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NEWS CAPSULE



Pharmacies in Guwahati remained closed following a nationwide chemists' strike protesting against online sale of medicine. On Tuesday, UB Photos

HSLC results

GUWAHATI, May 30: Results of the State's HSLC and High Madrasah examination conducted by SBBA, will be declared at 10 am tomorrow. The results will also be available through various websites and phone message services. — Staff Reporter

Monsoon hits NE

NEW DELHI, May 30: The southwest monsoon today hit Kerala and the Northeast, two days ahead of the scheduled arrival of the crucial seasonal rainfall. Cyclone Mora that hit the Bangladeshi coast today, added the advance of the monsoon. — PTI

Pakistan claim

ISLAMABAD, May 30: Pakistan has claimed that Indian national Kulbhushan Jadhav, who has been sentenced to death by a military court, was provided "intelligence" about the recent terrorist attacks in the country. — PTI

Probe order

GUWAHATI, May 30: The Law Minister yesterday directed a judicial inquiry into the recent incident of arrest of STF sub-inspector Dipali Barua on charges of corruption. Retired judge of Gauhati High Court Justice Biplob Kumar Sarma will conduct the inquiry. — Staff Reporter

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Pass percentage dips in HS results

● Science: 86.24% ● Arts: 73.16% ● Commerce: 82.72%

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 30: Alaka Das of Krishnagar Mahavidyalaya, Barpeta, Rajababu Saikia of Ramanujan Junior College, Nagaon and Prashant Goel of KC Das Commerce College, Guwahati topped the Higher Secondary Final Examination, 2017 in the Arts, Science and Commerce streams respectively, the results of which were announced today.

While Alaska (Art) scored an aggregate of 480, Rajababu (Science) and Prashant (Commerce) bagged 482 and 471 marks respectively.

Significantly, the overall pass percentage of all the three streams – Arts, Science and Commerce – of the examination conducted by the Assam Higher Secondary Education Council witnessed a dip compared to last year.

Girls once again outshone boys registering higher pass

percentage in all the three streams. Further, there was no representation in the top 10 positions in the Arts stream from any of the Guwahati-based institutes.

While the overall percentage of Arts stream dipped from last year's 79.92 per cent to 73.16, the Science stream too witnessed a slide from last year's 90.96 per cent to 86.24 per cent. In Commerce stream as well, the overall pass percentage fell from last year's 86.01 per cent to 82.72 this year.

Among the districts, Darrang recorded the highest pass percentage in the Arts stream (90.17) followed by Darrang (86.24) and Lakhimpur (85). Karbi Anglong (50.49) recorded the lowest pass percentage in Arts stream.

In the Science stream, Darrang (94.60), Dibrugarh (92.14) and Dhemaji (92.12) recorded the highest number of successful candidates. Kokrajhar (62.71) registered



SCIENCE STREAM



ARTS STREAM



COMMERCE STREAM



LIST OF TOPPERS

SCIENCE STREAM
1st: Rajababu Saikia, 482, (Engl., Mass., Stat., Chem., Math., Phys.), Rajababu Saikia, 482; 2nd: Abinash Kalita, 481, (Engl., Mass., Chem., Phys., Biol., Math.), Krishna Kantha Handiqui Jr College, Pathsala; 3rd: Kunal Horo, 480, (Engl., Alt., Bio., Chem., Math.), Anunderam Borooah Academy, Pathsala; Mridupaban Das, 480, (Engl., Alt., Phys., Chem.,

Biol., Stat.) Salt Brook Academy, Dibrugarh; 4th: Ilias Khan Ranu, 479, (Engl., Mass., Phys., Chem., Biol., Math., Stat., Maths); 5th: Suman Chetry, 478, (Engl., Alt., Math., Chem., Biol., Maths); 6th: Bhaskar Ghosh, 477, (Engl., Alt., Maths, Stat., Maths); 7th: Sudipta Bhattacharyya, 476, (Engl., Alt., Chem., Maths, Phys., Chem., Biol., Maths); 8th: Ashim Majumdar, 475, (Engl., Alt., Chem., Phys., Maths, Chem., Cscs); 9th: Sourav Paharia, 475, (Engl., Alt., Chem., Maths, Phys., Chem., Biol.), Cotton College, Guwahati; 10th: Samir Kalita, 477, (Engl., Alt., Phys., Chem., Biol., Maths); 11th: Rupunjoy Kalita, 476, (Engl., Alt., Chem., Maths, Phys., Chem., Biol., Maths); 12th: Anupashwa Bhattacharya, 475, (Engl., Alt., Chem., Maths, Phys., Chem., Biol., Maths); 13th: Kinku Samanta, 475, (Engl., Alt., Chem., Maths, Phys., Chem., Biol., Maths); 14th: Pinkey Debnath, 474, (Engl., Alt., Phys., Chem., Biol., Maths); 15th: Dip Wilam Das, 473, (Engl., Alt., Chem., Maths, Phys., Chem., Biol., Maths); 16th: Sura Bhattacharya, 472, (Engl., Alt., Chem., Maths, Phys., Chem., Biol., Maths); 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NATIONAL Ready for any contingency: Navy Chief

PUNE, May 30: Navy Chief Admiral Sunil Lanba today said the footprint of the force is increasing in the seas and that it is ready for any contingency.

"Over the years our footprint has been increasing (in Indian Ocean). We have increased our deployment. We have a ship that is permanently stationed in the Gulf of Eden and the ship of the western fleet has just done a foray into Mediterranean and gone all the way into Atlantic," Lanba told reporters here.

The Navy Chief reviewed the passing out parade of the National Defence Academy (NDA) held here this morning.

He said ships from the eastern fleet were in Singapore and they carried out an exercise with the Singapore Navy in the South China Sea.

"They are en route to Australia, where they are going to exercise with the Australian Navy. So you see Indian Navy is deployed from the Pacific to the Atlantic and this what we are going to do," he said.

Asked about increase in presence of Chinese ships in the Indian Ocean and military from Pakistan and how the Navy is prepared to tackle another 26/11 like attack, Lanba said, "We are ready for any contingency and whatever decision government takes, we will fulfil our task."

On modernisation of Indian Navy, he said the Navy has been a pioneer in 'Make In India' initiative.

"Way back in the early 60s, we took a call that we are going to be a 'builders Navy than buyers Navy'. We built over 200 ships since the early 60s in the Indian shipyards and at the moment we have 41 ships and submarines, all are under construction in defence and private shipyards and new assets are being inducted into the Navy," he said.

"We will have capable and effective Navy which can operate in all the dimensions," asserted the Navy chief.

Asked about the status of INS Virat, he said Virat has been decommissioned and she has been de-stored. "At the moment, we have not got a concrete proposal of converting her (Virat) into a museum. We will take a call on what is to be done with her," he said. Speaking about the integrated command, he said it has been recommended.

"The committee report has been submitted to the government and they are examining it. We are going forward with jointness and integration with a slow and steady step forward," he said.

During his address to the graduating cadets, Admiral Lanba said, "Cherish the true spirit of jointness that has been instilled in all of you at the NDA. Remember no single service can win a war on its own."

Meanwhile, 312 cadets graduated from NDA, which included 211 from the Army, 34 from the Navy and 67 from the Air Force. The graduating cadets included 11 foreigners, from countries like Bhutan, Tajikistan, Afghanistan, Nigeria, Lesotho and Rwanda. —PTI

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Sri Lanka flood toll touches 193, Indian Navy joins rescue efforts

COLOMBO, May 30: Indian Navy, May 30: Indian Navy diving and medical teams joined rescue efforts of Sri Lankan authorities in flood-hit regions as the death toll in the country's worst torrential rains since 2003 climbed to day to 193.

The Disaster Management Centre (DMC) said the adverse weather condition had left 112 people injured. Nearly 600,000 people have been forced to abandon their houses, with thousands suffering structural damage from flood inundation and landslides, it said.

The weather has begun to clear, and many of the more than 100,000 people, evacuate

ed over the weekend, had returned home to clear debris and mud from their waterlogged homes. More than 80,000 others remained in relief camps as their homes were either destroyed or wiped out.

The Indian contingent of more than 300 navy personnel was assisting in the relief, with divers searching the brackish waters and medical teams seeing patients in makeshift tents set up at shelters.

INDIA'S Shorash has nearly 200 personnel on board, including specialised rescue, diving and medical teams, as well as a large amount of relief material and Gemini inflatable boats. INS

Kirch was carrying 125 personnel. It had diving teams, relief supplies, inflatable Gemini boats and a mobile medical teams.

A third Indian naval ship arrived today, bringing relief supplies including rice, lentils, sugar, milk and blankets for the displaced. "Says to President of SL and SL Navy chief receiving symbolically the relief material on board the 3rd relief and rescue ship INS Jalashwa," the High Commission of India in Colombo tweeted.

India's Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Gopal Bagley tweeted: "S/ Foreign Minister Ravi Karunanayake and High Commissioner of India

are in the area to assess the situation."

The rebuilding effort was

well underway with the government approving Rs 2.5 mil-

lion for every damaged house. Over 900 houses in 15 districts have been completely destroyed, the spokesman said.

The disaster is described as one of the worst-ever calamities since the 2003 floods.

The official death toll was at 193, with 94 others listed as missing, the Colombo Gazette reported. The Met department in its weather forecast said the cyclonic storm, Moza, is expected to get weakened when it enters Bangladesh and the strong winds would be reduced by tomorrow. However, its influence cloudy skies, windy and showery conditions are expect-

ed over the country.

The Met department warned that the sea area off the coast extending from Puttalam to Trincomalee via Kankasanthurai and sea area off the coast extending from Gal-

le to Batticaloa via Hambantota

can be very rough at times as the wind speed can increase up to 70-80 kmph.

There were scattered showers in many parts of Sri Lanka in the past 24 hours, but flood waters were rapidly receding, officials said. State television broadcast called for public assistance to clean drinking walls contaminated by the monsoon floods. - PTI

First Japanese to raise Hiroshima alarm dies

TOKYO, May 30: Yoshie Oka, the first person to raise the alarm outside Hiroshima that the Japanese city had been hit by an atomic bomb, has died aged 86, media and acquaintances said today. Oka was 14 years old on August 6, 1945 and working in Hiroshima as a communications operator at an underground command centre of the Imperial Japanese Army.

After the bomb fell, she contacted another military unit in the city of Fukuoka east of Hiroshima, local media including public broadcaster NHK reported. "Hiroshima is almost destroyed," she said. "We were hit by a new type of bomb."

Local media said she died of malignant lymphoma on May 19 in hospital in Hiroshima after spending years recounting her experiences of the bombing and its aftermath to visitors and students in the city.

"She was an honest person who called a spade a spade," said Sumio Kajiyama, also an atom bomb survivor who worked with Oka in telling stories of the bombing.

"We have lost another great eyewitness," Kajiyama told AP. American B-29 bomber Enola Gay dropped its deadly load, dubbed "Little Boy," over the city at 8.15 am local time.

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**WEATHER
GUWAHATI**
LOCAL FORECAST:
Mainly cloudy sky. Light Rain/
Thunderstorms very likely.
Temperature is most likely to
be 31°C on Wednesday.
TEMPERATURE:
Max 29.3°C
Min 23.6°C

Bijoya Chakravarty
bereaved

GUWAHATI, May 30: Rana-
jit Chakravarty, son of Mem-
ber of Parliament (MP) from
Guwahati constituency Bijoya
Chakravarty, passed away in
New Delhi. He was 49.

A law graduate, Ranajit was
mostly engaged in production
of films. Two of his films – *Ka-
dam Toley Krishna Nachey and
Kona Muri Dhuani* – re-
ceived critical acclaim. His last
rites were performed in New
Delhi. – Staff Reporter

Manasa Puja

GUWAHATI, May 30: The
Shree Maa Manasa Manasi
Umanay Samiti, Birubari,
will celebrate Maa Manasa
Puja on June 10-11, said a
statement. – Staff Reporter

Prohibitory orders

GUWAHATI, May 30: To ensure peaceful movement of public,
and also normal functioning of offices, the City Police has
prohibited assembly of more than five persons, besides holding
of processions and shouting of slogans, along some major roads under
the Panbazar and Latisali police stations with immediate effect.

This has been done under Section 144 of the Code of Criminal
Procedure, 1973, said an order issued by Ranjan Bhuyan, Deputy
Commissioner of Police, Central Police District, Guwahati.

