returns under GSTR3B, which is a self-assessment of summary returns will be the 20th of the next month. We have already extended the period for GSTR3B by six months. People have to file the returns by then (six months). There is not going to be any extension of time for GSTR3B," said Adhia.

Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Sushil Kumar Modi, who heads the GoM as its convener, said though 47 lakh traders/dealers have filed returns under GSTR3B as of now, the number for August was only 3.05 lakh till date.

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HPCL plans Rs 7,110-cr investment in FY18

MUMBAI, Sept 16: State-owned oil marketer HPCL has drawn up investment plans of Rs 7,110 crore for business growth in the current fiscal.

The company which is being merged with exploration giant ONGC, has also planned capex of Rs 61,000 crore for capacity expansion over the next five years. While the capex stood at Rs 5,860 crore in the last fiscal, it is expected to be Rs 7,110 crore this financial year.

"With a huge potential of growth amidst rising energy demand and due to low per capita consumption base, the oil and gas sector is poised for an exciting and challenging future," HPCL Chairman and Managing Director MK Surana told reporters here posing the company's annual general meeting.

"We are adapting to this changing energy mix and are well positioned to create value for all the stakeholders in the future with a capex of over Rs 61,000 crore over the next five years," he added.

On ONGC acquiring HPCL, Surana said the government has formed an advisory panel which would decide the valuation (share price) for acquisition.

On HPCL taking over

MRPL post-acquisition by ONGC, Surana said a discussion on the issue has not taken place yet but "it is a reasonable possibility that MRPL will go along with HPCL". — PTI

BORDER ROADS ORGANISATION CHIEF ENGINEER, PROJECT BRAHMANKA, C/O 99 APO

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING)

1. Chief Engineer (Project) Brahmank, PIN-931272, C/o 99 APO, on behalf of President of India invites tender from the eligible contractors for the under mentioned works:

Particulars of work : "SURVEY INVESTIGATION AND PREPARATION TO DETAILED PROJECT REPORT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD ALONG-YINGKONG FROM KM 65.00 TO KM 118.800 FROM EXISTING CL-09 (EXCLUDING SPURS) ONATIONS ROAD UNDER PROJECT BRAHMANK IN ARUNACHAL PRADESH STATE"

Estimated Cost/ Time of work

- (a) Cost : Rs. 42.94 Lacs
- (b) Period of Completion : 240 days
- (c) Earnest Money : Rs. 85,900/-
- Details of tender documents :**
- (a) NIT No.: 80228/BMK/19/2017-18/E8
- (b) Cost of Tender : Rs. 2000.00
- (c) Availability : On or after 17 Sep. 2017
- (d) Submission : Upto 1100 hrs on 08 Oct. 2017.

Note: Bidder should enclose application form, tender document, bidding eligibility certificate and other details may be obtained from the website www.bro.gov.in (only for reference) or e-tendering portal of <http://eprocure.gov.in>.

For any queries, please contact AS/Dir Contract of Project Brahmank at 0368-2222147/17 during office hours.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)

The Office of the Mission Director, National Health Mission, Assam invites bid for the works under NHM in single bid system (in F2 form) affixing court fee stamp of Rs 8.25 (Rupees Eight and Twenty Five Paisa) only for the works as detailed below:

SI No	Name of the Health Institution with District	Value of work (in Rs.)	Bid Security (in Rs.)	Cost of Bid Document (in Rs.)	Period of Completion (From the date of issue of work order)
Name of work—"Repair and Renovation NCD-Cell at DCH/Jt.DHS office complex in different District of Assam under NHM"					
1	At District Civil Hospital in Dhemaji District	Rs.25,00,000	Rs.12,500.00	2000.00	2 (Two) months
Name of work—"Repair and Renovation NCD- Clinic at District Civil Hospital in different District of Assam under NHM"					
1	At District Civil Hospital in Dhemaji District	Rs. 2,50,000.00	Rs.12,500.00	2000.00	2 (Two) months

1. Eligibility Criteria:-

(a) Registered APWD, (Bldg. Class I-A, B, C/Class-II /CPWD Contractors /Reputed Const. Company/ Agency registered under Govt./ Public sector undertaking.

(b) Contractors having at least one similar nature of completed work valued at not less than 80% of the proposed project value last three years.

(c) The Contractor having PAN Card/GST Registration/ Labour/Licence/ registration under EPF and MP ACT/1952 etc, are **ELIGIBLE** to participate in the bid process.

(d) In case the evaluated bid amounts are equal, preference for allotment of the project will be given to the bidder who has completed Building works under NHM on earlier occasion.

(e) The intended bidders are asked to verify the site for the work prior to quoting their rates.

(f) The intending bidders or their authorized representatives are to be present at the time of opening of Bids. Otherwise the bids will be opened in their absence and no claim will be entertained in future.

2. Conditions of award:- The bid will be drawn in favour of State Health Society, Assam, payable at Guwahati in the form of Pay Order/Demand Draft.

3. Bid security with a validity of 225 (i.e. 180+45) days should be in the form of TDR/FDR/CDR and drawn in favour of the **State Health Society, Assam**, payable at Guwahati.

4. Date of receipt of application along with cost of tender document and copies of documents as per eligibility criteria mentioned at SI 1-A, (b) & (c) will be considered valid.

5. Date for issuing of Bid Document : **22-09-2017 up to 17-00 Hrs.**

6. Last date and time of submission of Bid : **25-09-2017 at 14.00 Hrs.**

a) If the bids will be opened at 15.30 hrs. of the same days as mentioned above, the sequence will be held in the next working day.

b) In case if any Bandh/Holiday falls in any sequence, the sequence will be held in the next working day.

c) Interested Bidder may contact the Office of the Mission Director for location of work and any other details of the project Bid during working hours.

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NGT takes exception to encroachments ...

(Contd from page 1) does not appear to be outside the 'Deepor Beel' as contended by the State respondents."

In a significant observation, the NGT Bench said in its order, "On a visit of the waterbody by one of us (Justice SP Wangdi) in August, 2017, it was noticed that the MSW dumping site does not fall beyond the water body but within it on the eastern side falling along the highway leading to the airport."

Moreover, rampant encroachments of the water body by various constructions, which were either industrial establishments or hotels of varying sizes or residential buildings, etc., were also noticed during the visit.

At many places, wall-like structures were found penetrating into the lake as demarcation of various sites for future constructions, says the order.

The NGT Bench has said that the above position raises serious questions as to whether the demarcation of the Deepor Beel has been carried out correctly and whether the apparently illegal constructions were taken into consideration while carrying out the work of demarcation.

It has maintained that a railway track has cut across a por-

tion of the Deepor Beel, which is said to be an elephant corridor. It has also wondered as to what would be the alternative to the existing MSW dumping ground in the wetland.

It has further maintained that it is not convinced with the submission of the NF Railway (Respondent No. 8) that it was not possible to construct an over-bridge in the stretch where the railway track has passed near the Deepor Beel due to the geographical location of the area.

Limited ...

(Contd from page 1) been staying in Arunachal Pradesh since 1964 and the Supreme Court has ordered in favour of granting citizenship to the refugees. The Arunachal Pradesh government has been able to protect the rights of its indigenous people by pressing the Government of India to grant only limited citizenship to the Chakma and Hajong refugees.

Taking a jibe at the Government of Assam, he said that the same BJP government is in power in Assam, Arunachal Pradesh and at the Centre, but due to the lack of courage in the State BJP leadership here, the Hindu Bangladeshis are being imposed upon Assam, totally against the will of the common people.

"Had the political leadership in Assam shown the same courage as the Arunachali leadership, the situation here would have been different," he added.

Hazarika argued that one lakh Chakma and Hajong refugees would add up to the already existing 80 lakh illegal Bangladeshi migrants, posing a serious threat to the existence of the indigenous people of Assam, which has already been threatened by the large-scale cross border influx.

The State government's silence on the entire issue was also questioned, as Assam is unprepared to face the impending migration of new refugees.

"We needlessly blame the Central government, whereas the responsibility lies on our State leadership. They must take immediate steps to protect the indigenous people by reserving land, government employment, etc., only for those who were citizens of India and residents of Assam in 1951 and their progeny," he added.

Sonowal ...

(Contd from page 1) investment before the upcoming mega Global Investment Summit to be held in the State in February.

Sonowal urged Prahlub to pump in more resources for value addition to agricultural and horticultural products in the State. He also asked help from the Union Minister to infuse dynamism in Teckla Tea Research Institute at Jorhat.

Acknowledging the huge potential of Assam, Prahlub reportedly informed Sonowal that his ministry would organise a national seminar to focus the inherent strengths of the State.

Earlier, the Chief Minister inaugurated the Northeast Students and Youth Summit 2017, 'Arunodoi', an Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts (IGNCA) here this morning.

**Notice under Section 54 of the Electricity Act, 2003
(Central Act XXXVI of 2003)**

*Information to be furnished regarding temporary electrical installation done for holding Public functions on occasions like Paja, Bihu, Show, Movie, Fair, Exhibition etc in which 100 or more persons are ordinarily likely to be assembled. The information, as herein, can be furnished by the Organizing Committee/Body/Authority to the Electrical Inspector and the Distr Magistrate and the Local Police Station before days of commencement of supply of electric power or of electric power in the installation, whichever is earlier to ensure Public Safety." *Please duly format additional page(s) to cover at the following details without loss of information/ data, if needed:

1. Purpose of the temporary electrical installation.

2. Name of the Organizing Committee/Body/Authority.

3. Full Address of the Organizing Committee/Body/Authority.

4. Location of the installation.

5. Name of Police Station having jurisdiction over the installation.

6. Name of the Secretary of the Organizing Committee/Body/Authority with contact Mobile Phone No.

7. (a) Name of the Electrical Sub-Division of APDCL or Supplier of Electricity concerning electric power supply connection to the installation.

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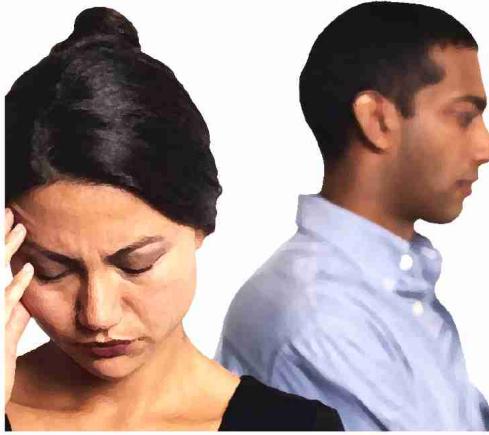
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When friends matter...

