





## Strict vigilance in J&K, 4 security men hurt in grenade attack

JAMMU/SRINAGAR, Aug 14: Tight security was in place on Monday ahead of the Independence Day celebrations in Jammu and Kashmir, while three Central Reserve Police Force troopers and a policeman were injured in a grenade attack in Badgam district.

Militant outfit Lashkar-e-Taiba owned responsibility for the attack.

Beefed-up security in both Srinagar and Jammu came in the wake of intelligence reports on militants plans to disrupt August 15 official functions in the state.

Makeshift checkpoints sprung up at dozens of places in Jammu and Srinagar, as all vehicles entering both the cities were stopped to enable frisking of occupants and checking of vehicles.

All high-rise buildings around the Mualana Azad Stadium in Jammu and the Bakshi Stadium in Srinagar were taken over by sharpshooters to secure the two venues for the main Independence Day functions in the state.

A senior police official said drones and selected-circuit cameras were used to ensure security.

In Srinagar, all roads leading to the Bakshi Stadium, where Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti will hoist the national flag, were sealed for both vehicular and pedestrian movement.

Entry to the stadium is highly regulated by electronic equipment and human surveillance.

Entry to the Jammu stadium too was tightly regulated by security forces.

Tensions have traditionally been high in the Valley around August 15 and January 26 since the ongoing separatist violence started in the state in the early 1990s.

Separatists have been calling for protest shutdowns and civilian boycott of Independence Day parades, with militants attempting to disrupt official functions on January 26 and August 15 all these years.

Traffic on the roads and crowds in markets were lesser than usual in Srinagar on Monday as people rushed home earlier amid the tight security.

Authorities imposed curfew-like restrictions in parts of Srinagar city for what they said was maintaining law and order. — IANS

## NHRC issues notice to UP Govt on infant deaths

NEW DELHI, Aug 14: The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) on Monday issued a notice to the Uttar Pradesh government on the deaths of over 60 children in a government hospital in Gorakhpur and called for a detailed report.

It also asked for information about the steps taken for "relief and rehabilitation of the affected families" as well as the action taken against the guilty and gave it four weeks time to submit the report.

More than 60 children have died at the Baba Raghav Das Medical College in Gorakhpur, which is Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's Lok Sabha constituency.

Infections and possible disruption of oxygen supply have been blamed for the deaths.

NHRC noted that this notice follows the suo motu cognizance taken of media reports hinting at negligence in the supply of liquid oxygen, which resulted in the tragedy.

"Reported deaths, in such a large number in a government hospital, amount to serious violation of Right to Life and Health of the innocent victims," the commission said in a statement.

"This indicates towards gross callousness on part of the hospital administration and the Medical Education and Health Department of the Government of Uttar Pradesh."

Earlier also several instances of deaths in the hospitals due to Japanese Encephalitis have been reported, it said.

"In spite of assurance given by the state administration, the situation has not improved."

"The private firm, contracted to supply liquid oxygen to the hospital, stopped the supplies, as it was not paid the outstanding dues of almost Rs 70 lakh and the result was tragic deaths of about 60 children," it said. — IANS

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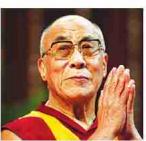
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## China reaffirms opposition to Dalai's visits abroad



Botswana's capital Gaborone on August 19.

"China attaches great importance to relations and friendly cooperation with Botswana, and hopes bilateral ties will maintain positive development," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying told reporters. "China's position remains firm after media reports said that the Dalai Lama cancelled the plan in mid-August due to health problems," Hua said.

Earlier reports from Botswana said that President Ian Khama will be meeting the Dalai Lama. Botswana confirmed that it will allow the Dalai Lama to visit next month as "a foreign dignitary" though it is a "purely private visit" despite firm opposition from China. —PTI

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## Nepal railways: China, India vie for influence

JANAKPUR, Aug 14: Three years after its last train bit the buffers, landlocked Nepal is building a new rail-way network to boost its ailing economy – helped by the rivalry between its powerful neighbours, China and India.

The railway to India was a lifeline for the small southern frontier town of Janakpur used to import everything from sweets to clothes and cosmetics and fuelling a vi-

brant border economy.

But it fell into disrepair after years of neglect and since 2014 the train has sat stationary, its rusting carcass now a playground for local children, while Janakpur's markets are empty.

"When the train was running, we would have a lot of business, I was easily providing ((for) my family," said Shyam Sah, whose small family-run cosmetics shop has suffered an 80 percent drop

in profits since the railway closed.

Now it is being rebuilt with Indian backing, one of three new rail lines – one funded by China in the north and a third by Nepal itself – that the country hopes will help boost international trade.

Nepal remains largely isolated from the global economy, dependent on aid and remittances. Growth slowed dramatically

after a 2015 earthquake that is expected to normalize at 5 per cent from 2018 – one of the slowest rates in South Asia – according to the World Bank.

In recent years it has courted its two large neighbours for investment in an attempt to plug itself into a rail network that links the far eastern reaches of Asia with Europe.

But geography is not on its side.

The Himalayas form a natu-

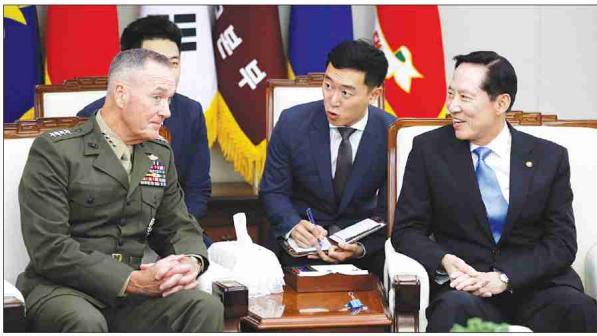
ral border between Nepal and China, leaving it largely dependent on India – with which it shares a 1,400 kilometre open border – for the majority of its imports and exports.

In recent years Kathmandu has tilted towards Beijing as part of a nationalist drive to decrease the country's reliance on New Delhi.

China has responded, ramping up its diplomatic ties with Nepal – mostly through large-scale infrastructure investments.

In 2017, Beijing pledged \$8.3 billion to build roads and hydropower plants in Nepal, dwarfing India's commitments of USD 317 million.

Feasibility studies are also underway for a Beijing-backed railway connecting Kathmandu to Lhasa in Tibet, cutting straight through the Himalayas at an estimated cost of \$8 billion. —AFP



US Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Joseph Dunford talks with South Korean Defence Minister Song Young-moo during their meeting at the Defence Ministry in Seoul, on Monday. — UNI

## 18 killed in Burkina Faso terror attack

OUAGADOUGOU, Aug 14: Security forces in Burkina Faso's capital ended an assault today against suspected jihadists who opened fire on a restaurant in a "terrorist attack" that left at least 18 people dead, the government said.

The attack that began Sunday night in a Turkish restaurant popular with foreigners also left a dozen people injured, while two assailants were later killed, Communications Minister Remi Djandjou said. It was not clear how many gunmen were involved.

"The operation has ended" but searches are continuing in the Ouagadougou neighbourhood around the restaurant,

Djanjou told a press briefing carried on social media.

The Istanbul restaurant is just 200 metres from a hotel and cafe targeted in an assault in January 2016 that left 30 people dead and 71 wounded, many of them foreigners. That attack was claimed by the Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) group.

"According to witnesses, at least two assailants arrived on a motorcycle around 9pm armed with Kalashnikovs, opened fire on the Istanbul restaurant," a police officer told AFP on condition of anonymity. Three men arrive on a 4X4 vehicle around 9:30 pm, get off the vehicle and open fire on customers seated on the terrace. — AFP

## Death toll in Nepal floods touches 78

KATHMANDU, Aug 14: At least 12 people were killed in a landslide in Nepal today, taking the death toll in floods and rain-related calamities to 78 across the Himalayan nation, even as all 35 of the stranded Indian nationals have been rescued, officials said.

Heavy rainfall has lashed Nepal for the past four days, swelling several Himalayan rivers beyond the danger mark and causing flooding and landslides at many places in the country. The river Rapti, which flows through a large part of Nepal towards the southern plains, flooded human settlements and hotels popular with tourists in the Chitwan Valley.

All the 35 Indian nationals, who were stranded in Sauraha, a part of the Chitwan National Park, have been rescued, an Indian Embassy spokesman said. They were rescued to safer place by using tamed elephants.

Although earlier reports quoting local authorities, said that 200 Indian tourists were among the 700 stranded in the area, the Indian Embassy official said only 35 of them were Indian nationals. According to the Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA) at least 12 people were killed in landslides in Morang district today, taking the death toll in the district to 17 and overall to 78. — PTI



US Marine Corps and Japan Ground Self Defence Force (front) personnel take part in a joint exercise named Northern Viper 17 at Hokudaien exercise area in Eniwa, on the northern island of Hokkaido, in Japan on Monday. — UNI

## London's iconic Big Ben to fall silent until 2021



LONDON, Aug 14: The chimes of one of the world's most famous clock towers of the 19th century, the Big Ben in London, will fall silent for essential repairs for four years from next week.

The regular bongs of the Elizabeth Tower, as it is officially known, will sound for the final time at midday next Monday before being disconnected to allow the clock and surrounding tower to be restored.

The Great Bell has sounded for the hour for 157 years. It last fell silent in 2007 and before that, for major refurbishments between 1983 and 1985.

Parliamentary authorities said stopping Big Ben – the commonly used name for the Palace of Westminster's Elizabeth Tower – would protect workers carrying out the repairs.

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However, it will still sound for important events including New Year's Eve and Remembrance yesterday.

The essential programme of work will safeguard the tower on a long-term basis, as well as restoring and preserving its home - the Elizabeth Tower," said Steve Jagger, the clock's keeper.

The Big Ben, part of the Palace of Westminster Parliament complex in central London, traditionally strikes an E note every hour, and every 15 minutes four "quarter bells" chime.

To stop the chimes, the striking hammers of the bell will be locked until 2021. It weighs 13 tonnes.

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## Plantation drive

JORABAT, Aug 14: A tree plantation drive was organised in the CRPF 9th Mile campus by the CRPF Family Welfare Association this morning. Naheed Sultan, wife of ADG Javed Akhtar, was the chief guest. Altogether 500 saplings were planted in the CRPF 9th Mile campus and along the NH-37. — Correspondent

## Flood ...

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over 25,761 marooned people have been rescued by the local administration and local people and the SDRF, NDRF, Army and CRPF personnel in 25 districts, sources said.

Army personnel are deployed in Nagaon district for rescuing the marooned people. Altogether 191 boats have been pressed into service for the rescue operation, said the ASDMA flood bulletin here this evening.

The Brahmaputra is flowing above its respective danger levels at Neamtiaghat, Tezpur, Guwahati, Goalpara and Dhubri. Its tributaries Burhidihing (at Khowong), Dhangiri-Son (at Numaligarh), Jia Bharali (at NT Road Crossing), Puthimari (at NH Road Crossing), Beki (at Road Bridge), Sankosh (at Golaghat) are also flowing above their respective danger levels.

In the Barak Valley, the Katakhali (at Matizuri) and Kushiyara (at Karimganj) are also flowing above danger level, said the Central Water Commission in its evening flood bulletin here today.

The flood-hit districts are Dhemaji, Lakhimpur, Biswanath, Sonitpur, Udalguri, Darrang, Baksa, Nalbari, Barpeta, Bongaigaon, Chirang, Kokrajhar, Dhubri, South Salma, Goalpara, Morigaon, Nagaon, Karbi Anglong, Golaghat, Jorhat, Majuli, Sivasagar, Dibrugarh, Tinsukia and Kamrup.

Altogether 3,07,638 people are taking shelter in 713 relief camps. The district administrations of the flood-hit districts have also set up 214 relief distribution centres.

The current wave of floods has affected a crop area of 2,87,571.08 hectares, besides 9,40,925 big animals, 7,70,858 small animals and 20,39,860 poultry died.

## Guwahati open-defection-free: GMC

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 14: Guwahati city was today declared open-defection-free by the Guwahati Municipal Corporation (GMC) as part of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.

The Corporation has now decided to slap penalty on citizens violating the cleanliness norms.

"After going through reports collected by the GMC councillors, area sabha members and also surveys conducted in school, colleges and different institutions, we have arrived at a decision to declare the municipal area of the city as open-defection-free from now on," Guwahati Mayor Mrigen Sarania said.

"A notification in this regard was published in newspapers on July 18 for

## Citizens violating cleanliness norms to be penalised

opinions and feedback from different stakeholders. As we did not receive any objection, we have decided to move ahead with the initiative to ensure Guwahati's place among the

150th birth anniversary, India has pledged to become open-defection-free and clean by October 2, 2019.

The Corporation will also go to the extent of filing FIRs against citizens for not following cleanliness norms. "Despite regular warnings, some people still throw garbage into the drain and on the roadside. We will file police complaints in such cases," the Mayor said.

Also, the GMC is going to nearly double the number of NGOs engaged in conservancy services in bigger wards of the city. From September onwards, 56 NGOs will look after the work of day-to-day garbage collection from the doorstep of every house. At present, 31 NGOs are engaged in conservancy for an equal number of municipal wards in the city.

## Main clauses of Assam Accord...

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1,78 lakh cases are still pending.

Another major issue affecting the process is that a large number of persons declared as foreigners have become untraceable.

Though the exact number of such persons is yet to be ascertained, the figure will not be less than 40,000 and only around 1,300 of them could be apprehended.

This had happened because of lack of any system to keep a watch on the suspects during the trial period and such persons can easily move from one place to other during the trial, making it almost impossible for the law enforcement agencies to trace them out.

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State made promises to deal with the problem.

Immediately after taking over charge, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal visited the international border areas to assess the situation on the ground.

Teams of legislators and senior officers were also sent to the international border areas to study the situation and recommend measures to deal with the situation.

But the international border is yet to be sealed and though the riverine international border is still considered most vulnerable, no effective step has yet been taken by the Centre to improve vigil along the area.

Though the State government has posted one officer of the rank of Superintendent of Police in four districts having

international border only to deal with the problem of infiltration, they are virtually helpless without adequate forces at their disposal. The decision to create a strong second line of defence, taken way back in 1999, is yet to be implemented on the ground.

Implementation of Clause 6 of the Assam Accord, by which the Centre promised to provide constitutional safeguards to the indigenous people of the State, is vital to protect the identity of the indigenous people but unfortunately successive governments at the Centre and in the State have not yet been able to find out the definition of 'Assamese people' for providing such safeguards.

On the other hand, in Clause 7 of the Accord, the Centre promised to work for all round economic development of Assam to improve the standard of living of the people.

All Assam Students' Union (ASAU) has been demanding that floods and erosion should be declared as national problems under the provisions of the Clause as economic development of the State would never be possible without permanent solution of the problems. But the Centre is yet to do anything in this regard.

The attitude of the Centre on the implementation of the Accord is evident from the fact that tripartite meetings at political level on the implementation of the Act are also not held periodically to review the progress.

The last such meeting chaired by the Union Home Minister, Rajnath Singh, was held after a gap of 12 years.

The decisions taken in the previous meeting chaired by the then Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh in May, 2005 were not implemented on the ground and it remains to be seen whether the decisions taken in the last meeting in May this year are actually implemented.