The places where this order has been issued are MG
Road near DC Office, GNB Road near Dighalipukhuri up to TC
point rotary, Taibullah Road near Dighalipukhuri, Anundoram
Baruah Road near Meghdoth Bhawan, Kanak Lal Baruah Road
near Handique College, FC Road near Gauhati High Court,
MG Road leading to Raj Bhawan by the side of the river Brah-
maputra and all roads around the Raj Bhawan and the Brahm-
aputra State Guest House. – Staff Reporter



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| Nirupama Saha | Chem. | Chem. | 96 | |
| Shreya Bhattacharya | Maths | Maths | 100 | |
| Sneha Bhattacharya | Biology | Biology | 98 | |
| Shreya Bhattacharya | Comp. Sc. | Comp. Sc. | 100 | |
| Shreya Bhattacharya | Home Sc. | Home Sc. | 100 | |
| Shreya Bhattacharya | Eco. | Eco. | 100 | |
| Shreya Bhattacharya | B. St. | B. St. | 99 | |
| Shreya Bhattacharya | Account | Account | 95 | |
| Shreya Bhattacharya | Psychology | Psychology | 100 | |
| Shreya Bhattacharya | History | History | 100 | |
| Shreya Bhattacharya | Socio. | Socio. | 99 | |
| Shreya Bhattacharya | Pol. Sc. | Pol. Sc. | 99 | |
| Shreya Bhattacharya | Geo. | Geo. | 99 | |
| Shreya Bhattacharya | Painting | Painting | 100 | |
| Shreya Bhattacharya | P.E. | P.E. | 100 | |

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be submitted upto 3.00 p.m. on or before June 20, 2017.

Regional Director
for North Eastern States

CM wants timely completion of water supply projects

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 30: Tak-
ing a stern view of the delay in
the commissioning of water
supply projects in Guwahati,

Chief Minister Sarbananda
Sonowal today asked the depart-
ment concerned to exped-
itorily complete the
projects and dedicated them to
the service of the people

concerned to furnish the action
taken report. He also took note
of the reasons responsible for
delay in the execution of the

projects. He asked the officers
authorised to oversee the im-
plementation to also ensure the
quality of construction activities

concerning these projects.

It is to be noted that IN-
NURM, JICA and ADB are

executing water supply and
water treatment projects in

the city. These projects have

the potential of supplying 433

million litres of water to the
city dwellers daily.

Guwahati Municipal Corpora-
tion Mayor Mrigen Sarania,
media and legal advisers to the
Chief Minister Hrishikesh
Goswami and Santu Bharali,
Additional Chief Secretary
MGVBN Bhaman, Principal Sec-
retary to the Chief Minister Sanjay
Lojha, Principal Secretary
(Finance) Dr Ravi Kota,
CEO of GMDA Varun Deka
and other senior officers were
present at the meeting.

Contests lined up for Jyoti-Nazrul birth anniv celebration

GUWAHATI, May 30: All Assam Jyotiprasad-Nazrul Birth Anniversary Celebration Committee, which has entered into its golden jubilee year, is organising various competitions, including painting, dance, singing and poetry recitation, for students from Class I to XII on June 10 and 11 at Bharalumukhi LP School. Interested participants are requested to contact the office of the organising committee at Bharalumukhi LP School, a press release stated. – Staff Reporter

Bhabani Sharma
memorial lecture

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 30: The
11th memorial lecture on the
occasion of the 13th death anniver-
sary of writer and social
worker Bhabani Sharma will
be held at the Pensions' Bhawani
Chandrami here on June 3 from 3 pm.

The event is being held by
the Guwahati Alochana Chakra
and Bhabani Sharma Memorial
Trust. It will be presided over by Dr Pramod Chandra Bhattacharya.

The memorial lecture will
be delivered by Manjulika Das,
retired Professor and former Vice
Principal of Handique Girls' College,
on the topic "Trends of Assamese
short stories by women in the Ro-
mantic Age".

The June issue of the monthly
magazine *Viswar Sundhar*,
dedicated to the memory of
Bhabani Sharma, will also be
released on the occasion, said
"Uber is being adamant in its
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in getting our members arrested
by police. So far, eleven of our
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Robotics enthusiasts to display skills at Techniche

STAFF REPORTER

organised on July 9 in 11

centres around the nation,
including IIT Guwahati. The
main events will be held at IIT
Guwahati during Techniche'17 on September 1,

where all the selected
participants from different
parts of the nation will
showcase their robotics skills.

For the preliminary
round, the participants will
have to design a bot that can
transfer blocks of thermocol
holding onto an inclined rod
and place them in their
respective positions. Each

bot is given three chances
and the bot that finishes first
wins. The top six teams
from each centre completing
the challenge are invited to
IIT Guwahati for the four
days of Techniche'. The
main will have a different
challenge for the selected
participants. The winner of

Escalade 6.0 will receive
prizes worth Rs 80,000.

Ola drivers withdraw strike

STAFF REPORTER



registered under Uber

Members of the All Guwahati
Cab Owners Drivers Association
said Ola representatives
have had three rounds of meet-

ings with the agitators, after
which they decided to abolish
the category system and re-
store the incentives for all taxis.

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— RW EMERSON

The Assam Tribune**Unacceptable ban**

Undue interference into private choices as to what one can or cannot eat is the hallmark of an autocratic regime rather than a democracy, especially a multi-ethnic, multicultural one like India. However, of late, the NDA Government, perhaps emboldened by the continued support it enjoys from a bulk of the Indian masses, has been displaying an autocratic streak which has alarmed the enlightened opinion. The notification issued by the Union Environment Ministry prohibiting the country-wide sale of cattle in livestock markets for 'slaughtering purposes', being as it is yet another way to curb production and consumption of beef, is the latest example of such authoritarian behaviour and is constitutionally and economically unacceptable. Cattle in the notification includes bulls, cows, buffaloes and camels, which registered abattoirs from now on would have to buy directly from farms, while farmers who buy cattle from livestock markets for other purposes will not be allowed to resell them for six months. The stated aim of the Environment Ministry in imposing this ban is to curb 'cruelty to animals' though one does not need to look too hard between the lines to guess what the actual objective is! Given the anti-beef predilections of the Sangh Parivar, and insidious phenomena such as cow vigilantes who with impunity have murdered at least a dozen innocent cattle traders, the notification is an indirect way of curbing availability of beef.

Regulation of cattle markets is a State subject, thus the Centre has no constitutional right to issue a notification imposing a country-wide ban. Little wonder that States like West Bengal and Kerala, and political parties of Tamil Nadu have cried foul, and are up in arms against it. There are social issues too – a sizeable section of the poor in India depend on the relatively cheaper buffalo meat for nutritional requirement and any shortage of supply and rise of prices would hit them hard. Representatives of the meat industry have pointed out that since only 10% of animals for slaughter are purchased directly from farmers, the ban would lead to a severe shortage of the commodity and consequent enormous rise in prices. That 90% of cattle for slaughter are currently purchased from livestock markets which pay taxes for transactions, and it would need a long time for the system to change to the ordinance's requirements, all States would incur enormous loss of revenue and it is not certain for what period. In the long run such a ban would also harm the economy, since hundreds of thousands are employed in the bovine meat and leather industry, whose livelihood would be put at stake. Understandably, various States and organizations are preparing to approach the courts for lifting of the ban, but it would be better if the Centre itself does so to stave off its assuredly negative outcomes.

Taxi service strike

The ongoing strike by the drivers and owners of app-based taxi service providers has hit the commuters hard. There has also been an incident of violence in which a cab driver was assaulted and his vehicle carrying tourists to Kaziranga damaged. The cab drivers and owners have been protesting the 'reduction' in incentives by the aggregator companies. While it is for the drivers and owners to settle their dispute with the aggregator companies in an amicable manner, prolonged strikes only stand to hit the commuters hard besides hurting the agitators' own interests. It also needs to be looked into by the administration and the Transport Department if the aggregator companies are resorting to unethical practices to maximize their profits at the cost of the cab drivers and owners, as alleged by the latter. Then, a diminishing trend in the profit margins of the drivers and owners is also likely in view of the burgeoning number of vehicles running under app-based aggregator companies. Initially the margin of profit in the app-based taxis was quite high when the number of vehicles was on the lower side. But with more and more vehicles getting added every month, things could well have reached a saturation point, with profits dwindling. It is for the aggregator companies to decide on an optimum number of vehicles than to keep increasing the number of vehicles indiscriminately. App-based taxis are undoubtedly rendering a great service for the city commuters – more so in the absence of a rapid mass transit system but it has to be a sustainable service in order to be beneficial for all concerned including the commuters, drivers and owners, and the aggregator companies.

The developments also bring to the fore the urgent need for a rapid mass transit system for a metropolis like Guwahati. Indeed, the absence of a reliable public transport – an indispensable requirement for any modern city – has been a bane for Guwahatians for long. Having in place a rapid mass transit system would have eased the mounting traffic load on the city roads to a great extent. Not just that, we have a public transport which is inadequate to cater to the needs of an expanding metropolis but, more importantly, the modes are unreliable and often dangerous – something that operates as per whims of the operators. Name any mode of public transport – be it city buses, trekkers or auto-rickshaws – the operators function as if they are a law unto themselves, giving a damn to passengers' and other commuters' safety and convenience. It is, therefore, high time the Government explored ways and means to facilitate a rapid mass transit system such as metro train in the city. With the Centre having approved the city's metro train project long back, the State Government needs to prepare the groundwork and expedite time-bound implementation of the project.

Appointment of Lokpal, Lokayukta a must

Dwaipayan

It needs no elaboration that corruption is a stumbling block on the path of prosperity and progress of a nation because from the huge plan outlays, only a meagre amount reaches the lowest strata of the society. Corruption also weakens the economy of a state. What is really a matter of grave concern is the manner corruption is growing in our administration. The Apex Court said, "Corruption in a civilized society is a disease like cancer and if not detected in time, will make the polity of the country malignant...."

Whether corruption is curable or not, why can't it be eradicated in our country when the number of persons indulging in corruption is below 5% of the total population? Indeed, the appointment of a Lokpal to investigate cases of corruption is a sine qua non, because there is strong notion that the Lokpal is the right person to tackle the menace of corruption in the country.

Since Independence, the need for the institution of Lokpal at the Centre was always felt given the colossal dimension corruption had assumed in high places. The first Administrative Reforms Commission (ARC) headed by late Morarji Desai studied the causes for deterioration in all areas of administration, and, in its 1966 report, underlines, inter alia, the need for appointment of Lokpal at the Centre and Lokayuktas in the States. Even the second ARC headed by Veerappa Moily also deliberated extensively for elimination of corruption in administration and strengthening of the

vention of Corruption Act, it possibly sought to seize the critical power of the Lokpal.

However, if the recent media reports are anything to go by, it seems the controversy over whether the Lokpal could be appointed even in the absence of an LoP in the Lok Sabha will probably sooner than later be set at rest, because the Supreme Court on April 27 last ruled that the Lokpal could be appointed even in the absence of LoP. "It at

rampant in public places even before and after demonetization, which is why many including a number of lawmakers quite aptly insist that the Lokayuktas are appointed in States to prevent corruption. The latest incident of ALADMK deputy general secretary TTV Dhimakaran being charged with a bribe to bring the poll panel for obtaining the party symbol for his faction in Tamil Nadu is a vivid illustration of how it still exists in our society. Some States like Gujarat, Haryana and lately Goa have appointed the Lokayuktas to investigate into the allegations of corruption against ministers and public servants.

But it is a surprise that in North-east India, the process of appointment of the Lokayuktas is almost at a nascent stage. Except in Arunachal Pradesh and Assam, there is so far no post of Lokayukta in Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura.

In Assam, it may be noted here, the existing Assam Lokayukta and Upa-Lokayukta Act, 1985 was amended in 1987 and 1990, and under the provisions of the amended Act, Justice Tarun Chandra Das was appointed as the first Lokayukta in the State on February 1, 1989. During his five-year tenure, quite a good number of cases were disposed of. After his retirement, Justice RK Manjana Singh took charge. During his brief stint as Lokayukta, many cases, mostly against public

What is, however, quite amazing is that there are no cases against ministers/ex-ministers pending for decisions. Even there are limited cases against public servants. The major reason is the lack of awareness, which is probably why people in general have not been able to get the benefits of the Assam Lokayukta and Upa-Lokayukta Act, 1985.

present, the LoP is not available, surely, the Speaker of the Lok Sabha and the Chief Justice of India or his nominee, may proceed to appoint an eminent jurist as a member of the selection committee under Selection 4 (i) (e) of the Act", he added a bench of Justices Ranjan Gogoi and Navin Sinha.

There is, however, no gainsaying the fact that as at the Centre, in the States too, corruption is still

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total cancer cases in male and female in selected places of Assam are: Kamrup Metro district (49.7% and 24.1%), Dibrugarh (61.6% and 22.8%), Cachar (46.2% and 20.6%), B Barooh Cancer Institute (56% and 25.5%).

Realizing the health hazards of tobacco consumption, the Indian Government has implemented anti-tobacco laws to control tobacco consumption amongst public. India's anti-tobacco legislation, first passed in 1975, was largely limited to health warnings and has proved to be insufficient. A new piece of national legislation, COTPA, 2003, notified on February 25, 2004 represents an advanced law including banning of smoking in public places, advertising and forbidding sale of tobacco to minors. This Act covers most tobacco products like cigarettes, cigars, bidis, cheroots, pipe tobacco, hookah tobacco, chewing tobacco, panmasala and gutkha.