Friends can make your marital conflicts less stressful, says a study

Marital conflicts can take a toll on your health, but having even a few close friends and family members to turn to can help reduce the stress associated with such conflicts, new research suggests.

Social networks may help provide protection against health problems brought about by ordinary tension between spouses, said the study published online in the journal *Social Psychological and Personality Science*.

"We found that having a satisfying social network buffers spouses from the harmful physiological effects of everyday marital conflicts," said Lisa Neff, Associate Professor at the University of Texas at Austin in the US.

"Maintaining a few good friends is important to weathering the storms of your marriage," Neff said.

The research looked at 105 newlywed couples who kept daily records of marital conflict in their home environment and completed questionnaires about the number, quality and characteristics of their connections

with friends and family.

In addition, the couples participating in the study collected morning and evening saliva samples for cortisol testing every day for six days.

Cortisol levels over the course of the day are a measure of the stress response.

The overall number of friends and family members that study participants reported having did not appear to affect couples' ability to handle conflicts nearly as much as the quality of those outside relationships.

The researchers found that people reported having even a few close friends or family members to talk to outside of their marriage experienced lower levels of stress when marital conflicts arose.

"Even everyday conflict takes a toll on people psychologically," Neff said.

"But we found that the association between marital conflict and cortisol responses completely disappears when people are happy and satisfied with their available social network," Neff added. — IANS

Know your DAY

By JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! for Sunday, Sept. 17, 2017:

This year you prefer to share less and listen more. You will do a lot of processing on your own. Speak more frequently with a confidant who can present different perspectives. You are unusually tight with money, but don't count on this luck holding forever. If you are single, you enjoy the company of others well. But you have a desire to be alone, to be lost in your thoughts, to be plowing in. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy your passionate time away from others. You love these times together. LEO might be flaky, but you know where he or she is coming from.

The Star Show that Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

***** You want to have your creative input. The number of conversations you have around you indicate how much you have to offer. Enjoy the attention and interest. You might surprise yourself with a spontaneous desire to take a risk. Tonight: Let the fun go on and on.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** Remain secure, despite a difficult talk involving a close friend. You realize that this person does not see the situation the same way you do. Your intuition helps you to clear out your to-do's more quickly. Make special time for a loved one. Tonight: You gain a deep, intense perspective.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

***** Keep your mind with the full expectation that you will be here. Caring evolves. Others respond to you. A child might even reach out. The unexpected marks a friendship or a get-together. Take the impulsiveness as it is intended to be. Tonight: Let the fun go on.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

***** You are a bit of a show-off. You are being presented by friends and family members. Be sure to let them know if need be, in order to tap into the creativity of others. Use the moment to the max. A friend might opt to create some chaos. Find out what is going on with this person. Tonight: Live life to the fullest.

LION (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** You feel energized and magnetic. You have noticed how important you are to others. This trend will continue throughout the day. You might feel the need for constant approval. Be aware of this drive and how it could cause a problem. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** Friends surround you and make a major difference in how you carry out this day. You could be convinced to play ball with friends, or head to the movies. Make most of the moment, and enjoy being out with others. You are lucky once more. Tonight: As you like it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** You are a force to be dealt with. Today, others acknowledge your own way. Go within yourself to find answers, but know that you will hear solutions from others as well. Invite an older friend or relative to have dinner with you. Tonight: Could be another late one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Reach out to a loved one at a distance. You often enjoy your chats with the person. You might feel the desire to get together soon. Why not? Start planning to meet halfway. A child could be full of surprises, which will delight you to no end. Tonight: Opt for a novel experience.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** One-on-one relating relieves and allows greater give-and-take. You might need to contact a key person and catch up on news. At the same time, you strengthen your friendship. Caring can solidify a bond more than you realize. Tonight: Have a fun dinner with close friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Your instincts are to cause no hassles. Being docile and quiet is a good idea. You are not the type to speak much. Find a different way to avoid conflict. You could state your feelings and point out others' feelings, yet still opt to go your own way. Tonight: Say "yes."

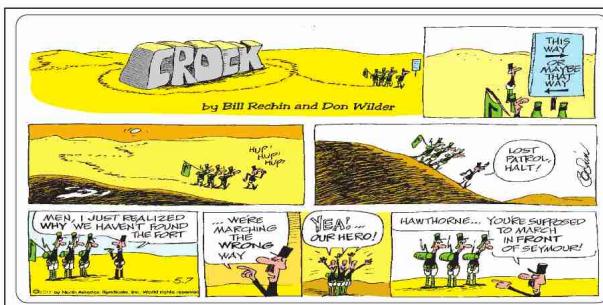
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** You like the friendly nature of the people who surround you at the moment. You could find it nearly impossible to say "no" to others. Before you know it, a loved one becomes part of your plans for the day. Be careful with any financial commitments. Tonight: Schedule a massage.

Thought for the day

We hear the Secretary of State boasting of his brinkmanship – the art of bringing us to the edge of the abyss.

— ADLAI STEVENSON





A private plane flipped by Hurricane Irma lies in a parking area of Cyril E King Airport more than a week after the storm pounded the Caribbean, in Charlotte Amalie, St Thomas, US Virgin Islands on Friday. – PTI

Opposed to US nuke weapons on Korean peninsula: China

BEIJING, Sept 16: China said it was opposed to any deployment of nuclear weapons by Japan and South Korea in response to North Korea's repeated missile tests and quest for a military "equilibrium" with the US.

China's ambassador to the US, Cui Tiankai, said the potential spread of nuclear weapons would not bring security to the highly-tensed region.

"It could only make things much worse. We are certainly opposed to the existence of nuclear weapons anywhere on the Korean peninsula... Anywhere," the Hong-Kong based South China Morning Post quoted Cui

as having told reporters in Washington yesterday.

The comments came on a day North Korea launched its

"The potential spread of nuclear weapons would not bring security to the highly-tensed region"

second intermediate-range missile over the Japanese peninsula in less than a month. The missile test was the first after Pyongyang tested its sixth and largest nuclear de-

vice on September 3.

Experts assessing the data now increasingly believe the latest nuclear test by North Korea to be a hydro- gen bomb.

The North Korean state media said the reclusive nation's aim was to seek an "equilibrium" of military force with US deployment of Terminal High Altitude Area Defence (THAAD) weapons in South Korea.

Beijing firmly opposes THAAD deployment because its powerful radars could monitor China's movement of missiles and their deployment.

The deployment of nuclear weapons in South Korea and Japan will bring them to the door step of China. – PTI

US options on North Korea effective and overwhelming: Trump

WASHINGTON, Sept 16: President Donald Trump has said America and its allies will never be intimidated and insisted that the US' options for addressing the threat posed by North Korea are both "effective and overwhelming".

Trump's remarks came in response to the latest ballistic missile test conducted by North Korea. The remarks also came after H R McMaster, the US' National Security Adviser, reaffirmed that the Trump administration has military options in place for dealing with North Korea.

"After seeing your capabilities and commitment here today, I am more confident than ever

that our options in addressing this threat are both effective and overwhelming," Trump said in his address to air force personnel and families on the 70th anniversary of the US Air Force.

Trump said America and its allies will never be intimidated.

"We will defend our people, our nations, and our civilisation from all who dare to threaten our way of life. This includes the regime of North Korea, which has once again shown its utter contempt for its neighbours and for the entire world community," he said.

North Korea yesterday fired an intermediate range ballistic missile over Japan and into the Pacific Ocean. But the North

American Aerospace Defence Command (NORAD) had said the ballistic missile did not pose a threat to North America.

US Secretary of Defense James Mattis spoke on phone with his Japanese counterpart Itsunori Onodera following the latest North Korean missile launch, the Pentagon said.

"The secretary reassured his Japanese counterpart of America's unwavering commitment to the defence of Japan and the broader security of the region," Director of Defence Press Operations Colonel Rob Manning said.

"Matti and Onodera agreed that the North Korean provocation called for a strong demon-

stration of a unified front between the US, Japan, and the Republic of Korea, and agreed on the importance of robust trilateral defence cooperation between the three nations," he said.

Mattis told reporters on his way to Mexico that as a result of the North Korean missile test, tens of millions of Japanese people were seen going into duck and cover, which was the second time that they've had to do that since World War II.

"I believe it will further further North Korea's isolation – diplomatic and economic isolation – because more and more nations are realising there's simply no collaboration with the international community. – PTI

Teen arrested, terror threat raised to 'critical'

LONDON, Sept 16: An 18-year-old youth was arrested on Saturday in connection with the terror attack on a London Tube train a day earlier, that left 29 people injured and resulted in an increase in the country's terror threat level from "severe" to "critical".

The youth was detained in the port area of Dover by Kent Police over the Friday morning rush hour attack at the Parsons Green station in southwest London, BBC reported.

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India-Australia rivalry resumes in familiar terrain

CHENNAI, Sept 16: On a roll after decimating Sri Lanka, Virat Kohli's Indian team will be aiming for another comprehensive show against a depleted Australia when the two sides square off in the opening encounter of the five-match series here tomorrow.

The Indo-Australia rivalry over the years have been more traditional with the intensity right up there as it is always at stake.

Not to forget the passion and framed tempers, a testimony to what was the Test series that India won 2-1, earlier this year.

A 5-0 win for India, which could be a rare first against Australia, will put them at the top of the ICC World Rankings and a 4-1 win for the visitors will help them grab Asia.

For India, facing an Australian side without their top two pacers — Mitchell Starc and Josh Hazlewood would certainly work to their advantage but at the same time, the likes of Steve Smith, David Warner and Glenn Maxwell are seasoned pros for whom India is like a "second home".

The two teams trained ahead of the match with focus on fine-tuning things and probably to zero on the playing XI.

Left-arm spinner Axar Patel suffered an injury scare, spraining his ankle while playing football and it has to be seen if he takes part in this afternoon's practice session.

However the Aussies are well aware of what threat wrist spinners Kuldeep Yadav and Yuzvendra Chahal can pose for them.

Accordingly, they summoned spinners KKR Jiyas and local lad Murugan Ashwin to prepare for the match.

The two teams are playing an ODI here after a gap of three decades, having last met at the iconic stadium in the opening fixture of the Reliance World Cup, way back in 1987.

It was a thrilling encounter that Australia won by 1 run.

