

NEWS CAPSULE

NIA raids in J-K

NEW DELHI, Sept 7: The NIA today carried out a series of searches in J-K and the national capital region in connection with its probe into the funding of terror and subversive activities in the Kashmir Valley and seized three arms from a close aide of separatist leader Shabir Shah. — PTI

Probe ordered

GUWAHATI, Sept 7: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today asked Cabinet Secretary VK Pipersena to probe the charge made by BJP's Atul Boruah at the Assembly that one has to grease the palms of the officials of the DC's Office for getting the money of the MLA Local Area Development Funds released. — Staff Reporter

Sitharaman

NEW DELHI, Sept 7: Nirmala Sitharaman, India's first full-time woman Defence Minister, today took charge of the ministry and said her priority areas would be military preparedness, defence indigenisation, resolving long-pending issues and the welfare of soldiers. — PTI

CVC on graft

NEW DELHI, Sept 7: The CVC can conduct surprise checks at places of corruption in cooperation with the vigilance unit of the department concerned, said the Central Vigilance Commission's new vigilance manual launched today. —PTI

The Assam Tribune on Internet <http://www.assamttribune.com> & <http://paper.assamttribune.com>

Ravi Shankar hopeful of convincing ULFA-I, NSCN-K

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 7: Spiritual leader Sri Sri Ravi Shankar today expressed his optimism that he would be able to convince all the outlawed outfits, including the Paresh Baruah-led ULFA(I) and the NSCN(K) for peace parleys.

The Art of Living founder, while talking to media persons here today, informed that he is already in touch with leaders like Paresh Baruah and that efforts are on to bridge the trust deficit between the stakeholders of the peace process.

Peace negotiations



Sri Sri Ravi Shankar addressing mediapersons along with ULFA leader Anup Chetia in Guwahati on Thursday. — UB

India, China troops now one km away

Post Doka-La standoff

R DUTTA CHOWDHURY

GUWAHATI, Sept 7: After India and China reached an agreement to pull back troops from the standoff point in Doka-La area, the armed personnel of both the countries are located at least one kilometre away from each other and the Government of India is not apprehending deterioration of the situation in the area, at least in the near future.

Highly placed official sources in New Delhi told *The As-*

sam Tribune that following the agreement reached between the two countries, the army personnel are deployed in the border, even as India also pulled back its Army personnel. The distance between the locations of Indian and Chinese army personnel in the area is at least one kilometre. The situation in the area is now quite normal like what it was before the standoff started on June 19. (See page 4)

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away from the standoff point, while, as the Doka-La area is within the territory of Bhutan, the Bhutanese Army personnel are deployed in the border, even as India also pulled back its Army personnel. The distance between the locations of Indian and Chinese army personnel in the area is at least one kilometre. The situation in the area is now quite normal like what it was before the standoff started on June 19. (See page 4)

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"Trust deficit is the primary reason behind the existence of militancy. We, through the conference, want to provide them a platform where they can express their views," he asserted.

Ravi Shankar is here to take part in the North East Indigenous People's Conference where leaders of various indigenous organisations from various states of the Northeast, including Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh and Tripura, took part.

Representatives of various surrendered groups of the region, including ULFA leader Anup Chetia, who is also

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MUMBAI, Sept 7: Gangster

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Govt signs MoU with Google

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 7: In a bid to take internet connectivity to the remotest parts of the State, the Government of Assam signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Google India Private Limited at a function held at the conference hall of the Janata Bhawan here this evening.

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HORIZON

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Mumbai blasts case

Life term for Salem, 2 get death sentence

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Over 2,350 ha forest land cleared in 1 year

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GUWAHATI, Sept 7: In a major development with regard to labour laws, the Assam Legislative Assembly to pass majority on the Industrial Disputes (Assam Amendment) Bill, 2017, which authorises the employers to retrench up to 300 employees without seeking prior approval of the government.

The Bill was passed amid vocal opposition from Congress MLA Sherman Ali Ahmed, who staged a walkout after his demand for a division on the Bill was rejected by the Speaker.

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lator Sahabuddin Ahmed, said that a total of 2,350.224 hectares (ha) of forest land across a number of reserved forests (RFs), wildlife sanctuaries and national parks had been cleared of encroachment in a period little more than one year since the BJP government assumed power in the State.

The break-up of the cleared forest land include the Manas National Park (1,600 hectare), Amchong Wildlife Sanctuary (150 ha), Burachapori and Laokhoa wildlife sanctuaries (25 ha), Karinggan Forest Division (170.25 ha), Cachar Forest Division (7 ha), North

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Sitharaman – from JNU to South Block as first woman Defence Minister

NEW DELHI, Sept 7: JNU, PricewaterhouseCoopers, think tanks and even a short stint with BBC in London, Nirmala Sitharaman has travelled the long and winding road to become India's first full-time woman Defence Minister.

The former Commerce Minis-

ter, 58, who took charge of her new assignment today, has been the cynosure of much attention since Prime Minister Narendra Modi reigned his Council of Ministers on Sunday.

The ex-PricewaterhouseCoopers executive from Jawaharlal Nehru University will have to deal with critical challenges in the defence ministry, including enhancing combat

power of the armed forces to deal with an aggressive China along the northern border and Pakistan's continuous proxy war, say defence watchers.

As commerce minister, Sitharaman was involved in trade negotiations with several countries to lift barriers for free flow of trade. Now she will have to shift her attention to protecting the country's borders.

The government has been focusing on domestic defence production and Sitharaman will have to carry forward a number of big-ticket reform initiatives, including implementing the ambitious 'strategic partnership' model with several countries like the United States and Russia.

Sitharaman has now become part of the crucial Cabinet Committee on Security – the Masters in Economics from

members include the Prime Minister, Home Minister, External Affairs Minister and the Finance Minister.

Sitharaman was born on August 18, 1959 in the temple town of Madurai, Tamil Nadu. She did her graduation in Economics from Seethalakshmi Ramaswamy College in Tiruchirappalli. She did her Masters in Economics from

Jawaharlal Nehru University. Her first PhD thesis was on 'Indo-European textile trade'.

Sitharaman worked as senior manager with PricewaterhouseCoopers in London. During this time she also briefly worked with BBC World Service. On her return to India, she served as Deputy Director of the Centre for Public Policy Studies at Hyderabad. She was also a member of the National

Commission for Women from 2003-2005.

Politics beckoned soon after and she joined the BJP in 2008. In 2010, she was made party's national spokesperson in Delhi and became a familiar figure articulating the BJP's position on various issues. She was inducted into the Council of Ministers on 26 May 2014 as Minister of State (Ind) for Commerce and Industry. - PTI

5th ALUMNI MEET



Number of terror camps across LoC has gone up: Army Commander

KASHMIR.

He said 144 militants have been killed in the State so far this year and the situation is "well under control".

Gen Anbu said there have been a large number of infiltration attempts along the LoC in J&K this year but "very less" have been successful.

"We cannot tell you the exact number of the militants. But the militants, who are waiting to cross over to this side of the LoC from PoK are nearby

250 in north Kashmir and around 225 in south of Pir Panjal (Jammu)," said the GoC-in-C of Northern Command.

He was responding to questions from journalists after presenting gallantry and distinguished services medals to 103 Army officers and jawans and certificates of appreciation to 31 units apart from 31 civilians at an investiture ceremony at the Northern Command headquarters here.

Gen Anbu said the security

situation along the LoC and in the hinterland in under control. "We are firmly in control of the situation along the LoC... launching pads and terrorist camps along LoC have increased as compared to the previous years," he said.

"The success to infiltrate has been much less than previous years despite large number of infiltration attempts. That is because of our robust counter-infiltration grid that we have on LoC," he said. - PTI

Indo-US joint military exercise next week

NEW DELHI, Sept 7: Armies of India and the US will carry out a two-week-long mega military exercise in Washington from September 14 at a time when tensions are rising in the Asia Pacific region.

The aim of the annual exercise 'Yudh Abhyas' is to further strengthen 'jointmanship' and facilitate interoperability between the two armies to meet any unforeseen contingency across the globe, the Indian Army said.

It said the exercise, to be held at the Joint Base Lewis McChord in Washington, will be one of the largest joint military training and defence corporation endeavours between the two countries.

The exercise assumes significance due to increasing tension in the Asia Pacific region following the nuclear test

by North Korea and China's growing assertiveness in the South China Sea. "Multiple scenarios will be rehearsed during the exercise with a view to understand each-other's organisational structure and battle procedures... That would further facilitate interoperability between the armed forces of both countries to meet any unforeseen contingency across the globe," the Army said.

In the 13th edition of the joint military exercise, it said both armies will jointly train, plan and execute a series of well-developed operations for "neutralisation of threats of varied nature".

"In the end a joint exercise will be undertaken by both countries in an operational setting under a UN mandate," said the Army. - PTI

Rajdhani Express engine derails in Delhi

NEW DELHI, Sept 7: A Delhi-bound Rajdhani Express went off tracks near the Mintoo bridge here today, hours after seven coaches of the Shaktipunj Express derailed in Uttar Pradesh.

One person was injured when the engine of the Rajdhani derailed at 11:45 am as it was approaching the Delhi railway station, said Neeraj Sharma, Northern Railways spokesperson. The train was running at a speed of around 5 kmph.

The derailments of the Rajdhani and the Shaktipunj Express are the first two accidents since Piyush Goyal took over as the new railways minister this week. - PTI

St. Mary's School, Naharkatia, Assam

STATEMENT

There has been much publicity about the painful events which have taken place at St. Mary's School, Naharkatia, recently. The public has a right to know what really happened so that they may not be misled by the various versions that have appeared in the press. The regional authorities of the institution have carefully studied the events before issuing this statement.

We would like to express our profound grief at the loss of Miss Namrata Samrah who was a student of Class VII B in our St. Mary's School at Naharkatia. She had been with us for several years, and her pre-mature departure is a cause of great pain to the entire school as well as to her dear ones at home. We offer our sincere condolences to her parents, her family members, and her friends, who have suffered this great loss.

The fact is that Miss Namrata had been emotionally disturbed during the last few weeks. Those who are familiar with the recent trends in the social media, Facebook, WhatsApp, are aware of the strain that young people go through when they are exposed to influences that come from irresponsible media networks. We have already heard of several such incidents taking place in different parts of the country. Several young people in the Northeast also have been affected.

The school authorities have been in touch with the parents, urging them to have special care of the child those days, particularly after seeing a mark of injury on her hand. When asked what it was, she explained it away as the result of a fall. The school management gathered all the students and their families near her with herself, with others, and even with God... and in no case with the school. While the school has insisted on discipline in the classroom, neither the headmistress nor anyone else of the school authorities have mistreated dear Namrata Samrah nor spoken her harshly. On the other hand Namrata herself has expressed her deep appreciation and affection for headmistress. But it is unfortunate that the truth has been misrepresented and the headmistress has been held as the sole responsible person. The allegations are baseless, and have been manipulated by vested interests. These are difficult days when our young people are under pressure from various influences, unfortunately also from irresponsible sources. It is time that parents, friends and school authorities cooperate together to prevent similar painful things from happening. Mutual accusations will not help anyone in the long run.

However, we agree that no amount of explanation will bring back dear Namrata to life. Allow us to grieve with her parents and dear ones. We hope and pray that truth ultimately prevails and Sister is granted justice.

The Regional Authorities of St. Mary's School, Naharkatia

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Guwahati's 92nd birthday today

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 7: The 92nd birthday of legendary musician Dr Bhupen Hazarika will be celebrated all over the State tomorrow.

The Cultural Affairs Department will organise a function at 9.30 am to pay tribute to late Dr Hazarika at his Jalgukuri cremation ground here. It will also hold a cultural function in his memory at the Rabindra Bhawan here at 6 pm.

The All Assam Students' Union (AASU) will celebrate the 92nd birthday of the legendary musician with a programme at the Dighali-pukhuripara here. The programme named *Uddipana*, planned as a commemorative one, will be organised by the students' body in association with its Kamrup district and city wings, said the students body in a press release issued here today.

Progiti Sripi Sangha, the 65-year-old socio-cultural organisation in the city, will also hold a public function to celebrate the occasion at 6 pm at Uzambazar here. Several leading artistes of the State are expected to take part in the function, said a press release issued by the Sangha.

Guwahati Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA) chairman Dhiren Barua will garland the photograph of the musician and light the ceremonial lamp to mark the beginning of the function.

On the occasion, the participants in the function will also light 92 earthen lamps at the Uzambazar venue, the Sangha added.

Noted ayurvedic physician remembered

GUWAHATI, Sept 7: On the 5th death anniversary of Dr Manik Ch Dutta, a renowned ayurvedic physician and retired professor of the Government Ayurvedic College Hospital, Guwahati, the Manik Ch Dutta Memorial Society organised a seminar on the theme "Bringing Peace and Happiness in Older Age" on Tuesday last, stated a press release today. Dr Basanti Borodoloi, Deputy Director, Elementary Education, Assam, took part in the programme as chief guest.

Exhibition of paintings



ANN Service

GUWAHATI, Sept 7: An exhibition titled 'Hue - 2', organised by the Sangeet Kala Niketan Art School, concluded at the State Art Gallery here yesterday evening. Both teachers and students showcased their creativity in the exhibition.

The exhibition, which was held from September 2 to 6,

26 illegal bridges on Bahini lay bare Dispur's hollow claim

RITURAJ BORTHAKUR

GUWAHATI, Sept 7: How sincere are the efforts of the government to tackle the recurrent flash floods in the city? The following instance of flip-flop is bound to lay bare the hollowness of all the tall claims made by Dispur.

In 2008, the Guwahati Development Department, after a "detailed inspection," had issued an order (GDD 147/2008/11) directing demolition of 81 bridges/culverts constructed illegally on the River Bahini which were in "some way or the other impeding flow of monsoon water in the river".

Five years later, Sarumatiya resident Debendra Narayan Deka, who had been fighting a lonely battle to save the river since 2007, filed an RTI to know the progress of the demolition works.

In the RTI reply dated December 26, 2013, the Guwa-

hati Municipal Corporation stated that "demolishing works of 55 bridges/culverts were done as identified by the water resources department" and "records of 26 undemolished bridges/culverts were not available."

"I went several times to the GMC. But every time it was a disappointment. They even could not give the list of the demolished bridges. One of the officers said 'no reply is also a reply'. Finding no other way, I thought of going to the court in 2015. No one was there to support me. Thankfully my lawyer Ratul Goswami and MP Bhupan Tookit made it as a social cause and I did not have to spend much," Deka, now 73 years of age, told *The Assam Tribune* today.

Deka, a former ASEB employee, saw some ray of hope when the Gauhati High Court last week ordered demolition of the remaining 26 bridges.

"The order dated 17.6.2008

TACKLING FLASH FLOOD



of the Government of Assam was never put to challenge by anyone, but sadly, it has not been fully implemented in let-

ter and spirit by the authorities concerned. We appeal to the people in public interest, direct all the competent authorities

of the Government of Assam to execute the order without any further delay and demolish the 26 illegally constructed bridges after giving a month's notice to the interested parties," a division bench of Chief Justice Ajit Singh and Justice Manoj Bhuyan said, also directing the authorities to maintain the official 8.5-metre width of the river all along the course.

The GDD demolition order was based on a report submitted by the water resources department, which identified 80 bridges responsible "for bottlenecks in the Bahini river". The bridge constructed by the State Bank of India in front of its local head office at Dispur and the one constructed by NABARD were among those identified to be demolished.

The rear portion of Kusum Plaza and the front boundary wall of Assam Tea Warehouse, all located within stone's throw

from the Secretariat, "seem" to be in the bed of the Bahini, according to the water resources department report.

But for reasons unknown these structures never came under the scanner of the GMC, GDD or the district administration which have been making tall claims about their initiatives to check the city's flash floods and spending crores on them.

"The Bahini has been heavily encroached, limiting its width to only five metres at places (original 8.5 metres). These structures have been responsible for the heavy flooding in the catchment areas during the floods," Deka said.

The 8,400-metre Bahini originates in the Umtyanga region in Meghalaya and flows through Bisistha, Rukminia and Hengrabari before joining the Brahmaputra near the State Zoo. It is a natural stormwater and a sewerage discharge drain.

Jharkhand CM contributes Rs 5 cr as flood relief

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 7: As a mark of solidarity to the flood affected people of Assam, Jharkhand Government under the leadership of its Chief Minister Raghubar Das, contributed Rs 5 crore to the Assam Chief Minister's Relief Fund today.

Minister of Social Welfare, Women and Child Development Dr Louis Marandi and Minister of Health Ramchandra Chandravanshi handed over the cheque on behalf of the Jharkhand Government to Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal this evening at Assam Administrative Staff College here.

The ministers also conveyed Jharkhand Chief Minister Raghubar Das' goodwill to Chief Minister Sonowal and lauded Government's efforts in dealing with recent waves of floods in the State.

Chief Minister Sonowal also expressed his gratitude to Jharkhand Government for sympathising with the people of Assam at this time of crisis, said a press release here this evening.

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Inter-college Zonal Youth Festival begins

GMCH staff

rue anomalies in recruitments

GUWAHATI, Sept 7: The Guwahati Medical College Hospital Karmi Sangha has alleged that some vacancies at the GMCH were filled up without holding of interview.

Cultural Affairs Minister Naveen Doley, while informing that the State government would come up with a new film policy to safeguard the interests of regional cinema, said that as of now the government cannot compel a private cinema hall to hold a special screening of an Assamese film.

On the *Mission China* controversy, the Minister said the unsavoury episode occurred due to difference of opinion between the producer, the distributor and the hall owner.

"We are committed to upholding the cause of Assamese cinema," he added.

Nomal Momin, Satyabrata Kalita, Abdul Khaleque, Rupak Sarma, Bhaben Bharali, Ramendra Narayan Kalita and Rekibuddin Ahmed also participated in the discussion.

It is said that such an action is "a severe injustice towards the existing GMCH employees" (waiting for promotion) and demanded that those posts be vacated and filled up through proper procedure. — Staff Reporter

University, the Gauhati University Sports Board and Karmarshi Hiteswar Saikia College by the GU Vice Chancellor, the Director, Students' Welfare & Sports Board, Principal Dr Skhambon Konwar respectively.

Welcoming the dignitaries, Dr Konwar said the youth festival would open up new horizons of hope, success and mutual exchange of thoughts and ideas.

Chief guest Dr Hazarika expressed hope that the youth festival would showcase the latest talents and potentialities of the students.

Hemaprova Saikia, Dr Gogoi and Dr Kakati also spoke on the occasion.

More than 600 students from 34 colleges are participating in different competitions of the youth festival.

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Physiotherapy Day today

GUWAHATI, Sept 7: The World Physiotherapy Day will be observed by the Assam Physiotherapy Association of Government Institutions tomorrow with the collaboration of Shushrusha Physiotherapy and Health Care Unit at the Silpukhuri Nabagraha Kali Mandir premises, stated a press release today.

Meanwhile, on the occasion of the World Physiotherapy Day tomorrow, the Purbanchal Educational Welfare Society (PEWS) will organise a free physiotherapy camp from 10 am to 2 pm in the Physiotherapy College premises at Bonda, Amingon. Other programmes will also be organised on the occasion by the college authorities.

of the teachers whose paintings were exhibited were Sripasika Sharma, Niyati Das, Hirishikesh Nath, Bandana Gogoi, Usha Dey, Rupam Roy and Upasana Sharma.

The teachers used various mediums like terracotta, acrylic, pen and ink, pencil, oil colours, etc., in their paintings.

The students also brought their hopes and dreams alive through their paintings.

MESSAGE FOR TODAY

If you would thoroughly know anything, teach it to others.

— TRYON EDWARDS

The Assam Tribune

Murder most foul

The brutal killing of Gauri Lankesh, the Bangalore-based journalist who was a critic of the BJP and the Hindutva organizations associated with the party, must be condemned by all right-thinking individuals. It is, therefore, to be hoped that leaders such as Narendra Modi and Amit Shah would soon break their silence on this murder most foul and speak out against this kind of retributive violence. Editor of a Kannada weekly called *Gauri Lankesh Patrika*, the courageous Gauri was an unflinching champion of the economically downtrodden and a bitter critic of religious bigotry. Through the power of her pen she jumped into the fray whenever issues of social justice were at stake, speaking out against the atmosphere of intolerance that has been created in recent years. However, it would be premature to judge the issue and ascribe the murder to right-wing Hindu fanatics angry with her for attacking the BJP and Sangh Parivar. No doubt, given the current polarized environment, it might be tempting to lay the blame on those elements which display the same kind of mindset and perpetrate beatings and worse in the guise of *gau-rakshaks*. Such people have no respect for tenets such as freedom of speech or the right to dissent and have been in the past known to have taken the path of violence against those who dared to speak out against their actions.

But, at the moment, to lay the blame on these elements would be patently unfair. It would be up to the law enforcement authorities to determine without a shadow of doubt as to who perpetrated this heinous act and bring them to justice. The principles of democracy and the rule of law demand that kind of a response, and it would be judicious to wait for a positive identification of those culpable instead of indulging in speculation or demanding any kind of payback. However, justice needs truly to be done and the assassin apprehended, the record of the NDA Government for which is none too good. It may be noted that rationalist thinker MM Kalburgi was gunned down in cold blood two years ago, but his killer is yet to be apprehended. Of late the CBI has been displaying 'his master's voice' traits, and it is most what purpose would be served by handing over this case to the central investigating body. Thus the onus of detecting the killers, apprehending and bringing them to justice will fall upon the Congress Government in Karnataka. Hopefully, it will succeed in its mandated task. Failure would only embolden those who are trying in diverse ways to curb the right to free expression. It is also imperative that those who cherish the values enshrined in India's Constitution strongly condemn those people who resort to violence in order to stifle dissent.

NEDA concern

The BJP-led North East Democratic Alliance (NEDA) at its New Delhi conclave voiced concern over the issue of Bangladeshi influx in the north-eastern States, especially Assam. The Chief Ministers of five north-eastern States who attended the meet were unanimous on the threat posed to the region's indigenous populace by large-scale influx of illegal migrants. Ironically, what did not come up in the meet was the deplorable role played by the BJP Government at the Centre in the all-important matter of deportation of illegal foreigners. Given that the BJP is the big brother of the alliance and hence the reluctance of the alliance partners to rub it the wrong way. Perhaps it is the stated objective of the alliance of making the North-east Congress-free (a corollary of the BJP's larger agenda of making India Congress-free) that prevented the NE leadership from pulling up the BJP over its lapses on the issue of infiltration. Apparently for the BJP, a Congress-free North-east is far more important than an illegal migrant-free North-east. The Assam-Bangladesh border still remains porous in stretches – land as well as riverine. It was the BJP's shrill war cry against Bangladeshi infiltrators that played a key role in mobilizing votes in the saffron party's favour in the last Assembly and Parliamentary polls in the region. However, three years into the BJP's assumption of power at the Centre, the issue of deportation of illegal migrants stays dumped in the back-burner. Rather, the BJP Government has complicated matters further by offering the red carpet for the Hindu migrants from Bangladesh.

If the NEDA is really serious about resolving the issue of cross-border infiltration from Bangladesh, it needs to be unambiguous about the need to have an extradition treaty with Bangladesh so that the legally detected foreigners are sent back to their country of origin. Also, it needs to put pressure on the Central Government for ensuring fool-proof security along the entire stretch of the border. Then, for the overall development of the North-east, the NEDA which comprises 11 regional parties from the eight north-eastern States would do well to focus on the debilitating constraints – especially those related to insurgency, infrastructure and resource management – plaguing the region and hammer out solutions through consensus and coordination. From armed separatist struggles to lack of infrastructure to burgeoning unemployment, the challenges are as wide ranging as they are serious. The NEDA should have a vision for the future while working out a roadmap for development to put the North-east on the fast-track growth path. A mechanism that can ensure sustainable utilization of the region's natural resources will hold the key to ushering in an era of progress. Building consensus on issues involving different States such as harnessing the Brahmaputra's vast water resources is another dire need. The North-east is a region with potential that awaits sustainable harnessing and not exploitation of its natural resources.

Bhupenda's lyrics and Assamese identity

■ Pranjal Dutta

Dr Bhupen Hazarika, the doyen of Assamese culture, wanted to dispel the age-old anathema of racism and communalism through his works and drew inspirations from a plethora of socio-cultural events as well as a galaxy of great personalities of the world. Often hailed as a visionary, Dr Hazarika was greatly influenced, among others, by Karl Marx, Max Gorky, Lenin, Paul Robeson, Martin Luther King Jr., Abraham Lincoln, Nelson Mandela and MK Gandhi.

In 1949, Dr Hazarika went to America for pursuing PhD at Columbia University – at a time when the overall socio-political scenario in America was volatile and disturbed. During his stay in America he was exposed to the racial discrimination and segregation meted out to the African Americans. The seeds of nationalism, racial equality and Marxism which had already been sown in his personality by Tiryoprasad Agarwala and Bishnu Prasad Raizada were sustained and nourished in the American racist society. Indeed, Dr Hazarika went to America as an 'Agnijyoti phirongi' (a spark of a fiery age) and returned as a missionary minstrel with a world vision.