## Renuka Devi Barkataki...

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Born on November 29, 1932 to Rudra Kanta Sharma and Dharma Devi of Uzanbazar, Renuka Devi Barkataki graduated in science from Cotton College.

Her husband Munin Barkataki predeceased her. Her only daughter Meenaxi Barkataki is based in Germany.

Initiated into social and community works at an early age, Barkataki had been active in the Moina Parijati movement during her school days, and was the commander of the Assam Congress Sesa Dal when Mahatma Gandhi had visited Guwahati in 1947.

She served the Congress in various capacities in her younger days. She was elected to Parliament from the Barpeta constituency as a Congress candidate in 1962 and remained with the Congress until 1975-1977.

With the amalgamation of the Congress (O) with the Janata Party in 1977, she became a member of the Janata Party and became the general secretary of the State unit and a member of the National Working Committee.

She was elected to Parliament for a second time in 1977 from the prestigious Guwahati constituency as a Janata Party candidate and was appointed Minister of State for Education, Social Welfare, Culture, and Youth (O) when the Congress split in 1994.

in 1967, and became the general secretary of the Assam Congress (O). She was elected to the Assam Assembly from the Hajo constituency as an independent candidate in 1972 and she became the Deputy Leader of the Opposition.

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She was also nominated as the first and only woman Narayana Director of the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) in 2003.

## Rail link with NE...

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passenger trains. Frequent announcements are also being made through the PA system at the stations,"

Sharma said.

Thousands of commuters have been left stranded at various stations across the

NFR zone since yesterday since the rail link got snapped after rising water levels inundated tracks at Kathiawar and Alipurduar divisions. Normal train traffic is still plying from New Jalpaiguri eastwards towards Guwahati and further up to Dibrugarh, Silchar, Murtongsied and Agartala.

"However, train service to and from NFR zone to other parts of the country continue to remain disrupted. Services are only likely to resume once flood water recede and the track is certified fit for traffic," said an official.

A number of trains, including the Dibrugarh-Howrah Kamrup Express, the Dibrugarh-New Delhi Rajdhani Express and the Dibrugarh-Delhi Brahmaputra Mail were cancelled today.

In addition, the NFR has also announced cancellation of a number of trains scheduled for tomorrow. Among them are the Guwahati-Rajendranagar Capital Express, the Guwahati-Bangalore Express, the North East Express, the Sarsaighat Express, the Guwahati-Lemnanya Tilak Terminus Express and the Kamal-khyha-Bangalore Express.

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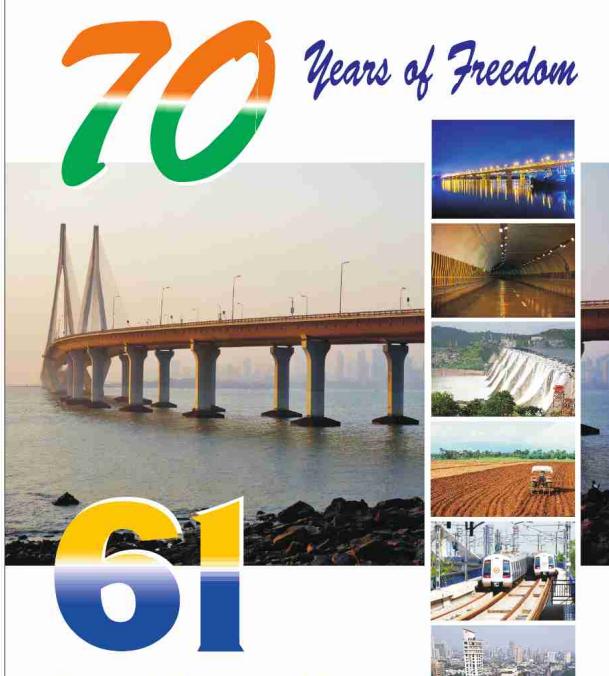


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## MESSAGE FOR TODAY

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— ROMAIN ROLLAND

**The Assam Tribune****New India**

As our nation celebrates her 71st Independence Day we, the people, need to reaffirm our vision of a "new India." Our country attained independence from a colonial power on August 15, 1947; thus this day, apart from its celebratory aspects, is also an occasion to affirm our identity as Indians, no matter which part of the country we belong to. Seven decades, undoubtedly, is too short a period in the history of any nation. That India opted for democracy has made the process of development slower than autocratic nations like China. Yet one positive outcome during these decades has been the gradual strengthening of the pillars upon which our democratic system rests, something crucial to any endeavour at building the India of our dreams. True, we have miles to travel in translating that vision into reality since we have not wholly attained freedom from poverty, hunger, superstitions, caste taboos, corruption etc. Moreover, with freedom comes responsibility, something not everyone acknowledges. For instance, certain elements in our society are distorting the true vision of a new India by attempting to polarize our society through their non-inclusive stances. Yet such aberrations cannot conceal the fact that India has broadly displayed the political will and civil desire to strive towards real freedom. It is this will to rid ourselves of shortcomings through education and social reforms which gives Independence Day its actual significance.

Having achieved "independence", every Indian must strive to make our country "free" in the true sense of the term. Today is the day when we have to pledge to fight oppression and bigotry in all manifestations. It is also an occasion to remember the sacrifices made by those who fought to free our nation from British rule, as also those by individuals who have sought to safeguard our borders since then. Unfortunately, in the latter aspect, there has been a concerted attempt to change facts of history and refrain from giving due credit to many individuals who fought for independence. At the same time, a similar attempt at distortion is being made to create heroes out of individuals who had little role to play in that fight for freedom. However, history is a hard taskmaster and is not so malleable that it can be subjected to permanent distortion, as many autocracies in other parts of the world had discovered to their dismay. Independence Day is an occasion to remind ourselves that we must not allow foolish endeavours by a few to distract us from pursuing our vision of a new India. That vision is shaped less by ideology or aspects such as religion and more by economical, educational, scientific and rational aspirations. There can be no doubt that India is marching towards a sought for vision and Independence Day is the occasion to remind us of this.

**Good riddance**

Reportedly, almost the whole of Indian film industry is relieved at the unceremonious sacking of the chief of the Board of Film Certification (CBFC), popularly called the "censor board," the brash and loud-mouthed Pahlaj Nihalani, whom most movie-makers had considered a hurdle on the path of modernistic and creative film-making. Not only did Nihalani wield his scissors with a vengeance on certain films, he also courted controversy with his comments which gradually became unacceptable to even those who had backed him in the BJP. It may be recalled that Nihalani had been a vocal supporter and campaigner for the party in the 2014 General Elections, most famously as the person who coined the "Har har Modi, ghar ghar Modi" slogan. However, his appointment since 2015 as the CBFC's chief did not turn out well for the BJP's image, for in the name of *apasanskruti* he appeared to be bent on taking the film industry back to the days when even a kissing scene in an Indian film was deemed taboo. He began his stint by unilaterally banning certain words he considered unacceptable in films in any language and then later went on a scissor-wielding spree, demanding as many as 89 cuts in the movie *Udta Punjab*. Fortunately, the producers of that film refused to comply, went to court, and were rewarded with a single-cut release with an 'A' certificate.

In at least two instances he alienated his BJP backers. First was when he refused to certify a biopic on Nobel Laureate Amartya Sen titled *The Argonautic Indian* unless certain words were removed. This aroused the ire of people in Bengal, a State the BJP is desperate to gain political foothold in. His initial refusal to certify a critically-acclaimed film *Lipstick Under My Burkha* for being too "female-oriented" and dealing with "women fantasies" had further dented the BJP's image and too was instrumental in his being sacked. However, Nihalani's antics did serve at least one purpose — these led to the formation of the Information and Broadcasting Ministry forming a Committee headed by noted film-director Shyam Benegal which will recommend curtailment of the CBFC's powers of intervention while certifying films. The Committee, which will also recommend more categories so that Indian film-makers can experiment in films with adult content, is expected to provide greater leeway to film-making in the country and keep up with modern trends. According to sources, the film-industry, while bidding good riddance to Pahlaj Nihalani, has welcomed his replacement by Prasoon Joshi, whose understanding of the mass media is reputed to be excellent. Though Joshi's too is basically a political appointment, he is said to be equipped with a more liberal and modern mindset. With the total revamp of the CBFC Board which accompanied the new appointment favourable winds of change are expected to blow for the film industry.

# Independence Day musings

**The Beaten TRACK**  
DN Bezboruah

It is a happy coincidence that this fortnight's column should fall on my most favourite holiday — Independence Day. I did not have the good fortune to be born in an independent country. When I was born, India was a country ruled by the British. I was thus born near Jorhat (then a part of Sivasagar district) as a British subject though very far away from Britain. I was in Class VIII when these facts of life began to hurt. I felt that being born the subject of alien rulers was no better than being born a slave. However, the transfer of power was very much in the news, and I looked forward eagerly to August 15, 1947 when the country would shake off the yoke of colonial rule that also became free soon after India won freedom. I certainly do not wish to get into any kind of pointless debate with people who keep saying that India was better off under the British than it is under our own rulers. I prefer to think of such people as totally lacking in both patriotism and self-respect.

I also regard such people as lacking in the sense of responsibility that ought to mark the deeds and words of people who realize that they have duties to perform in a country that has been given back to the rightful owners after two centuries of alien rule.

Independence may mean freedom, but to me it is a formal word that I tend to avoid. I am far more comfortable with less formal words like freedom and liberty. And because independence is a more formal word than freedom, most countries prefer to talk about their "day of independence" rather than their "day of freedom". At the same time, it is useful to be able to analyse what precisely we have in mind when we talk about independence, freedom, liberty or even justice. There is no doubt that independence being a more formal word than its other semantic alternatives is also a good bit more comprehensible than the others. Consequently, it does not stop at signifying lack of dependence on others but succeeds at encompassing

brings to an end about two centuries of foreign rule and virtual slavery and turns everyone into proud citizens of a free country. That is what freedom has done to the people of our country once ruled by foreign colonial powers. And that is what happened to a whole lot of countries under the yoke of colonial rule that also became free soon after India won freedom. I certainly do not wish to get into any kind of pointless debate with people who keep saying that India was better off under the British than it is under our own rulers. I prefer to think of such people as totally lacking in both patriotism and self-respect.

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passing different levels of freedom and liberty. Liberty is a word derived from the French word *liber* which means free. As such, freedom ought to be a good starting point for what all these related words stand for as well as for an understanding of their limits. A moot question would be whether our freedom permits us to do just what we please even in a very free society. To be quite honest, no one has that kind of freedom unless one

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has grown-ups do — like being allowed to go to a late-night movie or to stay awake well past the stipulated bedtime to watch TV or play one more game of carrom with older siblings. Quite often, the attempt at demanding yet another token of freedom remains well within the confines of what others are doing, but represents an attempt to demand the freedom to do things that are allowed only after a certain age. Asserting our freedom is best re-

served for issues that are significant or for being true to our conscience in the face of developments that threaten our freedom. And that is why there is bound to be a lot of difference between the act of an individual asserting his/her independence just to demonstrate that one has some particular kind of freedom and the act of a government who has to have a lot of courage not to conform to expected norms

and to use personal freedom for a cause that affects a lot of people. In fact, people have great respect for an officer who chooses to use his freedom not to conform to expected or customary modes of conduct that are flawed, anti-people or undemocratic merely because such courses of action are seen as safe, less disputable and less stressful for a government officer in the context of customary conduct in a corruption-ridden system. It is such situations that tell us how difficult it is to be truly free or to permit total freedom and liberty in a society that is so hamstrung by conventions.

It is hardly surprising, therefore,

to see so many instances of people confusing licence for liberty in their

misguided attempts to assert their own warped notions of liberty. The recent case of two well-connected youths of Chandigarh who chased Varnika Kundu's car around midnight and terrorized her is quite typical of what a lot of our misguided youths think is within the ambit of their freedom and liberty. One of them, the son of the BJP chief of Haryana, possibly thought that his father's position permitted him certain liberties that the sons of lesser mortals did not enjoy. What he obviously had not learnt was that the law is generally assumed to be blind about who the wrongdoer is.

In the ultimate analysis, any worthwhile exercise of freedom is not just what is dictated by our pursuit of the pleasure principle, but rather by the exercise of freedom that adds in some way to the greater good of the greatest numbers. Seen in that light, it is the freedom to be able to help others, to insist on doing things that need to be done but have not been done, the need to persuade others to use their rights with responsibility rather than using our freedom solely to secure ephemeral personal pleasures that really counts as worthwhile freedom. The best freedom is the freedom that we exercise with responsibility. It is the kind of legacy that our freedom fighters have left for us. It is the freedom to offer *tyaag* rather than the freedom to enjoy the outcome of *bhog* that counts as the most exalted kind of freedom.

Our fundamental rights ensure that our freedom shall not be forfeited under any circumstances, but all these rights need to be exercised with responsibility so that one person's freedom to exercise his/her rights does not take away someone else's freedom even by the slightest extent.

## Modi's flood relief & dredging project

■ Dr Umesh C Tahbildar

**O**n August 1, 2017, in Guwahati, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced a package of Rs 200 crore for immediate relief from flood in Assam. This is a welcome gesture and one only hopes that the money is spent wisely without leakage and flood victims get appropriate relief. Modi also tweeted that a part of the package money will go towards increasing the river-bracing capacity of the river Brahmaputra although no details were mentioned. One wonders if he was referring to the Rs 40,000 project announced earlier by Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal and Central Minister Nitin Gadkari for dredging the river Brahmaputra. Recently, Sonowal had also confirmed that the first phase of dredging in the Brahmaputra from Sadiya to Neamatiangarh near Jorhat will begin during the coming winter season. The planned project includes a six-lane modern highway on either side of the river using the dredged material. The highway is presented to be an embankment for Brahmaputra to contain the flood water with the crest of the highway designed to be several feet higher than the maximum historic flood level. The peo-

ple of Assam have long suffered the ravages of floods and this planned project of the government to address the problem is naturally well received. However, one must exert caution about whether the touted promise of flood control will materialize. The issue of flood in Assam is a very complex one. The project may be a shining promise, but all that glitters may not be gold. It is imperative to analyze the ramifications of such a humongous project with respect to environmental, social and economic consequences on a scientific basis.

Essentially, the objectives of the above project are three-fold — increase navigability of the river, facilitate fast highway transportation and mitigate flood. It will be a tall order to bring to fruition all these ideal objectives. First, given the characteristics of river flow with respect to velocity and volume of discharge and alarmingly high sediment load — 1 billion tonnes per year which is five times as much as in China's Huang He (Yellow River), it will be prohibitively expensive to maintain even a narrow navigation-channel and probably it will turn out to be impractical. Huge amount of silt turned over may eventually find its way back to the river or the

agricultural land nearby after being washed away by heavy downpour ravages a few of roads and this planned project of the government to address the problem is naturally well received. Another relevant point is that it is not known how the Brahmaputra flood will change with the highway embankments. Backflow into the streams is a possibility in which case a system of sluices and huge pumping facilities will have to be designed simultaneously. What all this points out is that a true solution of the problem of flood in Assam would require a truly holistic look at the problem and a solution strategy that will require extensive study and resources. Short of such commitment, a stop-gap approach will be utterly futile. It will be prudent for the government to refrain from any rash action that has the potential to backfire in time.

