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Aug 15 to be celebrated as 'Sankalp Parva': Govt

NEW DELHI, Aug 7: The Centre has decided to observe this Independence Day as 'Sankalp Parva' and asked the people to dedicate themselves to social causes and share their ideas to make a new India. The 70th Independence Day on August 15 to be celebrated as the 'Sankalp Parva', the Ministry of Personnel said in an order.

Terming 'Quit India Movement' as an important milestone, the Government has asked people to take a pledge to create a new India that is strong, prosperous and inclusive.

The Quit India Movement or 'August Kranti' began on August 9, 1942. "Under the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi, people across India, in every village, city, transcending all barriers came together with a common mission to uproot imperialism," the order said.

As the nation would be observing the 75th anniversary of the Quit India Movement this year, five years from now i.e. in August 2022, we will complete 75 years as an independent nation, it said.

"This five-year period, from 2017-2022, gives us unique opportunity of 'Sankalp' to 'Siddhi' towards a new India. Hence, August 15, 2017 be celebrated as the 'Sankalp Parva' or the Day of Resolve, and in 2022, our nation will transform that resolve into 'Siddhi' attainment," it said. This five-year period can ignite the transformation that will create an India, which our freedom fighters will be proud of, it said.

During his 'Mann Ki Baat' programme, the Prime Minister had said in this month of August, the month of the Quit India Movement, let us come together and resolve: Dirt-Quit India; Poverty-Quit India; Corruption-Quit India; Terrorism-Quit India; Casteism-Quit India; Communism-Quit India! - PTI

Not demoralised by leaders leaving party: Akhilesh

LUCKNOW, Aug 7: His party hit by many desertions in the past few days but Samajwadi Party (SP) chief Akhilesh Yadav on Monday said that was good as those who left made him aware of "who was loyal and with the party in its bad times".



Akhilesh Yadav also added that he would not stop anyone from leaving the party as some leaders were working with ulterior motives and hinted that it was good ridance in a way.

The SP has been out of luck after its humiliating defeat in the March 2017 State Assembly elections. While the party's tally plummeted to an all time low of 47 in a House of 403 as it split between Akhilesh Yadav on one side and his father Mulayam Singh Yadav and uncle Shivpal Singh on the other, many district leaders and other office bearers have left and there was open cross voting from party legislators in the presidential elections. - IANS

Govt figures under-report on tiger deaths

NEW DELHI, Aug 7: There seems to be a significant difference in the figures given by the Government and those recorded by some organisations on the number of tiger deaths due to

THE FIGURES

- According to the Union Environment Ministry data, 15 tigers were confirmed dead this year till July 25, either due to poaching or based on seizures (of the pelts or body organs).
- However, the Wildlife Protection Society of India (WPSI) says the number of dead tigers due to poaching or seizures during this period was 22.

WHY THE DISCREPANCIES

- According to the experts, the discrepancies in the Government figures are due to the slow processing or presenting of DNA samples or delay in forensic reports on the cause of death.
- Wildlife organisations say poaching figures recorded by the Government are on the lower side as many such cases go undetected, poaching or natural causes in India.

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Of the total 74 tiger deaths reported by the Government till July 25, 54 have been placed under scrutiny, while five are said to have died from natural causes. Additionally, 59 cases of tiger mortality between 2014 and 2016 are still under investigation. Similarly, while the Ministry said 33 tigers deaths in 2016 were due to poaching – either through direct evidence or on the basis of seizures – wildlife organisations put this number at 50.

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Congress facing serious crisis, says Ramesh

KOCHI, Aug 7: The Congress is facing an "existential crisis", senior party leader Jairam Ramesh today said and pitched for a "collective effort" by the party leaders to "overcome" the challenges it faced from Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP chief Amit Shah.

He said the Congress had faced "electoral crisis" from 1996 to 2004 when it was out of power. The party had also faced "electoral crisis" in 1977 when it lost the elections held soon after the emergency.

"But today, I would say that the Congress is facing an existential crisis. This is not an electoral crisis. The party really is in deep crisis," he said, when asked whether the threat of "poaching" of MLAs posed by the BJP in Gujarat had forced the party to transport its MLAs to Karnataka to ensure party leader Ahmed Patel's victory

in the Rajya Sabha polls.

He, however, justified the Gujarat Congress's decision to send 44 of its MLAs to a rally in party-ruled Karnataka on July 29 to fend off the alleged "poaching" attempts by the BJP, saying the saffron par-

ty had also "transported" MLAs in the past.

He said it was wrong for the Congress party to think that anti-incumbency will work automatically against the Modi-led Government in the States being ruled by the

BJP in the elections.

"We have to understand we are up against Mr Modi, Mr Shah. And they think differently, they act differently, and if we are not flexible in our approach, we will become irrelevant, frankly," the Congress

leader said. He said the Congress party must also recognise that India has changed. "Old slogans don't work, old formulas don't work, old mantras don't work. India has changed, the Congress party has to change," he said. - PTI

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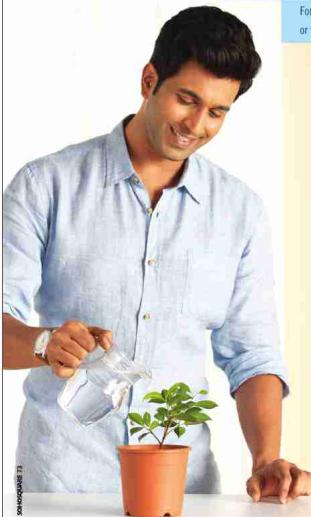
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Iran dailies slam MPs for 'selfies of humiliation' with EU diplomat

TEHRAN, Aug 7: Iran's newspapers were dominated today by accusations lawmakers had embarrassed themselves by clambering to take selfies with EU foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini during her visit to parliament.

Mogherini was among dozens of foreign guests in Iran for the inauguration of President Hassan Rouhani on Saturday, but she appeared to capture the most attention as members of parliament crowded round to grab a snap with her.

Images of the lawmakers perched on desks and lining up with their smartphones in front of the Italian diplomat triggered a storm of anger and ridicule on Iranian social media under the hashtag "selfies of humiliation".

"Dear MPs, thank you for disgracing 80 million people,"



wrote one Twitter user.

Others drew comparisons with iconic images such as Walt Disney's seven dwarfs lining up to fawn over Snow White.

At least one lawmaker apologised for his lack of decorum, but the issue still dominated Monday's front pages.

The reformist Ghanoom daily had a cartoon of Mogherini in the style of

Edvard Munch's famous painting "The Scream", with Iranian parliamentarians peering from the corners with their mobile phones snapping away.

The episode "shows the lack of proper education in the country", it wrote in its editorial.

But the ultra-conservative Kayhan newspaper did not comment on the controversy. — AFP

"Those who are supposed to defend the rights of the nation against the enemy queue up to snap photos in a humiliating way with the violators," it said.

Mogherini, who held talks with Rouhani as part of the European Union's bid to rebuild trade ties with Iran, did not comment on the controversy. — AFP

MANILA, Aug 7: The Trump administration has yet to decide on how to respond to Russia's move to expel hundreds of American diplomats, but plans to deliver a response to Moscow by September 1, US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson said today.

A day after sitting down in the Philippines with Russia's top diplomat, Tillerson said he'd asked "clarifying questions" about the Kremlin's retaliation announced last month following new sanctions passed by Congress and signed by President Donald Trump.

The Trump administration has struggled to determine how the move will affect the US diplomatic presence in Russia, as well as the broader implications for the troubled relationship between the nuclear-armed powers.

Despite the Russian move, which seemed to plunge the two countries even further into acrimony, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov emerged from the meeting declaring a readiness for more engagement with the US on North Korea, Syria and Ukraine, among other issues.

Tillerson broadly echoed that sentiment, saying the two countries had critical national security issues to discuss despite deep disagreements on some matters.

"I don't think it is useful to

sit in Ukraine, devoid of real progress for years.

That assessment came as Lavrov announced that the Trump administration had committed to sending its new special envoy for Ukraine negotiations, Kurt Volker, to Moscow to discuss next steps.

Yet several obstacles hang over any attempt to pursue a more functional US-Russian relationship: the new US sanctions, Russia's retaliatory move to expel diplomats, and the ongoing US Justice Department investigation into Russia's election meddling and potential Trump campaign collusion.

Fearing Trump might move inappropriately to ease sanctions on Russia, Congress last month passed new legislation that both added more sanctions and made it harder for the President to lift them. — AP

US to respond by Sept 1 to Russia's expulsion of diplomats



Sikhs among top targets of hate crimes in US

WASHINGTON, Aug 7: Sikhs are one of the top targets of hate crimes and sectarian violence in the US, the community leaders have said as they remembered victims of the 2012 mass shooting by a white supremacist that claimed the lives of six Sikhs at a Gurdwara in the Wisconsin city.

Several eminent Sikhs—Americans from across the US, lawmakers, government officials and local leaders participated in prayers held on the weekend to mark the five-year anniversary of the mass shooting.

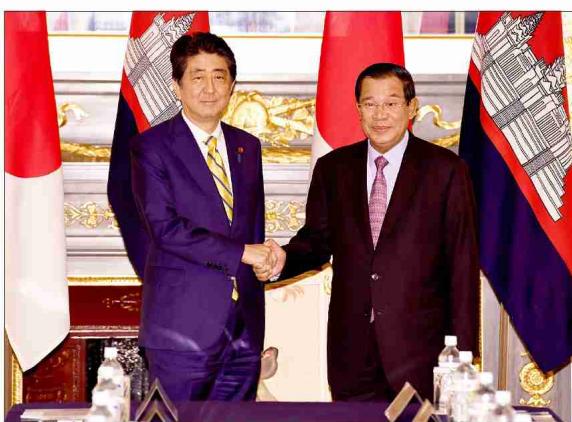
"We have made commendable efforts to secure our Gurdwara Sahib's all across the country and taken many preventive measures. But Sikhs are still one of the top targets of hate crimes, sectarian violence, and bullying in American schools. In recent years, attacks have rather increased in many-fold," said Gurinder Singh Khalsa, who heads the Sikhs Political Action Committee.

"Hate has no color. Hate has no face. Yet we all saw hate five years ago," Bairi Dular, president of the Sikh Temple of Wisconsin, said, addressing the gathering.

"When you come together and those hearts and minds connect, the presence of the divine is there and you don't even have to say a word," he added.

Among the speakers yesterday at the Gurdwara was retired Oak Creek Police Officer Brian Murphy, who was shot fifteen times before the shooter was brought down.

"When something is stolen from you, when the lives were stolen from everyone here, you can't get that back," Murphy said. — PTI



Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen (R) is greeted by his Japanese counterpart Shinzo Abe prior to their summit meeting at the state guest house in Tokyo, Japan on Monday. — UNI

3 dead as storms hit north Italy

ROME, Aug 7: Three people died in freak accidents as violent storms raged in northern Italy at the end of prolonged heat wave, police said.

A 41-year-old Belgian man was among the dead after a tree fell on his tent at a Rainbow Gathering counter-cultural summer camp in the Tramontina valley in the north-eastern region of Friuli.

Another tree, uprooted by powerful winds, fell on a festival maria at Marzola in the Dolomites, killing another man.

Aiker was fatally struck by lightning on a path up a mountain in the same area, the Marmolada.

The weather-related death follow a storm-triggered mudslide yesterday which swept a woman to her death on the outskirts of the ski resort of Cortina d'Ampezzo.

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Yesterday the US Marine Corps said recovery and salvage operations could take months to complete, while the cause of the crash was

being investigated.

The MV-22, which is half-helicopter half-turboprop, has two engines positioned on fixed wings that allow it to land and take off vertically. It can travel much faster than a helicopter.

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"Shortly after commencing survey operations in the area, the submerged aircraft was located," Defence Minister Marise Payne said in a statement.

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Australia finds crashed US military aircraft



SYDNEY, Aug 7: A US military aircraft that crashed off the Australian coast has been found, authorities said today, with divers preparing to try and locate three missing marines.

The MV-22 Osprey—a hybrid helicopter-turboprop with a chequered safety record—went down today off Shoalwater Bay in Queensland state.

Twenty-three personnel were quickly saved, but three marines remained missing despite an air and sea search.

The Royal Australian Navy survey ship HMAS Melville joined the search overnight

and soon found the wreckage,

"Shortly after commencing survey operations in the area, the submerged aircraft was located," Defence Minister Marise Payne said in a statement.

A navy diving team has since headed to the Melville

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Major eviction in Sarania Hill after Aug 15

Gandhi Mandap to be developed

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 7: The city's heritage structure Gandhi Mandap will be refurbished and developed under the Smart City Project, which will include work on landscaping, illumination and setting up of a yoga centre.

This decision was taken today at a meeting of the Mahatma Gandhi & Martyrs' Memorial Trust and the Gandhi Mandap Trust here under the chairmanship of Kamrup (Metro) Deputy Commissioner Dr M Angamuthu.

The meeting was attended by Minister for Sports, Culture and Panchayat & Rural Development Naba Doley, MLA of Guwahati East constituency Sidhartha Bhattacharya, GMC Mayor Sariana and noted social worker RD Borkotoky.

Dr Angamuthu, who is also the convenor of the Mahatma Gandhi & Martyrs' Memorial Trust, Gandhi Mandap, briefed the gathering on the new project for refurbishment of Gandhi Mandap which includes landscaping, illumination, view point, proper walkway, establishment of a yoga centre, cafeteria, museum and library



under the Smart City Project.

encroachment on the hill, MLA of Guwahati East Bhattacharya suggested that the district administration should carry out an eviction drive as soon as possible.

Orangamuthu directed the DFO of Kamrup (East) Division and the Circle Officer of Guwahati to conduct a survey of encroachments on the Sarania Hill and said a major eviction exercise would be carried out after August 15.

The meeting also discussed the issue of safety and security of visitors to the Gandhi Mandap area in the evening hours and also about insufficient police patrolling and engagement of security forces at the place.

It was decided that the Commissioner of Police will establish a separate police post in Gandhi Mandap area for enhancement of surveillance and monitoring of safety and security-related issues in the place.

The gathering also decided that a proposal for a separate committee for supervising and monitoring of the refurbishing works of Gandhi Mandap under the Smart City Project should be submitted to the State government.

Saraighat bridges declared 'no selfie zone'

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 7: With a view to preventing mishaps and ensuring hassle-free movement of traffic, the Kamrup (Metro) district administration today declared the new and old Saraighat bridges as 'protected zones' and also as 'no parking zone' and 'no selfie zone'.

Commuters will henceforth not be able to stop their vehicles on the new and old Saraighat bridges and they have also been prohibited from clicking selfie on the bridges. An order to this effect was issued by District Magistrate of Kamrup (Metro) Dr M Angamuthu.