Recently many States in India have taken additional steps such as ban on tobacco advertising, increasing taxation on tobacco products, ban on gutkha and manufactured smokeless tobacco products, regulation of the sale of tobacco products (Juvenile Taxe Act imposes harsh penalties on the sale of tobacco products to

Reviving Hindustan Paper Mill, Jagiroad

Shatabdi Express

Sir – The introduction of the Shatabdi Express between Dibrugarh and Guwahati has delighted the people of upper Assam. But it would have been better if the said train would run via New Tinsukia wherefrom intending passengers of Jagon, Ledo, Margherita, Digboi, Makum, Dooimoria, etc., could avail the service. Tinsukia, being the main business hub of upper Assam, should be included in the route and as such, the generation of railway revenue would be much more. Will the railway authority concerned ponder over the matter and modify the route of the Shatabdi Express via New Tinsukia for the benefit of all concerned? Yours etc., KAMAL MUKHERJEE, Borib, Digboi.

Exam dates

Sir – It is seen that both the entrance examinations, i.e., Combined Entrance Examination (CEE), Assam and the Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research (JIPMER) will be held on June 4, 2017. Through the Board of Assam to press the Centre hard to revive this paper mill. Yours etc., BHASKAR PHUKAN, Bamunimaidam, Guwahati.

notification of Director of Technical Education. Now, if some of the candidates are allotted in the morning half of the JIPMER test, then they will not be able to attend the CEE test. So, I would like to request the Director of Technical Education and JIPMER authority to either defer the CEE test or allot the evening slot to the JIPMER test candidates of Assam.

Yours etc., TRIDIB KUMAR MAHANTA, Kaliapara, Guwahati.

Rural electrification

Sir – The Rajiv Gandhi Gramin Vidyut Yojana (RGVY) under the 10th and 11th Plan (2008 to 2015) had a target for 100% village electrification. This writer was associated with the scheme. When we received the actual sanctioned scheme, it was observed that all the households in the villages could not be covered. This was a serious bone of contention among the households within the same village since the total LT lines or the installed distribution transformer in the village could cover only 40 to 50% of the households.

As per the scheme, the plan was to bring 11 KV lines to a village area, lay one or two LT lines from the 11 KV lines and install a 11.0400 KV distribution transformer so that

100% of the households in a particular village were provided free electric connection. So the public should be apprised of in advance the details of the current scheme under implementation. Otherwise, a large number of the rural households shall remain deprived of the access to electricity again. Yours etc., MANIN HAZARIKA, Belota, Guwahati.

Detailed result

Sir – The provisional result of the online examination conducted by the Railway Recruitment Board, Guwahati against CEN 01/2016 was declared in January, 2016 and the qualified candidates were called for documents verification (DV) in March 2016.

The final results (empangement of DV candidates) were published in June, 2016. But the same of a group of candidates belonging to the JE (Non-Civil) category was withheld on account of a judicial dispute. The dispute was settled in September, 2016 and the stay order for declaration of the final result was lifted. But since then, the Board officials have been negligent in preparing the final result of the JE (Non-Civil) category. Till date the final result has not been declared. The candidates have been kept waiting for more than a year now. Had

their final results been declared before March 2017, they would have been included in the batch of 1,000 SSEs and JE's who joined the service recently. I request the authorities concerned to do the needful in publication of the final result. Yours etc., PUBERUN DUTTA, Jorhat.

School fees

Sir – Most of the private English-medium schools in Assam charge high fees against admission, monthly fee, etc., every year. They do not follow any rules and regulations. We feel that there should be certain guidelines in regard to fee hike. They change the school curriculum frequently so that extra monetary benefits can be accrued from the sale of books. This is a very serious matter. This practice must be stopped. The State Education Department should inquire into the matter at the earliest. The State Government should constitute a fee regulatory board to monitor the fee structures of all the private schools in Assam. Yours etc., USHAKANTI DAS, Rukumington, Guwahati.

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Guv, CM hail HS topers

STAFF REPORTER

Govt Governor Banwarilal Purohit and Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today extended greetings to the Science, Arts and Commerce stream toppers and all those who passed the Higher Secondary Examination of the State and wished them a bright future ahead.

The Chief Minister said the examination results reflected the dedication, sincerity and hard work of the students and their success will inspire them to reach greater heights in the future as well. He urged the students to become good human beings apart from being successful in their academic careers and lead a life of high moral values. He also congratulated the teachers and parents of the students for their success.

Similarly, the Chief Minister also called upon the unsuccessful students not to lose hope and prepare with more dedication and sincerity for the next year's examination to achieve success.

The Assam Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC) also congratulated the students for passing the HS examination. In a statement, the APCC president Rupin Bora wished the rank holders and successful candidates a bright future ahead. He also said the candidates who could not succeed in the exams to work harder and not get disheartened.

World No Tobacco Day today

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 30: Even as the World No Tobacco Day will be observed tomorrow, with this year's theme being 'Tobacco – a threat to development', tobacco remains a

major killer worldwide, with many ailments associated with cancer attributable to tobacco consumption.

On the occasion of World No Tobacco Day, tobacco advocacy groups propose to demonstrate the threats that the to-

Tobacco consumption is one of the single most important risk factors for non-communicable diseases such as heart attack, cancer, stroke and chronic respiratory diseases. It has also adverse impact on pregnancy and the newborn."

Dr AC Kataki, Director of Dr B Borooah Cancer Institute, The Assam Tribune.

Prevalence of tobacco con-

sumption in Assam is 39.3 per cent as against the national average of 34 per cent. The high prevalence of tobacco con-

sumption in the northeastern States is responsible for 66.1 per cent and 55.3 per cent of tobacco-related cancer in Meghalaya and Tripura respec-

tively. At BBCCI, 56 per cent of all cancers in male and 25.5 per cent in female are tobacco-related cancers. In Kamrup (Metro) district, tobacco-related cancer constitutes 49.1 per cent of all can-

cers in male and 25.7 per cent of all cancers in female.

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 30: The two friends hailing from Nalbari share a strong bonding, be it planning their studies or outdoor activities. After the HS exams were over, both Raunak Jain and Arnab Kapil of Cotton College had expected that at least one of them would get a position in the merit list.

The HS Final exam results declared today, however, brought a pleasant surprise for both. While Raunak fetched the sixth slot, Arnab bagged the ninth position in the Science stream. Not just that, the two friends were the only saving grace for the prestigious Cotton College in terms of posi-

tion this year.

Compared to six positions in 2016, the college had to be content with only two posi-

"We are happy that we both could make it to the merit list, but for our college, a few more ranks were expected. Some of our friends missed it by a whisker," said Raunak. "Though I did not have any fixed timing for studies, I preferred the morning hours mostly. I love to write and have contributed a lot to the kids' supplement of *The Assam Tribune*," Raunak further said.

Both the friends want to pursue MBBS and become good doctors.

Arnab Kapil loves quizzing

and takes part in most of the quiz competitions organised in Guwahati. "It is a myth that being active on social media disrupts studies. A judicious use of social media helps us in staying updated with the surroundings," he said. Arnab is the son of teacher Romen Sarma and Raajita Devi.

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his matric from Happy Child School. He wants to become an IAS officer, so preparing for the UPSC is his next target.

Third position holder Pinky Debnath's success mantra is regular studies. "A fixed rou-

ine never worked for me. I studied as and when I felt like it. But, regular studies are a must to have that confidence during the exams," Pinky, daughter of Jantu and Lakhini Debnath of Jyotiruchi said.

Khusali Agarwal, the fifth

position holder from KC Das

Commerce College would be studying B Com at St Xavier's College, Kolkata.

Against the topping of pre-

merit institutions of Guwahati,

Sai Vikash Junior College of the

city made its presence felt by bagging the 10th position in the Science stream. The college's Dip Nilim Das, who fetched the tenth position, hails from Abhayapuri in Bongaigaon.

"Our students are doing very well in the engineering and medical examinations and our focus also has been on competitive examinations. However, a rank in the State Board was missing which was filled with Dip Nilim's success," managing director of the college PS Reddy said.

"I dedicated my success to my institution, which has a very well-planned study pattern and addresses all the issues of the students with utmost care," Dip Nilim said.

Rise in drowning, suicide cases in Brahmaputra

SDRF to station 3 rescue boats near Lachit statue

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 30: With an aim to improve its response time in the event of an emergency situation, the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) has decided to station three rescue boats on the banks of the River Brahmaputra in Guwahati.

The rubber boats, with a group of trained manpower, will remain stationed near the statue of Lachit Borphukan on the Brahmaputra for round-the-clock service. The decision was taken recently.

The Brahmaputra has been witnessing a rise in drowning and suicide cases over the years. The old Sarighat Bridge over the river too has virtually turned into a suicide hotspot. Director General of Fire and Emergency Service AP Rout told this reporter that the move has been initiated keeping in view the recurring

emergency situations that the river witnesses, be it in the form of suicides or cases of accidental fall and drowning.

"Now that we have a team ready to react at any given time, the average response time to get to the person in need of help would be cut down remarkably," Rout said, adding that the boat operators would work in tandem with the river police.

Rout said that the engine-driven rubber boats stationed by the SDRF should go a long way in saving human lives by their timely intervention.

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No manual work in
Excise dept from June 1

RITU RAJ BORTHAKUR

GUWAHATI, May 30: The Excise Department will do away with all manual work from June 1 in a move that is expected to bring in transparency in the scam-hit department. The entire system in the department will go online from next month.

The web portal of the department was launched by Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal on April 29. However, some work in the department was being done manually so far.

"But from June 1, all the work and services will be online. There will be no manual works. In fact, the department will be the first in the State to shift to online mode in entirety," a senior officer in the department said.

The shift to the online system is bound to bring transparency in the department, which has often been in the news for wrong reasons.

In the portal (assamexcise.in) officials of the department and licence holders have been given individual log-in passwords.

The Excise Department had achieved a record increase of revenue collection, which had risen 20.8 per cent during the last financial year. Despite the number of wine shops and bars going down due to the apex court ruling on such outlets located alongside highways, the department had also witnessed a jump in revenue in the first month of this fiscal as compared to the corresponding month last year.

OBITUARY

Malik Hafizur Rahman

GUWAHATI, May 30: Malik Hafizur Rahman, a resident of Debdaru Path, Dispur, passed away at a city hospital around 9.45 last night. He was 71. He leaves behind his wife, two sons, a daughter and four grandchildren. His janaza was performed at the Athigou Kabrasthan today.

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Nine from Nagaon shine in HS exam



Rank holders and Principal of Ramanujan Junior College of Nagaon after declaration of HS exam results, on Tuesday. – UB Photos

CORRESPONDENT

NAGAON, May 30: Rajababu Suman of Ramanujan Junior College here topped in the Science stream. He obtained 482 marks.

A resident of Dholpur in Narayanpur, he passed HSLC from Dholpur HS School. Talking to the media, Rajababu said that seriousness and regularity in study was key to success. He wants to become a technocrat in life. The youngest son of Janumani and Bala Saikia, he has a middle class family.

Ramanujan Junior College retained its previous glory this time also. In all, 7 students from this institution obtained positions – six in the Science stream and one in Arts. Besides Rajababu, Suman Chetry got 4th position with 479 marks, Angshuman Barphagot 5th position with 478 marks, Muzammil Ahmed got 9th position with 473 marks, Basab Ranjan Dahal and Samudrajeet Borooch got 10th positions with 472 marks respectively.

In Arts, Namrata Barooch secured the 7th position with 471 marks.

The Principal of Ramanujan Junior College Dilip Bora said that it was a lucky year for his institution. In 2015, Prashi Kalita stood 1st in Science, in 2016

Ankuriyoti Bora stood first in Science and Rupashree Bora stood first in Arts. Principal Bora further said that he provided free scholarship to Rajababu Saikia. He usually provides financial support to brilliant students every year.

Kumar Ratnadeep stood 9th in the Science stream from Nowrang College with 473 marks. He wishes to be a doctor in future. Ratnadeep was satisfied with the infrastructure available in Nowrang College. He thanked the teachers, Principal and his parents for his success.

Principal Dr Sarok Borkotki informed that Manish Dey of the Commerce stream got highest marks (98) in Accountancy in the State. In all, 95% of his students achieved success in the HS examination, he added.

Minister Keshab Mahanta, MLA Rupok Sarma, besides members of AASU, ABVP and NSUI also congratulated the students and teachers of the college.

Anamisha Borah of Ramanujan Junior College stood 6th in the Arts stream.

Earlier, Ramanujan Junior College took out a procession where the students, teachers and well-wishers took part. They burst fire crackers and distributed sweets to celebrate their hard-earned success.

8 Holy Cross students in Silchar still awaiting results

CORRESPONDENT

SILCHAR, May 30: Eight students from Holy Cross School of Silchar are still waiting for their Higher Secondary examination results.