The last time the Australians played a bilateral ODI series in India in 2013, the hosts won seven-match series 3-2 with two games were abandoned due to inclement weather.

Steve Smith, who wasn't part of that series is now the leader of the Aussies and would be expected to lead from the front in a tour that promises to be another run fest.

The Chepauk track is expected to be a batting paradise.



MATCH STARTS AT 1.30 PM

India's vice-captain Rohit Sharma said at a media interaction yesterday that the pitch looked like a typical Chennai wicket — hard and with a lot of runs.

Rohit has been prolific against the Aussies and posted his first double century in ODIs in the 2013 series and is coming off a strong performance in the recent limited-overs series in Sri Lanka.

Along with his captain (Kohli) he is part of a formidable batting unit that could take

and coach Ravi Shastri have hinted that the Karnataka batsman was being considered for the role given the fact that Rohit and Shikhar Dhawan are the established opening pair.

Kohli himself has been in wonderful form and carved out a couple of tons against Lanka while veteran MS Dhoni guided the team home in his own inimitable style in two matches.

The trio (Kohli, Rohit and Dhoni) will be expected to do the bulk of the run-scoring while the improving Hardik Pandya would be expected to provide the spark both with bat and ball.

Kedar Jadhav and Manish Pandey have put their hand up in the opportunities they have got and the lower-order too has contributed.

The bowling unit sees the return of Sri Lankans, the Indian think-tank that would be worried about a middle-order that didn't look too convincing.

KL Rahul's struggles at the No.4 spot pose a few questions but the skipper

and coach Ravi Shastri have hinted that the Karnataka batsman was being considered for the role given the fact that Rohit and Shikhar Dhawan are the established opening pair.

There has been a lot of talk about wrist spinners have a key role in the series with Rohit and Australian spinner Ashton Agar stressing on the value they offer. The India vice-captain felt that they have mystery about them and can provide breakthroughs at crucial junctures.

Agar, on his part, said that his teammate Adam Zampa with his experience of playing in India and in the IPL, could do well against the home side's powerful batting.

On the other hand, Smith's men would be aiming to exact some revenge for the defeat suffered in the 2013 series but a lot depends on batting big and the bowlers finding ways to contain a marauding Indian batting line-up led by Kohli and Rohit.

The absence of big-hitting opener Aaron Finch at least for the first three games owing to a calf injury, may have upset the Aussies plans but they have others to step up. — PTI

India, Canada share honours on opening day

EDMONTON, Sept 16: Ramkumar Ramanathan fetched the crucial win but Yuki Bhambhani made the day memorable even in defeat as India and Canada shared the honours on day one of the Davis Cup World Group Play-off, tie, here.

Yuki turned the match on its head after being down by two sets and a match point in the third set but eventually lost 6-7(2), 4-6, 7-6(6), 6-4, 1-6 to world No.51 Denisa Shapovalov — an audacious performance in a three hours and 52 minutes battle. It happened after 22-year-old Ramkumar, ranked 15th, tamed debutant Brayden Schnur 5-7, 7-6(4), 7-5, 7-5 in the first singles, which was also a marathon match lasting three hours and 16 minutes.

"Boys played with a lot of heart... The plan was to fight regardless of the score and Ram swung a losing battle and Yuki almost did too," Indian captain Mahesh Bhupathi told PTI.

"The pressure remains on

Sardar returns to Indian hockey team for Asia Cup

NEW DELHI, Sept 16: Veteran midfielder Sardar Singh today returned to the national team as Hockey India named a strong 18-member squad under the captaincy of Manpreet Singh for the Asia Cup to be held in Dhaka from October 11-22.

Sardar, recently awarded the prestigious Khel Ratna Award, was dropped from the Indian team which toured Europe last month but got a recall for next month's event to strengthen the team.

Two other key players, who were dropped for the Europe tour, forwards S V Sunil and Akashdeep Singh also made a return. Defenders Harmanpreet Singh and Surender Kumar also made a return after being rested for the Europe tour.

Sunil has been named deputy to Manpreet, who has been

retained as the captain despite a poor show in the team in the Hockey World League Semi-Final in London in June and a mixed result at last month's European tour.

"Goalkeepers Akash Chikte and Suraj Karkera remain their spot in the squad while forward Sardar Singh got a recall.

After giving some top junior players some good exposure in the Europe Tour, HI named a blend of a youth and experience.

"Earlier there were not many domestic matches for women, but this year the BCCI is working on it and we will get good quality and more number of matches," said right-handed batswoman Harmanpreet here. Harmanpreet, who scored a match-winning, unbeaten 171 against Australia in the semi-

final of the ICC Women's World Cup earlier this year, spoke to reporters after launching Purnam Raut's Sports Academy in suburban Kandivali, for women.

Echoing similar views, Punam, also a right-handed batswoman, expressed her view that the more initiatives the Cricket Board takes, better it will be for the upcoming players.

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Sindhu seals final spot at Korea Open

SEOUL, Sept 16: Olympic silver-medalist PV Sindhu defeated China's He Bingjiao in the semifinals to set up a mouth-watering summit clash with world champion Nozomi Okuhara of Japan at the Korea Open Super Series, here today.

The 22-year-old Indian had come into the match with a 3-5 head-to-head record, having lost to the Chinese in the 2013 Badminton Championships.

But that didn't matter as Sindhu saw off the World No.7 21-10, 17-21, 21-16 in a match that lasted an hour and six minutes here.

The World No.4 Indian, who had won the China Super Series Premier last year and clinched the India Super Series and Syed Modi Grand Prix Gold this season, now stands just one win away from the title.

However, it will once again be her World Championship final nemesis and eighth seed Okuhara, who will stand in the way when they clash in the final tomorrow.

The Olympic bronze-medalist Japanese entered the final with a 21-17, 21-18 win over World No.2 compatriot Akane Yamaguchi, seconded.

Sindhu made a rampaging start to the opening game as she rushed to a 9-1 advantage before moving into the break at 11-4 when the left-handed Chinese hit out.

In the second game, Sindhu and Bingjiao were tied 4-4 initially but the Indian again clinched a five-point advantage at the break when she unleashed a body smash and then Bingjiao hit out again.

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two wide shots and one of her returns were buried in the net, giving the Chinese a 10-16 advantage. A deceiving return on Bingjiao's serve saw Sindhu save a game point but the Chinese sealed it next when the Indian found the net again.

The decider saw the longest and quickest rallies as both the shutters looked to outwit each other. Sindhu managed to lead 7-4 and 9-6 before Bingjiao clawed back with three straight points.

However, two wide shots once again spoilt Bingjiao's run as Sindhu held the advantage for the third time at the interval.

The script didn't change much after the break as Sindhu continued to lead even as Bingjiao struggled with her length and ended up sending the shuttle wide again.

Sindhu moved to a 19-15 lead before Bingjiao produced a powerful smash to gather a point but the Indian was in no mood to stretch it any further as she moved to the match point when Bingjiao hit wide again.

The Indian then sealed the issue with a lucky net chord. — PTI

Harmanpreet, Punam welcome BCCI's plans for women's cricket

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Mbappe not on Messi's level yet, says Guardiola

MANCHESTER, Sept 16: Pep Guardiola says Mbappe is still learning and needs to prove before he can be considered on the same level as the all-time greats after Arsene Wenger said he could be the next Pele.

The Arsenal manager praised the French teenager, who joined the Paris giants from Monaco in the transfer window, linking up with Brazilian superstar Neymar to form a frightening forward line. But the City boss, when asked by reporters on

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Solution of last problem

Originating from Japan, 'su do ku' is a mind game and a puzzle that can be solved with proper reasoning and logic. It is a 12x12 grid in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3x4 box accommodates digits 1 to 12 without repeating any.

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Don't play for tons and that's why I cross it more: Kohli



CHENNAI, Sept 16: Think less about an impeding three-figure mark and it might mean that you will reach the milestone more often than not, is India captain Virat Kohli's main while batting.

Kohli currently is jointly second highest in terms of century with 30 tons to his credit in 50-overs along with Ricky Ponting. Sachin Tendulkar tops the list with 49 hundreds.

Asked if these staggering numbers that he has racked up over the years, play on his

mind, he replied: "I don't play for the three-figure mark, may be that's why I end up crossing it more. Because I am not thinking about it. So I don't put myself under pressure in terms of I need to achieve a landmark. For me, what's most important is to win the match for the team."

Kohli does not mind being stranded on 98 or 99 if it helps his team win the match.

"As I said before even if I am 98 not out or 99 not out, I don't mind, as long as I am in the game. In that process, things end up happening because you want to stay till the end. So my motivation has never been that, it will never be that."

The skipper stressed that his philosophy will always remain as long as he plays top flight cricket.

"Whatever time I play, 8 years, 10 years or 12 years whatever it is, I will never think that because it just doesn't come to my mind. For me, what's most important is how can I help the team win with the bat in the field, giving my 120 per cent every time I step on to the field and preparing accordingly that I will always cherish," Duming stated.

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Duminy retires from Test, first-class cricket

JOHANNESBURG, Sept 16: South Africa all-rounder JP Duminy has decided to retire from Test and first-class cricket with immediate effect but will remain available for the limited-overs.

Duminy today announced his decision in a statement, released by Cricket South Africa. "In the years ahead, my focus will be placed on attaining limited-overs cricket success for South Africa and the Cape Cobras, along with attending to my young family, who has been incredibly supportive and understanding."

"I have thoroughly enjoyed the privilege and opportunity to represent my country in 46 Tests and the Cape Cobras in 108 first-class matches over the past 16 years. It is an experience that cannot be replaced and one I will always cherish," Duminy stated.

Duminy has been under fire in recent months for his poor performances. He was dropped from the Test team after the first match at Lord's in the four-match series against England in July.

The 33-year-old returned home ahead of the third Test. He also opted out of the opening round of first-class fixtures.

"Test cricket has always been the pinnacle and I've been fortunate enough to experience some memorable highlights with the Proteas and also in first-class matches with the Cape Cobras," Duminy, who scored six centuries at an average of 32.8 and has taken 42 wickets in his 46 Tests, said.

"In recent years I have been privileged to be a senior member and custodian of a special team environment and culture which has made me very proud," he added.

He expressed hope that CSA and local franchisee Cape Cobras would continue to use his talents.

"I will however not be lost to first-class cricket; I have offered my services to the Cape Cobras and the coaching staff as a mentor/consultant and will be involved as they see fit. There are many talented youngsters coming through our domestic system and I would love to help where I can."