Bhupen Hazarika's songs embrace the themes of racial harmony, tolerance, equality and universal love. *Mahabharat Brahmaputra mahimalanir tirtha, Rupnudwar kaarone maatibara kaak, Moi Asomor moi Blaurokor, Ganga mor mora, Paakhar bhoiyo dhonuhai uruwali nisile* are concrete instances of it. Indeed, he

tried to weed out race and caste-related differences between man and man. In other words, his songs demand the society to be casteless, classless and they advocated racial harmony and unity. In his song '*Hohi hohi dhole dogoreh*', he reiterates it indirectly when he sings: '*Duyuti baanhi/banhare baanhi/dyu prokoshie ekeli suruk*' (Both the species of bamboo and both express the same of bamboo and both express the same tune). Hazarika's lyric '*Tirap simant/ sijonok saatobh/nobai jaotikul bhrasto*' (If we embrace each other, our caste and community spirit won't be broken).

The lyrics of Dr Hazarika celebrating communal amity and universal justice have become popular among all sections of ethnic and religious communities in Assam and the Northeast-except West Bengal and Bangladesh. Despite being a man of extraordinary qualities, Dr Hazarika could perceive the longings and aspirations of the various ethnic groups and sought to bridge the gulf between them. He sought to bind the multifarious tribal and non-tribal ethnic groups of the North-east through his songs. In his lyrics like '*Tirap simant/Moi Kohimare adhunihui Daalumi' and 'Siyangore gaalong, Liitore khaanti'*, one can find allusions to different tribes in the North-east. *Aami Asomiya noboh dukhia* records a pride in racial identity

and rich cultural heritage of the Assamese. Here one finds Dr Hazarika more combative, uncompromising and insistent upon regionalism. Dr Hazarika's revolutionary ferment is manifested in this lyric revealing the exhortations of a committed revolutionary: '*Aami Asomiya noboh dukhia/buli saamtona lobhile nobobo/Aajir Asomiya nijok nisiniule Asom rosatoabe jaabo*' (Seek no solace saying 'We the Assamese won't be poor' /Un-

aankuwaloi loi hoisil sristi/aei mor Asom desh/bibhed porihori/nij haate srom korideshok nogorih/ aei desh hobo nishesk/aeuri monburi bhauagi sigi jaabo' (An abode of many different hues/unless we build our nation/with our own labour/putting aside all splits/this state will be exterminated/and there will be chaos in our minds).

Dr Bhupen Hazarika is an assimilationist-cum-cultural nationalist. Though an assimilationist, he advocates spiritual, cultural and national identity of the Assamese and stresses the collective spirit of the folk. The lyric '*Aami Asomiya noboh dubhia*' synthesizes Dr Hazarika's assimilationist stance and his sentiments as a cultural nationalist. The lyric proclaims the uniqueness of Assamese culture and reveals Dr Hazarika's advocacy of equality of the different ethnic groups living in Assam and the idea of assimilation through assertion. He wants to transform the jangling discords among the various ethnic groups into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. What he suggests in this lyric is the assimilation through assertion. In other words, Hazarika advocates assimilation without sacrificing completely the cultural and spiritual distinctiveness of the Assamese. The lyric reflects Dr Hazarika's deep-rooted commitment to his Assamese roots, its people, land, language and culture: '*Aanore logote Asomiya Asomote/jodilie nebaase baaru ko*

tnu baasibo/mur aakik bhaal pao buttle/aaor aak jaunu ghin koratu biigbo... (Where will the Assamese survive? If not here in Assam, along with others? Does one's love for mother denote/ contempt for those of others?)

It would be pertinent to mention here that Dr Hazarika advocates assertion and assimilation, not separation. What is significant is that although Dr Hazarika extols the Assamese culture, he does not intend that the Assamese people totally extricate themselves from the mainland. Hence he writes:

Proti Asomiya aami bhaal Bhaaratiyo/aeuri duronir pora aahi/Luitor paarore maatib/matri bala proti Bhaaratiyo hol/natun rupor Asomiya (Each and every Assamese is a bona fide Indian/and those Indians hailing from far-off corners/treating as mother/the soil along the Luit/are newly-transformed Assamese.)

Dr Bhupen Hazarika feels that one's love for the world is vain and futile if one fails to wipe out the tears of one's own mother (*Aapun maatir osru nomosile biswo prem hobo britoobha*). Hence, towards the end of the lyric he reminds the people of Assam: *Asomor ranje nije paochorile/Bhugalitib durbhog paabo* (If denizens of Assam forgot themselves/they'll undergo suffering in the midst of plenty).

A genius is sometimes said to be 25 years ahead of his time. Dr Bhupen Hazarika, who is many ways the doyen of Assamese culture, was about 50 years ahead of his time. In fact, Dr Hazarika previewed the strife and conflicts of today's world, and stressed the positive understanding of oneness and unity among human races which can invite endless possibilities of human progress and development.



less Assamese today discover themselves/Assam will be a sheer hell).

The song *Aamoniya noboh dukhia* hammers home the issues of racial interaction and Assamese identity and tries to establish that the various ethnic communities constitute a part of Assam. The lyric implies that the destinies of the Assamese people are tied up with the destinies of other racial groups living in Assam. Here he advocates racial understanding and harmony and desires harmonious blending of different cultures: *Nana jaati upojaati/rohoniya kristi/*

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institutions', the Council is going to cover.

The definition of 'yoga' given in the Bill requires some changes. The more appropriate definition would be, 'Yoga', for the purpose of the Council, means a set of physical, mental, moral and spiritual practices for holistic enhancement of health, generally based on the principles as laid down in the *Yoga Sutras of Patanjali* and *Hatha Yoga* treatises, like *Siddhu-Siddhanta Padhati* of Goraknath, *Hatha Pradipika* of Swatmarama and *Gheranda Samhita* of sage Gheranda.

In the composition of the Council, provision should be kept for one member to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor of the Mahapurusha Srimanta Sankaradeva Viswavidyalaya also, as has been kept for Srimanta Sankaradeva University of Medical Health, Mahapurusha Srimanta Sankaradeva Viswavidyalaya has a full-fledged department of Yogic Science and Naturopathy conducting PG Diploma and MAMS programmes, qualified (as per UGC norms) faculty members. Provision is to be kept for granting 'A' class registration to persons possessing Master Degree (MAMS) and 'B' class registration to persons possessing PG Diploma in Yogic Science and Naturopathy from any university, recognized by the government and the UGC.

Kavayadham and ENVYASA, confine their treatments to the yoga practices, and don't use the naturopathic elements like mud therapy, hydrotherapy, etc. These institutions have conducted a lot of scientific research on yoga therapy, but not on naturopathy.

Naturopathy is a system of treatment of diseases, with natural elements – the *Pancha-Bhutas*. Mud, water, sunray and heat, air, fasting, diet and massage are the ingredients for naturopathy. Only recently, acupressure, magnetio-therapy, yogic *asana-pranayama*, etc., also have been incorporated to naturopathy. Yoga, when used as therapy system, the elements like *saad karmas* (six purificatory processes, i.e., *Basti, Dhauti, Neti, Nauli, Tratak and Kapalabhati*), varieties of *asanas*, *pranayamas*, and meditation are used. These practices are mostly parts of Hatha Yoga. Patanjali, in his *Yoga Sutra*, has not mentioned about *saad karmas*, *bandhas* and *musrads*. He has mentioned about *asana* and *pranayama* as limbs of yoga, but has neither mentioned nor described the varieties of these practices. It is the Hatha Yoga texts only where these are discussed in details.

Yoga is a subject which is basically concerned with the realization of the self and its union with the universal self. It is the union of

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Draft Assam Yoga Council Bill, 2017: an analysis

■ Bali Narayan Phukan

The Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Assam, is proposing to introduce the Assam Yoga Council Bill, 2017, in order to regulate the yoga and naturopathy system of medicines in Assam, by forming a Yoga Council for the State. The Council shall (i) grant or withdraw affiliation to yoga institutions, (ii) confer registration to yoga practitioners, (iii) regulate course curriculum for yoga and academic institutions in the matter of research in yoga. A draft of the Bill has been placed in the public domain to elicit the comments/views on it.

Before going to form a Yoga Council for the State, first of all, it will be proper to form an all-India council which will control and regulate the yoga-naturopathy system of medicines throughout the country with uniform codes and grant registration to practitioners of yoga and naturopathy of all the States of India, following uniform norms and principles. The jurisdiction of the Assam Yoga Council will be limited to Assam. The registered practitioners under this Council will be able to practise in Assam only and not even in the nearby States of the North-east. Therefore, it is better

not to take a hasty decision to introduce a State Yoga Council Bill for Assam and wait for an all-India council of yoga and naturopathy to come. The decision to create an Assam Yoga Council is a hasty one because the BNY and BSc (Yoga) degree-holders, to whom the Council shall grant 'A' class registration, are yet to be produced in Assam. Till date, the two programmes have not been introduced in any one of the universities or colleges of Assam, so as to produce the above degree-holders.

The Mahapurusha Srimanta Sankaradeva Viswavidyalaya has produced two batches and the Krishna Kanta Handique State Open University, Assam, has produced one batch of postgraduate diploma/diploma programme in yoga and naturopathy from this academic year only.

The title of the proposed Bill should be the 'Assam Yoga and Naturopathy Council Bill, 2017, and not 'Assam Yoga Council Bill, 2017'. Yoga doesn't include naturopathy within its fold. The systems of therapy in both are different, though the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has clubbed both of them together. Even after clubbing of the two, most of the important yoga institutions and centres, including

the *Atman* (individual self) with the *paramatma* (universal self), the bridging of the microcosm with the macrocosm. It is 'principally a system of spiritual culture, and only incidentally a system of physical culture'. Apart from the *Raja Yoga* of Patanjali and *Hatha Yoga*, there are many other kinds of yoga, like *Karma Yoga*, *Bhakti Yoga*, *Jnana Yoga*, *Laya Yoga*, *Tantra Yoga*, etc., for arriving at the goal of yoga. Even *Hatha Yoga* also is not confined to the health-giving measures only. It is more concerned with the arousal of the Kundalini Shakti, lying dormant in the Muladhara Chakra in the lower pelvic region, and raising it through the Susumna and Nadi to the Sahasra Chakra in the head, and thereby master the supernatural powers and also attain God-realization. As such, yoga therapy is not the whole, but only a part of *Hatha Yoga*.

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with the Muslim nations like Indonesia, Qatar, Afghanistan, Turkey, Malaysia and Chechnya has voiced anger over the violence in Myanmar. Our Prime Minister arrived at Nay Pyi Taw after the BRICS summit in Xiamen to discuss issues of rising violence apart from the bilateral infrastructure projects and the Act East Policy. Some 40,000 Rohingyas are illegally staying in India. Now the Supreme Court of India has agreed to hear a petition challenging the Government's decision to deport all the Rohingyas living in our country.

But the real danger has just begun now. In the name of jihad for the Rohingyas, Myanmar may become a target of the ISIS. The bottom line is that the migrants are a potential pool of recruits for the militant outfits. The conflict may help the Islamist network that stretches from the Philippines to Indonesia and Malaysia with links to the Middle-east. The battle between the Buddhist forces and the Islamist extremists has just begun. The international community along

has just begun. Can India's North-east escape from this global crisis? Yours etc., KAMAL BARUAH, Rukminigan, Guwahati.

Engineering colleges Sir – As an engineer but not an alumnus of the Assam Engineering College (AEC) or Jorhat Engineering College (JEC), I have been reading with interest media reports about the dissent shown by the students and faculty of both the colleges over the transfer of affiliation from Gauhati and Dibrugarh universities respectively to ASTU. An alumnus has expressed the fear (AT Letters to Editor, Sept 5) that this change of affiliation would result in the increase of fees to a level similar to that of the private colleges. The basis of the fear is not clear at all as there is no question of privatization of the colleges. Incidentally, I cannot recall similar dissent displayed by the students and faculty of the medical colleges when their affiliation was transferred to the Srimanta

Instead of raising objections whenever changes are proposed, perhaps there should be ideas about how the new body can be strengthened. A university focusing on engineering and technology can help encourage research in these areas which currently is not quite evident in the State. Yours etc., AKHIL KUMAR DAS, Santipur, Guwahati.

Newfangled silence Sir – This refers to the editorial, 'Two-sided issue' (AT, Sept 5). The gross violation of human rights in the Rakhine state of Myanmar has been deplored all over the globe. The Rohingya's right to identity has been erased by brutal killings. Not only the media, but even the UN also was not permitted at the time of this operation. At this harrowing period, the voice of democratic values in Myanmar, Aung San Suu Kyi, is nowhere to be found. As a state counsellor and de facto ruler, her opinion in this regard holds extreme importance. Is this an attempt to remain in the good book of the junta? By remaining mum, she seems to have betrayed the very ideals of democracy and free speech she once upheld and was known for. Yours etc., PRIOMIYOTTI PHUKON, Charaideo.

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Buddhist extremism and plight of Rohingyas

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Digambar Jains observe
Paryushan Parva
STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 7: The Digambar Jain community of Guwahati observed Paryushan Parva (Das Laksham), the most important religious festival of the Jains, from August 26 to September 6.

On the last day of the festival, a large procession was taken out. The procession passed through Fancy Bazar area and culminated at Mahavir Dhamar Sthal MS Road, where a special workshop was held and 'Alahipesh' of Lord Tridhanbar was performed.

Many members of the Jain community observed fast ranging from 11 to 32 days during the fasting period, with the devotees consuming only a glass of water in 24 hours. This is done by the Jain devotees for purification of their souls.

This year 146 devotees observed fast ranging from eight days to 32 days in the presence of Munisrije 108 Punya Sagar Maharaj, Harsundara Sagar, Mahotsawasagar and five aranya matujas.

Steps to bring about reforms in power sector: Minister

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 7: The State government has taken a number of steps to bring about reforms in the power sector, including making officers and staff of electricity companies more accountable, making safety measures mandatory and using better quality products. This was stated by Power Minister Palab Lochan Das in the Legislative Assembly today.

Replying to a call attention motion by AIUDF MLA Mamun Imadul Haque Chawdhury, the Minister said the number of electricity consumer households in Assam has increased from a mere 9 lakh in 2011 to over 41 lakh now.

He added that the power supply network with regard to circuit kilometre

expansion of power lines has also increased substantially during this period.

"However, while the number of consumers and circuit has expanded, our manpower has declined substantially from around 24,000-25,000 a few years ago to 13,360 now," he said. With regard to deaths due to electrocution which have captured headlines in the State during recent times, Das said that while such incidents have indeed happened, they are not exclusive to Assam. He cited government data to state that in 2015 there were 35 deaths due to electrocution in Assam, as compared to 484 in Chhattisgarh, 1,545 in Madhya Pradesh, 1,361 in Maharashtra and 651 in Tamil Nadu. Das said that previous Congress

government failed to undertake major reforms in the power sector. He said the types of conductor used since 2005-06 were not suitable for the climatic condition of Assam. "So from now on all conductors will have Aerial Bunched Cables (ABC) so that they do not snap," he said.

The Minister said that as part of the effort towards strengthening the safety element, the government has decided that from now on power will not be supplied to areas where people use bamboo poles to draw electricity.

"In Assam, there are around 20,000 bamboo poles used to support the power lines. Those will be withdrawn. In addition, citizens' committees will be formed in all 158 sub-divisions with local elected representatives, officials and citizens,

which will recommend the kind of work to be undertaken," said Das.

He called upon the MLAs to help the government in its effort to check power theft and increase revenue and added that while power is available, the problem lies in its transmission and loss of revenue due to its theft. He added that a separate dress code for APDCL staff is being mooted and plans are also afoot to hire more technical as well as non-technical personnel.

Earlier, raising the issue Haque Chawdhury cited media reports to paint a dismal picture of the power department. He said despite receiving Rs 3,664 crore from the centre since 2012 for the power sector, the State government has failed to achieve anything substantial.

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JORABAT, Sept 7: Sonapur Police has arrested two persons - Sunil Pal (24) and Biju Amang (18), both residents Nagaon, Nagaon - and seized a 9-mm pistol from them at Sonapur.

Acting on a tip-off, the police intercepted the duo travelling towards Guwahati from Nagaon in a Maruti car yesterday. Along with the pistol, 5 bullets - which the duo had brought to sell at Sonapur for Rs 90,000 - were also seized from them. - ANN Service

Inconvenience caused to our valued consumers is regretted. The undersigned reserves the right to restore the power supply at any time after completion of work.

Sd/- Chief Executive Officer
Guwahati Elect. Circle-I
APDCL-LAR, Ghy-07

Students' science seminar today

GUWAHATI, Sept 7: As in previous years, this year's State Level Students' Science Seminar is being organised tomorrow by the Regional Science Centre, Guwahati in its premises in collaboration with the State Directorate of Secondary Education.

The topic of the Seminar is 'Swachh Bharat: Role of S&T - Promises and Challenges'.

The objective of the science seminar is to inculcate a spirit of scientific enquiry and analytical thinking in the minds of young students. Two students studying in Class VIII-X standard from each district will participate in it.

Each participant will present his/her views on the above topic for maximum 6 minutes with some visuals in the form of computer slides or charts. The best presenter in the competition will be selected for the National Science Seminar to be held at the Birla Industrial and Technological Museum, Kolkata on November 9. The presentations by the participants will start at 11 am.

Prof BC Goswami, Vice Chancellor of Cotton University will be the chief guest for the valedictory function to be held at 4.30 pm tomorrow.

The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any application without assigning any reason thereof.

Sd/- Chief General Manager (PP&D)
APDCL, Bijilee Bhawan, Paltanbazar, Guwahati-1

ASSAM ELECTRICITY GRID CORPORATION LIMITED

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LIC LIFE INSURANCE CORPORATION OF INDIA

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Sealed tender are invited under TWO BID SYSTEM from reputed Agencies/Service Provider registered under the Company Act 1956 for providing Security & Building Maintenance Services in Assam & Meghalaya

The interested Service Provider who are equipped to provide all services are required to apply before 3 PM on 03.10.2017 under TWO BID SYSTEM (a) Technical Bid (b) Financial Bid. The existing Empowered Service Provider fulfilling the eligibility criterion need to apply afresh.

Tender forms can be obtained from Life Insurance Corporation of India, Guwahati Divisional Office, Estate Department, 4th floor, JEEVAN PRAKASH Building, S.S.Road, Fancy Bazar, Guwahati-781001, Assam in all working days (except Saturday) from 09.09.2017 to 03.10.2017 during cash hours (10 AM to 3 PM) on payment of non refundable amount of Rs. 500/- (Five Hundred only).

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Date: 08.09.2017

Place: Guwahati

Sr. Divisional Manager

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SHUT DOWN NOTICE

It is to inform all our valued consumers that their power supply may be affected in the following areas due to shut down of 220 KV Bus at 220 KV Sarusajai GSS, AEGL for maintenance works.

Date	Time	Shutdown required	Load shedding may be affected in
09.09.2017	04.00 AM to 07.00 AM	220 KV EHV Sarusajai GSS, AEGL	Parts of all Greater Guwahati Area

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NOTICE

It is for general information to all consumers of Jalukbari Electrical Sub Division that in purpose for the Pre Durga Puja Jingle cutting program of all the 33 KV, 11 KV feeders and LT Lines under Jalukbari Electrical Sub-Division, there will be shutdowns of the feeders and all LT lines from 08/09/2017 to 16/09/2017. The inconvenience so caused is highly regretted.

Details of Shut down

Date	6 am to 9 am	9 am to 12 am	12 noon - 2 pm	2 pm to 4 pm
08-09-2017	33 KV Fatsali Fdr-affected areas are - Maligaon, Kamakhya Colony, Borobazar, Maligaon Gate-1, Maligaon Gate-2, Gate-3 Kamakhya Gate	11 KV Boragao-2, affected areas are Niren Boro Path, Boragao Industrial area, Tefelia Hill Side and other area related to the feeder	11 KV Pamohi Fdr affected area are - Pamohi, Mainakunlung, Holboma, Garchuk Bazar, Goral and other area related to the feeder	LT Lines
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10-09-2017	11 KV Kamakhya Dn Fdr affected area are - Maligaon, Kamakhya Colony, Borobazar, Maligaon Gate-1, Maligaon Gate-2, Gate-3 Kamakhya Gate	Sadijalpur Fdr Sadilipuri Farry Ghati, Ghati, Aminda Nagar, Tefelia Hill Side, Pamohi, Pandu Nath Jyonti Nagar and other area related to the feeder		LT Line
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13-09-2017	33 Fatsali fdr affected areas are - Maligaon, Kamakhya Colony, Borobazar, Maligaon Gate-1, Maligaon Gate-2, Gate-3 Kamakhya Gate	LT Line	LT Line	LT Line
14-09-2017	11 KV Garsuchi, Kamakhya, Ghati, Mithamotol, Dohapara, Boragao, Sonoce Path, Tetelia Hill Side, Pamohi, Mainakunlung, Holboma, Garchuk Bazar, Goral and other area related to the feeder	11 KV Boragao 1 Fdr padumbari, BG Colony, Pragjyoti Nagar, Gota Nagar, Gosala, Admigri Nilachal Pur, Madhab Dev and other area related to the feeder		LT Line
15-09-2017	33 Fatsali fdr affected areas are - Maligaon, Kamakhya Colony, Borobazar, Maligaon Gate-1, Maligaon Gate-2, Gate-3 Kamakhya Gate	LT Line	LT Line	LT Line
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Sd/- Assistant General Manager
Guwahati Electrical Division (West)
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Sd/- Chief General Manager (PP&D)

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Bijilee Bhawan, Paltan Bazar, Guwahati-1

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NOTICE INVITING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

Request for EOI document no.: AEGL/MD/Tech-634/SOLAR PLANT/EOI

The Chief General Manager, AEGL, Bijilee Bhawan, Paltan Bazar, Guwahati-1 invites sealed Expression of Interest from prospective bidders for "Comprehensive Maintenance of 1000Kw rooftop off-grid Solar PV Plant hybrid model located at Bijilee Bhawan along with revival of the plant upto optimum capacity utilization".

Important dates:

Start date for receiving application : 08.09.2017

End date for receiving application : 22.09.2017

Interested parties may visit www.aegcl.co.in for detail Request for EOI document.

The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any application without assigning any reason thereof.

Sd/- Chief General Manager,

Assam Electricity Grid Corporation Ltd.,

Bijilee Bhawan, Paltan Bazar, Guwahati-1

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NOTICE

It is for general information to all consumers of Jalukbari Electrical Sub Division that in purpose for the Pre Durga Puja Jingle cutting program of all the 33 KV, 11 KV feeders and LT Lines under Jalukbari Electrical Sub-Division, there will be shutdowns of the feeders and all LT lines from 08/09/2017 to 16/09/2017. The inconvenience so caused is highly regretted.