Much to their disappointment, the students found their numbers missing in the marksheet after the results of the examination were declared today.

According to Sister Caron BS, Principal of the school, six students were marked absent in their Physics theory paper while one each has been marked absent in Chemistry and Biology theory papers.

"All those who are marked absent have their signatures on the attendance sheets pertaining to the examination days. A girl from our school scored 463 marks but was marked absent in the

marksheet. If she would have scored at least a 60, she can feature in the top 10 rank holders," Sister Caron said. She added that she has had talks with the authorities in the Assam Higher Secondary Education Council and they have assured all possible assistance in verifying the alleged lapses in tabulation.

On the other hand, Jonaki Swami, whose daughter is one among the eight students

said "we have submitted applications for admission in colleges outside Assam. We cannot send our daughter with this absent-marked marksheet. We are going to meet the Council officials."

In all, 99 students appeared from the Science stream of the school and 96 have passed while in the Arts stream out of 39 students appearing in the examination, all students have passed.

Barak HS toppers passionate followers of Narendra Modi

CORRESPONDENT

SILCHAR, May 30: Even as Soumik Dey, Biswarup Laskar and Pankaj Kumar Saha, the rank holders in this year's Higher Secondary Examination from Barak Valley have different ambitions in life ahead, there is one common thing that brings them on the same page - their keen interest in following Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

While Pankaj feels that politics is a curable disease, Biswarup maintains that politics is the purest form of service especially in a democratic country like India. Soumik, however, was a little shy in admitting that he keeps a close watch on the issues the Prime Minister talks about.

Soumik (473) and Biswarup (472), students of Ramanuj Gupta College secured 9th and 10th positions respectively in the Science stream. Interestingly, both do not have Facebook accounts. When asked about the reason, Soumik said that he wants to be a doctor and is preparing for the entrance examination. He wishes to serve people in the rural areas. "A balanced approach to study together with a hunger to keep oneself updated is essential for better results," Soumik said, adding that he loves to gather information by reading various books, including detective stories particularly by Satyajit Ray. Biswarup on the other hand prefers WhatsApp to Facebook and said, "the coun-



Soumik Dey
Science, 9th position



Biswarup Laskar
Science, 10th position

try is glad to have leaders like Modi to lead the purest form of service in the country."

Ramanuj Gupta College recorded 100 percent pass percentage in Commerce, 94.18 percent in Science and 96.25 percent in the Arts stream.

A student of Vivekananda Junior College, Pankaj stood

around the globe. I wish to become a responsible citizen of the country and shall pursue B.Com," Panjai said.

Meanwhile, Women's College Silchar came up with an impressive 96.96 percent result in the Commerce stream and 62.98 percent in Arts stream.

Cachar district registered an overall pass percentage of 78.22 in Science stream as compared to Karimganj with 85.74 percent followed by Hailakandi with 69.59 percent. In the Commerce stream, Cachar scored 84.84 percent with Karimganj at 79.47 percent and Hailakandi at 83.84 percent. In the Arts stream, Cachar recorded 59.45 percent. Karimganj bagged 75.72 percent and Hailakandi recorded a pass percentage of 54.61 percent.

Salt Brook Academy bags top 13 ranks in 3 streams

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

DIBRUGARH, May 30: Salt Brook Academy happened to be the only educational institute in the district to attract media attention today for its spectacular result in the Higher Secondary examination conducted under the Assam Higher Secondary and Education Council (AHSEC).

The private junior college bagged 13 top ranks in three different streams. Seven students from the educational institute secured top positions in the Science stream while five topers came from the Arts stream and one student topped from the Commerce stream.

The toppers from the Science stream of the institute include Mridupalan Das (3rd), Kaustubhamoni Hazarika (6th), Mayank Prasad (7th), Shrisa Mazumdar (8th), Nisha Borgohain (9th), Naina Nathbaruah and Niki Boruah (10th). In the Commerce stream, Satyam Fogla secured the 7th position. The toppers from the Arts stream are Abhisha Borbara and Deepika Hazarika (5th), Aditi Dutta (6th), Arpita Singh and Banancha Rajkumar (9th).

Altogether, 511 students from Salt Brook Academy secured first division and 4

bagged second division in the Science stream. In all, 106 students from the Commerce stream were placed in the first division, 50 were placed in the second division and 7 were placed in the third division. In the Arts stream, 167 students bagged first division, 21 were placed in the second division and 2 bagged 3rd division.

The institute, which has been in the limelight for succeeding in placing its students into the list of toppers in the State, however, grabbed only one rank last year in the Arts stream. "We relaxed at our teaching modules and adopted new approaches to enhance the performance of our students. We stressed on regular evaluation and feedback. The entire teaching and management staff worked hard for this result," said Aswini Dowerah, Director of the institute.

Mridupalan Das, the topper from the Science stream, is the only son of Dr Aditya Salkia, Associate Professor of MDKG College and Gunaram Das, Additional Project Officer of DRDA, Diphu. Das is a resident of Sejurup here, but originally hails from Nagaon. Delighted at his achievement, Das attributed his success to his parents and teachers.

Mayank Prasad, the 7th rank holder from the Science stream has also been placed in the 94th rank in the General PWD (Persons with Disabilities) category for admission in National Institutes of Technology (NIT).

Mayank, son of Dipu Kumar Prasad and Sohba Devi of Azad Road, Doomsdooma said only dedication and hard work can help one achieve any goal, no matter who you are.



Students of Salt Brook Academy Junior College in Dibrugarh celebrate after declaration of HS results, on Tuesday. – UB Photos

The results have, however, cast a shadow of gloom on other leading higher secondary schools and colleges in the city here as none of them could place its students in the list of toppers despite producing relatively good result.

From the Arts stream, 7,367 students appeared for the examination from the district, of which 6,163 passed. Among them, 1,020 students secured first division, 2,004 grabbed second division and 3,139 were placed in the third division.

The rest of the city's junior colleges and HS schools failed

to produce any topper this year. Their only consolation is that they have students in the first division. But their high decibel publicity always outshines that of Salt Brook Academy. Most of these seem to have operational profits, along with lucrative coaching classes as the prime reason for opening shop.

Earlier, leaders of the local district unit of the All Assam Students' Union joined others in congratulating the rank holders and felicitated them with *phulam gamosa*.

Khaskar Ghosh secures 6th position in Dhubri district

CORRESPONDENT

DHUBRI, May 30: Although the pass percentage of HS students in Dhubri district is lower than the State average in all the streams, Bhaskar Ghosh of Sishuhsala HS School secured 6th position in the High Secondary Science Stream.

Bhaskar Ghosh, the eldest son of homemaker Sumitra Ghosh and bank employee Bhakta Prahlad Ghosh are residents of Chatontola in Dhubri. Bhaskar, who aspires to be a doctor in future, secured 10th position in the HSLC Board Examination in 2015. He scored a total 477 marks in AHSEC with 96 in English and Alternative English respectively and 95 in Physics, Mathematics and Biology.

Principal Rohinda Nath Kalita expressed happiness over the performance and said that they gave importance on quality teaching, discussion with guardians and good administration.

Meanwhile, Bajali College in Bajali sub-division also shone with one position in Science. Indabar Talukdar secured fifth position in the Science stream, while Muzammilar secured eighth position with 475 marks in Science. Abinash wants to be a scientist in future and wants to contain the brain drain problem while Ashim Mazumdar's aim is to be a good teacher. He now plans to study degree course

with Mathematics as major subject. Meghna Goswami secured ninth position with (469) in Arts stream, while Himadri Basu secured tenth position in Arts with (468). Meghna wishes to be a good teacher. She will now take admission in Delhi University with English as major subject. Himadri expressed her willingness to study law in future.

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with Mathematics. Samir wishes to become a doctor in future.

While talking to this Correspondent, Samir said that he studied 10 hours regularly before the examination. He is the son of Ranji Kalita, an employee of the Intelligence Bureau of the India Army and Anamika Kalita of Kazipara area of the town. The students of the junior college subsequently took out a procession with Samir.

Samarjit reaps laurels for Nalbari district

CORRESPONDENT

NALBARI, May 30: Samarjit Kalita of Dr Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan Junior College in Nalbari brought laurels to the district by securing sixth position in the Science stream of the Higher Secondary examination.

He scored 477 marks and secured Letter marks in Assamese, English, Physics, Chemistry, Zoology and Math-

ematics. Samir wishes to become a doctor in future.

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Three toppers bring laurels to Lakhimpur

CORRESPONDENT

NORTH LAKHIMPUR, May 30: Results of the AHSEC's Higher Secondary Final Examination-2017 made Lakhimpur proud as three students of the district secured top positions in the Science and Arts streams.

Rajababu Saikia of Rajabari, Dhalpur topped the rank holders among the Science stream by securing 482 marks (96.40%) in the examination. Though he appeared in the examination from Ramanuj Junior College, Nagaon, his brilliant success has made the entire district proud.

Similarly, Abhinav Chetia of Brahmaputra Valley Academy here secured the tenth position in the Science stream by securing 94.7% marks. In the Arts stream, Ankit Mitra from Genius Academy here secured the third position by securing 477 marks.



Ankit Mitra, Arts 3rd position holder. – UB Photos

Basab of Biswanath gets 10th position in Science

CORRESPONDENT

HISWANATH CHARIALI, May 30: Basab Baran Das, a student of Ramanujan Junior College, Nagaon, brought glory to this headquarter town of Biswanath district today by securing the 10th position among in the Higher Secondary Examination 2017, result of which was declared yesterday.

He managed to score a total of 472 (94.4%) including 96 in English, 90 in General Mathematics, 95 in Chemistry, 93 in Physics and 90 in Alternative English. He is the son of Mamata Daha, a lecturer of Chatiya College and Ranjan Daha, subject teacher Harisangs Higher Secondary School and a resident of Boudhbar, here.

Talking to mediapersons after getting the result, Basab said that he had studied five to six hours daily and now wants to pursue studies in mathematics.

He also keeps interest in quiz and has won a good number of prizes in competitions. Basab's success was hailed by Biswanath DC Asitaksha Chakravarty, AASU, AJVCP, AASGU and others.

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Meghalaya food poisoning leaves 8 dead, 300 sick

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

SHILLONG, May 30: Eight persons, including seven minors, have died and over 300 taken ill in Meghalaya's Ri-Bhoi district after consuming pork and rice during a Church congregation on Sunday. Three died after consuming the pork on Monday night and five passed away this morning at different hospitals in Ri-Bhoi.

"300-350 people have fallen sick and been admitted to different hospitals in Shillong af-

ter consuming the pork served during a Church congregation in Nongkya village, which is 40 km away from Nongoh," Deputy Commissioner of Ri-Bhoi CP Ghotmare, said over the phone.

"We are closely monitoring the situation and the State Government has provided a medical team at the village to provide emergency service," the DC added.

Ghotmare said the district administration has instituted a magisterial inquiry into the incident and an Additional District

Magisterial would probe the matter. "We have ordered the inquiry to find out how this unfortunate incident has happened," he said.

Meanwhile, Joint Commissioner of Food Safety SN Sangma told *The Assam Tribune* that around 2000 food packets were made and served during the congregation and prima facie it is a case of food poisoning.

"The meat and rice was cooked on Sunday and was packed in leafs for the congregation," Sangma said.

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consumed during a Church congregation in Nongkya village, which is 40 km away from Nongoh," Deputy Commissioner of Ri-Bhoi CP Ghotmare, said over the phone.

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OIL profit dips 96% on royalty payments, lower gas price

NEW DELHI, May 30: State-owned Oil India Ltd on Monday reported a 96 per cent drop in its March quarter net profit after it brought on books the additional royalties paid to Assam and Arunachal Pradesh.

Net profit in the January-March quarter of last fiscal was Rs 19.31 crore (Rs 0.25 per share), 96 per cent lower than Rs 470.13 crore (Rs 5.88 a share) in the same period of 2015-16, Oil Chairman and Managing Director Upal Bora told reporters here.

"The profit was down because of two counts – one, Rs 1.52 crore of royalty payments to Assam and Arunachal Pradesh following court directives were accounted in the quarter. And secondly, reduction in natural gas price reduced our revenues," he said.

But for the royalty payment, OIL net profit should have been Rs 751.14 crore, he said.

"The profits dipped despite clocking highest ever gas production of 2.93 billion cubic metres," Bora said, adding that crude oil production rose 1 per cent and gas 3.5 per cent.

The turnover rose to Rs 3,308.98 crore in the fourth quarter of 2016-17, from Rs 2,445.01 crore in the same quarter of previous fiscal.

OIL got \$52.50 for every barrel of crude oil it produced, up from \$32.46 a barrel in the fourth quarter of 2015-16.