"I've had the privilege of working with the squad in this role over the last two weeks and I have thoroughly enjoyed it," Duminy, who made his debut for South Africa in Australia in 2008, said. - PTI



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Shehzad, Sami Aslam and Shoaib Masood for the training camp.

Masood has a batting average of 23 in 10 Tests and Aslam has a batting average of 33 in 11 Tests.

Hafeez last played a Test in England last year in August at Birmingham before sustaining fitness and injury problems.

He was also hampered for an illegal bowling action last year but was eventually cleared by the ICC. But despite being cleared, the selectors ignored him for T20 cricket.

The selectors and the team

management are talking about

grooming youngsters after the recent retirements of batting stalwarts - Younis Khan and Misbah-ul-Haq - from Test cricket.

However, they recalled left arm-fast bowler Wahab Riaz, while Muhammad Aamir, who missed the Independence Cup matches due to the birth of his child, is now also available.

The 10 players invited for the

camp: Azhar Ali, Shoaib Masood, Ahmed Shehzad, Sami Aslam, Babar Azam, Asif Shahzad, Hamza Usman, Mohammad Rizwan, Shoaib Malik, Mohammad Ashraf, Bilal Asif, Wahab Riaz, Muhammad Aamir, Hassan Ali, Muhammad Abbas and Mir Hamza. - PTI

Maradona match postponed again

KOLKATA, Sept 16: The much-hyped exhibition match which will feature football legend Diego Maradona and former Indian cricket team captain Sourav Ganguly has now been postponed for a second time.

The 'Match for Unity' will now be held on October 5 instead of October 2, organisers said in a media statement.

This was the second time the match has been postponed as it was originally slated to be held on September 19.

"The match was shifted because of the huge bandobast needed for Muharram and Durga Puja immersion. Now the match will be a closed door affair, where entry is by invitation only," said Vivek Kumar Agarwal, founder of Dhuaiwala Group, the title sponsors of the event. Maradona will now arrive at the city on October 2 and the match will be played at Barasat at Aditya Sports Academy under strict security.

"The lucky winners of the match tickets while buying Durga

Darshan ticket will get an entry via invitation," Vivek said. - PTI

Indian young footballers to train in Spain

GUWAHATI, Sept 16: The Reliance Foundation Young Champs, India's first elite residential football academy to be awarded AIFF's highest four-star accreditation, has been invited to Spain by La Liga for youth friendly fixtures spanning two weeks.

RF Young Champs will embark on an expedition to Spain to train with and play in ongoing competitive friendly matches against La Liga Club's academy teams including Real Madrid, Atletico de Madrid, Valencia, Villarreal, Rayo Vallecano and Leganes.

RF Young Champs will feature 30 academy talents in the U-12 and U-14 age categories accompanied by head coach Mark Vaessen and his support staff. RF Young Champs currently have 48 talents at its residential facility at Navi Mumbai.

The 10-day trip, began today, will also provide opportunities for these 30 Indian young champions to watch live La Liga matches featuring some of the most prestigious clubs like FC Barcelona and Real Madrid among others, stated a release.

AATA announces tournament calendar

GUWAHATI, Sept 16: The All Assam Tennis Association (AATA) has announced its tournament calendar for the year 2017-18.

In a press release, the AATA Secretary Ankush Dutta informed that this year the calendar will start with the AITA Championship series tennis tournament in India Club Guwahati in the month of October. Schedule: Oct 23 to 27 AITA Championship Series Tennis Tournament for boys U-12 and girls U-14 at India Club, New Market, 13th floor, 14th floor and girls U-14 at Dibrugarh Tennis Club; Nov 20 to 24 ITF Junior World Ranking Tennis Championship for boys and girls U-18 at AITA Championship for boys and girls U-18 at AITA Committee Chinch, Guwahati; Dec 5 to 10 27th All Assam Junior Ranking Tennis Tournament for boys U-12, 14, 16, 18 and mixed U-10 at NETF courts, Guwahati; Dec 13 to 17 OI India All Assam Junior Tennis Championship for boys U-12, 14, 16 and girls U-12, 14, 18 at Zalonji Club, Dibrugarh; Dec 25 to 29 Bishagor Open for boys and girls U-12, 14, 18 at Bishagor Tennis Club; Dec 25 to 30 26th Jorhat Opens for boys U-12, 14, 16, girls U-12, 14, men's singles and doubles and Team Tennis; Jan 4 to 7 Kaliyani Open Junior Tennis Tournament for boys U-12, 14, 16, girls U-12, 14, 18 at Kaliyani Club, Numaligarh; Jan 8 to 12 21st

VCAA prog on Sept 23

GUWAHATI, Sept 16: The Veteran Cricket Association of Assam (VCAA) will observe its Foundation Day on September 23 instead of October 10 due to busy international schedule in the city.

On October 10 the VCAA will step into its 19th year and usually they celebrate the Foundation Day with various programmes on that day.

This year the veteran cricketers' body will honour various former and present cricketers for their contributions on the occasion where Assam Governor Banwarilal Purohit will be the chief guest. Former Indian Test player Karsan Ghavri will attend the function as guest of the evening, stated a release.

The persons and players to be honoured are: Nural Amni Sports Organiser Award: Sahejmandi Oja (Nagaland), VCAA Life Time Achievement Award for Cricketers: Narendra Nath Sabathapuri (Jorhat), VCAA Life Time Achievement Award for Coach: Nahab Ali (Guwahati), Arindra Majumder Award in ICCI Tournament: U-16, Deneesh Das, U-19, Rabbi Singh, U-23, Samanta Brahma, Renu Tripathi, Arup Das, Girls U-19, Rashmi Dev, U-23, Nirupama Boro, Cricketer of the Year: Riyaz Parag.

Amba Medhi football

MANGALDAL, Sept 16: Kalmar Football Club, USA, will meet in the semi-final of the 38th Amba Medhi Football Tournament organised by the Mangaldoi Sports Association.

In a quarter final match of the tournament at the Mangaldoi Stadium here today to Udagulgaon boys edged past Kamrup Club Club 7-6 in sudden death. The keenly contested match was ended 2-2 in the stipulated time.

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Ebony and Ivory

RAKTIM PHOOKAN

on how we must learn to live in peace with the gentle giants of the forest.



It is not often that you get to hear or read about something good happening in my home State of Assam. It was a pleasant surprise, therefore, to learn about a young man from our interiors leading a dedicated group to mitigate the man-elephant conflict in his village surroundings. What was most striking was the harnessing of traditional knowledge about elephant behaviour and habits that have been passed down from one generation to the other in our societies, and the use of that knowledge to sensitise and educate the local population to live and let live.

Thanks to an invitation from the Development Foundation of Assam that I got to learn about Rajen Boro's exemplary work in the Bhutanachang area of Udagam, for which he has been bestowed with the Foundation's first Bijoy Krishna Handique Memorial Award for Leadership in Wildlife Conservation. A short film screened at the award ceremony helped the audience understand and appreciate why the work of Rajen Boro and his team is so commendable.

Human intrusion into shrinking wildlife habitats is the root cause of most man-elephant conflicts. With their growing populations, the man-elephant conflict is a worldwide problem today, and the big mammal is losing the jostle for space, consequently, leading to a decline in their numbers. Organised poaching, to meet

widespread demand in the Orient, is also threatening their very existence. Kenya, for instance, is today staring at the prospect of their elephant population being wiped out by as early as 2030!

It was the sight of an electric fencing in the film presentation that took me down memory lane. Although used by many a plantation today, I wonder if such fences have ever been effective. Especially, if they are open-ended. Or, if they block a movement route.

My old man, a tea planter, knew a thing or two about elephants. He was strictly against electric fencing to ward off elephants. Sesonned in the ways of the jungle and animal behaviour, his arguments were simple. "When you block their right of way, they will always find a way to breach or circumvent any fence, ditch or what have you. Moreover, building these barriers are expensive and difficult to maintain, given our climate and terrain. Very rarely, will such barricades and obstacles help solve the problem of elephant invasions. At best, they would be good deterrents. But never good enough for the intelligent and the habitual breaker."

It is of primary importance to know your local surroundings and understand why elephants move in the manner that they do, before one erects or constructs any obstacle to stop their depredations. More often

than not, most elephant intrusions are in search of food. Having grown up in the plantations, I remember seeing elephant herds make repeated forays to get to the sugarcane and paddy fields, ripe and ready for harvesting. Sadly, they destroyed more than they ate. The waft of local brews in the air can also spell trouble. When you brew, you invite them to a binge, at your own peril.

Today, researchers are learning more about how elephants communicate – through sounds and seismic waves that have stunned the scholar and the sound recordist, with its clarity and reach. It is believed that they have receptors in their padded feet or toes, which are sensitive to vibrations.

With neighbours like them, you need to make peace.

Something that Rajen Boro and his team are trying to do. Which is why, the creation of buffer zones – with adequate supply of food and place for elephants to rest, is praiseworthy. A very considerate and sensible way of avoiding conflict. Laudable, for the attempt is to correct the basic failure to conserve such places in our forests.

Which reminds me, it is time to pay respects to another conservationist. Tea brought him to Assam in the year 1912. Like many before and after him, the young Englishman from Essex fell in love with our land. In the 51 years that he lived here, he protected the forests in the then Bishnupur tea district, particularly in the Bargam-Borai area, in a manner most exemplary. Frank Nichols maintained peace between man and elephant. When called upon by the Forest Department, the Honorary Game Warden had to bring down 40 rogues. With every shot, his respect and concern for the magnificent animal and the need to protect our wilds only grew.

When you are in Kaziranga next and have enjoyed an elephant ride, remember to thank Frank Nichols. The saddle that you sat on to enjoy the ride, with the wooden side plank to rest your feet on, for the comfort of the rider, was designed to revive and popularise our traditional skills like the *mela* and *khedda shikar*.

Skills and physical abilities apart, you have to be a brave man to catch elephants. I suppose you know that our earlier conservators were members of the Assam *Khedda* Service. Legends like A. J. W. Mitro and P. D. Stracey started their careers as young *khedda* officers. Today, with a full-fledged Forest Department and its many wings, we are now left with only 5,719 elephants in our State! It is a shame that we have not been able to either conserve our forests or protect our wildlife. Starting with approach and attitude, much will need to change for man and elephant to live in peace.

