

NEWS CAPSULE

HS, HSLC results

GUWAHATI, May 23: The results of the HS (Finals) and HSLC examinations conducted in the year will be announced on May 30 and May 31 respectively. The HS results to be declared at 10 am will be available on www.asssec.nic.in. The HSLC results would be declared at 11 am on www.assboardonline.org. – Staff Reporter

Local holiday

GUWAHATI, May 23: In view of the Prime Minister's visit to Tinsukia and Dhemaji districts on May 26, a local holiday has been declared in these two districts. Moreover, today has also been declared in Kamrup (M) from 2 pm onwards on May 26 for the PM's visit. – Staff Reporter

Probe order

GUWAHATI, May 23: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today directed Additional Chief Secretary Rajib Barua to probe into the incident of arrest of Special Task Force SI Dipali Barua on charges of graft and submit the report within three months to home department. – Staff Reporter

NSU bandh call

GUWAHATI, May 23: The State unit of the NSUI has called for a 36-hour upper Assam bandh from 5 am of May 25 in protest against the insult meted out to former Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi who was en route to the Dholi-Sadiya bridge yesterday on the ground of security. – Staff Reporter

Sc advisor

GUWAHATI, May 23: The honorary scientist of Physical Research Laboratory Alwar, Madhod and Padma Shri award winner Dr Jitendra Nath Goswami was today appointed as the advisor to the Science and Technology Department, Government of Assam. – Staff Reporter

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22 killed in terror attack at UK pop concert

MANCHESTER/LONDON, May 23: A lone suicide bomber set off a powerful homemade bomb at a concert of US pop star Ariana Grande in Manchester city, killing at least 22 people and injuring 59 others, in the deadliest terror attack in Britain since the 2005 London bombings.

The Islamic State terror group today claimed responsibility for the bombing and warned of more attacks. The group said in a statement on its social media sites that "one of the caliphate's soldiers placed bombs among the crowds."

Prime Minister Theresa May said the people of Manchester have fallen victim to a "callous terrorist attack".

After chartering a Cobra (Cabinet Office Briefing Rooms)



Concertgoers fleeing the Manchester Arena in northern England after the terror attack on Monday night. (Photo courtesy: Reuters)

meeting here in the wake of the blast. May said a single terrorist detonated a device near the

exit, at a time and place intended to cause maximum injuries.

Screeching concert-goers,

including children fled the venue last night in panic after (See page 4)

Sukhoi with 2 pilots missing near Tezpur

GUWAHATI/TEZPUR, May 23: An Indian Air Force Sukhoi-30 fighter jet with two pilots on board went missing near Tezpur during a routine training mission today.

The plane went missing at 11:30 am, around 60 km north of the Tezpur IAF base from where it had taken off, said a defence spokesman and the deputy commissioner of Sonitpur district where the IAF station is located.

Defence PRO (Guwahati/ Shillong), Lt Col Suneet Newton told PTI that the aircraft had lost radar and radio contact with the airbase.

Sonitpur DC Manoj Kumar Deba told reporters in Tezpur that the Air Force base had informed him that the Su-30 with two pilots had taken off at 10:30 am for a regular sortie and lost contact with the IAF air traffic control over Dubai in the United Arab Emirates.

Since their induction, seven crashes have taken place. An inquiry into the plane accidents has primarily indicated technical failure as their cause.

The last Sukhoi crash occurred on March 15 when a Su-30 MKI had crashed in Rajasthan's Barmer hours after a Cheetah helicopter crashed and toppled in Kaushambi near Allahabad. – PTI

The Air Force, after carrying

India hits Pakistan posts across LoC

NEW DELHI/ISLAMABAD, May 23: The Indian Army today said it launched 'punitive fire assaults' on Pakistani positions across the Line of Control, inflicting 'some damage', days after two of its troopers were beheaded.

"A recent action by our troops in the Naushera sector has caused some damage to the Pak Army posts, which are supporting infiltrations... This is part of our overall strategy to counter terrorism," Additional Director General of Public Information Maj Gen AK Narula told reporters here.

Pakistan Army, however, dismissed as 'false', its Indian counterpart's assertion of destroying its posts in the Naushera sector.

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"If I had ordered firing then more casualties would have been there," Gogoi said, recalling the events of April 9 during the by-election in Srinagar.

Gogoi said he made repeated requests to the crowd, including women and children, to stop stone pelting but they did not stop. "Then I noticed this man (Faroq Dar on the bonnet of my jeep) to save more lives of the local people," the 53 Rashtriya Rifles Major told reporters, a day after he was given the Army Chief's Commendation Card for 'sustained efforts' in counter-insurgency operations.

"If I had ordered firing then more casualties would have been there," Gogoi said, recalling the events of April 9 during the by-election in Srinagar.

A video of Dar tied to an army jeep as human shield had gone viral on social media, and was widely condemned.

Explaining the events of the polling day, Gogoi said, "I received a call from an ITBP (Indo-Tibetan Border Police) personnel to capture Dar and took him inside the polling station." "But soon... more people gathered outside the polling station and they even hurled petrol bombs at us," he said.

"When we were unable to move out, I announced from my mega-mic to tie the captured man on the bonnet, after which the stone pelting stopped for sometime and we got time to come out and get into our vehicles," he said. – IANS

Jewel, Niranjan, Mohit get life term

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 23: Former DHD(J) leaders Jewel Garlosa and Niranjan Hojai along with former chief of the North Cachar Hills Autonomous Council Mohit Hojai were today sentenced to life imprisonment, while the 12 other accused were awarded imprisonment ranging from eight years to 12 years in the first two cases of terror funding registered by the National Investigation Agency (NIA).

The Court of Special Judge, NIA that convicted all the 15 accused on Monday, today pronounced the quantum of sentence against all the accused. The developments have also posed a question mark over the political career of the two DHD(J) leaders.

Barring the trio sentenced to life imprisonment, RH Khan was awarded 12 years of imprisonment, the highest among the remaining 12

convicted in the multi-crore-rupee scam in the NC Hills district (Dima Hasao). All the 15 accused were held guilty under various sections of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and Arms Act, and the term of imprisonment pronounced by the court would run concurrently.

The court also imposed a fine of Rs 25,000 each against conviction under the respective sections the accused were held guilty.

Advocate Bijon Mahajan, said he will appeal on behalf of Niranjan Hojai in his individual capacity as a lawyer in the Gauhati High Court within 30 days as mandated by law.

Those convicted in the NIA cases were Jewel Garlosa, Niranjan Hojai, RH Khan, Phojendra Hojai, Babul Kempai, Mohit Hojai, Ashringdo Warisa, Vanalchanina, Malswankimi, Joyanta Kumar Ghosh, Debasish Bhattacharjee, Samid Ghosh, Karuna Saikia, Jhangshu Paul (NIA/2) and Dolan Daulaguru (NIA/2).

EC invites parties for EC challenge

NEW DELHI, May 23: The Election Commission has invited all the seven national and 49 state parties to participate in the challenge to prove that its EVMs can be tampered with.

Some of these parties had alleged that the EVMs were tampered with in the recent assembly polls. The poll panel has sent letters to all the seven national parties – BJP, BSP, Congress, CPI, CPI-M, AIADMK and 49 state parties, including the AAP.

The EVM challenge begins on June 3. – PTI

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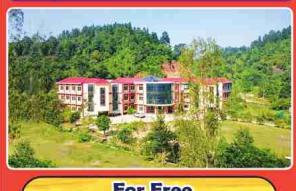
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Trial of ousted South Korean President

SEOUL, May 23: South Korea's ousted President Park Geun-Hye, grim-faced and brought to court in handcuffs, went on trial on Tuesday over a sprawling corruption scandal that saw millions take to the streets and led to her downfall. Only two months after leaving the presidential palace in disgrace, Park appeared at the Seoul Central District Court with a badge bearing her prisoner number pinned to her blue trouser suit, and no make-up. - AFP

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Dr. Hrishita Bandana Konwar of Kaliapara has been awarded the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) by Srimanta Sankaradev University of Higher Sciences, Gauhati. She has the thesis "Clinical study on the efficacy of Marigolda (Rubia cordifolia Linn) alongwith Ajiruna (Terminalia arjuna (Roxb) Wt. and Arn.) in the management of Vyanja (Melastra) under the guidance of Dr. Bhabesh Das, Principal Govt. Ayurvedic College, Guwahati. She is the daughter of Mr. Lalit Chandra Konwar and Mrs. Usha Konwar of Jaihi Hanchara, Jorhat and daswari. She is the wife of Neog and Mrs. Karan Neog of DGB Road, Jorhat. She is the wife of Mr. Partha Pratim Neog Manager (Civil) NEEPCO Ltd. CD/Achieve/P/10375/1



Sri Himashree Patowary, has been awarded the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph. D) in Political Science by Assam University, Silchar for her thesis entitled "Portrayal of Women in Assamese Print and Visual Media (2000-2002): A Feminist Perspective." She carried on her research work under the supervision and guidance of Dr. Tene Pallbari, Associate Professor, Assam University, Silchar and Dr. Jenny Rowena, Assistant Professor, Mimastra University College, Dibrugarh University, New Delhi. Dr. Himashree Patowary is the daughter of Dr. Urmila Chandra Patowary and Mrs. Dipali Baruah Patowary of Dabholi Kalashahang, Barpeta Road, Assam. Achieve/P/10398/1

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INTERNATIONAL

World leaders condemn Manchester attack, vow to combat terror

LONDON/BETHLEHEM, May 23: World leaders led by US President Donald Trump today expressed outrage over the terror attack in Manchester in which at least 22 people were killed and vowed to work together to fight the scourge.

Trump, who was in Bethlehem where he was meeting Palestinian counterpart Mahmoud Abbas, said: "I extend my deepest condolences to those so terribly injured in this terrorist attack and to the many killed." He said "evil losers" and a "wicked ideology" were responsible.

"This wicked ideology must be obliterated – and I mean completely obliterated – and the innocent life must be protected. All civilised nations must join together to protect

human life and the sacred right our citizens to live in safety and in peace," he said.