Details of Shut down

Date	6 am to 9 am	9 am to 12 am	12 noon - 2 pm	2 pm to 4 pm
08-09-2017	33 KV Fatsali Fdr-affected areas are - Maligaon, Kamakhya Colony, Borobazar, Maligaon Gate-1, Maligaon Gate-2, Gate-3 Kamakhya Gate	11 KV Boragao-2, affected areas are Niren Boro Path, Boragao Industrial area, Tefelia Hill Side and other area related to the feeder	11 KV Pamohi Fdr affected area are - Pamohi, Mainakunlung, Holboma, Garchuk Bazar, Goral and other area related to the feeder	LT Lines
09-09-2017	33 KV Garchuk Fdr-Garchuk, Kalapani, Ghati, Mithamotol, Dohapara, Boragao, Sonoce Path, Tetelia Hill Side, Pamohi, Mainakunlung, Holboma, Garchuk Bazar, Goral and other area related to the Feeder	11 KV Jalukbari Fdr-AEC, Sundarbari, Pragjyoti Nagar, Tefelia Hill Side, Pamohi, Mainakunlung, Holboma, Garchuk Bazar, Goral and other area related to the feeder	11 KV Dharapur affected area are - Moloi Nagar, Sundarbari, Nizopar and other area related to the feeder	LT Lines
10-09-2017	11 KV Kamakhya Dn Fdr affected area are - Maligaon, Kamakhya Colony, Borobazar, Maligaon Gate-1, Maligaon Gate-2, Gate-3 Kamakhya Gate	Sadijalpur Fdr Sadilipuri Farry Ghati, Ghati, Aminda Nagar, Tefelia Hill Side, Pamohi, Mainakunlung, Holboma, Garchuk Bazar, Goral and other area related to the feeder		LT Line
11-09-2017	11 KV Kamakhya Dn Fdr affected area are - Maligaon, Kamakhya Colony, Borobazar, Maligaon Gate-1, Maligaon Gate-2, Gate-3 Kamakhya Gate	LT Line	LT Line	LT Line
12-09-2017	11 KV Kamakhya Dn Fdr affected area are - Maligaon, Kamakhya Colony, Borobazar, Maligaon Gate-1, Maligaon Gate-2, Gate-3 Kamakhya Gate	11 KV Boragao 1 Fdr padumbari, BG Colony, Pragjyoti Nagar, Gota Nagar, Gosala, Admigri Nilachal Pur, Madhab Dev and other area related to the feeder		LT Line
13-09-2017	33 Fatsali fdr affected areas are - Maligaon, Kamakhya Colony, Borobazar, Maligaon Gate-1, Maligaon Gate-2, Gate-3 Kamakhya Gate	LT Line	LT Line	LT Line
14-09-2017	11 KV Garsuchi, Kamakhya, Ghati, Mithamotol, Dohapara, Boragao, Sonoce Path, Tetelia Hill Side, Pamohi, Mainakunlung, Holboma, Garchuk Bazar, Goral and other area related to the feeder	11 KV Boragao 1 Fdr padumbari, BG Colony, Pragjyoti Nagar, Gota Nagar, Gosala, Admigri Nilachal Pur, Madhab Dev and other area related to the feeder		LT Line
15-09-2017	33 Fatsali fdr affected areas are - Maligaon, Kamakhya Colony, Borobazar, Maligaon Gate-1, Maligaon Gate-2, Gate-3 Kamakhya Gate	LT Line	LT Line	LT Line
16-09-2017	11 KV Kamakhya Dn Fdr affected area are - Maligaon, Kamakhya Colony, Borobazar, Maligaon Gate-1, Maligaon Gate-2, Gate-3 Kamakhya Gate	LT Line	LT Line	LT Line

Sd/- Assistant General Manager
Guwahati Electrical Division (West)
APDCL (LAR), Amingaon, Guwahati-31

APS/2017/58



Women busy selling variety of vegetables at Bakaliaghat, in Karbi Anglong on Wednesday. — UB Photos

20th Prof Maheswar Neog Commemoration Lecture on Sept 12

GUWAHATI, Sept 7: Professor Maheswar Neog Memorial Trust in collaboration with Dibrugarh University is organising the 20th Professor Maheswar Neog Commemoration Lecture on September 12 at Rangnath, Dibrugarh University at 4:30 pm. This was informed in a press release.

It may be mentioned here that after the death of Professor Ma-

heswar Neog, a commemoration lecture is being organised every year on September 13 on his death anniversary. This year, however, the lecture has to be preponed, September 13 being a holiday.

The 20th lecture will be delivered by eminent scholar Professor Indra Nath Choudhuri; Professor Choudhuri will speak on the topic, 'Aesthetics: The East and The West.'

Audio-visual study material for Bodo medium students released

CORRESPONDENT

KOKRAJHAR, Sept 7: With an aim to improve the pass percentage of the Bodo medium students of the SEBA course, the Department of Biotechnology of Bodoland University (BU) released 'Dikshya', an audio-visual e-learning material on General Science for Bodo medium students of Class X of SEBA course here at Kokrajhar recently.

RS Borgowari, Director of Education, BTC and Professor Hemanta Kumar Baruah, Vice Chancellor of Bodoland University formally released the DVDs of 'Dikshya' at the auditorium hall of Basic Training Centre here.

Doneswar Goyari, Executive Member of BTC, Biran Ch Phukan, Principal Secretary, BTC, Anjali Basumatary, Sahitya Akademi awardee and associate professor Kokrajhar Government College, SN Gayari, DEEO, Kokrajhar, Jy Brahma, Inspector of School, Kokrajhar,

Global usages of certain language-

Dr Sandeep Das, Associate Professor and Head of Department of Biotechnology, Jonai Owacy among others, attended the programme.

Speaking on the occasion, Borgoyari praised Dr Jatin Sharma, the coordinator-cum-director of 'Dikshya' for conceptualising such an innovative idea for the vernacular medium students and working tirelessly for the production. At the same time, he also urged the students and teachers to take the advantage of the material.

Talking to mediapersons, Sharma, who is also an associate professor and former Dean, Faculty for Science and Technology of Bodoland University, said that to cope up with the changing global scenario in development of technologies for teaching-learning methods, we need to make efforts for easy grasping and understanding subjects like General Science for students studying in vernacular medium.

He also said that audio-visual aids as teaching method attract the students to learn the topics easily and open up thought processes as well as innovative ideas. Dr Sharma also informed that the Department of Biotechnology-sponsored Bioinformatics Infrastructure Facility of the university has prepared the 'Dikshya' with 19 chapters of General Science of Class X.

■ help students to get excellent study materials developed by best academic institutions of the world. However, for vernacular medium schools, it will also minimise the time required to teach the subjects and will maximise the utilisation of digitised academic products through desktop computers, laptops or smartphones, he said.

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Illegal timber worth over Rs 25 lakh seized

CORRESPONDENT

DHUBRI, Sept 7: Timber worth more than Rs 25 lakh looted in three trucks were seized by Forest officials on Wednesday morning at Monipur village near Makrjhara area of Dhubri district.

According to Forest officials, the timber-laden trucks came from Dima Hasao and were parked in the village near NH-31. The seizure was made in a joint operation by the Forest officials of Lower Assam Division (LAD), Guwahati and Dhubri Division led by Jashim Uddin Ahmed of LAD. The officials said that they followed the trucks from Guwahati and finally seized the timber at Monipur village.

The drivers of the trucks, identified as Ram Das, Dilip Das and Bimal Roy, were being grilled by the officials. This is not the first time that the Forest officials seized the smuggled timber in the district.

4 arrested

CORRESPONDENT

SILCHAR, Sept 7: Four drug peddlers were arrested from Rajeswarpur, close to Indo-Bangla border at Katigachar in Cachar district.

The arrested youths have been identified as Sur Khan (24), Rajib Ali (26), Giyas Uddin (25) and Alim Uddin (25).

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Assam can emerge as one of the best States in nation: CM

CORRESPONDENT

DIGBOI, Sept 7: "Assam can emerge to be one of the best States in the nation if the people of Assam walk together towards that goal irrespective of caste, creed, sex and religion," remarked Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal in his address to the people of Barekuri here under Digboi LAC in Tinsukia district.

Sonowal was addressing the people as the chief guest on the occasion of the 10th biennial conference of Barekuri regional unit of Bokuri Sangha held at the premises of Borgaon Middle School in Barekuri.

Stressing on youth empowerment and skill development of the educated unemployed, Sonowal said that the youth of Barekuri are the most talented and courageous he has ever heard of in the

State. They have made the State proud in sports including football. He urged the youths to get trained and acquire skills through various government schemes opened up for the purpose and utilise their potentialities for the development of Assam as a whole.

Emphasizing on the need to stand together cutting across all barriers, Sonowal said that Assam would be one of the best States in the nation if the people walk together and contribute their best for the promotion of peace, development and unity.

Meanwhile, Sonowal hailed the fortitude of the common people during the recent floods in the absence of basic civic amenities in a remote place like Barekuri. The Chief Minister announced Rs 50 lakh for the development and promotion of sports in the area. Another Rs 50 lakh was declared for

development of cultural activities in the area. Sonowal said that the grievances of the people in respect of road connectivity, electricity, drinking water availability, health and sanitation etc., would be attended in a phased manner.

Various local organisations including Barekuri Yubak Sangha submitted memorandums to the State government on issues relating to the area and their demands.

Earlier in the morning, Sonowal along with Paul Polman, the CEO of the Hindustan Unilever Limited inaugurated the 4th unit of HUL at Doomboma (Personal Product Factory) worth Rs 1000 crore. Sonowal urged the company to provide employment to the local youths and asked the company to adhere to the provisions of Corporate Social Responsibility.

The Chief Minister was accompanied by a host of MLAs and MPs.

Naduar BMC office in a shambles

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(ABRCC) to look after the office, but after the relinquishment of the last incumbent, no new co-ordinator has been appointed till now. Therefore, the office is running without any officer.

The most important component of the office is the management of the information system (MIS), which is the backbone of the office. The MIS has to keep the records of the free textbooks and the mid-day meal. But the two employees of the MIS are keeping all the records in their own personal computers and in a computer taken on loan from the nearby school.

The two employees are facing many difficulties in managing the records. The public teachers of the block in general and the two employees in particular want the District Mission Co-ordinator, Sonitpur to take immediate steps to run the MIS and the BMC office smoothly.

Experts review Buralikson Sugarcane Research Station

CORRESPONDENT

and was accompanied by Dr VR Gupta and Dr VP Singh of Uttar Pradesh, Dr V Ranachandra of Tamilnadu and Dr Sajan of Kerala

The team took stock of the activities of the BSRS and expressed its satisfaction over the research oriented activities for development of scientifically inherited species of farmer-friendly sugarcane. It's worth mentioning here that the only sugarcane research station in the North-east, BSRS has done

well in this field under the leadership of chief scientist Dr Bijan Ch Bordoloi.

The team also interacted with the president and the secretary of Khanikar Jitia Samabhy Kriti Paam, namely, Jatin Phukan and Ratul Dutta and reviewed the sugarcane production in the greater Misamara area. The team also had a discussion with the director of AAU, Dr GN Hazarika.

Free medical, dental camp held

BISWANATH CHARIALI, Sept 7: The 24 Assam Rifles organised a free medical and dental camp in a remote border area of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh on Wednesday. Two medical officers and one dental officer took part in the camp along with eight nursing assistants and five civilian nurses. The camp received immense response from the locals of border villages despite heavy rains.

The camp was organised with the help of Biswanath district administration, which provided medicines and support staff from Biswanath Chariali Civil Hospital. The patients were counselled and checked for malaria, dengue, other water-borne diseases, typhoid, pregnancy test and other ailments. A total of 1012 patients attended the camp. The camp was conducted by Capt Puran Tamang, Company Commander of D Company of 24 Assam Rifles. — Correspondent

National Nutrition Week observed

DHUBRI, Sept 7: To raise awareness about the importance of proper nutrition for healthy living, the National Nutrition Week was observed in the district recently with the theme, 'Better Child Health'.

The office of the Joint Director of Health Science focused on the importance of breastfeeding practices and encouraged the young mothers to make this practice regular to ensure proper development and nourishment of infants and young children. The observation of the week that started on September 1 witnessed a lot of different programmes on the issues of maternal nutrition, including before, during and after pregnancy, the benefits of breastfeeding, among others. — Correspondent



Women busy weaving at Jangon near Nitaiapukhuri, in Demow on Wednesday. — UB Photos

132 cattle smuggling cases filed in 7 months

GUWAHATI, Sept 7: A total of 132 cases of cattle smuggling have been filed in the five border districts of Assam had come down considerably following tough action by the State police and the BSF. But the riverine route was still conducive for smuggling and that efforts are on to put a complete stop to smuggling, he added.

Patowary said that Bangladesh was a major exporter of beef and that was fuelling illegal cattle trade from Assam. "Cattle smuggling has been for decades but it's only now that tough action is being initiated," he said. — Staff Reporter

Rice swarming caterpillars destroy standing crops

DIBRUGARH, Sept 7: In view of the massive outbreak of rice swarming caterpillars in some of the rich rice belt of the district, scientists from Krishi Vigyan Kendra here have offered a helping hand to the farmers to combat the menace.

The pest menace has been taking a devastating form in the paddy fields of Majpari, Borochukh and its adjoining four to five villages of Rohomo-

while wringing clothes and while cooking (tempi elbow) but still keeps quiet or at the most takes painkillers for momentary relief.

A busy workaholic man or woman works in front of the computer for the entire day and feels pain on the neck (cervical spondylosis), lower back (mechanical LBA) and on wrist (carpal tunnel syndrome).

On the way back home while driving, the pain increases but for the fear of taking leave and loss of pay, he or she continues to work day-after-day with the same pain. At the maximum he googles some exercises but never does them and gulps down a few pain-

killers. Studies suggest that 59.2% of the diseases are due to ergonomic factors. It is now time to say 'stop' to all these pains because there is a boon known as physiotherapy.

Physiotherapy is a branch of modern medical science which deals with all kinds of your physical pains, paralysis, stroke etc., with electrotherapy modalities and graded exercises, which are all evidence based. Physiotherapy takes care of your pain based on assessment and investigations done prior to the start of any treatment, so it is completely based on the exact cause and since it doesn't require you to take any form of medicine it is completely safe and free of any side effects.

A physiotherapist can also help you with physical ergonomics, which is mainly related with posture, limb movement, work place layout etc. So next time you feel pain don't hesitate to visit a qualified physiotherapist for help because we are there to help you get rid of your pain and live a healthy life and never forget 'Health is wealth'. You can earn money again but you can never earn your health back if once it is lost. Stay safe.

(Published on the occasion of World Physiotherapy Day)

Physiotherapy – a boon for living a pain-free life

■ Dr Barnali Bhattacharjee

Civic board begins reccce for flyover at Silchar

CORRESPONDENT

SILCHAR, Sept 7: At a time when the city of Silchar is grappling with the burgeoning traffic congestion, the chairman of Silchar Municipal Board, NN Tagore announced that as per the poll promise made to the electorate of the second biggest urban sprawl in the State, three places have been selected for the construction of a much-needed flyover in the city.

"In the 2015 civic polls, we had promised the people of Silchar that once we are voted to power, we shall do everything possible to come up with a plausible solution to the road traffic menace. Three places have been marked at Rabindranath, Swami Vivekananda Rotary and Netaji Subhash Rotary for the flyover," Tagore said.

NN Tagore visited the Rabindranath Rotary point at Tarapur recently along with Piyush Agarwal, executive director of Civil War Infra Consultancy, which has been assigned to prepare the DPR for the construction of the flyover.

"The construction firm has six months to prepare the DPR for the construction of the flyover at Rabindranath point," Tagore said.

On the other hand, Piyush Agarwal said that this was a visit for a reccce. A team of the firm will visit for a proper survey following which construction of the flyover at this point shall get under way, he added.

Jorhat traders protest Govt move to build vegetable market

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

JORHAT, Sept 7: Traders, mostly wholesalers of grocery and other items, on the busy AT Road near Nirmal Chariali here closed their shops for over three hours in the morning and blocked the road during a demonstration.

They were protesting against the Government's decision to allow the Assam State Agricultural Marketing Board to construct a market on the roadside in the area to sell vegetables and fruits. The aggrieved traders contended that the proposed market would adversely affect their business as the entry and exit points of their shops would be visible to customers.

The traders further stated that as their residences were above or behind the buildings housing their shops, a large number of people would face difficulties in coming out and going to their homes.

The shopkeepers, whose family members also came out to protest, were support-

ed by drivers and owners of small-sized commercial vehicles that are engaged in transportation of goods by shopkeepers.

The vehicle owners opposed the move, stating that there would hardly be any space available to park their vehicles for loading and unloading goods. This will lead to chaos and add to the traffic congestion in one of the most busiest areas of the town.

The protest was staged after the Assam State Agricultural Marketing Board deployed workers to carry out preliminary works on the proposed market in the morning.

Dulichand Agarwal, local trader who is a former secretary of the Upper Assam Chamber of Commerce – a leading traders' organisation – and present executive member of the same body, told *The Assam Tribune* that the Government was trying to "impose a decision" on the people of the locality, who were opposing the same in view of several serious problems that would come up if

the market was constructed. He said that despite the traders and vehicle owners submitting a written objection to the administration a few days back, no attention was paid to their grievances.

As the protesters shouted slogans against the Government and squatted on the road, demanding withdrawal of the decision, more traders from nearby areas came in to support the protest.

Senior police and district administration officials, along with a large number of policemen, arrived at the spot and tried to defuse the situation. It was only after the Jorhat Municipal Board issued a letter, stating that the permit granted by it to construct the market would be stayed for the time being in view of public opposition, that the protest was withdrawn.

The letter further stated that the matter would be discussed with the Assam State Agricultural Marketing Board authorities and a decision would be taken after consulting the local people.

STATE Adivasi students' bike rally over ST status demand

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

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No.DWTT(1)-21/Auc/2016-17/61

NOTIFICATION
Sealed quotations affixing court fee stamp of Rs. 25/- (Rupees eight and paisa twenty five) only are invited from intending firms/individuals for disposing unserviceable steel vessels (without engine, gearbox & deck fittings) & dismantled steel materials etc. through auction in its workshop located at Dibrugarh. The concerned vessel(s) material(s) will be displayed at the workshop for inspection before bidding.

Intending bidder may inspect the concerned vessel(s) material(s) at respective site and contact the concerned in-charge IWT officials at site before submission of their bid in prescribed form. Terms & conditions for the sale will be obtained from the office of the undersigned on all working days during office hours on payment of Rs.100/- (Rupees one thousand) only through D.O.N.S.C. pledged in favour of Director, IWT Assam, which is non-refundable.

The completed quotation / bid will be received up to 2.00 P.M. on 7th Oct 2016 at the office of the undersigned and opened at 3.00 pm on the same day in presence of the participants or their authorized representatives.

Sd/- Director, IWT, Assam
Ulubari, Guwahati-7

Janasanyog/C/3360/17

No DWTT(1)-21/Auc/2016-17/61

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed tenders affixing court fee of Rs. 8.25 (non-refundable) are invited in two bid system from reputed manufacturer/ distributor/ dealer/ supplier for the supply of equipment to Borgaon Polytechnic, for implementation of NEQIP (Phase II) project. The approximate value of work is 1.8 Lakh Rupees.

The tender documents may be downloaded from www.bonpoly.org or may be collected from office of the Principal, Borgaon Polytechnic, Borgaon-783001 during office hours. Last date of submission of tender will be 18/09/2017 up to 12.30 pm. Easement money @2.1% (1% for SC/ST/BC) of quoted value and Rs. 1000/- (Rs. 500/- for SC/ST/BC) as cost of tender document must be deposited in the account of the respective DDO in favour of Principal, Borgaon Polytechnic, Borgaon-783001. Any changeendum and addendum shall be published on our website regarding this work. Supply Order will be issued subject to availability of fund.

Sd/- Principal,
Bongaigaon Polytechnic,
Bongaigaon

Janasanyog/C/3370/17

No DWTT(1)-21/Auc/2016-17/61

ADVERTISEMENT

Applications are invited in the prescribed form of application Assam Gasarea Part IX from the Retired Govt. (Grade) persons who are eligible as Senior Assistant in Circle Project Management Unit of NRC/Upazila Project in the Office of the Circle Officer, Sarupather Revenue Circle. The post shall be on Contractual Basis @ 12000/- (Rupees Twelve Thousand/- per month). Interested candidate may apply after fulfilling the following terms and conditions to the Deputy Commissioner, Golaghat on or before 15th September 2017. The applicants would be required to carry one updated resume along with a recent passport size photograph at the time of interview.

Earlier advertisement vides order No. GNRC/12014/96 dated Golaghat, the 21st December 2014 is hereby withdrawn.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS AIDED IN VIDE GOVT MEMO NO.PLB/19/2016/DPL dated, 05 August 2014

1. Name of the Position : Senior Assistant (Retired)

2. No. of Position : 1 (one) in Sarupather Revenue Circle.

3. Salary : Rs. 12000/-

4. Age limit : 67 yrs. per SFMU/NRC/EPDC/24/2014/26 dated 02.04.2014).

5. Eligibility and Qualification:

• Retired after having served the Government of Assam in the level of Senior Assistant / Junior Assistant in the office of the Deputy Commissioner's Amalgamated Establishment or any other Govt. department.

• Preference will be given to candidates who have electoral roll record during their service.

• Working knowledge of computer is essential.

For the positions the applicants shall have to travel extensively throughout the district of posting and occasionally outside the district as well.

The applicants shall have to appear for interview for which no TA/DA shall be paid. The Deputy Commissioner reserves the right to reject any applications without assigning any reasons thereof.

General Instructions:

1. Only candidates aged not more than 67 years as on 01/01/2017 can apply.

2. The application should include all the following contact details

a. Contact address

b. Mobile Number/Number for communication

c. Email id

Envelopes containing application should be super marked. Application for the position of Senior Assistant, (Sarupather Revenue Circle, Golaghat, NRC).

Sd/- Deputy Commissioner,
Golaghat.

Janasanyog/DF/1163/17

No.CEDEV/TB/108/2017-18/4

PRESS NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Chief Engineer, PWD (Border Roads & NEC Works), Assam, Chirang, Guwahati-3 on behalf of the Governor of Assam invites item for the following works under BADP (SC) for the year 2016-17 from the approved and eligible Contractors registered with Assam PWD (SC).

Details can be seen at website <http://apred.tenders.in> from 13-09-2017 and also at the office of the undersigned (Development Branch), Chirang, Ghy-3.

Sl. No. Name of work Approx. value of work In Lakh

1. Repairs of Road from NH-7 to IBB, Road near Lalbari-BOP-I Maintenance of earthen shoulder levelling cost as per police correction by WBM-II, one layer -VIBM-II, CICB works in stretches, RCC-RETaining wall and PMCB followed by Selt coat, L= 10 km 78.9960

2. Construction of Road from Rupcharan PWD Road to Bihari Nutan Bazar PWD Road (earth work, HP-Culvert, GWK works & one no low cost RCC bridge and CC block placement), L= 1.5 km. 69.9938

Sd/- Chief Engineer, P.W.D.
Border Roads and NEC Works,
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RE-E-PROCUREMENT NOTICE/ RE-INVITATION FOR BID RE-IFB

The office of the Executive Engineer, Industries & Commerce Deptt, Assam, Guwahati-21 invites re-bid from eligible registered contractors under Class-(A, B, C) & Class-I of Industries & Commerce Department, Assam for the execution of the works on Bid System.

Sl. No. Name of Work **Bd Amount** **Bid Amount (in Rs.)** **General Category** **Reserved Category** **Cost of Bid Document (in Rs.)** **Time of Completion**

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1 Construction of Internal Road at Industrial Estate, Sankosh, District - Sankosh, Group No. 3 47,12,895/- 94,258/- 47,129/- 1,600/- 180 days

2 Construction of Internal Road at Industrial Estate, Sankosh, District - Sankosh, Group No. 19 44,18,357/- 88,367/- 44,184/- 1,500/- 180 days

The bid/tender will be available through the link <http://assamtenders.gov.in> from 10.00 hours of 08.09.2017 upto 14.00 hours of 19.09.2017.

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Industries & Commerce Deptt., Assam, Guwahati-21

No. 164PC/DR/8/1/2012-13 ASSAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NOTIFICATION

It is for information of all concerned that the Assam Public Service Commission will hold Multiple Choice Objective Type Screening test (OMR based) for recruitment to the post of Superintendent of Handloom Textile under Handloom Textile & Sericulture Deptt, as per Programme given below. The detailed Syllabus has already been notified in APSC's website in 13-04-2017

Date Of Screening Test Name of Venues Subject Time Full Marks

23-09-2017 (SATURDAY) APSC Office Building, Jawaharnagar, Kharanpara, Guwahati-22

General Knowledge 10.00 A.M. to 12.00 Noon 100

Handloom & Textiles 1.00 PM to 3.00 PM 100

The admission certificates shall be uploaded in APSC's website (www.apsc.nic.in) on 18/09/2017. The candidates shall have to download their own admission certificates from the aforesaid website. No intimation letter to the eligible candidates shall be sent separately by post.

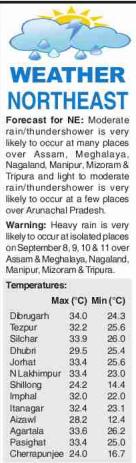
Any query in this regard shall be entertained over telephone No. 0361 2365426 or 0361 2363117 during office hours w.e.f 20.09.2017

Sd/- Under Secretary,

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Jawaharnagar, Kharanpara, Guwahati-22

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OIL hopeful of finding gas deposits in Mizoram

AIZAWL, Sept 7: Oil India Limited (OIL) is highly optimistic of finding hydrocarbon deposits, especially natural gas in Mizoram, company's chief manager for exploration R Phukan today said.

"We found good quality natural gas deposit in Maubang area, but the quantity was not feasible for commercial purposes," he told media persons here.

Drilling was done at Maubang, which is around 40 km south of Aizawl and at Keifang area in eastern Aizawl district and did not yield any positive results.

Drilling in central Mizoram's Thenawza area would commence soon and OIL is highly optimistic of finding hydrocarbon deposits in the area, he added. - PTI

Lal Thanhawla urges PM to appoint VC

AIZAWL, Sept 7: As students' strike in Mizoram University demanding appointment of a regular Vice Chancellor entered the second day, State Chief Minister Lal Thanhawla today appealed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to appoint the VC quickly in the Central University.

The CM said he had already written to Modi on May 6, 2016 and the HRD Minister informed him that the process of VC selection was taken up afresh.

"It is now more than a year since then and I am given to understand that the file is currently lying with the present Union HRD Minister for a couple of months at his desk," he said to the PM in a letter.