To avoid man-animal conflicts, our conservators will have to truly protect, and not just the elephant. Everything, from the salt-lick poisons on the ground to the ran-rod straight *hollongs* that aim for the sky. Our beautiful birds that beckon the bar-headed geese and other winged visitors from afar. All *akhors*, that are home to our golden *gatitas*, *jungleyars* and the *bokas*. Side by side, the two managements will also have to chip in, to ensure that the greenies, the jungleyars and the *dorkis* also thrive in their surroundings.

While they toll hard to conserve, you and I must

learn to live respectfully with our ethos. Very simply, if you do worship Ganesh as the Lord's incarnate, why do you want to grab a piece of his haven?

Sanctuaries, where Nature has always inspired our choir to sing songs of harmony, just like the piano keyboard stirred *Ebony* and *Ivory*. When the female elephant *contralto* goes vocal in soothin low-frequency and the feet start tapping in rhythm, it is a delight to see our *lovable* lads trumpet in glee. May they always play the trumpet for us. In joy.

FROM THE MARGINS

Ankush Saikia serves up a platter of rare delicacies.



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The voice of Mahalya

BIRENDRA KRISHNA BHADRA's *Chandi Path* heralds the Durga Puja festivities every year.

Ya Devi Sarvabuteshu, Shakti Rupena Sanskriti!
Namastasyai Namastasyai Namastasyai Namaha!

Over eight decades old, the radio programme of *Mahishasura Mardini*, in the magical voice of Birendra Krishna Bhadra, still binds together the young and old devotees of Ma Durga to the spirit of the Durga Puja, every year, at the dawn of the day of *Mahalya*.

It is perhaps one of the rarest of rare radio programmes that has been the defining soundscape to declare the beginning of *Devipaksha*.

It is Bhadra's chanting of *Ya Devi* that enters the soul and creates the mood for the Durga Puja festivities.

The auspicious occasion of *Mahalya*, which heralds the advent of Ma Durga, the Goddess of Supreme Power, resonates with the immortal verses of the *Chandi Path*. And the chanting of the hymns in the recorded voice of Birendra Krishna Bhadra on All India Radio has been synonymous to the real *Chandi Path* for more than eight decades now.

The two-hour long programme was first broadcast by the Indian Broadcasting Company in 1931. This audio drama, scripted by Bani Kumar, composed by Bengal's legendary musician Panekhi Mullick, directed by Narendranath Majumdar and recited by Birendra Krishna Bhadra, has been a significant and inseparable part of Durga Puja since then. The programme depicts the epic battle between Goddess Durga and Demon King Mahishasura.

There have been many versions of *Mahishasura Mardini* broadcast in different times, featuring several artists, but the magic of Birendra Krishna Bhadra's voice refuses to die. Birendra Krishna Bhadra, born into the family of Roy Bahadur Kallol Krishna and Sarala Bala Devi, in 1905, worked for the All India Radio, for several years.

When young Birendra Krishna was infected by the life-threatening disease of diphtheria, an English doctor, Demide of Alipore, after examining him, said that his life can be saved but his vocal cord would get damaged. Who could have imagined then that more than a two-hour long programme of the chanting of *Mahishasura Mardini* would be forever associated with his epic voice.

It is believed that the idea of producing a two-hour long audio drama of *Mahishasura Mardini* came as a strategy to boost up the popularity of radio and, of course, the flow of revenue, as every radio set came with a licence and a steep fee during the early decades of radio broadcasting in India.

As always, the programme landed in a few controversies. Regarding the time of the broadcast, i.e., 4 a.m., the conservatives felt that the broadcast should start only after *Devipaksha* begins in the morning, rather than before *Ipiti Paksha* formally ends. Also, some orthodox people disapproved the chanting of the *Chandi Path* by the non-Brahmin Birendra Krishna Bhadra. However, all such disapprovals were dumped by the popular approval.

The popularity of Bhadra's version can be understood from the fact that in 1976, when the chanting of *Chandi* by the noted Bengali actor Uttam Kumar was recorded under the music composition of Hemanta Mukhopadhyay, and broadcasted by All India Radio, it failed to receive favourable response from the audience. Later, All India Radio had to stick to the original version of Birendra Krishna Bhadra's *Chandi Path* on popular demand.

Over time, All India Radio has changed its signature tune and dropped several programmes off the list, but not Bhadra's *Mahishasura Mardini*. The high-pitched, emotional rendition of Birendra Krishna Bhadra's *Mahishasura Mardini* is so magnificent that listeners do not want anybody to replace him. It is said that Uttam Kumar even apologised to the audience and to Bhadra for his failed attempt at chanting the *Chandi*. Birendra Krishna Bhadra will always be remembered for making *Mahalya* memorable with his magical voice by reciting the holy verses and describing the story of the descent of Durga to earth in his inimitable style.

you are showing your support for the oppression of women?

While another user tweeted sarcastically: 'So Apple is launching a hijab emoji? Great! When can we expect one glorifying #FGM? Or

marital rape? Maybe a suicide bomber one?'

Another recent development is the use of various shades. In WhatsApp, a user can opt to send either a white 'thumbs up' or a black one or a brownish one, depending on his or her wish. Earlier, it was limited to just one colour: golden.

While the golden emojis are there by default, the added flexibility has raised an important question: Do emojis promote racism via colour segregation?

LGBTQ emoji definitely a welcome idea... but has its flip-side

If there is one

thing agreed on about the LGBTQ emoji is that it has certainly done better than in real life in terms of acceptance. However, there is a flip-side too. "Inclusion of LGBTQ emoji definitely a very welcome idea and the community feels included and integrated into mainstream conversation. The virtual world is definitely more open and embracing of diversity," says Rangayan. But he adds,

"There lies a danger, too. Most youngsters seem to be comfortable in the virtual cocoon and can get very depressed when they encounter discrimination and violence in the real world because of their sexual orientation or gender identity."

It can be racist in a way. It can churn up a controversy, but there's no denying that emojis are a go-to tool in electronic conversations today.

- Trans World Features (TWF)

Keeping it short!

SUDIPTO MAITY explores the emoji world and its many new avatars.

There was a time when people used signs to communicate with each other. Those signs slowly began to take shape in the form of patterns, and prehistoric men began drawing on cave walls. Cut to the modern age and nothing has changed, it seems. We still use signs to communicate. Perhaps we don't go about drawing on the walls of caves any more. Instead, we use a shortcut communication message through the all-pervasive and popular 'emoji'. It is described as 'a small digital image or icon used to express an idea or emotion in electronic communication.'

As emojis proliferate in different avatars, there is some soul searching going on, too. Has the emoji made life easier to communicate

in this rush-rush age? How are the millennials faring

when it comes to the use of emoji?

But, first, why do we use the emoji? "We mostly use emojis like gestures, as a way of enhancing emotional expressions," points out Linda Kaye, senior lecturer in Psychology at the Edge Hill University in the UK. "There are a lot of idiosyncrasies in how we gesture, and emojis are similar to that, especially because of the discrepancies as to how and why we use them," she adds.

The quickest way but too impersonal

Many agree that the

emoji makes a message too impersonal. However, the silver lining is that it is the quickest way to convey one's message.

Emojis are certainly a good way to communicate an idea in the quickest way possible. But I also think it makes the communication impersonal," says filmmaker Sridhar Rangayan.

Age doesn't matter, personality does

"The way millennials use these emojis is amazing while expressing themselves, and certainly they understand it better," says Rangayan. However, US comedian Dane Cook has a theory of his own.

Catering to a room full of listeners, he jokes, "It's like Egyptian hieroglyphics, you can't decipher it. Nobody knows, only the illuminati knows what those girls are sending back and forth to each other."

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Canine care!

ANKITA KAKOTY's 'Each One Feed One' charity model can be easily replicated in most Indian cities.

Animal lovers are of a rare kind. They are not like you and me, who get temporarily swayed by the charms of an adorable little Labrador or the wiles of a tiny Persian kitten. For most of us, it is only the foreign breeds that deserve all the love and pampering, while the Indian dogs, mostly strays, are just street nuisance. The true animal lover, though, is different and there are only a few such good souls around – Ankita Kakoty being one.

Ankita is an Assamese girl working in the corporate sector in Delhi. But that's really not her story. For the last ten years, this young woman has been running a charity – Each One Feed One, whereby she has taken on the mantle of feeding stray dogs at various points across Delhi. Her idea was to start a chain of individual units which would feed these

strays all over the capital city. And as the chain got bigger, more and more of these wretched creatures could be helped.

It all started in 2004 when Ankita adopted a stray dog 'Sweety' from the streets of Malvya Nagar. "Thanks to Sweety, who had become the apple of our eye, we started looking at all the dogs differently. By differently, I mean their



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pain and suffering would become unbearable to withstand until and unless I did something to relieve them. Thus from a very poor, unadulterated place filled only with abundant love for them, began the infancy stage of Each One Feed One," Ankita recalls. She started off by feeding two dogs in the colony and soon enough there were around 40 more to feed. And all these dogs came from different corners of the city – CR Park, Nehru Place, Police Wireless, Siri Fort Road, etc. Ankita then had to structure the whole operation. So by 2009-2010, she hired a part-time driver, and a help-

er to distribute the food early in the mornings.

But all the money that she was pumping into the initiative was her own and she had to find out a more economically viable medium to continue her feeding drive. That's when she had the idea of using a delivery bike. "A delivery bike is an innovative way of carrying about a small feeding charity. It's cheaper, can easily stock food for 50-60 dogs, if not more, can easily be replicated by all dog lovers individually or by a group of dog lovers getting together. If I can pull this entire charity by myself, a group of even five dog lovers can easily do it," she says.

Ankita's love for animals stems from her father's fondness for them. As a young girl staying in Assam, she remembers living in big government bungalows where they reared cows, chickens and ducks as well. Her father even dug up a pool for the ducklings. She left Assam while still in school as her fully-funded sports scholarship from SAI took her to Delhi. Ankita was, after all, a national-level Table Tennis player.

Presently, her charity feeds and takes care of 50-60 street dogs every morning in South Delhi across 10 feeding points. Every morning, Ankita's helper stocks food in the delivery bike and sets off to feed, point after point. She accompanies the helper twice a week where she checks if all the dogs are alright and whether any dog needs any medical attention. She also carries a first-aid box in her car with basic medicines, antibiotics, and other creams and solutions. If a dog needs medical attention, she takes the dog to the vet. Eighty per cent of the expenses are funded through her salary; the rest comes from some of her dog-loving friends. "I now plan to convert this charity into a trust so that after a year or so we can manage to get 80G included, and thus give tax benefits and exemptions to my friends and others who would donate for us," she says.