For the full 2016-17 fiscal, OIL reported a net profit of Rs 1,548.68 crore, down 32 per cent from Rs 2,301.67 crore in previous financial year. – PTI

There's scope for GST rates rationalisation: Adhia

BENGALURU, May 30: Revenue Secretary Hasmukh Adhia today did not rule out the scope for rationalisation of tax rates fixed on various goods and services under the GST regime to be implemented from July 1.

"One thing we would agree is that there is a scope for rationalisation of tax rates on various goods and services," he said during an interaction with the industry on GST.

Even the Central Board of Excise and Customs Chairperson Vanaja Sarma had yesterday said the GST Council could revise rates if there is any justification for reconsideration.

Various industries and businesses, including traders, FMCG and automobile companies had been petitioning the Central Government for revising the rates.

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All people in financial services will know we are not charging service taxes on deposits as well as loans, but taxes on other services. Loans are not going to become costlier. That is a misplaced fear because of lack of understanding," he added.

Adhia also said the GST will push India's GDP up by more than 4 per cent because of the simplicity and predictability of the new indirect tax regime, which will encourage people to be tax-compliant. "Economists have argued that India's GDP may go up by more than 4 per cent because of GST – that is the kind of potential it has," he said. – PTI

Ford cuts prices by up to Rs 30,000

NEW DELHI, May 30: Auto-maker Ford India is offering discounts of up to Rs 30,000 on its compact SUV EcoSport, sedan Aspire and hatchback Figo to pass on the benefits of new tax rates under GST, to be rolled out in July.

The company is offering discounts on EcoSport in the range of Rs 20,000 to Rs 30,000. The compact SUV is now priced between Rs 7.18 lakh and Rs 10.76 lakh (ex-showroom Delhi).

On the other hand, Figo and Aspire will be cheaper in the range of Rs 10,000 to Rs 25,000 depending upon the variant.

While Figo is priced between Rs 7.45 lakh and Rs 7.73 lakh, Aspire sedan is tagged between Rs 9.45 lakh and Rs 8.28 lakh (all prices ex-showroom Delhi). "We are happy to pass on to (customers) the expected benefits of GST ahead of its actual implementation," Ford India VP-Sales Vinay Rana told PTI.

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The Chief Engineer, PWD (Building), Assam, on behalf of the Governor of Assam, invites bids with Bid Price of Rs. 42,00,00,000 (Rupees four crore twenty lakhs eight hundred only) for the work "Construction of Auditorium at Jorhat Engineering College at Jorhat, Assam" with a validity of 180 (one hundred eighty) days from the date of opening of the tender from registered PWD Contractor/FPV/Pvt. Limited Co. under Class I (A) with experience in execution of Auditorium/Furnitures. Details may be seen in the portal assamtenders.gov.in.

The Bidders must be registered with the E-tendering system (ETS) of the Govt. of Assam (Website: <http://assamtenders.gov.in>)

All terms and conditions will be as per the Bidding Documents.

The Press Notice will be a part of the Bidding Documents.

Sd/- Chief Engineer, PWD (Bldg.)
Assam, Guwahati-3

Fraudulent transactions

Norms to protect customers soon: RBI

MUMBAI, May 30: The Reserve Bank will soon come out with final guidelines on customer protection which would limit customers' liability in case of unauthorised electronic banking transactions, its Deputy Governor SS Mundra today said.

Last year in August, RBI had issued a draft circular on limiting liability of customers in case on fraudulent banking transactions, resulting in debts to their accounts or cards. RBI had asked comments and suggestions on the same.

Based on the feedback received from the concerned stakeholders, final guidelines on limiting liability of customers are expected to be issued shortly," Mundra said at an event here.

Mundra said technology is being increasingly used in delivery of banking services in recent years but it has brought in associated risks of security as is evident in a few high-profile cyber incidents, thefts of personal information, fraudulent use of ATMs, net banking frauds and cases of unauthorised access to banks servers.

"With greater threat on digital banking, especially in the wake of democratisation and consequent increase in complaints relating to the unauthorised or fraudulent transactions, a need for having a comprehensive policy to limit the liability of customers cannot be overemphasised," the Deputy Governor said.

Mundra said the final guidelines will clarify talk about the timeline for reporting fraudulent transactions, the liability customers will have to bear in case of unauthorised transactions and the responsibilities of banks in such instances. – PTI

CAPSULE

JLR cuts prices

NEW DELHI, May 30: Tata Motors-owned Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) has reduced price of select models by up to Rs 10.90 lakh with immediate effect to pass on benefits of new tax rates under GST expected to be rolled out in July. The estimated price reduction post-GST, in case it comes into effect from July 1, 2017, will be up to 12 percent and will vary from State to State on a model-wise basis, JLR India said in a statement. – PTI

Mahindra Q4 PAT up

MUMBAI, May 30: Home-grown auto major Mahindra & Mahindra (MM) today reported a 19.93 per cent increase in its standalone profit-after-tax (PAT) at Rs 725.16 crore for the fourth quarter ended March 2017. The company had posted a PAT of Rs 604.63 crore during the same period a year ago. – PTI

Amul-ISRO MoU

MUMBAI, May 30: Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF) today said it has signed an agreement with ISRO for fodder acreage assessment using satellite observation and space technology. Under the MoU, ISRO will help in identification of food crops and fodder crops at village level, GCMMF said in a release. – PTI

New Re 1 notes

MUMBAI, May 30: New one rupee notes with predominantly pink-green colour on obverse and reverse in combination with other colours will be soon put in circulation. The notes bearing the rupee symbol have been printed by the Govt of India. At present, one rupee coins are minted. Printing of one rupee notes was discontinued in 1994 but was re-launched in 2015. – PTI

Cox and Kings

MUMBAI, May 30: Holidays and education travel group Cox and Kings today said it had narrowed its consolidated losses to Rs 35.53 crore in the last quarter ending March 31, 2017. The company has posted Rs 506.40-crore consolidated loss in the corresponding quarter of FY16, Cox and Kings said in a release. – PTI

Cox and Kings

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He also argued that if these items were kept in the exempted category, the food processing industry will be losing.

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CORRIDUMON e-Tender

In inviting reference to e-Tenders No. NIT/DTE/07/2017-18, NIT/DTE/08/2017-18, NIT/DTE/09/2017-18, NIT/DTE/10/2017-18, NIT/DTE/11/2017-18, NIT/DTE/12/2017-18, Dated on 24/05/2017, and recorded along with a correction in the BQ, please read the date of availability of bidding document on E-procurement Portal as 30/05/2017 instead of 29/05/2017.

Sd/- Director of Technical Education, Assam, Janasanayog94617, Kaliharpur, Guwahati-19

NOTIFICATION

In continuation to advertisement published in local dailies for recruitment of Assistant Librarian, Junior Assistant, Grade IV, Library Bearer, Laboratory Bearer & Chowkidar at Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Adarsha Mahavidyalaya at Dalgau, it is informed to all the interested candidates that:

i) Interested candidates shall submit their duly filled application forms alongwith copies of certificates and marksheet relating to their citizenship, caste status and educational qualifications alongwith the standard form will submit the same after self-attesting in the drop box kept in DC's Office, Darrang or will send by post.

ii) The testimonials should be bundled in one lot and properly enveloped. On the envelope, the name of the candidate and the post for which the applicant applied should be clearly written.

iii) Such testimonials would be received upto 5:00 P.M. of 12.6.2017 through drop box or by post.

iv) Applicants who fail to submit testimonials even after 12.06.2017 will be considered as in-eligible candidate.

v) Applicants who have already submitted copies of testimonials alongwith the application, need not to submit again.

Sd/- Deputy Commissioner, Darrang, Mangaldoi, Janasanayog2629/17

NOTICE INVITING QUOTATION

No. DRD-1 (DV)19/2017/4

Dated: 30/05/2017

Sealed tenders in two bid system, i.e.(i) Technical Bid and (ii) Financial Bid affixing with non refundable court fee stamps of Rs. 8.25 (Rupees eight and twenty five paise) only are invited from reputed registered Internet service provider for the Managed Wireless Network with Internet Service for 100 users in the office of the Commissioner, Panchayat & Rural Development, Assam, Jorpati, Guwahati-37

The intending firms may conduct survey and assessment of the entire work as mentioned above during office hours before submitting their Tender.

The tender document may be collected from the office of the undersigned during the office hours on any working day up to 11 AM of 19th June/17 on payment of Rs. 100/- in cash.

The financial and Technical Bids are to be submitted in separate sealed envelopes. The both envelopes should be put and sealed in an outer cover (bigger envelop) addressed to the Commissioner, Panchayat & Rural Development, Assam, Jorpati, Guwahati-37

The bids so received will be received in the office of the undersigned on 21st June/17 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM in presence of the bidders or their representative. The financial bid will be opened only if the qualified tenders in technical bid. The time for opening of the financial bid will be informed on the same day.

Sd/-

Commissioner, Panchayat & Rural Development Assam

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ASSAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Jawaharnagar, Khanapara, Guwahati-781022

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NOTIFICATION

It is for information to all concerned candidates that the result for Combined Competitive (Main) Examination, 2015 (Written) held from 16th Sept to 28th Oct, 2016 has already been announced by the Commission. The interview for the same will be held from 7th June, 2017 to 23rd June, 2017 at Assam Public Service Commission Office, Jawaharnagar, Khanapara, Guwahati-22 as per Interview Programme shown below:

INTERVIEW PROGRAMME FOR COMBINED COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION, 2015 (ACJS (Cr. Grade) & other Allied Services)

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**Anti-Romeo
squads lodge
500 cases**

LUCKNOW, May 30: Anti-Romeo squads, which undertook a massive exercise to check eve-teasing at public places, lodged 538 cases and initiated legal action against 1,264 people in Uttar Pradesh in past two months.

According to an official release, 3,38,344 people, mostly youths, were let off with warnings by the squads of policemen.

During the period between March 22 and May 28, the squads questioned over seven lakh people at more than two lakh spots, including malls, markets, outside schools, colleges and educational institutions, bus and railway stations.

Anti-Romeo squads, a poll panel of the BJP, were set up under the Yogi Adityanath government soon after coming to power with an aim to ensure safety of women, especially young girls.

The squad had also attracted criticism from some quarters after visuals of policemen targeting young boys and girls were shown on the TV and on social media.

At a few places in the State, some youths were made to do sit-ups at busy crossings holding their ears and taking pledge not to indulge in eve-teasing.

Later, however, the government issued strict instructions to the police and the anti-Romeo squads to exercise restraint, saying things like shaving of heads or blackening of face should not be done or innocent people harassed. — PTI

**Cong demands
Bharti's
resignation**

NEW DELHI, May 30: The Congress today demanded the resignation of Union Minister Uma Bharti, who has been charged with criminal conspiracy by a special CBI Court in Lucknow in the Babri Masjid demolition case, and asked the Prime Minister to uphold the law of the Constitution.

The Congress also hoped that 25 years after the demolition of the structure, justice will be done and the guilty would be punished in accordance with the law of the land.

"One of the accused, Uma Bharti is a Union Cabinet Minister. Having become disgruntled, she must resign. Prime Minister must come forward and uphold the rule of law and the Constitution," AICC incharge of communications Ranjeet Surjewala said.

He said on December 8, 2011, the Supreme Court had ordered that hearing be held on day-to-day basis, but since 2013, 185 adjournments have taken place in the case.

"Time for law of the land to deliver justice expeditiously," he said.

The opposition party voiced hope that the trial will now begin. "Those who are guilty must be punished in accordance with the law of the land without any fear or favour," Surjewala said.

A CBI Court today framed charges under Section 120-B (criminal conspiracy) of Indian Penal Code against BJP leaders LK Advani, Bharti, Murli Manohar Joshi and some others. — PTI



India's heaviest rocket GSLV-Mark III, carrying communication satellite GSAT-19, scheduled to be launched on June 5, at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre launchpad in Sriharikota on Tuesday. — UNI

AI-LA merger, aircraft purchase collective decision of UPA govt'

NEW DELHI, May 30:

The Civil Aviation Minister Praful Patel today termed as "multi-tiered and collective" the decisions to merge Air India and Indian Airlines, and the order to purchase 111 aircraft by the state-run carriers, a day after the CBI decided to launch investigation into these.

The CBI had yesterday registered three FIRs to probe alleged irregularities in purchase and lease of aircraft by the two airliners, and surrender of profitable routes by them to favour domestic and foreign carriers.

Besides, the CBI had also registered a preliminary enquiry (PE) to probe the controversial merger.

mohan Singh government with regard to the two state-run carriers, including surrender of profitable routes to favour private airlines.

Asserting that "all decisions were multi-tiered and collective", he said, "The aircraft purchase order was cleared by an Empowered Group of Ministers (EGoM) headed by P Chidambaram and the merger was cleared by a Pranab Mukherjee.

"Both the decisions were ratified by the Cabinet," he said.

