

NEWS CAPSULE

NSA meets CM

NEW DELHI, July 19:
National Security Adviser Ajit Doval called on Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal here this afternoon. The meeting was held to review the internal security of the State. — SPL Correspondent

Rescued

BISWANATH CHARIALI, July 19: Nineteen children were rescued by police last night from Rupa in Arunachal Pradesh who were allegedly sold to several persons there by one Ankut Khodal of Pabbi under Biswanath Chariali Police Station. — Correspondent

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Zeliang sworn in as Nagaland CM

CORRESPONDENT



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not show up to take a floor test in the State Assembly at 9:30 am today.

After the swearing-in ceremony, a Raj Bhawan release said Governor Acharya dismissed Chief Minister Liezetsu as he failed to attend the emergent Assembly session convened for the purpose of testing majority of the Cabinet led by him

despite being given repeated opportunities. As per report of the Speaker, 48 MLAs led by Zeliang, including the Speaker, were present in the Assembly but Liezetsu and 11 others were conspicuously absent, the release said.

The Governor had asked Zeliang to prove his majority on the floor of the House on or before July 22. The ruling Democratic Alliance of Nagaland (DAN) coalition has 47 NPP legislators, four BJP members, and eight Independents.

Earlier on the day, Speaker Dr Imtiwappa Aier adjourned the emergent special session sine die as no business could be transacted in the Assembly after Liezetsu failed to (See page 7)

China moves huge military hardware into Tibet

Sikkim standoff

official mouthpiece of Chinese military.

The move took place late last month and involved hardware being moved simultaneously by road and rail from across the entire region, the report said.

China's state-run media has stepped up its rhetoric against India in recent weeks but there was no way to confirm the veracity of such claims. Early this week, state-run

CCTV had broadcast People's Liberation Army troops taking part in heavy military exercises using live ammunition on the Tibetan plateau.

The location was not far from the disputed Doklam area where Chinese and Indian troops are locked in a standoff, the Hong Kong based *South China Morning Post* reported.

The *PLA Daily* report, however, did not say whether the movement of the military equipment was to support the exercise or for other reasons. — PTI

SPL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI, July 19: Faced with resources crunch, Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today sought the intervention of Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley for releasing the Central share of Rs 1,138 crore under the Flood Management Programme (FMP) during the 11th and 12th five-year plans.

As part of his initiative to apprise the Central leaders about the damages caused by floods and erosion in the State, Sonowal met the Finance Minister at his Parliament House office and submitted a memorandum listing out the State's demands. Yesterday, accompanied by the BJP MPs of the State, Sonowal had

Flood management schemes



called on the Prime Minister seeking a special package to strengthen the State's 5,000-km network of embankments.

Later, the Prime Minister instructed DoNER Minister

here where the State government officials and MPs had a discussion with the Central officials led by Dr Singh.

Sonowal requested Jaitley to help the State by all possible means to tackle the unprecedented and unusually long wave of floods this year. The Chief Minister informed the Union Finance Minister that the State has already released its share against 141 schemes under the FMP!

Expressing his gratitude to the Finance Minister for extending support during GST implementation in Assam, Sonowal urged Jaitley not to restrict the refund of CGST (See page 7)

State Opp MPs stage dharna in Delhi

SPL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI, July 19: Led by the Congress party, the Opposition today staged a demonstration in front of the Parliament House demanding a special package for the flood ravages in Assam and declaration of the flood and erosion problem as a national problem.

The Congress MPs were joined by AIUDF MPs led by Badruddin Ajmal. Naba Sarania also took part in the demonstration. Led by Assam PCC president Ripun Bora, the demonstrators included Sushmita Dev, Gaurav Gogoi and Bhupen Barua, among others. The demonstrators raised slogans demanding Prime Minister Narendra Modi's immediate visit to Assam and sanction of a special package to deal with floods.

in the State.

Meanwhile, Dr T Subbarao Reddy raising the issue of flood in Raja Sabha, said that half of the country is affected by floods, right from Assam, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh to Uttarakhand. "People are suffering because they have lost their homes... Even wild animals are in trouble. I am told, in Kaziranga wild animals are struggling to survive," the Congress MP said.

Reacting to the Opposition demonstration, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal said that the Congress was indulging in cheap politics. He claimed that his government has managed to repair 82 of the 91 embankments ahead of the flood season. He also noted that the Centre has extended all possible assistance to Assam during the floods.

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4 more dead, State flood toll touches 73

GUWAHATI, July 19: The flood in Assam today claimed four more lives taking the toll to 73 though the overall situation continued to improve with around five lakh people affected across 14 districts.

Two persons lost their lives in Morigaon district and one each died in Barpeta and South Salma districts, the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) said. With this, the toll in this year's flood related cases has gone up to 73, including eight in Guwahati.

Around five lakh people have been affected in Lakhimpur, Biswanath, Nahari, Barpeta, Bongaigaon, Dhubri, Goalpara, Morigaon, Nagaon, Golaghat, Jorhat, Sivasagar, Karimganj and Cachar districts, the ASDMA said.

Till yesterday, nine lakh people were affected in the latest wave of flood across 16 districts in the State. — PTI

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China bigger threat than Pak, claims Mulayam

NEW DELHI, July 19: Samajwadi Party leader and former Defence Minister Mulayam Singh Yadav today claimed that China was ready to attack India in collaboration with Pakistan and asked the Government to reverse its stand on the Tibet issue by supporting its independence.



tough stand on China, said during the Zero Hour.

He also claimed that China had buried nuclear weapons in Pakistan to target India, adding that Indian intelligence agencies "would know better".

Without naming then Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, he said the Congress stalwart made a "big mistake" on the Tibet issue and the Tibetan leaders asked him even then to stand against it. Tibetan leaders like Dalai Lama had always supported India, he said.

Time had come to support the independence of Tibet as it had been a traditional buffer between the two big nations and India should give maximum support to the Dalai Lama.

"China is a bigger threat than Pakistan. Pakistan can do us no damage," he said. It was India's responsibility to protect Bhutan and China was eyeing Nepal, he said. He also spoke against massive amounts of Chinese goods finding a market in India. — PTI

He also claimed that Chinese military personnel have been seen in Pakistani military facilities in the Pak-occupied-Kashmir and China was also building roads there. It must be opposed at the diplomatic level, Yadav said. "India is today facing a big danger from China. I have been cautioning Central Governments for many years. None of them paid adequate attention," Yadav, known for his

20 pc positions vacant in CBI

NEW DELHI, July 19: The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has about 20 per cent positions vacant and the vacancies have not affected the performance of the agency adversely, Lok Sabha was informed today.