In terms of expansion, Ankita now has plans to set up a mini ambulance to cover a distance of 10-15 kms., with all the facilities available for treating dogs. "In five years from now I would want this model replicated in many parts of India. Especially in interior places where I have seen dogs leading miserable lives and also dying painful deaths even from small wounds and infection," Ankita says. Assam, no doubt, will be the next stop for this Good Samaritan.



LET'S CREATE

Go to any shopping plaza, and you'll find an entire aisle devoted to cleaning supplies. Kitchen cleaners, toilet cleaners, floor cleaners, glass cleaners and what not. The colourful packaging and the effective ad campaigns on TV entice us to buy these products. But it's rather easy to make cleaning products at home, you will only need a couple of things and it will be a natural replacement to those chemically-loaded products.

Marble cleaner



This is meant for natural stone countertops. Take a drop or two of mild dishwashing liquid, the non-citrus-scented ones and mix it with two cups of warm water. Soak this over the marble and rinse completely to remove any soap residue. Buff with a soft cloth; do not let the marble air-dry.

Never use vinegar, lemon, or any other acidic cleaner on marble or granite surfaces; it will eat into the stone.



Brass cleaner

Brass utensils tend to lose their shine quite soon if not cared for. Simply dampen a sponge with white vinegar or lemon juice and then sprinkle some salt on to it. Rub the surface lightly with the sponge and then rinse off. Wipe it off with a clean, soft cloth immediately.

Scrubbing solution

This is heavy-duty stuff, good for rust stains on porcelain or enamel sinks and tubs. Take half a lemon and half cup borax. Now dip the lemon into the borax and scrub the surface. Rinse it off. However, it's not safe for marble or granite.

Grease cleaner

Glass cleaner

Mix two cups of water, half cup of white vinegar or cider vinegar, one-fourth cup of rubbing alcohol, and maybe a couple of drops of orange essential oil, just for that lovely smell. Of course, that's optional. Now pour this solution onto a spray bottle and use it when you wish to sparkle up your glass windows. Simply spray the solution on to a paper towel or soft cloth first and then on the glass. Remember to never clean your windows on a hot, sunny day as the solution will dry up and leave behind streaks.



Grease cleaner

Take half a cup of sudsy ammonia and mix it with enough water to fill a one-gallon container. Sudsy ammonia, which has detergent in it, helps remove tough grime. Simply dip your sponge or mop in this solution and wipe over surface, then rinse the area with clear water.

All-purpose cleaner

This is all-purpose, so clean your kitchen counters, appliances, and the refrigerator too. Mix four tablespoons of baking soda to a litre of warm water, now pour this solution on a clean sponge and wipe over surface, then rinse the area with clear water.



Caution: Never combine ammonia-based cleaners with chlorine bleach or products containing bleach, such as powdered dishwasher detergent. The fumes they'll create are extremely dangerous. Before doing any mixing, read the product labels carefully.



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FICTION

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She could never forget those eyes. It was New Year's Eve and Ananya had been planning for this night for a long time. Born and brought up in the pictorial lands of a small State in the North-East, Nisha wore her small-town girl tag as an arrow caution marking every step of hers. This was the first time she was staying in a hotel and had heard a lot about the grand celebration that ushered in the New Year in this hip city. Ananya was naturally exhilarated. Never in her wildest dreams had she imagined that this very night would haunt her for the rest of her life. She was with her friends, enjoying the cool night breeze, revelling in the dreams of a new dawn. It was midnight when a slow and steady shift in the atmosphere took place. The stink of liquor filled the air. Intoxication tainted the festivities. It all started when she first heard an ear-splitting scream at a distance. Some men, clearly drunk, danced around them, pushing themselves against them, taking advantage of the crowd. Suddenly alarmed, Ananya was about to urge her friends to leave the place when she felt a warm breath on her shoulder. Startled, she looked back. A youngster, about her age, stood back at her with a lecherous smile. After scanning every curve of her body, he inched closer. A group of ten-twenty boys stayed back, hooting and whistling, obviously abetting him. "Ek chumma toh 2000 tera," one shouted. Her honour and Rs. 2000 stood on opposite ends of a wager. Those menacing eyes came still closer. One cold hand on her shoulder. Ananya was a shivering mess now. Those looming eyes, eyes with not a shred of shame or guilt in them stared at her continuously. Her heartbeat started racing faster, adrenaline pumped up. She was too horrified to breathe. She started recalling the name of every God she knew. She started begging, requesting her attacker, but she couldn't hear her own words. The owner of those eyes, unflinching, traced his hands from her shoulder downwards to her heaving chest amidst the lewd comments of ten other boys surrounding them, some making indecent gestures, some mouthing the foulest of abuses, each ready to pounce on her, to destroy her. "Kill me, God," she remembered thinking before she saw her friends, accompanied by some police constables, shooing the



The cursed night

boys away. Ananya was still crying when her roommate Nisha opened the door to their apartment.

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Nisha had always been a reclusive girl. The city still frightened her. Ananya had urged her to join her and their friends in the New Year celebrations. But she was hesitant. Nisha was not afraid of the darkness. Nisha was not afraid of ghosts but her own feelings scared her. "It is our first New Year's Eve in Bengaluru. Let the city welcome us ya," her bubbly roommate Ananya had gushed, an offer which she had refused. Looking at Ananya asleep on her lap, mascara smeared all over her face, and hair ten years ago to the day her board examination results were declared. She had passed with flying colours and her devout family had gone on a trip to a mandir to offer their thanks to God. Her mother's younger sister and her husband accompanied them and she, all of 15, had fallen asleep on her *mousai's* shoulder when she awoke with a hand sliding under the *kurti* of her *salar-kameez*. The other hand was vehemently rub-

bing her thighs over her *pajamas*, the lustful intensity increasing by the minute. Nisha felt sick. Terrified as she was, she immediately feigned sickness to change her seat to the one by the window. Those five minutes however started a lifelong string of nightmares, depression and low self-confidence. Her childhood was over at that very instant. She was scared for life. Looking at Ananya, she suddenly felt a long pent up insane rage; a rage over those scumbags who treat women as commodities, over that accusing finger that always points in the direction of a woman. Determined to visit the police station first thing in the morning, Nisha called up her boyfriend, Manav.

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Salim and his friends loved the night sky. People said that this city never slept. Today, the crowded city was even more abuzz. The sky was ablaze with fireworks. Folks all around were singing and dancing. It appeared that the whole city had been painted with the much anticipated dreams of a new genesis. The thousand eyes had vicinity in them. Suddenly, the atmosphere turned inconsolable. He

heard screams. The moon, abashed at the plight of mankind it showered its radiance upon, hid behind the clouds. Salim saw some girls surrounded by a group of boys. He heard manic laughter resonating in the crowds. A group of drunk men were harassing some girls. He saw a boy with outstretched arms inching closer to a girl and suddenly saw the girl slap her attacker. The girls were trying every possible way to ward off the miscreants. The boy, visibly enraged, pulled the girl by her hair. Salim ran to the site and yanked the boy away, his friends in tow. Somehow amidst the lunacy, they managed to free the girls, with the intervention of the police. As he saw the group of girls, with their dreams and spirit broken, their trust in humanity crushed, Salim let out a sigh. After hearing Nisha's account, Salim let out a silent prayer to Allah to punish the culprits and give strength to the victims to fight back. Not able to sleep, Salim switched on the television which was ablaze with news of the incident. He was shocked to see his colleague Manav being escorted away by his police.

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Manav was the only son of his parents. He had grown up as the *laadla* of the family. He had been dressed in the best clothes, fed the best food and unconsciously submerged in the overindulgences of patriarchy. He had been pampered so much that he had never had to even bring a glass of water for himself. Even in school he was famous for his Casanova image. He had always prided himself over his popularity with girls. His string of relationships had been a mere account of his sexual conquests. Alcohol was his favourite companion. Today too was he intoxicated. As the clock struck 12, he started the year with a few catcalls at the items. Influenced by alcohol and emboldened by a bet he made with his friends, he inched closer towards that beautiful girl, even as his friends shouted, "Ek chumma toh 2000 tera". His mind had gone numb. He placed his hands on her shoulder and stared at her. His ears couldn't process the screams, the tears, the begging of the girl. He had turned into a monster, an unscrupulous demon. Next morning, sober in the police lockup, all the incidents of the previous night seemed a blur to him. There was only one picture that still clued his vision, crystal clear in his memory. Those terrified eyes, filled with distress, with an intense hatred. He could never forget those eyes.

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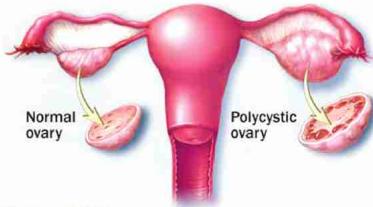
PCOS – an emerging epidemic

It is time to raise awareness about this under-diagnosed disease.

Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome or PCOS is one of the most common hormonal diseases diagnosed in women. There is a wide range in the prevalence of this disease throughout the world, ranging from seven per cent to 28 per cent. There are a few pan-India studies, but studies done in South India and Maharashtra report the prevalence of PCOS as 9.13 per cent and 22.5 per cent (10.7 per cent by the Androgen Excess Society criteria), respectively.

Symptoms of PCOS:

- Irregular or delayed menstrual cycles or no menses at all for months.
- Infertility.
- Excessive or rapid weight gain and metabolic syndrome.
- Excess hair growth on the face, chest, abdomen, or upper thighs (hirsutism).
- Severe acne or acne which occurs after adolescence and does not respond to usual treatments.
- Patches of dark, velvety skin called Acanthosis Nigricans.
- Multiple small cysts in the ovaries.
- Depression and mood swings.

**What causes PCOS?**

The cause of PCOS is not exactly known, but it is associated with raised production of androgens (male hormones) in the body and hence, hirsutism and irregular cycles. Insulin resistance is also an important feature of this disease; that is in PCOS, the body does not respond to the insulin produced in the body – leading to weight gain and a tendency to develop diabetes.

What are the long-term consequences of PCOS?