It must be understood that the flood in the Assam is not a consequence of the Brahmaputra overflowing its banks alone although it is true in some segments. Widespread flooding is also caused by many tributaries either by rupturing the embankments or overflowing the banks. In the recent flooding, 19 dykes failed leading to flooding. In one case, the Rangamati embankment gave way because NEEPCO released excessive amount of water. In another case, the embankment in Burhada river in Nalbari district was sliced to release water to preclude a more serious flooding situation. All this will still occur even if the main stream of the Brahmaputra

is contained. It is, therefore, imperative to include the tributaries as a part of the total solution of flood problem. Another relevant point is that it is not known how the Brahmaputra flood will change with the highway embankments. Backflow into the streams is a possibility in which case a system of sluices and huge pumping facilities will have to be designed simultaneously. What all this points out is that a true solution of the problem of flood in Assam would require a truly holistic look at the problem and a solution strategy that will require extensive study and resources. Short of such commitment, a stop-gap approach will be utterly futile. It will be prudent for the government to refrain from any rash action that has the potential to backfire in time.

The river Brahmaputra is a prized possession of the Assamese people. A whole culture and civilization developed around this river for ages. Caution must be taken in doing any intervention of its natural flow path so as not to adversely impact the dependence of the people on it. But that's exactly what will happen if haphazard actions are taken without complete study of repercussions of any action thoroughly. It is of paramount importance that the government's decision for action is thoroughly backed

**Letters****to the****EDITOR**

Sir, — Through the columns of your esteemed daily, I would like to throw light on some points regarding APCB's recent advertisement No. 05/2017 for faculties in Engineering Colleges/Polytechnics in Assam. It has been mentioned that in case of applicants is large; (i) the Commission may shorten the number of candidates either on the basis of their marks obtained in ITTs, unlike other institutes. It may so happen that a candidate who has completed Master's degree from an ITT with 65 or 70% is not called for interview while a less meritorious student from a State or a Private University may be called for interview just because he/she secured the set high shortlisting percentage. In such a scenario, it will be very unfair for candidates having degrees from ITTs and other elite institutions. It is very essential to note that faculty norms prescribed by AICTE for Engineering and Technology is BE/B Tech and ME/M Tech in the relevant branch with first class or equivalent either in BE/B Tech or ME/M Tech. Hence, I feel all candidates with first class should be called for interview.

Secondly, at the master's level, there are diverse specializations and holding a screening test is also not a feasible option. Hence, the best solution would be to shortlist all candidates for interview.

The area under irrigation coverage is about 8.82 lakh hectares and is about approxi-

mately 21.20 % of the total crop area of 41.60 lakh hectares in Assam. Hence, Assam needs an immediate and pragmatic approach to create a highly-efficient irrigation system.

Irrigation system itself consists of various categories such as flow irrigation, electric lift irrigation and underground irrigation mainly consisting of deep tube well and shallow tube well besides other types like sprinkler and drip irrigation. In Assam, there is enough scope to bring a large area of crop area under the irrigation system through as much of the rivers contain a sufficient quantum of water all round the year.

An important aspect to augmenting the inter-coordinated venture between agriculture and irrigation personnel specially at the field level as well as an intra joint venture within the Irrigation department is important to accelerate the different activities of civil, mechanical and electrical works on a war footing.

There is a provision of formation of Water Users' Association (WUA) involving farmers under a specific command area of an irrigated area under Participatory Irrigation Management (PIM), the aim of which is to reduce the gap between potential created and utilized irrigation potential. Such type of provisions may conveniently be used to encourage the involvement of farmers for uplift of their economic status. — Yours etc., BHUPEN DUTTA, Bidyapur, Nalbari.

**Pensioner's woes**

Sir, — I totally agree with the letter published in your esteemed daily on August 10 last, in which a pensioner expressed his grievance against the State Government for depriving the State pensioners of 7th Pay Commission's revised pension. I would, therefore, request the concerned authorities to take necessary steps so that the pensioners can get the revised pension along with the arrear ASAP. Yours etc., A PENSIONER

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# Flood spoils train passengers' trip plans

PRANJAL BHUYAN

GUWAHATI, Aug 14: For Sheetal Sharma of Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh, the life-long dream to have a darshan of the Kamakhya Temple has turned out to be an experience she would prefer not to have.

Sharma, who is part of a group of 17 pilgrims, including kids and women, has been left stranded at the Guwahati Railway Station after her train was cancelled due to the floods and inundation of rail tracks in Bihar, which has several links between the North East and the rest of the country.

"We had booked tickets for the North East Express till Etawah and our train was scheduled

for 10.30 am today. However, when we reached the station, we found out that it has been cancelled. So we are stuck," said Sharma, who along with her companions spent the entire day at the platform. The members of the group had spread shawls and bed-sheets on the floor and spent the day either chatting among themselves or taking a nap or visiting the inquiry counter to ask about the latest status of services.

"Money is the biggest problem for us. We had not brought much cash with us and nor did we bring our ATM cards as our trip was only to last for three-four days. We had only come to pay obeisance at the Kamakhya Temple," said Sharma.



Stranded passengers at the Guwahati Railway Station on Monday - UB Photos

However, she and the other members of her group did get refund for their tickets.

A major problem faced by stranded lady passengers is of using toilets and bathrooms.

The number of toilets at the station is very few and the condition of those is also not very hygienic. Shyan Bihari Sharma, another member of the group, said that no help or assistance has been provided by the railway authorities.

"They just gave refund for our tickets and have left us to fend for ourselves. Even lodges located near the railway station are already full as hundreds of stranded people like us are making a beeline for those and charges in such places are very high," he said.

Besides women, kids also had a horrowing time due to the wait, which is now expected to turn out to be quite a long one.

Samarjit Haldar of Kolkata

was scheduled to depart by the Kamrup Express to Howrah yesterday. But like thousands of others, he is stranded at the Guwahati Railway Station.

"Last night I took a room in a nearby lodge. But I cannot continue like this. It is not possible for everybody to take flights. So I am thinking of making a journey by road to Jalgairi and then proceed to Kolkata," Haldar said.

Biren Mash and his six compa-

nions, all from Bilaspur in Chhattisgarh, had come to the North East to visit tourist spots in Assam, Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya and were scheduled to depart to Howrah by the Sarat Express.

"But now we are stuck at the station since morning. We have no idea how long our wait will be. Our train has been cancelled. We have made repeated visits to the Information Centre but failed to elicit any-

thing regarding the status of the services," Mash said.

Suresh Bapat and his family

were also scheduled to depart by the North East Express to Delhi. "We are facing a lot of inconvenience. My kids are complaining of the humidity here. How long can we stay at the station? We cannot afford hotels or lodges for long duration and nobody is sure when services will resume. The railway authorities also have a responsibility towards us. They should at least arrange for our food and accommodation," he said.

On being contacted, Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) officials said that ticket refund windows and catering units at the Guwahati Railway Station are being kept open round-the-clock. "Crowds at Guwahati and other stations are getting thinner. Our staff are assisting the stranded passengers," said an official.

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*Waist-deep in floodwaters, a village woman trying to collect potable water from tube well at Gohpur on Sunday. — UB Photos*

## 75 villages under floodwaters in Golaghat

CORRESPONDENT

DERGAON, Aug 14: The flood situation in Golaghat district has deteriorated from Saturday night.

According to reports, as many as 75 villages under Rangamati mouza were submerged by the floodwaters of the river Brahmaputra. Floodwaters have also entered into these areas through Gelabari river.

On the other hand, strong currents of the river Brahmaputra are constantly crashing against shores at Nigmatighat, Jhajnukh, Laitimukh, Neogon and south Majuli triggering threat to Dergao and Jorhat towns. The Kharitapu Rangamati embankment in the middle of Dholang Chapor and Kalagonia is till now resisting the pressure of the strong currents of river. But the question is for how many days the embankment can hold its ground is giving the villagers a nightmare.

Villages under Dergao and Khumtai LAC are completely inundated. The floodwaters have even touched the

NH-37 at Rangagora and Bongaon at Leplei Pathar. Similarly, the floodwaters have reached the maximum height at Negheriang-Bankul embankment.

A total of 51 villages under Rangamati mouza and 23 villages under Maheura mouza are under floodwaters. The residents with their livestock of the villages of Bakuli Number 1 and 2, Devi Thana, Gosai Chapor etc., have shifted to safer places. The Bonku High School and Dusitumukh High School are also reeling under floodwaters.

As many as 20 villages under Ahatguri and South Ahatguri gaon panchayats namely Koroguri, Bhakeli Number 4, 5 and 6, Roumara, Dholang, Bhekali, Boksi, Baghedhara, Lopar, Chapor, Malia Chapor, Bhimpur, Sakopara, Chakala, Ghuria, Charai Chapor, Namati, Aahapani, Bhangumori, Puaranimati, Saqupara etc., have also been submerged. The Khumtai Revenue Circle officer, Dr Manika Barua, is monitoring the situation and the relief works.

## CM visits Sadiya to take stock of flood situation

CORRESPONDENT

DOOMDOOMA, Aug 14: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal visited Sadiya on Sunday to take stock of the flood situation here.

He visited a relief camp at Blismal Nagar LP School and had an interaction with the affected people who were taking shelter in the camp. He instructed the officials to take prompt measures to give flood relief to the affected people. He also distributed a few relief

materials among the affected people in the camp.

The Chief Minister also visited erosion-affected areas of Kundil river. Later, he told the mediaperson that effective measures would be taken to check the erosion soon. The CM was accompanied by Lokhimpar MP Pradan Baruah, Sadiya MLA Bolin Chetia and Tinukia MLA Onam Charan Kumar Singh.

The flood situation in Sadiya Subdivision and Doomdooma Revenue Circle is still grim.

## 1,00,000 hit by floodwaters in Kamrup

MOBARQUE HUSSAIN

MIRZA, Aug 14: Flood situation in Kamrup district has further worsened on Monday as the floodwaters of the Brahmaputra and Kuls river have been rising alarmingly.

The water of the river Brahmaputra is flowing 45 cm above the danger level in most of the villages of Palashari, Gorumari, Charmaria, Nagarbera and Hajo Revenue Circles in Kamrup (Rural) district, affecting over 1,00,000 families from over 100 villages. Floodwater is still showing a rising trend on Monday, creating panic situation among the affected families.

Sources said that thousands of families of villages namely Bardia, Bhatkhowadia, Hengratar, Banapara, Bitorbari, Paglada, Kalardia, Charaimari etc., under Palashari Revenue Circle in Kamrup (Rural) district have been reeling under the floods as the floodwaters have reached the rooftops of the houses in those villages. Besides, several villages such as Future, Bartari, Simina, Guimara, Panikhaiti, Dakhala, Satrapara etc., under Palashari LAC have also been partially inundated.

Several villages namely Sengratri, Kalardia, Charaimari etc., under Palashari LAC have become marooned. However, the government is yet to launch any rescue operation in these affected areas.

"Several highlands and shelters are also on the verge of getting submerged under Palashari and Gorumari Revenue Circles in Kamrup (Rural) district," said Mukadesh Ali of Sengratri village under Palashari LAC.



"Over 20 villages namely Balagaon Number 1, Balagaon Number 2, Batalhida, Sarapala, Koltuli, Maghawa, Debidubia, Salmaria, Duramari, Bhakuanwari, Khetrapara, Nayapara etc., under Goraimari Revenue Circle in the district have completely been submerged by the floodwaters of the river Brahmaputra and hundreds of families have become marooned as those villages are located in the islands of the river," said Shahjahan Ali of Panikhaiti village in Boko LAC, adding that major erosion by the river have also been reported in villages namely Mosurakandi, Hekerapara, Polinamangal, etc., under Boko LAC in Kamrup (Rural) district.

Panikhaiti Chark Primary Health Centre located at Panikhaiti under Boko LAC has already been washed away by the erosion of the river Brahmaputra.

"Villages namely Nagarbari, Malihari, Jamia, Pijupara, Hekera, etc., under Nagarbari Revenue Circle in the district have also been inundated," said Amal Das

flowing 20-25 cm above the danger mark in the villages namely Panikhaiti, Polimangal, Sarikati, Lakhipuri, Lutordiya, Lutordiya NC, Kamalapur, Ranapangi, Tupamara, etc., under Boko LAC. Large number of livestock have reportedly been washed away by the floodwaters," said Shahjahan Ali of Panikhaiti village in Boko LAC, adding that major erosion by the river have also been reported in villages namely Mosurakandi, Hekerapara, Polinamangal, etc., under Boko LAC in Kamrup (Rural) district.

More than 10 villages under Boko LAC, especially residents of Lakhipuri village, have completely gone under floodwaters. The Lakhipuri village is located on an island of the river Brahmaputra, sources said.

"Water of the river Brahmaputra is also

## Fresh flood submerges several areas in Sonitpur

CORRESPONDENT

TEZPUR, Aug 14: The floodwaters from the tributaries of the river Brahmaputra - Diphuta, Jo-rakhor, Mansiri, Jiahhbarali and Marabaharali - following incessant rainfall in past few days in Bihaguri, Dulari and Panchmire areas here in Sonitpur district have submerged the entire region affecting many families and their livestock.

Mansur Ali, assistant teacher of Surjyadaya Rural School, said that a large area, including Gutlung, Dularbi, Bhujiha, Ja-

hajduba, Bhitorsuburi and Phulota, have been submerged by the floodwaters. "Besides, Surjyadaya School, Dolabari Masque and Dolabari forest office have also been submerged," Mansur said, adding that altogether 15 relief camps have been set up in the area wherein about 3,000 people are taking shelter.

In Bihaguri area, Meken-chuburi, Putimuri, Boruguri, Jakorua-Chuburi, Bihognipuri, Bor-dubia, Nij-Bihaguri and Rongamati villages, and a large area of crop-land have gone under floodwaters. Villagers have been taking shelter

in places like schools and naam ghangs. Nabajyoti OJha, ADC, Sonitpur, who has been monitoring the flood-related issue in the district, said that in Nadwar Circle, altogether 11 villages have been affected and essential goods like foodgrains have been distributed among the families of 13,087 affected villagers who area sheltering in relief camps in the area.

In Tezpur-Dolabari area, officials from the district administration, including the circle officer, have been paying regular visits in the flood-affected areas for taking stock of the flood situation.

## 15-metre dyke breach inundates Kaliabor

ANN Service

KALIABOR, Aug 14: The old dyke between Hatimuri and Baghop which had protected the town since 1972 from the ravages of river Brahmaputra was suddenly breached at around 2 am on Saturday. The 15-metre breach allowed floodwaters to flow in through Kolong river and inundated more than 15 villages under Kaliabor Revenue Circle affecting more than 25,000 people.