He said violation of the order issued today would be punishable by fines of up to Rs 10,000. The order has come

into force with immediate effect and will remain in place till modified changed.

"It has been observed that large number of vehicles including buses, cars and bikes, plying on the old Saraighat

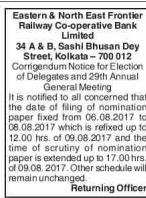
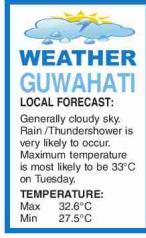
bridge and the new Saraighat bridge are flouting all rules and regulations. Haphazard and un-systematic parking of vehicles is causing severe traffic congestion as well as inconvenience to general public," he said.

Dr Angamuthu added,

"There is also an increasing trend of accidents occurring in the process of taking selfies which have been widely reported in the media. There is a need to have a systematic approach for curtailing the number of accidents and mishaps." He said that such things cannot be allowed to continue in a city like Guwahati, which is the gateway to the entire North East.

"Due to noncompliance with the basic rules, various accidents occur causing irreparable loss of lives and also create law and order situations," said Dr Angamuthu, who is also Chairman of the Regional Transport Authority (RTA).

The Deputy Commissioner of Police (Guwahati West) has been directed to ensure compliance with the order.



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Corrigendum Notice for Election of Delegates and 29th Annual General Meeting

It is notified to all concerned that the date of filing of nomination papers for election of Delegates is 28.08.2017 to 28.08.2017 which is referred upto 12.00 hrs. of 09.08.2017 and the time of scrutiny of nomination papers is 12.00 hrs. to 17.00 hrs. of 09.08.2017. Other schedule will remain unchanged.

Returning Officer

Solo exhibition of paintings

GUWAHATI, Aug 7: "Spandan" – a solo exhibition of paintings by Mukulmoni Dutta, will get underway at the State Art Gallery in the Rabindra Bhawan premises here tomorrow. The inaugural ceremony is scheduled to begin at 4 pm. The exhibition will remain open for visitors between 2 pm and 7 pm till August 12.

Tree plantation programme held

Green Guwahati Mission project of the State government.

Moti Lal Basumatary, DFO, Social Forestry, Guwahati; Dinesh Goswami, Range Officer, City Social Forestry, Guwahati and several others, including the residents of Anandanagar, took part in the programme which started at around 11 am, stated a press release.

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১৩ আগষ্ট, ২০১৭ : বিদ্যালয় / মহাবিদ্যালয়ৰ ছাত্ৰ-ছাত্ৰীৰ মাজত চিৱাংকন, সংগীত, নৃত্য, আকশ্মিক বজ্ঞা আৰু অন্যান্য প্রতিযোগিতাসমূহ অনুষ্ঠিত হ'ব।

১৪ আগষ্ট, ২০১৭ : বাতিপুৰা চক্ৰ, খণ্ড, মহকুমা আৰু জিলাসমূহত

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MESSAGE FOR TODAY

Self-confidence is the first requisite to great undertakings.

— SAMUEL JOHNSON

The Assam Tribune

Political Killings

It's the presence of different ideologies and beliefs which makes politics interesting and absorbing. The different ideologies espoused by the varied political parties contribute in making a democracy strong and vibrant. The way parties try their best to woo the voters to make their choice. The difference of opinion and healthy criticism is the integral part of multi-party political system. But political rivalry does not mean to go for the jugular of the opponents. Bloodshed in the name of political and ideological differences can in no way be justified in a civilized society. And unfortunately that's what is happening in Kerala. The hostility between the CPM and the BJP has been a part of Kerala's political landscape. But now it has taken a turn for the worse. According to police statistics, 10 RSS workers have been killed since February last year while four CPM workers have been killed due to political rivalry. The RSS is the ideological mentor of the BJP which is trying to carve a base in Kerala, a State traditionally dominated by the ruling Left and the Congress. The RSS has alleged that the CPM-led Government in Kerala has been trying to eliminate its workers as it is afraid of the BJP's growing influence. The RSS has also alleged that the CPM Government is using government machinery to target its workers. The CPM in its turn alleged that the BJP Government at the Centre has unleashed an anti-Kerala campaign by highlighting only the murders of the RSS and BJP workers while concealing the murders of the CPM cadres over the last three decades.

The spur in political killings is doing Kerala no good. The charges and countercharges levelled by both the RSS and the CPM are not the answer. Good sense should prevail on both the groups that violence and killings can never help in boosting the political prospects of their respective parties. Instead of killing rival party workers, the parties should focus on working for all-round development of the masses. The spiralling spectre of violence will halt the progress of the State which otherwise has a very good human development index. The brutal killings of party workers reflect a poor state of law and order in Kerala. The urgent need of the hour is to curb the ongoing violence and steps be initiated to ensure that peace prevails. In this context, the onus lies in the hands of the Kerala Government. The ruling dispensation has failed miserably in the law and order front. It is the duty of the Government to take strong deterrent steps to ensure that no one dares to take law into their hands.

'Lightning' Bolt

In the world of sports we come across champions but rarely one who makes a complete dominance of his or her sporting discipline and leaves behind an enduring legacy. Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt belonged to that rare breed – someone who blazed away to glory with a trail of successes on the track and overshadowed every competitor through his sheer talent, dedication and performance. Inarguably the greatest sprinter of all time, Bolt has called it a day at the World Athletics Championships on Saturday night, bringing down the curtains on an illustrious – and indeed unparalleled – career that included eight Olympic golds. In a twist of irony, though, Bolt was not able to quit on a winning note, with Justin Gatlin spoiling his farewell party and pushing the champion to the third place behind him and Christian Coleman who finished second. Had Bolt won his final dash, it would have been his 12th world title in the 100m. However, we may still see Bolt on the track with the 30-year-old set to race in August 12's 4x100m final if he qualifies for the 4x100m relay at the World Championships.

Bolt's achievements are staggering and speak for themselves. Those are also testimony to the extent the human body and mind can be pushed. He holds the world record for the 100m (9.58 seconds), the 200m (19.19 seconds) and the 4x100m relay (36.84 seconds). At the last Olympics at Rio in 2016, he had won the 100m in 9.81 seconds. Prior to his last appearance at the London World Championship, he did not lose at a major championship since he burst onto the scene in 2008. The athletics arena will undoubtedly be poorer after Bolt's retirement and it will be extremely difficult for his competitors and successors to better the benchmark set by the giant – so aptly nicknamed 'Lightning Bolt'. As of now, American Christian Coleman and Canada's Andre de Grasse seem to be the only two contenders who can come close to filling Bolt's big shoes. Incidentally, as a high school-goer, Bolt was more into cricket and but for his cricket coach's insistence (after noticing his speed on the pitch) to hit the track, he would have ended up as a full-time cricketer. The William Knibb Memorial High School where he studied was well known for producing champion athletes, including sprinter Michael Green. Indeed, a major reason behind Jamaica's consistent success in world athletics is largely attributable to their system that accords utmost stress on talent hunt at an early age and professional grooming. This is something utterly lacking in the manner sports is managed in India where talents are rarely picked up and nurtured from an early age. Bolt's success saga should be an inspiration for not just budding sports persons but also for sports managers to extract the best out of young talents.

Assam after Independence

■ Swapnanil Barua

In a week's time the State along with the country will be celebrating our 71st Independence Day. The first one must have been one of great relief, with a feeling that our people are going to be masters of their own fate and live a life of dignity, holding one's head high. It was not very clear if the country's new rulers had any clear economic or social agenda, but the Mahatma's ideas on rural development, removing untouchability, women's empowerment, primary education and creating a village economy must have been the paramount thought of the day among most of the political leaders.

To propel the economy of the country on to an industrial base may only have been limited to Jawaharlal Nehru and his select band of urban followers who had strong views on India's role in the committee of nations and the Commonwealth. The exercise of drafting the Directive Principles of State Policy would go on for another three years till the Constitution of the country was framed in 1950. A period after Independence was also a period of great debate whether India would be a Hindu and a Hindi country. Though the founding fathers decided on keeping the country seemingly secular and giving time to Hindi to be the national language, the undercurrent for and against a secular and a Hindi-speaking country remains strong as ever. The strong past of India does not let go of its stronghold over the psyche of the people of the nation, while the Vindhyas still divide the north and the south and the Northeast and the Island provinces continue to hang on the national body politic, sometimes remembered but mostly forgotten. The issues and problems of the mainland continue

to dominate national psyche and events, with the North-east being remembered in times of political turmoil or when assaults come on the way of national unity and integration or the protection of the country's borders. It is in this backdrop that events of the State have unfolded in the last 70 years.

Assam till the 1930s of the last century, was a peaceful island of prosperity, where there was not much of a social divide between the rich and the poor, with most people being poor or not-so-poor. The British had lived in their splendid isolation of the tea gardens, the oil industry, the coal, timber and plywood industry ensconced in their clubs. They had little to do with the local Assamese, except for a few bawabs, relying on imported labour. Governance meant maintaining law and order, managing land records, controlling the sale of opium and country liquor and keeping the roads pliable. Railways and river transport

were in the realm of the private sector, while there was virtually no power sector. Whatever was there under private initiative. Trade and commerce was an exclusive domain of the Marwari and Bengali merchants. While a life in mainland India continued to be dominated by religion, in Assam it was language that was the dominant issue. Since the coming of the British, the Assamese identity in the form of its language and culture was the issue which dominated the scene and has continued till today.

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Gopinath Bordoloi's spat with Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru is an example of democratic federalism, that we talk of now. The growth of the numbers of people of Muslim immigrant origin in the State has upset the religious demographics, infusing a new fear element in the Assamese mind, of being swamped religiously also.

links with India itself. While the Assamese have been proactive in the defense of their domination in social and cultural life of the State, this has spawned a culture of political countering among the post-1826 immigrants of all shades, be it tribes, Bengali, Nepali or Muslim immigrants, and North Indians, who are using their numbers in asserting themselves in the political game. The assertion of sub-national identity among the indigenous tribes of Assam has led to a political change in the State. The autonomous councils have been set up to see to the overall growth of the different tribes. Though meant to improve the lot of everyone, the tribal councils have benefited the lives of a few. But education and communications have definitely spread in those areas. Politics and society once excluded the tribal groups, but the breakdown of Nagaland, Mizoram and Meghalaya from Assam and the cutting of the cultural links with Arunachal Pradesh and Manipur has made the Assamese society aware

of the need of inclusion, giving rise to concepts like the Seven Sisters and *Bor Borom*, after Independence. Till economics takes over, when everyone would be busy in earning a living, Assam will continue to be a dormant volcano, which may erupt any moment, without the slightest notice or warning, spewing forth bloodbath of communal and ethnic violence.

Post-Independence, the most significant change has been in the education sector. From one college and a few schools in district and subdivi-

sional headquarters or mofussil areas, educational institutions have proliferated to every nook and corner of the State. Starting with primary schools and then going to high schools, now colleges and junior colleges dot every three kilometres in the State. Technical and medical education too has spread with the setting up of five medical colleges, 10 engineering colleges, polytechnics and skill development centres. From no university before Independence, there are now about 10 universities in the State. The situation has changed from lack of institutions to lack of students.

Communications have improved immensely in Assam, post Independence. Road communications which was limited to the Assam Trunk and North Trunk roads has spread out to reach every village. What was an expedition of a journey has become a day and night affair, with the introduction of night supers in the 80s. Air travel has transformed itself from being an exotic affair to a posse. Now the emphasis is on quality of communication. Similarly with the coming of radio in 1947, television in 1982, mobiles in 1998, an electronic communication revolution has taken place too. Electricity, a luxury till the 1950s, is now demanded as an essential commodity even in the remotest of homes.

The biggest change for the better that has happened in the last 70 years is the breakdown of barriers of caste, creed and community in society. Talent has given away to backgrounds and heredity, with everyone free to aspire to rise in society. The world too has become a global village for the Assamese, who now thinks of operating at a national or international level. Only the economy of the State awaits the long desired, giant leap forward.

75 years of Quit India Movement

■ Champak Sarmah

To attain its freedom from the British, India struggled for long 90 years under various leaders. Some of them were moderates and others extremists. But the period marked by the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi made the difference. He led the nation in three great movements and eventually succeeded in achieving freedom. The first and the second movements, namely Non-Cooperation and Civil Disobedience Movements, had to be abandoned due to various reasons. It doesn't mean that the spirit of freedom was buried under the ashes. Both these movements taught people some vital lessons on mass agitation. So, the last agitation led by Gandhi, the Quit India Movement, witnessed widespread support from the common people. Today that popular movement has completed 75 glorious years and still bears the brilliant capacity to inspire this great nation.

There were various consequences that led Gandhi to launch this mass agitation. The Civil Disobedience Movement was declared almost a decade after the launch of the Non-Cooperation Movement of 1920. After Civil Disobedience, Gandhi took the moderate path to

negotiate with the British. At this point of time, the most firebrand leader of the Indian National Congress (INC), Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose left and left the Forward Block. In 1939, the British dragged India into the World War II without the consent of its people. Bose fled India in 1941 and tried to gather foreign support for India's independence including Japan, the then rising superpower of Asia. Later he took over the leadership of the Indian National Army (INA). In the meantime, Japan set out to expand its sway over the South-East Asia. Aligned with INA, Japan planned to penetrate into India. Gandhi believed that the presence of the British in India is indirectly a threat to India's independence. At this critical juncture, Gandhi decided to launch a popular movement against the British. He was sure that such kind of mass movement would also resist the entry of the Japanese in the South-East Asia, the British sent the Cripps Mission to India to win the assistance of the Indian people at the ongoing war. Though the Cripps Mission, the British offered a Dominion Status and setting up of an elected body after the end of the war; the Indian people rejected it.

Gandhi was intelligent enough to understand the time-burying tactics of the British and decide to strike a blow by launching a mass movement. A meeting of the All India Congress Committee was held in Bombay where on August 8, 1942, the famous Quit India resolution was moved by Jawaharlal Nehru and passed by an overwhelming majority. In his speech, Gandhi demanded immediate independence and declared the 'Do or die' mantra. Thus the famous movement, also known as August Kranti or August Biplob in Assamese, was started.

The British Government moved swiftly to crush the movement. In

the wee hours of August 9, a total of 148 senior Congress leaders including Gandhi, Nehru, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and Sardar Patel were imprisoned. But the common people never felt leaderless as the Congress Socialists like Jayaprakash Narayan, RM Lohia, Anna Asaf Ali, etc., took the baton of leadership of the movement. Soon *hartals*, demonstrations, strikes, etc., became the order of the day. Thousands of people rose to challenge the force applied by the British. Police forcefully dispersed the public meetings, *lathis*-charged the people and even fired on them. Gradually it became impossible to continue the movement in non-violent means. Armless common people were resisted by *lathis* and firearms. People tried to cut off all the communication systems to get rid of tortures. Disruption of railway lines and telecommunication system became very common. People established their own parallel government in many parts of the country including upper Assam.