At least 22 people, including children, were killed and 59 others injured when a suicide bomber blew himself up as thousands of fans were exiting US star Ariana Grande's pop concert in Manchester.

France's new President Emmanuel Macron offered his sympathies to the British people and said: "We are fighting terrorism together." Russian President Vladimir Putin called the act a "cynical, inhumane crime."

German Chancellor Angela Merkel said: "This suspected terrorist attack will only strengthen our resolve to continue to work together with our British friends against

those who plan and carry out such inhumane deeds."

European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker said it "breaks my heart" that terrorism once again sought to instill fear where there should be joy.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said his government "strongly condemns the terrible terror attack."

Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull said the attack was "especially vile, especially criminal, especially horrific because it appears to have been deliberately directed at teenagers."

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau tweeted: "Canadians are shocked by the news of the horrific attack in Manchester tonight." Japanese Prime

Minister Shinzo Abe condemned the attack and said he was "deeply shocked" at "this appalling act of terrorism."

In a statement, a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman said: "The Chinese government feels shocked and is filled with sorrow over the explosion that has occurred in Manchester." Chinese President Xi Jinping said: "The Chinese people are firmly standing together with the British people at this difficult time."

Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak said he was appalled by the "barbaric and cowardly attack on innocent concert goers." NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said: "NATO stands with the UK in the fight against terrorism." - PTI

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2017

India seeks access to arrested national in Pak

ISLAMABAD, May 23: India has sought from Pakistani consular access to a person, reportedly an Indian, who has been arrested here for not possessing travel and visa documents.

Sheikh Nabi Ahmed, who hailed from Jogareshwar East in Mumbai, was taken into custody on May 19 after he failed to produce any travel or visa documents, according to media reports. The Indian national was walking on a road when he was stopped at a check post here.

The Indian High Commission in Pakistan has sought consular access as well as other details from the Pakistani government over reports that an Indian national has been arrested here for not possessing travel and visa documents, official sources in New Delhi said. - PTI

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Disturbing development

In recent times, there have been a number of instances of paddy seeds yielding chaffy grains. Nothing can be more distressing for the farmer. The recurring nature of the phenomenon makes it clear that the Agriculture Department's interventions have fallen short of addressing the serious issue. For a large segment of the State's populace whose livelihood is directly linked to agriculture, any aberration affecting crop yield can be disastrous. Our tilers already have their fair share of debilitating problems in the form of floods, drought-like situations, lack of access to technology and market linkage, and abysmal storage facilities. It is because of such pressing concerns that the State has failed to witness an agriculture boom despite being naturally endowed with favourable geo-climatic conditions. Now, add to this the disturbing trend of seeds yielding chaffy grains instead of rice, the farmer finds himself in a precarious position. According to a probe by the Agriculture Department, the seeds that grew into chaffy rice were procured from non-recognized suppliers. That may be true, but the fact stands that the farmers were compelled to approach non-recognized suppliers only because the Government, the Agriculture Department in particular, failed to ensure supply of quality seeds on time. Indeed, we often come across various acts of omission and commission on the part of the department that invariably hit the farmers hard. As for the chaffy rice fiasco, factors such as lack of knowledge on hybrid paddy cultivation, and heavy rain and hailstorm during the flowering period of April-May, have also affected fertilization of the seeds. Given these debilitating constraints plaguing our farmers, the immediate task of the Government is to ensure quality seeds on time besides arming the farmers with adequate crop insurance.

A major impediment to agricultural growth in the State has been the primordial manner of cultivation, in which the sustenance of millions depends, is pursued. It is hardly surprising, therefore, that even today productivity continues to be well below national average. While the vagaries of nature, especially unseasonal floods and dry spells, continue to be a bane for agriculture, the required technological interventions have been far from adequate. The State has a huge number of small and marginal farmers, most of whom remain outside the purview of the interventions. Stagnant productivity and gradual shrinkage of agricultural land due to erosion and conversion to industrial and residential uses warrant that technological interventions percolate down to the grassroots farmer. Another disturbing concern relates to absence of storage facilities and market linkage – something that invariably results in distress selling and consequently poor remuneration for the toiling farmers. The defunct irrigation system too needs a thorough revamp. Along with modern methods of farming, greater use of high-yielding and hybrid seeds is a must to boost yield and attain self-sufficiency on the front. All this will be possible only when the Agriculture Department exhibits dynamism and a sense of purpose.

Held accountable

There are two sides to the issue of corruption amongst the bureaucracy. On one is the reality that a very thin line divides actual corruption from misconduct leading to questionable consequences. Punitive action against officers for the latter can result in administrative paralysis, for bureaucrats might hesitate to put their signatures on projects in fear that they might be penalized in future. This is why any court scrutinizing 'corruption' charges against bureaucrats needs to carefully distinguish between malafide intentions and honest mistakes, and civil servants do need to be provided with a reasonable degree of protection. At the same time, the bureaucracy is a tiered structure, with a number of individuals responsible for the passage of projects and allocations, thus exactly at what stage corruption did take place requires to be carefully evaluated if honest bureaucrats are not to be penalized. On the other side is the reality that the Indian bureaucracy has to a great extent become corrupt and too many scams have surfaced of late in which bureaucrats are involved. Cynics may point out that politicians too are accountable for widespread corruption eating into the Indian administrative structure. But no politician can accumulate ill-gotten wealth without the help of bureaucrats – in many cases the bureaucrat, who knows to the hilt how the system can be exploited, actually guides the politician.

It is in such a context the news that over 1,800 Indian Administrative Service officers have failed to submit details of their immovable assets to the Government within the stipulated time frame this year is so disturbing. The IAS rules mandate that officers must submit Immovable Property Returns of a year by January the following year – apparently, though it is May now, 1,856 of them have not done so. It is also no secret that though IAS rules stipulate that officers need to take prior permission of the Centre to accept gifts worth over Rs 5,000, violation of this provision is rule rather than exception. Such failure to follow laid down rules to the letter opens up the entire service to suspicion, which is why not many tears are being shed by the public at the news that some senior serving and retired IAS officers, including HC Gupta, KC Samaria and KS Kropsha, have been sentenced to two years' imprisonment by a special court for irregularities in the allocation of a coal block in Madhya Pradesh to a private firm called Kamal Sponge Steel in 2008, when they were in the Coal Ministry. Also, though the IAS Officers' Association has reportedly cried foul over the sentencing, similar sentiments are not shared by the general public. This is because the Indian judicial system is not without its checks and balances and the convicted officers have the right to appeal to a higher court in order to secure justice.

Of big ideas and litmus tests for Sonowal

By the Brahmaputra
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Public memory is a fickle thing. Public aspirations soar at times of hope and opportunity such as when the BJP led the assault on the Congress strongholds in Assam last year and in other States. The public is swift to anger and quick to reject leaders and parties which have seemingly become puff and arrogant, even drunk, with power.

Public rejection of government

failure to meet aspirations can be sharp and stunning; the Tarun Gogoi Government learned from its humiliating defeat last year as did the Congress and UPA as they stumbled into the yawning pit of unfertilized expectations three years back at the hands of a resurgent BJP under Narendra Modi.

As Sarbananda Sonowal and his colleagues savour their first anniversary – and the Modi Government at the Centre, its third – it's worth looking at some opportuni-

ties. At the national level, the Modi effect shows little signs of waning as the recent juggernaut in the Uttar Pradesh elections showed. It was not a flash in the pan. Is it a portent of things to come? However, there are other points to consider. For one, the powerful surge by Capt Amrinder Singh who led the Congress to an equally spectacular victory in Punjab, at the same time as the BJP crushed its opponents in Uttar Pradesh, was a clear warning to those who become complacent in the *kursi* of office. That result underscored the awful deadweight that incumbency, status quo-ism and

inability to handle growing public anger can place around a political party's neck. In Punjab, the lack of sensitivity of the Badal family/Akash-BJP combine to what the critical issues of prolific drug abuse and farmer's distress were regarded as reasons for the debacle.

In addition, the fact remains that whether it is the Delhi municipal elections or the polls in Assam, Manipur and Goa, the Modi effect is not just significant and capable of swinging the fate and fortune of a government. In terms of influencing the voter, Modi has emerged as a winner on his own in many places with his party a second. He's not just been the party's star campaigner but also its most winnable feature and factor.

Modi's spectacular rise

underscores another factor

which has been at the heart of politics here, there and everywhere – the role of personal equations and image. Today, these remain as important as they have ever been in our country. It was there from the time of Jawaharlal Nehru and Indira Gandhi (with her *Garibi Haton* – Banish Poverty – slogan, although cynics later said that at the time of the internal state of emergency, her regime simply *garib ka hataya* (removed) the poor), of Vajpayee and Sonia Gandhi and now this era. Personalized politics has become more impactful this time, especially since today, hundreds of millions of Indians buzz, message, ping, write, report, abuse, provoke, claim and expose every day in a million different ways – they use Twitter and Facebook, Instagram and Precis,

Cloud and Google Hangouts, WhatsApp, Skype, blog, follow, unfollow and troll. All are on board the great internet highway express but not all users are welcome.

In Assam, the image of Sarbananda Sonowal is important. Although, some disenchantment appears to be setting in the middle class and urban groups in the State, I believe that many are prepared to give more time to this Government to prove itself. That is why it seems

pass other rights.

The police need to be given a clear mandate to go after those who break the law in any manner – and not be pulled one way the other. The police must uphold the rule of law and the rights of all citizens, be it in the BTC area, Goalpara or Dhubri, the hill districts, Lakhimpur or Dhemaji, Guwahati or Golphar.

This is one of the litmus tests for this government – it cannot be seen to be taking the side of one group

against the other, no matter what the pressures are from Delhi or anywhere or anyone else. For Assam is not like any other State of India. Indeed no other State has the challenge of complexity that Assam faces.

The challenges of governance and government in the State is a management of contradictions as well as acute diversities. Add to that the pressures of poverty and underdevelopment apart from internal conflicts of all kinds.

to be in a hurry to do just that. Sonowal and his most important colleague, Himanta Biswa Sarma, the Health and Education Minister, have set their sights high but also need to keep their feet firmly grounded.