In a written response, Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions Jitendra Singh presented data which showed that as against 7,273 sanctioned strength, there are 5,668 officers in the CBI, which comes to a vacancy of about 20 per cent.

"With effective use and optimal deployment of existing personnel, the vacancies have not affected the performance of the CBI adversely," he said.

The data shows that there

is about 18 per cent shortage in executive ranks,

about 27 per cent shortage of law officers, about 56 per cent shortage of technical officers, about 18 per cent in ministerial staff and 44 per cent shortage in canteen posts. — PTI

TN Govt nearly doubles pay for MLAs

CHENNAI, July 19: The Tamil Nadu Government today almost doubled the salary and allowances of MLAs, taking their new pay packet to Rs 1.05 lakh per month.

As per the announcement made by Chief Minister K Palaniswami in the State Assembly, the salary and allowances of legislators had been raised from the existing Rs 55,000 to Rs 1.05,000 per month, an increase of 90.91 per cent.

He was responding to the representations made by legislators, including S Pandi and other MLAs, seeking a hike in salary and pension.

Speaker P Dhanapal said he could see happiness was写 large on the face of all MLAs cutting across party lines. He was happy too about the increase.

Allowances for the Chief Minister, ministers, the Speaker, Deputy Speaker, the leader of the opposition and the Government chief whip were also increased with (retrospective) effect from July 1 this year.

Similarly, 'MLA Constituency Development Scheme' fund allocation was hiked to Rs 2.50 crore from the present Rs 2 crore from this year (2017-18), Palaniswami said.

He said the fund could be

used for initiatives, including laying roads, constructing additional buildings for schools and PDS outlets.

Pension for former MLAs and members of the now defunct legislative council will be increased to Rs 20,000 from the present Rs 12,000.

The Chief Minister also

hiked the monthly pension for journalists to Rs 10,000 from the current Rs 8,000 and allowed for the Assembly Watch and Ward staff as well.

Giving the break up of MLAs' pay hike, he said their salary would be increased from Rs 8,000 to Rs 30,000. Similarly, compensatory allowance will be Rs 10,000 from Rs 7,000 while telephone allowance has been revised to Rs 7,500 from Rs 5,000.

The constituency allowance goes up to Rs 25,000 from Rs 10,000 and consolidated allowance to Rs 5,000 from Rs 2,500. Vehicle allowance will be

upwardly revised to Rs 25,000 from 20,000. Postal allowance will continue to be same at Rs 2,500.

As regards the Chief Minister, ministers and Speaker, their compensatory allowance will now be Rs 15,000 and expenditure allowance Rs 10,000 and constituency allowance Rs 25,000.

The Deputy Speaker, lead-

er of the opposition and chief government whip will get compensatory and constituency allowances on par with ministers, their expenditure allowance will be slightly lower at Rs 7,500.

Family pension for kin of late MLAs will be hiked by Rs 10,000. They get 50 per cent of the pension drawn by pensioner-legislators. — PTI

Counting of votes in presidential election today

NEW DELHI, July 19:

Counting of the ballots cast in the July 17 presidential election will be taken up here on Thursday to decide the fate of two contenders – the ruling BJD's candidate Ram Nath Kovind, who has a clear edge, and the combined Opposition nominee Meira Kumar.

Officials said all preparations have been made for the vote count and that all ballot boxes have already reached Parliament House by Tuesday evening amid tight security.

They said the counting will begin at 11 am simultaneously across four tables.

There will be eight rounds of counting, and announcements made after every round.

Toiling to choose the successor to President Pranab Mukherjee, who demits office on July 24, was held simultaneously at 32 polling stations – one in Parliament House and one each in 29 State Assemblies and two Union Territories with Assemblies.

Lok Sabha Secretary General Om Prakash Mishra is the Returning Officer for the election, and will issue the certificate to the winning candidate.

Officials said the seals of ballot boxes will be opened on Thursday in the presence of representatives of the two candidates – former Bihar

Speaker Meira Kumar and the Dalai Lama.

In the electoral arithmetic, Kovind has a distinct advantage over his rivals as parties like the Janata Dal United and the Biju Janata Dal, otherwise not allied with the Bharatiya Janata Party, had voted for him.

The Janata Dal United has about 1.91 per cent of electoral college votes, while the BJD of Odisha has 2.99 per cent.

In addition, the ruling Telangana Rashtra Samiti in Telangana (2 per cent), different factions of AIADMK (5.39 per cent), and the YSR Cong (1.53 per cent) also had announced their support for Kovind.

The value of vote of an MP is 708 while that of an Assembly member varies from State to State depending on the size of its population.

The total value of votes of the presidential electoral college is 10,98,903, and the NDA candidate is slated to get over 63 per cent votes. — IANS

COUNTING FACTS

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Governor Kovind and former Lok Sabha Speaker Meira Kumar – and the observers of the Election Commission.

Police vehicle, community hall torched

GORKHALAND UNREST

on Wednesday.

After a pro-Gorkhaland rally, a police vehicle was vandalised and torched in Darjeeling's Judge Bazar area on Wednesday afternoon.

"A police vehicle was torched by the miscreants near Judge Bazar. There were no provocations or altercations between police and the rallyists. We are looking for the offenders," Superintendent of Police Akhilsh Kumar Chaturvedi said.

"There are no other major incidents of vandalism in the town since morning," he added. However, late on Tuesday, a central Bengal community centre named Raj Rakeswar Hall was burnt to ashes in the Kurseong area. Another unattended Trimodial Congress party office was also set fire in the dead of the night.

Condemning the recurring

incidents of violence, arson and attacks on State property in the hills, State Tourism Minister Gautam Deb claimed the vandalism brought out that the GJM was opposed to any peace process in the region.

"They have vandalised and torched numerous State properties in the name of peaceful movement in the last one month. This clearly shows that Morcha is deliberately halting the peace process and normalcy in the hills. We strongly condemn this attitude," Deb said.

Meanwhile, several rallies supporting the statehood demand were taken out by the GJM in various parts of the hills, including Darjeeling, the epicentre of the movement.

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French military chief upbraided by Macron quits

PARIS, July 19: France's military chief resigned today after he was rebuked by President Emmanuel Macron for protesting defence spending cuts.