Assam was not aloof from this wave of turbulence. Assam witnessed mass uprising in the wake of the Quit India Movement. Gandhi's 'Do or die' slogan touched the hearts of the Assamese people. The Government tried to suppress the wave

Letters to the EDITOR

Sir, — The ATM service of the banking industry is a most essential service nowadays. It is known that the four-digit PIN is strictly confidential for an individual. Accordingly, the service providers talk of precautionary measures to be followed by their customers time and again. In this context, I wish to draw the attention of the authority concerned of the SBI that their ATM service at Jorhat is not at all satisfactory. The ATM booths are not properly managed. Many customers enter a booth provided with a single kiosk at a time. As a result, it is quite impossible for a customer to maintain secrecy of his/her PIN. In booths with multiple kiosks, the position is more vulnerable. Moreover, the flashing of the account balance on the screen at the time of withdrawal is another irritating factor. The SBI should take immediate steps to remove such

SBI ATM service at Jorhat

irritants. Yours etc., ANIL CHANDRA SARMAH, Jorhat.

APSC answer keys

Sir, — Established in 1937, the Assam Public Service Commission is not a baby of yesterday. Recently, the Commission published the answer keys for the General Studies and Optional papers of the CCE Prelims 2016, conducted on July 2, 2017. The answer keys for almost all the subjects contain too many mistakes. Thus we can conclude two things — one, the answers provided were not taken from an established source/person(s) of that particular field, and two, while marking the answers, enough attention was not given and the wrong options were marked in the answer sheet uploaded in the APSC website.

That the APSC is trying to make a better process of recruitment is commendable, but at the same time, it gives an immense shock that a body like the APSC, which is mandated to provide the State a healthy administration, provides wrong

answers for the examinations conducted by itself and asks the candidates to provide the possible correct answers which he/she feels to be correct. If none of the candidate could provide the correct answer keys, then what would be the decision of the Commission? Will it go with the wrong answer keys? The UPSC never asks for correct answer keys from the candidates. Why can't the APSC get correct answers from a person or persons highly knowledgeable in that particular subject? Yours etc., UDITYA BORAH, Tezpur.

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Sir, — The APSC has uploaded the answer keys of the recently-held CC Prelims exam. We are surprised to see the mistakes in almost all the answer keys. How can such a constitutional institution be so irresponsible? We have come to know that the APSC is going to follow the UPSC pattern in its upcoming exams; it sounds good. But we do not think that they have such expertise and attitude to adopt the UPSC

pattern. Even from the point of view of professionalism, expertise and work ethics, it seems the APSC is not even close to the UPSC coaching institutions. The APSC has asked the candidates to point out the wrong answers. Is not their responsibility to accept their mistake and correct those answers? I request the APSC to do some research work before setting the question papers. Yours etc., TARUN ASOM, Guwahati.

BDO recruitment

Sir, — This is regarding the 11 BDO (advertisement No. 166PSC/DR-25/1/2014-15). It was very pleasant to learn in the first place that the APSC is going to re-conduct the examination process due to discrepancies found in the screening test dated September 27, 2015. But recently the APSC decided to conduct the re-examination for only those who appeared in the earlier screening test. This will be totally unfair for the candidates who applied for the posts but couldn't seat in the examination for various reasons. I hope

for an immediate review at the APSC's end as it is a very serious matter. The APSC should give everyone a fair chance to compete for the aforementioned posts. Yours etc., ASHIM JYOTI DUTTA, North Lakhimpur.

TET eligibility

Sir, — The advertisement for the Assam Higher Secondary TET exam (AT, August 2, 2017) has not mentioned if the BEd (two-year course) pursuing trainee students, especially the second year batch appearing their finals, are eligible to apply for it or not. I appeal to the State Education Minister Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma to give the BEd students a chance to appear for the test. Since it's a matter of two to three months for the outcome of the BEd second year results, therefore, the BEd students must not be kept aloof from the opportunity. Yours etc., JUPITARA NATH, Barpeta Road.

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The national highway connecting Barpeta Road with Manas National Park and Bhutan in a dilapidated condition at Salbari in Boksa district, on Sunday. — UB Photos

Collection of 'goonda tax' continues in Goalpara

CORRESPONDENT

GOALPARA, Aug 7: Collection of 'goonda tax' from goods-laden mini trucks continues unabated at several points along the NH 37, especially in the Rabha Hajong Autonomous Council areas.

Some drivers of pick-up trucks, whose vehicles ply on the route between Goalpara and Dhubin and who are not brave enough to stage a protest, conveying their resentment told this correspondent on the condition of anonymity that there are at least four checkpoints for collecting 'goonda tax' from them.

They alleged that money is forcefully collected from each of their pick-up trucks @ Rs 50-

at Salpara, Leyla and Dabli and @ Rs 100 during daytime and @ Rs 200 at night time at Dhubin not while plying their vehicles from Goalpara to Dhubin.

They also informed that normally the trucks are charged between Rs 700 to Rs 800 while plying from Goalpara to Krishnagar a distance of around 24 km, whereas from Goalpara to Dhubin, which is 37 km approximately, the charges go up to Rs 1,500, which is quite exorbitant.

On the other hand, a reliable source said that there are several allegations of existence of an illegal extortion racket in the middle of Goalpara town. Money amounting to 1,800 approximately is charged from each loaded truck carrying materials including food items from other places to Goalpara town by one little known 'Lawn Transport' whose office or registration number is hardly known. A businessman said that prices of essential items go up on an average by 20 paise per kg through the new BIP.

Government has taken strong exceptions to such illegal practices, the allegations of existence of 'goonda tax' right under the nose of the district administration remains objectionable. Some conscious citizens have expressed concern that the local administration is not able to take any punitive action against influential members of these alleged extortions.

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Pandit Ganganath Shastri remembered

CORRESPONDENT

NALBARI, Aug 7: Pandit Ganganath Shastri, a renowned Sanskrit scholar, was remembered in a function held on the occasion of his 12th death anniversary at Kaithalukuchi High School on Sunday.

On the occasion, a memorial lecture was held and meritorious students felicitated. Speaking in the meeting, Hrishikesh Goswami, media adviser to the Chief Minister

said that Late Ganganath Shastri was a nationally-acclaimed scholar and the new generation should have taken lessons from his life. He added that the contributions of such scholars should be recalled for the benefit of the new generation.

The commemorative meeting was addressed among others by Dr Kamal Malla Bujarbarua, Vice-Chancellor of Assam Agricultural University.

Pulses, oilseeds cultivation programme by KV

CORRESPONDENT

Food Security Mission (FNSM) Pulse sponsored by ICAR to increase production of pulses especially in Morigaon district.

The programme enveloped an area of 20 hectares of land in 2015-16 and 100 hectares in 2016-17 with high-yielding varieties of pulses like green gram, black gram, pea and lentil for cultivation.

Under Cluster Frontline Demonstration of oilseeds KV, Morigaon also took the initiative to increase the production of oilseeds. In the last part of the July, before initiation, the training was imparted

on production technology and organic cultivation promotion with use of vermicompost. Awareness was also created among the farmers through demonstration to show how the use of biofertilizers enhances crop productivity. Certification of crop was done by the seed certification agency ASCA as after certification, farmers can sell the cultivated pulses at rate of 30% more than the market price.

The programme will be continued in 2017-18 with additional income for farmers.

Telecom customers hit by cyber attack

CORRESPONDENT

MANGALDAI, Aug 7: Telecom services, especially the BSNL broadband services in many parts of the State have recently been hit by some cyber attack. According to a technical expert at BSNL here, this time the attack has been made

on the modems for the internet services.

The virus attacks the modems and destabilises the configuration of the modems thereby causing turmoil in its path. Once the configuration is reset and starts functioning, it again faces the attack after some time. The

source also informed about receiving many similar reports from customers from Guwahati, Dhalguri etc., apart from Darrang over the last few days. The modem of the BSNL broadband services of this correspondent also suffered this attack repeatedly since July 26 last.

I-Day preparations at Gossaigaon

CORRESPONDENT

GOSSAIGAON, Aug 7: The Gossaigaon civil administration has geared up to observe the 70th Independence Day here on August 15.

Recently, a public meeting was held at the SDOWC Conference Hall with high civil, police and paramilitary officials. The meeting was presided over by the ADC in charge of

Gossaigaon subdivision Tuber So Dainary. For this purpose, Gossaigaon Higher Secondary School ground has been cleaned up and kept under 24-hour vigilance. The security forces have also been alerted to prevent any untoward incident.

The Gossaigaon Town Committee has already carried out a cleanliness drive throughout the town. The

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urged upon the government to nab the culprits at any cost. The Sabha has also prayed to the Almighty for the eternal peace of the departed soul. This was informed by the president Ashwin Kr Sarma and secretary Sankar Ch Das of Gossaigaon branch, Asam Sahitya Sabha.

Fire breaks out: A fire broke out at the office of the SDO (C) Gossaigaon (Hailibari) office at 2 pm on August 4.

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croached RF was evicted.

"As soon as they were released on bond, the same day the encroachers re-entered the RF and we were left with no other alternative than to re-occupy them and forward them to the Court for further legal proceedings," informed the Ranger of the Jagun Range on Friday last after picking up the apprehended women and children at Lekhapani Police Station.

Surprisingly while talking to this correspondent, one of the apprehended women who claimed to have been living in the RF since 2012 after paying Rs 500 as entry fees revealed that they were earlier assured by their committee members that the Forest Minister on her recent visit to Jagun had promised of not initiating eviction for another eight months for reasons which are not yet known.

"Rehabilitation of the landless prior to eviction ought to be the strategy of the Government of Assam or otherwise the vicious cycle of departmental evictions and re-occupation by the encroachers would be an unending process," remarked Keshav Sonowal, a former pres-

ident of the All Assam Sonowal Kachari Students' Union.

"The game of eviction by the Forest Department on the one hand and repossession of the land illegally by the encroachers within a few hours of eviction bears testimony to the fact that unfair politics is being initiated and played by some vested groups at the cost of the poor and the down trodden who were rendered homeless and jobless after being severely affected by floods in their earlier locations," remarked the president of the Tai Ahom Kachari Union of Jagun unit, adding, "had the Government been interested and really concerned about the protection and preservation of the forest resources on the one hand and ensuring basic necessities for these wretched and deprived people on the other hand, it would have resolved the issue much earlier by means of drawing up a permanent and effective rehabilitation strategy". The body also demanded that eviction be carried out in other areas of Jagun too which have been already encroached by businessmen for green tea cultivation.

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enformed a committee for the protection of land rights of indigenous people of the State headed by HS Brahma, the former Chief Election Commissioner of India last year.

Teji Mahotsav: Preparations are on to hold the first ever Teji Mahotsav, a traditional festival of leaf plates and food of the community, dress, preparation of leafy plates competitions open to all, extempore speech and quiz competitions for the school students. Gayatri Newar, a celebrated singer of the State is expected to grace the occasion as chief guest, the ANSS regional secretariat added.

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JAGIROAD, Aug 7: The department of education, Jagiroad College is going to organise a two-day UGC sponsored national seminar on the topic, 'The Role of Indian Higher Education in Building Democratic Society' at the college premises on September 21 and 22, informed the convenor, seminar organising committee, Dr Hema Chitra.

The co-ordinator of the Seminar Organizing Committee, Dr Srijani Das has appealed to the participants to submit their abstracts within 300 words and full papers in the college website on or before August 30 and September 9 respectively.

Girl rescued from traffickers

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E-rickshaws causing traffic snarls in Dhubri

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1000 such rickshaws all over the district but the traffic police are finding it difficult to control them. According to the traffic police, a very few of such rickshaws have a registration from the District Transport Office while a few have registered with the municipal bodies. But majority of such rickshaws run without any registration.

"Since strict rules for registration of these rickshaws with any civic body is missing, we have to face enormous problems while controlling them," said Naranya Chandra Deo, traffic in-charge, Dhubri. He also said that unlike other public transports, these rickshaws are not given any particular route to ply and that makes the busy market places during rush hours congested. "During busy hours, all these rickshaws move towards market places, either to drop their passengers or to bring back passengers from these areas. This causes high traffic snarls."

However according to Dhubri Municipal Board sources, the board has registered 100 such rickshaws while the DTO has registered only about 40 e-rickshaws in the entire district. Speaking to this Correspondent, DTO, Dhubri said that the registration process of these rickshaws are going on and they will soon carry out an enforcement drive. He also accepted the fact that many unauthorised e-rickshaws also ply in the streets of the district.

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WEATHER
NORTHEAST

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

Warnings: Heavy to very heavy rainfall is very likely to occur at isolated places on August 8, at few places on August 9 and 10 and 11 over Arunachal Pradesh. Heavy to very heavy rainfall is very likely to occur at isolated places on August 9, 10 and 11 over Assam & Meghalaya. Heavy rainfall is very likely to occur at isolated places on August 9 and 10 over Nagaland and on August 9, 10 over Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura.

Temperatures:

	Max (°C)	Min (°C)
Dibrugarh	30.6	25.7
Tezpur	32.3	27.3
Silchar	28.2	25.0
Dhobi	32.4	27.7
Johnpur	32.4	25.6
Nameri	30.4	25.6
Shillong	23.6	16.8
Imphal	28.4	22.8
Itanagar	29.6	24.5
Aizawl	29.2	11.4
Mizoram	32.2	26.4
Kohima	26.6	18.3
Passighat	28.5	25.0
Cherrapunjee	21.5	18.3

3 dead due to diarrhoea, 100 affected in Nagaland

KOHIKA, Aug 7: Three persons have died in the past four days due to diarrhoea and at least a hundred are affected by it in Nagaland's Mon district.

The three dead are above 80 years of age and had reported the symptoms of diarrhoea, officials said.

"There is a diarrhoea outbreak. We are unable to confirm the exact disease as samples have been sent to Kohima and Mon civil hospital for testing," said Dr Kotho from Wanching village Primary Health Centre (PHC) where the outbreak was first reported.

On August 5 alone, 35 patients were brought to the Wanching PHC for treatment while others were referred to Wanching PHC for better healthcare, he said.

"The disease has been detected in neighbouring villages within Wanching block in Mon district, he said.

Seven secondary doctors from neighbouring PHCs have been mobilised to work at Wanching PHC in view of the situation, the officials said.

It is suspected that the disease may be spreading due to water or food contamination following heavy rains in the area, the doctor said. — PTI

Ex-Meghalaya police officer held for duping people

SHILLONG, Aug 7: A former Meghalaya police officer, wanted on the charge of duping several people of lakhs of rupees in Kolkata, was arrested here.

Anjan Chakraborty was arrested from Khynlaid area of East Khasi Hills district on Friday, Superintendent of Police Davis Marak said.