The CBI's action followed the Supreme Court's January 5 direction on a petition filed by the Centre for Public Interest Litigation led by lawyer Prashant Bhushan. — PTI

Centre orders fresh security audit of Bodh Gaya temple

NEW DELHI, May 30: The government has ordered a full security audit of the famous Mahabodhi Temple in Bodh Gaya in Bihar, before according an armed protection cover of Central paramilitary commandos to the World Heritage Site thronged by lakhs of devotees every year.

Officials said the decision to undertake a fresh security audit of the temple complex, including an assessment of the required security manpower, has been directed by the Union Home Ministry after a high-level meeting was convened in this regard here recently, also attended by officials of the Bihar government.

and the Mahabodhi Temple. The report will then be submitted to the Ministry of Home Affairs.

A series of blasts in and around the temple on July 7, 2013 had injured two monks, following which Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar had sought an armed security cover for the temple complex and its adjoining areas in the aero-space and nuclear domain, with the State capital Patna.

The CISF, which has expertise and a special wing for securing vital installations and buildings, had carried out a survey of the temple complex in 2013, immediately after the blasts. — PTI

WHO to confer special award on Health Minister Nadda

NEW DELHI, May 30: The World Health Organisation (WHO) has conferred a special recognition award on Union Health Minister JP Nadda for his commitment to advancing tobacco control in the country.

The global health body said that Nadda will be conferred the 'Director General's Special Recognition Award' for accelerating India's tobacco control initiatives and taking bold measures to protect people against multiple health, economic, social and development hazards of tobacco use," said Poonam Khetrapal Singh, Regional Director, WHO South-East Asia.

India's recent initiatives include making graphic health warnings covering 85 per cent of all tobacco products, mandatory beginning April 2016 and establishing national tobacco testing laboratories last year. The initiatives also include launching ces-

sation services in 2015 and, as part of this, a 'National Tobacco Quit line' a year ago.

These have all been made possible by the strong commitment and focused efforts of the Minister of Health and Family Welfare, the Regional Director said in a WHO-South East Asia Regional Office (SEARO) statement.

Nadda is among the two recipients of the special global award this year.

The Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs of the Republic of the Gambia is the other awardee.

Singh added that by pursuing tobacco control measures, countries across the region are striving to advance public health at the same time as accelerating development. — PTI

No need to follow Centre's order banning cattle sale: Mamata

BARRACKPORE (WB), May 30: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee today told officials in her administration that there was no need to follow the Centre's notification banning sale of cattle for slaughter at animal markets till the State government issued a direction to that effect.

She, however, asked the police to take steps to stop cow smuggling in the border district of North 24-Parganas "at any cost".

Speaking at an administrative review meeting, Mamata said, "Cow smuggling has to be stopped at any cost. The police should take stern action to put an end to it."

Cattle smuggling in North 24-Parganas district bordering Bangladesh is a sensitive issue with the BJP accusing the Trinamool Congress (TMC) government in the State of not doing enough to put an end to the illegal trade.

Banerjee asked the police

to "deal sternly with communal fare-ups", while accusing the BJP of "making efforts to incite communal violence" in the State.

"The police should keep its eyes and ears open. If someone tries to incite communal violence, beat up both the parties. Do not spare anybody, irrespective of the person's political affiliations. The BJP is

trying to incite communal violence in the State," she said.

Speaking on the ban on sale and purchase of cattle at animal markets for slaughter, she asked the district administration to ensure that no one followed the Centre's notification in that regard.

"The holy month of Ramzan is on. Everybody has the right to observe religious festivals. Just like Durga Puja, Kali Puja and Christmas, Eid is also observed in our State. What one will eat, is his or her choice. No one has the right to dictate it. Do not follow that (Centre's) order, the State has not issued any such order," she said.

The administration should ensure that there was "no confusion" regarding the issue, the TMC supremo told the officials at the meeting, adding that till the State government issued an order to that effect, there was no need to follow the Centre's notification.

Yesterday, she had denounced the Centre's notification banning the sale and purchase of cattle at animal markets for slaughter, saying it was a "deliberate attempt to encroach on the States' rights and destroy the federal structure".

Mamata had also said her government would challenge the notification. — PTI

Madras HC stays for 4 weeks ban on sale of cattle for slaughter

MADURAI, May 30: The Madras High Court today stayed for four weeks the Centre's notification banning sale and purchase of cattle for slaughter, and sought its response to PILs which contended that the rules should have been approved by Parliament first.

A Madras bench, comprising Justices MV Muralidharan and CV Karthikeyan, issued the interim order on the two pleas which said that the rules should be quashed as they were against the Constitution, breached the principle of federalism and were contrary to the parent legislation — Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1960.

Referring to the contention of the petitioners that the notification was related to food and hence ought to have been approved by Parliament, the judges asked the Centre to respond to the point also in its counter to be filed in four weeks.

The Centre has come amid a raging row on the ban, with non-BJP parties and State governments of Kerala, West Bengal and Puducherry stridently opposing the Centre's recent notification.

Several places in Kerala and Tamil Nadu have been witnessing protests during the past few days against the ban on sale of cattle for slaughter. Protesters have alleged that it infringed upon the food habits of people.

The PILs sought quashing of the provisions of Rule 22(b) (II) and Rule 22(e) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Regulations of Livestock Markets) Rules 2017 on the grounds that they were contrary to the parent act of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1960 and the country's Constitution.

Petitioners Selvagomathy and Aslik Ilahi Bhava contended that the "provisions breached the cardinal principle of federalism" as it amounted to legislation in the fields earmarked for State legislature.

The new rules notified by the Union Environment Ministry banned the sale or purchase of bulls, cows, camels for slaughter houses or for sacrifice for religious purposes.

The petitioners said the provisions were notified on May 23 last when courts

were on vacation. Such rules should be discussed in Parliament and approved by it. Rules prohibiting sale and purchase of animals offended the right to freedom of religion guaranteed under Constitution, they submitted.

"The slaughtering of animals for food, the foods and culinary made out of such animal flesh and offering sacrifice of animals are part of cultural identity of most communities in India, protected under the Constitution," the PILs said.

They said the rules, which deprived the people of the right to sell or purchase any animal for sale or slaughter as part of meat vending business, were a burdensome interference in the freedom of trade and business guaranteed under the Constitution.

The farmers and other traders involved in sale of cattle or other animals and slaughter houses and its employees would be gravely deprived of their right to livelihood, they said. The right to choice of food (non-vegetarian or vegetarian) was part of the right to personal liberty and conscience and privacy. — PTI

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Thumb 'down'!

Too much texting may lead to 'smartphone thumb', warn doctors

People who spend too much time texting may be at increased risk of having "smartphone thumb", a painful condition caused by repetitive movements of typing that may lead to arthritis in the thumb, doctors have warned.

Formally known as tendinitis, the condition was earlier only seen in factory workers. It causes the tendon that bends and flexes the thumb to become inflamed.

But with increased use of smartphone for our daily activities, this type of pain has become more common over the years in the US, according to a CBSNews.com report.

"One of the hypotheses is that you know, the joints get loose and lax, and because of that the bones kind of move differently than they would in a normal situation," Kristin Zhao, a

biomedical engineer at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester was quoted as saying by CBS Minnesota.

The movements we require our thumbs to make as we hold our phones are awkward, Zhao said.

"It's also a movement that requires some force through the thumbs. It's not just free movement in space," she explained.

"Our hypothesis is that abnormal motion of bones in the thumb could be causing pain onset and eventual osteoarthritis," Zhao said.

The ways to prevent the problem include giving your thumbs a break, using your forefinger sometimes, and doing daily stretching exercises to keep your tendons limber, among others. — IANS

Know your DAY

By JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Wednesday, May 31, 2017.

This year you incorporate seemingly opposite traits into your life and interactions. You can be easygoing at times, and fussy and demanding at other times. If you are single, several wannabes could express an interest in you, especially through summer and early fall. Be open and see who you truly enjoy being with. If you are married, it's a good time to take a vacation with your spouse. If the time is right, you may also need to know that you can remain grounded. Be sensitive to your sweetie's needs. VIRGO easily irritates you.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

**** You can charm and cajole others in the morning to achieve the results you desire. In the afternoon, hard work and diligence count. Know that you might have to deal with the unexpected. You could decide to take a few days. Tonight: Make it easy.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

**** Stay centered in the morning. Some of you might feel like cocooning at home, at least until the afternoon, when a fun event lures you out to play. Add more playfulness into your day. As a result, you are likely to learn a lot about yourself. Tonight: Take a midweek break.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

**** Stay centered. Your high energy makes it difficult for others to catch up to you or maintain your same pace. Consider slowing down if an important person pushes you to go faster. Tonight: Listen and brainstorm.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

**** You will be tempted to take a risk. In the afternoon, you'll want to reach out to others. You might not be in contact with your feelings, even though you think you have. Note a discrepancy between what you do and what you think. Tonight: Hang out with a pal or two.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** Look greater and give. You seem unstoppable and right on target in the morning, but more important concerns could slow you down in the afternoon. You need to be more aware of what someone is really asking you. Make a OK to say no. Tonight: Indulge a little.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** Though you could be dragging in the morning, you'll perk up quickly in the afternoon. Others respond more quickly as the day goes on. The unexpected colors a relationship and could have financial implications. Don't be afraid to take a stand. Tonight: As you like it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** A meeting becomes a higher priority in the morning. Don't allow a headache to interfere with your progress. You might not be fortunate in choosing a date for an important talk. You can't count on the weather to be cooperative. Tonight: Take some much-needed personal time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** Others prove to be highly responsive to you, especially in the morning. By the afternoon, meetings and interactions become much more difficult to keep on track. How you feel about certain matters and people could change as the day progresses. Spend time with friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** You could be a little crazy about wanting to complete a situation. You might need to think outside the box and take a hard look at what is going on, so you make a strong decision once you do. A partner or friend lets you down again. Tonight: In the middle of the action.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** Make an effort to connect with a loved one. You could be surprised by what is occurring around this person. Attempting to make it through your errands might be challenging, but it will prove effective. Tonight: The object of your affection will seize the moment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**** You'll have no problems making an effort toward others. You could be overwhelmed by certain individuals who seek you out and make excessive demands. Your creativity reaches a new level as you try to handle your popularity. Tonight: A child seems to need your time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** Dive right in and do what you must do as early as possible. By the afternoon, your plans could change, as a personal matter involving a loved one gains your attention. You will feel better if you can stop and give this situation your full attention. Tonight: With a favorite person.

Thought for the day
Where are the clowns?

Send in the clowns.

— STEPHEN SONDHEIM

Kids

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14:00 Roll No. 1
15:00 Roll No. 21
15:30 Hindi Harry
16:00 Doraemon
17:00 Ban 10
17:30 Trolls Go
18:00 Lanja
18:30 Roll No. 21
19:00 Roll No. 21
20:30 Roll No. 21
21:30 Trolls Go
22:00 Gang Balz
23:00 Patale

Dugu
13:00 The Tom And Jerry Show
13:30 Chhota Bheem
14:00 Mighty Raju
14:30 Chhota Bheem
15:00 Chhota Bheem
15:30 Mighty Raju
16:00 Chhota Bheem
16:30 Hole In The Wall
17:00 Chhota Bheem
17:30 Chhota Bheem
18:00 Chhota Bheem
18:30 Taleshi's Castle
19:00 Chhota Bheem
20:30 Chhota Bheem
21:30 Chhota Bheem
22:00 Chhota Bheem
23:00 Chhota Bheem
23:30 M.A.D

Star Plus

13:00 Tu So Gudi Main Gudi Phuly
13:30 Ek Asahi Aaj Shee
14:00 Othna Koi Shee
14:30 Ek Asahi Aaj Shee
15:00 Dil Se! Open!
15:30 Yeh Raat Kiya Kehla Hai
16:00 Shabana
16:30 Yeh Raat Kiya Kehla Hai
17:00 Sultan Si E Ladki
18:00 Rang Rasiya
18:30 Meen Angre Mein
19:00 Yeh Raat Kiya Kehla Hai
19:30 Yeh Raat Kiya Kehla Hai
20:00 Pardes Mein Har Meri Dil
21:00 Chhota Bheem
21:30 Naamkarin
22:00 Dil Boley Oberoi
23:00 Kyu Quoser Hai Amala Ka?

colors

13:00 Zindagi Ki Mahak
13:30 Usman
14:00 Pya Abela
14:30 Pya Abela
15:00 Zindagi Ki Mahak
15:30 Sufiyan
16:00 Asma Sa
16:30 Asma Sa
17:00 Saif Ali Khan
17:30 Sufiyan
18:00 Saif Ali Khan
18:30 Pya Abela
19:00 Zindagi Ki Mahak
19:30 Pya Abela
20:00 Ek Shringar – Swabhiman
20:30 Bhag Baikal Bhag
21:00 Bhag Baikal Bhag
21:30 Bhag Baikal Bhag
22:00 Dil Se Dil Tak
23:00 Bhag Baikal Bhag

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13:00 Just for Laughs
14:00 Top 20 Funniest
14:30 Top 20 Funniest
15:00 Star Cafe
16:00 Sandali
17:00 Two and a Half Men
18:00 Bigg Boss
18:30 Pretty Little Liars
19:00 Top 20 Funniest
20:00 Top 20 Funniest
21:00 Bigg Boss
22:00 Mundein the First
23:00 Code Black

Infotainment

13:00 Animal Planet
14:00 National Geographic Channel
15:00 Discovery Channel
16:00 Discovery Channel
17:00 Animal Planet
18:00 National Geographic Channel
19:00 Discovery Channel
20:00 National Geographic Channel
21:00 Animal Planet
22:00 Jungle Safari

National Geographic Channel

13:00 Africa's Hunters
14:00 The Meg
14:30 Wild About...
15:00 Wild About...
16:00 Manjaliya India's
17:00 India's Magic Kitchens
18:00 India's Magic Stup
19:00 Africa's Diet
19:30 Africa's Diet
20:00 Manjaliya India's
21:00 Wild About...
22:00 Jungle Safari

Discovery Channel

13:00 Predator: Prey
14:00 Reptile Kingdom
14:30 Predator: Prey
15:00 Swinging for Life
17:00 Wildest Africa
18:00 Predator: Prey

STAR MOVIES

13:00 To Society Main Gaadi Phuly
13:30 Usman
14:00 Pya Abela
14:30 Pya Abela
15:00 Zindagi Ki Mahak
15:30 Sufiyan
16:00 Asma Sa
16:30 Asma Sa
17:00 Saif Ali Khan
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18:00 Saif Ali Khan
18:30 Pya Abela
19:00 Zindagi Ki Mahak
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Modi, Merkel hold talks to set roadmap for bilateral ties

BERLIN, May 30: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and German Chancellor Angela Merkel today held the fourth round of the inter-governmental dialogue to set a roadmap for bilateral strategic ties.