Since yesterday, the students were boycotting classes and preventing teachers and non-teaching staff from entering the campus, the Chief Minister said.

As it is only the Central University in the State, prolonged delay in the appointment of VC would jeopardise the future of many students, he said. Meanwhile, Mizoram University Student Council continued boycotting classes. The University had been without a regular VC for almost two years. - PTI



A candle light vigil organised by Shillong Press Club and Meghalaya Electronic Media Association to pay tribute and condemn the killing of senior journalist from Bengaluru, Gauri Lankesh in Shillong on Thursday. - UB Photos

UDP releases first list of candidates for Meghalaya polls

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

SHILLONG, Sept 7: United Democratic Party (UDP) today released its first list of candidates for the ensuing Assembly elections, which feature names of eight sitting legislators of the party.

The first list includes 28 candidates. The second list of party candidates would be released next month," UDP president, Donkupar Roy said

after a party meeting.

Roy said that names of 18 candidates have been released for Khasi-Jaintia Hills region. The rest of the candidates are from Garo Hills region. "All the sitting legislators are confident of retaining their respective seats," Roy said.

These MLAs include party president Donkupar Roy (Shella), Paul Lyngdoh (Shillong West), Embahlang Syiemlich (Mawlawi), Jemino

Mawthoh (Nongthymmai), Tiotossawell Chhyme (Sohra), H Broding Nongsiej (Mawdrasraian), Metbhai Lyngdoh (Mairang) and Remington Pyngrope (Mawkyne). The list also included three sitting Members of District Council from the party, which includes Donkupar Sumer (Umsning), Ronya Khymdeit (Nongpoh) and Moonlight Parai (Jowai).

The list also included former Deputy Chief Minister, Bindo Mathew Lanong, who would contest from Shillong East constituency and two former Ministers—Nidurham Hajong (Mehendraganj) and Nimarsom Momin (Salmanpara).

The other names in the list are former Federation of Khasi-Jaintia and Garo People president, Joe Marwein (Shillong North), Kymmen Shylla (Khieng North), Maitree Diwas (Tawang) and First Force Deki Ramsej (Umroi) and others.

PIL filed against Meghalaya Govt, GHADC over land issue

CORRESPONDENT

TURA, Sept 7: Bernard N Marak, former chairman of the now disbanded NCBC (B) has filed a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) against Meghalaya Government and Garo Hills Autonomous District Council (GHADC) in the High Court yesterday after the State sought the eviction of 494 families from Romokaching for setting up of a medical college at Tura.

"A PIL has been filed in the

Court on September 6 against the State Government, GHADC and others challenging the Land Transfer Act 1955 and the patta issued by GHADC to Aking land and also the existence of Non-Hill Mauza X in Garo Hills," said Marak in a press release.

"GHADC issued patta without the consent of the Nokmas," he added. The former rebel leader alleged that GHADC and the Government were po-

tentially united in exploiting the poor people of Garo Hills for which the PIL has been filed.

"The land of the indigenous tribes was illegally grabbed in Garo Hills without following land acquisition process. I was pressurised against filing this PIL as they know the truth would expose the manipulations of the rich and the powerful," he alleged.

He further blamed GHADC for helping the State Government for procuring land pattas in Garo Hills.

"Government rarely acquired land in Garo Hills and the compensation to the actual owner and custodian of land (Nokmas) hardly took place. They totally disrespected the traditional heads and the traditional laws of the Garos which were openly violated by changing the rules of the land ownership system of the Garos and franchise of the Nokmas into patta system which diluted the cultural identity of the Garos over land," said Marak.

KNO/UPF tripartite talks by Sept-end or early Oct

NEWMAY NEWS

IMPHAL, Sept 7: The first-ever tripartite talks at the 'political level' with Kuki National Organisation (KNO) and United People's Front (UPF) are likely to be held either by the end of this month or early next month, according to sources.

Just one meeting had been held after Dineshwar Sharma, NDFP's Interlocutor for the ongoing tripartite dialogues between KNO and UPF was appointed. "No political discussion" took place in the August 9 meeting.

According to 'negotiator'

of KNO Dr Seilen Haokip, the Interlocutor had told him that the tripartite talks are

likely to be held either by the end of September or in the first week of October. Suspension of Operation (SoO) terms with KNO and UPF were extended for another one year which became effective from August 31.

Meanwhile, Dr Haokip has expressed the desire to make the Joint Monitoring Group (JMG) active and vibrant once again. He said that the JMG has become "inactive". He also said that matters related to the "ground realities" of the SoO should be confined within the ambit of the JMG.

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CAPSULE**Nissan offers**

MUMBAI, Sept 7: Nissan India has announced a host of offers on Nissan and Datsun models for customers with effect from September 5. Customers can enjoy benefits up to Rs 10,000 on each model, which will include free insurance, an exchange bonus of Rs 20,000 and a corporate offer of Rs 6,000, a statement from Nissan said. Similarly, there are benefits of up to Rs 39,000 on the Micra MC and up to Rs 34,000 on Micra Active, which include free insurance, an exchange bonus of Rs 10,000 and a corporate offer of Rs 4,000, it added. -PTI

TVS Victor premium

KOLKATA, Sept 7: Two-wheeler maker TVS Motor Company today launched a premium edition of TVS Victor with its eye on festive season sales. "With TVS being a key market, we are launching the 110 cc motorcycle premium edition from this city," TVS Motor VP (Marketing) Aniruddha Haldar said today. The cumulative sales of Victor is over two lakh units across India, the company said. -PTI

LIC MF facility

MUMBAI, Sept 7: LIC Mutual Fund today said it has introduced an instant redemption facility in its Liquid Fund Growth option. Currently, this facility is available to individual investors only with a daily limit of Rs 50,000 or 90 per cent of the redeemable value of the folio held by the investor. LIC MF's draw-down-up with FBL Bank for using their payment platform for instant redemption -PTI

BSNL e-mail service

NEW DELHI, Sept 7: State-run telephone firm BSNL today started a corporate e-mail service for Re 1 per day in partnership with Jaipur-based firm Data Infosys. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) in a statement said that it has started offering its customers' e-mail services to ensure privacy and security of their data". BSNL customers will be able to avail the service linked to their mobile numbers with a fee of Re 369 per e-mail ID with 1GB storage and Rs 999 per e-mail ID with 10 gigabyte storage. -PTI

Vodafone Play

MUMBAI, Sept 7: Telecom major Vodafone India today said it has joined hands with premium video-on-demand service HOOQ to offer unlimited streaming of content from Hollywood, Bollywood and local movies to customers. "We find our customers are increasingly seeking enriching and diverse content options. Through our partnership with HOOQ, we have now expanded our offerings on the basis of quality content or Vodafone Play," Vodafone India National Head -VAS and Content, Dipankar Ghoshal said. -PTI

Bank of India

NEW DELHI, Sept 7: Public sector bank Bank of India has cut MCLR rates by 0.05-0.10 per cent for various tenors from September 10. "Bank of India has reduced its marginal cost-based lending rates (MCLRs). The revised marginal cost-based lending rate for one year now stands at 8.30 per cent," the bank said in statement today. The reduced rates would come into effect from September 10, 2017, the statement said. -PTI

ICICI Lombard IPO

NEW DELHI, Sept 7: ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company's estimated Rs 6,000-crore initial public offer (IPO) will open for subscription on September 15. "The offer will open for subscription to public on September 15, 2017 and shall close on September 19, 2017," ICICI Bank said in a regulatory filing. -PTI

Switch to alternative fuel or be 'bulldozed': Gadkari to auto-makers

NEW DELHI, Sept 7: Car-makers producing vehicles that run on traditional fuel, take note – Union Minister Nitin Gadkari has a clear message: Go for alternative fuel, else he will not mind "bulldozing" them in his bid to check pollution and imports.

According to the Road Transport and Highways Minister, a Cabinet note on electric vehicles is ready, which will take care of charging stations.

"We should move towards alternative fuel... I am going to do this, whether you like it or not. And I am not going to ask you, I will bulldoze it. For pollution, for imports, my ideas are crystal clear... The government has a crystal-clear pol-

icy to reduce imports and curb pollution," Gadkari said at SIAM's annual convention here.

He held out a warning, saying those supporting the government will have an advantage and those busy

"mining money" will be in trouble, asking them not to approach the govern-

ment later on the ground that they have huge stock of vehicles that do not run on alternative fuel.

"Already, we are in the process of a Cabinet note where we are going to plan charging stations... It is in the last stage and will be done as early as possible," he disclosed, adding that

the government will soon bring in a policy on electric vehicles.

Cautions against any dilly-dallying tactics, he said the future is not of petrol and diesel, but of alternative fuel.

"I urge you (car-makers) politely to do research. First, when I urged you for electric vehicles, you said battery is costly, I asked you to start at least. Now, the batteries cost 40 per cent less. And if you start now, cost will be reduced further on mass production. Teething trouble is everywhere," he explained.

The minister is clear that electric cars, buses, taxis and bikes are

the future and India should move forward in this direction.

He sought to put the entire issue in perspective, saying imports and pollution are the twin problems as India's import bill stood at a huge Rs 7-lakh crore per annum, which is a big drag on the economy.

Now, the government has decided to start 15 industries for second generation ethanol. Ethanol can easily be produced from agro-based cotton straw, wheat straw, rice straw, bagasse and bamboo. Alternative fuel is import substitute, cost-effective and pollution-free," Gadkari added.

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IT Secretary, Govt of Assam, Nitin Khare and Country Head (Policy) Google India Pvt Ltd Chetan Krishnaswami exchanging documents after signing an MoU at the conference hall of Janata Bhawan, in Guwahati on Thursday. -UB Photos

RBI sends 2nd list of large NPAs for resolution

MUMBAI, Sept 7: Confirming that a new list of stressed accounts has been sent to banks for resolution by the RBI, Deputy Governor Viral Acharya today said the insolvency code has changed "rules of the game" and asked lenders to act "as per the recommendation of the Internal Advisory Committee (IAC).

The Reserve Bank has now advised banks to resolve some of the other accounts by December 2017; if banks fail to put in place a viable resolution plan within the timelines, these cases also will be referred for resolution under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), he said.

Acharya, who was delivering the 8th RK Talwar memorial lecture, did not disclose the number of the accounts which have been referred. Media reports over the last week have been saying the RBI has given banks a new list of 40 accounts, over and above the 12

large accounts which have been marked for resolution.

Terming the concerns over RBI directing banks to file cases under IBC, which is generally a controversial decision, as "legitimate," Acharya said it was "done as per the recommendation of the Internal Advisory Committee (IAC)."

"Once a default happens, the IBC allows for filing of insolvency proceedings, time-bound restructuring, and failing that, liquidation," Acharya said.

"This would provide the sanctity that the payment 'due date' deserves and improve credit discipline all around, from bank supply as well as borrower demand standpoints, as borrowers might lose control in IBC to competing bidders," he said, seeking to stress IBC's importance. -PTI

Banks asked to use IBC extensively

"The IAC recommended that the Reserve Bank should initially focus on stressed assets which are large, material and aged, in that they have evaded a viable resolution plan despite being classified as NPAs for a significant amount of time," he said.

Welcoming progress on IBC by the banks, Acharya said they should initiate the insolvency proceedings more to cleanse the sys-

tem of the bad assets.

"Going forward, the Reserve Bank hopes that banks utilise the IBC extensively and file for insolvency proceedings on their own without waiting for regulatory directions," he said.

The first priority for banks should be to go for out-of-court restructuring in the pre-default stage itself, which gets triggered as soon as signs of stress become visible, he said.

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GST Council meet tomorrow

NEW DELHI, Sept 7: The 21st meeting of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council, composed of States' finance ministers and headed by Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley, is slated to be held in Hyderabad on Saturday.

Following the Council's previous meeting here last month, Jaitley had appealed to the Indian industry to pass on to customers the benefits of the novel input credit system introduced in the new pan-India indirect tax regime that is available to suppliers of goods and services in the country.

Under the GST, goods and services providers will get the benefit of input tax credit for the goods used, effectively making the real incidence of taxation lower than the headline taxation rate.

The council also announced that anti-profiteering screening committees would be set up to give effect to the National Anti-Profiteering Authority, set up under the GST law.

Among other decisions, the council also decided to implement the GST provision on e-way bills requiring goods more than Rs 50,000 in value to be pre-registered online before they could be moved.

Previous Minister of State for Finance Arun Ram Meghwal had said last month that the number of tax slabs in the GST regime would be reduced with improvement in revenue. With the exempted category, the existing tax slabs are of 5, 12, 18 and 28 per cent. -IANS

Jet Airways to add 56 new flights ahead of festive season

NEW DELHI, Sept 7: Full-service carrier Jet Airways today said it will expand its network by launching almost 56 new weekly flights during September and October ahead of the festive season.

According to the airline, the new flights – including "industry firsts", as well as a mix of non-stop and one-stop services between key Indian cities – were in response to the rising demand for aviation services in these cities.

In a series of industry-firsts, Jet Airways will introduce daily flights from Pune, connecting the "Oxford of the East" to Guwahati via Kolkata as well as to Coimbatore, "the

operations between Bengaluru and Silchar, as well as New Delhi and

Jorhat," it added.

The airline said it will introduce additional, non-stop frequencies to certain existing routes such as Pune-Kolkata, Jaipur-New Delhi, Guwahati-New Delhi and Chennai-New Delhi.

"Introducing the new flights and frequencies will strengthen our presence in the emerging cities," Jayaraj Shambuvar, Chief Commercial Officer, Jet Airways, said in the statement.

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Automation to cost 7 lakh low-skilled IT jobs by 2022: Report

NEW DELHI, Sept 7: About 7 lakh low-skilled workers in IT and BPO industry in India are likely to lose their jobs to automation and artificial intelligence by 2022, says a report by US-based re-

search firm HIS Research.

However, it is not a bad news

for everyone, as the report pre-

dicts that medium- and high-

skilled jobs will see a rise during

the said period. Due to a rise in

adoption of automation and arti-

ficial intelligence, the number of

low-skilled workers in India's IT

and BPO service sectors could

fall from 2.4 million in 2016 to

1.7 million in 2022, it said.

However, the number of me-

dium-skilled jobs in IT/BPO in-

dustry in India could rise from

900,000 to 1 million by 2022,

while the number of high-skilled

jobs could rise to 510,000 in 2022

from 320,000 in 2016.

The report noted that following

the global scenario, as globally

total jobs in the IT/BPO space

are expected to fall by 7.5 per cent

with major countries like India, the

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IED explosion rocks Mirik, GLA claims responsibility

DARJEELING, Sept 7: The Gorkhaland Liberation Army (GLA) today claimed responsibility for the IED explosion which occurred near the gate of the PWD Bungalow in Darjeeling's Mirik subdivision last night.

GLA posters too surfaced for the first time today in the hills since the indefinite shutdown was announced by the Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM). The shutdown over the demand for a separate State of Gorkhaland completed its 85th day today.

The blast occurred last night, two days after shops and markets opened in the Mirik and Kurseong subdivisions. A few shops in Mirik were opened in the morning, but they downed shutters by afternoon. Subsequently, the GLA claimed responsibility for the blast and warned of an "armed struggle" if the political parties settled for "anything less than Gorkhaland".

Posters of GJA saying "Gorkhaland birroho hoshayar" (Those opposed to Gorkhaland, be careful) were pasted on houses and shops at Mirik. The GLA, the posters said, could go to "any extent" to achieve its "dream" of a separate State and claimed that the outfit was not affiliated to any political party. "We will spare no traitors, be it the GNLJ, JAP, TMC or GJM. We will be forced to bomb the house of any politician who attempts to compromise on Gorkhaland," the posters said.

Meanwhile, absconding GJM supremo Bimal Gurung today released an audio clip from an undisclosed location. "The GJM will not take part in the September 12 talks with the State government if the issue of Gorkhaland is not discussed," it said. - PTI

2,000 SSB staffers to go to IB; Centre approves border snoop plan

NEW DELHI, Sept 7: Over 2,000 personnel of the "dying" paramilitary cadre will be "transferred" to the Intelligence Bureau (IB) to boost the on-ground presence of the agency on the eastern borders, where India is bolstering its defences by building roads and other military infrastructure.

A total of 2,765 posts of the civilian cadre of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) will be shifted to the IB command over the next year. Of these posts,

2,039 are operational.

"The civil wing of the SSB should be transferred to the IB lock, stock and barrel, including land, physical infrastructure, equipment among others," a government blueprint, accessed by PTI, said.

A top security official said a 300-page proposal for the transfer of the assets – both manpower and infrastructure – had been prepared at the SSB headquarters here and had

been vetted by the home ministry and the Office of the National Security Advisor (NSA) for final implementation.

He added that the manpower of the civil wing of the SSB, which is termed as "dying" as it does not have promotional and work avenues, would be deployed to bolster the IB's presence in the eastern borders, where these officials have worked for long.

The average age of the cadre, the official said, was above

50 years and the personnel had done a lot of work with the people living along the Nepal and Bhutan borders. They not only helped them integrate with the mainstream, but also acted as the "eyes and ears" of the SSB, the designated lead intelligence agency on the two borders.

The cadre was first raised in 1963, in the aftermath of the Chinese aggression of the previous year, to work in the border areas and promote a sense of national belonging and pro-

India feelings among the locals.

It worked under the external intelligence agency – Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) – till 2001, under the name Special-Service Bureau.

The name of the force was changed to Sashastra Seema Bal in 2003, following the 1999 Kargil conflict. It was then tasked with guarding the Indo-Burman and Indo-Tibetan borders on the country's eastern flank.

The transfer of the civilian

SSB cadre will begin once the

schemes in the far-flung border areas and anti-Naxal operation zones for close to two decades now.

"After the SSB was declared an armed force of the Union in 2001, they became a dying cadre as they were not uniformed personnel. Now, their expertise and knowledge of the locals, languages and natural features of the border areas will be used to aid the hardcore intelligence work of the IB," the official said. - PTI



Farmers from Tamil Nadu, who are on an indefinite protest under the banner of 'National South Indian River Interlinking Farmers' Association', symbolically performing rituals to become 'Sanyasis' on the 54th day of their protest, at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi on Thursday. - UNI

BJP will fight next Odisha polls alone: Amit Shah

BHBANESWAR, Sept 7: BJP chief Amit Shah today announced that his party would fight the next Odisha Assembly elections alone.

He also slammed the Naveen Patnaik government for its "incompetence", saying benefits of over Rs 1 lakh crore given by the Centre to the State had not reached the masses.

The BJP president, who is on a three-day tour of Odisha, pitched for a younger leadership to run the State and came down heavily on Chief Minis-

ter Naveen Patnaik, saying he would win over 120 seats in the 147-member Assembly.

Asked how his party planned to go to 120 from the 10 it bagged in 2014, Shah said his party won over three-fourths of the seats in Uttar Pradesh after getting only 15 per cent votes in the previous poll. He added that the BJP had won 18 per cent votes in the eastern State.

The BJP had received huge support from people in the last panchayat elections held earlier this year, he noted. He also claimed that his par-

ty continued due to his government's "misrule, inefficiency and corruption".

Shah, however, parried a query on who would be the next UPA's face in the State, saying the party had not decided on it.

"BJP will fight the next elections in Odisha alone. There

will be no alliance with any other political party," Shah said at a press conference here.

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The BJD government was in its fourth consecutive term in the State, which lagged behind other States in development, he pointed out.

Sharpening his attack on the State government, he alleged that people associated closely with the government were involved in scandals, including the multi-crore rupee chit-fund scam and the mining scam. A BJD government in the State will ensure that no one involved in scams goes free, he said.

Shah slammed the BJD government over malnutrition deaths of tribal children in Nagaland and Jharkhand and the lives claimed by Japanese encephalitis in Malkangiri. All these showed that healthcare and welfare schemes had collapsed in the State, he said.

Taking a dig at Patnaik, the BJD chief celebrated on winning the best administrator award given by a news magazine alone was not going to remove backwardness. Odisha

lags far behind other States despite substantial central assistance and support. Shah said Odisha would be no exception to the BJD's rise across the country as both the BJD and the Congress are on a decline.

The BJD wave is sweeping all over the country and the same trend will be witnessed in Odisha, he said.

"Funds to the tune of Rs 3,94,994 lakh crore, almost Rs 4 lakh crore, have been announced by the Centre for

Odisha for various works. But required support from the State to implement developmental projects is lacking and people have not received due benefits," he said.

The State received Rs 68,196 crore as its share of Central taxes under the 13th Finance Commission when the UPA was in power and it had gone to Rs 1,40,70 crore under the 14th Finance Commission report implemented by the Modi government. - PTI

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<p>No. SSA/Esst/SM-ASM/Miscellaneous etc./2017/25306 Date: Kalihipara the 07.09. 2017 To view application form click here</p> <p>Elementary Education in the State of Assam is a right of every child. Right to Education Act,2009 and a view to ensure availability of teachers in Elementary Schools of Assam especially in high pupil-teacher ratio (PTR) schools of remote and isolated areas, and as per the Government approval vide letter No. PMA_648/2017/36..., dated 06/09/2017... under Elementary Education Department, applications are hereby invited in prescribed format from qualified candidates in LP Special Teacher Eligibility Test for Siksha Mitra/Addl. Siksha Mitra (Elementary) who are Citizens of India as defined in Article 5 to 8 of the Constitution of India and permanent resident of Assam, for filling up of following positions of Assistant Teachers at Lower Primary under State Pool of Teachers on purely contractual basis for a period of 11 (Eleven) months period.</p> <p>The posts are mainly available in remote areas of Assam and the candidates must be physically and mentally ready to serve in these remote areas.</p> <p>This has the approval of the Education Department, Govt. of Assam.</p> <p>The Gazette Notification vide F. No. 18-1/2015-Et 4, dated 13.04.2017 grants relaxation to the state of Assam in respect of the minimum teacher qualification norms notified by the NCETE as published in the Gazette of India vide F. 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Family appeals against giving political colour to Gauri's killing

BENGALURU, Sept 7: Amid a political slugfest over the killing of journalist-activist Gauri Lankesh, her family today made a plea against giving political colour to it, even as her kin appeared divided on who should probe the brutal killing that has sparked a nationwide outrage.

The family also said the investigators should look at all angles behind Gauri's killing, whether it is right wing or Nax-

als, as reports have emerged about possible Naxal hand, other than suspected involvement of right wing extremists, the ideology that Gauri had opposed throughout her life.

"Please don't give political colour to Gauri's killings, please give justice to a journalist, a woman and to our sister," Gauri's brother Indrajit Lankesh, flanked by his sister Karivita Lankesh, told reporters here.

Asked about Rahul Gandhi's attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, BJP and the

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Need to cut delays in supply of weapons to CRPF: Home Minister



CMD of HAL T Survarna Raju displaying a UAV as Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh, Minister of State for Defence Subhash Bhambhani, Secretary (Defence Production) Ashok Kumar Gupta, DGOF and Chairman OFB SC Baijani and DG CRPF RR Bhadragar look on during the handing over of products developed by DPSUs and Ordnance Factories to CRPFs in New Delhi on Thursday. – UNI

NEW DELHI, Sept 7: Home Minister Rajnath Singh today lamented the "delay" in supply of weapons and critical equipment to the CRPF by the defence ministry and said

there was a need to develop a framework involving defence PSUs to address the issue.

Singh also called upon all defence public sector undertakings (DPSUs) to focus on 100 per cent indigenisation of military equipment and platforms and effectively implement the 'Make in India' initiative in defence production to bring down import dependence.

Welcoming the appointment of Nirmala Sitharaman as De-

fence Minister, Singh exuded confidence that the key ministry will get "new energy and strength" under her as women symbolise "shakti" (strength).

"There has been a delay in supply of equipment and weapons to them. There is a need to think over it as due to the delay, they suffer. I think a framework for it has to be developed," Singh said.

The CRPF was handed over various weapons and platforms developed by DPSUs which included armoured buses, bullet-proof jackets, assault rifles, all terrain vehicles, carbines and unmanned aerial vehicles.

Sitharaman congratulated

the Defence Research Development Organisation and other DPSUs involved in developing the critical platforms.

Singh asked the DPSUs to focus on 100 per cent indigenisation of military equipment and platforms and not limit the indigenous components to 60, 70 or 80 per cent.

He expressed happiness over the appointment of Sitharaman and noted that the media has the move to make her the first full time woman Defence Minister.

"I was with you at your last event as Commerce Minister and I am present here at your first event as Defence Minister," said Singh. – PTI

Blasts verdict shows India's resolve to fight terrorism: BJP

NEW DELHI, Sept 7: The BJP today lauded the court verdict in the 1993 Mumbai serial blasts case, saying it shows India's unwavering commitment to ensuring that perpetrators of acts of terror do not go unpunished.

A Mumbai court has awarded death sentence to Tahir

Merchant and Firoz Abdul Rashid Khan and life imprisonment to extradited gangster Abu Salem in the case.