He was produced in a court and West Bengal police have taken custody of Chakraborty who had served the State police as an inspector and had taken early retirement.

Police recovered two mobile phones, cash and a few fake identity cards from his possession, the SP said.

Chakraborty allegedly duped several people in Kolkata impersonating as the assistant commissioner of the detective department of Kolkata Police, a police officer here said.

In some cases, he claimed to be a CBI officer and threatened people to implement them in false cases if they did not pay him, the officer said. — PTI

NORTH EAST

Lotus blooms in Tripura Assembly, six TMC MLAs join BJP

PRABIR SIL

AGARTALA, Aug 7: With Assembly elections in mind, Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas Dharmendra Pradhan on Monday announced that altogether 3.5 lakh new LPG connections will be provided in poll-bound Tripura during the next one and half years.

All the new connections will be given free of cost under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana. As of now, the State has around four lakh LPG connections.

Addressing a well-attended BJP rally to welcome six Trinamool Congress MLAs to the party fold, Pradhan said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given a target that no household is left

without LPG connection by 2019. "It is good to announce that 2.60 crore connections have already been given within one and half years against the target of five crore connections", he said.

Announcing that two more LPG bottling plants will be set up in Dharmanagar and Agartala shortly, Pradhan said the two towns will also get 40 LPG outlets and petrol pumps each.

He said Tripura is not only having huge natural gas reserves, the State is also the biggest producer of bamboo in the country. But there is no scope for value addition to bamboo.

"In Assam, the BJP Government plans to set up a plant where fuel will be produced from bamboo at an estimated cost of Rs 1,000 crore", he said.

The Union Minister, who had extensively visited the State years ago, further said indication for change is quite visible in the State. "The Manik Sarkar-led government could not provide job to seven lakh youths in 25 years of rule though the State has the capacity to produce 80 lakh jobs", he said.

Pradhan exhorted the Chief Minister to visit Gujarat to have a new concept of development and replicate Gujarat model of development in the State. "There is a need to go for final leg of campaign to oust the Marxist Government to bring a change in the backward State", he added.

Assam Finance Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said today's event welcomed six Trinamool Congress

MLAs to the saffron brigade is an important development to avoid vertical split in anti-Left vote bank. "With Sudip Roy Barman and five other MLAs joining the party, the Lotus has already bloomed in Tripura Assembly. Now, we will have to convert the six to sixty", he said.

If the party is voted to power in the 2018 Assembly elections, the new government will arrange jobs for all", promised Sarma, who was the main architect in bringing the six MLAs to the saffron brigade, said, no one can stop the BJP from ousting the Left Front Government in Tripura.

Sudip Roy Barman, BJP State president Biplob Deb and party probabli Sunil Deodhar also spoke in the rally.

SSA teachers strike called off

AGARTALA, Aug 7: The indefinite hunger strike of the teachers of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) demanding regularisation of their jobs was called off today following request from Tripura Governor Tathagata Roy.

"We have called off our agitation as the Governor assured that tripartite talks between him, State Government and we would be held on our demand," Tripura Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) Teachers' Welfare Association president Sejal Deb told reporters.

State Education Minister Tapas Chakraborty had earlier appealed to the agitating teachers to withdraw their strike saying that the government was concerned about their problems. There are 5,200 SSA teachers in the State. — PTI

Quota row: Mizoram Chakmas join nation-wide protest

CORRESPONDENT

AIJAWL, Aug 7: Chakmas in Mizoram today joined a nationwide protest by the Chakma community across the country against denial of MBBS seats under Mizoram quota to four Chakma students.

Organised by Chakma NGOs in Mizoram and Mizoram Chakmas Students' Union, hundreds of Chakmas held a peaceful rally at Kamalanagar headquarters of Chakma Autonomous District Council in southern Mizoram.

After the protest, the rally organisers submitted a memorandum to Mizoram Minister for Higher & Technical Education H Romawia through Kamalanagar BDO.

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Manipur CM addresses Laos conference

CORRESPONDENT

Commerce and Industries. He pointed out that there are huge untapped potentials to develop and expand the air connectivity eastward from Imphal in particular and to the North East region in general to the ASEAN region.

There has been a strong emphasis on enhancing India's road and maritime connectivity with its eastern neighbours. Some of the key projects include the India-Myanmar-Thailand trilateral highway, which connects Moreh in Manipur with Mae Sot in western Thailand through Mandalay in Myanmar, and the Kaladan multi-modal transport project, which aims to connect Kolkata with Sittwe Port in Myanmar, he added. Birsen was accompanied by MLAs Dr S Ranjan, L Susindro, Advisor to CM Rajat Sethi and Personal Secretary to CM S Rajen.

Arunachal NCP dissolved

TANAGAR, Aug 7: In a major political development, the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) leaders in Arunachal Pradesh on Monday dissolved the State unit and merged it with the National People's Party (NPP).

"We and supporters of the NCP have lost confidence with the Mumbai-based NCP. None of the central party leaders, even Sharad Pawar, showed any keen and active interest or even visited the State," NPP spokesman Nima Sangay Salang said. "Arunachal is facing many issues, be it China's frequent claims over Arunachal refugee issue, Assam-Arunachal boundary dispute and development issues. They (NCP MPs) never raised it in Parliament. Therefore, we decided to merge with the State. — PTI



5th anniversary of South West Garo Hills district celebrated

CORRESPONDENT

AMPATI, Aug 7: Meghalaya Chief Minister Mukul Sangma today said that the government has been able to reach out to the people with welfare programmes and accelerate growth in the State.

"In bigger districts, it becomes difficult to reach out to different strata of the society with welfare programmes. The approach toward government had to be changed, so that we could overcome the challenge and fulfill the aspirations of the people," he said, while addressing the 5th anniversary celebration of South West Garo Hills district at Ampati.

Even after 45 years of Statehood, we still have many villages where people have to walk for four-five hours to reach to the nearest market and unit of governance to the government", he admitted.

On insurgency in Garo Hills, the Chief Minister said that militants had posed serious challenges to peace but the government has been able to the four districts

newly created in 2012 were accorded special attention to accelerate growth and remove the developmental and economic disparity. "By bringing administration closer to the people we have been able to focus our programme for the people in a better manner", he asserted.

He announced that next week the foundation stone for the Engineering Colleges at Shillong and Ampati in South West Garo Hills will be laid apart from College of Architecture and Urban Planning, Captain Williamson Technical University in West Garo Hills and College of Science and Commerce in different parts of the State.

The celebration was attended by Sports Minister Zenith Sangma, government chief whip Winnerson D Sangma and others.

GNLA cadre surrenders

TURA, Aug 7: Another senior cadre of Garo National Liberation Army (GNLA) has laid down arms at Chokpot Police Station following police operations in South Garo Hills district.

The cadre, identified as Baltus Narak was the area commander of West Khasi Hills and held the Nongalibra command over the past few months. Baltus surrendered without arms at about 11 am today. He is a resident of Chachague in East Garo Hills.

He told the police, he surrendered due to intense counter-insurgency operations across Garo Hills. He had been tasked by Sohan D Shira to eliminate former surrendered cadres of the outfit but was unable to accomplish the mission.

The celebration was attended by Sports Minister Zenith Sangma, government chief whip Winnerson D Sangma and others.

After her return the next day, she along with her mother and relatives had gone to Shulai's office to discuss the matter. But she claimed that Shulai abused her and physically pushed her out of his residence.

In the melee, she incurred minor injuries and also showed the medical report from the Shillong Civil Hospital following the assault on her.

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recruitment in the Army. He also alleged that Passah was reeking of alcohol when she forced her way into his residence.

Denying the charges, Passah displayed the medical report which found no trace of alcohol when she had gone to the Shillong Civil Hospital following the assault on her.

"I am from a sound family background and I am a businesswoman. I have no political leanings so the question of tarnishing the legislator's image does not arise," Passah said.

After the protest, the rally organisers submitted a memorandum to Mizoram Minister for Higher & Technical Education H Romawia through Kamalanagar BDO.

Succumbing to MZP's demand, the Mizoram Governor-



Children tying Rakhi to Tripura Chief Minister Manik Sarkar on the occasion of Raksha Bandhan in Agartala on Monday. — UB Photos

Ex-Meghalaya Dy Speaker accused of assaulting woman

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

SHILLONG, Aug 7: Former Deputy Speaker and South Shillong MLA Sanbor Shulai has been accused of allegedly closing down a guest house and assaulting the owner. However, Shulai has denied the charges.

The owner of the city guest house, Haviva Passah has filed an FIR against the legislator reporting the assault and illegal closure of her guest house. Shulai has also filed a counter FIR in which he claimed that Passah together with three accomplices barged into his residence with a murderous intent.

Passah said today that her guest house "Stay Four Seasons" was allegedly forcibly closed by Shulai on August 2, when she was out of station.

She claimed that last Wednesday, Shulai barged into the guest house and drove out all the inmates who were aspiring candidates, who had come from neighbouring States including Assam, for

recruitment in the Army. He also alleged that Passah was reeking of alcohol when she forced her way into his residence.

Denying the charges, Passah displayed the medical report which found no trace of alcohol when she had gone to the Shillong Civil Hospital following the assault on her.

"I am from a sound family background and I am a businesswoman. I have no political leanings so the question of tarnishing the legislator's image does not arise," Passah said.

After the protest, the rally organisers submitted a memorandum to Mizoram Minister for Higher & Technical Education H Romawia through Kamalanagar BDO.

Succumbing to MZP's demand, the Mizoram Governor-

AFSPA – for three more months, citing various violent activities by insurgent groups ULFA, NDFB, and others.

The Home Ministry had said entire Assam, besides bordering areas of Meghalaya, have been declared "disturbed" under the AFSPA for three months with effect from May 3.

Meanwhile, Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh along with Minister of State for Home Affairs, Kiren Rijiju reviewed the Border Area Projects, here today.

The status of border roads, flood lights, Border Outposts (BOPs) and Integrated Check Posts (ICPs) along the international borders

was reviewed in the meeting. Major impediments hampering the development of border infrastructure structure were also discussed.

The Home Minister directed that the on-going projects should be completed on priority and in a time-bound manner. He mentioned that technological solutions should be put in place where physical barriers are not possible. This will involve networking of equipment like high resolution cameras, radars, unattended ground sensors, optical fibres, infra-red thermal imagers, etc.

Disturbed area tag on 3 NE States extended till August 31

SPL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI, Aug 7: Assam will continue to be disturbed area till month-end, with the Centre on Monday extending the disturbed area under the controversial Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) for another month, citing various violent activities by insurgent groups ULFA, NDFB, and others.

A Home Ministry official said there were 75 incidents of violence in Assam in 2016 in which 33 people, including four security personnel, were killed and 14 others were abducted.

The violence was perpetrated in Assam by insurgent groups like ULFA, NDFB and others, the official said. AFSPA has been continuing in Assam since November 1990.

The official said continuing violence perpetrated by NSCN(I), NSCN(K), ULFA (I), NDFB, and others were key reasons for continuing with AFSPA in Arunachal Pradesh. The Home Ministry official said there were 75 incidents of violence in Assam in 2016 in which 33 people, including four security personnel, were killed and 14 others were abducted.

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CAPSULE**Vistara scheme**

MUMBAI, Aug 7: Vistara, the Tata-SIA-run joint venture airline, today announced heavily discounted all-inclusive fares, starting as low as Rs 799 for economy class travel and Rs 2,099 for premium economy, under a limited period scheme. The 40 hours only 'Freedom to Fly' sale offers customers all-inclusive fares starting at Rs 799 for economy class and Rs 2,099 for premium economy. Vistara said in a release today, "The booking of tickets under the sale offer will be open from midnight today to 2359 hours of August 9 for a travel period between August 23 this year and April 19 next year, it said." - PTI

Future Enterprises

NEW DELHI, Aug 7: Home-grown retail major Future Group, today reported a standalone net loss of Rs 45.46 crore for the first quarter ended June 30 on account of lower income and higher expenses. The company, earlier known as Future Retail, had posted a net profit of Rs 315.48 crore in the April-June quarter of the previous fiscal. Future Enterprises total income stood at Re 1,045.66 crore in the quarter under review as compared to Rs 1,272.71 crore in the year-ago period, the company said in a BSE filing. - PTI

Tata Steel profits

NEW DELHI, Aug 7: Tata Steel today posted a consolidated net profit of Rs 921.09 crore for the quarter ended June 30, 2017. However, the company had posted consolidated net loss of Rs 3,183.07 crore in April-June quarter of the previous fiscal. Tata Steel said in a filing to BSE. The company's consolidated total revenue from operations during the April-June quarter increased to Rs 30,973.3 crore as against Rs 25,970.7 crore in the year-ago period. - PTI

TatAir plans

KOLKATA, Aug 7: Private low-cost carrier Go Air would start flying overseas from October this year, its Managing Director Jeh Wadia said. "We have plans to start overseas operations from October this year," he said. Today he said initially the airline would fly to the destinations of Asia and the destinations within the region were being reviewed. - PTI

JLR sales up

NEW DELHI, Aug 7: Tata Motors-owned Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) today reported global retail sales of 46,074 units for July, up 3.6 per cent from the same month last year. The company said sales during the last month grew 34.4 per cent in China on the back of launch of long wheel base Jaguar XE and strong sales of F-PACE, Discovery Sport, Range Rover Sport and E-voque. - PTI

Jaguar showroom

GUWAHATI, Aug 7: A Jaguar Designer Showroom (JD) has opened at the Ceramic Studio premises of Rajasthan Lime Udyog at Six Mile here recently, a press release said. The function was graced by Jagdish Agarwal, proprietor, Rajasthan Lime Udyog, Kaushik Bora, Branch Head NE Region, Jaguar and Daimler AG and proprietor, Ceramic Studio. JDs is an experience zone for complete bathroom solutions with superb blend of ergonomic shapes and contemporary styles.

Whirlpool net up

NEW DELHI, Aug 7: Home appliances maker Whirlpool of India reported an 8.8 per cent increase in net profit at Rs 132.72 crore for the quarter ended June 30. The company had posted a net profit of Rs 121.95 crore in the corresponding quarter last year. Total income during the first quarter went up by 15.06 per cent to Re 1,639.54 crore from Rs 1,424.85 crore in the year-ago period, the company said in a BSE filing. - PTI

Deal gets conditional go-ahead Working with govt for simple KYC platform: IRDAI

Idea-Vodafone merger

NEW DELHI, Aug 7: SEBI and exchanges have given a conditional go-ahead to the \$23-billion merger deal between Idea Cellular and Vodafone India, which would be subject to the outcome of an ongoing probe by the regulator and approvals from public shareholders and NCLT.

The multi-layered deal was announced in March and recently got clearance from the fair trade regulator CCI.