General Pierre de Villiers, said in a statement he no longer felt able to command the sort of armed forces "that I think is necessary to guarantee the protection of France and the French people." - AFP

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Chintanmoni Phukan, S/o Krishna Phukan resident of Narenji have changed my name to Rajiv Bharadwaj for all purpose by an affidavit before Notary Public Kunnap (M), PNP/P/14519/1

By an affidavit before the Notary Public Kunnap (M) at Ghat on 03.07.2017, I, Sri Dalgit Das Hengrabari, Ghy-e, Kamrup (M) do hereby declare that my actual and correct name is Dalgit Das instead of Chankya Das, Hengrabari, I shall be known only as Dalgit Das, which will be used for all future purposes. PNP/P/14517/1

I, Kiran Kumar Sinha, S/o Krishna Kumar Singh, have changed my name from Kiran Kumar Sinha to Kiran Kumar Singh via affidavit dated 18.04.2016. From now on I shall be known as Kiran Kumar Singh. PNP/P/14507/1

Trineta Supply Centre would like to thank for overwhelming response by choosing Kanco Powerstills. The limited special offer of LED TV on purchase of powerstills stands closed w.e.f. 15.07.2017 & T.C applied. PNP/P/A2725/1

I Amit Kumar Jain has changed my daughter's name from Vibhushani Jain to Vanya Jain vide an affidavit before the Notary Public Kunnap (M) No.784 (A) DL 18.07.2017. PNP/P/A2723/1

I have changed my name from Dipymoni Saikia to Dipi Rajib Deshmukh by an affidavit before Notary Public Kunnap (Metra) Guwahati dated 22.12.13. Henceforth I shall be known as Dipi Rajib Deshmukh. PNP/P/A48/1

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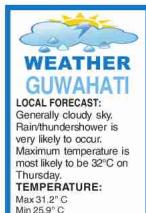
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**Results**

GUWAHATI, July 19: The results of the Final Year examination of the Pharmacy programme held in May/June, 2017 under the Assam Science and Technology University were declared today. The results are available on the university website, www.astuonline.in. Candidates can also view their results and grades by entering their roll numbers and registration numbers on the following link, www.astuonline.in/studentresultasp.aspx.

Fall in civil service exam coaching aspirants**STAFF REPORTER**

GUWAHATI, July 19: At a time when financial constraints force many meritorious students from remote areas and poor economic backgrounds to forsake their dream of appearing for the competitive civil service exams, State-based Ajmal Foundation has seen a fall in the number of students who applied for its screening test for selection to a free one-year IAS coaching pro-

Centre's move on Citizenship Bill draws flak**STAFF REPORTER**

GUWAHATI, July 19: Hitting out at the BJP-led NDA Government for listing the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill for consideration and passage during the ongoing Monsoon Session, the Saigon Nagarik Manchak today called upon the people of the State to come out against the "anti-Assam conspiracy."

Noted intellectual Hirun Gohain said the BJP Government is out to crush the wishes and aspirations of the people of Assam and is working in the interest of a corporate lobby.

Former bureaucrat JP Saikia said the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill has the potential to tear apart the secular fabric of Bangladesh and destroy the peaceful atmosphere now prevailing in the

neighbouring country.

"We will create another Pakistan in our neighbourhood. The Government is creating an impression that India does not want peace in Bangladesh,"

Saikia said, adding that the reports of persecution of Hindus in Bangladesh have been blown out of proportion.

wondered as to why the people and organisations have still not come out vehemently against the move.

Senior journalist Manjit Mahanta questioned as to why the Centre decided to bring in the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill even though the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) is yet to submit its report to the Parliament.

"Head of the JPC Satyapal Singh had conducted a few hearings in Delhi by inviting four or five organisations from Assam. The opinions of this handful of organisations may not be the opinion of the majority. Why has the public hearing that was supposed to be held in Assam not been held so far?" Mahanta asked.

The organisations said if the Bill is passed, there would be serious repercussions in Assam.

'Anti-Assam conspiracy', alleges citizens' body

ASASU activists staging a sit-in demonstration, demanding relief and rehabilitation for the flood-affected people of the State, in Guwahati on Wednesday. — AT photo

APCC takes a dig at BJP on flood relief**STAFF REPORTER**

GUWAHATI, July 19: Assam Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC) today alleged that the State's Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders and its ministers are engaged in an unabashed competition to outwit even their fellow party men on the issue of extending relief to flood victims, while lakhs of people affected by the flood are living in a miserable condition.

The APCC said that even the Governor of the State had to criticise the State Government on July 15 for its failure to supply relief materials to the flood victims. But the State BJP president described the comment of the Governor on the issue as his personal one, which is very unfortunate, it added.

The State president of the BJP has gone even to the extent of making a claim that the flood-hit people are getting more relief materials compared to the days of the Congress rule, making a mockery of the sufferings of the flood victims.

The BJP ministers are also making tall claims on the issue, alleged the APCC.

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The white rhino is the least endangered of the living rhino species with a population ranging from 19,682 and 21,077 individuals in the wild. They mainly eat grass and are the most abundant rhino species. They have two horns.

The State Zoo here now has only five Indian rhinos, among its 1,170 inmates. Mohan was buried on the zoo premises after the necropsy formalities.

Swathi, the oldest living Royal Bengal tiger in captive environment in the country, had died at the Assam State Zoo on July 16 last.

43-year sojourn of 'Mohan' ends

RITURAJ BORTHAKUR

The African white rhino, an inmate of the Assam State Zoo here, breathed his last at 11.30 pm on Tuesday. He was 50-plus and probably the oldest mammal in the State Zoo. He was the last African rhino in the zoo.

What made the two officials sadder is the fact that Mohan served the zoo, or rather the visitors to the facility, till the last day. He was kept in public view till yesterday. In many cases, as animals grow very old, they are shifted to shelters away from public view.

Mohan was brought from the Southw-

itch Birds and Animals Inc in Black-

stone of the US in 1974. The State Zoo

authorities here received him on De-

cember 22 that year.

"When he was brought, he was proba-

bly five or six years old. So he should

be around 50 or 51. Normally the

lifespan of a rhino is around 40-45

years," Zoo DFO Tejas Maciswamy

told *The Assam Tribune*.

It is learnt that the zoo authorities could

not find a suitable mate for him, and as a result, Mohan had to die a bachelor.

The DFO said age had caught up with

Mohan. "He had lost his teeth..

the food pipe had nearly collapsed, as a re-

sult of which we were giving him liq-

uid food for some time. At this age, you cannot treat the animal," he said.

The white rhino has a wide mouth. Though the colour of the animal is grey, the name of the white rhino is sometimes said to be a corruption of the Dutch word, "wid" (meaning large), but nobody really knows where the names come from, according to the WWF.

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Kids' cultural workshop

GUWAHATI, July 19: A kids' cultural workshop was organised recently by Harekrishna Movement on the Balaji temple premises, Lohkra, in which over 60 students from various schools of Guwahati participated.

The participants were trained in dance, singing and acting by expert trainers of various fields. A fun trip was also organised from Guwahati to Sualkuchi during which the kids had a picnic.