Modi was accorded a ceremonial welcome with military honours at the Chancellery, the office of the German Chancellor, where he was greeted by Merkel and senior German officials. He then introduced the Chancellor to his accompanying Indian ministerial delegation.

Modi received a guard of honour and was welcomed as the music chord of the German Army played the Indian national anthem. The two leaders then headed inside for the fourth India-Germany Intergovernmental Consultations (IGC) Plenary session, the focal point of Modi's two-day visit to Germany.

Modi was holding formal talks with Merkel as part of the IGC – held every two years – where he was joined by his delegation of senior ministers, including Minister for Science and Technology Harsh Vardhan, Commerce Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Energy Minister Piyush Goyal and Minister of State for External Affairs MJ Akbar.

The last IGC was held in New

Delhi in October, 2015, when bilateral ties were significantly scaled up. At the IGC in Berlin, the two leaders were expected to clinch a host of agreements and sign MoUs to enhance the strategic partnership between the two countries.

"We will chart out a future roadmap of cooperation with (the) focus on trade and investment, security and counter-terrorism, innovation and science and technology, skill development, urban infrastructure, railways and civil aviation, clean energy, development cooperation, health and alternative medicine," the Prime Minister had said in a Facebook post before he left Berlin yesterday.

Germany is the largest trade partner for India in the European Union (EU) and one of the leading sources of foreign direct investment (FDI) into the country. There are more than 1,600 German companies and 600 German joint ventures in India and the German economic profile supports excellence and expertise that match with India's development priorities of Make in India, Clean India, Skill India, Digital India, Smart Cities, the Ministry of External Affairs said.

"Economic relations with Germany



Prime Minister Narendra Modi and German Chancellor Angela Merkel at the plenary meeting of the inter-governmental consultations, in Berlin on Tuesday. – UNI

is the most important pillar of our partnership. It has preponderance over other areas," theMEA said.

Yesterday on the first day of his Germany visit, Modi held informal discussions over dinner with Chancellor Merkel on a range of bilateral, regional and global issues like the Brexit consequences, trade and radicalisation in the context of recent terror attacks in Europe.

Both leaders also exchanged views on China's One Belt, One Road initiative and climate change during their informal talks at Schloss Meseberg, the Chancellor's official country retreat near Berlin.

"The leaders had discussions that covered the bilateral agenda and how Germany can partner with India on its flagship programmes. There was appreciation of India's

reform agenda, particularly GST," India's Ambassador to Germany Mukta Dutta Tomar told reporters at a briefing here last night.

Highlighting that this is Modi's second bilateral visit to Germany since 2015, she said that the ease of doing business in India and the fast track mechanism set up in 2015 to assist German businesses work in India received appreciation from

the German side.

"In fact, there has been foreign direct investment of 2 billion dollars (from Germany) in the past two years. The figures speak for themselves," she said.

Regional and inter-global issues were also discussed during the three-hour-long interactions – some at the delegation level and some one-to-one between Modi and Merkel.

"The consequences of Brexit (the UK's exit from the European Union) and how it would affect India and Germany were covered by the two leaders," Tomar said, adding that the Prime Minister reiterated the utmost value that India attaches to the EU's cohesiveness, which is a major factor of stability in global politics.

The issue of radicalisation and terrorism and each country's experience in dealing with it was discussed, with recent terrorist events in Europe also mentioned in this context, she said.

The Belt and Road Forum in Beijing earlier this month, where Germany was represented by its Economy and Energy Minister, also featured in the exchange, during which the Chancellor explained German participation and India reiterated its stand against the initiative, she said.

"Our position is well known on this issue," the Ambassador said, in reference to India's opposition to the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, the flagship project of President Xi Jinping's Belt and Road initiative, which passes through Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK). – PTI

India thanks Germany for NSG membership backing

BERLIN, May 30: India today thanked Germany for backing its membership bid in the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG), Australia Group and the Wassenaar Arrangement – and expressed its support for India's early accession to these regimes," the statement said.

China is the only major country which has been blocking India's entry into the 48-member Nuclear Suppliers Group. China is advancing a two-step "non-discriminatory" approach for admission of countries who have not signed nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) in the NSG.

The joint statement said both India and Germany extended "their full support to each other's candidature for a permanent seat in a reformed and expand-

ed UN Security Council."

It said both leaders reaffirmed the urgent need for a comprehensive reform of the UN Security Council to make it more effective, efficient and responsive to the existing challenges to international peace and security.

They "commended the steadfast efforts of the G-4 and other reform-oriented countries and groups in moving forward the discussions towards initiation of text-based negotiations on the Security Council reform agenda at the ongoing Inter-Governmental Negotiations (IGN) at the UN," it added. – PTI

6 killed as Cyclone Mora hits Bangladesh

DHAKA, May 30: At least six persons were killed as Cyclone Mora made landfall in Bangladesh today, packing winds of up to 150 kilometres per hour and damaging several houses, with authorities scrambling to evacuate over half a million people from the coastal areas.

In a special bulletin, Bangladesh Meteorological Department said the severe cyclonic storm, *Mora*, moved northward over North Bay and started crossing Cox's Bazar-Chittagong coast at 6 am (local time). It is likely to move in a northerly direction further, it said.

One of the six persons died of a heart attack during the storm, while others were killed by falling trees and houses in Cox's Bazar and Rangamati, the local media reported.

Under the cyclone's influence, gusty or squally wind with rain or thunderstorms were continuing over North Bay and the coastal districts and maritime ports of Bangladesh, the *Daily Star* reported.

"Wind speed is estimated at 130 kmph in Saint Martin's Island and 150 kmph at Cox's Bazar port after it hit the area between 6 am and 7 am," Cox's Bazar Met official AKM Nazmul Haque said. All flights were suspended to and from the Chittagong international airport and the Cox's Bazar airports.

As many as 300,000 people

had been taken to shelters in more than ten districts most

vulnerable to the cyclone, Additional Secretary Golam Mostafa, a spokesman for the disaster management ministry's control room, was quoted as saying by BD News.

"The people were moved out to at least 400 cyclone shelters or safer places like schools and government offices in the coastal areas," a disaster management ministry spokesman said.

There are also fears for the hundreds of thousands of Rohingya refugees living in makeshift homes after fleeing violence or persecution in neighbouring Myanmar.

At least 2.5 million people in 10 districts risk falling in the way of the severe cyclonic storm. The districts at risk were Cox's

Bazar, Chittagong, Noakhali, the normal astronomical tide, the MCf office said. All fishing boats and trawlers over North Bay and deep sea have been advised to remain in shelter till further notice.

The MCf office had issued the highest level of warning signal on a scale of 10 for two maritime ports after *Mora* developed into a severe cyclonic storm.

Habibur Rahman, a member of Saint Martin's Island Union Parishad, told Bangladeshi daily, *Prothom Alo*, that several houses were damaged in Saint Martin's Island in the morning.

The *Mora* cyclone formed after heavy rains in Sri Lanka caused floods and landslides killing over 190 people. – PTI

World No Tobacco Day today

Tobacco kills 7 million a year, poses danger to environment: WHO

GENEVA, May 30: Smoking and other tobacco use kills more than seven million people each year, the World Health Organization (WHO) said today, also warning of the dire environmental impact of tobacco production, distribution and waste.

The UN agency said tougher measures were needed to rein in tobacco use, urging countries to ban smoking in the workplace and indoor public spaces, outlawing of cigarette products and like cigarette prices.

"Tobacco threatens us all," WHO chief Margaret Chan said in a statement. "Tobacco exacerbates poverty, reduces economic productivity, contributes to poor household food choices, and pollutes indoor air," she said.

In a report released ahead of the World No Tobacco Day tomorrow, WHO warned that the annual death toll of seven million people had jumped from four million in the turn of the century, making tobacco the world's single biggest cause of preventable death. And the death toll is expected to keep rising, with WHO bracing for more than one billion deaths this century.

"By 2030, more than 80 per cent of the deaths will occur in developing countries, which have been increasingly targeted by tobacco companies seeking new markets to circumvent tightening regulation in developed nations,"

Tobacco use also brings an economic cost; WHO estimates that it drains more than USD 1.4 trillion (1.3 trillion euros) from households and governments each year in healthcare expenditures and lost productivity or nearly two per cent of the global gross domestic product.

In addition to the health and economic costs linked to smoking, the WHO report for the

WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY

31st May, 2017

TOBACCO THREATENS US ALL



Tobacco use is a threat to any person, regardless of gender, age, race, cultural or educational background. It brings suffering, disease and death, thereby impoverishing families and national economies.

A huge chunk of premature deaths from tobacco occur in low or middle-income families, which jeopardises financial wellbeing and creates irreparable damage.

Tobacco growing requires large amounts of pesticides and fertilizers, which can be toxic and pollute water supplies. Tobacco manufacturing also produces very large quantity of solid waste.

**SAY NO TO
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**PROTECT HEALTH,
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PROMOTE DEVELOPMENT**

SUSTAINABLE
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World Health Organization



National Health Mission, Assam

Konta suffers shock defeat, Kyrgios in second round

PARIS, May 30: British number one Johanna Konta suffered a shock defeat against world number 109 Hsieh Su-wei in the first round of the French Open, while Nick Kyrgios shrugged off injury concerns to outclass Germany's Philipp Kohlschreiber on Tuesday.

Seventh seed Konta dominated the first set but eventually went down 6-4, 6-2, 6-4 to Taiwanese Hsieh.

Konta, 26, is yet to win a match in the main draw at Roland Garros after three successive first-round losses.

She will now head back to the UK and hope for more success in the grass-court season.

Konta, who is ranked eighth in the world, has also lost twice in qualifying in her five visits to Roland Garros.

Her day was summed up by the final game, in which she missed four chances to break back and stay in the match, one through some Hsieh brilliance and another thanks to the cruellest of net cords.

The Taiwanese player clinched a

remarkable win when Konta's return found the net after two hours and 15 minutes.

Konta's exit means there are no British women left in the singles draw at Roland Garros, while Andy Murray and Kyle Edmund play in the men's draw later on Tuesday.

In-form Ukrainian Elina Svitolina moved swiftly into the second round with a 6-4, 6-3 victory against Kazakhstan's Yaroslava Shvedova.

The fifth seed, one of the pre-tournament favourites after winning the Rome clay-court tournament, was just a cut above her Kazakh opponent, who has reached the quarterfinals here twice.

"I felt good on court played the important points well. Winning a big title just before coming here gave me a lot of confidence and I look forward to my next match," Svitolina said courtside.

She next faces either German Mona Barthel or Bulgarian Tsvetana Pironkova.

Kyrgios kept his emotions in check to outclass Germany's Kohlschreibe-

r just under two hours.

Former champion Stan Wawrinka progressed to the second round with a 6-2, 7-6 (8-6), 6-3 victory over Slovakia's Jozef Kovalik.

Earlier, Novak Djokovic and Rafael Nadal registered comprehensive victories in their respective matches late on Monday.