In their 'no objection' letters on 'draft composite scheme of amalgamation and arrangement among Vodafone Mobile Services, Vodafone India and Idea Cellular and their respective shareholders and creditors', BSE and NSE said

that all the conditions put forth by the regulator need to be placed before the NCLT while seeking its approval.

The "no objection" as per SEBI's regulations will enable the companies to file the draft scheme with the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT).

In its detailed comments on the draft scheme, SEBI said it had received a complaint alleging that one of the promoters of Idea Cellular had purchased 0.23 per cent shares of the company before the announcement of the draft scheme of amalgamation and these transactions by the purchasers were

against it shall be borne by Idea. SEBI has also received complaints about alleged violation of takeover norms as the shareholding of Idea would increase from about 21 per cent to about 26 per cent pursuant to the scheme.

"The acquisition pursuant to draft scheme of arrangement is exempt from the obligation to make an open offer... If the acquisition is pursuant to a scheme of arrangement, inter alia, including amalgamation, merger or demerger, pursuant to an order of a court or a competent authority under any law or regulation, Indian or foreign. Thus, the said exemption is applicable only if NCLT approves the draft scheme," SEBI said. - PTI



Minister of State for Textiles Ajay Tamta witnessing the exchange of an MoU on the occasion of the 3rd National Handloom Day celebration, organised by the Ministry of Textiles, in Guwahati on Monday. - PIB

SAT puts off hearing on Sahara Life case to Aug 10

MUMBAI, Aug 7: The Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT) today put off hearing of Sahara Life's petition against IRDAI order to sell its business to ICICI Prudential Life, to August 10, as it wants to conclude the hearing before the regulatory order comes into effect from August 21.

Insurance regulator IRDAI had on July 28 asked private sector life insurer ICICI Prudential Life to take over the business of beleaguered Sahara Life on or before August 21.

The IRDAI order though asked ICICI Prudential to take over the business of Sahara Life by July 31, a 15-day moratorium has been given to policyholders to pay renewal premiums and ICICI Prudential was given 21 days to settle the claims after which servicing of Sahara Life's policyholders would be done by ICICI Prudential.

Sahara counsel Gaurav Joshi countered this and said the company had not siphoned off any money and the said money was a security deposit which had been used by Sahara for legal business transaction.

The tribunal said it would try to expedite the hearing on the case before IRDAI order comes into effect on August 21. - PTI

Gamble kitchen appliances hit NE markets

BUSINESS REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 7: The latest brand in the kitchen chimney and cooktop segment, Gamble has made its foray into the north-eastern markets by launching its range of affordable yet global class products at here recently.

Addressing the media at the inauguration, Sanjeev Doyal, Managing Director and CEO of Orange Crow International Pvt Ltd, said, "The

products and that's why we consider it as an important market for us. We are committed to offer quality items at an affordable price to our customers in the north-eastern region."

Speaking about the products, Doyal said Gamble appliances are manufactured at the best of OEM facilities globally and after strict quality checks these are sold in the Indian market and added that the entire products are customised

ments but is being targeted only because of the legal proceedings against the parent group in the Supreme Court.

Last Monday, a two-member bench of SAT, comprising Justices CKG Nair and Jog Singh, had admitted the petition by Sahara Life and ordered a status quo in the matter. Today they heard the matter and put off the hearing to Thursday.

The tribunal said it would try to expedite the hearing on the case before IRDAI order comes into effect on August 21. - PTI

Indian smartphone market may see strong pick-up in Q3: JPMorgan

NEW DELHI, Aug 7: A strong pick-up in smartphone market is expected in the third quarter of 2017 driven by improved sentiments and inventory build-up before the upcoming festive season, according to a report by JP Morgan.

The report estimated that demand was soft in the Indian smartphone market in the second quarter (April-June) 2017 compared to the year-ago period, given the lack of clarity around GST implementation that "postponed the usual inventory build". Also the demand was impacted on account of slower conversion of feature phone users to smartphone users.

"We believe that sentiment has improved in early July and the third quarter of 2017 should see a strong pick-up with inventory build and preparation for the peak sell through

season in late third quarter and early fourth quarter," the report on India smartphone market said.

It added the July-September quarter could see 25-30 per cent sequential growth in smartphone units, implying a seven per cent year-on-year growth.

The report noted that smartphones accounted for 45 per cent of the total handsets in April-June quarter. It "may remain in the same range, affected by short-term by the launch of the Rs 1500 (S23) Reliance Jio feature phone".

The report noted that smartphone users in the near term... the JP Morgan report said.

However, as prices come down, the adoption should pick up, the report added. - PTI



MUMBAI, Aug 7: Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) today said though Aadhar is not a mandatory requirement for Know Your Customer (KYC) in the insurance sector, it is the simplest form of KYC document.

"Aadhar is not mandatory for the insurance sector but is the simplest one. On the government level they are creating a platform for all the KYC,"

"We are also working with the government for very simple KYC. But what can be simpler than Aadhar?" IRDAI Chairman TS Vijayan told reporters on the sidelines of CII's 19th Insurance Summit here.

Talking about distribution, the regulator urged the industry to strengthen distribution saying there is a need for merging technology with a human touch.

"We have to understand that more than 20 lakh people get their income from distribution. Even if technology is adapted extensively insurance products distribution needs a human touch."

"However, one has to understand that the agent requirement and growth depend on the company's growth strategy," he added.

Also present on the occasion, LIC Chairman VR Sharma said only technology cannot prevent incidents of frauds.

Regarding digitisation and frauds, he said, "Only digitalisation and technology cannot solve the problem of frauds. As technology advances frauds also go up. We have to develop digital and human matrix capturing individual behavioural data to prevent frauds." - PTI

Over 2 dozen daily use items may see cut in GST rate

NEW DELHI, Aug 7: A

number of daily use products ranging from idli/dosa batter to kitchen gas lighter cost less as the GST Council is considering lowering rates on these items.

Tax rates on over two dozen products are being sought to be lowered by the GST Council after anomalies in their fixations were pointed out, official sources said.

To deal with businesses that are deregistering their brands post-GST to avoid taxes, the fitment committee has proposed to the GST Council to consider the cut-off date for considering brand as a registered brand for the purpose of levy of GST, irrespective of whether or not the brand is subsequently deregistered.

A final decision in this regard would be taken by the GST Council, headed by Finance Minister Arun Jaitley.

Sources, however, could not state the items on which the tax rates have been lowered.

They said GST on dried

tamarind has been proposed to be lowered to 5 per cent from 12 per cent currently and so will be the case in roasted gram.

Custard power would attract 18 per cent GST as against 28 per cent currently while idli/dosa batter would be charged with 12 per cent tax against 18 per cent currently.

Oil cakes would be charged with a uniform 5 per cent GST irrespective of end-use as against the present practice of nil rate on oil cake for animal feed.

GST on dhoop batti, dhoop and other similar items has been proposed at 5 per cent, down from 12 per cent at present. This brings dhoop batti at par with agarbatti which attracts a 5 per cent tax rate.

Plasticcoast, nylab bands, rice rubber rolls for paddle dredging, computer monitors and kitchen gas lighters would see GST being lowered from 28 per cent to 18 per cent. - PTI

NRL wax heads for Sri Lanka

BUSINESS REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 7: After its successful exports to 18 countries worldwide, the perfume was of Numaligarh Refinery Ltd now finds its newest market in Sri Lanka as the first consignment comprising 20 MT of the product was flagged off last week to the island nation from Inland Container Depot (ICD), Aminagaon here.

The consignment was formally flagged off by AC Das, Terminal Manager, CONCOR India Ltd and RN Doley, Superintendent of Customs, ICD, Aminagaon, in presence of NRL marketing officers and staff from CONCOR India Ltd and Custom office, ICD, Aminagaon, an NRL press release said.

ICDs are inland points away from sea ports formed to help exporters and importers to handle their shipments nearer their place of location. ICD, Aminagaon is managed by CONCOR India, a Govt of India PSU.

In the recent past, NRL has

patched export consignments of wax paraffin to Myanmar and Kenya from ICD, Aminagaon.

...there is a significant increase in dumped imports, both in absolute terms and in relation to production and consumption in India. Imports are undercutting the domestic prices to a significant degree," it added. Countries impose anti-dumping duties to guard domestic industry from surge in below-cost imports. - PTI

Chinese pneumatic radial tyres

Govt may impose anti-dumping duty

NEW DELHI, Aug 7: India may impose anti-dumping duty of up to \$452.33 per tonne on a certain variety of Chinese pneumatic radial tyres to guard domestic players from imports.

It has recommended "imposition of definitive anti-dumping duties on the imports" of these tyres from China, the DGAD has said in a notification.

Imports of these tyres increased to 52,099 tonnes during July 1-Aug 4-June 2015 from 4,146 tonnes in 2012-13.

The DGAD has noted that imports of the product "increased significantly" in absolute terms throughout the injury period. Share of China in total imports of the product in India increased sharply to 81.52 per cent during July 2014-June 2015 from 16.03 per cent in 2012-13.

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Assam Global Investors Summit

Industries dept signs MoA with FICCI

STAFF REPORTER

Guwahati, Aug 7: CII Arun Chawla signed the MoA in presence of Industries and Commerce Minister Chandra Mohan Patowary in a ceremony at the Assam Industrial Development Corporation (AIDC) Office here.

It may be mentioned that the State government plans to organise a global investors' summit for promoting investment in potential sectors in the State. The government also wishes to arrange it alongside the 'Pravasi Assam Diwas' for fostering stronger diaspora engagement with their motherland and create a link between the State government and Pravasi Assamese.



Children tying 'Rakhi' on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's wrist on the occasion of 'Raksha Bandhan', in New Delhi on Monday. —PIB

Face 'uprising' if Article 35A is axed: Farooq

SRINAGAR, Aug 7: National Conference president and Lok Sabha member Farooq Abdullah on Monday warned of an 'uprising' if Article 35A of the Constitution was abrogated.

Speaking to the media at his residence after a meeting of Opposition leaders, he said: "When it will come to that decision, you will see this mass rising. Don't forget when the Amarnath land row happened in 2008, people rose overnight. Abrogation of Article 35A will lead to a far greater revolt. I wonder if the Government will be able to hold that."

The meeting attended by the National Conference, the Congress and others was called by Abdullah to discuss the fall out of any abrogation of Article 35A, which empowers the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly to define the State's permanent residents and their privileges.

The Article came into force through a Presidential order in 1954. —IANS

SC constitutes bench to hear Ayodhya dispute

NEW DELHI, Aug 7: The Supreme Court has constituted a three-judge bench headed by Justice Dipak Misra to hear a batch of petitions challenging the Allahabad High Court verdict in the Ayodhya land dispute case from August 11.

The bench, whose other members are justices Ashok Bhushan and Abdul Nazeer, would adjudicate the dispute over ownership of Ram Temple-Babri Masjid land.

The Lucknow bench of the Allahabad High Court had in 2010 ruled a three-way division of the disputed 2.77 acres area at the Ram Janambhoomi-Babri Masjid site in Ayodhya.

The three-judge bench of the High Court, by a 2:1 majority, had said the land be partitioned equally among three parties—the Sumi Waqf Board, the Nirmohi Akhara and Ram Lalla.

The BJP leader had told the Court that he has been allowed by the apex court to intervene in the matter and is seeking expeditious disposal of the cases. —PTI

'Dilip Kumar showing signs of improvement'

MUMBAI, Aug 7: Legendary actor Dilip Kumar, who is undergoing treatment for kidney-related problems, is showing signs of improvement day by day, said a senior official of Lilavati Hospital.

Doctors are happy with how the 94-year-old actor is responding to treatment. Ajay Kumar Pande, vice president, Lilavati Hospital, told IANS.

"Dilip saad's health has improved as compared to yesterday. His creatinine levels have come down further, and doctors are happy with these signs," Pande said.

Dilip Kumar is in the ICU. "He has eaten food on his own and that's a very good sign. He's alert and we are happy with how his health is improving," Pande added.

The thespian was admitted to the hospital on August 2 due to dehydration and urinary tract infection. —IANS

On July 21, a bench headed by Chief Justice JS Khehar had said it would soon take a decision to list the matter for early hearing.

The court's remark had come on a plea of BJP leader Subramanian Swamy who sought urgent listing and hearing of the matter.

Swamy had said the main appeals against the Allahabad High Court order are pending for the last seven years in the apex court and thus required urgent hearing.

He had also said that a separate petition had earlier been filed by him seeking enforcement of his right to worship without much hassle at the site.

The BJP leader had told the Court that he has been allowed by the apex court to intervene in the matter and is seeking expeditious disposal of the cases. —PTI

"(He) (Vikas) followed the woman for seven kilometres, tried to stop the car. They even opened the door and entered the car. Is it a case of attempted kidnapping and abduction? Is it not a case of molestation and outraging the modesty of a woman? If it is so, why were these charges not pressed against the ac-

cessed?" asked Surjewala. "The Home Ministry and the police is conspire to push up the entire matter to protect the Haryana BJP president and his son," he added.

He said the police initially said it was a case of abduction and outraging the modesty of a woman, both of which are non-bailable offences. However, the police booked the FIR under different sections which were bailable offences.

"The police changed its statement. They said we have

only enforced the offence of stalking, not even that of outraging the modesty. They said it was forceful restraint but omitted abduction... She said there was an attempt to abduct her, why was it not written in FIR? This is dereliction of duty," he said.

"Does it not prove that between 2.30 pm and 5 pm, the message from the Home Ministry and the Centre reached the Chandigarh Police? Why are they going out of the way to hush up the matter instead of punishing the guilty?"

He accused Modi and Amit Shah of trying to save the BJP leader's son.

"Five CCTV footages from five different cameras out of seven have gone missing. How is it that suddenly all those CCTV cameras have stopped functioning and have gone missing," asked Surjewala.

Accusing the BJP of adopting double standards, he said a few years ago a Haryana Congress leader was made to resign after an incident involving his son. —IANS

Patient dies as BJP leader 'stops' ambulance

CHANDIGARH, Aug 7: Already under attack over the incident of stalking involving Haryana BJP president Subhash Barala's son, the State's ruling BJP found itself on the defensive on another matter on Monday with a senior party leader being accused of stopping an ambulance over a minor accident which led to the death of a heart patient.

BJP municipal council chief in Fatehabad town, Darshan Nagpal, landed the party in a fresh controversy after the family of a patient who died when the ambulance carrying him was allegedly stopped by Nagpal filed a police complaint.

The victim's family alleged that nearly 30 minutes of precious time was lost as Nagpal stopped the ambulance to argue with the driver after his car was hit.

"The patient died before he could be rushed to hospital. Our pleas to the BJP leader to let us go went unheeded," Arun Kumar, a relative of the deceased Naveen Kumar, told media in Fatehabad, around 225 km from here.