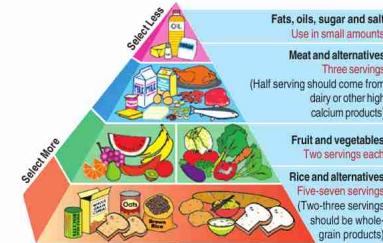
If unrecognised and untreated, PCOS increases the risk of Type2 Diabetes and cardiovascular disease, including hypertension. Women with PCOS are at an increased risk of developing GDM or diabetes associated with pregnancy. There is also an increased risk of developing sleep apnea and daytime sleepiness.

Cancer and PCOS –

Untreated PCOS and long periods of irregular cycles can lead to endometrial hyperplasia and an increased risk of developing endometrial cancer. It does not appear to be associated with breast or ovarian cancer.

Treatment/ reduction of long-term risks –

- The first line of treatment involves lifestyle changes, including regular exercise and dietary changes.
- Eat a balanced, healthy diet, including fruits, vegetables, whole grain cereals, lean meat like chicken, fish and low-fat milk products.
- Avoid excess fats like oil, butter and cheese.
- Eat regular meals. Do not skip your breakfast.
- Exercise regularly (30 minutes, at least three times a week).
- Drug therapy may be required for specific problems like infertility and hirsutism. In severe/morbid obesity, anti-obesity pills may be prescribed. Hormonal pills are often prescribed to regularise the cycle.
- Have regular health check-ups.

**Is there a cure?**

There is no cure, but maintaining a healthy lifestyle goes a long way towards reducing the symptoms or preventing the long-term consequences of PCOS.

September is PCOS awareness month organised in many parts of the world to raise awareness about the most critical and under-diagnosed disease affecting millions of women worldwide. The worrying aspect of the epidemiology is that out of 10 women diagnosed in India, six are teenagers. The cause for this is not exactly known, but poor eating habits and lack of exercise are the likely culprits. Hence, raising awareness is the need of the hour for early diagnosis and treatment and prevention of long-term morbidity. There are several famous celebrities, including Bollywood actress Sonam Kapoor, who have opened up in the recent past about their struggle with PCOS. Their stories will hopefully raise awareness and encourage more young women to seek help.

Rakesh Koka was now in jail for selling jobs to the youth.

My mind quietly re-lived my confident entry into that much talked of building of the Public Service Commission. It was my interview day. That day, too, I wore a pink cotton sari. All four in the interview panel were very satisfied with all the apt answers I provided, or so I felt. Walking down the steps, I met my husband's eager face, "Floorless them," I said, beaming.

"What kind of job was that?" My daughter quipped, breaking my reverie.

"Never mind. Finish your dessert. I have taken the recipe from the net. It is *Galaktoboureko*, a Greek sweet dish. Isn't it tasty?"

"Yes, it is. I love you, Ma. I also want to become a teacher when I grow up. I want your white handbag too. Keep it safely for me. Now tell

me, aren't you happy being a teacher, you get a new sari every Teachers' Day?"

"Yes, I am." We all laughed at the reason my daughter provided to be a happy teacher.

As a teacher I try hard to make my lesson plans effective, my answers satisfactory, and that every class ends in some search and also spreads smiles. Every morning, I remind myself to be happy so that I can pass on my happiness to every other person I come in contact with. I especially take care to bring forth the best in my students.

My prayer for my students end with the thought that may none of them ever turn into a Tara Prasad Koka, a Geeta Alita or a Rakeshpal Koka, but a Radhakrishnan, a Kalam or a Kai-lash Satyarthi.

It would be truly satisfying!

MONEY SMART

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Last Saturday, I was invited to give a talk at a property fair. Several big developers from the National Capital Region of Delhi were there to showcase their products for the Guwahati. Needless to say, initially, I was perplexed, thinking what I would say in front of these buyers and developers. For me, a three-bedroom apartment or a condo, either in Guwahati or in Gurgaon, are all the same, as long as I am with my loved ones. But when I realised that I do know all about numbers and their use in human life. So, I dived in.

In India, when one buys a property, he or she invariably takes a home loan. When you analyse a typical home loan, you will notice that the interest component is always higher than the principal amount taken as loan. That means, if you take a loan of Rs. 10 lakhs for 20 years at an average interest of 11 per cent, you end up paying an EMI of Rs. 10,000 every month. When you total your EMIs for 20 years,



Property plans

A smart way to recover your home loan.

calculations for sure, which is very natural.

But have you ever thought why we end up paying so high for a home loan, when indeed the home loans are the cheapest of all the loans one can apply for? If you compare a car loan, where the interest rates are much higher,

the culprit for your mismatch. I have said it before and I am saying it again, that time or tenure is the most important factor when it comes to the calculation of compounding. Same principal is responsible for your investments also. Whether you invest or take a loan, time is the most important factor to watch out for. If that is true, can we use the same principal to recover the loan? Yes, we can.

Let us assume that 20 years ago, together with your home loan, you had started an SIP of Rs. 2,800 for 20 years. Which is today, you would have recovered the entire loan amount of Rs. 24 lakhs. Yes, it is true. In this calculation, we have calculated a return of 11 per cent from your investment. The same return at which you have taken the home loan. That means keeping aside 28 per cent of your loan EMI for an

SIP makes the entire loan repayment of Rs. 24 lakhs free. Isn't that amazing?

Now many of you might say, "I don't want to take the risk of mutual funds and would prefer fixed deposit". In that case, a monthly investment of Rs. 3,600 is sufficient with a decent return of nine per cent, which has been the average return of FDs in the last 20 years. In fact, if you had invested in a diversified equity mutual fund, which would have generated an average return of 20 per cent in the last 20 years, you had to invest only Rs. 750, which is only 7.5 per cent of the EMI amount.

aging, rather hand-holding the students to perfection is the sacred duty that I perform every day. My profession, I highly esteem. More so, as I don't have to deal with lifeless files in a dreary, damp office, but with the blooming buds who are full of energy. This profession has also permeated my family life with positivity.

Come Thursday, preparation for Teachers' Day speeds up and occupies our family time, too. This time around, our dining table talk centred around the new pink sari that I had purchased to wear on Teachers' Day. My eight-year-old poured in her en-

quiries and my husband, like an under trial, supplied learned answers about Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, nobility and the spirituality of the teaching profession, the Guru being Brahma, Vishnu and Maheshwara.

Soon, a few questions were thrown at me too. The one that hit me hard was, "Ma, why did you become a teacher?"

"Honey, a few of my distant rela-

tives like Tara Prasad Koka, Geeta Alita and Rakesh Pal Koka took away our jobs and opened job shops. I could not find a particular job that I wanted to take up. My husband's quizzical brow made me add that

she could never forget those eyes. It was New Year's Eve and Ananya had been planning for this night for a long time. Born and brought up in the pictorial lands of a small State in the North-East, Nisha wore her small-town girl tag as an arrow caution marking every step of hers. This was the first time she was staying in a hotel and had heard a lot about the grand celebration that ushered in the New Year in this hip city. Ananya was naturally exhilarated. Never in her wildest dreams had she imagined that this very night would haunt her for the rest of her life. She was with her friends, enjoying the cool night breeze, revelling in the dreams of a new dawn. It was midnight when a slow and steady shift in the atmosphere took place. The stink of liquor filled the air. Intoxication tainted the festivities. It all started when she first heard an ear-splitting scream at a distance. Some men, clearly drunk, danced around them, pushing themselves against them, taking advantage of the crowd. Suddenly alarmed, Ananya was about to urge her friends to leave the place when she felt a warm breath on her shoulder. Startled, she looked back. A youngster, about her age, stood back at her with a lecherous smile. After scanning every curve of her body, he inched closer. A group of ten-twenty boys stayed back, hooting and whistling, obviously abetting him. "Ek chumma toh 2000 tera," one shouted. Her honour and Rs. 2000 stood on opposite ends of a wager. Those menacing eyes came still closer. One cold hand on her shoulder. Ananya was a shivering mess now. Those looming eyes, eyes with not a shred of shame or guilt in them stared at her continuously. Her heartbeat started racing faster, adrenaline pumped up. She was too horrified to breathe. She started recalling the name of every God she knew. She started begging, requesting her attacker, but she couldn't hear her own words. The owner of those eyes, unflinching, traced his hands from her shoulder downwards to her heaving chest amidst the lewd comments of ten other boys surrounding them, some making indecent gestures, some mouthing the foulest of abuses, each ready to pounce on her, to destroy her. "Kill me, God," she remembered thinking before she saw her friends, accompanied by some police constables, shooing the

We were what we ate

A few weeks ago, my wife made a simple pudding with custard and cake, a sort of trifle. Our five-year-old son wasn't too enthused by this dessert – his parents enjoyed it more. I realised that the sweets, chocolates, and ice-cream he is used to must have made the pudding seem rather dull. I still recall what a special concoction it had been when I was a child, during the simpler times of the 1980s. Then there were the Five-Star and Double Decker bars, Phantom cigarettes, and a flat, round coconut-flavoured toffee that sold for 10 or 20 paise.

Custard, jelly, and cream was a staple combination in those days, and I remember, years later in Delhi, making Polson's custard and Rex jelly and pouring Alanta tinned cream on top of them in an attempt to get a taste of the old days. A rare treat back then was Gold Coin apple juice, and Elmec cocktail sausages – both seem to have disappeared. The appearance of Maggi noodles (there was just one flavour then) was a major event during those days, and they seemed tastier, or maybe that is just a subjective childhood memory. Packaged foodstuff weren't exactly abundant; the present spread of goods in even a modest dry-goods store would have seemed luxurious by the standards of those days. We were united back then by a few common brands: Ambassador and Fiat, the Godrej almirah, Dafda, Forhans toothpaste, Thums Up, Bata keds. There is a wider range of choice now, which makes for more convenience (and more expenses), but something indefinable seems to have been lost in that transition.

Certain types of food also seem to have vanished, due to changing times. I recall an aunt telling me about gela kumara – a type of gourd grown on the thatched roofs of houses and left to ripen till it was almost rotten. The soft flesh then was scooped out – it was supposed to have the consistency of a caramel custard, she said, and must have had a strong smell. I am sure – before being dropped into hot oil, to be cooked as a khar or with borali fish. My

mother mentions her father coming back from the banks of the Brahmaputra with keso or turtle eggs dug up from the sand, wrapped up in the shirt he wore above his dhoti; the eggs shells were supposed to be soft, and could be pressed without cracking them. I never had a chance to sample either of those delicacies, but I do

FROM THE MARGINS

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remember eating deer and turtle meat (the latter almost like chicken). Till the mid-to-late '80s, shooting deer was still relatively common in parts of Assam (not to mention elsewhere in the North-East). In the old days, it was openly sold on Nongpoh, the traditional halftown between Guwahati and Shillong. The taste of the cubed deer meat or venison fried in mustard oil over firewood with plenty of jeera is something unforgettable. It is still sold in some parts (like in Assam's Dimas Haos district), but militancy and deforestation since the late '80s have largely brought this practice to a halt. Turtle meat also used to be available in the village haats, but I suppose wildlife laws have much stricter now.