Jakhalandha town, Senchowa, Dhatralgaon, Banipur, Dr T Aao Star-dium, Sarubhogia, Borkatakgian, Dulal Madhab, Sarbari Satra, Khoundpur, Saitkaichuburi, Purabheti, Pakhandasuk, Jakhalandha PHC, PWD Colony, Irrigation Colony are all under floodwaters. Patients from Jakhalandha PHC were released immediately after the floodwaters reached the area. The civil administration, SDRF and Army personnel are rescuing marooned people in the area. The NH-37 has been overtapped between Jakhalandha railway line. Three concrete foot bridges have also been washed away by the flood water.

The Minister for Water Resources and Information Technology, Keshab Mahanta, is camping in the area and looking after the flood-hit people. Vast areas of paddy fields of Dalgon, Sakmotti and Bharalgau villages have also been damaged.

The flood-people have taken

shelter at Jakhalandha Higher Secondary School. However, the compound is also under water. Flood-victims have also taken shelter at Sighat-Jakhalandha railway line. Three concrete foot bridges have also been washed away by the flood water.

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*A flood-affected rhino foraging for fodder in Kaziranga. — UB Photos*

## Hundreds of villages submerged in Golaganj area

CORRESPONDENT

GAURIPUR, Aug 14: The turbulent Gangadhar river has submerged vast areas under Golaganj and Agomoni circles causing serious threats to human habitation and agricultural fields.

The seriously affected areas are South Raipur, Uchita North Raipur, Biskhowa, Nalia, Kedar, Bergbhani, Salandanga, Soulaman, Belgor, Lahajani, Baterhat, under Agomoni circle.

Meanwhile, flood-affected people have taken shelter in schools and on NH-31. Vast areas of land where cultivators

transplanted Salidhan saplings have been drowned. The condition of the cattle-heads is said to be serious as there is water everywhere but there is not a single field to graze the cattle-heads.

Chayanika Thakuria, circle officer, Golaganj told this correspondent that relief materials have been distributed among the affected people taking shelter in schools and on NH-31 and sufficient relief materials are expected to arrive within a very short time. The administration is strictly observing the situation and rescue and relief materials would be intensified if and when necessary.

## Govt urged to complete NRC work soon

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 14: Voluntary social organisation Brothers and Asomiyi Suraksha Aikya Mancha on Sunday called upon the State government to complete the NRC update work in State without further delay and ensure that no foreigner's name is included in the list and no indigenous people are deprived.

In a meeting presided over by Dr Rohini Kumar Barua, educationist Dr Nirmal Kumar Choudhury, senior journalist Dhirendranath Chakravarty and legal expert Dr Ramesh Barpatra Gohain also laid stress on the fact that utmost care should be taken so that the names of foreigners should not be included in the NRC and the names of indigenous people must also not be dropped.

Site coordinator of the NRC, Prateek Hajela, assured the gathering that the names of all indigenous people would be included in the list and people must not worry about that.

The meeting convened by secretary general of Brothers, Dibyajyoti Saikia, resolved to extend all possible support to the authorities in the process of an error-free NRC update.

## Tribune employee's death condoled

GUWAHATI, Aug 14: A condolence meeting was held today at The Assam Tribune complex to mourn the demise of Krishna Bahadur, an employee of The Assam Tribune establishment, who passed away on August 12 at his Salbari residence at the age of 56.

The meet was presided over by the vice-president of the Assam Tribune Employees' Union, Manoranjan Sarkar.

The secretary of the union, Dugdham Ram Kalita while explaining the purpose of the meeting, paid tributes to the departed soul.

Munindra Deka, Madan Ch Kalita and Tankeswar Kakati spoke of Late Bahadur's work at the establishment and his qualities of head and heart. His demise was deeply mourned by all the employees of the establishment and a minute's silence was also observed to pay respects to the departed soul.



*Girls holding the National Flag ahead of the celebration of 71st Independence Day, in Mangaldoi on Monday. — UB Photos*

## Raha gears up for Independence Day

CORRESPONDENT

RAHA, Aug 14: In view of the forthcoming Independence Day celebration at Raha, a meeting of the local administration with all the heads of the departments was held recently at the Mahendra Hazarika Memorial Auditorium under the chairmanship of Pallavi Kachury Circle officer, Raha.

The meeting was attended by the Nagaon Deputy Commissioner, Shamsher Singh; Nagaon Superintendent of Police, Devraj Upadhyay; Raha Block Development Officer, Bhaskar Borthakur, Officer-in-Charge of Raha Police Station, Moloy Kumar Acharyee, and Officers-in-Charge of the Amsoi

and Chaparmukh police outposts.

The heads of the 129 villages under Raha Revenue Circle, VDP officials and senior citizens of the locality also attended the meeting.

The DC ordered all the heads of the departments of the town to illuminate their respective office premises on August 13, 14 and 15. The village heads also been directed to make arrangements in their respective villages to celebrate the day in a befitting manner and to host the Tricolour.

The DC emphasised on cleanliness of the town in the forthcoming celebrations and entrusted the job to the Raha town committee.

16,695 affected in Goalpara dist

GOALPARA, Aug 14: The overall flood situation in Goalpara district is gloomy as incessant rain over the last few days has led to inundation of low-lying areas and subsequently affected a total population of 16,695, including 2,265 inmates under Balijana revenue circle and over 14,195 under Lakhipur circle. The district administration has in the meantime set up 10 relief camps under Balijana circle. A total of 1,236 hectares of crop land have been damaged by flood waters under Lakhipur revenue circle. According to the daily flood bulletin, a total of 68 villages under Lakhipur circle have been affected by floods, including the low-lying areas in and around Khamzura, Kalodanga, Tapara, Rambari Char and Khanhubwa Char, while Joypur Bazaar continues to be under knee-deep water, even as 3 villages under Balijana, namely Hasilalab, Karbala and Bhatipara have been affected. —Correspondent



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Sealed quotations are hereby invited affording call for stamp worth Rs. 8.25 Rs. (Eight and Twenty five paisa) only applying in plain paper from interested parties for rental ready to move in building for the purpose of setting up office of the Atal Amrit Abhyani (AAA) Society, Assam. The office of Samarth Assam Society & Assam Medical Services Corporation may also be co-located in the building.

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- \* Area Required: 12000 x 1200sqft (approx.) out of which 3000-4000sqft (approx.) in ground floor first floor for AAA and 8000 sqft (approx.) for other co-located offices (if required).
- \* Type of building: RCC building (Provision for pantry and conference facilities is required).
- \* Having 24 hrs. electricity provisions and running water facilities.
- \* Having available parking area for cars (not fleet vehicles).
- \* Rate should be negotiable as per the area.
- \* Sealed quotation payable to different account of the owner.
- \* Holding No. and Municipal Tax paid receipt for last year to be furnished.
- \* The rented space/ accommodation should be free from any disputes or incumbrances.

Interested parties must submit their quotation to the following address not later than 4 hours on 20th August, 2017.

Specific terms &amp; condition, if any, to be clearly mentioned in the quotation.

The undersigned will reserve the right to cancel or accept any or all quotation without assigning any reason thereof.

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# STATE CM takes stock of flood damage in Morigaon dist

**CORRESPONDENT**

MORIGAON, Aug 14: To tackle the post-flood situation in the State, there will be no financial problems, assured Chief Minister Sonowal of all possible help from the Central to meet the challenges in the post-flood scenario.

The Chief Minister visited flood-affected areas of Morigaon district today and took stock of the relief and rescue operations. Talking to the as-

ssembled newsmen, the Chief Minister said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is serious about the intensity of the natural catastrophe in the State and admittedly assured Sonowal of all possible help from the Central to meet the challenges in the post-flood scenario.

The Chief Minister today visited the Bakborhuri relief camp in Morigaon district and directed the Government of

floods to carry out relief and rescue operations on a war footing. The Chief Minister was accompanied by Union Minister of State for Railways Girjan Gohain and several other MLAs.

It may be mentioned that the flood-related death toll in Morigaon district is 2, while 3,86,572 people in 291 villages have been affected by the current wave of floods.

The Chief Minister today visited the Bakborhuri relief camp in Morigaon district and directed the Government of

Chief Secy reviews flood situation

**STAFF REPORTER**

G G U W A - HATI, Aug 14 : S t a t e ' s Chief Secretary VK Pipersaria

told that he reviewed the current flood situation at a video conference with the deputy commissioners of the flood-affected districts in the presence of senior officials, said an official press release here this evening.

While taking stock of the flood situation, the Chief Secretary directed the DCs of the flood-affected districts to gear up relief and rescue operations on a war footing. The DCs were kept vigil on relief and rescue operations right from the grass-root level by smoothly coordinating all spheres and to distribute relief material to all the flood-affected people.

The Chief Secretary further asked for steps to provide two more NDRF boats in Morigaon district and to make necessary arrangements for aerial survey of the flood-hit areas of Morigaon and Nagaon districts.

He also assured that the Government will take all possible steps for tackling the current flood situation and to render help to the people who have been suffering immensely due to the current wave of floods.

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ASSAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
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No.204PSC/38/1/2011-2012

**EXTENSION NOTICE OF TENDER**

In continuation of this office Tender Notice No.195PSC/Sty/1/2011 dated 1st August, 2017 in connection with printing and supply of CMR answer sheets, printing of used CMR sheets and results processing, it is for information of all concerned that the Commission is pleased to extend the date for submitting the tender documents etc per the revised schedule:

1. Closing date and time for submission of both Technical bid and Financial bid	3.00 PM on 22.08.2017
2. Due date and time for opening Technical bid	3.00 PM on 28.08.2017
3. Due date and time for opening of Financial bid (only for those bidders who will be able to qualify the scrutiny of the Technical bid)	3.00 PM 04.09.2017

Sd/- Secretary  
Assam Public Service Commission  
Jorhatnagar/C/2374/17

## South Salmara-Mankachar district flood scene critical

ANN Service

HATSINGIMARI, Aug 14 : The flood situation in South Salmara-Mankachar turned from bad to worse during the last 24 hours as swirling waters of the Brahmaputra were rising at the rate of 5 cm per hour.

Official sources informed that Brahmaputra and its tributary Jirinjam, which are in state, were flowing about 56 cm above the danger level in the district. Thousands of people have been sheltered on higher land like roads, schools, platforms etc. Power transmission has been suspended in entire South Salmara revenue circle and half of Mankachar circle since yesterday.

In the meantime, Deputy Commissioner Atika Sultan, Superintendent of Police Amit Bhuyan, Additional Deputy Commissioner R Terang and CPWD officials visited Kaliralganj

border road is presently facing threat of being breached at Kamarparka area anytime today due to steep rise in the water level.

If and when the inevitable happens, the entire Mankachar LAC would be submerged, thereby creating mass destruction at the breaching point.

In the meantime, Deputy Commissioner Atika Sultan, Superintendent of Police Amit Bhuyan, Additional Deputy Commissioner R Terang and CPWD officials visited Kaliralganj border road is presently facing threat of being breached at Kamarparka area anytime today due to steep rise in the water level.

There was no sign of improvement as most of the rivers in the district were flowing above the danger mark and the water level was gradually rising.

Till the time of filing this report, more than 2.8 lakh populations of more than 320 villages were affected by the second wave of floods in the district. The situation in some parts of Sartbari, Barpeta, Kalagachia, Sarupeta and Baragarh revenue circles had turned critical.

Flood waters of the mighty Brahmaputra submerged Bherapager and its adjoining areas, Kalatali, Batia, Parabuchi and almost all the areas under Pak Mouza were inundated even as the flood waters were flowing through the broken embankment of Burhada and Tili river.

Bhutan has been reportedly releasing water from its Kiruchhu dyke, which has made the lives of people of some villages under Baragarh circle and neighbouring Baksa district miserable. The future of the road to the World Heritage Site-famed Manas National Park-cum-Tiger Project is at stake due to severe erosion by the Beiki at Saktakam.

The last date and time of submission of tender is 29th August, 2017 upto 1.00 p.m. and the tender will be opened on the same day at 1.30 p.m. in presence of the intending suppliers or their authorized representatives. The tenders are to be submitted in the office of the Superintendent, Fakhruddin Ahmed Medical College Hospital, Barpeta on all the working days during office hours.

Sd/- Superintendent  
F.A.A. Medical College Hospital,  
Barpeta, Assam

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The One Man Committee headed by Shri Rajiv Kumar Bora, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of Assam constituted to enquire into the incident that occurred during the eviction drive at Kaziranga on 19-9-2016 had fixed 18 August, 2017 as a date of hearing at Kohora Forest IB. This date of hearing has been postponed due to the present flood situation and the fresh date will be notified in the local news papers in due course.

**(IKRAMUL HUSSAIN, ACS)**  
Secretary:  
One Man Committee headed by  
Shri Rajiv Kumar Bora, IAS,  
Additional Chief Secretary to the  
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Sl. No.	Name of the Post	No. of Post
1	Accredited Engineer	1850
2	Gram Rozgar Sahayak	520
3	Computer Assistant	60
4	Account Assistant	46
5	District MIS Manager (MNREGA)	9
6	Gaon Panchayat Coordinator	1083
7	Block MIS Manager (PMAY-G)	219

1. The application will be received only online. The last date for submission of the online application is midnight of 31st August' 2017.  
2. For application format, eligibility criteria, age, salary and other terms and conditions, applicants are advised to visit the Commissionerate website [www.rural-assam.gov.in](http://www.rural-assam.gov.in) or [www.pndjobs.in](http://www.pndjobs.in).

3. Details of Terms and Condition for the engagement and format for application are also available in the above mentioned website.  
4. Incomplete application and invalid documents would be rejected.

5. The selected candidates can be posted in any district of Assam.

Sd/- Commissioner,  
Panchayat and Rural Development,  
Janasanayog/D/6679/17

**PRESS NOTICE**

No. SE (B) JHTC/SIS/17-18  
The Superintending Engineer, PWD, Jorhat Building Circle on behalf of the Governor of Assam invites tenders from approved and eligible contractors for the following works under RIDF-XXI (NABARD).

Name of work	Approx. Value of work (Rs.)	Bid Security pledged in favour of Superintending Engineer, P.W.D. Jorhat Building Circle in the form of Terms Deposit/E.D.	Last Date of completion of work	Period of completion	Eligibility	Last date of online submission of tender
Proposed Construction of class Room Building with 3 (three) Storey provision at JDSB Block, Jorhat, Assam (Estimate for construction of 1000 sq ft)	Rs. 16,30,900.00	Rs. 1,36,618.00	Rs. 3000/00	12 months	APWD Contractors having class-I (A,B,C)	30.08.2017 upto 00:00 PM

Note: The Bidders must be enrolled in e-mail: [www.assamtenders.gov.in](http://www.assamtenders.gov.in) Janasanayog/D/1093/17

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, P.W.D., Jorhat Building Circle, Jorhat

Ref No. TENDER-I/EP/2017-18/3566	E-TENDER NOTICE
The Director, Soil Conservation Deptt., Assam, R.G.B. Read, Guwahati-05 invites Tender from approved and eligible contractors for the following works under RIDF-XXI (NABARD).	The Director & eligible contractors for the following works under RIDF-XXI (NABARD).