Nagpal denied that he stopped the ambulance up to the hospital and confronted the driver there. —IANS

BSF seizes fake Rs 2,000 notes in WB

KOLKATA, Aug 7: The BSF personnel seized fake Rs 2,000 notes with face value of Rs 92,000 from West Bengal's Malda district and detained a man carrying it, a BSF official said on Monday.

Acting on a tip-off, the BSF troopers from Malda district's Kaliachawk kept vigil at three important intersections in the area since Sunday afternoon and detained a man with fake notes from near Balabagan in the evening, an official said.

The detained man has been identified as Samayon (40), a resident of Kaliachawk's Mohapatpur village, stated a press release. —IANS

I will win Rajya Sabha battle: Patel

ANAND (Gujarat), Aug 7: Alleging that he was being targeted by the BJP, veteran Congress leader Ahmed Patel on Monday expressed confidence that he will win Tuesday's Rajya Sabha election from Gujarat.

In a rare appearance before the media, Patel, political secretary to Congress chief Sonia Gandhi, said: "Besides the 44 legislators (who were flown to Bengaluru), we have the support of Janata Dal-United, Nationalist Congress Party and (rebel) leader Sharad Pawar and he has promised all help to me.

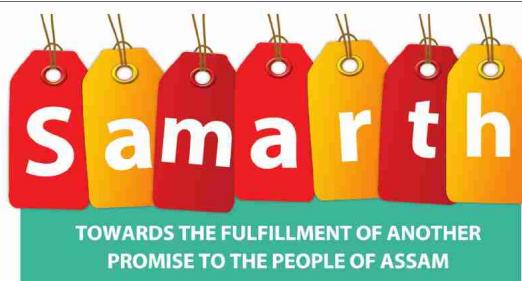
The thespian was admitted to the hospital on August 2 due to dehydration and urinary tract infection. —IANS

Vaghela, he has himself promised that he will vote for me and I believe he will keep his word."

Asked about allegations of

surveillance on him and Congress MLAs by the ruling BJP, he said: "I don't know why I am targeted like this. This is example of a banana republic.

—IANS



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Fatigue trigger found

Chronic fatigue syndrome biomarkers have been identified, says a study

US researchers have identified biomarkers associated with the severity of chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS), which may help lead to a diagnostic blood test. The findings showed evidence that inflammation is a driver of CFS, the underpinnings of which have eluded scientists for decades, Xinhua news agency reported.

The CFS leads many patients to have flu-like symptoms common in inflammation-driven diseases, while other patients may have symptoms sometimes manifesting as heart problems, mental impairment, indigestion, diarrhoea, constipation, muscle pain, tender lymph nodes, said Jose Montoya, Professor of Infectious Diseases and lead author of the study.

More than one million people in the US suffer from the CFS, also known as myalgic encephalomyelitis. It was reported earlier in 2017 that in Norway, a nation with a population of over five million, about 270 primary and secondary students dropped school due to the syndrome.

The disorder has no known cure or reliably effective treatments. For unknown reasons, the syndrome typically persists for decades, and likely hits among adolescents between the age of 15 and 20, and adults between 30 and 35. Three of every four patients are women.

Antivirals, anti-inflammatories and immunomodulating drugs have led to symptomatic improvement in some cases.

However, no single pathogenic agent can be fingered, as the ultimate CFS trigger has yet to be isolated, said Montoya.

Analysing blood samples from 192 patients and 392 healthy controls, the Stanford University researchers found levels of some immune-system signalling proteins or cytokines were lower in patients with mild CFS than in the control subjects, but were higher in patients with relatively severe CFS.

The findings were published in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* released on July 31.

The average age of the patients and controls was about 50, and the patients' average duration of symptoms was more than 10 years.

In addition, the researchers found that of the 51 cytokines they measured, the concentration of 17 cytokines tracked disease severity, 13 of which are pro-inflammatory.

The authors of the study believe that their findings could improve the diagnosis and treatment of the disorder, including clinical trials to test the potential of immunomodulatory drugs as CFS therapies. — IANS

Know your DAY

By JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2017:

This year you find that there is an element of unpredictability in your life. Your attitude about these spontaneous happenings will lead to unusual insights that could define your year. The more open you are, the more success you will have. Tonight: you will date several different people. You might feel as if there is a personal connection between you and the person you choose to get close to. If you are attached, the two of you open up to new possibilities. As a result, you find that your life together gets even more exciting. PISCES inspires you to dreamday more.

The Star Show That Kind of Day You'll Have: 5 Dynamic, 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so.

(Photo: AP Wirephoto)

***** It's business as usual after yesterday's lunar eclipse. You might feel as if you can take in a breath of fresh air. Know that you could have a strong reaction to what you hear midday. The more calm and centered you are, the better the outcome will be. Tonight: Share news.

(Photo: AP Wirephoto)

Taurus (April 20-May 20) You are in a bit of a work situation that you realize others look to you to take the lead. You might not want to take the reins, but you'll step up to the plate regardless. A serious conversation with a loved one could have a surprising outcome. Tonight: Where the fun is.

(Photo: AP Wirephoto)

***** You're at a distance, or an expert who can help you understand where someone else is coming from. You'll need to set aside your biases before you can accept a different perspective and/or identify with others points of view. Tonight: A must appearance.

(Photo: AP Wirephoto)

Cancer (June 21-July 22) You're in a bit of a work situation that you realize others look to you to take the lead. You might not want to take the reins, but you'll step up to the plate regardless. A serious conversation with a loved one could have a surprising outcome. Tonight: Where the fun is.

(Photo: AP Wirephoto)

***** Today could demand a lot of focus in various areas of your life. You will see a different perspective when you deal with a creative project. You might be holding yourself back. Surprising news is likely to invigorate you. Tonight: Spend quality time with a loved one.

(Photo: AP Wirephoto)

***** Be aware of what is going on in your mind. You might decide to focus on each item or project separately. Later in the day, schedule your meetings. Refer to others in this situation, and you will gain a lot of wisdom and knowledge as a result. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

(Photo: AP Wirephoto)

***** Your playfulness could lighten up someone's mood in the morning, but by midafternoon, your locus changes. You have a lot on your plate. You might want to defer to someone else. Know when you have had enough or need to head in a new direction. Tonight: Run errands.

(Photo: AP Wirephoto)

***** Health is a personal issue or a domestic matter could be trying. Expenses seem to be the core of the problem. Allow more openness, and encourage more sharing. Another person's idea will prove to be more helpful than your own. Tonight: Live for the moment.

(Photo: AP Wirephoto)

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You might be in the position of having to convince others of how right one of your ideas. You could be convinced by another party's unpredictability. Do not attempt to box this person in; instead, go along with him or her spontaneously. Embrace the moment. Make it early.

(Photo: AP Wirephoto)

***** Be aware of your spending limits when handling your funds. You might have opted to take a risk, but perhaps you are getting cold feet at the last minute. You can choose to worry or let it go, but the call is yours to make. Tonight: Hang out with a close friend at a favorite spot.

(Photo: AP Wirephoto)

***** Go for more of what you want. You have been focused on a major issue for a while. A friend can't seem to let go of his or her negativity. Try to listen to this person's feedback without internalizing it. Weigh the pros and cons of an expenditure later in the day. Tonight: All smiles.

(Photo: AP Wirephoto)

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) You could be weighing the pros and cons of handling a personal matter differently from how you have in the past. You could be taken aback by an older relative who expresses a very conservative point of view. Open up to new possibilities later in the day. Tonight: As you like it.

Thought for the day

Underneath the Arches,
I dream my dreams away

— BUD FLANAGAN

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13:00 Roll No. 21
16:00 We Bare Bears
17:30 Teen Titans Go
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21:30 Hornet Henry
22:00 Ben 10
23:00 Dragon Ball Z

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17:30 Yeh Raja Raja Kehna Hai
18:30 Mungo Mania
19:30 Tom And Jerry Show
21:30 Takeuchi Castle
22:00 Tom And Jerry Tales
23:00 M.A.D

Entertainment

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13:00 Coke Haze Out 100
16:00 Coronation Street
18:00 Yeh Moh Moh Ki Chhage
20:30 Peddaray Pa Ki
21:00 Beyoncé Party And Play
21:30 Crime Patrol Dial 100

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13:00 Coke Haze Out
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21:30 Kehna Kehna Kehna Hai
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23:00 Raktan Chakravuuh

13:00 Shakti
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17:00 Keating
17:30 Bhaga Bakoli Bhag
18:00 Devastar
18:30 Savitri Devi College and...

13:00 Star Plus
14:30 Kundal Bhagya
15:00 Sa Re Ga Ma Pa Li...
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17:30 Yeh Apna Sa
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16:00 Agent Cody Banks
17:59 The Dark Knight Rises
21:00 Final Destination 5
23:22 Final Destination 5

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21:00 Titanic

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14:00 The A-Team
15:00 Age Of The Maltdown
17:30 Roll Tide
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Zcafe

13:00 Criminal Minds

14:00 Just For Laughs
15:00 Top Gear United Kingdom
16:30 The Last Castle
17:00 War And Hell
18:00 Edge Of Tomorrow
19:30 Castle

20:45 Undateable

21:30 Desperate Housewives

22:10 Ek Shringar - Swabhimaan

22:30 Di Se Di Tak

23:00 Grey's Anatomy

23:30 Desperate Housewives

23:50 Berlin

13:00 Kundal Bhagya

13:30 Alsi Deewang...

14:00 Zindagi Ki Mahek

14:30 Deep Of Sandhwan India

15:00 Savitri Devi

16:30 Kundal Bhagya

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23:00 North East English News

13:00 Breakfast 18

08:30 Newsline Live

08:30 India 18

09:00 Good morning Assam

10:00 India 18

11:30 Karta Barta 18

12:00 Mid Day Live

14:30 Afternoon Prime

17:30 Evening Prime

18:30 Breakfast 18

19:00 Newsline Live

20:00 Discussion Show

22:00 Live At 10

22:30 Nokone Guwahati

23:00 Nokone Bajiri

08:30 Newsline Live

08:30 Chirchung

09:00 Erupin

10:00 Pabani Bajiri

10:30 Swachha Bulletin

11:30 Samuhara Chabali

17:00 Samuhara Chabali

18:30 Samuhara Damhan

19:30 Dhemaji

20:30 Barot

20:45 NE News

14:00 PBA World Tour H1s

16:00 VTV Rain Row

19:00 Moto GP 2017 H1s

21:00 VTV Rain Row

14:00 Hero ISL Draft Special

15:00 Hero ISL Draft Special

16:00 Hero ISL Draft Special

17:00 Hero ISL Draft Special

18:00 Moto GP 2017 H1s

19:00 TNA Kokson

20:00 TNA Greatest Matches

21:00 TNA Kokson

22:00 ATP 1000 Masters: Live

18:30 TNK Kalijai Legou H1s

19:30 TNK Kalijai Legou H1s

20:30 TNK Kalijai Legou H1s

21:30 TNK Kalijai Legou H1s

22:30 TNK Kalijai Legou H1s

14:00 Pro Kabaddi League H1s

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World united to disarm N Korea, says Tillerson

MANILA, Aug 7: US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson said today that a UN Security Council vote to impose sanctions on North Korea showed that world powers were united behind a push for a denuclearised Korean peninsula.

Speaking at a security forum in Manila, Washington's top diplomat said Kim Jong-Un's regime must halt ballistic missile tests if it wanted to talk to the United States about resolving the standoff.

"It's quite clear in terms of there being no daylight between the international community as to the expectation that North Korea will take steps to achieve all of my objectives, which is a denuclearised Korean peninsula," he said. Yesterday, Tillerson held separate talks in Manila with foreign ministers Wang Yi of China and Sergei Lavrov of Russia, both of whom he said were in support of a tough stance on Pyongyang's arsenal.

While Wang called for a resumption of dialogue with North Korea, Tillerson insisted Kim must first stop the missile tests.

"The best signal that North Korea could send that they're prepared to talk would be to stop these missile launches," he said, holding out the prospect of US envoys sitting down with Pyongyang's isolated regime. – AFP

N Korea poses a growing threat: Trump and Moon

WASHINGTON, Aug 7: US President Donald Trump and his South Korean counterpart Moon Jae-In today agreed that North Korea poses a "grave and growing direct threat" to most of the world as the two leaders in a telephone call welcomed the new sanctions imposed on Pyongyang by the UNSC.

The phone call comes a day after the United Nations Security Council voted unanimously to increase sanctions on North Korea for its continued intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) testing and violations of UN resolutions. – PTI

No nuke talks: Pyongyang

SEOUL, Aug 7: North Korea today condemned the latest United Nations sanctions imposed in response to its weapons programme, saying it would not negotiate over nuclear arms while threatened by the United States.

The sanctions passed at the weekend were a "violent violation of our sovereignty", Pyongyang said in a statement carried by its official Korean Central News Agency.

"We will not put our self-defensive nuclear deterrent on the negotiating table" while it faced threats from Washington, it said. "And never take a single step back from strengthening our nuclear might". The United Nations Security Council at the weekend passed a new set of sanctions against Pyongyang over its weapons programme, including bans on the export of coal, iron and iron ore, lead and ore as well as fish and seafood from the impoverished state. – AFP

US, allies slam Chinese island-building

MANILA, Aug 7: The United States, Australia and Japan today denounced Beijing's island-building and militarisation of the South China Sea, in contrast to the increasingly tepid responses from Southeast Asian nations over the festering issue.

China claims nearly all of the sea, through which USD 5 trillion in annual shipping trade passes and which is believed to sit atop vast oil and gas deposits.

Its sweeping claims overlap with Vietnam, the Philippines, Malaysia and Brunei – all members of the 10-nation Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) bloc – as

well as Taiwan.

But in recent years Beijing has managed to weaken regional resistance by courting some ASEAN members.

Yesterday, Beijing scored a coup when ASEAN ministers issued a diluted statement on the dispute and agreed to Beijing's terms on talks during a security forum which the bloc is hosting in Manila.

China insists that a much-delayed code of conduct between it and ASEAN members over the disputed sea must not be legally binding, a demand to which Southeast Asian countries have so far acquiesced.

But in a joint statement after their foreign ministers met on the sidelines of the same gathering, the US, Japan and Australia delivered a noticeably sterner rebuke to Beijing.

Criticising ongoing "land reclamation, construction of outposts, militarisation of disputed features" in the disputed sea, the trio said any code of conduct must be "legally binding, meaningful and effective", a demand noticeably absent from the ASEAN statement.

The three nations also called on China and the Philippines to respect last year's international arbitration ruling which dismissed much of Beijing's claim in the sea.



The Philippines had been one of the most vocal critics of China and filed a case before a UN-backed tribunal, a move that led to offers of billions of dollars in investments or aid from China. – AFP

Venezuela army repels attack on base

VALENCIA, Aug 7: Venezuela's military was hunting a group of "mercenaries" today who made off with weapons after an attack on an army base carried out against what they called the "murderous regime" of President Nicolas Maduro.