Back on the court where he completed his career Grand Slam, Djokovic showed no sign of the crisis of confidence that has affected his game since winning the French Open last year.

The second-seeded Serb dispatched clay-court specialist Marcel Granollers 6-3, 6-4, 6-2 to reach the second round of the clay-court major.

There was no hiccup on court Suzanne Lenglen for Rafael Nadal, who started his bid to win a 10th title at Roland Garros with a 6-1, 6-4, 6-1 defeat of Benoit Paire. The 14-time Grand Slam champion produced a clinical display, hitting his mistakes to 18 unforced errors and advancing in less than two hours. – Agencies



Ukraine's Elina Svitolina in action during her first round match of the French Open against Kazakhstan's Yaroslava Shvedova in Paris, on Tuesday.

Virat Kohli only Indian in top 10 ICC rankings



individual rankings justifies the upcoming ICC Champions Trophy's significance as players from the eight participating teams feature prominently in it and not much separates the top players in the fray.

The top three batsmen – South Africa's AB de Villiers (874 rating points), Australian David Warner (871) and Kohli (852) are separated by just 22 points.

Among other Indians to feature in the top 20 of the ICC Players Ranking for ODI batsmen are Rohit Sharma (12th), Mahendra Singh Dhoni (13th) and Shikhar Dhawan, who dropped a place to 15th.

However, there was disappointment for India in the bowlers chart as not a single cricketer from the country features in the top 10 list which is being headed by Kagiso Rabada of South Africa.

Left-arm spinner Akshar Patel

finds himself at joint 11th spot along with New Zealand's Matt Henry while Amit Mishra (13th) and off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin (joint 18th) are the other two Indian bowlers to feature in the top 20 list.

Only 23 points separate the top three bowlers – Rabada (724 points), Imran Tahir (722) and Mitchell Starc (701).

India, South Africa and England have four batsmen each inside the top 20 with New Zealand (three), Australia and Pakistan (two each) also having significant presence.

Similarly, among bowlers, Bangladesh and England have three each inside the top 20, followed by New Zealand, South Africa and Australia with two each.

In the all-rounders' list led by Bangladeshi's Shakib Al Hasan, there are three players from England in the top 10. – PTI

China 'ping-pong prince' suspended over casino suit

BEIJING, May 30: One of China's top table tennis champions has been suspended as head coach of the national women's team, officials said on Tuesday, following reports he was at the centre of a gambling debt lawsuit.

Kong Linghui allegedly borrowed \$81 million (\$720,000) from Singapore's luxury Marina Bay Sands resort during a visit with family and friends in 2015, the *South China Morning Post* reported, citing the hotel's filing to a Hong Kong court.

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Devendro in team for boxing tourney in Mongolia

NEW DELHI, May 30: Commonwealth Games silver-medalist L Devendro Singh (52kg) will spearhead a seven-strong Indian men's boxing challenge at the Ulaanbaatar Cup Invitational Tournament in Mongolia next month.

Table tennis has a huge following in China, which has long dominated the event on the global stage, and the allegations against Kong are dominating domestic headlines.

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There was no need for BCCI to meet PCB: Goel

NEW DELHI, May 30: Sports Minister Vijay Goel today said there was no need for the Indian board officials to meet their Pakistani counterparts when they knew the bilateral cricketing ties were subject to clearance from the government.

"I would want to know why they went ahead with the meeting (when they knew that the series was subject to government clearance). What I can say is that we cannot play bilateral series with Pakistan until it stops cross-border terrorism," Goel told PTI when asked about the meeting between BCCI and PCB in Dubai yesterday.

The meeting between the two boards did not yield any decisive outcome and slim hopes of resumption of test matches in the near future were dashed with outright rejection from the Indian government.

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Morgan upbeat despite Proteas' pummelling

LONDON, May 30: England captain Eoin Morgan remained in upbeat mood heading into the Champions Trophy despite a seven-wicket defeat by South Africa at Lord's.

The hosts collapsed to 20 for six – the first time any side had lost six wickets in the first five overs of an One-Day International – after being sent into bat in overcast conditions and on a green-tinted pitch at the 'home of cricket'.

South Africa's pacemen duly cashed in, with Kagiso Rabada (four for 39 in nine overs) and Wayne Parnell (three for 43 in eight) running through the top order.

Jonny Bairstow's battling 51 helped England recover to 153 all out, a target that provided few problems for South Africa, who made 156 for three.

England still won the three-match series 2-1.

Morgan, asked if this result on his Middlesex home ground had dented Champions Trophy hosts England's confidence ahead of their latest bid to win a maiden major global 50-over title, said: "I'd like to think it doesn't."

"Obviously what cost us was that first hour – a lot of live, green grass on the wicket, but ultimately I thought South Africa

bowed beautifully."

The former Ireland batsman added: "We didn't play too aggressively – a lot of our shots were defensive – so a lot of credit goes to South Africa."

Test wicket-keeper Bairstow is still struggling to nail down a permanent place in England's ODI side, despite some impressive recent batting displays in white-ball cricket.

England coach Trevor Bayliss accepted the Whitsunites could force his way into the Champions Trophy team, telling Sky Sports: "He's doing everything he possibly can do. He's putting a lot of pressure on, and that's what we want."

The Australian added: "It'll be an interesting selection meeting."

England face Bangladesh in the opening match of the Champions Trophy across London at The Oval on Thursday.

The venue is the Surrey home ground of England opener Jason Roy; currently struggling for runs.

But Morgan indicated Roy would remain at the top of the order for the clash with the Tigers, despite Bairstow's fine form.

"He (Bairstow) never lets us down – every

time he comes in, he scores runs, and he contributes to bang on the door," said Morgan.

"It's the hardest thing telling Jonny he's not playing and he's done nothing wrong."

Morgan, however, added: "As regards selection, Jason is our number one pick at the moment."

"He and (Alex) Hales have been very important to the way we've played as a team for quite a long time."

Morgan said he did not expect to encounter a similarly bowler-friendly pitch at any of the three Champion Trophy venues – The Oval, Edgbaston and Cardiff.

"I'd be disappointed if we did, because any team (would have) the potential to win or lose a game on a toss in a major tournament – which is hard to take."

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"I'm very confident," he said.

For South Africa, top of the International Cricket Council ODI rankings, this was a timely victory. – AFP

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Indian pace attack has real firepower: Sangakkara

LONDON, May 30: Former Sri Lanka skipper Kumar Sangakkara today said defending champions India were capable of retaining the Champions Trophy title as they were a better balanced unit with "real firepower" in their fast bowling.

"This year we have four Asian teams in the tournament and clearly India is current the pack-leaders in the region. It won in 2013 and it has a team capable of winning this year too," Sangakkara wrote in his column in ICC website.

"In fact, the team is arguably stronger, better balanced with real firepower

in its fast bowling. Its spinners Ravichandran Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja are exceptional in ODI cricket and I am sure Virat Kohli is going to be desperate to bounce back after a disappointing IPL," he added.

The wicket-keeper-batsman, however, felt that India's selection was a "little conservative". The only slight concern I have for India is that its selection was perhaps a little conservative, but it is still very strong," he said.

The 39-year-old picked India as one of his favourite teams to make the semi-finals of the upcoming tournament,



starting on June 1.

"I think picking finalists is too tough, but my favourites for the semifinals would be Australia, England, India and South Africa," Sangakkara, who won the Champions Trophy in 2002 and World Twenty20 in 2014.

Sangakkara, who quit international cricket two years ago having scored a total of 28,016 international runs across all formats, said the competition was going to be very tough with 4-5 teams having the potential of making it to the final. "There was a time, not so long ago, when one or two countries domi-

nated the format, but in the past few years we have seen several teams develop tremendously and now we have four to five teams who are very evenly matched, all with realistic ambitions of winning major tournaments."

Sangakkara said English team has been a real revelation.

"England ODI team's progress in the past two years has been a revelation. It used to trail behind other teams in terms of its strategy and approach, but now it is one of the most progressive teams. - PTI

OBITUARY



Born on: September 6th, 1947
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It is with profound grief, we share with you that our beloved SMT. SUMITRA DEVI SARAWGI left for her heavenly abode in New Delhi.

Her "Condolence Meeting" / "Baitak" will be held on Wednesday, the 31st of May, 2017 at Shri Sanganeria Dhamaria (Near Raybari Gate #3, SPBC Road, Fancy Bazaar, Guwahati) from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

Her "Shradha" / "Sampriddikarana Shradha" will be held on Wednesday, the 7th of June, 2017 at the same location from 12:30 PM onwards.

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India humiliate Bangladesh by 240 runs

manding 324 for 7.

An all-win record in warm-up games is the ideal preparation ahead of the marquee clash on June 4. It was an all-round performance with some solid batting backed up by hostile opening spell from Umesh Yadav (3/16 in 5 overs) and Bhuvneshwar Kumar (3/15 in 5 overs).

Among batsmen, Dinesh Karthik made a strong case for a middle-order slot with a stylish 94 off 77 balls.

Tanisha in Asian jr tennis 2nd round

PUNE, May 30: India's Megh Bhargav Patel, Aishwarya Bhan, Rhea Verma, Vaidehi Chaudhari and under-16 national champion Tanisha Kashyap moved into the singles second round at the HCL Asian Junior Tennis Championship for boys and girls here today.

Gujarat's Megh Bhargav Patel, ranked 516, created a ripple by ousting higher-ranked Chinese rival Tao Mu 2-6, 4-6, 6-4 in a match lasting 2 hours and 30 minutes to make it to the second round of boys' singles.

In the girls' event, third seed Akansha Bhan faced a few anxious moments in the first set and then settled down to eliminate Xiaoxi Zhao of China 7-6(4), 6-4; 200th-ranked Vaidehi Chaudhari, seeded seventh, trounced Ayu Sugiyama of Japan 6-0, 6-0 and No. 8 seed Rhea Verma overcame a fighting Jho Shi of Korea, a qualifier, before winning 6-3, 7-6(5).

Tanisha Kashyap of Assam continued her form from the last week to get past Shravali Rashmika Bhamidipaty 7-5, 6-2 in an All-Indian tussle to make it to the round of 16.

Eight Indian girls and six Indian boys will be seen in action in the round of sixteen to be played tomorrow. - PTI

GUWAHATI, May 30: Aam Lipu (U-17 and U-59 kg) and Lalrinpui Fanai (U-19 and U-62 kg) of Miles Bronson Residential School (MBRS), Borjhar, clinched gold medals in the 2nd Kamrup District Inter School Taekwondo Championship which was organised by the Kamrup District Taekwondo Association at the Tarun Ram Phoojan Indoor Stadium in the RG Baruah Sports Complex here from May 27 to 29.

With the district level titles both the players qualified to take part in the 34th State Taekwondo Championship which will be held at Tinsukia from July 27.

Around 300 players from 20 schools and four coaching centres took part in the championship where competitions were conducted in the age groups of U-12, U-14, U-17 and U-19, a release said.

We need to forget that we are playing India: Sohail

BIRMINGHAM, May 30: Pakistan do not need any added motivation for their Champions Trophy opener against India but batsman Haris Sohail insists his team has to forget about the opposition it is facing in the marquee clash on Sunday.

Rain at Edgbaston curtailed Pakistan's final warm-up game before the start of the tournament, with Australia making 57 for one batting first in 10 overs yesterday.

For Pakistan, the focus now shifts to playing on India on Sunday in the opening pool encounter at the same ground. While those encounters usually provide a little extra spice, Haris urged his team not to get carried away with the rivalry. And when Sunday rolls around, the 28-year-old, who came in as a replacement for Umar Akmal, is confident that Pakistan will adjust to the weather conditions, having had a fortnight on English soil.

"We have had good preparation, we have had a good couple of days. It is a huge game against India, a really big game. But it is just a game." - PTI

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Brazil great Carlos eyes Australia

SYDNEY, May 30: Brazilian football legend Roberto Carlos is keen to coach Australian side South Melbourne, who are pushing to join an expanded domestic A-League.

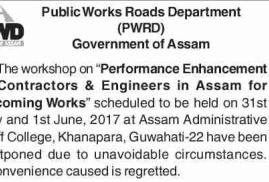
The 44-year-old, famous for his stunning free kicks, held talks in the city on Monday with club officials.

"What I've seen here has moved me, the complex and the people," the former Real Madrid defender, who has previously coached in Turkey, told reporters.

"The most important thing now is for the club to go to the A-League and that together we make more history on top of what we've seen."

"What I've seen here has gratified me a lot."

Football Federation Australia is mulling expanding the A-League to 12 teams, but it is not expected to happen until the 2018-19 season. - AFP



The workshop on "Performance Enhancement of Contractors & Engineers in Assam for Upcoming Works" scheduled to be held on 31st May and 1st June, 2017 at Assam Administrative Staff College, Khanapara, Guwahati-22 have been postponed due to unavoidable circumstances. Inconvenience caused is regretted.



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| No. of students securing 80% & above | : 98 |
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