No.	Name of Division	Scope of Work	Approx. Value of Work (Rs. In Lakh)	Completion Period	EMD (In Rs.)	Cost of Tender Document (In Rs.)
1.	Bargali Soil Conservation	Bargali Water Harvesting cum Water Distribution Project, under RIDF-XXI (Group-B) RCC Check Dam with Brastan Project	37.25	75 Days	2% (General) 1% (for SCSTOB/C MOSC)	2000.00
2.	Division	Bargali Water Harvesting cum Water Distribution Project, under RIDF-XXI (Group-B) RCC Check Dam with Brastan Project	38.00	75 Days	2% (General) 1% (for SCSTOB/C MOSC)	2000.00

The schedule for the Tenders can be seen in the website [https://assamtenders.gov.in](http://assamtenders.gov.in)

To participate in the tender process through e-procurement document, bidder should have valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) and have to register in the portal [https://assamtenders.gov.in](http://assamtenders.gov.in) by themselves.

The bidders who have downloaded the tender schedules containing the tender details, terms and conditions on the website shall submit their tender on line on the website [https://assamtenders.gov.in](http://assamtenders.gov.in) with Draft bid in favour of Divisional Officer, Bargali Soil Conservation Division, Bargali from any Nationalized Bank. The tender should be submitted on line as per date and time of submission as per prescribed schedule. For any e-tendering related queries please mail to [desolengineering@gmail.com](mailto:desolengineering@gmail.com)

The Director of Soil Conservation Deptt., Assam, does not bind himself to accept the lowest tender value and reserves the right to accept any or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

Sd/- Director  
Soil Conservation Deptt., Assam, R.G.B., Guwahati-05

**STATE INSTITUTE OF PANCHAYAT & RURAL DEVELOPMENT, ASSAM**

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No. SIPRD-D/2017/207

**PRESS NOTICE /RE-IFB**

The Director, State Institute of Panchayat & Rural Development, Government of Assam invites tenders in two bid system through e-tendering on item basis from manufacturing/developer of the manufacturing company/Govt. registered contractors of appropriate class for Supply, Installation and Commissioning of 1 (One) Set (Model No. 162 KVA Diesel Generator Set (Model No. 162 KVA Diesel Generator Set)) for Extension Training Centre, Sripur, Amoni, Nagon, Assam, PIN - 781238

Name of Work	Place of work	Value of the Work	Earnest Money %	Cost of Tender Document	Period of Completion
Supply, Installation and Commissioning of 1 (One) Set (Model No. 162 KVA Diesel Generator Set (Model No. 162 KVA Diesel Generator Set)) for Extension Training Centre, Sripur, Amoni, Nagon, Assam, PIN - 781238	Rs. 15,00,00,000	2 % of the Value (for General) & 1% of the Value of works (for ST/SC/OCB)	Rs. 1,00,000.00	60 Days	

Note:- The bidder should quote basic rate and all taxes and charges including Installation and Commissioning as per specification Section 4 of tender documents.

2. The cost of bid must be in the form of demand draft/bank cheque of schedule commercial bank drawn in favour of "DIRECTOR, SIPRD, SIPRD, Assam".

3. The bidders who have already submitted tenders earlier may resubmit fresh tenders. But they need not pay the cost of tender papers & their deposit for Earnest Money will be valid in the bid also.

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Sd/- Director, SIPRD, Assam

### Request for Expression of Interest(REOI) for operating High-tech Buses

The Assam State Transport Corporation invites Expression of Interest(EOI) from financially sound willing individuals/manufacturers of vehicles for running on PPP mode high-tech buses viz.Volvo/Mercedes Benz/Scania vehicles on profit-sharing basis per as ASRTU (Association of State Road Transport Undertakings) norms covering route choice minimum 3 (three) nos. to run the buses. ASRTU rate and other detail can be collected from our office on any working day and may submit their EOI to run these buses to the following address not later than 8th of September'17 directly or through email ID [astc2009@gmail.com](mailto:astc2009@gmail.com) with their terms and conditions for consideration. For any information, you may feel free to contact Managing Director, ASTC, Paltanbazar, Guwahati.

Sd/- Managing Director,  
A.S.T. Corporation, Guwahati.

### SALE NOTICE

This is for general information to all Concerned that under the provision made in Assam Sale of Forest Produce Coupes and Mahal Rules, 1977 (Amendment Rule,2000) sealed tender affixing non-refundable court fee stamp worth of Rs.8.25 (Rupees Eight and paisa twenty five) only in the tender form are hereby invited for sale of Lalish Fishey Mahal of 2017-19 under Dhemaji Division. The tender will be received upto 3 p.m. (IST) on 06/09/2017 by the undersigned and by the Conservator of Forests Northern Assam Circle, Tezpur. If the Offeror fails to furnish the stamp on the date of closing of tender, due next working day will be fixed for receiving tenders. Details terms and conditions of the Lalish Fishey Mahal of 2017-19 shall be available in the sale notice which can be procured from the office of the undersigned during office hours on payment of Rs. 50.00(fifty) per copy sale notice and Rs.5.00 (Five) per copy of tender form which is not refundable.

Sd/- Divisional Forest Officer,  
Dhemaji Division  
Dhemaji

### NOTICE INVITING QUOTATION FOR BIOMETRIC ATTENDANCE SYSTEM INSTALLATION

No. 19/2017-18

Sealed Quotation affixing court fee of Rs. 8.25/- (Rupees 8 and Twenty Five Paisa only) are invited along with a EMD of INR 1000.00 (Rupees one thousand only) from firms/vendors/vendors for installation of Biometric Attendance System at the Mission Directorate, SBM (G), Assam situated in the office of the Chief Engineer, Mission Directorate, Hengrabari, Guwahati. The format given in Annexure-I in the official letter pad accompanied by documents listed in Annexure-II with specifications conforming to at least the main features mentioned in Annexure-III. The Quotations will be received on 12 pm of 28-08-2017 and the same will be opened on the same date at 3.30 pm in presence of the quotationer or their authorized representatives who would have submitted the quotation. The quotationer can withdraw the aforementioned date and time due to unavoidable circumstances the same will be opened on the immediate next working day and at the same for which no separate notice will be issued. The Purchase/Tender committee reserves the right to accept or reject any of the quotations without assigning any reason thereof.

The awarded bidder shall respond to the Letter of Award (LoA)/ Work Order within the time limit specified in the same and upon receipt of the same and contact the Mission Directorate, SBM (G), Assam for initiating the mentioned work failing which the EMD of the bidder will be for the mentioned work will be forfeited.

Sd/- Chief Engineer (PHE), Sanitation,  
Hengrabari, Guwahati - 36

### CORRIGENDUM

1. Extension of Time of Bid submission: The discussion was held on the extension of time of online tender for Tractor, E-Rickshaw, Solar Home Light and Taro Pump. Considering the requests of the bidders present in the meeting, the following decisions have been taken:  
(i) Last date of submission of e-tender bid is fixed : 19th Aug'2017 up to 5.00PM  
(ii) Submission of Hard Copy of Technical Bid: 21st Aug'2017 up to 5.00PM  
(iii) Opening of Technical Bid: 22nd Aug'2017 at 12.00 Noon.

2. In case of turnover, the profit and loss accounts to be submitted along with certificate of concerned C.A in all bid items mentioned at (a), (b), (c) & (d) above.

A) 3. Tailor with Rotavator:- The following rectifications are made by the Pre-Bid Evaluation Committee after a threadbare discussions with the bidders in regard to technical specifications of SLN mentioned in the tender document:-  
SL No.5 : Motor Efficiency not less than 100 AH.  
SL No.6 : Capacity of Passenger : 4 + 1  
SL No.9 : Maximum load of luggage 80 KG  
SL No.10(a) : (Newly added) : Battery make=Exide/Amon/Frontek/Locus/Lumina having local service centre  
SL No.11 : Charge Voltage : Indian device  
SL No.13 : Transmission : Constant  
SL No.14 : Validity of warranty period should be 1 (one) year for all product against manufacturing defects

SL No.15 : Fiber Rod.  
Besides, the Photos of Brand and Model is to be submitted along with technical bid and the Brand and Model must be approved by the Commission of Transport, Govt. of Assam

C) Solar Home Light: As per discussion, it is decided that the bidders have to submit bid as per following specifications :-

i) DC Fan should be of 20 watt.

ii) Life of experience page no.27 of the tender document, it is not mandatory.

iii) Page no.29 of the tender documents with regard to supply of Standalone LED Based Solar Home Light system, not Street Lighting System.

iv) The bidder has to submit Test Report of the complete system from MNRE/NABUL/BIS approved test certificate.

v) In tender document point no.9 may be treated as deleted from the tender document.

vi) EMD/Performance Security Money will be released in case of Solar Home Light at the rate of 2% in every year of the warranty period is 5 years.

D) Taro Pump and its Installation: In case of Taro Pump, tender document page no.20, under (b), the quantity to be required is 05 Nos instead of 15 Nos.

3. 2% EMD and 8% Performance Security can be submitted in the form of DD/ Banker's Cheque/ FDR/ Bank Guarantee from any Indian Nationalised Bank in favour of "Director Char Areas Development Assam, Dispur, Guwahati- 6".

4. Price bid can be uploaded online in only BOQ format (price bid submission form and price format F2 need not to submit).

5. In case of bid document of Tractor, Tailor and Rotavator, Rotavator should be treated as two bidders.

6. Complain published on 10th August 2017 under Tractor, Tailor and Rotavator point No. 11 may be read as 'either to submit screen shot copy of approved model of Tractor in Vahan portal i.e. [www.vahan.nic.in](http://www.vahan.nic.in)'.

Sd/- Director, Char Areas Development Assam  
Janasanyog/C/2394/17

# Arunachal Pradesh all set to celebrate Independence Day

### CORRESPONDENT

ITANAGAR, Aug 14: Arunachal Pradesh is all set to celebrate the country's Independence Day at the Indira Gandhi Park here tomorrow.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu, who will unfurl the Tricolour at the Park before addressing the citizens of the State, has extended his best greetings to the people of Arunachal and paid rich tributes to freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives to liberate the country from the British rule.

"As we celebrate our freedom, let us take immense pride in being an Arunachalee but at the same time display by our actions to take up the challenges that lie ahead of us and join the Team Arunachal and make Arunachal self-reliant and a happy State," he appealed to the citizens.

Stating that Arunachal Pradesh has the largest number of unelectified villages in the country, Khandu said, "Our Government will take up the task on a war footing and ensure that all 1,230 unelectified villages are electricity fed by December this year."

Referring to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's clarion call for building a "New India" in the next five years and ensuring that the country is free of

communalism, casteism and terrorism, the Governor said, "Let the fruits of independence reach everywhere so that we have a prosperous, strong, peaceful and united India. On this day, let us reaffirm ourselves that each and every individual cherishes the hard earned freedom and we do our utmost in preserving and fur-

thering the values of freedom of thought, expression, belief, faith and worship."

Meanwhile, State Chief Secretary Shuklanta D Gamlin accompanied by Itanagar Capital Development Deputy Commissioner Prince Dhawali took stock of the arrangements made for the Independence Day celebrations here.

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The SP said the person would be brought to Agartala for interrogation and added the identity of his outfit was not yet known. -PTI

On the occasion, Governor PB Acharya also greeted the people of the State and paid homage to the freedom fighters and the founding fathers of the nation.

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IMPHAL, Aug 14: A total of 68 militants from different outfits surrendered with arms before Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh at the "Homecoming Ceremony" held today at the Banquet Hall of the 1st Manipur Rifles here.

The names of the outfit with their respective number of surrendered cadres are 17 UNLF cadres, 7 RPF/PLA cadre, 10 PREPAK cadres, 7 PREPAK(Progressive) cadre, 4 KYKL cadres, 10 KCP(K) cadre, 1 KCP(W) cadre, 1 KCP(M) cadre, 5 KCP(KM) cadre, 5 KCP(MC) cadre and 1 KCP(KK Mangang) cadre.

Speaking on the occasion, the Manipur Chief Minister lauded the "bold step" taken by the militants, who left their homes for many years, to shun violence and join the path of peace and prosperity which would help the State make progress. "Violence wouldn't bring any solution to any issue but it will rather create bloodshed among us," Singh said, adding that any issue can be resolved through political dialogues.

Calling it as the achievement of the State Government, Biren Singh praised the surrendered cadres for joining the mainstream after having faith in the new Government.

The Chief Minister said the previous surrender policy designed for the militants was a total failure, and a review of this policy is needed.

The revised "Surrender cum Rehabilitation Policy" for the surrendered militants is waiting for the final approval of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, the Chief Minister disclosed. He mentioned that a nodal officer would be appointed to look after the needs and problems of those militants who have surrendered.

He mentioned that the Government is committed to protect the fundamental right to life and dignity of those who have returned to normal lives. He believed that more would come to join the "mainstream" and reunite with their families.

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In his petition, he also said

COUPURE

Court restrains Nagaland MP from using NPF's name

KOHIIMA, Aug 14: A local court in Nagaland on Monday restrained the State's lone Lok Sabha member Neiphiu Rio from using the name of the Naga People's Front (NPF), its symbol and flags and also against the opening of any office using the name of the party.

After hearing the petition of the NPF, the court issued an order restraining Rio from using the name of the Naga People's Front (NPF) last month, by a group of expelled and suspended legislators of the NPF and had opened an office at Hotel Legency here using the name of NPF and its symbol and flags.

The NPF is facing a severe internal crisis, especially after Zeling was sworn in as Chief Minister for a second time on July 19. Zeling is supported by 36 NPF legislators, four Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) legislators and seven independent members.

The Liezietsohu-headed NPF has expelled 20 of its legislators and suspended 10 others, who were involved in toppling the Government and for violating the party's constitution.

Zeling was the first to be expelled from the NPF for six years after taking oath as Chief Minister. - IANS

COUPURE

Nationalist Congress leader Nazarpati's bid to contest Lok Sabha election from Gauhati

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### Security tightened in Tripura

AGARTALA, Aug 14: Security has been beefed up all over Tripura, particularly along the 856 km long border with neighbouring Bangladesh, in view of the Independence Day celebrations.

State Rifles (TSR) was intensified in remote tribal and insurgency-prone areas. Police said bomb and dog squads were deployed in different parts of the State.

Polic said the Agartala airport and all the rail stations were also put under high alert and security was tightened.

Meanwhile, the Railway Police arrested one militant along with 305 rounds live cartridges from Badarpur rail station in neighbouring Assam on Saturday last. He had tried to violate the independence before the Independence Day.

Police said, he was moving towards Agartala and during interrogation, he confessed that he had a plan of sabotage before the Independence Day.

The SP said the person would be brought to Agartala for interrogation and added the identity of his outfit was not yet known. -PTI

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### JUDICIAL ACADEMY, ASSAM, GUWAHATI

GAUHATI HIGH COURT (OLD BLOCK) GROUND FLOOR,  
M. G. ROAD, GUWAHATI-781001  
Ph. No.0361-2548216 / Fax -0361-2548247/M-940110341/  
e-mail: nej@rediffmail.com

### SHORT TENDER NOTICE

Sealed quotations affixing Court fee of Rs.8.25 (non refundable) are invited from approved GEM/GST registered/approved dealers/suppliers at Guwahati for supply of Computer peripherals/accessories with latest configuration. The quotation should reach the undersigned on or before 25th August 2017 during office hours. Details of Computer accessories/Projects with Screen, Multi Functional Printers, Online UPS etc. with specifications may be had from the [jassam@gov.in](mailto:jassam@gov.in) and [gconline.gov.in](http://gconline.gov.in).