A cultural show was also organised where all the parents of the little children were invited.



Hrishikesh Goswami, media adviser to the Chief Minister, receiving a sum of Rs 615 from two children as contribution to the CM's Relief Fund, in Guwahati on Wednesday. — UT Photos

MARUTI SUZUKI

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IN THE DEBT'S RECOVERY TRIBUNAL: AT GUWAHATI (The Tribunals of Assam, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Manipur, Tripura, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh & Sikkim)

Friends of Tribal Society conference

GUWAHATI, July 19: Friends of Tribal Society (FTS) recently organised a conference here to discuss ways to increase the number of ekal vidyalays in the North East. As many as 4,300 such schools are already running in the region, but the aim of FTS is to cover many more villages with such schools so that the overall living standard of the people of backward tribal areas can be improved.

FTS or Vanbandhu Parishad is a voluntary organisation established in 1989 with the goal of improving literacy and health in the tribal areas of India. It is associated with the Ekal Vidyalay Foundation, which is active in raising funds abroad.

Each ekal vidyalay is run by a local person who is trained as a teacher. The curriculum is mainly basic literature and moral formation. Executive members of Vanbandhu Parishad's Guwahati branch Narresh Agarwal, Rima Bhownimik, Lalita Jain and OP Lahoti spoke at the conference.

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MESSAGE FOR TODAY

A man who dares to waste one hour of time has not discovered the value of life.

—CHARLES DARWIN

The Assam Tribune

Special package

It is difficult to comprehend why a delegation of BJP MPs led by Assam's Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal had to meet India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi to ask for a special package to repair the infrastructural damage caused by floods. By now it has been established that this year's floods have been particularly devastating and the Centre should have stepped up its own to announce a financial aid package, as it had done numerous times when natural disasters had struck other States. Clearly, having voted the BJP to power in the State, if the people of Assam had expected that the neglect of this region by the Centre would stop, they were woefully mistaken. On the contrary, rather than loosen the purse-strings, the NDA Government had embarked on a series of measures to erase the subsidies which the earlier regimes had offered to the corporate sector if it set up industries in this region. It is an index of the tradition of continuous neglect by the Centre that requests for financial assistance to tackle flood related issues have to be made every year. Of course, the earlier Congress State Government had been lackadaisical in keeping its finances in order, such as non-issue of utilization certificates, thereby providing the Centre with pretexts to withhold assistance — for instance, Rs 1,138.5 crore sanctioned last year for flood management had been allowed to lapse!

It is also a measure of neglect that the delegation had to request Modi to send a team under a Cabinet minister to assess the damages caused by the floods. No doubt the PM has a lot on his plate now, but surely he himself could have visited this region as a token gesture of empathy with the lakhs who are suffering because of floods. Such a visit, or one of a senior minister, would have galvanized the 'national' media brigade, which has been less than active in focusing on the flood and storm havoc wrought in Assam or Arunachal Pradesh. Apparently the delegation also conveyed to the PM the 'startling' fact that according to a Bangladeshi minister, India had never raised the issue of illegal migration before his Government! Given that India at the moment is wooing Bangladesh in order to maintain amicable relations with at least one of her neighbours, that the interests of the North-east would become more important than India-Bangladesh relations can hardly be expected! This is why it is difficult to envisage that another request of the delegation, revival of the North-east Industrial Investment and Promotion Policy, would be accepted. Not that the policy had brought about a 'revolution' to the industrial scenario in the State, but it did connote that Delhi had not quite forgotten the existence of the North-east, an impression granting of the request special package would help to reinforce.

Gas pipeline

Even after so many years of Independence, the State of Assam is yet to make its presence felt in the industrial map of the country. A host of factors are at play for the industrial development of the State going at snail's pace. The irony is that not enough steps are being initiated to place the State in the industrial map of the country. The fact that several leading industrial sectors are facing crisis due to shortage of gas does not augur well for the State. Tea gardens, fertilizer plants, etc., are dependent on gas to run their factories. Last year, the tea gardens in Karbi Anglong faced great difficulties in operating their factories due to severe shortage of gas. The Lepetaka-based Brahmaputra Cracker and Polymer Limited (BCPL) has failed to achieve even 50% of its capacity. The State is facing around two million cubic metres of gas shortage per day. The State requires around 10 million cubic metre gas per day as against the supply of eight million cubic metres. The survival of many industries of the State will be at stake if the shortage of gas is allowed to continue. It will also keep prospective investors away from setting new industrial ventures in the State. And for the State where once gas from the oilfields was simply wasted by flaring it away, the gas shortage once again exemplifies the need to conserve natural resources.

What has now made the matter worse that no new gas discoveries are being made in the recent times in the State. The ONGC has not taken any tangible steps to help the State to tide over the gas shortage. Now there is no way out but to bring in gas supplies from outside to ensure the survival and growth of several key industries of the State. In this bleak scenario, it's heartening to note that the Oil India Limited is ready to undertake a gas pipeline project from Barauni in Bihar to the State to tackle the gas shortage. The OIL has conducted a feasibility study of laying the pipeline parallel to the existing oil pipeline that runs from Barauni to Naharkatiya. But for it to become a reality, the Central Government must come forward and provide the necessary help. The estimated cost of the proposed 750-km-long pipeline connected to the national gas grid would incur a cost of Rs 4 crore per km as per the initial estimates. The State Government should put pressure on the Centre to ensure adequate supply of gas to the region and take follow-up steps on the OIL proposal for the proposed gas pipeline. The gas pipeline if becomes a reality will help in overcoming the problem of gas shortage in the State.

Nagaland politics: shadows and silhouettes

PRIMARY MOTIFS

Monalisa Changkija

To comprehend what is happening politically in Nagaland, especially since early July, we need to look much beyond party and electoral politics because the State of Nagaland is a political creation and the shadows of the politics that led to its creation have never disappeared despite almost 54 years of statehood. While at one level, the imbroglio within the Naga People's Front (NPF) looks like a simple case of dissent within the party spilling over to a contest in the State Assembly, several other political levels also coexist and entwine here, which are not merely corollaries of the seemingly soundless shadows of Nagaland's political past but are also indeleble silhouettes continuously predominating on party and state politics.