They are aware that it is not just the big ideas which will assure the people's support, it is delivery on the ground, of services and meeting basic needs. They need to assure all communities across the State that they will not countenance any harassment or discrimination, any prejudice or hate speech or crime against minorities of any religion, ethnic group or linguistic pocket. The rights of a human being to life are paramount, they sur-

ingal conflicts of all kinds.

The Chief Minister has a vision for a global business centre in Guwahati; he wishes to host a global business summit (I wonder how the city's poor infrastructure will bear up to this, unless the event is limited to the five-star hotels in the Khamapara VIP road area) and wants to push the Act East Policy while speaking of dredging of the Brahmaputra river and opening up the silt to build highways on either side.

Let me take issue with the last idea the second litmus test: this will be disastrous for the ecosystem of the Brahmaputra river (dolphins, fish species, plants and herbs, insects and birds... the list is endless) and also for the farming com-

munities which are dependent on the silt that is brought down by the river. Expressways on either side may look good on paper but make no concession for the geological and natural systems which prevail. In fact, the Chief Minister is surely aware of the many hydropower projects being built in Tibet by the Chinese which will clean the river of sand and silt and basically deprive downstream nations (India and Bangladesh) of precious silt.

He should raise his voice in and to Delhi to place pressure on the Chinese on their gigantic dam-building project. It's not just One Belt One Road we should be concerned about but the fact that China is also building a network of dams on the western side of the Himalayas for Pakistan. China seeks to control the flow of rivers, control the flow of energy and, thus, the lives of nations.

Finally, I wish to draw the Government's attention to the third litmus test, of innovation and delivery: a few days ago, *The Assam Tribune* published a photo which showed a small group of young boys and girls, precariously perched on a small country boat from the remote river island village of Maganon, Tinsukia district. They were going to school, as they do every day. It looked extremely dangerous, which it probably is. These are the gaps the Government must meet – not only by building a bridge, but also providing better and safer boats, equipping them with life jackets and ensuring that the boat crews are well trained. This is also part of developing infrastructure, of up-skilling, of ensuring better education, of providing jobs.

Think big but build step by step. Great targets are achieved, not by great slogans, but by working with and listening to people.

A year of Sonowal Govt: optimism and outcomes

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As the BJP-led Government in the State completes one year in office today, there are mixed reactions about its priorities and performances. Some procedural changes like doing away with the red lights in VIP vehicles; doing away with the provision of retention in government jobs; bringing plan and non-plan posts together; adopting and implementing the Seventh Pay Commission recommendations for the State Government employees without inviting much agitations; the drive against corruption under the direct and active supervision of the Chief Minister and the eviction drives against the encroachers in Kaziranga and the *Satras* have drawn appropriate and also evoked hope regarding the commitment and efficiency of the Sarbananda Sonowal Government.

However, while evaluating the performance of the Government, one needs to raise the larger political economy questions. It is important to point out that the BJP-led coalition, often called a 'Rainbow Coalition', came to power through an energized campaign and rhetoric around *Jati, Mati, Bhel* (nationally, land and heart). Apparently, the coalition, which is composed of the Department of Industry and Commerce around leasing out precious land to瑜伽 gun Ramdev for the establishment of the Patanjali herbal and mega food park in Bipur in Sonitpur district with an estimated investment of Rs 1,000 crore, for example, exposes the contradictions between the discourse and practice around the 'indigenous' people. Abundance of resources, highlighted by the vision document, has, of course, drawn the attention of both national and international forces having capital in hand, and the Government has shown its 'true commitment' to further the interest of those forces. 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Dhola-Sadiya bridge to open up new vistas in forbidden land

RON DURAH

CHAPAKHOWA (Sadiya), May 23: The evergreen Assamese song, *Maa Ami Sadiyaloi Jaanee* now makes all the more sense for all to visit the till-now literally forbidden land, Sadiya. The Dhola Sadiya bridge, shaped like an 'S', is ready for traffic, and now awaits Prime Minister Narendra Modi to green flag this 9.16-km-long road bridge on Friday morning.

Now, as this huge communication infrastructure gets ready for public use, politicians in the AGP and Congress camps have realised that their contributions in demanding and building the structure needs to be written in bolder letters. Former Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi on Monday was denied from "having a



The 9.16-km-long Dhola-Sadiya bridge ready for inauguration.

look" at the bridge. Naturally, he felt insulted that he and his entourage were prevented from taking a trip on the bridge

by the civil administration. For others like former Lakhimpur MP Dr Arun Kumar Sarma and former Sadiya MLA Sarojish Bhuyan, they took to reporting to recall their correspondence in demanding the 'Sadiya bridge', as it is now famous.

There is no doubt both Dr Sarma and Bhuyan played proactive and persistent roles in demanding the bridge and later its early construction. We in this newspaper acknowledge their role, and also that of Tarun Gogoi, and even Sarbananda Sonowal, and of course the people of the State who desired early completion of the bridge.

While the bridge is ready for traffic, so is the approach road on the south bank. On the north bank, hardly a kilometre is ready, and about four more kilometres are under construction. It is expected that the entire north bank approach road will be ready by next year. The entire approach road and the bridge comprise 10 metre wide carriageways, which can easily accommodate three commercial vehicles, side by side.

With all this infrastructure in place, the biggest beneficiaries would be the ordinary residents of Sadiya district residing in such far-flung mini towns like Amarpur, Sumpura, San-

tupi and of course, the headquarters, that is, Chapakhowa. If the Dhola boat crossing is taken, then a one-way journey from Dibrugarh to Chapakhowa will take not less than six hours, to cover about 125 kms. From Friday, this time would be brought down to two and a half hours. Once the north bank bridge approaches are completed next year, there would be a further saving of 30 minutes.

Moreover, the journey would not be back breaking and tiring, quipped Ujal Semapati, a small-time government contractor there. The changed transportation scenario would bring about lifestyle changes here too. As

Ujjal says, people would now frequently travel to Tinsukia and Dibrugarh for shopping and leisure, while on the flip side, visitors to Sadiya are expected to jump several times.

A word for the boat and ferry operators of Salkhowaugh. This trade supported about 500 families. The government will have to take up a proper rehabilitation programme for them. It is surprising that these families have been left to fend for themselves. One ferry hand, 22-year-old Santa Majhi, said he may now have to ply a hand cart to feed his family of five, including his old parents. Though the bridge has brought him sorrow, he said he knew boat operations in Dholab had to come to a halt one day. That day has arrived, he says, even as his eyes shed a few tears.

While the rehabilitation of the boatmen needs to be a priority, the big majority in this area are now coping with bated breath for Mod to open the bridge. Already, hundreds of curious and self-savvy people do manage to get past security and take a ride on the bridge. For them, that one Facebook post of a local atop Sadiya bridge is the new-to-do. Sadiya is ready to change forever.

ASSAM STATE RURAL LIVELIHOODS MISSION

No: ASRMLMS/L&M/Homestead/797/2017-18/01

Request for Proposal for Hiring an Agency for developing & executing sustainable integrated farming model for developing Homestead Land by SHG members.

ASRMLMS invites Request for Proposal (RFP) from reputed agencies for developing & executing sustainable integrated farming model for developing Homestead Land by SHG members.

The detailed Request for Proposal (RFP) for the proposed assignment may be obtained from the website <http://assamtenders.gov.in>. The participating bidder should have valid digital signature certificate (DSC) and have to register in the portal <http://assamtenders.gov.in>. The bid should be submitted online in the portal <http://assamtenders.gov.in>, or before 26.06.2017 up to 3:00 pm. The RFP can also be seen in the website of ASRMLMS i.e. asrlms.assam.gov.in.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

No. AASC (A/E) 12/2013/2017/P-III
Sealed tenders in a two - bid system, i.e. (i) Technical Bid and (ii) Financial Bid after payment of non-refundable court fee stamp of Rs. 8.25/- (Rupees eight and twenty paise only) are invited from experienced firms/parties/private limited agencies for providing (a) cleaning and maintenance and (b) catering services at the hotel of the Assam Administrative Staff College, Jorhatwargar, Khanapara, Guwahati.

Interested tenders may submit a written request on their company's letter head indicating the tender number and work description for issue of tender documents which should be addressed to the Administrative Officer, Assam Administrative Staff College. The cost of the tender document is Re 1000/- (Rupees one thousand only) which is non-refundable and is to be paid in cash.

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KAAC election rescheduled to June 17

CORRESPONDENT

DIPHU, May 23: The Assam State Election Commission has rescheduled the date of polling for the elections to the Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council (KAAC) to June 17 from the earlier notified date of June 12. Re-poling, if any, will be held on June 20 while the counting will take place on June 22.

The election in all the 26 MAC constituencies of the Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council (KAAC) will be held on June 17 starting from 11:30 am to 5:00 pm & 8:00 pm.

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Stg Arun Kapoor, Joy Bhattacharjee etc.

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At 10:45 am & 12:45 pm

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Temperatures

	Max (°C)	Min (°C)
Dibrugarh	25.2	24.2
Tenzpur	30.2	24.6
Silchar	32.1	24.4
Dibruri	32.2	24.0
Jorhat	29.0	23.4
N Lakhimpur	27.8	22.6
Sivasagar	29.0	16.6
Imphal	31.5	19.5
Itanagar	29.4	21.9
Aizawl	32.2	16.2
Apatani	32.2	27.0
Kohima	26.4	17.1
Pasighat	28.4	24.0
Cherrapunji	25.2	17.7

NPCC gears up for polls

DIMAPUR, May 23: The Nagaland Pradesh Congress Committee (NPCC) has taken a slew of initiatives by involving the workers for the state election.