By Order  
Sd/- Administrative Officer  
Judicial Academy, Assam

### No. ATDC/CS/451/2014/ TIME EXTENSION NOTICE

The last date of download and submission of Bid document for the work as stated in the Press Notice Memo No. ATDC/CS/451/2014/0454 Dtd. 01/07/2017 is hereby extended upto 2.00 P.M. of 21/08/2017 as per Revised Bid Schedule. Details of the bid may be seen at e-procurement portal : [www.assamtenders.gov.in](http://www.assamtenders.gov.in) and also in the office of the undersigned during office hours.

**Name of work:** Development and Beautification of Historic Place at Holum, Chirajai District (under Chief Minister special package at Dhemaji District). Balance work for construction of Main Block (Museum, Restaurant & Art Gallery, Conference Hall, Display Counter), Toilet Block including Internal Sanitary fittings Water supply works, Internal & External Estimation works, Construction of Boundary wall with Gate.

**Estimated Amount:-** Rs. 1,33,18,051.00  
Sd/- Managing Director,  
Assam Tourism Dev. Corp. Ltd.  
Paltanbazar, Ghy-8

### No. ATDC/CS/452/2014/ Notice Inviting Re-Tender

No. SSAM/Teacher Attendance/62/2016/20261 Date : 14.08.2017 Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kailipara, Guwahati-9, Assam invites re-tender/bidding process for regular teacher attendance in the form of demand draft/Bankers Cheque drawn in favour of Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kailipara, Guwahati-9, Assam and payable at Guwahati. The tender should be submitted on-line as per date and time of submission as per prescribed schedule.

By Order  
Sd/- Executive Director  
SSA, Assam, Kailipara, Guwahati-19.

### No. ATDC/CS/453/2016/ Notice for cancellation of Tender

No. SSAM/Teacher Attendance/62/2016/20262 Date : 14.08.2017 The tender invited No. SSAM/Teacher Attendance/62/2016/2014/12 Date : 07.07.2017 through e-tender is hereby cancelled due to administrative reasons.

By Order  
Sd/- Executive Director  
SSA, Assam, Kailipara, Guwahati-19.

### No. SSA/Ess/Materials/SB/1164/2017/20454 Notice Inviting e-Tender

No. SSA/Ess/Materials/SB/1164/2017/20454 Date : 11.08.2017 Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kailipara, Guwahati-19, Assam invites tender through e-Tendering process from manufacturer of Bags for supply of School Bags for NRSTC-Fresh & Sensitive Hospital.

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 containing the tender details, terms and conditions, from the website shall submit their tender on-line on the website <https://assamtenders.gov.in>, with proof of payment of non refundable tender fee of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees five thousand) only in the form of demand draft/Bankers Cheque drawn in favour of Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kailipara, Guwahati-19, Assam, from any nationalized/Scheduled Bank and payable at Guwahati. The tender should be submitted on-line as per date and time of submission as per prescribed schedule.

By Order  
Sd/- Mission Director,  
SSA, Assam, Kailipara, Guwahati-19.

### No. SSA/Ess/Materials/SB/1163/2017/20246 Notice Inviting e-Tender

No. SSA/Ess/Materials/SB/1163/2017/20246 Date : 11.08.2017 Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kailipara, Guwahati-19, Assam invites tender through e-Tendering process from manufacturer of Bags for supply of School Bags for NRSTC-Fresh & Sensitive Hospital.

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By Order  
Sd/- Mission Director,  
SSA, Assam, Kailipara, Guwahati-19.

### No. SSA/Nazarp/Tender/1093/2017/2053 Notice Inviting e-Tender

No. SSA/Nazarp/Tender/1093/2017/2053 Date : 14.08.2017 The tender issued of Non Refundable tender value Rs. 500/- (Rupees five hundred) for supply of Stationery items for Gurukul is extended up to 24.08.2017 with certain amendment. The amendment can be downloaded from the respective website.

The bid can be uploaded till 24.08.2017 up to 2.00 pm and will be opened at 3.00 pm on 24.08.2017.

By Order  
Sd/- Mission Director,  
SSA, Assam, Kailipara, Guwahati-19.

### No. SSA/Char/Stationery/1093/2017/2054 Notice for Extension of bid

No. SSA/Char/Stationery/1093/2017/2054 Date : 01.08.2017 The tender issued of Non Refundable tender value Rs. 500/- (Rupees five hundred) for supply of Stationery items for Gurukul is extended up to 24.08.2017 with certain amendment. The amendment can be downloaded from the respective website.

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By Order  
Sd/- Mission Director,  
SSA, Assam, Kailipara, Guwahati-19.

### No. SSA/Char/Stationery/1093/2017/2055 Notice for Extension of bid

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By Order  
Sd/- Mission Director,  
SSA, Assam, Kailipara, Guwahati-19.

### No. SSA/Char/Stationery/1093/2017/2056 Notice for Extension of bid

No. SSA/Char/Stationery/1093/2017/2056 Date : 01.08.2017 The tender issued of Non Refundable tender value Rs. 500/- (Rupees five hundred) for supply of Stationery items for Gurukul is extended up to 24.08.2017 with certain amendment. The amendment can be downloaded from the respective website.

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By Order  
Sd/- Mission Director,  
SSA, Assam, Kailipara, Guwahati-19.

## Telecom user base crosses 121-cr mark

NEW DELHI, Aug 14: Telecom subscriber base in India grew by about half a per cent to cross the 121-crore mark at June-end, with the mobile segment accounting for the lion's share of growth with a net addition of over 60 lakh customers. Broadband subscriber base, dominated by mobile users, topped 30 crore, from 29.16 crore in May, TRAI said in a report. "The number of telephone subscribers in India increased from 1,20,94.8 million at the end of May 2017 to 1,21,09.84 million at the end of June 2017, showing a monthly growth rate of 0.49 per cent," the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India said in the monthly subscribers report. - PTI

### NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Under the provision of the Assam Minor Mineral Concession Rule 32 (1) and 33 (1) of 2013, sealed tender inviting Court Fee Stamp of Rs. 8.25 (Rupees Eight and paise Twenty Five) only is hereby invited from the intending tenders for re-sale of the following Mining Permit Areas is hereby fixed on 06/09/2017 upto 3:00 P.M. (I.S.T.) in the office of the undersigned. The bidder shall be required to pay a sum of Rs. 10/- to the office of the undersigned during office hours in any working day on payment of Rs. 100.00 (Rupees One Hundred) only, which is not refundable. The working period will be 2 (two) weeks.

Sl. No. Name of the M.P.A. Earnest Stipulated No. Money Quantity  
01. DBR/Khoweng/17 of 2017-19 Rs. 30,00/- 1600 m<sup>2</sup> Sand Sd/- Divisional Forest Officer, Dibrugarh Division. Janasanyog/C/2392/17

### EDUCATIONAL NOTICE

**RE- SCHEDULE OF SECOND COUNSELING FOR SELECTION OF CANDIDATES FOR PROVISIONAL ADMISSION INTO 1ST YEAR MBBS/BDS COURSES IN THE MEDICAL COLLEGES OF ASSAM FOR THE SESSION 2017.**

This is for general information to all concerned that due to prevailing flood situation in Assam the 2nd round of counseling for selection of candidates into 1st year MBBS/BDS courses in the Medical Colleges of Assam for the session 2017 shall be held on 19th August/2017 instead of 17th August /2017. The other terms and condition will remain same as per this Directive Educational Notice vide No. No. DME/JG/29/2017/9664, dated 9th August/2017 published in Assam Tribune.

Sd/- Prof. (Dr.) A. K. Barman, Director of Medical Education, Assam.

**COTTON UNIVERSITY**  
Panbazar, Guwahati- 781001  
Assam, India  
Website: www.cottonuniversity.ac.in

### Expression of Interest

Sealed expression of interest from interested suppliers is invited in two bid system (technical and price bid) for empanelment of vendors to supply of Stationery and Miscellaneous Consumable Items for Cotton University for the year from date of empanelment.

Sl. No. No. & Date Particulars  
1 NIO-N-CU/2017/43 Supply of Stationery and Misc. Consumable Items in Cotton University\*

Dated: August 14, 2017

The detailed EOI document may be collected on payment of a fee of Rs. 500/- from the office of the Registrar, Cotton University payable through ICICI Bank ATM, FEE CARD, ATM DEBIT CARD available in Cotton University website www.cottonuniversity.ac.in. Last date of submission of sealed quotations to the undersigned is 5 September, 2017 up to 2:00 PM and the quotations will be opened on the same day at 3:00 PM. Sealed quotations are to be submitted during office hours. Participating firms may attend at the time of opening of the quotations.

Janasanyog/D/987/17

Registrar.

**CORRIGENDUM**

No.FSA.65/2013/Pt/162 Dated: Dispur, the 14th August/2017 Please read the name of the Post as Member in column-1 of Row-3 against the Heading of the Name of the Post which was inadvertently left out in the Advertisement No FSA/ 65/2013/Pt/158 dated 8th August, 2017 Published on 10th August, 2017 for filling up of the vacancies of the Post of President and Members in the District Consumer Disputes Redressal Forums as given in that Advertisement.

The submission of applications for the manner and form mentioned in the aforementioned advertisement published on 10th August, 2017 is hereby also extended and should be submitted to the under signed within 30 days from the issue of this Corrigendum. Other contents shall remain the same.

The inadvertent error is regretted.

Sd/- Smti M. Mahanta, ACS

Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Assam

Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department

1st Floor, Block-E, Assam Secretariat,

Janasanyog/D/6682/17 Dispur, 781006

## India-China trade war looming: Chinese state media

BEIJING, Aug 14: A trade war seems to be looming between India and China after New Delhi imposed anti-dumping duties on 93 Chinese products amidst a military standoff in Doklam area, two state media reports have said.

An article in *The Global Times*, part of the ruling Communist Party's publication group, urged Chinese firms to "reconsider the risks of investing in India and warned New Delhi to be "prepared for the possible consequences for its ill-considered action."

The article said that China "could easily retaliate" with restrictions on Indian products, but added that it "doesn't

make much economic sense" for the country.

It cited figures from the Indian embassy in China to show that Indian exports fell by 12.3 per cent year-on-year to \$11.75 billion while India's imports from China rose by 2 per cent to \$50 billion, resulting in a trade deficit of \$47 billion.

According to the Indian Commerce Ministry, the trade deficit with China last year increased to over \$52 billion when the bilateral trade stood at \$70 billion.

"A trade war between China and India seems to be looming after the latter moved last Wednesday to impose anti-dumping duties on 93 products

from China," the report said.

"If India really starts a trade war with China, of course China's economic interests will be hurt, but there will also be consequences for India," it said.

The report on trade comes as India and China have been locked in a tense military standoff in Doklam in the Sikkim sector.

India has protested the construction of a road by the Chinese military in the area claimed by both Beijing, fearing it would allow Beijing to cut off India's access to its north-eastern States.

The *Global Times* report noted that "given the tensile bilateral trade ties, China may

consider temporarily suspending investment or economic cooperation projects in India to ensure the security of these investments."

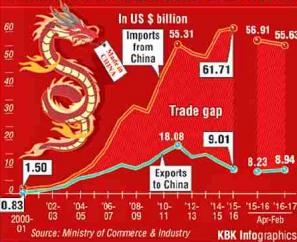
Another article in *China Daily* said boycotting Chinese goods would harm India.

Referring to the calls of boycott of Chinese products, it said the ongoing standoff in Doklam seems to have spilled over to bilateral exchanges.

"Suffice to say, calling for the boycotting of Chinese products and those related to Chinese investors is not just a fool's errand but also risks backfiring," it said.

"It is the Indian economy that will suffer because of the boycott," it said.

### India's trade imbalance with China



Any attempt to keep Chinese companies at bay or shut down Chinese-invested factories will ruin the Indian economy and cost India jobs, it said. - PTI

## Sahara's Aamby Valley auction process starts

MUMBAI, Aug 14: A Supreme Court-ordered auction process began today for embattled Sahara group's luxury resort town with the official liquidator inviting bids at a reserve price of Rs 37,392 crore.

Sahara, which pegs the project's market valuation at over Rs 1-lakh crore, said the liquidator has initiated only first two steps of the auction by issuing advertisements for interested bidders and verifying their KYC (Know Your Clients) and the sale would be withdrawn if Rs 1,500 crore is deposited before the next date of hearing in the Supreme Court.

The property, described by the liquidator as an "ultra-exclusive chartered city", includes timber chalets, modern villas, golf course, hospital, school and airport, among other amenities.

Reacting to the publication of notice, Sahara's advocate Gautam Asthawati said in a statement that there are several steps

before the auction takes place.

Referring to the Supreme Court's direction last week, he said it allowed the official liquidator to execute initial two steps of auction process of Aamby Valley.

"The first step is to issue an advertisement for seeking an invitation of the interested parties and the second step is of verifying the KYC of the interested parties. Beyond these, the Supreme Court has not directed any till the date of next hearing," he said.

Asthawati said Sahara had moved an application before the Supreme Court seeking permission for entering into an agreement with Viktor Koenig UK LTD with the nominee Royal Partners Investment Fund Ltd for investing an amount of \$1.67 billion into its Aamby Valley project.

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spread over 6,761.6 acres near Lonavala in Pune district, as also two land parcels measuring over 1,700 acres.

The auction process has been initiated even as a Mauritius-based investor, Royale Partners Investment Fund, last week said it has offered to invest \$1.67 billion (over Rs 10,700 crore) in the Aamby Valley project.

Expressing his concern over the rise in food price index, the advocate said that the inflation rate accelerated to 4.86 per cent in July.

The rural CPI YoY ruled higher at 2.41 per cent, where as in urban areas it was at 2.17 per cent.

The wholesale inflation for food articles rose massively by 2.15 per cent from a deceleration of -3.47 per cent during June 2017 and a rise of eight per cent in July.

On a sequential basis, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose by 3.21 per cent in July.

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Expressing his concern over the rise in food price index for July, India Inc urged the government to "check and address" products' prices which are of national importance... LANS

## Food, fuel price rise pushes up inflation

NEW DELHI, Aug 14: An exponential rise in food and fuel prices pushed up India's two key inflation gauges — wholesale price index and consumer price index — in July, official data showed.

The annual rate of inflation based on wholesale prices went up from July 2017 to 1.88 per cent from 0.90 per cent in June. On a year-on-year (YoY) basis, the WPI had risen by 0.63 per cent in July 2016.

Similarly, July's retail or CPI-based inflation edged up by 2.36 per cent from 1.46 per cent in June.

during the month under review when compared to June 2017.

Among non-food categories, 'fuel and light' segment's inflation rate accelerated to 4.86 per cent in July.

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# India must be compassionate and egalitarian society: Prez

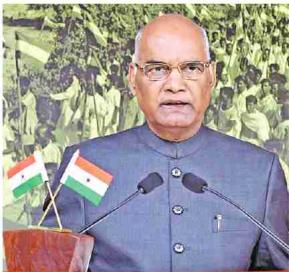
NEW DELHI, Aug 14: Calling for creating a New India by 2022, President Ram Kovind on Monday said the country must be compassionate and egalitarian society that does not discriminate on gender or religious background.