Besides Salem, the court also sentenced Karimullah Khan to life imprisonment in the case while awarding 10 years' sentence to the fifth犯人, Riyaz Siddiqui.

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government has brought terrorism on the top of global agenda, this judgment shows India's unwavering commitment to ensuring that perpetrators of such acts of terror do not go unpunished," BJP spokesperson GVL Rao said.

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It also defines the responsibilities of the Qazi (cleric) and calls for Taqiq-e-Ahsan method of divorce, a process in which divorce is pronounced once and then the couple waits

for a three-month period to sort out differences.

It states that the responsibility of maintaining wife and children, even if she has an independent source of income, should be with husband.

It also calls for action under the Code of Criminal Procedure for all those who fail to pay maintenance.

As far as custody is concerned, the draft of the proposed legislation states that if the child is not able to take a decision, arbitrators will take decision on the principle of the best interest of the child.

"The draft is based on the Quran and the Constitution of India," said Noorjanah Safia Niaz, petitioner and co-founder of BMMA. – PTI

Petitioner in triple talaq case proposes Muslim Family Law

NEW DELHI, Sept 7: A petitioner in the triple talaq case, Bharatiya Muslim Mahila Andolan (BMMA), today came out with a proposal for a Muslim Family Law to govern marriages and divorces in the community on the lines of the Hindu and Christian marriage Acts.

The proposed legislation is aimed at ending the practices of polygamy and giving divorce unilateral. It also describes 'Nikah halala' and 'Mutu' marriages as 'invalid' and seeks to make 'Nikah halala' a punishable offence.

Speaking to reporters here, the petitioners said that the draft of the proposed law will be soon put up on their website for seeking suggestions from people.

The draft will also be circulated among women parastanians, they said.

"The aim is to bring an Act to govern marriages and divorces in the Muslim commu-

nity in which it held triple talaq among Muslims as 'void, illegal and unconstitutional', the BMMA expressed disappointment that the issues of 'Nikah halala' and polygamy among Muslims, raised by them, were not taken up during the hearing.

The draft seeks mandatory registration of Muslim marriages, stipulates that the amount paid to a woman as Mehr during her wedding shall not be less than one full annual income of the groom and that the bride should not be younger than 18 years and the bride-

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its probe into the killing, there seemed to be differences within the family about whether the case should be handed over to CBI for probe.

While Indrajit favoured a CBI probe, Karivita said the SIT which is currently investigating should be given priority.

Indrajit said, "We don't know how far it will go, but the family has decided let the SIT be there for now. Personally as a journalist what I request is if we don't get justice, I will give memorandum to CBI or retire judge (for inquiry), because we want justice," he said.

"Gauri's murderer should not become one among several such cases, it should become a landmark, so that no one indulges in such crime in the future to silence a voice or an ideologist or the freedom journalist that she practised," he added.

When reporters specifically asked both of them for clarity as to how much time they would give to the SIT before going to the CBI independently, Indrajit said, "What we want is justice."

With regards to the Naxal angle to Gauri's killing coming into picture, the family requested the investigating team to look into all aspects. – PTI

Notice Inviting e-Tender

No. SSA/TT/PPC/2018/1156/2017/7051 Date : 7.9.2017

Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kaliapara, Guwahati-19, Assam invites tender through e-Tendering process from reputed offset printing presses having WebSheet Offset Machine for printing and supply of Pupils Progress Card and End Term Report.

To participate in the tender process through e-procurement document, bidder should have valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) of Class-II (minimum) and have to register in the portal <https://assamtenders.gov.in> by themselves.

The Bidder who have downloaded the tender schedules concerned may download tenders, terms and conditions from the website and submit the tender online on the website <https://assamtenders.gov.in>, with proof of payment of non refundable tender fee of Rs. 1000/- (Rupees one thousand) only in the form of demand draft/Bankers Cheque drawn in favour of Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kaliapara-19, Assam, from any authorized bank and payable at Guwahati. The tender should be submitted on-line as per date and time of submission as per prescribed schedule.

Sd/- Mission Director, SSA, Assam, Kaliapara, Guwahati-19, Janasanayog/C/1165/17

ASSAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

No. 22 IPSC/STY-1/2011-2012

RE-TENDER NOTICE

Due to non-receipt of valid tender and in pursuance of the decision of the Technical Bid Committee in the meeting held on 28.08.2017, sealed tender is hereby re-invited from the reputed firms/agencies for printing & Supply of CMR answer sheets, scanning of used CMR answer sheets and result processing in the office of the Assam Public Service Commission. It is for information to all interested firms/agencies that the details of the tender including scope of work and other terms and conditions of the tendering, including bid documents proposed in the official website of APSC at www.apsc.nic.in and it is also available in NIC website www.nic.in and request to submit the proposals accordingly within the stipulated time.

Sd/- Secretary, Assam Public Service Commission, Jawaharnagar, Khanapara, Guwahati-22, Janasanayog/C/3386/17

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Application in standard form as published in Assam Gazette in Appendix - XI are invited from amongst the Faculty members serving in the rank of Professors in Medical Colleges of Assam under Health & Family Welfare (B) Department for recruitment to the vacant posts of Vice Principals of Medical Colleges of the state of Assam under Health & Family Welfare (B) Department as per the provision of Rule 12(1) of the Assam Medical Education Service Rules, 2008 as indicated below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Post	No. of Vacancy	Education Qualification	Category
1	Vice Principal	7(Seven)	Post Graduate	UR-6 ST(P)-1

Scale of Pay: Rs.37,400/-67,000/- P.M. with G.P. of Rs.10000/- plus other allowances as admissible under Rules.

Education Qualification and Experience:

- Post Graduate Medical Degree from recognized institution as per MCI norms.
- The candidate should be in the post of Professor. He/She must have completed 3 years of services as Professor (Selection Grade).
- Appointment of reserved category candidates will be made as per existing reservation policy of Government.
- Two posts are reserved for candidates belonging to women category as per existing rules.

All intending doctors are to submit their application in Standard application Form with photocopies of all testimonials to the Director of Medical Education, Assam, latest by 26/9/2017 till 5 P.M. in the box provided in the Office of the Directorate of Medical Education, Assam, Sixmille, Khanapara, Guwahati-22.

Those who have already applied for the posts in response to advertisement issued on 27/4/2016 & 23/12/2016 shall have to apply again.

Sd/- Secretary to the Government of Assam, Health & Family Welfare Department, Dispur, Guwahati-781006, Janasanayog/D/7371/17

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Applications are invited in Standard Form published in the Assam Gazette in part-X from Indian citizens for filling up of the following vacant sanctioned posts under this Directorate of Printing and Stationery, Assam, Guwahati-21. It is a special drive of recruitment and the posts are reserved only for PwD Candidates.

Sl. No.	Post Name	Education Qualifications	Scale of Pay	Reservation for PwD Candidates
1	Forme Carrier	Matriculate who have completed course in Lower Press Machine Operator from I.T.I. and passed All India Trade Test conducted by the Government of India after completion of Prescribed Apprenticeship Training in the Assam Government Press or any other Government Recognised Press.	PB- 2 Rs. 14,000/- 49,000/- Grade Pay : Rs. 5,600/- Plus other allowances as admissible under the Rules of ROP, 2017	Hearing impaired/ Visually Handicapped (Low Vision)

2	Counter	Matriculate and I.T.I. passed who have completed 2 (two) years Apprenticeship Training in Book Binding in the Assam Government Press or any other Government Recognised Press and passed All India Trade Test conducted by Government of India.	PB- 2 Rs. 14,000/- 49,000/- Grade Pay : Rs. 5,600/- Plus other allowances as admissible under the Rules of ROP, 2017	Hearing impaired/ Visually Handicapped (Low Vision)
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General Terms for the posts:

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- Candidates / Applicants should not be less than 18 (eighteen) years and not more than 43 (forty three) years of age as on the date of birth.
- Employment Registration No. is mandatory and candidates/ applicants must mention the Registration No. along with date in their applications.
- Candidates serving in Govt. should submit their applications through proper channel as per Govt. norms.
- Certificate of Disability must be signed by the concerned Competent Authority.
- The applications must be submitted with / accompanied by the following—
 - All certificates / xerox in support of Educational Qualification along with Age, Caste and other testimonials including valid Employment Registration Card declared by himself/ herself as "certified that it is the true copy".
 - 2 (two) copies of recent passport size photograph duly self attested.
 - A self addressed envelope size (22 cm X 10 cm) affixing postal stamp of Rs. 5.00 only.
 - Candidates/ Applicants will have to superscribe "Post applied for" at the top of the scaled envelope carrying the application form.
- Canvassing in any form will be a disqualification and the authority may take any action deemed fit in this regard.
- The application must be legibly filled up in all columns by the candidate with his/her own handwriting.
- The Directorate is not responsible to co-relate any document(s) sent separately.
- The date called for Selection Test shall have to appear at their own cost.
- Application completed in all respect should reach the DIRECTORATE OF PRINTING & STATIONERY, ASSAM, GUWAHATI-21 on or before 15 days from the date of publication of the Advertisement. Application Form Sheet No. 1.
- Recruitment will be done through the service of the State Govt. on or after 1st Feb./08 shall not be governed by the existing Assam Services (Pension) Rules 1963 and orders issued thereunder from time to time. So far as their pension and other retirement benefits are concerned, they have been governed by a new set of Pension Rules formulated in line with the Contributory Pension Scheme announced by the Govt. of India vide Finance Deptt. Circular No. BW/3/2003 (pt-II), dt. 25th January/05.

Sd/- Director, Printing & Stationery, Assam, Guwahati-21, Janasanayog/D/7354/17

**PM caps
Myanmar trip
with visit to
Bahadur
Shah's grave**

YANGON, Sept 7: Prime Minister Narendra Modi today wrapped up his Myanmar trip with visits to the 'mazar' of last Mughal emperor Bahadur Shah Zafar and the 2,500-year-old Shwedagon pagoda, besides performing puja at the Kalibari Temple here.

Modi, on the last day of his three-day first bilateral visit to this Buddhist-majority country, visited the pagoda, considered to be the pinnacle of Myanmar's cultural heritage.

He also planted a Bodhi tree sapling at the pagoda complex, signifying common cultural heritage.

"Delighted to visit Myanmar's cultural landmark, the Shwedagon Pagoda," prime minister Modi tweeted.

The 2,500-year-old Shwedagon Pagoda enshrines strands of Buddha's hair and other holy relics.

Located west of the Royal Lake in Yangon, Shwedagon Pagoda is considered to be the most sacred and impressive Buddhist site for the Myanmarese people.

Shwedagon Pagoda is covered with hundreds of gold plates and the top of the stupa is encrusted with 4,531 diamonds, the largest of which is a 72 carat diamond.

Modi also visited the Bogyoke Aung San Museum where he was accompanied by Myanmar's State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi.

"I thank Daw Aung San Suu Kyi for the special gesture of showing me around the Bogyoke Aung San Museum. Paid tributes to General Aung San," Modi said.

He also visited the grave of Bahadur Shah Zafar and paid floral tributes.

The Prime Minister also tweeted a picture of himself at the Mughal ruler's grave. — PTI



Prime Minister Narendra Modi visiting Shwedagon Pagoda, in Yangon, Myanmar on Thursday. — UNI

Petition seeks to revoke Suu Kyi's Nobel over Rohingya crisis

OSLO, Sept 7: Thousands of people have signed an online petition calling for the Nobel committee to revoke Aung San Suu Kyi's peace prize over the Myanmar government's treatment of its Rohingya Muslims.

But the Norwegian Nobel Committee has ruled out any such move, saying only that the work which led to the awarding of the prize was taken into account.

The Change.Org petition has gathered over 365,000 signatures as of today, reflecting growing outrage over a massive security sweep in Rakhine state by Myanmar forces after a series of deadly ambushes by Rohingya militants.

"The de facto ruler of Myanmar Aung San Suu Kyi has done virtually nothing to stop this crime against



humanity in her country," the petition says.

Suu Kyi was awarded the prize in 1991, while under house arrest at the hands of Myanmar's military junta,

from which she was released in 2010. She then went on to lead her party through the country's first credible elections since independence.

But her government has faced international condemnation for the army's response to the crisis as refugees arrive in Bangladesh with stories of murder, rape and burned villages at the hands of soldiers.

The United Nations said that about 164,000 mostly Rohingya refugees have escaped to Bangladesh in the past two weeks, meaning more than a quarter of a million have fled since fighting broke out in October.

Suu Kyi lashed out this week at what she called "a huge iceberg of misinformation" over the crisis, "with the aim of promoting the interest of the terrorists". — AFP

Trump admin strongly supports sale of F-16, F-18 jets to India

WASHINGTON, Sept 7: The Trump administration has told Congress that it "strongly supports" the sale of F-18 and F-16 fighter jets to India and asserted that the proposals have the potential to take Indo-US defence ties to the next level.

Alice Wells, acting assistant secretary of state for the South and Central Asian Affairs, told a Congressional Subcommittee in a written submission that defence coop-

eration with India would be an important pillar in the bilateral relationship as it needs to be a net security provider in the Indo-Pacific region.

In this context, the Trump administration has informed the Congress that it "strongly supports" the sale of F-18 and F-16 fighter proposals put forward by Boeing and Lockheed Martin respectively.

These proposals have the potential to take India's de-

fence relationship to the next level, the official said.

The reason why defence cooperation with India is so vital to US interests is because we need India to be a net security provider in the Indo-Pacific, Wells said.

She highlighted that the region serves as the fulcrum of global trade and commerce, with nearly half of the world's 90,000 commercial vessels, many sailing on the US flag, and two-thirds of traded

oil travelling through the re-

gion.

Wells is also scheduled to testify before the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific on "Maintaining US Influence in South Asia: The FY 2018 Budget".

She said in her submission

that the Indo-Pacific region is also home to nearly half of the planet's population and some of the fastest growing economies on earth.

"Working with like-minded

Indian boy in UAE is youngest pilot to fly single-engine plane

DUBAI, Sept 7: A 14-year-old Indian-origin schoolboy in the UAE has become one of the youngest pilots to fly a single-engine aircraft, according to a media report.

Mansour Anis, a class IX student at Didi Private School in Sharjah, received a certificate for his first solo flight from an aviation academy in Canada last week, Gulf News reported.

His solo flight was about 10-minute-long during which he taxied the aircraft from the parking bay to the runway, took off for a flight of about five minutes and landed back, the report said.

Mansour, who flew a Cessna 152 aircraft during his solo flight, now has a student pilot permit. Apart from the flying test, he has also passed a radio communication test and scored 96 per cent in the PSTAR Test, an eligibility test for Transport Canada.

"Let it be known throughout the aviation world that Mansour Anis at the age of 14 years successfully took off



and landed from Langley Regional Airport thereby accomplishing his first solo flight," the solo flight certificate issued by AAA Aviation Flight Academy on August 30 said.

"He broke the previous record of a 15-year-old German pilot and a 14-year-old US pilot who took 34 hours of training. Mansour flew solo just after 25 hours of training," his father Ali Asgar Anis said.

Ali, a civil engineer in Sharjah, said he had sent his son along with his wife Munira, a chemistry teacher, to Canada for the training session during the summer holida-

Duterte's son denies drug smuggling claims

MANILA, Sept 7: Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte's son and son-in-law denied allegations today that they belonged to a drug trafficking gang, with the explosive claims raising questions about the government's bloody anti-narcotics crackdown.

Duterte came to power last year promising to wage a brutal and unprecedented war on drugs. Since then, police have killed around 3,800 suspects in anti-narcotics operations, while thousands of other people have been murdered in unexplained circumstances.

His son Paolo Duterte and son-in-law Manases Capio appeared at a Senate inquiry today to answer accusations that they helped facilitate the shipment of crystal methamphetamine worth 6.4 billion pesos (USD 125.4 million) into the Philippines from China in exchange for payment.

The allegations emerged last month when a customs broker told the Senate panel that he had heard the names of Duterte's son and son-in-law mentioned while seeking to expedite the shipment.

The broker later issued a statement clearing the two men of involvement.

But opposition senator Antonio Trillanes at the inquiry accused Duterte's son of belonging to a drug trafficking gang, saying the 42-year-old had a tattoo on his back, resembling a dragon, that was "proof... Of his membership" in the gang.

Paolo Duterte, vice-mayor of the southern city of Davao, told the panel that he had a tattoo but said he could not answer allegations based on hearsay.

"The law of karma will operate especially to those with an evil intent," he added in a apparent swipe at Trillanes, an arch-critic of the president. — AFP

Hurricane Irma toll 10

SAN JUAN (Puerto Rico), Sept 7: Fearsome Hurricane Irma cut a path of devastation across the northern Caribbean leaving at least 10 dead and thousands homeless after destroying buildings and uprooting trees on a track today that could lead to a catastrophic strike on Florida.

The most potent Atlantic Ocean hurricane ever, Irma weakened only slightly today morning and remained a powerful Category 5 storm with winds of 180 mph (285 kph), according to the US National Hurricane Center.

Suicide bombing hits US base in Afghanistan

KABUL, Sept 7: Three Afghan civilians were injured after a suicide bomber struck a gate of a main US and NATO forces' base in eastern Afghanistan, an official said.

The blast occurred outside an entry control point at Bagram Airfield, in Bagram District, Parwan Province at 5.38 p.m. (local time) on Wednesday, the NATO-led coalition forces said in a statement.

Meantime, a spokesman of Afghan Interior Ministry said that three Afghan civilians were wounded by the explosion, Xinhua news agency reported.

The assailant was killed on the spot. The coalition forces' statement added that the injured were being treated at Bagram medical facilities.

"Bagram Airfield is secure and the incident is being investigated. More information will be provided as it becomes available," the statement noted. The Taliban militant group has claimed responsibility for the blast.

Bagram Airfield, 50 km north of Kabul, has been serving as the main US and NATO military base with the past 16 years. — IANS

The storm was increasingly likely to rip into heavily populated South Florida early Sunday, prompting the governor to declare an emergency and officials to impose mandatory evacuation orders for parts of the Miami metro area and the Florida Keys. Forecasters said it could punish the entire Atlantic coast of Florida and rage on into Georgia and South Carolina.

"This could easily be the most costly storm in US history, which is saying a lot considering what just happened two weeks ago," said Brian Colombe, a hurricane researcher at the University of Miami, alluding to the damage caused by Hurricane Harvey.

French Interior Minister Gerard Collomb told France Info radio that eight had died and 23 injured in the country's Caribbean island territories, and he said the toll on Saint-Martin and Saint-Barthelemy could be higher because rescue teams have yet to finish their inspection of the islands.

"The reconnaissance will really start at daybreak," Colombe said. — AP

No. ASDM/59/2017/2 Dated Guwahati, the 7th September, 2017

TENDER NOTICE FOR PRODUCTION OF SHORT FILM ON ASDM

Assam Skill Development Mission is interested to produce a short film of 05-07 minute duration in order to promote the state through electronic and print media.

Interested Agencies may submit applications on prescribed bid document on or before 20th September, 2017 (upto 1500 hrs.) in sealed envelope to Mission Director, Assam Skill Development Mission, 5th floor, Nayantra Building, Six Mile, Guwahati-22

The bid documents can be collected from the Mission office on or before 16th September, 2017 on payment of Rs. 1000.00 (Rs. One Thousand Only) by DD in favor of "Assam Skill Development Mission" payable at Guwahati. The bid document can also be downloaded from www.asdm.assam.gov.in in which case the document fee in form of Demand draft as above is to be enclosed with the bid.

ASDM reserves the right to annul the process or reject any or all bids at any time.

Sd/- Mission Director

Assam Skill Development Mission

Assam, Guwahati

Janasanyog/C/1397/17

No. MCH/2014/2007/PT-1/3 Date: 07-09-2017

RE-TENDER INVITATION FOR E-BID (IFB) NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING

While cancelling the previous tender floated vide notice No. MCH/2014/2007/PT-1/2 dated: 17/07/2017 and as per the Director of Medical Education, Assam letter no. MCH/2014/224/2017/11/197 dated: 09/08/2017, on behalf of Gauhati Medical College & Hospital, Guwahati-32, online tenders in two Bid System affixing Court fee Stamp Rs. 8.25 (Rupees eight point twenty five paisa) only (for local Tenderers) or IPO of Rs. 10/- (Rupees Ten) only (in case of Tenders from outside the state of Assam) in favour of Superintendent, Gauhati Medical College & Hospital, Guwahati-32, Assam.

Last date of submitting the tender on 22/09/2017 at 11 am and Bids will open at 12 noon on 22/09/2017.

The bidders who participated in the previous tender may collect their submitted documents including tender fee/EMD and is required to submit fresh bid if interested.

Sd/- Superintendent

Gauhati Medical College Hospital

Guwahati-32

Janasanyog/C/1398/17

Indian man wins USD 1.9 mn in UAE draw

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2	12513 Guwahati Exp.	Secunderabad	17-09-17
3	12520 AC Exp.	Kamakhya	21-09-17
3	12519 AC Exp.	Lokmanya Tilak	17-09-17
4	15909 Abudh Assam Exp.	Dibrugarh	17-09-17
4	15910 Abudh Assam Exp.	Laalganj	16-09-17
5	13245 Capital Exp.	New Jalpaiguri	17-09-17
5	13246 Capital Exp.	Rajendranagar	16-09-17
6	13247 Capital Exp.	Guwahati	19-09-17
6	13248 Capital Exp.	Rajendranagar	17-09-17
7	15668 GIMB Exp.	Kamakhya	20-09-17
7	15667 Kamakhya Exp.	Gandhidham	16-09-17
8	15636 Dwarika Exp.	Guwahati	25-09-17
8	15635 Dwarika Exp.	Okha	22-09-17

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Printing & Stationery, Assam,

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Vampires – fictional blood-sucking beings that appear in folklores – may have been real people who suffered from a rare genetic blood disorder that caused the skin to blister under sunlight, according to a new study.

Porphyrias, a group of eight known blood

When protoporphyrin IX is exposed to light, it produces chemicals that damage surrounding cells. As a result, people with EPP experience swelling, burning and redness of the skin after exposure to sunlight – even trace amounts of sunlight that pass through window glass.

Researchers discovered a novel mutation of the gene CLPX, which plays a role in mitochondrial protein folding.

"This newly-discovered mutation really highlights the complex genetic network that underpins hematoxylin metabolism," Paw said. "Loss-of-function mutations in any number of genes that are part of this network can result in devastating disfiguring disorders," Paw added.

Staying indoors during the day and receiving blood transfusions containing sufficient hemoglobin can help alleviate some of the disorder's symptoms.

In ancient times, drinking animal blood and emerging only at night may have achieved a similar effect – adding further fuel to the legend of vampires, researchers said.

The study was published in the journal *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

(Source: PTI)

Vampire in folklores

Blood disorder led to origin of vampire folklore, says a new study

disorders, affect the body's molecular machinery for making heme, which is a component of the oxygen-transporting protein, hemoglobin.

The different genetic variations that affect heme production give rise to different clinical presentations of porphyria – including one form that may be responsible for vampire folklore, researchers said.

Erythropoietic protoporphyrin (EPP), the most common kind of porphyria to occur in childhood, causes people's skin to become very sensitive to light. Prolonged exposure to sunlight can cause painful, disfiguring blisters.

"People with EPP are chronically anaemic, which makes them feel very tired and look very pale with increased photosensitivity because they can't come out in the daylight," said Barry Paw, from Boston Children's Cancer and Blood Disorders Center.

"Even on a cloudy day, there is enough ultraviolet light to cause blistering and disfigurement of the exposed body parts, ears and nose," Paw added.

The team discovered genetic mutation that triggers EPP. It illuminates a novel biological mechanism potentially responsible for stories of "vampires" and identifies a potential therapeutic target for treating EPP.

To produce heme, the body goes through a process called porphyrin synthesis, which mainly occurs in the liver and bone marrow, researchers said. Any genetic defects that impact this process can interrupt the body's ability to produce heme; the decreased heme production leads to a buildup of protoporphyrin components.

In the case of EPP type of protoporphyrin IX accumulates in the red blood cells, plasma and sometimes the liver.

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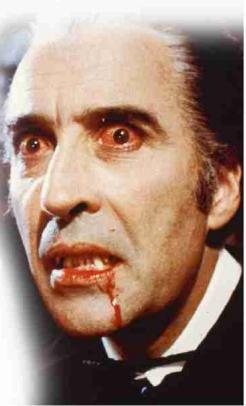
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Know your DAY

BY CANDICE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! For Friday, Sept. 8, 2017:

Relationships in general become more important than in the recent past. Whether interacting with a boss or a partner, you'll discover how good you feel with a strong interpersonal foundation. If you are single, you break previous bad habits and continue to make yourself available to interesting potential suitors to come toward you. You could form a key bond this year. If you are attached, the two of you learn to flow together and to accept your differences as something positive. You experience increased respect and admiration for each other. If you are married, you are a leader in these changes. ARIES often challenges your logic. Don't take it personally.