Addressing a press conference in Kohima, NPCC president K Therie informed that the All India Congress Committee (AICC) in association with Nagaland Pradesh Congress Committee (NPCC) would frame policies and programmes and also impart trainings while the Assembly Constituency Committees (ACC) would be empowered to nominate respective candidates. – Correspondent

Anti-tobacco lessons in Mizoram school syllabus

CORRESPONDENT

AIIZWL, May 23: Worried over rampant use of tobacco in Mizoram, the state government has decided to introduce anti-tobacco lessons in middle school syllabus. Under its New Economic Development Policy, the Mizoram government will incorporate 'early intervention against tobacco usage and drug abuse from upper primary schools' in the middle school syllabus from the next academic session.

As a pilot project, the programme will be introduced in 50 middle schools in Aizawl district, an official source said. The official source said at least 70 per cent of the state's population use tobacco in the form of cigarettes and bidis. Around 90 per cent use smokeless tobacco like khatri, zardai and gutkha products. As a

Nagas in Arunachal seek Centre's help to set up autonomous council

NEW DELHI, May 23: The Naga community in Arunachal Pradesh has urged the Centre to intervene in the long-delayed matter of granting autonomous council status to Tirap, Changlang and Longding (TCL) districts, so that these areas can see socio-economic development.

Alleging that the Arunachal Pradesh government was denying the Nagas their genuine demand, the community said they had waited for too long to see

development in the districts, and felt the area could develop only under an autonomous council.

"The Central Government must immediately constitute a committee to find out the real problem faced by the Nagas and support the autonomous council demand," a statement issued by the affected Nagas in TCL areas said.

The community has questioned the state government's intentions in view of lack of initiatives towards provision of basic facilities like education,

health and roads for TCL areas.

"While our brothers in Nagaland are enjoying a full-fledged state with a special status, we have been left in the lurch to fend for ourselves. We feel dejected because of the lackadaisical attitude of the government towards our grievances," said the statement.

A new students' wing has also been formed to push for the demand of autonomous council for the Nagas in Arunachal Pradesh. – IANS

Meghalaya Board results declared

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

SHILLONG, May 23: The Board examination results of Class X and XII (Arts) conducted by the Meghalaya Board of School Education (MBOSE) were declared today, however, the top 10 merit list was leaked last night.

Although the results were out at 10 am this morning, but the top 10 list of Class X or Secondary School Leaving Certificate was already circulating on the social media like Facebook and WhatsApp.

Executive chairman MBOSE Pravin Bakshi termed the leak as "unfortunate" and said that a meeting was held this morning and a decision was taken that secretary Education would conduct an inquiry over the incident and submit his report within 10 days.

Some MBOSE authorities attributed the leak probably due to hacking of the board's website or to some technical snag.

"This was not done inten-

tionally. It was a technical glitch," another MBOSE official said.

Meanwhile, Duay Asung of St. George Secondary School, Nongymsonsang and Lamphrang Lyngdoh of Ram Krishna Mission HS School, Cherapunji shared the first position securing a total of 568 marks in the Class X board exams.

The second spot was shared by Idiarok Warshong from Erbin Presbyterian Secondary School, Shillong and Rahul Sen Don Bosco Higher Secondary School, Tura with a total mark of 567.

Difica Kynter of Synod Higher Secondary School, Shillong and Da E Kynsi Mitre Pyngap North Liberty Higher Secondary School, Jowai with 565 shared the third spot.

Out of the total 50974 candidates who sat for the examination, 27547 passed with a total pass percentage of 87.54.

total pass percentage of 54.04 in both regular and non-regular categories.

District wise, West Jaintia Hills had the highest pass percentage with 78.70. East Khasi Hills was second with a total pass percentage of 76.51 followed by East Jaintia hills with 74.55 and South West Khasi Hills, 74.36.

In the Class XII Arts result, Dimsonjem Vaiphei from St. Anthony's Higher Secondary School, Shillong secured the first spot with 440 marks.

Ricarly Dikhar from Synod College, Shillong bagged the second spot with 436 marks followed by Calvin Giamien Zou from St. Edmund's Higher Secondary School, Shillong 435 marks.

In the exam, 21146 students appeared and 15940 passed with a total pass percentage of 75.38. From East Khasi Hills district 7718 students sat for the examination and 6756 passed with a total pass percentage of 87.54.

CIS launched in Manipur

IMPHAL, May 23: In an attempt to maintain transparency and accountability of the judiciary, Manipur Chief Minister N. Singh today launched Case Information System (CIS) National Core Version 1.0 for the High Court here today.

Speaking at the occasion, Birsen said, "Today is a remarkable day in the history of administration of Justice in the state as anyone from anywhere can access every detail of cases through the new version of CIS National Core Version 1.0."

The Chief Minister said that the government has decided to open five full time family courts for Imphal East, Thoubal, Bishnupur, Churachandpur and Senapati Districts.

He further mentioned that the state government would pursue the Central Government for the infrastructural development and for increasing the manpower such as appointment of judges etc of the courts. – Newmai News

Saha promises full benefits to employees

CORRESPONDENT

AGARTALA, May 23: Tripura Finance Minister Bhanu Saha on Tuesday promised to give full benefit to the employees and pensioners from within the limitations of resources at the state government's disposal.

"We have asked the pay and pension revision committee to make recommendations that can be implemented within an expense of Rs 600 crore but if implementing the recommendations require more expenses we will try to mobilise additional funds as far as practicable" he said.

He, however, stopped short of committing the implementation of the recommendations of the 7th Central Pay Commission for employees and pensioners. "As we know only four states have implemented recommendations of the 7th central pay commission ditto, while several others are con-

Taram reviews security scenario

ITANAGAR, May 23: Arunachal Pradesh's Parliamentary Secretary for Home Pani Taram on Tuesday reviewed the security scenario of the state with the senior officers, including Director General of Police Sandip Goel, Inspector General of Police (Law & Order) Nabin Payeng and others.

Today's security review meeting came in the wake of yesterday's attack on the Director of Audit & Pension Abdul Basit in his office chamber at Naharlagun by two unidentified miscreants and subsequent recovery of a firearm and a hand grenade from the scene of crime.

The meeting held in the office of the Parliamentary Secretary also discussed other law and order issues of the state.

The Parliamentary Secretary while talking to reporters described the yesterday's incident as "very unfortunate" and said that the state government will not tolerate such incident and the miscreants involved. – Correspondent

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A pen that can convert analogue text into digital!

NEW DELHI, May 23: Portronics today launched 'Electropen 4', a smart digital pen that lets you write on paper and then converts the text into digital for editing on a smartphone or computer.

'Electropen 4'—another device in Portronics' existing series of digital pen series—allows a user to write on normal paper with a ballpoint pen refill or on smartphones, computers, tablets or any other bluetooth device wirelessly.

A user can write notes of prepare a sketch with this electronic pen and then convert it in real-time images into a smartphone, computer or laptop using the receiver provided with it, the company said in a statement.

Eliminating the need to have a mobile device or laptop while taking notes, this Rs 6,999 device has in-built memory that can store several A4 size pages in one go. The device also allows the user to sync or transfer the files later. —IANS

GST will lower tax burden on medical devices, smartphones: Finmin

NEW DELHI, May 23: The goods and services tax (GST) will lead to lower tax burden in several commodities, including packaged cement, medicaments, smartphones and medical devices, Finance Ministry said today.

"Packaged cement attracts central excise duty of 12.5 per cent plus Rs 125 PMT (per metric tonne) and standard VAT (value-added tax) of 14.5 per cent. At these rates, the present total tax incidence works out to more than 29 per cent."

Medicaments, in general, attract six per cent central excise duty and five per cent VAT. Further, CST, octroi, entry tax, etc., the present total tax incidence would work out to more than 31 per cent. As against this, the proposed GST rate for cement is 28 per cent," the ministry said here in a statement.

As against this, the proposed GST rate on medicines, including Ayurvedic, Unani, Siddha, homeopathic or bio-chemical systems,

there will be lesser tax burden in case of medicaments, including Ayurvedic, Unani, Siddha, homeopathic or bio-chemical systems.

Smartphones attract two per cent central excise duty (one per cent excise duty + one per

cent NCCD (national contingency and calamity duty), VAT rates vary from State to State from five to 15 per cent.

"Weighed average VAT rate on smartphones works out to about 12 per cent. Thus, the present total tax incidence on smartphones works out to more than 13.5 per cent. As against this, the proposed GST rate for smartphones is 12 per cent," the statement said.

Similarly, medical devices, including surgical instruments,

in general attract six per cent central excise duty and five per cent VAT. Along with CST, octroi, entry tax, etc., the present total tax incidence on them works out to more than 13 per cent. As against this, the proposed rate under GST is 12 per cent, it said.

Worship materials including that required for 'hawan' will be under the nil category. However, exact formulation for the same is yet to be finalized. —IANS

CAPSULE

Volta net up

NEW DELHI, May 23: Tata Group firm Volta today reported a 22.6 per cent increase in consolidated profit after tax (PAT) for the quarter ended March 31. The company had posted a net profit of Rs 164.23 crore in the January-March quarter a year ago. Volta said in a BSE filing. —PTI

Jet Airways offer

MUMBAI, May 23: Jet Airways today announced all-inclusive, one-way special economy fares starting from as low as Rs 1,079 on select routes for a limited period. The limited period will allow guests to book economy class tickets for as low as Rs 1,079 (all-inclusive) on certain sectors, the private carrier said in a release. —PTI

VLCC licence

MUMBAI, May 23: Wellness and healthcare company VLCC today said it has signed a memorandum of agreement with the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFR) for exclusive rights to

manufacture, market and use Cadalim Aza extract, found to be effective in combating dyslipidemia 1 and obesity. VLCC will have the exclusive rights to manufacture and market Cadalim Aza, a nutraceutical, the company said in a statement. —PTI

Tata Motors net dips

MUMBAI, May 23: Tata Motors today reported a 29.79 per cent dip in consolidated profit after tax (PAT) for the quarter ended March 31 at Rs 436.43 crore on a slowdown in domestic business. The Tata Group company reported a 35 per cent dip in 2016-17 post-tax profit at Rs 745 crore on a consolidated level. The total revenues moved up to Rs 15,206 crore in Q4 from the year ago's Rs 14,258 crore on a standalone basis. —PTI

Aditya Birla Fashion

NEW DELHI, May 23: Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail today said it has tied up with the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) to launch a product line 'Khadi by Peter England'. As part of the collaboration, Peter England will develop an exclusive product line branded as 'Khadi by Peter England', the company said in a statement. —PTI

SBI e-toll tags

HYDERABAD, May 23: State Bank of India (SBI) is aiming to issue 1 million electronic tolling tags or 'FASTag' by March 2018, enabling motorists a hassle-free passage through toll plazas on the national highways. —PTI

ChJC net up

NEW DELHI, May 23: Air-conditioner maker Johnson Controls-Hitachi Air-Conditioning (JCHAC) India today reported a 10.01 per cent rise in standalone net profit to Rs 25.35 crore for the quarter ended March 31. The company had posted a net profit of Rs 13.36 crore during the same period previous fiscal, JCHAC said in a BSE filing. —PTI

Century Ply

KOLKATA, May 23: Century Plyboards net profit for the fourth quarter ending March 2017 jumped 34.4 per cent to Rs 55.91 crore over the corresponding period last year. —PTI

Paytm launches niche payments bank

NEW DELHI, May 23: China's Alibaba-backed Paytm today launched its niche payments bank, offering 4 per cent interest rate and cashbacks on deposits as it looks to double its customer base to 50 crore by 2020.