In his first address to the nation, on the eve of 71st Independence Day, he hailed the government's demonetisation decision and the people's "wholehearted" support in the battle against corruption and black money, voluntarily giving up LPG fuel subsidy and the roll out of Goods and Services Tax.

He referred to Gandhi, Nehru, Patel, Bose and various other freedom fighters and also invoked Jana Sangh ideologue Deen Dayal Upadhyay, saying New India must include "that integral humanist component that is in our DNA and which has defined our country and our civilization".

"New India must be a society rushing towards the future, but also a compassionate society," he said.

The second Dalit President said India must be a compassionate society where the traditionally disadvantaged, whether SCs, STs or OBCs are part of the country's national development process.



Recalling the role of freedom fighters, Kovind said people need to draw inspiration from them and imbibe their spirit and invoke it in the task of nation building.

"The stress on the moral basis of poli-

cy and action, belief in unity and discipline, faith in a synthesis of heritage and science, and promotion of the rule of law and of education – all of it was located in a partnership between citizen and government," he said.

Asking people to work with unity and purpose to ensure that benefits of govern-

ment policy reach all sections of society, the President said for this the partnership between citizens and government remains essential.

He said it is for each individual to ensure a Swachh Bharat and make India open defecation free. He said it is also for each individual to ensure that daughters are not discriminated against and get the best education while promoting idea of "Beti Bachao Beti Padhao".

"The government can frame laws and strengthen law enforcement – but it is for each of us to be a law-abiding citizen. And to build a law-abiding society the government is pushing transparency and eliminating corruption in public recruitment and procurement – but it is for each of us to answer to our inner conscience in everyday life."

Favouring making GST an essential part of everyday business culture, the President said he was happy that the transition to GST system has been smooth.

"It should be a matter of pride for all of us that the taxes we pay are used for nation building – to help the poor and the marginalised, to build rural and urban infrastructure, and to strengthen our border defences," he said. – IANS

## 5 personnel selected for Kirti Chakra, including 3 posthumously

NEW DELHI, Aug 14: Two armymen, who sacrificed their lives during anti-terror operations, were among five security force personnel selected for the prestigious Kirti Chakra, the second highest gallantry award.

On the eve of the 71st Independence Day, President Ram Nath Kovind today approved a total of 112 gallantry awards for defence and paramilitary personnel for their sacrifices to the nation, the Defence Ministry said.

Havildar Girish Gurung of Gorkha Rifles, Major David Manlun from the Naga Regiment and Pramod Kumar, Commandant of 49 BN, CRPF were chosen for the Kirti Chakra posthumously.

Major Preetam Singh Kunwar of the Garwal Rifle and Chetan Kumar Cheeta, a senior official in the CRPF have also been selected for the award.

No names for the Ashok Chakra, the highest gallantry award, were announced by the government.

The gallantry awards approved by the President, who is also the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, include five Kirti Chakra, 17 Shaurya Chakras, 85 Sena Medals (Gallantry), three Nao Sena Medals and two Vayu Sena Medals.

On May 20, Havildar Gurung had sacrificed

his life during an anti-terror operation in Kupwara district of Jammu and Kashmir. Despite being grievously injured, he charged at a terrorist and fired at him displaying extreme courage and dedication towards call of duty.

Major Manlun was killed during an encounter with militants in Mon district of Nagaland on June 6. He was a role for his colleagues as he always led from the front, the Army said in a release.

Major Kunwar has also been conferred the Kirti Chakra for showing grit and determination during an anti-terror operation in Jammu and Kashmir on May 25 during which he had killed three dreaded terrorists.

CRPF commandant Cheeta had slipped into deep coma after being hit by bullets during a gun fight with terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir earlier this year.

Kovind also approved a President's Taraksh medal, four Taraksh gallantry medals and two Taraksh meritorious service medals to Indian Coast Guard personnel.

Navy personnel who have been selected for Nao Sena medal are Pushpendra Tyagi, Jaskaran Singh and Azhar Aharuddin.

The Vayu Sena medals will be conferred on Wing Commander Subhash Singh Rao and Wing Commander Ravinder Ahlawat. – PTI

## Karti must join probe: SC

NEW DELHI, Aug 14: The Supreme Court was today categorical that Karti Chidambaram, son of Congress leader and former Union Minister P Chidambaram, would not be allowed to leave India without subjecting himself to investigation in a corruption case.

The apex court, which stayed the Madras High Court order putting on hold the look out circular issued by the Centre against Karti, repeatedly sought to know when he would make his appearance for questioning before investigating agency CBI.

"We are only on one limited issue. Has he participated and cooperated in the investigation? The answer is 'no'," a bench comprising Chief Justice JS Khehar and Justice DY Chandrachud said, adding, "you (Karti) must show your bonafide."

They must show up to the investigating agency by going to the investigating agency. We are not on whether he is guilty or not, it said. – PTI

## JD-U suspends 21 rebels in Bihar

PATNA, Aug 14: Bihar's ruling Janata Dal-United (JD-U) on Monday suspended 21 members, including former minister Ramai Ram, for six years on charges of anti-party

activities after they backed rebel leader Sharad Yadav, who has opposed Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's decision to tie up with the BJP.

Among the leaders sus-

pended are Arjun Rai, a former MP from Sitamarhi, former MLA Roj Kishore Sinha and former MLC Vijay Verma. Two district presidents and five block level presidents

are also in the list. Bihar JD-U president Vashista Narayan Singh issued a statement naming the 21 who were stripped of their primary membership. – IANS

**WINNERS OF THE VARIOUS COMPETITIONS ORGANISED BY VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF ASSAM GOVERNMENT THROUGH 'MYGOV ASSAM'**

<b>1. CAPTURE THE BEAUTY OF ASSAM</b>
Winner: N. Narasimha Prasad   1st Runner-Up: Prabir Kumar Talukdar   2nd Runner-Up: David Talukdar
<b>2. PLANT A TREE- CLICK A SELFIE CONTEST ON 88TH VAN MAHOTSAV</b>
Winner: Parbin Sultana   1st Runner-Up: Gargee Dutta
<b>3. POSTER DESIGN CONTEST- ROAD SAFETY</b>
Winner: Hanna Dew Drop Nati   1st Runner-Up: Babilee Rajbongshi   2nd Runner-Up: Arunabh Choudhury
<b>4. Essay Competition- My Village My Idea</b>
Winner: Achyut Kumar Duarah   1st Runner-Up: Shubrojeet Dab   2nd Runner-Up: Chayamoni Bora
<b>SPECIAL JURY (For only Category A)</b>
Fajil Bari   Palavi Barolia   Gyanshree Kalita   Manash Pratim Bora
<b>CATEGORY B</b>
Winner: Prakash Sircar   1st Runner-Up: Nurma Devi   2nd Runner-Up: Dhrubajyoti Sharma
<b>CATEGORY C</b>
Winner: Partha Prolim Barua   1st Runner-Up: Madhab Phukan   2nd Runner-Up: Mridul Sharma
<b>5. SLOGAN COMPETITION – VAN MAHOTSAV</b>
Winner: Arun Kr Samrah   1st Runner-Up: Kunjelata Medhi
<b>6. POSTER DESIGN CONTEST- SANITATION &amp; ODF (OPEN DEFECATION FREE)</b>
Winner: Sanika Kalita   1st Runner-Up: Suman Das   2nd Runner-Up: Sasanka Samir
<b>7. JINGLE MAKING - SANITATION &amp; ODF (OPEN DEFECATION FREE)</b>
Winner: Shubhankar Baruah   1st Runner-Up: Manas Jyoti Choudhury   2nd Runner-Up: Could not find any.
<b>8. LOGO DESIGN - ASSAM SKILL DEVELOPMENT MISSION</b>
Winner: Ismail Shaik
<b>9. LOGO DESIGN - ASSAM INLAND WATER TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY</b>
Winner: Anindita Dey
<b>10. SLOGAN COMPETITION – ROAD SAFETY</b>
Winner: Ranju Patar   1st Runner-Up: Arun kr Samrah   2nd Runner-Up: Plabita Baruah
<b>11. FIFA (UNDER-17) WORLD CUP HOST CITY LOGO DESIGN CONTEST</b>
Winner: Nihar Das

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## Embracing blues for well-being

Embracing your negative emotions may help you cope with your blues more successfully, says a study

**D**o you feel the pressure to put on a happy face, when you are actually sad? Beware, it can take a toll on your mental health, a study has showed.

The findings showed that the pressure to feel upbeat can make you feel downbeat, while embracing your darker moods without judging or trying to change them might help cope with their stress more successfully.

"We found that people who habitually accept their negative emotions experience fewer negative emotions, which adds up to better psychological health," said Iris Mauss, Associate Professor at the University of California - Berkeley.

By contrast, people who commonly resist acknowledging their darker emotions, or judge them harshly, can end up feeling more psychologically stressed.

Those who generally allow such bleak feelings as sadness, disappointment and resentment to run their course reported fewer mood disorder symptoms than those who

critique them or push them away, even after six months.

"Maybe if you have an accepting attitude toward negative emotions, you're not giving them as much attention. But, if you're constantly judging your emotions, the negativity can pile up," Mauss said.

For the study, published in the *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, tested the link between emotional acceptance and psychological health.

The results showed that those who did not feel bad about their negative emotions showed higher levels of well-being than their lesser accepting peers. And, the group that typically avoids negative feelings reported more distress than their more accepting peers.

"It turns out that how we approach our own negative emotional reactions is really important for our overall well-being," explained Brett Ford, Assistant Professor at the University of Toronto. - IANS

## Know your DAY

By JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2017:

This year you have a tendency to stick to your guns. This stubbornness, which is likely to emerge in the next few months, could be self-destructive if it's left to fester and grow into a controlling habit. If you are single, your need to be in control of your love life and social network with willpower can strain a friend or acquaintance, you could meet someone special. If you are attached, the two of you will strengthen your bond while working toward a common goal. GEMINI might seem like a fair-weather friend, but he or she will prove to be a loyal confidant.

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

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) You might wake up believing that you have the day under control. By midday, the sequence of events could dislodge your sense of control. Could someone be bucking your authority? Let go of this game, and be more independent. Tonight: Hang out with a close friend.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) You might feel like you have to be off, especially with those who are at a distance. Express yourself, and let go of a need for control. Know that you have it together. Make it OK to say "no"; if need be, Tonight: Buy a much-needed item or two.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21) You might right-size yourself with your own resilience. Once you recognize your competence, which makes leading the way to change easier. Don't let a partner's insistence on having his or her way trigger you. Do your thing. Tonight: Zent in on what you want.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22) You might be asked to handle an important matter. By midmorning, you go within and wake yourself up with a new outlook on the situation. Your ability to flex with the moment reflects a strength that many people do not have; use it well. Tonight: Not to be found.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) You might be asked to talk involving work or your standing within a set group. ASAP. You could be in for a surprise once you see the results. Focus on your friends, who might be unusually supportive of a key project. You might feel vulnerable. Tonight: Reach out to an older relative.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You are a sit-downer more completely than others do. A recent interaction may be causing a lot of hassles for others. You will want to let go of it for now, as you are likely to hit a wall of criticism and backlash when dealing with others. Tonight: Let your imagination speak.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You might be approaching someone who commands your respect. You might be hesitant to express your vision. You also could be more critical of yourself than you are aware. Know that it might be time to turn over a new leaf. Tonight: Opt for a different approach.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You might want to express your power in a forceful way. You might wonder why you have not supported yourself in pursuing your desires more often. Allow communication to flow, even if you want to turn a deaf ear toward others. Tonight: Accept a loved one's invitation.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You might want to move quickly this morning. Someone needs to remind you of time and attention, and will do nearly anything to get it. This person's efforts might be tempting, but it would be best to handle your responsibilities first. Tonight: What offers appeal to you?

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You might have a host of intentions, but still might come across as controlling. You might be surprised to hear that others perceive you in this way. Try to be less demanding when dealing with an important mate. Tonight: Clear out some errands. Squeeze in a walk if possible.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You might find your situation could be a lot different from reality. Recognize the differences in self-expression between you and others. Rather than express your "rightness," listen and see how varied each person's world is from one to the next. Tonight: Ever playful.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) You might have an important conversation. Don't be surprised at a friend's reaction to your actions. Getting feedback remains important but also supporting yourself in your ideas must be tool. Tonight: Make it early.

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Railway-themed: They are our gates to the glorious and the unknown. Through them we pass out into adventure and sunshine, to them, also we return.

- EM FORSTER

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**DENNISTHEMENACE**

**THE PHANTOM**

**BLONDIE**

**HAGAR THE HORRIBLE**

**Kids**

CN	Star Plus	colors
13:00	Naamkaran	12:30
14:00	Kya Guoor Hai Amala Kaj?	13:00
16:30	Dhai Ki Prem...	14:00
18:00	Oogi & the Cockroaches	15:00
19:30	Roti No. 21	16:00
20:00	Roti No. 21	17:00
21:00	Oogi & the Cockroaches	18:00
21:30	Titan Teams Go	19:00
22:00	Ban	20:00
22:00	Dragon Ball Z	21:00
23:30	Telephong	22:00

**Entertainment**

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**Movies**

HBO	STAR MOVIES	SONY PIX
12:00	XXX	12:45
14:00	Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice	13:00
16:00	Spider-Man: Homecoming	14:00
18:00	Jack Reacher: Never Go Back	15:00
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**Infotainment**

ANIMAL PLANET	Discovery	IFC
12:00	India Unlocked: BBF	12:00
14:00	India Unlocked: India	13:00
16:00	India Unlocked: India	14:00
19:00	India Unlocked: India	15:00
20:00	Super Senses	16:00
21:00	India Unlocked: India	17:00
22:00	India Unlocked: India	18:00
23:00	India Unlocked: India	19:00

**Regional**

NEWS LIVE	STAR 18	STAR 2
07:00	India Unlocked: BBF	08:00
08:00	India Unlocked: India	09:00
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**Sports**

STAR 2	STAR 1	STAR 2
12:00	West Indies Tour of India 2014	12:00
14:00	KB D fluid on	13:00
14:30	Tamil Nadu Premier League	14:00
16:00	Pro Kabaddi League 2017 H1	15:00
18:00	Pro Kabaddi League 2017 H2	16:00
19:00	Pro Kabaddi League 2017 H3	17:00
20:00	Pro Kabaddi League 2017 H4	18:00
21:00	Pro Kabaddi League 2017 H5	19:00
22:00	Pro Kabaddi League 2017 H6	20:00
23:00	Pro Kabaddi League 2017 H7	21:00

**SONY**

ESPN	STAR 1	STAR 2
08:00	Fast News	08:00
09:00	Good Morning India	09:00
10:00	India Express	10:00
11:00	Kota Barta (9)	11:00
12:00	Mid Day Live	12:00
13:00	India Express	13:00
14:30	Afternoon Live	14:30
16:00	Gunahali Prime	16:00
18:00	Beating E 6:30	18:00
19:00	India Express Prime Time	19:00
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21:00	Live to 10	21:00
22:00	Nook Gauhati	22:00
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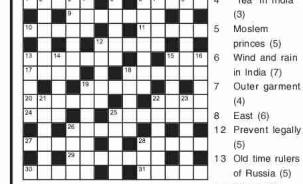
**NEO**