The Stars Show: "Do You Have It? 5-Dynamic, 4-Possive, 3-Average, 2-So-eo, 1-Difficult."

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You know exactly what you want. Understand what separates you from an authority figure. You simply might be less conservative and more active than this person. You have a well-defined procedure when approaching a difficult or unknown situation. Know that you can blaze your own path! Tonight: Christen the weekend with friends.

Taurus (April 20-May 19) ★★★★ Know when to back down and become less assertive. You are often stubborn and hold your ground despite opposition. This attitude could be the source of a personal right now. Deter and be willing to let others have their say. Tonight: Be a good sport.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Gemini can be quite the sociable. You could find that you are unusually busy having a conversation about an important topic. Social in other areas of activity could be hard. Tonight: Decide to lighten up the mood.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Take charge and deal with a problem that keeps rearing its head. You will have to work to smooth out a rough spot. Be aware of what you are doing to others. Tonight: Maintain a sense of humor, as you might hear commentary you would like to erase from your mind. Tonight: Being noticed where you are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Keep your chin up, but for more information and opinions. The bigger the selection, the better your responses can be. You see more options than most people. You are also willing to take a course or two if the experience will open you up to new thinking. Tonight: Start planning a trip around the world.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ One-on-one relating takes you down a new path if you are open to a new type of adventure. However, see a new possibility could easily turn into a dead end. Tonight: The introduction to this experience is likely to come through a loved one or close friend. Tonight: Make it your pleasure to be with a favorite friend!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Pace yourself and get as much done as possible. You could be tired with the same old places, people and spots. In true Scorpio form, blaze a trail in a new direction. Changing the setting and the people could be the best ways. Tonight: Let the fun begin.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Pace yourself and get as much done as possible. You could be tired with the same old places, people and spots. In true Scorpio form, blaze a trail in a new direction. Changing the setting and the people could be the best ways. Tonight: Let the fun begin.

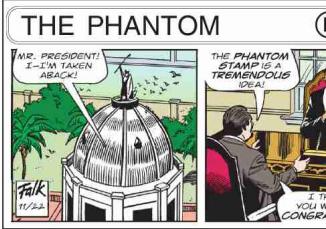
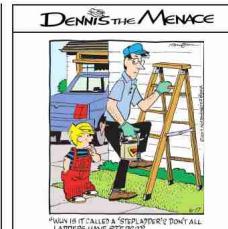
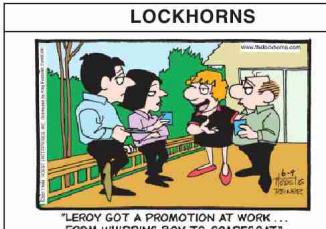
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You might want to check in with friends to see what is going on. Your sense of humor comes out when dealing with an associate, co-worker or colleague. Tonight: A conversation on this particular point. Tonight: Think weekend! Who would like to be with?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You have the ability to read between the lines and notice what is not said. You might want to ask a question to confirm a hunch. This activity could involve family, your home life and what you most want from a relationship. Tonight: Invite a friend or two over.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ You could go haywire with your spending and not even be aware of the damages you are creating. Use good sense, even when treating someone to lunch. Choose a moderately priced restaurant. The company is what counts. Tonight: Play it easy stress.

Thought to the day
The palm at the end of the mind,
Beyond the last thought, rises.

—WALLACE STEVENS



KIDS

CN

13:00 **Cartoon 21**
13:00 **Oggy & the Cockroaches**
14:30 **Ben 10 Omnitrix**
15:00 **Rob No. 21**
16:00 **Ben 10**
17:30 **Teen Titans Go**
18:00 **Ben 10: Alien Force**
18:30 **Lance & the Cockroaches**
19:30 **Oggy & the Cockroaches**
21:00 **The Powerpuff Girls**
21:30 **The Fairly OddParents**
22:30 **The Fairly OddParents**
23:00 **Cartoon 27**
23:30 **Chhota Bheem**
13:30 **The Toy Story Show**
13:30 **Chhota Bheem**
13:30 **Mighty Raju**

23:00 **M.A.D.**

Kids

13:00 **Crime Patrol** 1:00
13:00 **Comedy Satark**
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13:00 **Yeh Moh Moh Ke Dhaage**
13:30 **Peshawar Bajrangi**

20:30 **Shakti**

Entertainment

18:30 **Adi Dwarshay Dehi Nahi**
20:00 **Zindagi Ki Mehak**
20:30 **Udarni**
21:00 **Karmal Daata Shari**
21:30 **Ek Shresher**
22:00 **Top 10**
22:30 **Kasam**
23:00 **Baikoo Baikoo**
23:30 **Savitri Devi College and...**

Zcafe

14:00 **Mithras**
14:00 **Rocky & Honey**
15:00 **Top 10 Funniest**
16:00 **The Bad Boys**
17:00 **Top 10 Men**
17:00 **The Good Wife**
18:00 **Top 20 Funniest**
19:00 **Top 10 Funniest**
20:00 **Grey's Anatomy**
20:30 **Mr. Thirtian**
20:30 **Mishra**

Star Plus

13:00 **Udarni**
14:00 **Bit Se Tak**
14:30 **Bit Se Springer** – Swabhimaan

23:00 **Shakti**

colors

13:00 **Ek Adhik Aashirwad**
14:00 **Love Ka Intezar**
14:00 **Rohit Ka Chakravyuh**
15:00 **Yeh Moh Moh Ke Dhaage**
15:30 **Yeh Moh Moh Ke Dhaage**
16:30 **Ek Shringar** – Swabhimaan

17:00 **Yeh Raat Ki Kehata Hai**

Movies

HBO

13:45 **Kung Fu Hustle**
15:58 **Kung Fu Panda 2**
16:30 **Star Trek Beyond**
19:10 **Welcome to the Jungle**
23:12 **Pan**

STAR MOVIES

13:15 **The Avengers**
18:20 **Real Steel**
21:00 **Zathura: A Space Adventure**
23:00 **Kung Fu Hustle**

14:25 **Central Intelligence**

16:17 **Attack of the World** 80 Days

18:54 **Despicable Me 2**

21:00 **Appocalypse**

23:47 **The Karate Kid**

14:31 **Laatta**

17:00 **Memory Bombs to Goa**

21:05 **Love Action Dhama**

23:45 **Soldier**

13:19 **Armour of God II**

13:45 **Yeh Laat Samru**

13:57 **Blue Lagoon: The Awakening**

21:00 **Disha Shakti**

22:38 **Soldier**

14:01 **Khalid**

17:34 **Eagle Man**

20:00 **Disha Shakti**

23:00 **Li Aar Vrushak**

13:20 **Univa**

16:35 **The Jungle Book**

18:35 **Dangerous Khiladi**

21:10 **Golmar**

22:00 **Wining Post**

22:30 **PGA Tour Special Show**

23:00 **MasterCard**

14:00 **X Games 2017**

16:00 **Motor GP 2017 HS**

17:00 **World Event**

18:00 **Grande World of Sports**

19:30 **Model T**

20:30 **Grand Prix 2017 HS**

20:30 **ATP World Tour Uncovered**

21:00 **Transcend Sport**

23:00 **WWE Main Event**

14:00 **NEO TEN 1**

16:00 **Super League**

18:00 **TM Network**

21:00 **UFC Unleashed**

14:00 **NEO TEN 2**

16:00 **Model T**

17:00 **Gridiron**

18:00 **Dutch League 2017**

19:00 **French Cup Special Show**

19:30 **PGA Tour Special Show**

20:00 **Winning Post**

22:00 **French Cup**

14:00 **NEO TEN 3**

16:00 **Model T**

17:00 **Gridiron**

18:00 **TM Network**

21:00 **UFC Unleashed**

14:00 **NEO TEN 4**

16:00 **Model T**

17:00 **Gridiron**

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14:00 **NEO TEN 14**

16:00 **Model T**

Bangla buries Rohingya shot dead in Myanmar

COX'S BAZAR, Sept 7: Five Rohingya shot dead in Myanmar have been buried in Bangladesh at a mass funeral attended by hundreds of people after their relatives carried their bodies across the border, police said today.

The Rohingya villagers who carried the victims' bodies said they had been killed by the Myanmar military on Wednesday. Bangladeshi border guard commander Major General Hasan Khan, told AFP:

"They were buried in a Muslim graveyard along with a sixth man who died of unknown causes."

"Five of them had bullet wounds," Chaitau Manna, deputy police chief of Cox's Bazar, which borders Myanmar, told AFP.

"Relatives of the deceased carried the bodies into Bangladesh after they failed to bury them in Myanmar. They all died yesterday." Anwar Kamal, a local leader of Bangladesh's ruling Awami League party, told the Daily Star newspaper they were killed during heavy shooting in their village along the Bangladesh border.

Last week border guards had allowed a Rohingya couple to be buried in Bangladesh after they were shot dead and the wife gang-raped when they headed back to their Myanmar village, Khan said.

Rohingya refugees have poured into Bangladesh, fleeing a massive security sweep in Rakhine state by Myanmar forces following a series of deadly ambushes there by Rohingya militants on August 25.

The United Nations says 164,000 refugees have so far entered Bangladesh.

Scores have arrived needing treatment for serious bullet wounds, while others have lost limbs after apparently setting off landmines along the border. — AFP

Rawat's remarks contrary to Xi, Modi views: China should mend fences: Wang

BEIJING, Sept 7: China today reacted sharply to army chief Gen Bipin Rawat's assertion that Beijing was testing India's limits, saying the remarks were contrary to the views expressed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Xi Jinping during their meeting in Xiamen this week.

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a briefing that, "We have noted the statement by relevant people in India, also we noticed some Indian press remarked that the reports are shocking."

Referring to the remarks expressed by Xi and Modi

during their first meeting following the end of a 73-day standoff between the militaries of the two countries at Doklam, Geng also questioned whether Rawat was authorised to speak and if his comments represented the Indian government's position.

"As reported by Indian press... We don't know whether he was authorised to speak those words or it was just his spontaneous words or whether his words represented the position of the Indian government," Geng said.

Noting that China and India are important neighbours and are two large countries, Geng said sound and steady development of ties serves the fundamental interests of both the countries. — PTI

BEIJING, Sept 7: China and India should shed their mindset of regarding each other as rivals or threats and make sure that their differences do not go out of control, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said today.

In his first comments on India-China ties after this week's meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping on the sidelines of the BRICS Summit, Wang said bilateral relations were "affected and undermined" during the past few months "for clear reasons".

Without mentioning the 73-day standoff between the militaries of the two countries at Doklam, Wang said, "going forward, the two sides need to work together to follow-up on

the consensus reached by the two leaders and make sure bilateral relations stay on track."

Speaking to the media after his talks with Nepalese Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Krishna Bahadur Mahara, Wang said the Sino-India relationship "should not be decimalised".

"Both the countries should seek harmonious relations and

win-win cooperation which is the natural choice and the right choice" for both, Wang said.

"There should be no confrontation. We need to build strategic mutual trust and the two sides need to work to really look at each other as cooperative partners rather than be driven by archaic-mindedness and regard each other as rivals or threats," he said. — PTI

Kids exposed to 9/11 dust at heart disease risk

NEW YORK, Sept 7: Children who were exposed to the "cloud" of toxic debris and breathed in the fumes resulting from the 9/11 terror attack in the US show early signs of risk for future heart disease, a study has found.

Researchers from New York University (NYU) in the US analysed blood tests of 308 children, 123 of whom may have come in direct contact with the dust on 9/11.

They found that children with higher blood levels of the chemicals known to be in the dust had elevated levels of artery-hardening fats in their blood.

Children who were more likely to be exposed to the dust, mostly young adults now, were enrollees in the World Trade Center Health Registry (WTCHR), which is helping to track the physical and mental health, through annual check-ups, of nearly 2,900 children who either lived or attended school in Lower Manhattan on 9/11.

Long-term danger may stem from exposure to certain perfluorinated substances (PFAS) - chemicals released into the air as electronics and furniture burned in the disaster, researchers said.

These include perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), widely used to make plastics more flexible until its health effects, including lower-than-normal birthweights and brain damage, led US manufacturers to stop using it in 2014, they said.

Among the latest study's results was that roughly every threefold increase in blood PFOA levels was tied to an average nine per cent to 15 per cent increase in blood fats. — PTI

Prince George starts first day of school

LONDON, Sept 7: Britain's Prince George today arrived for his first day at primary school in London holding the hand of his father, Prince William, but his mother Kate Middleton missed the occasion because of severe morning sickness.

The four-year-old Prince is attending Thomas's Battersea Primary School which costs 18,000-pounds-a-year. The school is one of the city's leading independent schools.

Prince William, who was car-

head of lower school. Prince George, the third in line to the British throne after his grandfather Prince Charles and father William, looked down as he walked dressed in his new school uniform of navy shorts and jacket, long red socks and black shoes.

His mother, Kate, is still recovering from acute morning sickness since her third pregnancy was announced earlier this week and was too ill to join the four-year-old to the school gates of Thomas's

and secure time," said Ben Thomas, principal of Thomas's London Day Schools.

"The whole aim of these precious years of early education is to give children that confidence in who they really are. The global spotlight has been a little bit daunting but that will move on and we are looking forward to a time when he is just another Thomas's pupil," he added.

Prince George's curriculum will touch upon various subjects like "understanding the world", "expressive arts and design" and "communication and language" along with mathematics, English and science classes.

Art, ballet, drama, Information and communications technology (ICT), French, music, and physical education are all taught from day one. — PTI

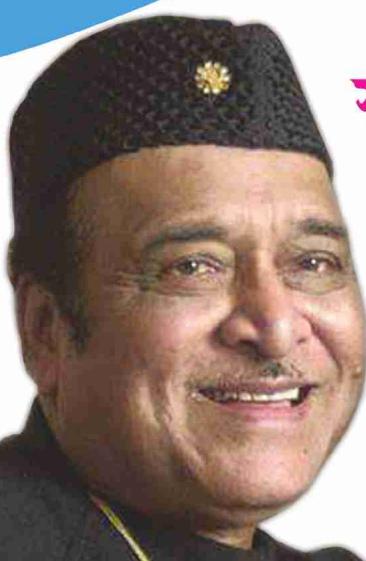


Helen Haslem, head of the lower school and Britain's Prince William hold Prince George's hands as he arrives for his first day of school at Thomas's school in Battersea, London on Thursday. — UNI

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Del Potro shatters Federer's 6th US Open title dream

NEW YORK, Sept 7: Juan Martín del Potro sensationally gate-crashed the US Open again, stunning five-champion Roger Federer and shattering hopes of a first New York showdown between the Swiss legend and Rafael Nadal.

The Argentine giant, who won his only Grand Slam title in the city in 2009 by beating Federer in the final after seeing off Nadal in the semis, trumpeted 7-5, 3-6, 7-6 (10/8), 6-4 in front of a spellbound Arthur Ashe Stadium crowd.

The 28-year-old will once again face world number one Nadal in the semifinals on Friday, a stunning achievement for a man who had saved two match points to beat sixth seed Dominik Thiem in the last 16.

Nadal, who will keep his world number one status following third seed Federer's exit, had earlier defeated Russian teenager Andrey Rublev 6-1, 6-2, 6-2 in just 97 minutes.

It will be a sixth US Open semifinal for Nadal and 26th at the major. While Del Potro, the 24th seed, will be playing in just his fourth last-four match at the Slams.

For 36-year-old Federer, it was a first Slam loss of 2017 after he had captured the Australian Open and

Wimbledon titles to take his career tally to 19.

"I served really good. I hit my forehand as hard as I could and I played a great match. I deserved to win," said Del Potro who will be in his first Slam semifinal since Wimbledon in 2013.

"This feels like my home court. I played Rafa here in 2009 too. Hopefully I can get the same result on Friday."

Del Potro, whose career was almost ended last year after undergoing four wrist surgeries, wrapped up the first set thanks to a break in the 11th game secured with a blistering crosscourt pass.

Federer, who had a 16-5 winning record over Del Potro ahead of the quarterfinal, levelled the tie after breaking for a 3-1 lead in the 3-2 in the fourth.

However, the match turned in the third set tiebreak when Del Potro saved four set points before a weary and error-ridden Federer dropped serve again to trail 3-2 in the fourth.

Victory was Del Potro's eighth minutes short of three hours with a deep forehand as Federer was left to survey the wreckage of 41 un-



Juan Martin del Potro of Argentina hits a return during the quarterfinal match of the US Open against Roger Federer of Switzerland in New York.

Nicholls to captain New Zealand A in India

WELLINGTON, Sept 7: Henry Nicholls will lead New Zealand A on the tour of India comprising two first-class matches and five one-day matches.

There will be only one change in the 15-man squad for the different formats, with Jeet Raval being replaced by Glenn Phillips following the first-class fixtures.

From the 16 players to play against India A, 13 have represented New Zealand with seven currently centrally contracted to NZC.

Selector and manager for the tour, Gavyn Larsen, said the NZ A programme is critical to preparing players for international cricket.

"Going into a significantly different environment to that of the New Zealand domestic scene is a huge opportunity to promote player growth," Larsen was quoted as saying by the official New Zealand Cricket website.

"Preparing for international cricket is challenging, so this is a great chance for these players to improve their game in sub-continent conditions."

Former fast bowler Shane Bond will be the head coach of the New Zealand A side. The team departs for India on September 19.

Squad: Henry Nicholls (captain), Todd Astle, Tom Blundell, Tom Bruce, Lockie Ferguson, Matt Henry, Scott Kuggeleijn, Colin Munro, Glenn Phillips, Seth Rance, Jeet Raval, Tim Seifert, Ish Sodhi, Sean Solia, George Workman, Will Young.

Schedule: 1st Four Day match - 23-26 September, Visakhapatnam; 2nd Four Day match - 30 September-3 October, Visakhapatnam; 3rd One Day match - 10 October, Visakhapatnam; 4th One Day match - 13 October, Visakhapatnam; 5th One Day match - 15 October, Visakhapatnam. - PTI

Impact of FIFA U-17 World Cup already felt in India: Bhutia



Bhutia

NEW DELHI, Sept 7: The Under-17 FIFA World Cup is one month away but Indian football legend Bhaichung Bhutia feels that the upcoming tournament has already made its impact with several academies and age group clubs cropping up the country.

Former India football captain Bhutia, who retired in 2011 after playing more than 100 matches for the country, agreed with the view of the football officials and the experts that the October 6-28 event, the first ever FIFA tournament in the country, will be a "game changer".

"This prestigious tournament will only help the country in its bid

to raise the profile of football. If the players produce good results in the tournament, it will be a motivation for the country and the players to do even better (in future)," said Bhutia, who donned India colours from 1995 to 2011.

Bhutia, who was considered the poster boy of Indian football for more than a decade, said because of the U-17 World Cup, football infrastructure in the country has improved and several academies have come up in the past couple of years.

"In terms of organisation, I see that the U-17 World Cup will be a successful one. If it is already a success," said Bhutia, the former chairman of the technical committee of the All India Football Federation (AIFF).

"There has been a huge improvement in infrastructure at the grassroots level. More than 100 football academies have registered with the AIFF. More than 50 clubs have registered for the U-19 League (of the AIFF). It is all because of this U-17 World Cup," said the celebrated goal-poacher, who was known as "Silkimese Sniper" in his heydays. - AFP

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FIFA orders SA to replay Senegal WC qualifier

PARIS, Sept 7: FIFA ordered a World Cup qualifier between South Africa and Senegal to be replayed after the referee was banned for match fixing.

The November 2016 tie, which will be restaged in November, was won by South Africa 2-1 after Ghanaian referee Joseph Lamptey was banned for match fixing.

Lamptey was initially suspended for three months by African football's ruling body CAF for awarding a penalty for a non-existent handball, with FIFA handing down the life ban in March.

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India are a ruthless side with immense work ethics: Pothas

COLOMBO, Sept 7: Sri Lanka interim coach Nic Pothas believes India are a ruthless side and his team needs to learn from the work ethic created by skipper Virat Kohli.

India completed a tour sweep yesterday by winning the lone T20I match by six wickets. The visitors had previously swept the Test series 3-0 and the ODI series 5-0.

Heaping praise on India, Pothas said: "First and foremost we've got to put everything in perspective. We're a side that's developing. India are a side that is complete and a side with immense quality. It's always going to be tough to compete against them, or to try and beat them.

"They just need to comprehend that if we're not wrong to not learn from them. They do so many things very well. Most of them are just basics.

"You see how Virat Kohli runs between the wickets. You see the respect he commands on the field as a leader. He's a role model to people and he pulls people with him."

Speaking to reporters after last

night's T20 match, Pothas said: "When you look at the way they go about their work and the culture that Virat has created within that team, it's very, very impressive. I'm sure it's a great compliment to him, but it's a fact."

"You look at their team and there is a lot of respect for the facilities, there is a lot of respect for the opposition. They are very ruthless in the way they go about their work. Their work ethic is immense.

"They are what a lot of teams aspire to be. The most important thing for us is learning from our mistakes, but most importantly, learning from them," he added.

Sri Lanka put on a 171-run target and lost their way in the middle overs despite an attacking start.

Pothas said it was a competitive total, even if Lanka were a few runs short.

"It was a competitive total. But if you looked at how we played, we were probably 15 short of what we could have got on that wicket. We probably had a few too many cameos that we could have dragged on a little bit longer," he said. - PTI

Williams face Sloane Stephens.

American 20th seed Vandeweghe claimed a 7-6 (7/4), 6-3 win over the Czech Republic's Karolina Pliskova, whose brief eight-week stay as world number one ended with Wimbledon champion Garbine Muguruza taking over.

Vandeweghe's victory means that the US Open will have an all-American semifinal line-up for the first time since 1981 after Keys defeated Estonian qualifier Kaja Kanepi 6-3, 6-3.

"I won the juniors here when I was 16 and dreamed of playing on the main stage," said 25-year-old Vandeweghe, who also made the semifinals at the Australian Open, beating then-world number one Angelique Kerber in the process.

The last time four US women were in the semis was 36 years ago when eventual champion Tracy Austin, Chris Evert, Martina Navratilova and Barbara Potter all made it.

Keys, the 15th seed, will be playing in her second Slam semifinal after the 2015 Australian Open.

"It means the world to me," said Keys, who underwent wrist surgery earlier this season. - AFP

Lahiri picked up for Presidents Cup

NEW YORK, Sept 7: Anirban Lahiri will make his second appearance at the Presidents Cup after being picked by International captain Nick Price for the September 26-October 1 event at Liberty National in New Jersey.

Besides Lahiri, Price also opted for Argentina's Emiliano Grillo, one of the four Presidents Cup rookies, for the team competition.

"Since the last Presidents Cup in South Korea, I've been here full-time the last two years and I've learnt a lot and kind of adapt and make America my new home," Lahiri said.

"So yeah, a lot of experience also gained since the last Presidents Cup, and I'm really ready to go back."

In his maiden appearance in 2015, Lahiri had missed a three-foot putt on the 18th hole on the final day and the Indian said he wants to redeem himself this year.

"It's been two years waiting. Obviously I've been wanting to get back on team ever since that day in Korea. It's something that I feel that I need to do," he said.

"I feel like I let the team down, and I feel like I need to go back out there and contribute to the winning cause.

"I've definitely learned a lot, after having moved here, played here, and I feel like I'm ready to go back out there and make a positive difference to the team."

Price said Lahiri's earlier experience of playing in the Presidents Cup was instrumental in his selection, even though he finished six places off of the automatic qualifying spots.

"With Anirban at No. 16 in the standings, picking him may surprise some people, but my captain's assistants and I felt like the team needed an additional player who has experienced Presidents Cup pressure before," Price said.

The United States have dominated the Presidents Cup over the years, losing the title only once – in 1998 – since it was first staged in 1994. - PTI

La Liga chief says PSG make mockery of system

MANCHESTER, Sept 7: Qatar-owned French side Paris Saint-Germain are "laughing" at the financial fair play (FPP) system, a comparative Javier Tebas, president of Spain's La Liga, said.

The 55-year-old also warned that if he was not satisfied with UEFA's response to La Liga's concerns regarding the lavish spending of both PSG and Abu Dhabi-owned Manchester City, then he would consider taking his case to Brussels and the European Union.

PSG stunned the football world when they prised Brazilian superstar Neymar away from Barcelona for a world record 222 million euros (\$264 million) and then took Monaco's highly-rated French star Kylian Mbappé on loan with an option to buy him for 180 million euros.

In response, UEFA launched an

investigation to see whether the club has broken FFP rules.

Manchester City also spent heavily in the last transfer window, lavishing an estimated €221 million (242 million euros, \$288 million) on players although they offloaded several too.

"PSG are laughing at the system," Tebas said at the Soccerex Global Convention in Manchester, speaking through translator.

"We at La Liga have tried hard for the last 10 years. We are being destroyed and this is going to damage the industry."