It will open 31 branches and 3,000 customer points in the first year. Paytm is the third firm after Bharti Airtel and Indi Posts to have launched payments banks.

As many as 11 companies including Reliance Industries and India's top three telecom operators were in 2015 permitted by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to set up payments banks which can take deposits and remittances but cannot lend. —PTI

RE-TENDER NOTICE

Sealed Tender affiling court fee stamp of Rs. 0.25 (Rupees eight and twenty five paise only (Non-refundable) are invited from the intending Tenderer presently dealing with Motor Spare Parts and Repairing works for supply works of spare parts and repair works as per list enclosed herewith for all types of vehicles of this Dist. and the same will be received by the undersigned on or before 1200 hrs. on 15.06.17 and will be opened on the same day at 1400 hrs. in presence of tenderness or authorized representative if any.

Intending Tenderer should be quoted their rate for each items maintaining mark etc. vehicles-wise clearly. Rate quoted should be genuine spare parts and works inclusive of items and incidental charge. Rate once quoted will not be changed and it will be valid up to one year from the date of acceptance.

Tenderer will have to furnish the following documents etc. alongwith the Tender otherwise it will not be accepted.

1. Earnest money for Rs. 1,00,000 (Rupees one thousand) only in the terms of cash deposit of Bank draft in any nationalized bank duly pledged in favour of the Superintendent of Police, Nagaon.

2. Up to date ITCT/CSTC/GST/TAT registration carts and AGST clearance certificate.

3. Attested copies of PAN/GIR No. issued by the Income Tax department.

4. Earnest money at the rate of 2% on total value of tender in the form of NSC/CDM.

5. Court fee stamp as stated above.

The undersigned is not bound to accept lowest rate and reserve all right to accept or reject any or all the tender without assigning any reason thereof. Selected tenderer will have to supply the required spare parts and undertake repair works etc. to M.T. Branch of this office at his own cost. Intended Spare parts etc. will remain at the supplier risk till its finally taken over by this office.

The successful tenderer must be in a position to supply the spare parts and do repair works etc. according to demand within a day or two. The successful tenderer must produce an agreement certificate for supply of spare parts and repair works for the year 2017-2018.

The tender cover containing tender should be super scribbled with the words "TENDER FOR SUPPLY OF SPARE MOTOR PARTS AND REPAIRING WORKS FOR 2017-2018".

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Notice Inviting Tender

Assam State AIDS Control Society invites sealed quotation in single bid system for the supply of 100000 Stamps worth of Rs. 0.25 (Rupees eight and paise twenty five) for the below mentioned job works. Relevant details may be obtained from official website www.assamsacs.org or from the office of the undersigned at any working day between 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM.

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NOTICE

The Higher Education Department, Assam invites online applications for the "Means cum Merit Scholarship" Scheme that aims at providing one time financial assistance to the poor but meritorious students of the State to pursue their higher studies.

Quantum of Financial Assistance: Eligible Candidates will be provided @ Rs. 1000/- Per Month. The amount will be paid as one time assistance every year through their Bank account.

Who can apply: Students who fulfill the following criteria are eligible to apply :

1. The applicant must be a domicile of Assam. (Scan copy of PRC/Voter Id/ Certificate from DC/ Circle Officer/Block Officer must be uploaded).
2. Students pursuing full time general degree course in Arts/ Science/Commerce discipline in Govt/Provincial Colleges of Assam admitted for session 2016-17 can apply for the scholarship.
3. The annual income of the parents/guardian must be within Rs. 2,50,000/- (Rupees two lakh fifty thousand) only. Relevant Income Certificate issued by Circle Officer/Govt. Authority must be uploaded.
4. The students must secure 60% or above marks in the Higher Secondary final examination. For renewal in the 2nd and 3rd year of the course the student must secure atleast 60% in the core/major subject and no back papers are allowed.
5. Students availing other assistance in the form of scholarship or sponsorship from the Govt. of Assam/India or other organisations will not be eligible for this scholarship. (No student pursuing Higher Secondary (10+2) shall be eligible for the assistance).

How to apply: Interested students fulfilling the above mentioned criteria may apply for the "Means cum Merit Scholarship" through an online procedure given below.

1. Open the portal www.dhescscholarship.org.in.

2. Fill up the online form with all the relevant details.

3. Scanned copies of the following supporting documents (self attested) are to be attached with the online form.

* PRC <> Voter ID <> Certificate from DC/ Circle Officer/ Block Officers as Proof of Domicile of the State of Assam.

* Bonafide certificate from the College authority.

* Income certificate of parents from circle officer.

* HS (10+2) final mark sheet

* Self declaration certificate of not availing any other scholarship.

* 1st page of Bank passbook displaying Bank Name, IFSC Code, Account Holder Name, Account Name;

4. Click the submit button for submission of the online form.

The last date of submission of the online form is 10.06.2017.

The final Selection Committee shall have every right to finalize the number of students per availability of fund during current financial year.

Sd/- Director of Higher Education, Assam

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IT sector to create 25-30 lakh jobs by 2025: Prasad

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Centre to roll out CAT-like evaluation system for teachers

KOLKATA, May 23: The Department of School Education and Literacy, HRD Ministry, is set to roll out a Central evaluation system for teachers, though it will not be binding on the State governments, department Secretary Anil Swarup said today.

"There will be some sort of a Central evaluation for those who wish to become teachers, an evaluation system like CAT or SAT. We want to create a platform like CAT," Swarup told reporters on the sidelines of a seminar on school education system here.

"The CAT-like evaluation will be a benchmark for teachers, but a lot will depend on discussion with the State governments. We wish to have talks with all stakeholders. Then the recruiting agencies will decide," he said after addressing the seminar at Merchants' Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

Swarup said to ensure attendance of teachers in institutions, every school will be given tablets containing the biometric data of teachers and it would be GPS-connected. "We are introducing the

system first in Chattisgarh as a pilot from August and then hope to extend it all over the country gradually, but it is again up to the States to introduce the system," he said.

"After Chattisgarh, some other States like Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan also showed interest to implement it on their own," he said.

Apart from ensuring regular attendance, which will be linked with the salary of teachers, the digitally stored data will save teachers the ordeal of travelling to faraway areas

like district headquarters on work-related visits, he said.

He said to ensure proper infrastructure in BEd colleges, the government has decided to cancel affiliation of 40 per cent BEd colleges in the country. "If they continue to function the way they are now,"

"The department had asked for affidavits from all affiliated BEd colleges and about 35-40 per cent are yet to respond. We will act accordingly if they do not conform to the infrastructure standards," he said adding "the step will be taken by this year itself." — PTI

Special CBI court to hear Ayodhya cases today

LUCKNOW, May 23: A special CBI court will tomorrow hear the 1992 Babri Masjid demolition cases, including the one against BJP leaders LK Advani, Murli Manohar Joshi and Uma Bharti. The Supreme Court had last month directed that Advani, Joshi, Bharti and others will face trial on conspiracy charges and had transferred their case from Raebareli to Lucknow where another case was on in the matter. The case is fixed for hearing tomorrow," said Lalit Singh, special public prosecutor, CBI. — PTI

Civic elections today

MUMBAI, May 23: The municipal corporation elections in Bhivandi, Malagoon and Panvel will be held tomorrow. Altogether 1,251 candidates are in fray in the three civic bodies. There are 12,96 lakh voters for 252 seats in the polls to the three civic bodies. The results will be out May 26. — PTI

CBSE grace marks

NEW DELHI, May 23: In a major relief to students who have just taken Class 12 examinations, the Delhi High Court today directed the CBSE to follow its 'moderation policy' of giving grace marks to students for difficult questions. The court asked the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) to continue with the policy which was in place when the examination forms were submitted last year. — PTI

Chardham pilgrims

RISHIKESH, May 23: Over three lakh more pilgrims than last year have visited the Chardham so far this season. Till yesterday, a total of 7,10,271 pilgrims have visited the Himalayan shrines of Badrinath, Kedarnath, Gangotri and Yamunotri whereas the figure till this period last year was 4,09,016, Garhwal Commissioner Vinod Sharma told PTI. It means 3,0255 more pilgrims have undertaken the Chardham yatra so far this year, he said. — PTI

Indigenous light chopper prototype test successful

BENGALURU, May 23: State-run Hindustan Aeronautics Limited has successfully carried out the maiden flight of the second prototype of indigenous developed Light Utility Helicopter (LUH) at its facility here.

The chopper was flown by Chief Test Pilot Wing Cdr (retd) Ummi K Pillai and Test Pilot Wing Cdr (retd) Anil Bhamhani for about 22 minutes yesterday with the pilots reporting nil snag. HAL said in a statement.

LUH's PT-2 flight follows the first flight of basic trainer aircraft — Hindustan Turbo Trainer-40 (HTT-40) — on May 19.