STAR 2	STAR 1	STAR 2
11:00	TNA One Night Only	12:00
14:00	ATP World Tour 500 2017	15:00
16:00	Moto GP 2017 H1	17:00
19:00	TNA Knockdown	20:00
20:00	UFC 210: Nurmagomedov vs. Barao	21:00
20:30	ATP 1000 Masters 2017	21:30

**SONY**

STAR 1	STAR 2	STAR 1
11:00	India Tour of Sri Lanka 2017	12:00
12:00	Cricket T20 Cup 2017	13:00
14:00	PGA Tour 2017 H1	15:00
15:00	Global Champions League	16:00
16:00	French Open 2017	17:00
17:00	World Sailing Show	18:00
18:00	India Tour of Sri Lanka 2017	19:00
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20:00	French Open 2017	21:00
21:00	WTA Tour 2017 H1	22:00
22:00	French Open 2017	23:00

## Tribune CROSSWORD - 6058



**Across**

- 1 Trig. function (5)
- 2 Star Trek (5)
- 3 German painter Max (5)
- 4 Female tiger (7)
- 5 Conclusion (3)
- 6 Printer's direction (4)
- 7 Revolve (6)
- 8 East (6)
- 12 Prevent legally (5)
- 13 Old time rulers of Russia (5)
- 14 These silly cocklebur? (5)
- 15 Folded a page corner (5)
- 16 Divine being (5)
- 18 Bowler's approach (3-2)
- 19 Agog (3-4)
- 21 Referring to a metrical foot (6)
- 22 Pretended (6)
- 23 Exclaiming in amazement, joy, or surprise (6)
- 25 Drink to health of (5)
- 26 Wild ox of Celebes (4)
- 28 Cry of a cat (3)

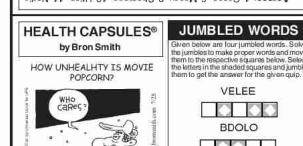
**Down**

- 19 Boatswain (5)
- 20 Rebel (6)
- 22 Fuel type (4)
- 24 Son of Auto. Engrs. (3)
- 25 Day of the week (7)
- 26 Greek writer fables (5)
- 27 Black wood (5)
- 28 Ossian's food of love (5)
- 29 Unit of magnetic intensity (7)
- 30 Group of eight (5)
- 31 A large lump (5)
- 32 Turnout (6)
- 33 Conduct (6)
- 34 Revolve (6)

**SOLUTION TO TRIBUNE CROSSWORD - 6058**

**Health Capsules** by Bron Smith

HOW UNHEALTHY IS MOVIE POPCORN?



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**Jumbled Words**

Green below are four jumbled words. Solve the puzzles to make proper words and move them to the boxes above. Use the letters in the shaded boxes and jumble them to get the words in the given spots.

VELEE

BDODO

AGMINNU

CINQUE

The primary purpose of this is to keep other people from taking Loup Vernet's (9)

SOLUTION

Answers: The above words mean healthy in some cases. The words in bold are the ones that are healthy in all cases.

# Attack from North Korea not imminent: CIA chief

WASHINGTON, Aug 14: Senior US security officials have said that an attack from North Korea is not imminent but also cautioned that the possibility of war is greater than it was a decade ago.

CIA Director Mike Pompeo told CBS News in an interview that the Trump Administration has done a fine job of not drawing red lines that it is "not prepared to" enforce.

"An attack from North Korea is not something that is imminent. The American people should know that this administration is doing everything with its power."

The President has enabled the intelligence community and the Department of Defense, to be sure, that we're protecting America from this threat," Pompeo said.

Responding to a series of questions on North Korea, the CIA Director said the Trump

Administration has done a fine job of not drawing red lines that it is "not prepared to" enforce.

"I think what the President was doing there was very effective. He was communicating to many audiences, certainly the rogue leader in North Korea, communicating to him that the strategic patience of the past decades is no longer – we're just too close to him having this capacity to hold America at risk," he said.

Pompeo was asked about the warning given by the US President Donald Trump to North Korea if they attacked Guam, an American territory in the Pacific.

"He was communicating to the world, to China and to others who can influence the outcome there. We had a great success. We have the whole world voting to sanction North Korea, something that hasn't happened for an

awfully long time," he said.

"This is real progress as a

direct result of what President Trump has done and the way we have communicated the threat, not only to America and to Japan and South Korea, but to the entire world, from this rogue leader," the CIA Chief said adding that Trump has made it pretty clear that he would not allow North Korea to have nuclear weapons.

"He's made very clear that the United States finds it unacceptable for a rogue leader like Kim Jong-un to have the capac-

ity of a ballistic missile with a warhead that is integrated and fully deliverable to the United States and hold America and the world at risk," he said.

"He finds that unacceptable. He's simply not going to permit it to happen," Pompeo added.

Responding to a question, the CIA Director said North Korea cannot be contained like Pakistan.

"This regime is different. I heard – Susan Rice said, we just need to learn to live with this. President Trump finds that unacceptable. This is not a leader for whom containment is a policy that makes sense for American national security," Pompeo said.

The former US Joint Chief of Staff, Admiral Mike Mullen, expressed his concern over the increasing tension between US and North Korea. – PTI

**27 killed in  
Bangla floods;  
6 lakh hit**

DHAKA, Aug 14: Flash floods triggered by incessant rains have left at least 27 people dead and nearly six lakh others marooned in nearly two dozen districts in Bangladesh, officials said today.

The unrelenting flow of water from upstream regions coupled with monsoon rains has flooded as many as 20 districts with the flooding spreading to other parts, officials said.

The Disaster Management Ministry said that 27 people died in the floods as monsoon grasped 20 of the country's 64 administrative districts.

The deluge has affected some 586,000 people, forcing 368,586 of them to take refuge in makeshift shelters as the country witnesses the second round of floods since June. – PTI

## Pak PM blames India for impasse in ties



Shahid Khaqan

based on sovereign equality. "Our government has invariably made efforts to initiate the process of meaningful dialogue and adoption of peaceful means to resolve the issues but unfortunately the expansionist designs of India have remained the main hurdle in this regard," he said as Chinese Vice Premier Wang Yang attended the celebrations as a "special guest" of the country.

Yang arrived in Pakistan yesterday for the event.

He said that China and Pakistan have "always stood by each other in difficult times and their friendship will stand the test of time and grow with coming generations."

Abbas called on the interna-

tional community to "play its role" in resolving regional conflicts "particularly the Kashmir dispute" between India and Pakistan in conformity with the UN resolutions to ensure durable peace in the region.

Abbas, 58, was sworn-in as Pakistan's 13th prime minister on August 1 after the Supreme Court disqualified the incumbent Nawaz Sharif for dishonesty following the Panama papers scandal.

"The people of South Asia have suffered enormously in the last fifty years due to the festering conflicts. Until and unless those conflicts are resolved amicably the people of the region cannot achieve prosperity and progress," he said. – PTI

**SANKALP  
SE SIDDHI**



Wishing every Indian a very happy Independence Day

## SANKALP PARVA

This Independence Day, let's come together and pledge for a New India by 2022.



Prime Minister will address the nation at 7 A.M. from Laal Qila.

**“The pledge of ‘Do or Die’ in 1942 paved the way for India’s Independence in 1947. Today, with the resolve of ‘We Act together to Accomplish’ let us all 125 Crore countrymen come together and strive in spirit and soul to achieve the pledge for building a New India by 2022. Come, let us together celebrate this Independence Day as ‘Sankalp Parva’.”**

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

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**FREEDOM FROM PAPERWORK**

GST has introduced automated and simplified procedures for tax processes such as registration, returns, refunds, tax payments, etc.

**FREEDOM FROM MULTIPLE RECORDS**

GST will reduce compliance costs, as multiple records not required to be maintained for a variety of taxes.

**FREEDOM FROM CASCADING OF TAXES**

No cascading of taxes as Input Tax Credit will be available across goods and services at every stage of supply whether to manufacturer, service provider, wholesaler or retailer.

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28 Cesses abolished during last three years – 2 in 2015-16 Budget, 10 in 2016-17 Budget, 1 in 2017-18 Budget & 13 vide the Taxation Laws (Amendment) Act, 2017.

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**FREEDOM FROM MULTIPLE TAX AUTHORITIES**

GST has ensured uniformity and single set of laws and procedures for tax processes such as registration, returns, refunds, tax payments, etc.

**FREEDOM FROM NUMEROUS TAX STATUTES**

GST has resulted in creation of a common national market and elimination of border checkposts facilitating free flow of goods.

**Happy Independence Day**

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# India complete series sweep with another emphatic win

PALLEKELE, Aug 14: An authoritative India today completed a 3-0 clean sweep of Sri Lanka with an innings and 171-run domination in the third and final Test, bringing an early end to one of the most lopsided series in recent years.

None of the three matches lasted five days, with the final one being the shortest, lasting just two and a half days with the hosts folding up in 181 in 74.3 overs in their second innings shortly before tea on day three.

The comprehensive series win also extended India's dominating run in Tests ever with 20 victories, one loss and five draws since the defeat in Galle in the previous series in Sri Lanka two years ago. Top-ranked India put up a professional performance in the series with Hardik Pandya's performance in his debut series being the biggest positive, said captain Virat Kohli.

"The regulars have performed, but the biggest positive would be Hardik's inclusion and the way he shaped up in these three Test matches. The kind of confidence he showed with the ball and the maturity with the bat, it really gives us a lot of boost and the balance," said Kohli about the commanding win.

Kohli also promised that his side will continue to play ruthless cricket.

"We are a young side, we look forward to play Test cricket, we look forward to play every single Test match with



The victorious Indian team pose for photographs after winning the Test series against Sri Lanka at Pallekele, on Monday.

## SCORECARD

India 1st Innings: 487

Sri Lanka 1st Innings: 135

Sri Lanka 2nd Innings: (overnight 19 for 1): Dimuth Karunaratne c Rahane b Ashwin 16, Upul Thiranga b

Umesh 7, Malinda Pushpakumara c Saha b Shami, Kusal

Mendis lbw b Shami 12, Dinesh Chandimal c Pujara b Yadav 36, Angelo Mathews lbw b Ashwin 35, Niroshan Dickwella c Rahane b Umesh 41, Dilruwan Perera c H Pandya b Ashwin 8, Lakshan Sandakan c Saha b Shami 8, Vishwa Fernando not out 4, Lahiru Kumara b Ashwin 10.

Extras: (B-2, NB-1) 3. Total: (all out; 74.3 overs) 181. Fall of wickets: 1-15, 2-26, 3-34, 4-39, 5-104, 6-118, 7-138, 8-166, 9-168. Bowling: Mohammed Shami 15-6-32-3, Ravichandran Ashwin 28.3-6-68-4, Umesh Yadav 13-5-21-2, Kuldeep Yadav 17-4-56-1, Hardik Pandya 1-0-2-0.

## Yuvraj has been rested, door still open for him: Prasad

PALLEKELE, Aug 14: Speculations may be rife that Yuvraj Singh's career is nearing the end but chief selector MSK Prasad today clarified that national team's door is still open for the senior cricketer.

The national selectors yesterday ignored 36-year-old Yuvraj for the ODI series in Sri Lanka, a tough but fair call, indicating their mindset going into the 2019 World Cup in England.

The selectors' decision has created murmurs that Yuvraj may not be seen again in a blue jersey.

"Yuvraj has been rested," said Prasad indicating that Yuvraj is still in the reckoning.

"Doors are never closed for anybody. Everybody has got a right to play cricket. It's their passion. They are chasing their passion. In terms of selection, we try to select the best possible team."

"Discussions happen about everybody. It is not just MS Dhoni (or anybody else). When we pick, when we talk about combinations, we talk about everybody," he said.

Citing tennis legend Andre Agassi's example, whose career literally took off after 30, Prasad said if Yuvraj keeps on delivering he has every chance of making it to the team.

"Whenever a player keeps ageing, for example, I was just reading Agassi's book, *Open*, his actual-life story after 30 years. Till he became a four-time titles. His action line started after that."

"He lived with media pressure. 'When are you going to retire? But he played till 36 and he won so many Grand Slams. So you never know,' the former India stumper said.

"We don't say it is an automatic thing but we are all stakeholders. We all want the Indian team to do well. If he is delivering, why not? If he is not, we will have to look at alternatives," Prasad added.

"The Indian selectorate also talked about youngsters' performances in 'A' tours, whilst commanding the job done by India 'A' coach Rahul Dravid in preparing their step up to the senior team. - PTI

**Indian squad for the limited overs series against Sri Lanka:**  
First Test: Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma, MS Dhoni (wk), Kedar Jadhav, Manish Pandey, Hardik Pandya, Axar Patel, Kuldeep Yadav, Yuzvendra Chahal, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Shardul Thakur, Jasprit Bumrah, Ajinkya Rahane.

## Zverev upsets Federer



Alexander Zverev reacts during the awarding ceremony after the final match against Roger Federer at the Rogers Cup in Montreal.

## Svitolina lifts Toronto title

TORONTO, Aug 14: Elina Svitolina crushed Caroline Wozniacki 6-4, 6-0 to win the Toronto WTA trophy on Sunday, capturing her fifth title of 2017 and her second final of the season over the former World No. 1.

Fifth seed Svitolina, from the Ukraine, needed just 77 minutes to beat Wozniacki, blasting four aces and winning the final eight games of the hard-court match.

She kept the sixth set at bay with precision ground-strokes that had Wozniacki scurrying around the court to stay in the rallies.

"It has been amazing. The title is very special for me and I am very happy that it could happen here," said the 22-year-old Ukrainian who earned \$502,000 for the victory. Svitolina's road to the final included wins over four top ten players. - AFP

Ukraine's Elina Svitolina kisses the trophy after defeating Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark in the women's Rogers Cup final.

## Ronaldo sent off after scoring in Madrid's 3-1 win at Barca



BARCELONA, Aug 14: Cristiano Ronaldo made a big impact in his truncated appearance at Camp Nou, scoring a goal before being sent off in Real Madrid's 3-1 win over

Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo scores their second goal following the Spanish Super Cup first leg against Barcelona at the Camp Nou in Barcelona.

Barcelona in the first leg of the Spanish Super Cup.

Ronaldo went on in the 58th minute and scored with a beautiful strike to make it 2-1 in the 80th, earning a yellow card for taking off his shirt to flex his muscles at Barcelona's faithful.

But that defiant pose turned into a petulant pout two minutes later when Ronaldo was booked again for diving in the area following contact with Barcelona defender Samuel Umtiti. Ronaldo gave the referee a push in the back after seeing the red card that meant he will miss Wednesday's return leg at the Santiago Bernabeu.

Madrid coach Zinedine Zidane said that the club would consider appealing Ronaldo's second booking to the Spanish football federation.

"We played a great match. What bothers me is the sending off of Cristiano," Zidane said. "Maybe it wasn't a penalty, but the card is a bit too much." - AP

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