So, while ostensibly the accusations of nepotism has been hurled at Nagaland Chief Minister Dr Shurhozelie Liezetsu when he appointed his son as advisor, his style of functioning, etc., which his supporters refute, there appears to be much more than meets the eye. Recently, in an interview with a news agency, Dr Liezetsu has too conceded that he heads a minority Government but he also insists that those opposing his leadership are from within his own party, therefore the issue is party-related, not a constitutional issue. His perspective may have prompted him to go to court *vis-a-vis* Nagaland Governor's call for a floor test. Further,

his supporters maintain that Dr Liezetsu's fight against the rampant corruption in the State has turned some of his party's legislators against him. But that is also hard to swallow because this explanation attempts to reduce the NPF imbroglio to a corrupt versus anti-corrupt battle — untenable considering corruption has always been an indelible stamp of governance in Nagaland. Moreover, being the NPF president, Dr Liezetsu has also been a part of the NPF-led DAN Government since 2003 and it is hard to believe that he just woke up to the rampant corruption in Nagaland only now.

While much attention is focused on the numbers game in this imbroglio, there is no or little attention focused on what Dr Shurhozelie Liezetsu and his supporters stand for, and ideology — although ideology is one word very difficult to associate with Nagaland politics and politicians. While Nagaland's politics and politicians have the reputation of being more focused and pelf, there is also the issue of muscle power that has become an integral part of our politics, perhaps as the main stairway to power — paving the way to self.

Now, who provides the muscle power is another issue that cannot be separated from who gets elected — consideration for 'participation' in electoral politics — the fee apparently also includes a greater say in government formation and portfolio allocation.

Then there has always been a 'middle-ground', hombobbing within the parameters of our electoral politics, which also have its own

price. The middle-ground is generally perceived to consist of our NGOs and civil societies, which are sometimes even dubbed as frontal organizations of one or another of our NPGs, as also the 'socio-cultural wings' of political parties. Particularly since the late 1990s, the middle-ground has been mainstreamed into the State's governance and since 2003, governance was more or less outsourced to them so they also have an imprint electoral politics, perhaps government formation too — all elections to the Nagaland Assembly since 2003 point to that.

So no, the revolt within the NPF is not a simple matter of numbers and dissatisfaction with the CM. There are numerous compulsions that have already existed all these decades and newer ones that continuously emerge, especially with a changed political dispensation in the country, as well as compulsions of forces that seek a dominant role in all levels of Nagaland's politics.

Then there are comparatively newer entrants, e.g., the BJP, to 'conquer' all States, which with just four MLAs, is already a part of the NPF-DAN Government. It also wants a greater say both in the State Assembly and the larger political discourse in the State — keeping its sight firmly on the 2018 Assembly elections with the hope of changing equations with the NPF in govern-

The Kashmir conundrum

■ Barasa Deka

Agar firdaus bar roo-e zamen ast, kameen ast-o kameen ast (Amin Khushro's Farsi couplet, repeated later by Jahangir after seeing the beauty of Kashmir) means if there is a paradise on earth, it is this, it is this; it is this! The state of affairs in which the Kashmir Valley finds itself today urges upon us to rethink, where is the paradise lost? Since July 8 last year, the day when Hizbul Mujahideen's commander and poster boy Burhan Wani was killed in an encounter with the security forces, the valley has witnessed unrest and bloodshed. The series of events that followed the death of Wani has put Kashmir in such a state where normalcy has become a rare possibility. The districts such as Pulwama, Shopian, Anantnag, Baramulla, Budgam and several areas as Tral, Nowhatta, Awantipora has witnessed unprecedented civil unrest over the period of one year. Hundreds of people have lost their lives and sustained injuries, which not only questions the intrinsic value of human life but also the functioning of democratic institutions. The strong sense of self-determination or 'Azadi' from

within the valley has been expressed in such a magnitude that questions have also been raised regarding India losing her grip over the territory. The situation has aggravated to such an extent that stone-pelting, protests, killing of militants, security forces and common people have become the order of the day. Women, students, children have also taken to the streets to protest.

What explains such a situation? A difficult historical trajectory and involvement of various stakeholders in Kashmir with multiple narratives have worked as important reasons for not arriving at a solution for sustainable peace in the valley. Starting with the Instrument of Accession, seeds of conflicts were sown in Jammu and Kashmir. However, from the 90s onwards, unrest, violence, atrocities and militancy have taken deep root in the valley, so has the increased presence of security forces. Exodus of Kashmiri Hindus, the incident of Kuran-Poshpura, has remained dark spots in the history of the State and the latest to the addition is the unrest over the killing of Burhan Wani on July 8, 2016. The multiple stakeholders in

Kashmir have resorted to their own strategies to approach the present situation, which has created much confusion and usually let alone directing towards any solution. The separatist alliance of the All Party Hurriyat Conference has long upheld the right to self-determination of the Kashmiris which also negates India's right over Kashmir. However, they have also come under the radar of suspicion because of their pro-Pakistani stand and covert alliance with the Hizbul Mujahideen. The larger leadership this Hurriyat was providing to the self-determination aspiring common Kashmiris has been seriously questioned over the events of last one year. On the other hand, Hizbul Mujahideen's take on 'Azadi' has been fuelled by the assistance it gains from within and outside the valley. Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir (POK) has been regarded as its training ground. However, a fraction within the Mujahideen came out in wide open when deposed commander Zakir Musa remarked, "Terrorists in Kashmir were fighting for an Islamic Caliphate and imposition of Sharia."

This brought the religious element within the struggle, which otherwise was regarded as a political one. These elements of self-determination and religion have been rightly appropriated by Pakistan majorly in two ways, firstly by creating domestic instability in India through Kashmir and secondly by making desperate effort to make Kashmir an international dispute by citing the human rights violation in the valley.

The major area of concern is the functioning of the State Government.

Mehbooba Mufti's attempt to win over the trust of people, by invoking her father Mufti Mohammad Sayeed's stand that dialogue is the only option to bring peace in the region, has not won her much support as she has not succeeded in bringing the stakeholders across the table. India has maintained its status quo of considering Kashmir as an integral part of it including the POK. The efforts undertaken by successive Union governments have fallen short to win the trust of the common people and bring sustainable peace in the valley. The invoking of Vajapayee's spirit of *Janmanshi* (humanity), *Jamhuriyat* (democracy) and *Kasmiriyat* (composite culture) has also not seen the ground reality in the ongoing unrest. There has to be an understanding that the use of excessive force may lead to aggravation of the situation. The need of the hour is a very strong political will to ad-

Letters to the EDITOR

Sir, — It seems Education

Minister Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma

caught in a quagmire in his

efforts to streamline the high

school education system of Assam.

Here in Assam we have teachers

who do not visit the schools where

they are supposed to teach; each of

them of course draws a salary of

Rs 40,000 or more per month.

Thirty-one government schools in

Assam have produced zero pass

percentage in the 2017 HSLC

examination. The teachers are

lacking in vision to help their

students pass the HSLC examination.

It seems the teachers are

getting easy money from the

Government. There is no pressure

on these teachers to perform.