"These maiden flights of indigenous aircraft are testimony to HAL's rapid progress towards the 'Make in India' campaign both in the field and rotary wing segments. These prototypes add strength to the ongoing test flights to achieve operational clearance cutting the time frame," HAL CMD T Suvarna Raju said.

HAL said the LUH PT-2 has modified tail boom and incorporated improvements from testing of LUH PT-1.

The first flight of LUH PT-1 was carried out on September 6, 2016 and further "envelope expansion flights" are in progress. It had made a flight demonstration during the Aero India-2017 in February.

HAL plans to carry out more flight tests of PT-1 and PT-2 in the months ahead to freeze the helicopter configuration by the end of the year.

The LUH is a three-ton class new generation helicopter being indigenously developed by HAL to meet the requirements of military and civil operators.

The helicopter would be deployed for reconnaissance, surveillance roles and as a light transport helicopter. It will be capable of flying at 220 kmph, with a service ceiling of 6.5 km and a range of 350 km with 400 kg payload, it said. — PTI

No report of Indian casualty in Manchester attack: Govt

NEW DELHI, May 23: No Indian casualty has been reported in the Manchester suicide attack. External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj said today

the UK since the 7/7 bombings of 2005, at least 22 people were killed when a suicide bomber blew himself up as thousands of fans were exiting a pop concert in Manchester. "So far there is no report of an Indian casualty in the #Manchester attack. We are keeping a close watch on the situation," Swaraj tweeted.

Minister of State for External Affairs MJ Akbar tweeted,

"Share Britain's bereavement and pain. Manchester confirms Prime Minister Narendra Modi's oft-repeated analysis that terrorism is the greatest threat since World War II." — PTI



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- ◆ অসমৰ চুকে কোণে সিঁচিৰিত হৈ থকা ক্রীড়া প্ৰতিভা সমূহক তুলি আনি বাস্তীয় / আস্তুৰুষ্টীয় পৰ্যায়ৰ খেলুৰৈ কোণে প্ৰতিষ্ঠা কৰা।
- ◆ বাস্তীয় আৰু আস্তুৰুষ্টীয় পৰ্যায়ৰ ক্রীড়াসন্ম / ক্রীড়া প্ৰকল্পৰ নিৰ্মাণ।
- ◆ ক্রীড়াক জীৱনৰ এক অংগ কোণে গঢ়ি তোলা।

মাননীয় মুখ্যমন্ত্ৰী

শ্ৰীযুত সৰ্বানন্দ সোণোৱাল

ডাঙৰীবীয়াৰ সৱল নেতৃত্বত এক
নতুন যাত্ৰাৰ পথত.....

ক্রীড়া আৰু যুৱ কল্যাণ বিভাগ
অসম চৰকাৰ



বিগত ৩৬৫ দিনৰ সফলতাৰ এক চমু খতিয়ান

- * ২০১৭ ফিফা বৰ্ল্ড কোপ (১৭২ অনুমুদ) ভাৰতৰ বৰ্ষৰ ছয় বন স্থানৰ অন্যতম কোণে প্ৰোটোটাৰ অনুভূক্তি
- * পেন প্ৰথমবাবৰ বাবে জিলা, বাজীৰ আৰু বাস্তীয় পৰ্যায়ৰ 'খেলুৰৈ সীইওয়া'ৰ সফল কৰ্মসূচি
- * প্ৰোটোটাৰ ১২ আগষ্ট, ২০১৬ ত বাজীৰ বিভিন্ন জনগোষ্ঠীৰ ছাত্ৰ আৰু আসামীয় সংগঠনৰ, নেতা আৰু বিভিন্ন বৰাবৰী সহ মুঠ ছয়শ মূলক মুঠোৰ অংশগ্ৰহণেৰে সহাদৰ বৰ্তমান যুৱক- যুৱতীৰ বাবে বিনিময়।
- * বিশ্ব যুৱ শ্ৰী সম্প্ৰদামত বিভিন্ন দেশৰ যোগাদানকাৰীৰে সেৱাৰে বাজীৰ যুৱক- যুৱতীৰ বাবে বিনিময়।
- * প্ৰথমবাবৰ বাবে বাস্তীয় কেৰাবৰ প্ৰতিযোগিতাৰ আয়োজন।
- * নমামী প্ৰাথমিক অসমৰ খেল (মেলা), জিমাস্টিক আৰু প্ৰেস্রেনার্ন নাও খেলৰ সফল প্ৰদৰ্শন।
- * বাজীৰ প্ৰেস্রেনার্ন খেল প্ৰতিযোগিতাৰ সকল আয়োজন।
- * অসম স্লোকসোৱা আয়োজনসমূহৰ নিবাচিত ৭ গৰাবৰী জিলা ক্রীড়া বিভায়াক নিম্নলিখিত
- * এখনোটিক মেলতে বাজীৰ বিভিন্ন জিলা ক্রীড়া প্ৰতিযোগিতা ২০১৮-১৯ সম্ভূতাৰে আয়োজন কৰা হয়।
- * প্ৰোটোটাৰ পেন প্ৰথমবাবৰ বাবে বাজীৰ আৰু আস্তুৰুষ্টীয় পৰ্যায়ৰ প্ৰশিক্ষণৰ বাবেৰ ১০ বিধ খেলৰ ফ্ৰেঞ্চ কেচিং কেস্প'ৰ সফল আয়োজন।
- * স্বল্পজাই ইন্ড'ৰ টেলিভিজনত ৮ পৰা ১০ ভিত্তে বাস্তীয় পৰ্যায়ৰ ফলাফল ইলাইট (ফিল্মৰ) মেল নিৰ্বাচন বৰ্ষিং চেল্পসনামিশ্ৰৰ সফল আয়োজন।
- * চালিত বৰ্ষৰ মেল নিৰ্বাচন প্ৰোটোটাৰ বিধ মহিলা বাইৰে চেল্পসনামিশ্ৰৰ অন্তিমত হ'ব।
- * প্ৰাতল ক্রীড়াবিদ তথা ক্রীড়া সংগঠক অধিকৃত সহাদৰ উদ্দেশ্যৰ ক্রীড়া প্ৰেক্ষণ
- * প্ৰাপকৰ সংযোগ পৰি ২০ জনৰ পৰা দুগুণাংশ বৃদ্ধি কৰি ৪০ জন কৰা হয়। ততুপৰি প্ৰেক্ষণৰ ধৰণ পৰিবৰ্ধণ ৪ হাজাৰ টকালোৰ পৰা ৮ হাজাৰ টকালোৰ বৃদ্ধি কৰা যা। লগতে এককালীন সাহায্য ৪০ হাজাৰৰ পৰা ৫০ হাজাৰ টকালোৰ বৃদ্ধি কৰা হয়।
- * হিমাচল প্ৰদেশৰ মনোবৰ্তীত উচ্চ শিখৰ প্ৰাক্ষিপ্ত অসমৰ যুৱক যুৱতীৰ সফল প্ৰদৰ্শন।



ক্রীড়া আৰু যুৱ কল্যাণ বিভাগ, অসম চৰকাৰ

পৃষ্ঠা ১৪

Wristband that can read emotions!

A wristband that can recognise changes in human emotions, behaviour

An MIT engineer has developed a wristband with significant potential to recognise changes in human emotions, the brain as well as behaviour, especially during seizures caused by epilepsy.

The wearable technology has an automated machine learning method that can detect compulsive seizures by combining measures of electrodermal activity on the wrist with measures of motion through a sweat response.

"The skin is purely innervated by the sympathetic branch of the autonomic nervous system," said Rosalind Picard, engineer and researcher at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

Sympathetic activation occurs when experiencing excitement or stress, whether physical, emotional or cognitive.

"We can observe increases in sympathetic brain activation by monitoring subtle electrical changes across the surface of the skin," Picard added.

Seizures occur when there are abnormal, excessive or synchronous neuronal activity, and can cause convulsions evidenced by violent

shaking and loss of control and consciousness.

When some regions of the brain, such as those involved with anxiety, pain, stress and memory, are activated during a seizure, they can elicit patterns of electrical changes in the skin.

The wrist-worn detector is now more than 99 per cent accurate for detecting convulsive seizures.

While the researchers have not demonstrated detection of non-convulsive seizures, 42 per cent to 86 per cent of non-convulsive, complex partial seizures also have significant electrodermal responses, the researchers said in the paper presented at the American Pain Society Annual Scientific Meeting in Pennsylvania.

In addition, other clinical applications for wristband electrodermal monitoring include anxiety, mood and stress monitoring and measuring analgesic responses.

"We know that pain exacerbates anxiety and stress and we are doing more studies to determine how reductions in anxiety and stress could indicate an analgesic response activated by a pain management therapy," Picard said. — IANS

Know your DAY

By JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Wednesday, May 24, 2017.

This year it might seem as if you are somewhat withdrawn. If you can, surround yourself with people who you can share more of what you have been processing or thinking about. If you are single, you could find yourself involved with someone who is emotionally unavailable. Take your time getting to know him/her before jumping into a serious commitment. If you are attached, you often want to get away from your significant other. Making time for just the two of you will take some organization, but it will strengthen your bond. TAURUS can make you crazy at times with his or her stubbornness.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

**** Follow your sixth sense, as it seems to be guided by a positive use of your imagination and sensitivity. Finances could be a important topic in the present moment. You might need to weigh the pros and cons of a money matter, and make a decision accordingly. Tonight: Get feedback.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** Your energy continues to soar. A loved one might be feeling unhappy with her or his lack of consistency. On the other hand, this person often motivates you to try to make the impossible possible. As a result, you feel motivated. Tonight: Reach for your dreams.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** You might discover that there are two sides to a situation. As a result, you feel uncomfortable. You likely need to make a decision without letting anyone worry about it. Ask a question or two if it helps. Tonight: Take some much-needed personal time.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** Zero in on what you want early in the day, as that is when you are most likely to get a "yes." In the afternoon, others might be vague. Even a simple question in the evening could change. You are likely to witness a changed attitude from a key person. Tonight: All smiles.