That provoked a strong reaction from the French league.

"These unworthy remarks are unbecoming of an institution as respectable and successful as the Spanish La Liga," the LFP wrote.

Tebas, who has revolutionised La Liga since taking over in 2013,

said, referring to Qatar's massive gas reserves. "This is what PSG have been doing for the past four years."

Tebas said it was not a level playing field for clubs.

"Teams that use financial doping play for an entire year and win their league or a European trophy, although some have lost as well."

"So it is not fair to the victims which are the teams playing by the rules. We have to get a system that is fair to the victims."

"The rules are there on the books."

Tebas said however he was not positive for PSG or City to be banned from Europe.

"We are not looking to kick them out, but if we don't do anything now it will be PSG and Manchester City and then in the future it will be a sheikh from Bahrain, or a Malaysian businessman who will 'defend' the industry."

He said it took some hope from the fact that Chelsea's Russian owner Roman Abramovich has

settled down" in his spending.

Tebas insisted that the Spanish league dealt severely with clubs who contravened their rules regarding financing.

"We have relegated teams to the second tier for some of those practices and kicked teams out of competitions," he said.

Barcelona faced criticism for carrying sponsorship from the Qatar Foundation, while Real Madrid, on their shirts, had been accused of being "too political" in their marketing.

"They paid a market price because a non-state company, a Japanese one, or a Malaysian businessman who will 'defend' the industry," he said.

"When contracts are not renewing, it is in money not derived directly from football – then we take action." - AFP

Venus leads first US Open all-American semis since 1981

NEW YORK, Sept 7: For the first time since 1981, the US Open women's semifinals will be an all-American affair with seven-time Grand Slam champion Venus Williams and three first-Slam-title hopefuls in the mix.

Williams, seeking her third US Open crown after 2000 and 2001, will face Sloane Stephens while 20th seed CoCo Vandeweghe and 15th seed Madison Keys collide in Thursday's matches at Arthur Ashe Stadium, with the winners meeting on Saturday for the championship.

"It's pretty awesome," said Keys after completing the foursome with a 6-3, 6-3 victory on Wednesday over Estonian qualifier Kaja Kanepi.

"I thought it would be a really special moment. I'm happy I helped out and got my name in there."

No matter who advances, it will set up the first all-American US Open final since 2002, when Williams lost to younger sister Serena.

"It has been a great two weeks for American tennis, seeing all the Amer-

ican players in the draw and all of them advancing so deep and competing so well," Williams said.

"It's great to see this resurgence and I hope it can continue."

US ninth seed Williams, enjoying one of her finest seasons at age 37, is leading the charge.

This year's Australian Open and Wimbledon runner-up is the US Open's oldest semifinalist and the oldest in any Slam since Martina Navratilova at Wimbledon in 1994.

"It's such a wonderful feeling, because you put so much work into these moments," said Williams, on the verge of making three Slam finals in a year for the first time since 2002.

"It's great for American tennis. It's great for African-American women," Stephens said. "I hope that

we keep it going."

Ashe, the first black man to win a Grand Slam title when he captured the 1968 US Open, battled racism and bigotry with grace and patience until his death in 1993.

"He's a total legend," Williams said. "He played during a time where he couldn't just focus on the tennis. I'm very blessed to be able to focus on my game. But he had to fight because of the colour of his skin."

"It was a completely different time. So I can't even imagine the pressure he was under. To come out of it with grace, as a champion, it's incredible."

Williams, whose first Slam final was

on Ashe 20 years ago, will return to the world top five for the first time since January 2011, her highest level since being diagnosed with the strength-sapping illness Sjögren's Syndrome.

Stephens, who missed 11 months with a left foot injury before returning to Wimbledon, beat Williams in the first round of the 2015 French Open in their only prior match.

"She's a great player, a great person. She's a great leader," Stephens said. "I'm happy she's still playing. She means a lot to the game."

Stephens, ranked 83rd, has matched her deepest Slam final run from the 2013 Australian Open.

"If someone would have told me when I started at Wimbledon that I'd be in the semifinals, I would have said they're crazy," Stephens said.

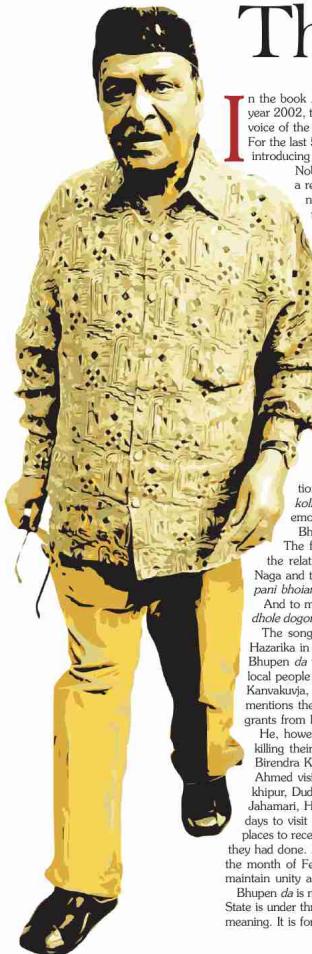
Vandeweghe eliminated Czech world number one Karolina Pliskova 7-6 (7/4), 6-3 before Keys, who is 2-0 against Vandeweghe, shook off nerves to win. - AFP

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The peacemaker

In the book *Blupen Hazarika: The Roving Minstrel* from the Charitavali Series, published by Rupa & Co in the year 2002, the extended cover page was composed in this way – “When Blupen Hazarika sings, you can hear the voice of the lonely boatman on the Brahmaputra, the women picking tea leaves and the joyous rhythms of Bihu. For the last 50 years Blupen Hazarika has worked ceaselessly to use his music as an investment of social change, introducing Assamese culture to the rest of India and taking it to the world.”

Nobody would possibly raise a finger if we say that the legend had almost single-handedly brought about a renaissance, not only in Assamese music and cinema, but also in showcasing Assamese culture in the national and international platform. Blupen da loved the State and the people of Assam even more than his own life. Every person and every community of the region was important to him. The development of the communities and even their languages was his prime concern and so he tried his best to do that during his lifetime, even while staying outside the State. He realised that if the mainstream Assamese society couldn't mix up wholeheartedly with the other tribes like the Bodo-Kacharis, Lalungs, Misings, Karbis, Tivas, Rabha, Tai-Ahoms, Haungs, Deurs, Chutias, Moranis, Matakis, Koch-Rajongshis, tea tribes, etc., and if the mainstream did not take care of the development of their languages and cultures, then it would simply be impossible to create the “greater Assamese community”.

Blupen da, at a very early age, wrote the song *Agnijugor firingomi/ Natun Ason gadiin*, where he mentioned almost all the tribes of the State. He also built the bridge of love amongst the people of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh. His evergreen classic *Sangore Gallong, Lohitore Khamti/Tirapare Wangshu-ye mok kyo matise* is so emotionally charged that no Assamese or Arunachali can ever forget it. When he was coming back from Arunachal after a long stay there, he could hear the heartfelt voice of his Arunachali friend who spoke to him so deeply that he sang it with equal emotion. Ringiwai kole mok, kichu bell rob/ Ubhot goi to Asomee-kobi/ Aaji paahaan bhojhamore koljaa chinise. The lyrics of these songs were so beautifully composed that the rope of unity and emotional brotherhood in between these two communities was sincerely felt.

Blupen da also tried to tie the emotional relationship with other tribes and communities of the State. The famous song *O Misngi debati/Bajali je pepatu/Suree Sajali dekho/Dishang mukhar nishati* reflects the relationship between the Assamese and the Mising Community. To sustain the integrity between the Naga and the Assamese people, he composed and sang the song *Tumi Kohima-re adhunika dalimi, Moi Gadarani bhojhamor*, where he could speak in his melodious voice *dowai halo moi Twiengsang-or*.

And to make the ties between the Khasis and the Assamese more concrete, he wrote the song *Hae hae hae dhole dogore/ Hae hae hae bijar umere/ Nedeeka anjoripte/ Bandho aami paahar sikkhore/ Mohan Ciemok...*

The song *Mahabhu Brahmaputra Mahamilonor Tirtha* is another stupendous composition of Dr Blupen Hazarika in which he narrates the formation of the Assamese, since the prehistoric days. The singer-composer Blupen da talks about how the people coming from different parts of the country could assimilate with the local people and, thus, form the Assamese society. He wrote that Srimanta Sankaradeva's forefathers were from Kanakusuya, similarly Ajan Falir was from the land of deserts and Dilwar was from Delhi. In this song, he also mentions the origin of Bishnu Rabha (Kirat Dynasty), Jyoti Prasad (origin from Agarwala family) and the immigrants from Padma river, who had assimilated to form the greater Assamese society.

He, however, was terribly hurt with the incidents in the year 1983 where different communities were found killing their own ethnic brothers. He came down from Mumbai with a wounded leg and with the help of Dr Birendra Kumar Bhattacharya, Dr Nirmal Prabha Bordoloi, Dr Lakshya Hira Das, Nagen Sarma, and Musifila Ahmed visited disturbed areas like Daderia, Hajo, Mughalpur, Bajiri, Kokrahbar, Joghogpara, Agijo, Laikhipur, Duthnoi, Goalpara, Boko, Soraia, Hahim, Mirza, Sipahar, Dimakuchi, Jagiroad, Ahatguri, Udagurl, Jamahari, Helem, Gohpur, Sonapur, Kalabari, Dhemanjati, Dumbhara, Baghjan, Digboi, etc. It took 15 days to visit all the areas and it is worth mentioning here that thousands of people gathered almost in all these places to receive him and the other legends. The people gave them a patient hearing and could realise the mistakes they had done. I had the privilege of attending the meeting in Sipahar, which had witnessed the first ethnic clash in the month of February, 1983. After hearing the poetic speech of Blupen da, the people repented and vowed to maintain unity amongst the communities.

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Do schools matter?

Jonali Das

The availability of digital learning platforms and opportunities, impact of peer groups and networking, present both challenges and opportunities to schools, parents, teachers and students. It has affected the relationship among parents, educators, and schools. In the future, students will have increasing choices which will determine the need of learning and its transmission between teachers and students. Students are comfortable with information. Anybody in the world with a computer and an internet connection has access to a wealth of knowledge and can download and upload anything to the global pool of information. Therefore, it is imperative for teachers to become expert pedagogues and focus on involving each student in critical thinking and pointing them to relevant sources which is very important as there is an immense level of information overload.

All of these force us to think about how we need schools. When learning can happen anywhere – outside the four walls of the classrooms and through so many people rather than one teacher – what is the need of schools? Do schools matter? If at all we consider that schools are providing a well-rounded education, we must ensure that we are enabling our children to distinguish between right and wrong, knowledge and ignorance, music and noise, art and pornography, so that children may appreciate life and become humane and productive members of this ever more connected world.

To deliberate on these issues regarding the relevance of schools in today's technologically-driven world, Modern English School, Kalihipara, organised a seminar on August 27 at the school premises. Around 50 school principals and senior leaders of different CBSE, SEBA and MBOSE-affiliated schools participated in the seminar. The speakers invited were Prof Neharika Vohra and Prof Kathan Shukla from IIM Ahmedabad, Shantikumar Hazarika, S V Ra-



not rigid, and co-operative environment for having deep-rooted learning both in and outside the classrooms.

Research indicates that whether students get along with their teachers, whether teachers are interested in their personal well-being, whether teachers take students seriously, whether teachers are a source of support if students need extra help, and whether teachers treat students fairly affect teaching and learning. Most effective school teachers value academic achievement and take pride in their schools, work with enthusiasm and have high morale.

To nurture and nourish culture, schools should relentlessly focus on improving the quality of teaching, focus on assessment policy based on developing deep-learning and setting target from each threshold, follow unity of approach towards excellence in every sphere – thinking skills, physical skills, creativity and academics. Learning always involves understanding and new behaviour, “thinking” and “doing”. School as a system must prepare learners to look for life beyond school gates, and only then will schools continue to be relevant for students.

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Rise of robots

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The 2004 Hollywood movie *I, Robot* adapted from Isaac Asimov's short story collection is a vivid portrayal of the good and bad of artificial intelligence (AI), which is now the talk of the scientific community.

Going backward, we have this 1976 film *Logan's Run*, which too was based on artificial intelligence and how a computer rules over human beings kept in a geodesic dome where citizens live a hedonistic lifestyle and must die at the age of 30 in a carousal. The *Terminator* series too was based on AI.

For the last many decades, scientists have been engaged in making robots which will replace humans in almost all functions like what we saw in the Rainikant blockbuster *The Robot*. This was better than *I, Robot* in that the creator was able to make a replica of himself including human emotions which ultimately leads to the robot's downfall. Or was the film making a strong statement that the bots cannot be trusted!

Did it all start with Apple Inc using Siri in its iPhones? Siri is the intelligent personal assistant that helps you get things done. Siri can send your messages, place calls, check your calendar, and more. When you ask Siri to call up your wife, it knows what to do. It also reminds you of your chores whether you have a dentist's appointment or the list of vegetables that your wife gave to buy. But Siri is not as good as *I, Robot*'s VIKI or Rainikant's robot Chitti. Both were of high artificial intelligence and both went down the path of self-annihilation.

Chatbots or simply bots have been garnering a lot of media attention in recent years. Whether it's about trying to answer life's great questions or simply changing the way businesses interact with their clients, bot technology is making a far-reaching impact. But, what are bots exactly?

Bot is the short form of robot. However, a bot is any computer programme that runs automatically, free of user control. While we often associate bots with chat and AI, our computer actually has many bots running on it all the time. Many of the background processes that we don't pay attention to are considered bots.

Many believe that Conversational Commerce – embodied in “chatbots” like VIKI or Chitti will undoubtedly be the future workhorse for digital, mobile marketing and sales. As platforms become more advanced, companies will use bots, not only customer service but it will become a powerful medium for acquiring, engaging and transacting with customers. This journey will create very valuable data around personal engagement and purchase intent, enhanced with customer sentiment, which will be leveraged for brand advocacy and social sharing.

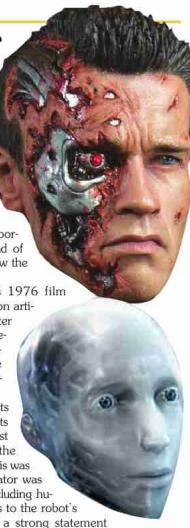
As brands have come to understand the value of social marketing, conversational commerce will take this up a notch, delivering more data, better conversion, and end-to-end attribution because commerce will happen within the channel itself. Consider messaging a friend about dinner plans, and within that conversation, you see a pop up from one of your favorite restaurants with available reservations and featured items – which you happened to have ordered previously. These capabilities are already accessible and will continue to proliferate as bot platforms continue to grow.

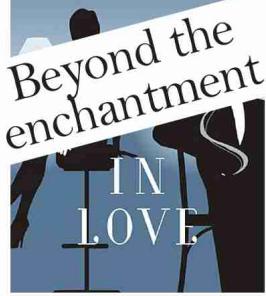
Ashley Unitt, Chief Scientist and Co-founder of NewVoiceMedia, London, says: “With the assistance of machines, humans can do more, and together man and machine can accomplish feats that neither alone could do. Using customer service chatbots as an example, when faced with a customer query, a virtual assistant attempts to provide a list of possible responses. It's then left up to the service agent to pick the best of those returned, making final checks and edits where necessary, and all the time the cyborg assistant is helping and learning from.

“In the future, we will see bots advance with the help of natural language processing and machine learning. The combination of bots and humans will improve the experiences of customers, prospects, and agents, and help deliver better business outcomes and more satisfaction for everyone involved. And as chatbot capabilities catch up with expectations, cyborg assistants could flourish.”

But AI researchers are going beyond chat bots. What they are planning is the creation of real Chitti's or VIKIS, part-human part-machine, like in the *Terminator* series. From chatbots, we are evolving into a new era where we will be rubbing shoulders with bots in human forms in our public transport, flights, market places and malls, not knowing that the beautiful woman you are ogling is a bot. Maybe, this scenario will present itself in a couple of decades.

The moot question here is: as bots evolve into virtual human beings and engage in all human activities, what will happen to the human race? Will this evolution lead to a virtual eclipse of Homo sapiens from the face of earth? Will the bots make us their slaves? Answer must be found before we keep walking on this path of AI development.





The falling off of a dependence isn't something that can be taken with ease, not when it becomes part of one's nature, one's very being. The matter is not quite about ease actually, it has to do with the questions of self-knowledge and understanding – not to be accessed in either/or terms. The slippery and elusive feeling of being out of a relationship, that indefinable sense of change whose mark is only in the departure that makes recovery impossible – this is one facet that Alfred Hayes brings to the fore in his classic on contemporary romance *In Love*. The novel follows a line that appears to be formed of a stock situation: a pair of lovers, steady in their understanding of each other, find that the dynamics of life can switch fast, and emotions they have long identified with are the very ones which become oppressive. Hayes' style is fluid, and his prose captures moments of being through the poignancy of language in strikingly new ways: "Life, she was inclined to feel, in that imperishable phrase of hers, was certainly peculiar." This is the woman's voice, spaced in the novel to keep the equilibrium in a churning that makes her life anew as she tries to come to terms with it. The storyline is simple: it is about a man whose love-life goes asunder when another man enters the scene, but the frame of simplicity holds deep within its dimensions which cannot be articulated. Love is not a relationship game, or so it surfaces in the course of the narrative, and more than understanding, it is the bonding that takes the hit – it is

this realisation that makes the lovers revise their individual spaces in the larger scheme of things. The story is presented from a first-person view, and it is the man's voice which takes us on this journey of enchantment and its aftermath. The man tries to make sense of the emptiness that gnaws him as they drift apart, and in the process what he realises, however, is that it is the pain-weathering capacity which tests the individual's isolation: "The only thing we haven't lost, I thought, is the ability to suffer. We're fine at suffering. But it's such a noiseless suffering. We collapse, but we collapse in the most disciplined way. That's us. That's certainly us. The disciplined collapser."

The realisation that anguish cuts both ways adds to the feeling of its inevitability, even though the emergence of feeling beyond the relation is an attempt to justify the loss of ground. Nothing works, neither for the man, nor the woman – the sheen of the 'other' wears off, and as they drift apart, the past prevents them from individualising themselves. Without quite disengaging, they find that love demands more than a sense of order, and the mere adherence to routine could form the beginning of a stasis that is burdensome. There is a pronounced sense of irony when the efficacy of discipline is brought to the fore: "And isn't that, after all, what we really want? Things in their place; a semblance of order; a feeling, true or deceptive, of well-being; an afternoon in which something apparently happens." *In Love* is a novel that looks at the bruises that relationships inflict, it presents in its pages the unnameable emotional traces that permeate the being – offering thereby a representation of the fragility of the romantic bond where the movement from the stable centre to the brink is a possibility that constantly hovers over it.

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Prasoon Joshi, the famous lyricist, has been appointed as the new chief of the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) for a period of three years. He succeeded Pahlaj Nihalani, who has been accused of autocratic conduct and of morally policing films. Joshi, who is known for putting forth his opinion on contemporary issues, became prominent after penning songs for films like *Fanaa*, *Rang De Basanti*, *Black*, *Delhi 6* and *Bhaag Milkha Bhaag*. He won the National Award twice for Best Lyricist – once in 2008 for *Maa (Taare Zameen Par)* and then in 2013 for *Bolo Na (Chittagong)*. He also wrote the lyrics for the anthem of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's *Swachh Bharat Abhiyan*.

In today's Master's Choice section do try out a set of questions on the world of business, compiled by one of our regular contributors, Shahid Khan from Tengla.

Meanwhile, keep writing to us with quiz reports, questions (with answers and full postal address) and interesting bits of information at: Quizone, Horizon, C/o The Assam Tribune, Maniram Dewan Road, Guwahati. SMS at: 98640-26322 and e-mail at: tosallen@gmail.com or quizonesallen@gmail.com. To read Quizone online, you can log on to exper.assamttribune.com.

MASTER'S CHOICE

- Name the company that was created by four Indian partners in 1942 as an alternative to the foreign brands. It has become a market leader in its category in India since 1967.
- Under what brand name are FMCG products made in Dera Sacha Sauda sold?
- Indian Hotels Company has a new CEO, Puneet Chhatwal. He has been given the task of making Taj Group a leader in India once again. Which chain is #1 in India now?
- Which chain has started a crypto currency called WhopperCoin in Russia?
- What was the first bank in India to introduce a teller system way back in 1944?
- I knew a trade name must be short, vigorous, incapable of being misspelled to an extent that will destroy its identity, and in order to satisfy the trademark laws, it must mean nothing. Who said this? Name the brand.

Midnight mysteries

When all of them shut their eyes after a long day at work, The nightfall keeps me awake, With that pin drop silence. Those shimmering stars look after me, Like guiding angels. The midnight, so dark and young, The voices of the wind echo, Assuring me that everything will be alright, While the misty moon awaits patiently for the warm sun. It stirs your soul with sweethearts, As I pour forth the terrible thoughts running in my mind. Rolling into the end of my writing, I hear the voices of the first-comers, Perched on the trees, endorsing my work. I thank them with a smile. Soon the sun rays hit my window, And I glance at my watch – 5:32 am. I put my pen down, Make myself some coffee and continue writing. Later in the day, Everyone shows up for their nine-to-fives, as I flake out.

Angika Deka,
Via e-mail

Winter squall

What you've carried! Oh! Winter squall; Screams of innocents breaking my wall; Screams of wounds, ravage of soul; Sounds of shots firing through the hole. What have you done; Oh! Winter squall, Carnage of humanity, helpless yowl. Who am I to tell, you mighty leaders, And peace traders.

But know this as I, a vagabond, speak, End this war before time sneaks. If you are a lion don't hide in your den, Fight this way by raising your pen.

Hope this squall ends and winter leaves, And returns the spring with merrier eves. Let's end this war, place hand in hand, Causes foolish to die for a speck of land.

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LOVING LITERATURE

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SCIENCE ZONE

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Hidden hunger a public health concern

The term 'hidden hunger' does not refer to the overt and obvious hunger of poor people who are unable to afford enough to eat. Instead, it refers to a more insidious type of 'hunger' caused by eating food that is deficient in essential vitamins and micronutrients such as iron, zinc, vitamin A and iodine and acidic. Very often, the physical symptoms of this form of malnutrition are hidden, as individuals may 'look alright' but suffer extremely negative impacts on health and well-being. For example, children may be stunted, have poor night vision or suffer frequently from illness. Adults too, may succumb more frequently to illness and fatigue easily.

Hidden hunger can lead to illnesses, blindness, premature death, reduced productivity, and impaired mental development, particularly among women and children in developing countries. Over two billion, or one in three individuals across the world, are affected by hidden hunger.

India is home to one third of the two billion global population with micronutrient deficiencies. Hence, micronutrient malnutrition has been

a persistent problem in India. India has the largest number of vitamin A-deficient children, leading to an annual mortality of 33,000 children.

In India, iodine deficiency leads to mental retardation in 6.6 million children every year. Although no data has reported zinc deficiency in India, it is estimated that mild to moderate



deficiency exists in the country, based on the dietary pattern.

Amongst all the micronutrients, iron is the key micronutrient of hidden hunger in Indian children. It is estimated that 40-50 per cent of children below five years of age are iron deficient. Studies have shown that Indian children

aged one-three years consume only one third of the Recommended Dietary Allowance for iron. Iron plays a vital role in different functions of human body. Its deficiency can cause anaemia (decreased haemoglobin level) that causes multiple detrimental effect right from the time of conception and early developing years of a child. Iron is an important element necessary for development of the immune system. Most significantly, it has long-term effect on cognition and psychomotor development.

Lack of proper dietary knowledge, nutrient poor diet and lack of diversity in diet are few main reasons for hidden hunger. Appropriate nutrition during infancy and early childhood ensures optimal growth, health and development of a child. However, feeding practices are far from satisfactory in the Indian subcontinent. It has been seen that home-made meals may not be able to bridge the iron gap.

The solution lies in serving the right food at the right age, and proper counselling to the parents. Fortification of food with micronutrients and vitamins is one of the most feasible solutions in terms of cost and capacity to boost nutrient accessibility. This has been tried by various well-known companies with proper norms and regulations to bridge the nutritional gap. Children need to be properly monitored for growth and development at a certain interval of time and they can be supplemented with required micronutrients as per demand.

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QUIZ ZONE

Sailen Baishya

Picture clue:

18. He was an American poet who recently passed away. He published more than 20 volumes of poetry and won nearly every major American award for poetry, including a Pulitzer Prize in 1976 for his collection *Self-Portrait in a Convex Mirror*. Identify him. (Hirak Jyoti Lahiri, Dergaon)



ANSWERS

- Asian Paints, 2. MSG, 3. Starwood-Marriott, 4. Burger King, 5. Punjab National Bank, 6. George Eastman, about the company Kodak, 7. Vintage Ingersoll, 8. Amstel Beer, 9. Sanyo, 10. Nike, 11. Francois Bernier, 12. Chemotherapy, 13. Oriflame, 14. Robin Williams, 15. Negative Interest Rate Policy, 16. Hyoid bone – a U-shaped bone at the base of the tongue, 17. The Netherlands, 18. John Ashbery, 19. Sir Cyril Radcliffe. He demarcated the boundary line between India and Pakistan, known as the Radcliffe Line.