For success, unrelenting focus is the

only mantra. The entire process is

unethical. Yours etc., MIFTAHUL

HUSSAIN, Dighalipukhuri East,

Guwahati.

(II)

Sir, — The latest news relayed in

our electronic media related to the

Louis Berger scam has raised

many eyebrows. When the

incumbent Government came to

power, they promised prompt

action on the scam. But the recent stance of the State Government is trying to woo the common people with some uncalculated and appealing policies. The policies of the Sarva Siksha Abhyans are also a reason for this patetic result. The procedure of promoting every student up to Class VIII irrespective of the knowledge or intelligence gathered is also a reason. The policy of coming to school just for having lunch is not going to yield good results, especially in the improvement of the intellect of the students. Yes, there will be students in the classes but the effort to study and learn should not be there. The students have no reason to study or worry for that matter, as they know that they will be promoted to the next class. Similarly the teachers also put very less effort because they know that all will be promoted irrespective of their marks. Thus a student's foundation is destroyed. Do we call a house well-built when the foundation itself is weak? Yours etc., HEMANGA HAZARIKA, Jaipuri.

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our electronic media related to the

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incumbent Government came to

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provision of such basic facilities is not selected or, as a matter of fact, such basic facilities must be provided in the doctors' chambers. Yours etc., KANAK CH BORAH, Sonarijan, Jorhat.

Railway appointments

Sir, — This refers to the letter of

Prabuddha Dwarakanath (AT, June 26).

In 1974, I was called for an interview

for a clerical post at the NFR Railway

HQ, Mogaon. I was one of the two

candidates qualified in the written

test behind Roll No. 3500 and 3600. One Mr Gill, who headed the interview board, started the

interview asking questions from a GK book. I answered all the

questions correctly. At last Mr Gill

asked me the name of the Transport

Minister of West Bengal if I

was from Bengal. In reply I told

him that I was from Assam and the

name of the Transport Minister was

HN Talukdar, who was also the

Education Minister of Assam at that

time. Gill could not find the name

immediately in the book. Late

Bhagaban Lahkar, former Principal

of the Guwahati Commerce

College of the Government of Assam in the interview board, told the board that my answer was correct. But in

spite of my good performance in

the written test and the interview, I was not selected. In this connection, I would like to urge the Government of Assam to send such persons to the selection board who will be able to plead strongly before the board for appointment of the deserving candidates of Assam in the NFR Railways impartially and without any appeasement. Yours etc., SHITAL PRASAD DEBNATH, Kokrajhar.

Assam floods

Sir, — The floods in Assam are a

natural calamity. This time, it has

affected vast areas across the

State, upsetting the life of the

people and destroying property.

The devastating floods took the

lives of 73 people till date. The

successive State governments

during their tenures failed to make

the Central Government declare

the floods of Assam as a national

problem. As the BJP is in power

both at the Centre and in the State

now, declaring the floods of Assam

as a national problem should not

be a difficult task. Yours etc.,

PUTUL SARMA, Biswanath Chariali.

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Creating a smart flash flood-free Guwahati

■ Dipanjan Konwar

Guwahati city is today afa from Canada shared their experience of how they handled the problem of siltation and artificial flooding in their country. The findings of the seminar's technical sessions were submitted to the GMFDA in form of a report.

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sheds development, groundwater assessment and drainage data from the hydrological information system. The Central Ground Water Board can also assist in providing field data of water bodies, ground water resource, natural runoff, etc.

To evolve proper means to salvage all the existing water bodies and to make them attractive for recreational purposes by proper development and at the same time creating public vigil to stop any illegal encroachment;

The same approach may be adopted for the hills and instead of declaring these as "Green Zone" or "Reserved Forest" in the Guwahati City Master Plan, these may be adopted for recreational facilities and social forestry programmes with private and public sector participation instead of leaving them wide open for uncontrolled encroachment by squatters and

overnment land to act as reservoirs during the monsoon;

To create silt traps and use locally available materials like bamboo, straw, logs to build barriers like rock-check, straw-bale, log-chek dams and brush barriers on the hill sides for low cost sustainable soil conservation. Many international sediment control standards are available, which may be adopted taking into consideration the local soil characteristics. Efforts must be made to regularly clean and clean existing and proposed silt/ sediment traps;

Adopting best management practice of sediment and erosion control will ease the problem of the congested drainage system. For the hill sides cheap and quick maturing measures such as hydro-seeding and dry seeding are available to prevent landslides and to remedy the erosion of the soil. Also, along the

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Tender No.: MTL/PUR/PIG/PLI/2017/2 Date: 06.07.2017

Assam Gas Company, Duliajan invited e-Tender under Single stage Two Bid System for supply of PIG Launcher and Receiver from Indian manufacturer or authorized dealer / reseller / channel partner having required license / dealership certificate vide Tender Document No. MTL/PUR/PIG/PLI/2017/2 Dtd. 06.07.2017.

For detail tender document and further updates if any, please visit the AGCL website www.assangas.org and e-tendering portal of Govt. of Assam www.assamtenders.gov.in.

Corrigendum / Addendum if any will be available in www.assangas.org and www.assamtenders.gov.in only.

Interested vendors are advised to visit the websites regularly for updates.

The tender document will be available in e-tendering portal www.assamtenders.gov.in under Industries & Commerce Department of Govt. of Assam.

Managing Director

Dated Guwahati, the 19th July, 2017.

POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD : ASSAM

BAMUNIMAIMADAM : GUWAHATI - 781021

No. WB/GUW/T-3521/17-18/01

Dated Guwahati, the 19th July, 2017.

PUBLIC NOTICE

OPERATION OF INDUSTRIAL UNITS IN GENERAL AND SPECIFICALLY HOTEL/ LODGE/ RESTAURANT/ DIBABAS/ RESORTS/ BANQUET HALLS/ BANQUET PREMISES/ BAKERIES/ CONFETTERIES/ SWEET PRODUCT MANUFACTURING/ AUTOMOBILE SERVICING STATIONS/ WORKSHOP & OTHER THEREOF WITHOUT CONSENT

It has come to the notice of the Board that many units belonging to various categories including service sectors are establishing and operating without obtaining prior consent of the Pollution Control Board, Assam as mandated under the provisions of Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and Rules made there under thereby not complying with the various environmental norms and standards causing environmental pollution in the surroundings.

By this notice all the entrepreneur of Hotel/ Lodge/ Restaurant/ Dibabas/ Resorts/ Banquet Premises/ Bakery/ Confectionery/ Sweet Product Manufacturing/ Automobile Servicing Stations/ Workshop vis-a-vis other industrial units operating/ functioning without prior permission of the Board in the State of Assam are hereby once again directed to make an application for grant of consent under the provisions of Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 applicable within 15 (fifteen) days from the date of publication of this notice.