LEO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** Once again, others seem to follow your lead. Though you might be trying to find the right balance, you feel as if you need it as a bit overwhelming. Take a sense of humor about it. You adapt to situations. Take a walk, if need be. Tonight: Be sure to factor in a midweek break.

VIRGO (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** Break past your thought patterns by having a discussion with someone who is always open. Once you drop your resistance, you'll understand when someone else is coming from. Empathy comes with the understanding. Tonight: Consider taking a vacation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** If someone is acting as if he or she has a lot more time than you do, you might need to let him or her know that you are otherwise. You continue to dream more about a partner or situation by listening more. Try not to give in to your impulsiveness. Tonight: A cozy night at home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** You might feel as if you are loved and will want to change the topic. You could be unusually gifted with the ability to distract this person and alter the tone of the conversation. Your creativity emerges and delights a child. Tonight: Go along with a friend's suggestion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** Consider your options when dealing with others who make up a lot of your day-to-day life. Some people around you might be seeing the need for a change and could be acting out. You have other matters to handle. Consider revising your budget. Tonight: Get some extra zzz's.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** You might feel as if what is needed and then tap into your imagination to make it so. You often point in the right direction. Your sixth sense kicks in, especially with a pending call or visit. A child or new friend delights you. Tonight: Go off and enjoy a midweek break.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**** You might feel as if you are drawn in a personal manner, which could be a result from being more present in the moment. You'll want to avoid a work hassle and start enjoying some extra downtime. Use caution around money, as it seems to be floating through your hands. Tonight: Relax.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** Catching up with others' news will inspire you to think outside the box. You have some useful feedback, and as a result, you'll be able to get through an issue with greater insight. Be willing to share more of your thoughts. Ideas will flow. Tonight: At a favorite place.

Thought for the day
The chase, the sport of kings;
Image of war, without its guilt;

— WILLIAM SOMERVILLE

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Kids

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10:00 Roll No. 21
14:00 Roll 10 Omkaree
15:00 Roll No. 21
16:00 We Bare Bears
17:00 Teletubbies
17:30 Team Titans Go
18:00 Larva
18:30 Roll No. 21
19:00 Krits aur Ehsaas
20:00 Team Titans Go
21:00 Larva
21:30 Larva
22:00 Chhota Bheem
23:00 Dragon Ball Z

13:00 The Tom And Jerry Show

13:30 Chhota Bheem
14:00 America's Funniest Home Videos
14:30 Chipettes
15:00 Mighty Raju
15:30 The Lion Guard Africa
19:30 Hole In The Wall
20:30 Chhota Bheem
21:00 The Tom And Jerry Show
21:30 Tadka's Castle
22:00 Chhota Bheem
22:30 Scolar
23:00 Chhota Bheem
23:30 M.A.D.

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Entertainment

StarPlus

13:00 Tu So Gudi Main Gauri Piyali
13:30 Ek Asahi Aisi Shee
14:00 Dill Se Dil Openi
15:30 Yeh Rishita Kya Kehata Hai
16:00 Yeh Hai Mohabbatein
17:00 Sultan Si El Ladki
17:30 Dill Se Dil Openi
18:00 Meri Angni Mein
18:30 Yeh Hai Mohabbatein
19:30 Yeh Rishita Kya Kehata Hai
20:00 Pardes Mein Hain Meri Dil
21:00 Dill Se Dil Openi
21:30 Naamkarin
21:45 Yeh Rishita Kya Kehata Hai
22:30 Dill Se Dil Openi
23:00 Kya Quoor Hai Amala Ka?

colors

13:00 Shakti
13:30 Udani

ZeeCafe

13:00 Just for Laughs

14:00 America's Funniest Home Videos

14:30 Chipettes

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Code Black

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অসম চৰকাৰৰ সাংস্কৃতিক পৰিক্ৰমা বিভাগ

সাফল্যৰ এটি বছৰ

মে, ২০১৬ ৰ পৰা মে, ২০১৭ লৈ

- ২৯ মে, ২০১৬ তাৰিখে শোণিত পুৰ জিলাৰ পিঠাখোৰাত চন্দ্ৰ নাথ শৰ্মা স্মাৰক প্ৰেক্ষাগৃহৰ উদ্বোধন।
- ৩১ মে, ২০১৬ তাৰিখে গোৱালপারাত বৰীৰে ডৰনৰ আৰ্হিত নিৰ্মিত প্ৰেক্ষাগৃহৰ উদ্বোধন আৰু এই প্ৰেক্ষাগৃহটি নটসৰ্ব ফলী শৰ্মাৰ নামত উচ্চৰ্ণ।
- ১৭ ডিচেম্বৰ, ২০১৬ তাৰিখে ধূৰৰী জিলাৰ চাৰপৰত শৰৎ চন্দ্ৰ সিংহ স্মাৰক প্ৰেক্ষাগৃহৰ উদ্বোধন।
- জোড়তি চিত্ৰবন ফিল্ম স্টুডিওত বহুমুখী সুবিধা সম্পৰ্ক বাতনকুল দৃশ্যগ্রহণ স্থল আৰু সংগীত সংগ্ৰহালয়ৰ উদ্বোধন।
- শ্ৰীমত শ্ৰদ্ধাৰ্মের কলাক্ষেত্ৰৰ ছাৱা প্ৰকল্পিত চাৰিখন সচিত্ৰ হস্তলিপি উন্মোচন।
- ২০১৬ বৰ্ষৰ পৰা প্ৰযোজ্য হোৱাকৈ শোণিত কোৰৰ গজেন বৰকৰা বটা প্ৰৱৰ্তন।
- ২৯ জানুৱাৰী, ২০১৭ তাৰিখে ওৱাহটীৰ জিলা পুলিভেংড়াল প্ৰেক্ষাগৃহত আয়োজিত এক অনুষ্ঠানত নৃত্যাচাৰ্য ঘৰীন গোৱামীক এই বটাবে সন্মানিত কৰা হৈল।
- শিল্পী তথা শিল্পীৰ পৰিমালৰ কল্যাণৰ আৰ্থে শিল্পী পেঞ্চনৰ হিতাধিকাৰীৰ সংখ্যা ২০১৬-১৭ বিশৱে বৰ্তত পূৰ্বৰ ২০ গৰাকীৰ পৰা ৭০ গৰাকীৰ কৰা হৈছে আৰু পেঞ্চনৰ নিবিধ পূৰ্বৰ চাৰিহাজাৰ টকাৰ পৰা আঁঠ হাজাৰ টকালৈ বৃদ্ধি কৰা হৈছে। সেইদৰে এককালীন সাহাৰ্যৰ হিতাধিকাৰীৰ সংখ্যা পূৰ্বৰ ২০ গৰাকীৰ পৰা ৫০ গৰাকালৈ বৃদ্ধি কৰা হৈছে আৰু সাহাৰ্যৰ নিবিধ পূৰ্বৰ চান্দ্ৰ হাজাৰ টকাৰ পৰা পঞ্চাশ হাজাৰ টকালৈ বৃদ্ধি কৰা হৈছে।
- 'সংগীত নিজৰা' শীৰ্ষক শ্ৰব্য সৰ্বোৱাৰ জৰিয়তে অসমৰ হেৰাই যাব ধৰা থলুৱা গীত-মাত্ৰ সংৰক্ষণ।
- অসমৰ শিল্পী আৰু কলাকুশলীসকলৰ বিয়য়ে তথ্য সংৰক্ষিত সংগ্ৰহৰ প্ৰস্তুতকৰণ।
- সকলথাৰত মহুকুমা পুলিভেংড়াল গুৰুৰ নিৰ্মাণ সম্পূৰ্ণ।
- নগাঁও জিলা সংগ্ৰহালয়ৰ নিৰ্মাণ সম্পূৰ্ণ।
- ডিমা-হাটাও জিলাৰ ক'বাক মহাপাষাণৰ প্ৰত্যোন্তিৰ্ক খনন কৰ্য।
- ১৭৯ খন সত্ৰৰ উন্নয়নৰ বাবে ৪৭.৯৮ কোটি টকাৰ আৰ্হিক সাহাৰ্য প্ৰদান।



Goel happy with city stadium

SPORTS REPORTER
GUWAHATI, May 23: Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Vijay Goel expressed his satisfaction over the preparation of the Indira Gandhi Athletic Stadium, Sarusajai here which is one of the six venues that will be hosting the FIFA U-17 World Cup from October 6 to 28.

Goel visited the Sarusajai stadium, apart from the Laxmibai National Institute of Physical Education (LNIP), at Telesia, the proposed press venue, along with Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal and Transport Minister Chandra Mohan Patowary today to take stock of the progress of the renovation work at the 35-thousand capacity stadium. After inspecting the ground, dressing room, conference hall, media centre, seating capacity and other sporting areas of the stadium, Goel, attending a press conference said, "Guwahati is almost ready to host the FIFA U-17 World Cup matches as the Indira Gandhi Athletic Stadium, barring a few, completed all the works." Expressing his confidence over Assam Chief Minister, Goel said that the remaining works like fix-

ing of 12,000 seats, works at the dressing room among others will be completed soon. "Sonowal has assured me that the remaining work in the stadium will be completed within the second week of next month," said Goel.

But he was not satisfied with the LNIP ground and said, "Have instructed the authority there to work fast so that the practice

ground can be made ready before June 16."

The Union Minister further revealed that other venues – Kolkata, Mumbai, Delhi, Kochi and Margao have almost completed their renovation works and within next month everything will be completed. He, however, said, Kochi was running behind time in carrying out



Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Vijay Goel and Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal visiting the Indira Gandhi Athletic Stadium in Sarusajai, Guwahati, on Tuesday - UB Photos

the repairing works, but after his visit to the concerned people started working at a rapid pace and now the stadium is almost ready for the World Cup.

Goel said that the Central Government is planning to pick up 1,000 youngsters for a yearly scholarship of Rs 5 lakh. After completing a selection process, among the children of 15,000 schools across the country, 1,000 sporting talents will be selected for the scholarship. He also emphasised on developing infrastructure in the Northeastern region as this part of the country is full of sporting talents. He said that the National Sports University will be set up in Manipur, but the Manipur Government is not providing suitable land.

Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal said, Goel is taking keen interest in developing infrastructure in Assam. Reiterating his slogan – "Make Guwahati sports capital of the country" – Sonowal said, more infrastructure will be created in the State in order to host international events. Guwahati will host nine matches, including a semifinal of the upcoming U-17 World Cup.

MANCHESTER (UK), May 23: Football star David Beckham spoke of his "heartbreak" as former club Manchester United and local rivals Manchester City came together today to pay tribute after 22 people including children were killed in a suspected suicide bombing in the northern English city.

Britain's deadliest terror attack in 12 years took place when a bomb went off shortly after the end of a concert by US pop star Ariana Grande at the Manchester Arena on Monday.

Former England captain Beckham, who made his name as a global superstar at United after coming through the club's youth system, expressed his condolences via an Instagram message, saying: "Heartbreaking news from Manchester. As a father and a human what has happened truly saddens me. My thoughts are with all those that have been affected by this tragedy."

Gary Lineker, another former England international and now a television present-

er, summed up a mood of widespread revulsion when he tweeted: "To target children at a concert is beyond comprehension. Beyond lunacy. Beyond evil. Heart goes out to all those who've lost loved ones."

A help centre was opened at City's Etihad Stadium for those affected by the blast, while the United club flag at their Old Trafford ground was flown at half

mast. Both Premier League clubs posted short statements on Tuesday on their Twitter accounts, with United saying: "We are deeply shocked by last night's terrible events at the Manchester Arena. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all those affected."

Meanwhile, City said: "It's with great sadness we hear of the terrible events at the Are-

na. Our hearts go out to all affected and to our city's emergency services."

Current players from both clubs also sent Twitter messages of support, with City captain Vincent Kompany saying: "I would like to express my deepest condolences to the families of the victims. It's a sad day for the great city of Manchester. #Unite" - AFP



Manchester United players observe a minute of silence for the victims of the terror attack at the Ariana Grande concert in the Manchester Arena on Monday night, during a team training session at the club's training complex near Carrington, on Tuesday, ahead of their UEFA Europa League final against Ajax.

Petra Kvitova to make late French Open call

PRAGUE, May 23: Two-time Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova will decide this week whether she will make her comeback at the French Open. She hasn't played since December, when she was attacked by a knife-wielding intruder.

Kvitova previously said she would sign up for the Grand Slam in Paris, which begins on Sunday, in hope of competing. But she wasn't sure whether she would be ready.

Her spokeswoman Karel Telkal said on Tuesday that she will make a last-minute decision.

Kvitova has missed the season so far while recovering from surgery on her left, racket-holding hand in December. She was injured during an attack at her home in the Czech city of Prostejov.

Tekkal also said Kvitova's long-term goal remains to "be able to play in form at Wimbledon." That starts on July 3.

Kvitova was the Wimbledon champion in 2011 and 2014. She climbed as high as No. 2 in the WTA rankings.

Kvitova announced in early May that she was back at practice in Monaco, four and a half months after the attack which threatened her career.

The 27-year-old has kept her fans updated with pictures of her training in Monte Carlo,



A file photo of Petra Kvitova.

and even if she is not ready to return at Roland Garros, the worst-case scenario has been avoided.

There now appears to be a decent chance Kvitova will be able to play at Wimbledon at the beginning of July. – Agencies

Ex-Barcelona president arrested

BARCELONA, May 23: Former Barcelona president Sandro Rosell was arrested on Tuesday in a money laundering operation related to image rights in the Brazilian national football team, a police spokesman told AFP.

The operation was mainly carried out in the Northeastern region of Catalonia and for the moment "there are four or five detainees, including the former president of Barca, Sandro Rosell, and his wife," the police spokesman said. The investigation focuses on "money laundering in companies linked to the image rights of the Brazilian football team," police added.

Businessman Rosell, 53, was manager of sporting goods giant Nike in Brazil and oversaw the contract for the national team to

wear the USA brand, before taking over as president of Barcelona in 2010.

Rosell resigned as Barcelona president in 2014 after being charged over alleged tax fraud relating to the club's signing of Brazil striker Neymar from Santos. He was later cleared of all charges in connection with the case following an agreement with prosecutors.

Rosell will nevertheless be tried for fraud and corruption relating to a parallel complaint filed by Brazilian investment company DIS, which owned 40 percent of Neymar's sporting rights at the time of his transfer.

DIS claim it was cheated out of its real share because part of the transfer fee was concealed by Barcelona, Santos and the Neymar family. – AFP

MUMBAI, May 23: The concept of going back to the home and away format in Ranji Trophy games after one year's experiment with neutral venue format found favour from the majority of participants in the BCCI's captains' cum-coaches conclave here today.

"An overwhelming majority (of captains and coaches) wanted to go back to the home and away concept," said a Ranji Trophy skipper after the conclusion of the two-hour meeting that discussed "every aspect of BCCI tournaments," according to BCCI's acting secretary, Amitabh Chaudhary.

"There were views supporting both the formats. In fact, of making a calculation of how many people were on which side, what was done was that points made to substantiate a certain position on either of the two formats have been collated," said Chaudhary.

"They will be brought to the technical committee and then put before the general body which will take a call," he added.

The meeting lasted two hours and covered every aspect of the BCCI tournaments, particularly the Ranji Trophy.

Even the Vijay Hazare (under-19s) and Mushtaq Ali (T20s) were discussed. There was also a discussion on junior tournaments even though it was the Ranji captains and coaches conclave. Every tournament literally got covered," Chaudhary explained.

"All aspects of the game, various tournaments, playing conditions and players' welfare – everything was discussed," he added.

It was learnt that the issue of raising the fees of domestic players too came up at the conclave as it was felt that the amount earned by players in Australia and England in domestic cricket was substantially higher and enough to make

a living out of playing at this level too.

Another issue that was discussed in detail was the quality of umpiring with almost everyone criticising the standards of officiating in domestic tournaments, according to sources who attended the meeting.

"Our umpires are very good in theory and are prompt in punishments but make a lot of mistakes on the field," was the opinion of one of the captains.

There was also suggestion to revive the practise of rival captains giving their views through a report on umpiring after each game to the BCCI, which was discontinued last season, it was learnt.

The meeting was attended by the BCCI's office bearers and the Supreme Court-appointed Committee of Administrators whose member Ramchandra Guha described the discussions as "very educational." – PTI

Home and away format finds favour in BCCI captains' conclave

MUMBAI, May 23: The

former World No. 1 Victoria Azarenka announced that she will be returning in time for Wimbledon after giving birth last December.

A month after Serena Williams revealed she was expecting, Azarenka has brought forward her comeback from its previously expected date of late July.

The Belarusian, 27, has not played since last year's French Open in May and gave birth to Leo in December.

Wimbledon starts on July 3, and two-time Australian Open winner Azarenka said she is "ready to start competing" and plans to play in a warm-up event.

"My training has been progressing well and I feel ready to start competing," said Azarenka.

"I will be finalising my schedule before Wimbledon in the coming days – I plan to play one of the grass-court events prior to Wimbledon."

That is likely to be at either Birmingham –

where she could bump into old adversary Maria Sharapova – or Eastbourne. She will not require wildcards as she can use what is termed a "protective ranking" for entry into tournaments.

With the interest generated by the return of Sharapova it represents a further boost for the women's game, which is set to be more unpredictable French Open ever, starting on Sunday.

The new men's rankings showed an elite grouping dominated by those over thirty, with Novak Djokovic celebrating his landmark birthday.

A variety of factors, from string and racket technology to more sophisticated post-match recovery techniques to simply an incredibly strong generation of older players, sees the demographic among players shifting ever higher.

Contrarily, the top ten had its most exciting young entrant in several years, with Germany's Alexander Zverev going in at number ten following his triumph at the Italian Open on Sunday. – Agencies

Azarenka to be back in time for Wimbledon



Zverev shrugs off German expectations at French Open

PARIS, May 23: It's been 80 years since a German man won Roland Garros but despite his stunning demolition of Novak Djokovic in Rome, Alexander Zverev insists he is not the French Open champion in waiting.

The 20-year-old Zverev heads for Paris in August, the team returns to its AFC Asian Cup qualifier campaign as they play the last team in the group, Macau in the away leg on September 5, 2017, "AFC said.

"The national team will take part in two training camps between October 2017 to November 2017 where they also play the home games of the AFC Asian Cup qualifiers against Macau (October 10, 2017) and Myanmar (November 14, 2017).

"India National Team will also come together for additional friendly games at home on October 4, 2017, November 8, 2017, and March 22, 2018, against teams yet to be confirmed," the AFC said. – PTI

at Munich and in Rome on Sunday.

There he stunned Djokovic in straight sets, becoming the youngest champion in the Italian capital since a 19-year-old Nadal in 2006.

He was also the youngest Masters winner since Djokovic, at 19, captured Miami a decade ago.

Furthermore, he was the first player born in the 1990s to win a Masters crown and only the fourth German after Boris Becker, Michael Stich and Tommy Haas.

The legacy of Becker, the last German man to win a Slam of any description at the 1996 Australian Open – a year before Zverev was even born – stalks the young pretender, like so many of his compatriots in the last two decades.

But he has already achieved what Becker, a six-time major champion and winner of 49 career titles, failed to do – win a clay court tournament.



At Roland Garros, Becker never made it past the semis.

Zverev, now at a career high of 10 in the world following his Rome triumph, will be playing in his third Roland Garros.

He made the third round last year while, in 2013, was runner-up in the junior final. But he has no doubt that the rejuvenated Nadal, bidding for a 10th French Open, remains the overwhelming favourite for the 2017 title.

"Strong favourite," he added for emphasis.

"I think Novak is playing quite great again. Dominic (Thiem, who beat Nadal in Rome) has been showing he's been playing very, very well."

"I've got to put me on that list even though, you know, I don't want to sound like I want to say that I'm the favourite myself or something like this."

"But, you know, those kind of guys who have been playing the best over the last few weeks are definitely the favourites..." – AFP

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