7. Name the brand of pocket watch used by Mahatma Gandhi.

8. Name the brand of beer which got its name from the brewery founded on the banks of the river Arun.

9. Name the brand which means 'three oceans' in English and has its motto as 'Saving the Earth and Serving its People'.

10. What was known as the Blue Ribbon Sports Company earlier?

READERS' CHOICE

- Name the foreign traveller, who was a doctor by profession, and visited India during the Mughal period in the 17th century and acted as a personal consultant of Dara Shikoh, son of emperor Shahjahan? (Subrata Dutta, via SMS)
- Which term was originally coined by Paul Ehrlich for the treatment of infectious diseases caused by synthetic chemicals? (Dr Rahul Deka, Guwahati)
- The name for the sacred banner raised by medieval French kings in times of war is now associated with a cosmetics company. What is this name? (Amrita Nath, via SMS)
- Which comedian was the voice behind the animated blue genie in the 1992 movie *Aladdin*? (Kamal Das, Barpeta)
- What radical measure has been proposed by the Bank of Japan in its recently announced monetary policy? (Sayed Narjuma Begum, Tangla)
- Which is the only bone that is not connected to another bone in the human body? (Vishal Goswami, Pub-Kamrup)
- In which country do the people dress in orange on the Queen's birthday? (Sujata Das, Guwahati)

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

- He was a British lawyer and was the first Chancellor of the University of Warwick. He was recruited during the First World War but because of his poor eyesight, he was allocated to the Labour Corps. During his lifetime, he visited India only once for a period of 37 days from July 8, 1947, to complete something for which he was given five weeks time. Who was he and what did he do? (Dr Jayanta Kr Sharma, Guwahati)

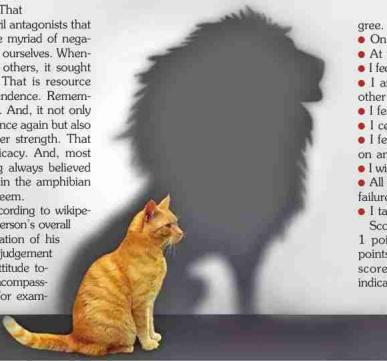
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There is this story about the ugly frog turning into a handsome prince. He lived happily thereafter marrying the female protagonist who had helped him in the trans-zoological transformation; and also after claiming his rightful share in the powers and the wealth of his kingdom by defeating all the antagonists. We very often sing such stories off as mere amusing fables good for a child's tender ears! A few even argue that such scientifically improbable tales should not be circulated among gullible children. It is true that no member of the frog species can ever turn into a human with its own volition, also not even if a thousand magical wands are moved over its head for ages. But there are many facets of life that one can learn from such fables that can assist in accelerating the prospects of a person in his or her life pursuits.

The frog lived with the thought that one day he will surely transform into a handsome human prince. That is positive thinking and hope in work. It also continuously worked towards the transformation even on the face of numerous hurdles it faced. That is perseverance. Let the evil antagonists that the prince defeated be the myriad of negativities that we heap up on ourselves. Whenever it needed help from others, it sought out help and assistance. That is resource building and healthy dependence. Remember, the frog was a prince. And, it not only bounced back to be the prince again but also gained a position of higher strength. That is pure resilience and efficacy. And, most importantly, the ugly frog always believed that he was a prince within the amphibian hide. That is high self-esteem.

What is self-esteem? According to wikipedia, self-esteem reflects a person's overall subjective emotional evaluation of his or her own worth". It is a judgement of oneself as well as an attitude toward the self. Self-esteem encompasses beliefs about oneself. For example,

Understanding self-esteem



people, "I am competent", "I am worthy", as well as emotional states, such as triumph, despair, pride, and shame. According to psychologists, the individual entity takes shape in one's childhood. The development of a positive self-concept at an early age empowers the child to feel competent, try new things, and strive for success. Children with a negative self-concept have a "can't do" attitude. They become frustrated easily and give up on difficult tasks.

People with realistic and positive self-esteem enjoy the advantages of projecting oneself better to the world than the ones who are bogged down with negative or low self-esteem.

If self-esteem plays such a pivotal role in the achievement of success, then what would a person with low self-esteem need to do to turn it or his/her table? Each individual is a unique entity, hence the recipe for transformation is expected to be uniquely different from one another. And yet, there are a few common factors. It can be a simple two-

factor approach – being one's own best fan and investing in one's self-competence. In advocating the need to become one's own best fan, Simon Reynolds wrote in *Forbes* that too often we are the opposite – we are our harshest critic, slumming ourselves in private for perceived errors in public. Those with high self-esteem and high self-efficacy are less demanding of their performance, but also support themselves with their own thinking and self-evaluation. They talk themselves up. They choose to interpret events in a positive way. They tell themselves that they can and will achieve. When children feel good about themselves, it sets them up for success – in everything from school to friendships. By contrast, kids with low self-esteem might feel unsure of themselves.

The Rosenberg Self-Esteem Scale is a widely used self-report instrument for evaluating individual self-esteem. The scale is believed to be unidimensional. All items are answered using a four-point scale format, ranging from strongly agree to strongly disagree.

Below is the list of the Rosenberg Self-esteem-scale statements, dealing with your general feelings about yourself. Please indicate each statement with Strongly Agree, Agree, Disagree, and Strongly Disagree.

- On the whole, I am satisfied with myself.
- At times I think I am no good at all.
- I feel that I have a number of good qualities.
- I am able to do things as well as most other people.
- I feel I do not have much to be proud of.
- I certainly feel useless at times.
- I feel that I'm a person of worth, at least on an equal plane with others.
- I wish I could have more respect for myself.
- In all in all, I am inclined to feel that I am a failure.

● I take a positive attitude towards myself.

Scoring is simple. Give "Strongly Disagree" 1 point, "Disagree" 2 points, "Agree" 3 points, and "Strongly Agree" 4 points. Sum scores for all ten items. Higher scores indicate higher self-esteem.

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Creativity as a lifestyle

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I was during my school days. One of my favorite teachers would always tell us to be geniuses. But we could not find out the difference between an ordinary mind and that of a genius. When I got admission into college, one day, I asked a very brilliant teacher of our college about this and he said that if one can develop creative thought, he or she may be considered a genius. My teacher also said that creative thought abounds in all fields. Creativity is an exciting process; to observe it, recognise it or experience it are some of the most satisfying aspects of the human condition. We are just beginning to understand the value of the emotional components of the creative process. For me, creativity is intertwined with imagination. Those who have the ability of imagination can create something.

In light of this, I always remember my childhood. At that time, I, along with my friends, imagined a lot about our everyday activities which then inspired me to write short stories, plays and novels. So, I feel, creativity and imagination is highly linked to our intelligence, and defines a genius mind. Imagination is the key ingredient for us to meet our specific goals. Creativity and imagination are unique gifts to mankind that have not only created culture and aesthetic beauty in the form of art, music, architecture, poetry and literature, but have also been the seeds from which all of our society, technological and scientific advancements have sprung.

According to psychologists, creativity is a prime aspect of the emotional and spiritual growth of a child. It can play an important role in the development of emotional literacy. The agencies of socialisation must come forward to create a safe atmosphere for children to focus on their inner voices. But at the same time, children should be guided properly by elders in different agencies. We must know that overdevelopment is not good for a child's well-being.

At the age of 14, I once went to meet the legend Bhupen Hazarika at his residence in Nizarpur. First, I recited to him lyrics which I had written. The lyric *Chandre chandre joli utebi Ekura dawagni* was my favorite and it depicted my level of creativity according to me, but after listening to it, Bhupen Hazarika suggested that I should get rid of the words that are very hard and complex to be understood during childhood. He said to me that without understanding the meaning in depth, no one should use any word just for creativity. Writing never occurs in a vacuum, but as a response to experience. Now I truly realise that I did not really understand the meaning of *Chandre Chandre* or *Dawagni* back then.

It was very hard to understand the meaning *Dawagni* as *Bonjai* or wild fire. Therefore, whatever it is, in context of creativity, we should be very careful. People must be aware of their powers of creativity. Some people wish to say that creativity is only about finding solutions to problems or thinking up different ways to do things. But it is not correct. For me, creativity is a lifestyle. Creative living is about consciously creating our life every moment. In light of this, I always remember a very unique statement given by Albert Einstein. He said, "Imagination is more important than knowledge." But if we can't make a link between imagination and knowledge, it may hold no meaning.

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Karhunpeijaiset: a Finnish ritual

Before Christianity was absorbed into Finnish culture, Finland's own brand of paganism was prevalent. A common ritual was called karhunpeijaiset, which was held after a successful bear hunt. Within the animist-based pagan belief system, the bear was revered as the living embodiment of Finnish ancestors. The original word for bear was *otsa* and could never be spoken out of respect. Instead, bears were referred to in a roundabout way with phrases such as 'browed one' and 'the golden apple of the forest'. From that, the modern Finnish word for bear, *karhu*, was developed, which means 'rough fur'.

It's worth noting that one of the most popular beer brands in Finland is called Karhu, meaning that images of the sacred bear are now plastered across every city in rather unpleasant settings.

Olden-day Finns feared dead bear vengeance to such an extent that *karhunpeijaiset* largely involved convincing the bear's spirit that it hadn't been murdered. Therefore, the bear had no reason to be angry at the hunters and so could reincarnate itself back in the forest. Thus, the ceremony acted as a way to excuse their bear behaviour and eliminate the bear's desire for revenge – through total denial.

Source: Lehtikuva

THE ODD WORLD

Partha Pratim Hazarika

Nokia fans, attention please! Whatever the Finnish smartphone pioneer Nokia does out is always much anticipated and welcomed. Meet the Nokia Edge 2017 – it's yet to be launched, but it's already catching the imagination of the tech world and its competitors worldwide.

With an astonishing 6GB of RAM to play around with and the amazing and much acclaimed Nokia PureView 24MP Cam on offer, it is sure to check out the new giant in the block.

The Nokia Edge mobile is one of the most awaited flagships of the year. People in the techno world even think that it is going to be the best ever Android made by Nokia, even better than its predecessors – Nokia 8 and Nokia 9. As per a press communiqué, the Nokia Edge specs will look more eye-catching as it is going to be an edge-to-edge phone. The Edge will pack the latest Qualcomm Snapdragon 835 chipset with 6GB RAM and will have a 5.73 AMOLED screen with 2K resolution fully backed and protected by a Gorilla Glass 5.

What is your plan for this evening?" "I am going to attend a cultural programme at Rabindra Bhawan. Today is the birth anniversary of our beloved maestro."

"My straw?" "MA-E-S-T-R-O. It is pronounced that way."

"I see. The maestro was a living legend, gifted with a golden voice."

"Yes, he was a humanist too. The people's very own singer, the dozen of our culture, one of the greatest souls the land has ever produced. He left us so soon!"

"Right. The legend expired leaving a void in our hearts."

"Very true. But you see, you can't use 'expired' to mean 'die'!"

"Oh, why not?"

"The verb 'expire' usually collocates with terms such as 'driving licence', 'contract', etc. So a driving licence or a contract can expire, but not a person!"

"Oh! So we shouldn't use 'expired' to mean 'die'?"

"Yes, this term is commonly found in Indian English, but this usage is not correct."

"Okay."

"Instead, you can use a euphemism like 'pass away' to mean 'die'."

"Euphemism?"

"It is an indirect and gender expression we normally use to refer to something unpleasant or embarrassing."

One of the most amazing aspects about the Nokia Edge cameras is that it lets you shoot 4K videos with both 24 Megapixel primary and 12 Megapixel selfie sensors.

Its beautiful curved design, much like the one by Samsung, will surely catch the eyes of people.

The Nokia Edge 2017 would come with an in-built retina scanner. It will also come with large internal storage that is expandable; it will have 128GB for ROM, which can be expanded up to 256GB via MicroSD.

The Edge will run on the latest Android 7.1.1 Nougat operating system, and although nothing has been let known about the battery pack, you may expect it to have the USB-C port for fast charging.

The India or global launch dates have not been announced, but I don't think we will have to wait for long. I am keeping my fingers crossed for the festive season launch. Are you waiting too?

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ing, sometimes to make it more acceptable than it really is.

"Oh, so 'pass away' is a gentler term than 'die', isn't it? And it is more acceptable than the harsh term 'die'?"

"Yes. There are many such gender expressions, which are used to avoid saying something unpleasant or embarrassing."

"Well, like?"

"For example, 'underprivileged' is a euphemism for 'poor', 'developing countries' is for 'poor countries', 'pre-owned vehicle' is for a used car, 'senior citizens' is for old people, 'casket' is for a coffin, 'memorial park' is for a graveyard, 'hair stylist' is for a barber, 'washroom' is for 'toilet' and 'water system specialist' is used for a plumber..."

"Good to know about these euphemisms. You know, I have to go home now. The water system specialist is about to arrive."

"Who?"

"Why? The plumber. There is some problem with our water tank. There's no water since yesterday. I've at least got to take bath before I go to the function in the evening!"

The following contribution is from Girija Sonowal, Guwahati. No words in the English language rhyme with the words angel, angst, breadth, bulb, depth, eighth, ninth, month, orange, purple, scalp and twelfth.

GRAPHIC PICK

Deborshi Gogoi



Humans still evolving

A massive study analysing the genomes of 2,10,000 people in the United States and Britain has found a range of diseases being 'weeded out' of the human gene pool by natural selection.

Researchers found the genetic variants linked to Alzheimer's disease and heavy smoking are less frequent in people with longer lifespans, suggesting that natural selection is weeding out these unfavourable variants in both populations.

Researchers also found sets of genetic mutations that predispose people to heart disease, high cholesterol, obesity, and asthma, also appear less often in people who lived longer and whose genes are, therefore, more likely to be passed down and spread through the population.

"It's a subtle signal, but we find genetic evidence that natural selection is happening in modern human populations," said study coauthor Joseph Pickrell, an evolutionary geneticist at Columbia and New York Genome Center.

— Agencies



(This column will carry everything odd around the world. Readers' contributions will be appreciated at partha.hazarika@assamtribune.com.)

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Men's business wear guide - I

This week, let's take a look at the different kinds of men's business wear:

- Traditional business wear consists of a suit, shirt and tie. It is the most formal of business attire. The suit jacket should always be buttoned up, except when sitting. Traditional business dressing works best when you want to create an overall impression of authority, credibility, respect, dominance, logic and reliability. It is ideal for dealing with banks and other financial institutions in business.



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Casual business dressing is classic but a small step down from the traditional look. It works best when you want to create an overall impression of professionalism, authority, dependability, reliability, conscientiousness, consistency and attention to detail. Look the part, unless you are in the fashion industry, as dressing too faddishly will have your bosses wondering if you are more concerned with your wardrobe than your job.

Tip: If you want to wear a buttoned-down collar, wear it with a striped or checked shirt. It is too dressy on a plain shirt and will give out confusing signals.

FASHIONABLY YOURS

Prasant Ghosh

Three levels of business clothing: Casual business clothing comes in three basic levels – classic, smart and relaxed. The new business casual look evolved as the Silicon Valley opened up the world to young entrepreneurs and a more relaxed way of doing business.

For this look you only need neat trousers or a shirt. You need to lose the jacket to dress down to this level. The relaxed works best when you want to create an overall impression of creativity, accessibility, friendliness, innovation and relaxation. The key item is denim. This is the most relaxed form of dressing and should only be worn when you are definitely not expecting to meet any clients or are not in the corporate sector.

De-pill all jumpers regularly: All woolens have a tendency to ball up or pill with constant wear. Wearing such jumpers can make you look messy and unfinished. It takes no time at all to use a de-pilling comb brush or razor to remove the wool. If done regularly and carefully, you and your garments will always look smart.

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WEST SIDE STORY

Bear has no nanny

NEW mom Cheryl is set to lift the lid on her new family life in her first TV interview in two months. In a teaser clip for the *This Morning* interview – set to air next week – Cheryl talks about how she's juggling baby Bear and her plans to come back to the charts.

The star, in the short clip, hints that she has snubbed having a nanny to help with the tot, adding: "When you're looking after a baby 24/7... Quizzed on whether she and Liam will be taking their relationship to the next step, Liam confessed that he is keen to have another baby, instead of tying the knot.

Jared in scarlet tweed suit

JARED Leto, who is a style chameleon, known for his edgy and out-there looks made a showstopping entrance into the star-studded GQ Men of The Year Awards 2017 on Tuesday.

The actor, 45, was the picture of confidence as he donned a flamboyant scarlet tweed suit for his turn on the red carpet. The quirky outfit featured oversized ebony lapels, decorated with a vibrant floral print. He paired the look with a red fitted shirt with a white collar and navy tie.

End of Jack Sparrow?

PIRATES of the Caribbean producer Jerry Bruckheimer, 73, has hinted that the disappointing performance of the latest sequel could spell the end for Jack Sparrow and his motley crew of sidekicks.

Dead Men Tell No Tales has made the least money in the franchise's history at the domestic box office, and the even stellar performance overseas has been hit due to the supposed weakness of the dollar.

AGENCIES



London city to countryside

Excitement was at its peak when I got an opportunity to present my research paper at Imperial College London. I soon started planning out my tours in and around the city. I was looking forward to seeing the best of summers in the month of July in London.

I took a direct flight to Heathrow from New Delhi. The climate was perfect with clear skies and different flying jets making patterns on it just like a child trying to draw on a clean slate.

For the first two days, I stayed at Hounslow. To my surprise, I found myself surrounded mostly by Indians and Romanians at the locality. I bought an Oyster card at 52 GBP for seven days so that I could travel in public transport during my stay, which is quite cheaper than hiring taxis.

Imperial College Park

Soon, I set out for Imperial College in the South Kensington Campus, located in central London. I took the Piccadilly Line of the metro from Hounslow to the campus. I was awestruck by just one look at the green campus. It has a park in the middle where children play, people jog, some read books, teachers sit with kindergarten children, busy telling stories and enacting plays. Maple trees of different kinds could be found surrounding

the garden. Though the sun was burning bright, the cool breeze swept out the heat, bringing a soothing effect. The clean and green environment of the Imperial College Park, famously called Prince's Gardens, encourages any visitor to experience a few moments of solace in the lap of nature.

City tour

A local city tour was included at the pre-conference event. Some of the places that were included in the tour were the Tower Bridge, Westminster Abbey, London's Eye, Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, Buckingham Palace, Kensington Palace and Gardens, Hyde Park, Diana's Memorial, Big Ben, St Paul's Cathedral, The Shard, Trafalgar Square, and Victoria and Albert Museum. After my conference was over, I planned a few more trips: Shakespeare's birthplace at Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwick Castle, Leeds Castle, Cotswolds, Dover, Greenwich, Canterbury and Oxford.

Travelling solo

Having come from a literature background, visiting London was always a clear wish. For a solo woman traveller, I felt London was a safe haven. With a valid traveller's card and an Oyster card the whole city can be explored at a reasonable price. The stay is expensive at Central London. Hostels are a wiser

TRAVEL

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choice for those looking for cheaper accommodation.

Food is easily available everywhere at cheap rates. One can have proper ready-made meals at 5-10 GBP. Take-away foods are better than sitting at the restaurant because the former is tax-free. I grabbed refreshments from different eateries and comforted myself at benches available at various public places.

I used my phone as a camera. I did not have to purchase a SIM card since wifi services were available at most public places, even inside buses, through which I could connect with my family and friends.

Summing up

What I had been noticing during my travel in London is that right from children to the elderly, everyone had the civic sense to throw waste in public dustbins. I was also amazed to see the patience of people in traffic. There were tracks for cyclists as well. I recalled my childhood days in Dullian when I used to cycle with my friends and cousins as a teenager. But I hardly see that in my town now. Even the countryside of London, especially Cotswolds, brought memories of Assam as I passed by the English cottages with thatched roofs, green and yellow fields, grazing cows and wooden gates. I feel that the transport connectivity within London is one of the best in the world. Hardly anybody would be lost as the maps, directions, tracks, zones, etc., are so distinctly put forth that any visitor could follow them easily. The people that I came across were helpful and patient enough to guide, using their Google maps for strangers like me, including the police officials. My salute to the land of Shakespeare! (bornali.nd9@gmail.com)



On blogs!

Blogs are becoming a much-needed platform for budding writers. While they serve as a creative platform to express opinions or share information, they can, indeed, become a lucrative avenue too. The art of managing a blog requires planning and dedicated efforts. Following are some of the tips:

Know your audience: It seems simple, and obvious, but if you want your blog to be a go-to source for useful information, you need to understand your audience, their preferences, etc.

MANAGEMENT MOVES

Saurav Soman

Lovewhatyoudo: If you're not excited about your content, no one else will be either. Deliver engaging, relevant and up-to-date information to your readers. Be dedicated to readers and understand that in order to gain their loyalty, you have to continually provide them relevant content.

Be consistent about blogging: If you don't provide new content on a regular basis, your readers will stop visiting your site. Come rain, shine or earthquake, blog regularly.

Feature cool graphics, illustrations and photos: A blog with lots of words and no art isn't an inviting page for visitors. Whether it's your own photography or in the public domain, graphics power your posts. In fact, never post without an accompanying graphic. Sometimes, a strong graphic can tell the story without any content.

Attach labels to your blog posts to help search engines identify your content: Just because you create a blog with relevant content doesn't mean it will be easy for readers to find it. Search engines like Google have an algorithm that decides which websites are listed first in a search result. In order to be listed first in a Google search, you need to have the apt words so Google's algorithm can find them.

Set specific goals for your blog: When you have specific goals in mind as you approach your blog each day or week, you'll be able to cut out unnecessary things that will eventually help you achieve your goals.

Stop checking your stats: There are reasons to check on how many people are interacting with your blog but not every day, or even every week. It's especially hard for new bloggers not to get their self worth tied up in how many people are reading their posts. But not only is this unhealthy, it's a waste of time. Set a date for once a month to peruse your stats and find out which posts from the past 30 days have been the most popular, and where your readers are coming from. (casaurav.soman@gmail.com)



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BAADSHAO

DIRECTOR: MILAN LUTHRA
STARS: AJAY DEVGN, ILEANA D'CRUZ, EMRAAN HASHMI

After the recently released *Indu Sarkar*, Bollywood has churned out yet another movie made against the backdrop of proclamation of Emergency in India.

Baadshaho, however, is not an out-and-out political drama, although filmmaker Milan Luthra does not hesitate to put a particular political family in the dock.

Baadshaho is more of a heist drama which revolves around a foreign-return Rajput princess, Geetanjali (Ileana D'Cruz), who is made to pay for not obliging to the whims of a political leader, modelled on Sanjay Gandhi, as the latter orders her arrest and the seizure of all her undeclarable treasures.

The scheming and the deceit that the princess masterminds from inside the jail by employing her personal bodyguard-lover Bhabani Singh (Ajay Devgn) to get back the booty, forms the crux.

The twists that the filmmakers attempt are at times predictable and too commonplace, especially the climax. Despite all these, *Baadshaho* succeeds to maintain the momentum throughout and manages to hold on to the viewer's imagination till the very end.



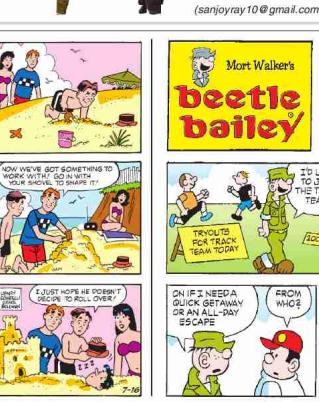
SHUBH MANGAL SAARDHAAN

DIRECTOR: RS PRASANNA
STARS: AYUSHMANN KHURANA, BHUMI PEDNEKAR, SEEMA BHARGAVA, ANSHUL CHAUHAN, GOPAL DUTT

Shubh Mangal Saardhaan is a remake of the Tamil film *Kalyana Samayal Saardham* with the same director at the helm. Made on the 'touchy' subject of erectile dysfunction, the director RS Prasanna has attempted to bring a whiff of fresh air in Bollywood with his signature style of storytelling and by sensitively dealing with the plot without becoming improper.

The story revolves around Mudit and Sugandha who fall in love and plan to marry. However, the conservative school of thought plays spoilport, making the courtship quite a challenging task once the erectile dysfunction issue emerges.

The filmmaker handles the raunchy humour quite well and refrains from being vulgar. As far as performances go, the lead pair has an affable chemistry going on between them. The situational humour that the script entails is quite laudable although the tempo is not maintained till the end and that is where the movie loses its sheen to a certain extent.



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