Around 20 men led by an army officer who had deserted troops in the base in the third city of Valencia for three hours yesterday, officials said.

The raid ended with two of the attackers being killed and eight captured, Maduro said on state television.

The other 10 escaped with weapons taken from the facility, according to officials who said an "intense search" was underway for them.

Maduro claimed the "terrorist" group had ties to Colombia and the United States.

The incident heightened fears that Venezuela's deepening political and economic crisis could explode into greater violence, perhaps open armed conflict.

Officials insisted afterward that all was normal across the country.

Military helicopters flew overhead and tactical armored vehicles patrolled the streets in Valencia, a major northwestern city, in a climate of tension on Sunday after the attack.

Locals said a nighttime curfew was imposed. Police dispersed protesters who had set up flaming barricades across roads.

The armed forces said in a statement "a group of civilian criminals wearing military uniforms and a first lieutenant who had deserted" carried out the attack.

Maduro said the lieutenant, among those captured, was "actively giving information and we have testimony from seven of the civilians." – AFP



Australia Foreign Minister Julie Bishop and European Union Foreign Policy Chief Federica Mogherini shake hands for a photo after signing agreement documents during a meeting on the sidelines of the 50th ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting (AMM) and Related Meetings in Manila, on Monday. – UNI

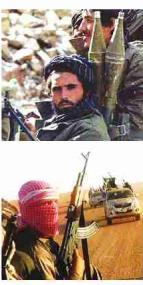
Taliban, ISIS 'massacred 50 civilians'

KABUL, Aug 7: The Taliban and ISIS group jointly massacred dozens of civilians in an Afghan village, officials said today, highlighting rare co-operation between the insurgents that could increase the strain on Afghanistan's beleaguered security forces.

The fighters killed more than 50 men, women and children in the remote Sayad district of northern Sar-e-Pul province on Saturday after overrunning the Afghan Local Police (ALP) – a government-backed militia – in a 48-hour battle, according to local officials.

"It was a joint operation by Daesh (ISIS) and Taliban fighters. They had recruited forces from other provinces of the country and attacked Mirzawalang village," Zabihullah Amani, a spokesman for the provincial Governor, told AFP.

The spokesman alleged that dozens of Taliban and ISIS group fighters under the command of Sher Mohammad Ghazanfar, a local Taliban com-



mander who Amani claims pledged allegiance to ISIS, launched a co-ordinated attack on the area on Thursday.

"The fighters overran the area and it led to the massacre of innocent and defenceless civilians," he said.

Most of those killed were shot but some were beheaded, Amani said. – AFP

NATIONAL HEALTH MISSION
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National Health Mission, Assam

Join Hands for Deworming

Worm free children are healthy children

Appeal to all Teachers

Dear All,

Greetings to you! I am glad to announce that Dept. of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of Assam with support from National Health Mission, Assam is preparing for National Deworming Day on 10th Aug' 2017, during which all children belonging to age group 1 year to 19 years will be provided with albendazole tablets as per dosage and protocol for protection against worm infestation.

Worm infestation in children has serious and grave consequences. Worm-infested children suffer from mal-nutrition which leads to stunted physical growth and poor mental ability. Worm infested children cannot progress well in studies, sports & games and other extra curricular activities because of poor physical and mental health. Therefore, taking albendazole tablets after every six months is of great importance for the growth & progress of our children and students. The support and co-operation from the teachers fraternity will play a vital role in protecting our children from worm infestation which will make a positive and significant change in the learning and performance outcome of the children and students. In this regard, I appeal to all the teachers to come forward and offer their support by helping the students of their school to take the albendazole tablets provided free of cost to every child/student/school drop out. I also appeal to the teachers to ensure that each and every child/student takes the albendazole tablets only after having eaten a proper meal. It is pertinent to mention here that albendazole tablets are safe but should not be taken in an empty stomach. There are no side effects of albendazole tablets.

Besides taking albendazole tablets twice a year, teachers should also teach their children about importance of handwashing habits, use of sanitary toilets, wearing sandals, safe and healthy food, safe drinking water for protection from worm infestation which will in the long run will make a child healthy and help in becoming a progressive and productive citizen of the country.

I appeal to all teachers to come forward and make "National Deworming Day 10th Aug 2017" a great success in Assam.



National Deworming Day

10th August 2017

Every child between the age group of 1 year to 19 years in every Government - Government granted, Private schools and Anganwadi centres will be given Deworming Tablet free of cost. Out-of-school and school drop-out children are also included in the deworming programme.

Guidelines for Teachers at the time of consumption of Albendazole Tablet by children

- Give one tablet to each child to consume.
- Let them chew and consume the tablet.
- Serve clean drinking water.
- Don't give tablet to a child who is with empty stomach or suffering from illness.
- Let the children consume tablet only when you are with them and don't let them take it to home.
- There is no critical side effect on consumption of Deworming Tablet.
- Children who are highly infested with worms may have mild symptoms of stomach pain or vomiting. There is no need to panic.

Let's Deworm Our Children



Do you know about worm infested children?

- They always feel tired due to anaemia and malnutrition.
- Their physical and mental development get hampered.

Worm infestation can be prevented easily

- Always drink purified water.
- Maintain clean and short nails.
- Use pan to cover food.
- Wash fruits and vegetables in clean water.
- Maintain cleanliness around your house.
- Always use sanitary toilets. Never defecate outside.
- Wash hands properly, particularly before eating and after using toilet.
- Make a habit to wear slippers and shoes.

Please take the measures above to prevent worm infestation



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Assam

Netherlands win UEFA Women's Euro

ENSCHEDE, Aug 7: Striker Vivianne Miedema scored twice on Sunday as the Netherlands beat Denmark 4-2 to win their first ever UEFA Women's European Championship title and set off a huge party among thousands of orange-clad fans.

The success of the Dutch women's team at UEFA Women's Euro 2017 is in stark contrast to the country's men who failed to qualify for last year's European Championship in France and is struggling to reach next year's World Cup in Russia.

It was a disappointing end to the tournament for Denmark, which knocked out six time defending champion Germany in the quarterfinals and reached its final first after losing five previous semifinals.

The game started well for the

Danes, when striker Nadia Nadim – a former refugee from Afghanistan whose father was killed by the Taliban – converted a sixth-minute penalty after Kika van Es clumsily brought down Sanne Troelsgaard in the area.

The Dutch fans did not have to wait long for their team to draw level.

A long ball by midfielder Jackie Groenen launched right winger Sharice van de Sanden and her low cross was met by Miedema for her third goal in as many matches in the knockout stage of the tournament.

Left winger Lieke Martens, named player of the tournament after the match, put the Dutch ahead in the 28th when she drifted into the center, turned a defender and fired a low shot past goalkeeper Stina Lykke Petersen.

Five minutes later, Denmark was

back on terms at 2-2 when captain Pernille Harder overcame the Dutch offside trap and then beat Sari van Veenendaal at her near post with a well-placed shot.

Captain Sherida Spitse restored the Dutch lead after the break with a free kick that rolled wide of the wall and into the corner. Miedema, who had been criticized for not scoring in the group stage, sealed the victory in the 89th with her second goal of the final.

The frenetic match was played in front of a sell-out crowd of more than 28,000 fans, including Denmark's Crown Prince Frederik, at FC Twente's stadium in the eastern city of Enschede. Also in the crowd was Marco van Basten, the star of the Dutch men's team that won the 1988 European Championship. – Agencies



Netherlands players celebrate after winning the UEFA Women's Euro final match against Denmark at FC Twente Stadium in Enschede, on Sunday.

Kerala HC lifts life ban on cricketer Sreesanth

KOCHI, Aug 7: In a ruling to cricketer Sreesanth, the Kerala High Court today lifted the life ban imposed on him by the BCCI in the wake of the 2013 IPL spot-fixing scandal.

In his order, Justice A Muhammed Mustaque also set aside all proceedings against Sreesanth initiated by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

The court had earlier sought the BCCI's stand on the plea by the cricketer challenging the life ban imposed upon him by the game's governing body following the 2013 Indian Premier League 6-spot-fixing scandal.

The BCCI had filed a counter-affidavit on the issue in the court in response to the plea by Sreesanth, who had challenged the life ban despite a court dropping all charges against the 34-year-old pacer.

The cricket board had said, "The decision of the sessions court to acquit the petitioner from the criminal charges has no impact whatsoever on the decision of the internal disciplinary committee of the BCCI to ban the petitioner from playing cricket tournaments organised by the BCCI and/or its affiliates."

It had said the question before the court was whether the petitioner (and other accused) was liable to incur penal consequences under relevant criminal statutes.

On the other hand, the question before the BCCI Disciplinary Committee was whether the petitioner was guilty of match fixing, corruption and gambling and violation of the internal disciplinary rules of the BCCI, the board had said.

The standard of proof required under a penal statute was much higher than the proof required for a disciplinary inquiry, it had said.

All the 36 accused, including Sreesanth, Ankeet Chavan and Ajit Chandila were let off in the spot-fixing case by a Patiala House court in July 2015.

The BCCI, however, had refused to alter its disciplinary decision even after the verdict. – PTI

Madison Keys lifts Stanford title



STANFORD, Aug 7: Madison Keys looked to be in US Open form early on Sunday at the WTA Tour's Stanford tournament, beating American wildcard CoCo Vandeweghe 7-6 (7-4), 6-4 for her third career title.

The 22-year-old Keys was pleased with the win after battling injuries this year which caused her to miss the first two months of the season following

wrist surgery.

"It hasn't been the easiest last couple of months, but this means I have a title at home and on hard courts. That really helps, but this is kind of the start of my US Open Series," Keys said.

Keys also said the victory will give her confidence going into the US Open, the last Grand Slam of the year which begins in three weeks in New York.

"It finally feels like I'm on the right track and feeling good about

my tennis again. It feels amazing to have a title at home and on hard courts. That really helps, but this is kind of the start of my US Open Series."

The world No. 21 Keys reached the final by eliminating reigning Wimbledon champion Garbine Muguruza in straight sets, so it didn't come as a surprise she played her best tennis in the final. – Agencies

Bowie wins women's 100m world title, Thompson flops

LONDON, Aug 7: American Tori Bowie won the women's 100 metres world title making up for her silver in last year's Olympics while Rio gold medallist Elaine Thompson struggled home in fifth place.

The 26-year-old yesterday made up metres on long time leader Marie-Josée Ta Lou of the Ivory Coast to edge her with the final dip on the line.

Bowie fell to the ground after crossing the line and initially it was Ta Lou who celebrated for

the board to say otherwise.

"I had no idea that I had won," said Bowie, who has a habit of hurling herself at the line in major championships finals having done a similar thing in the Olympic 200m final last year which saw her take the bronze.

"The only thing I knew was that tonight I was going to lay it all on the line."

The Netherlands' Femke Schippers finished third while hot favourite and 100m Olympic champion Thompson faded to fifth.

The 25-year-old Jamaican had started well but by halfway she had been swallowed up and was unable to find an extra gear as she had done most of the season.

Ta Lou then emerged as the clear leader but Bowie ate into her advantage and then produced a burst of speed to take the title from the diminutive Ivorian's nose.

Ta Lou's compatriot and 2013 world double sprint medallist Murielle Ahoure also suffered frustration in being edged out of bronze by Schippers, who will look to retain her world 200m title later in the week. – AFP



Tori Bowie of the United States celebrates after winning the women's 100 metres at the IAAF World Athletics Championships in London, on Sunday.

Germany's Zverev wins Citi Open tennis

WASHINGTON, Aug 7:

German rising star Alexander Zverev defeated South Africa's Kevin Anderson 6-4, 6-4 to win the men's singles tennis crown at the Citi Open.

The 20-year-old on Sunday lost only one set on his path to winning the Citi competition, a US Open tune-up event here, reports Efe.

Zverev, the fifth seed, broke Anderson's serve twice while winning 82 per cent of his own service points to claim his first ATP World Tour 500 title.

"It didn't feel like he gave me a whole lot. I thought he served very well. Outside of the two games I got broken, I was pretty happy with the way I played. But with him playing like that, I couldn't afford to give up those two serve games," the South African said after the match.

In the women's final, Ekaterina Makarova prevailed over Elena Goerges of Germany 3-6, 7-6(2), 6-0 in a contest that lasted more than two hours. – IANS

Crowd jeers Gatlin again, this time at medal ceremony

LONDON, Aug 7: Newly-crowned world 100m champion Justin Gatlin had to endure more insult as he was booted yet again by the crowd at the Olympic Stadium during the medal ceremony while Usain Bolt received massive cheers despite his third place finish.

The 35-year-old Gatlin, who has served two suspensions for doping offences, ruined retiring Usain Bolt's fairytale farewell on Saturday by beating the Jamaican sprint superstar in a highly anticipated 100m final, Bolt, who is expected to be a

part of Jamaican title defence in men's 4x100m relay on August 12, came third, behind Gatlin and another American Christian Coleman.

Stunned to see their favourite Bolt losing the race, the crowd booted Gatlin while chanting "Usain! Usain! Usain!" Gatlin was simply cold-shouldered by the London crowd and the American had responded with a "keep quiet" gesture by putting his index finger on his lips.

During the victory ceremony yesterday, held just before the afternoon session, Gatlin was booted again by the crowd. When bronze winner Bolt's name was announced, the crowd responded with loud cheers.

But as soon as the announcer in French took Gatlin's name, the crowd booted him. It was not a prolonged boo though as some sections of the stadium cheered him. Gatlin acknowledged Gatlin's victory. Gatlin took to abuse on his chin as he stood stoically on the podium without showing any emotions.

He later called up Bolt and silver medal winner American compatriot Coleman to pose together for the shuttibus. – PTI

Aussie Olympic legend Betty Cuthbert dies



said Australian Olympic Committee president John Coates.

"It's very sad to lose such a great champion. Betty battled her illness for many years and showed tremendous courage, and more importantly she always managed to smile."

Athletics Australia president Mark Arbib called her "inspiring".

"She is the only athlete, male or female, to win Olympic gold

in the 100m, 200m and 400m, with her trophy cabinet also including three medals from the Commonwealth Games. She will be forever remembered as a legend of the sport and a trailblazer for our female athletes," he said.

Born in Sydney, she moved to West Australia in later life after being diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1969, which confined to a wheelchair. – AFP

Anand draws with Aronian

ST LOUIS (USA), Aug 7:

Five-time world champion Viswanathan Anand remained in contention for a top spot after playing out his fourth successive draw in the Sinquefield Chess tournament here.

Armenian Levon Aronian has had mixed results with Anand but the Indians has troubled his opponent a great deal in the past few years.

For Anand, the fourth draw serves him good as the Indian ace has not really been in great form in super events off late.