Failing to comply with the abovementioned legislations, the Board will be constrained to initiate appropriate legal proceedings, which may include prosecution and closure of the units/ establishments alongwith disconnection of electricity, water supply or any other essential services as per the provision laid down in Water, Air and Environment (Protection) Act which may please be noted.

Member-Secretary (lc)

GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH

DIRECTORATE OF CIVIL AVIATION

NAHARLAGUN

Dated Naharlagun, the 19th July, 2017.

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

Sealed bid offers under TWO BID SYSTEM are hereby invited by the Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh from eligible contractors for the supply of DGCA India (Non-modified category) type of Helicopters, for the purpose of air transport, not more than 15 (fifteen) days as on the date of opening of tender for passenger flight service etc. in Arunachal Pradesh and adjoining areas under 75% subsidy scheme of Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, for a period of 2 years from the date of signing of agreement/postponement of helicopter whichever is earlier with provision for extension for 1 (one) year at the same rates, terms & conditions subject to the provisions of Arunachal Pradesh subsidy scheme by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, in prescribed form and procedure.

2. Detailed terms and conditions applicable utilisation of flying hours and technical parameters required for helicopter/Bidder is specified in the above Tender Documents for which interested Operators can visit Government of Arunachal Pradesh website www.arunachalpradesh.gov.in.

3. Bidder can submit the bid document in the form of Demand Draft of amount of Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees fifty lakh) only in the form of Banker.

4. Detailed Tender Documents may be obtained from the Office of the Director (Civil Aviation), Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Papumpehuan District, Naharlagun, Arunachal Pradesh.

5. Detail Tender Documents may also be collected by post by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope along with requisite Tender Fee as mentioned above. The Government of Arunachal Pradesh will however not be responsible for non-reaching of the Tender Documents due to postal delay or misplacement etc.

6. Tender Document can be obtained from the Office of the Director (Civil Aviation), Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh.

7. Last date and time of receipt of Sealed Bids by post or hand and opening in the office of the Director (Civil Aviation), Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Papumpehuan District, Naharlagun 781110 are under Tender Closing Date and time for submission of bids i.e. 13/07/2017 (IST) on 17/07/2017.

8. If intervened by a holiday, Tenders will be received / opened at the same time on next working day.

9. If Technical Bid of any bidder is found incomplete, not supported by requisite Bid Bond and/or required documents, the bid shall be rejected.

10. The Government of Arunachal Pradesh reserves the right to reject any bid or the entire bid without assigning any reasons thereof.

Sealed bids will be rejected and returned to the bidder if the bid is submitted in sealed condition as submitted by the bidder.

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12. Late bids will be rejected and returned to the bidder.

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Severe erosion hits 11 GPs of Southsalmara Mankachar dist

ANN Service

HATSINGIMARI, July 19: Severe erosion by the river Brahmaputra is going on in 11 gaon panchayat areas under Southsalmara revenue circle of Southsalmara Mankachar district since the last few days since the water level of the river came down under the bank.

The 11 gaon panchayat areas of the circle which are facing severe erosion are: Hazirhat, Birsing, Patakara, Pumpara, Chaterpar, Sundarpura, Monirchar, Mohorirchar, Nilokhia, Muthakhawa and Monirchar. More than 2000 families have been affected in the last one week and have been taking shelter in safer places with their household belongings.

Some institutions like Hazirhat hospital, Hazirhat HS School, Hazirhat LP School, Bagmara LP School and many others are about to fall into the river Brahmaputra due to erosion. The only hospital situated at Dewaner Alga char in the Brahmaputra in the district fell into the river Brahmaputra recently. On the other hand, the erosion of the river Brahmaputra is progressing towards the Indo-Bangla border fence at Shisumara and Monirchar and is likely to continue to Bangladesh swallowing the border boulder fencing. If that happens, it would be difficult for the Border Security Force to control



The only hospital situated in a char area of the Brahmaputra in Southsalmara Mankachar district, fell into the river recently following erosion. — Photo: ANN Service Halsuguri

Indo-Bangla border illegal migration or smuggling.

Official sources informed that the Circle Officer of Southsalmara AK Ilias N Ahmed and his team including *lal mandals* are with the erosion victims

and calculating the actual figure of the erosion-affected people. The people have urged the authorities concerned to take immediate measures to control the erosion of the river Brahmaputra.

Calamity-hit people in Dhubri dist to be compensated soon

CORRESPONDENT

DHUBRI, July 19: Though natural calamities like floods and storm annual spell suffered for hundreds of families in Dhubri district, but till date, those who lost their homes and heard during 2015 and 2016, are yet to get any compensation from the authority concerned.

According to the district administration, Rs 2,93,76,00,00 was allotted those who lost their dwelling houses to floods in 2015 and after the floods of 2016, Rs 2,53,89,00,00 was similarly allotted.

Moreover, for the people affected by storms in 2015, the State granted Rs 3,72,78,00,00. But offi-

cials reports stand testimony to the fact that none of the beneficiaries got any of these aforementioned amounts.

However, ADC Pallav Mazunder in the presence of Deputy Commissioner Dhiraj Chaudhary said that although the administration received the amounts recently, it could not be disbursed among the beneficiaries due to various factors like non-availability of proper land documents, etc.

Meanwhile, flood waters in Dhubri district was maintaining a receding trend since Monday as all the rivers were showing a decreasing trend and the number of villages affected by the deluge decreased to 97. Even the population affected has decreased to 98,737 people, most of whom are from Athani Revenue Circle.

Sada Saikia ill

GUWAHATI, July 19: Sada Saikia, prominent litterateur of the Ramdhama age and a veteran journalist is seriously ill. Presently, he is admitted to the ICU at the Down-town Hospital here and is very weak, hospital sources said.

Convention CORRESPONDENT

DHUBRI, July 19: In an effort to generate awareness among the people living in the bordering districts of western Assam, Seeman Chetana Manch, Purvottar will organise their two-day annual convention at the District Library auditorium here on July 29 and 30.

The organisation, it may be mentioned, generates awareness on issues of the border areas of the State. The State convention will be inaugurated by Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal and will be attended by political and non-political dignitaries from all over the North-East.

New president of Ramakrishna Math and Mission

GUWAHATI, July 19: Swami Samaranganandaji Maharaj (87) was unanimously elected as the 16th president of Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission by the death of Swami Atmananda Maharanji on June 18.

"The board of Ramakrishna Math and the members of the governing body of Ramakrishna Mission unanimously elected Swami Samaranganandaji Maharaj as the 16th president of Ramakrishna Math and Mission," Swami Subiranandaji Maharaj said.