A rarer meat was elephant meat: I remember two Mizo women going around Shillong about two decades back selling dried elephant meat, from an animal killed

somewhere around Sitalchar. I think I never tried that, nor have I ever tried bear meat, which I think some people used to eat earlier. A person in a village near Tezpur once told me that eating bear meat would protect you from any sort of illness for five years. Interestingly, there is a place called Bhalukmara near Orang, and also a Bhalukmara near Bhakalpung.

Certain dishes require too much effort for this day and age – they were better suited for larger families and sufficient free time. One such is the doh khleb made by the Khasis, where the pig's head is thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned, then boiled, following which all the skin and flesh is taken off the skull and chopped up along with ginger, onions and chillies – the boiled brains give the mix a creamy consistency. It is a delicacy in the Khasi Hills, but the lengthy preparation time means that it isn't something made every day (the same can also be made with the cow's head). You do get it in some jodh stalls, and it is prepared in homes on occasions. The dish known as doh khleb – boiled pork chopped up with the above mentioned condiments – is more readily available. There are other dishes in the hills based on the offal of animals large and small, which are also less common nowadays with growing affluence. I suppose the effort required is also why something like sweet fritters or malpua made from ripe jackfruit is so much rarer these days (or the seeds boiled and mashed with banana shoots and mustard oil).

The above list of foods, both cooked and packaged, that have disappeared or have become rarer is not exhaustive – these are just some of the items I happen to remember. I would be happy to hear about other people's memories as well. One thing, though, has been a mystery to me: apparently a few decades ago, in the villages of Assam at least, it was forbidden to eat the common mungi or even its eggs – offenders were summoned to the *rangbari* and made to apologise: something surprising in this day and age when broiler chicken outlets are all over the place. Any explanations as to why it was so will be greatly appreciated. My own guess is people might have associated the bird with certain diseases.

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FORECAST

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ARIES
You don't like to be tied down, but you could find someone who is just as free-spirited and fun-loving as you are, so be open to romance. You will resolve some tedious work situations.



TAURUS
This is quite a powerful week in terms of trusting your instincts, especially around work-related matters, and issues that involve employees or routine household matters.



GEMINI
You are a creative person, and this week, your energy and magnetism is super-sized. Some dynamic aspects at the beginning of the week catalyse you to move forward on a new creative project.



CANCER
Your gut intuition is strong, and it's especially powerful at the beginning of this week. Just wait until Thursday to make any major announcements or decisions. Spend more time nesting at home.



LEO
Travel, education, and fresh ideas spark some serious creativity this week! Pay close attention to any news or cool innovation that crosses your desk since it could be the key to a brilliant new business idea.



VIRGO
You dislike unpredictability, but you may have to stomach some excitement this week. A chance meeting or encounter could give you a financial opportunity that you have been dreaming of.



LIBRA
A lot of change is catalysing this week. You will reconsider the viability of a personal or professional relationship. If you get a bad feeling about a situation, now is the time to step away.



SCORPIO
You are highly sensitive and intuitive, and this week, your instincts are sharper than ever. Pay close attention to your feelings and keep track of your dreams in a journal. You will need some quiet time this weekend.



SAGITTARIUS
The past few weeks have been exciting and energising, and you may have yet another epic brain-storm or exciting opportunity come to light now. Romance is on the cards.



CAPRICORN
You are a career-minded person and this week is an epic one for work. Big changes or exciting opportunities that emerge during the first half of the week could set you on an entirely new path.



AQUARIUS
Travel or new information could lead to a major breakthrough. You will finally be ready to move forward, and share your plans and your vision with the world. You will have the Midas touch at work.



PISCES
There is a lot going on right now, so it may be worth it to slow down and take another look at your values and priorities. The beginning of the week could provide you with a powerful romantic connection or lucrative work opportunity.

MOVIE WATCH

Bidisha Singha

IT

Cast: Bill Skarsgård, Jaeden Lieberher, Finn Wolfhard.

Director: Andy Muschietti.



Horror flicks have their own loyal following and even the worst kinds get a good crowd. This one, however, has got great reviews from horror fans, and that's the reason why it's topping the box office charts. Based on the 1986 novel written by Stephen King, the film follows the fate of seven children in Derry, Maine who face their worst nightmares in the form of a shapeshifting demon which they call 'IT'. Now this 'Losers Club' must set aside their personal fears to battle this terrifying, murderous clown – Pennywise.

Weekly Top Grossers

1. IT	6. Logan Lucky
2. Home Again	7. Dunkirk
3. The Hitman's Bodyguard	8. Spider-Man: Homecoming
4. Wind River	9. Leap!
5. Annabelle: Creation	10. Girls Trip

Victoria & Abdul

Cast: Judi Dench, Ali Fazal, Olivia Williams, Michael Gambon.

Director: Stephen Frears.

Indian filmgoers are pretty psyched about watching a film that talks about the rather unseemly bond between a British Queen and an Indian 'servant'. Queen Victoria is the all-powerful monarch ruling over

numerous countries, but she is also a lonely widow seeking companionship. And that's where her young Indian maid servant Karim comes in. The affable young man manages to impress the Queen with his honesty and soon the duo are inseparable friends, much to the dismay of the Queen's inner circle who wish to destroy this alliance.

5 THINGS/ Dealing with drugs

"Addiction is a manifestation of a societal dysfunction."

Project Director of Hope Foundation, RABIUL ISLAM talks about the menace of addiction.

1 The unseen menace

Drug addiction has seen a phenomenal increase. In India, as we transitioned from agrarian economies to modern technologies and dreams, urban chaos and anonymity, and a rat race of stressed out living conditions, addiction has thrived amongst a growing vulnerable population. Chemicals and their abuse are such an easy way out. The addiction map of India is all pervasive today and has spread to every nook and corner of the country.

2 Addiction – an illness

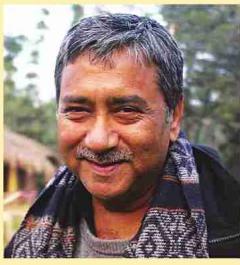
Although the general perception is that the addicts are either "bad" or "mad", one has to first go into the genesis of the threat. It has been declared as a chronic disorder, characterised by a compulsive, obsessive use of a substance. This pathological dependence on a drug and the loss of control over the ability to regulate the ingestion makes it an involuntary response, lacking the adaptive flexibility of voluntary behaviour. Addiction is incurable but can be treated. Addiction is also a progressive illness which has to be short circuited.

3 Shame and stigma

Asked how to deal with addicts, I would simply state – with empathy, understanding, compassion and tough love. The condition of addicts degenerates progressively, affecting them physically, psychologically and above all, spiritually. In trying to avoid the shame and stigma attached to addiction, affected families try to hide the situation and due to ignorance, also do not know the solutions.

4 The other addicts

Parents, wives, siblings, other loved ones are the worst affected by addiction. Without taking any drugs themselves, these persons display similar



characteristics of the addict and become emotional and nervous wrecks. The co-dependent is the other addict, who finds no life of his/ her own but everything is an action or a reaction to what the abuser does. Co-dependents are partners in dependence – they react, fear the future, are lonely, talk, but do not communicate.

5 Hope of recovery

Addiction is a manifestation of a societal dysfunction. Perhaps our path is twisted and the Bhutan model of the Gross National Happiness is more appropriate in modern culture as a standard for growth. However, in addiction, recovery is possible too. With proper intervention, a hardcore addict can hit rock bottom and also reverse this downside. Over 1,500 addicts have gone through rehabs that I have run and many are in good shape now. An addict in recovery needs to maintain physical, psychological and spiritual growth everyday – one day at a time.

(As told to Indrani RaiMedhi)

ALL IS WELL

Suzanne Monroe

Being busy

Trade your busy life for a fulfilling one.

The other day, I had lunch with a friend. We both sat down and asked each other how we were doing. We both had the same response: "Busy!"

It's unfortunate that "busy" is the most common response today to the question "How are you?"

How did we get so busy in the first place? With all of the new technology and faster, easier ways of communicating, shouldn't we theoretically be less busy and have more free time?

Being busy can be healthy, but being "too busy" is not healthy. Being active and engaged and inspired, yes, that's healthy. Being drained, overwhelmed and stressed out is not. It's a fine line and most of us have crossed over it. Today being too busy causes people to feel less connected, creates children who are stressed at a young age and fosters a world where we feel spiritually, emotionally and physically "off". We feel all this, yet, we don't do anything about it. Or don't know we can.

Why do we keep ourselves so busy in the first place? I think a part of us actually believes that being busy is a good thing. It allows us to tell other people we're not idle. That we have "a life". We have things to do, we're important, we're needed. Busy equals success in our minds.

Deciding to not be busy is a choice we can make. But first, we need to have a mindset shift and realise that being busy is not who we are as a

person. Take a minute from your busy schedule right now and try one of the following steps below:

• Take an inventory of your busy life. What is filling up your plate? Does it really need to be? How effective is it really? Do you enjoy it? Why are you really doing it? Write it all down on a piece of paper and determine what activities you could eliminate. What would be the impact of eliminating one or two things on the list? While you might forego something you think is important, would there be an equal or greater benefit to not doing it? Once you take your inventory, be prepared to share it with others in your life and let them know you are going to be making some changes. Be prepared that not everyone will agree with you. Stick to your new plan and try it for 30 days.

• Be present amongst the chaos. While you have a lot on your plate, try to focus on what is right in front of you, rather than thinking about the next thing.

• Focus on what you do best and what you enjoy most. Stop trying to do everything and do everything. This is about honing in on what you are really good at and what you enjoy, and leaving the rest to someone else.

• Remember, you are a human being, not a human-doing. You are not meant to go 24/7 at 100 miles per hour. You are not a machine. Your body needs to refuel. Your mind needs to rest. Sometimes it's the rest and the non-busyness that scares us. We wonder what we'll find out about ourselves if we slow down. Keep in mind, anything that frightens us is usually worth investigating and you might discover something new about yourself.