With two points from four games, one win is what keeps Anand away from being in the front line that seemed all the more possible as Magnus Carlsen suffered a massive loss.

The world champion from Norway was seemingly invincible just about a year or so before. However off late, he is witnessing a dip in form and today lost against Maxime Vachier-Lagrave of France from a winning position. – PTI

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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. The solution is to fill the 9x9 grid in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3x3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9 without repeating any.

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6	2	7	4	8	5	1	3	6
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FIFA U-17 World Cup Trophy tour begins from Aug 17

NEW DELHI, Aug 7: The Local Organising Committee (LoC) for FIFA U-17 World Cup, which starts in the country on October 6, on Monday announced the tour dates of the trophy.

The trophy tour will cover almost 9,000 km over a period of 40 days between August 17 and September 26.

Fans will be able to see the trophy in the six host cities starting with New Delhi, where India will be playing their group matches. The silverware will be on display in the capital city from August 17 to 22.

Guwahati will be next stop August 24-29 followed by Kolkata, which will host the final, between August 31 to September 5. Fans in Mumbai will get to set their sight on the trophy between September 6 and 10, while it is scheduled to be on view in Goa from September 14 to 19.

The final destination will



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be Kochi where the trophy will reside from September 21 till 26.

Describing the event, Chairman of the LoC Pratul Patel said: "The Trophy Experience will mark the last phase of our promotion event and it is very important, because it will give the fans around the country the opportunity to get up close to the same Official Winner's Trophy that the captain of the winning team of the FIFA U-17 World Cup will be lifting on October 28 in India.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime chance and we hope that people can come in large numbers to the display locations in the host cities."

"This initiative is about bringing the excitement of the FIFA U-17 World Cup Trophy Experience closer to India's fans in the run up to this milestone competition," said FIFA Chief Commercial Officer Philippe Le Floch. - IANS

KOLKATA, Aug 7: Having seen the Indian team from close quarters in their 1-1 draw, Chile coach Hernan Caputo today said the hosts would compete and make the country proud in the FIFA U-17 World Cup in October.

La Roja, who finished runners-up to Brazil in their South American U-17 Championships to qualify for the World Cup, led 1-0 before the spirited boys of Luis Norton de Matos restored parity in the four-nation tournament (Torneo de 4 Naciones) tournament in Mexico City yesterday.

"It was a very difficult match, the way India approached the match was very interesting. We started 1-0, we had some chances, but India came out and started putting pressure on us with very fast transitions and a counterattack they scored," he said about the Blue Tigers in an email interview with PTI after their draw against India.

"It was deserving, India are a team who will compete and make their country proud, you can tell there is a lot of work from Luis and what he has achieved with their players."

India produced a spirited display to hold fancied Chile in the final match of its Torneo de 4 Naciones Tournament tour.

Showering praise on de Matos, he said: "India are a very competitive team. It's coach, Luis Norton de Matos, has given the team an interesting model of play, with

players that are fast and technically sound."

India had a tough start to the tournament with a 1-5 drubbing at the hands of hosts Mexico, followed by a 0-3 loss to their U-17 World Cup group A opponents Colombia.



Chile scored in the 40th minute after India's defence failed to clear the ball, but Non-glamorous Naorem found the equaliser in the final 10 minutes of the game.

"About Chile, we want to keep on growing and improving, the tournament in Mexico was a very good experience and will give the team a benchmark of what we can find in the World Cup," the Argentine-born Chilean said.

Chile, who are drawn in group F with

England, Mexico and Iraq, have already done a recce of the Salt Lake Stadium and are looking forward to connect with the city's football fans.

"We really liked Kolkata... It is a city with very warm people who love football. We are privileged and happy to have been drawn there as our venue and we hope that everyone from the 'City of Joy' can make Chile their team for the World Cup, because we want to identify ourselves with the spirit of their people."

Chile are not expected to have it easy in their group, but Caputo is confident of putting up a fine show.

"We are preparing ourselves to represent Chile in the best possible way and we hope to compete to the best of our ability. We are sure that people will appreciate the passion and effort we will put in every single game during the World Cup."

Chile were the hosts of the last edition of the tournament in 2013 and their best finish was a third place in 1993.

The Salt Lake Stadium will stage five group F matches beginning with Chile versus England and Iraq versus Mexico on October 8.

The stadium will also host a one-off group E fixture between Japan and New Caledonia, one pre-quarterfinal, the third place playoff and the summit clash on October 28. - PTI

Constantine ready to help England in U-17 WC

NEW DELHI, Aug 7: India coach Stephen Constantine has claimed the Football Association (FA) has reached out to him for guiding the England team in the upcoming FIFA U-17 World Cup, and he is ready to "help them as much as I can".

India will host its first FIFA event from October 6 to 28.

"The Under-17 World Cup is in India and the FA have reached out to me and I will help them as much as I can. That in itself is recognition from them," Constantine was quoted as saying by "Independent".

In his second stint with the Indian senior team, the 54-year-old Englishman, in his just-released autobiography 'From Delhi to the Den' has lamented the lack of recognition from his own country as far as club coaching offers are concerned.

Constantine said, "I've not had the opportunity to be at a big club for people to say: 'Yeah, he can handle it'. - PTI

"I'm not saying give me the England job, but if you've got the knowledge of people here, use them. If you're English, you want to help England."

Constantine, a UEFA Pro Licence holder, is also a FIFA Pro Licence instructor and has coached the Nepal, Malawi, Sudan and Rwanda national teams.

One famous personality from the world of football who acknowledges Constantine's work is Arsenal boss Arsene Wenger.

When he met the manager of the club he supports while doing his Pro Licence, Wenger remarked: "I know all about you. If you'd done in Europe what you've done in Asia, you'd be coaching in the Champions League by now."

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French Open finalist Errani fails doping test

ROME, Aug 7: Former French Open finalist Sara Errani has failed a doping test for a hormone that hide the presence of the male hormone testosterone, two Italian newspapers reported today.

Traces of anastrozole, used in the treatment of breast cancer but also a masking agent, were found in the urine of the 30-year-old former world number five during a doping control carried out by the International Tennis Federation, the Gazzetta dello Sport and the Corriere della Sera said.

The tests were carried out in February at her home, the reports said. Errani was the beaten finalist at Roland Garros in



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2012 and reached her highest ever world ranking of five the following year, a meteoric rise for a player who had only just broken into the world top 100.

According to the reports Errani, now 98th in the world, was due to play in Canada but has returned to Italy to defend herself in an anti-doping hearing.

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STATE LEVEL ESSAY COMPETITION
Girijananda Chowdhury Institute of Management and Technology (GIMT), Hatkhowpara organized a State level essay competition on the theme:
"Tourism Sector in Assam: Promises and Challenges"
"কৃষি পদ্ধতি এবং সামুদ্রিক আগ্রহের মধ্যে অভিভাবক"

Result Announcement
• The Winners of the competition are:
First prize : Prithibiswar Das, Deodih, Chanderpura Upazila, Nalbari
Second prize : Md. Md. Shariful Islam, Dibrugarh
Third prize : Ananya Bhattacharjee, Pando Adarsha High School, Pandu
We congratulate all the winners
N.B.: The prize winners will be contacted individually

Triple strike sees England close on series win

MANCHESTER, Aug 7: All of England's frontline pacemen took wicket apiece as the hosts eyed a series win over South

Africa in the fourth Test at Old Trafford today.

South Africa had slumped to 40 for three in their second in-

nings at lunch on the fourth day,

with the Proteas needing a fur-

ther 340 runs to reach an im-

posing victory target of 380.



England's James Anderson celebrates after taking the wicket of South Africa's Heino Kuhn during the fourth Test at Old Trafford, on Monday.

Guwahati Futsal Festival

GUWAHATI, Aug 7: After conducting the summer coaching camp, where over 150 players from all over the region took part, the Guwahati City Football Club (GCFC) is all set to organise the second season of Guwahati Futsal Festival.

The tournament will be held on September 15 and 16 at the Deshbandhu Tarun Ram Phooman Indoor Stadium in the RG Barua Sports complex here. The first season witnessed participation of 48 teams from all over North East, this year the organisers have restricted the number to 32.

The tournament will be a 5-a-side affair and as per the rules of Futsal Association of India. A purse of Rs 50,000 is at stake as prize money in the championship. Teams intending to take part in the meet may contact the officials of the GCFC, stated a release.

Tennis coaching at Jorhat

JORHAT, Aug 7: The All Assam Tennis Association (AATA) is organising a ten-day Advanced coaching programme under renowned Bangkok based international coach Paul Dak, who was also the former Thailand Davis Cup team. The camp got off today at the Jorhat Tennis Club here, informed AATA president Rakshit Kumar.

After the camp at the AATA National Tennis Championship, a national ranking tournament of all India Tennis Association for boys and girls U-14 age group will be held at the same venue from August 21 to 26.

The selected players for the camp from Sivasagar, Golaghat, Nagaon and Dibrugarh are: Manan Nehru, Rishabh Brathwa, Aranyak Dutta, Aman Baroghatia, Adrika Rajkumar, Aranya Barua, Jishnu Pratim Barua, Anikashree Tamuly, Adring Kumar Bhuyan, Sidhanta Datta, Anantakumar Saikia, Ayushree Sarmas, Debangana Barakpatra, Purni Bordoloi, Jit Dutta, Sakshi Banuah, Taher Faraz, Nizar Hussain, Janesha Jurmania.

Aanayan, Bhavishya bag titles

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GUWAHATI, Aug 7: Aanayan Bora of Jorhat defeated his teammate Rajdeep Bora, 21-8, 21-5, in the Boys (U-19) final of the 65th Yonex Sunrise All Assam Inter District Badminton Championship held at the Kamakati Indoor Stadium here today.

In the Girls (U-9) category, Bhavishya Changmai of Sivasagar defeated Liana Dutta of Jorhat 21-12, 21-7, 21-10 to clinch the title.

Other results of the day:

Boys (U-11, QF): Rohan Gogoi, Dibrugarh bt Alvir Aman, Guwahati, 15-1, 15-7; Udayan Saikia, Digboi bt Tushar Saikia, Sivasagar 15-12, 15-8; Ayan Gogoi, Dibrugarh bt Boron Bara, Sivasagar 15-8, 15-12; Hirant Chetia, Sivasagar 15-12, 14-11; Barenly Jyoti Das/Deshbangsu Hazarika, Tezpur bt Gurishit Protim Baruah and Priyanshu Gogoi, Sivasagar 21-15-8, 15-8; Boys (U-13 (Doubles) QF): Animesh Gogoi/Teebzesh Rahul Taufique, Sivasagar bt Abhay Singh/Kashyap, Guwahati, 21-6, 21-6; N Yohena Singh/S Stearty Singly, Guwahati bt Md Irfan Ahmed and Yashdeep Gogoi, Lakshimpur 21-13, 21-17; Arissuman Rajdhana, Dibrugarh/Siddhan Chakraborty, Tinsukia bt Kaustav Prakash Sengupta, Tinsukia 21-13, 21-17; Sambad Singh, Dibrugarh 21-11, 21-12; Barenly Jyoti Das/Deshbangsu Hazarika, Tezpur bt Gurishit Protim Baruah and Priyanshu Gogoi, Sivasagar 21-18, 21-19, 22-20; Boys (U-19 (Doubles) QF): Biswajit Bordoloi, Guwahati/Surjahan Buragohain, Buragohain, Tinsukia bt Jitomoni Baru/Nabajit Bara, Morigaon 21-8, 21-11; Pradyuman Gogoi/Rajeshkar Das, Nagaon bt Mohsin Ahmed/Suman Ranjan Phukan, Dibrugarh 21-13, 21-18; Lobnesh Kashyap/Tamini Haque, Tezpur bt Amritjoy Das/Bordoloi/Kalpajoti Nath, Morigaon 21-7, 21-11.

The Federation of International Cricketers Association (FICA) is waiting for a report from security experts before it responds officially to the planned tour of the World Eleven to Lahore next month.

The security report by Reg Dickson who works with the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) will decide whether FICA support the World Eleven tour.

Dickson has been to Lahore last month to study the ground realities there and get a briefing on the security arrangements for the World Eleven tour. He will give his report this week to FICA, a ECB source aware of the developments told PTI.

Former Zimbabwean Test batsman Andy Flower is working on behalf of the ECB and a ECB source aware of the developments told PTI.

Flower, who remained head coach of England until 2015 and also works as Technical Director with the ECB, has been tasked with coaching and managing the World Eleven side.

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The source said when the PSL final was held Dickson and other security experts had come to Lahore to inspect the security arrangements for the tournament.

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Sledging not compulsory, Dhoni never did that: Wriddhiman Saha

COLOMBO, Aug 7: Wriddhiman Saha wears his reticence like a badge of honour and, quite like his predecessor Mahendra Singh Dhoni, doesn't believe in sledging opposition batsmen as most wicket-keepers are wont to.

"I haven't seen MS Dhoni sledge ever. So it is not compulsory that you have to sledge. Sometimes (in order to unsettle opposition), we can twist things and say like the pitch is poor, or you have played a poor shot. That much is fine," said Saha, when asked about his take on sledging.

Like many of his contemporaries, his idol is Australian Adam Gilchrist.

"I liked Adam Gilchrist from childhood – both his batting and keeping style. I think of him as an

ideal 'keeper. There are other wick-

et-keepers like Mark Boucher and Ian Healy. They were also good. But

Adam Gilchrist is my favourite," said Saha.

He loves being under the radar and is happy when his performance makes an impact in result.

"My childhood coach Jayanta Bhawmick used to tell me that if I do well then automatically your name will be prominent in selection circles. He told me not to play for myself but for the team whenever you get even small opportunity keep contributing to the

team's cause. I have tried to do only. Even now I am only trying to do well for the team and if my con-

tribution is there I will be very satisfied," he added.

He was blissfully unaware that third Test against Sri Lanka will be

his 100th first-class game.

"I am just being told that this is my 100th first-class match. I didn't know. It is a milestone but I will try playing as long as possible," he said.

Coming from North Bengal's Siliguri, once the cradle of state's table tennis, Saha was an outsider when he shifted base to Kolkata. He used to play for Shambazar Club and then for Kalyan in the Central Kolkata's Koley Market with other club cricketers.

"Coming from Siliguri, it was

tough. When you come from outside the city it is tough because you have to work out accommodation, find out a good club and then think about getting opportunities. After all these, comes the performance," the 32-year-old recollects his journey.

"My aim was to keep performing consistently in my keeping and batting. I was doing that so I got selected for Bengal and then got a national call-up."

On the match, he was asked about clean sweep, Saha said: "We haven't thought about 3-0. We believe in match by match process. We are leading 2-0 and in the next match, the aim is to produce a similar performance," he signed off. - PTI



Wriddhiman Saha
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