"The office of the president of Ramakrishna Math and the senior most vice-president, Swami Samaranganandaji Maharaj was the natural choice. He was the interim president", he said.

Describing Swami Samaranganandaji Maharaj as an "outstanding sanyasi", said that under his leadership Ramakrishna Math and Mission will march ahead.

He also said, with Swami Samaranganandaji Maharaj taking over as the new president, the post of one vice president fell vacant and Swami Subiranandaji Maharaj has been given that post.

Hospital stops service to ESI beneficiaries

CORRESPONDENT

BONGAIGAON, July 19: Lower Assam Hospital and Research Center, a local private hospital, has stopped its health services to the beneficiaries of Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) from July 15 due to non-payment of pending bills by the Corporation, Dr Itesh Bordoloi, a key doctor of the hospital, told mediapersons on July 16.

According to Dr Bordoloi, his hospital has been providing free services to those employees of the private sectors of the district, who are the beneficiaries of ESIC, since January 28, 2013.

But the corporation has failed to pay the medical bills against its

beneficiaries to the hospital in time for which it has become hard to continue the services on the part of the hospital, Dr Bordoloi said.

Currently, the hospital has to an unpaid amount of Rs 3,66,46,717 from the corporation as medical bills against its beneficiaries, as per Dr Bordoloi. The hospital has already intimated the matter to the top officials of the corporation and the Labour Department, but has not received any response.

So, being unable to carry the financial burden of the corporation the hospital has finally shut its services to the ESIC beneficiaries from July 15 and informed the departments concerned.

The ESIC beneficiaries have to suffer a lot if they do not get facilities

from this private hospital which is capable of handling all the emergency medical services in the district.

Each employee of the private sector pays a part of his or her salary to the corporation for future medical expenses. The employer also contributes his part and deposits all the amount to the corporation every month. So, the money the corporation pays for medical expenses belongs to the employees. In such a condition, why the corporation fails to release the dues to the hospital is a matter that should be inquired into and needs action from the Chief Minister and the Labour and Employment Minister in the interest of poor employees, the owners of the local private units said.

Drinking water crisis at KV, Goalpara

CORRESPONDENT

GOALPARA, July 19: Crisis of drinking water and the lack of a well-maintained water supply in the campus of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Goalpara has become a matter of concern for students as well as the guardians.

In this regard, a delegation of guardians met the Deputy Commissioner, Ghansham Dass who is also the chairman of the vidyalaya management committee and submitted a memorandum urging him to take immediate action.

Talking to this correspondent, Prof Ranjit Choudhury, a guardian said that the school is an important government institution in the district with a comparatively good infrastructure and the absence of running water has created serious problems for the students who spend more than 6 hours in the school. He also said that as a guardian he is

highly worried about the health and hygiene not only of his daughter but also of other children. He further added that failure to address the water problem immediately will be perceived as failure of the government mechanism.

Meanwhile in a telephonic conversation, Seema Rani Das, the Principal of the school told this correspondent that the water problem started from June 21, 2017 and then on June 27 last she informed about the fault in the submersible pump to the CPWD asking them to carry out the repair works but the CPWD ignored it terming it as a trivial matter. Then after a discussion with the chairman, the vidyalaya management committee offered a temporary working solution which was put in place where the State PHE Department has been supplying 4000 litres of water on a daily basis

against a requirement of 10,000 litres daily for around 500 students.

Further, she questioned the short-life expectancy of the pump set installed and also informed that a preliminary estimate has been prepared by the PHE Department and submitted to the higher authority for funds for installation of a new one.

Kaziranga, July 19: In view of the recent floods, wildlife activists and environmental NGOs have been extending a helping hand to the Forest Department in Kaziranga right from issuing of time cards to rescuing of the wild animals coming out of the park besides distributing water and snacks to the volunteers who are guarding the wildlife corridors all throughout the night.

According to the Corbett Foundation available, the Corbett Foundation has formed two different teams for issuing time cards to the vehicles plying on National Highway 37 in and around Kaziranga National Park at Haldibari and Anguri points. Each team has five numbers of volunteers. The Corbett Foundation had earlier constructed two highlands at Dumjan and Difflo pathar area near Kaziranga National Park. These two highlands had helped

Flood situation in Karimganj dist improving

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BADARPUR, July 19: An urgent meeting of all the departmental officials of Karimganj district administration was held at the Karimganj DC's conference hall on Monday evening with Anowar Uddin Choudhury, the Commissioner of Barak valley and Hills District, regarding the overall flood situation in the district.

The meeting held under the chairmanship of the Karimganj DC, Deputy Commissioner Pradeep Kumar Talukder, discussed in details about all sorts of steps taken by the district administration about the preparedness of the flood situation.

In the meeting, the Karimganj DC informed that various steps have

been taken to prevent water-borne diseases. He also informed that sufficient medicines have been stocked up in the district to meet any eventuality. However, there have been no reports of flood-related diseases in the district. The Health Department has been organising health camps in the entire district, he added.

He further said that this year 102 drinking water projects of PHE department of Karimganj district have been badly damaged. Among these, only 35 projects have been repaired. A huge number of water-purifying medicine packets are being distributed among the flood-affected people by various NGOs.

Meanwhile, Choudhury in his address instructed all the departments concerned to submit reports regarding the loss and damage of floods to the State Government immediately.

The meeting was attended by DDC, ADCs, district circle officials and all top officials of the various departments of Karimganj district.

However, the flood situation is improving in the district. Official sources informed that a total of 1,067 flood victims are housed in three refugee camps. Nine villages of the district have been seriously affected in the current wave of floods. So far 9,275 quintals of rice, 2,018 quintals of dal, 407 quintals of salt and 9,500 quintals of animal fodder have been distributed. Official sources further said that all total 2,12,185 people of 277 villages in the entire Karimganj district have been badly affected by the current wave of flood.

Flood scene in Katigorah grim

CORRESPONDENT

SILCHAR July 19: For 47-year-old Tamu Das, a local resident of Rajeswarpur village under Katigorah constituency in Cachar district, the damaged caused by flood to agricultural land and households has been unprecedented.

"The whole village has been inundated and the water is unable to flow due to the closure of the sluice gates for nearly a month now. This has caused massive damage to the farm land here. I have never seen such level of water in this area before," Tamu said while rowing his boat through the flooded area near his home.

Naresh Baishambo too echoed Tamu saying that major portion of the cultivable land has been inundated and cropping will not be possible. He alleged that the situation has gone from bad to worse because of only one sluice gate out of the five remaining open.

When asked about the reasons behind the closed sluice gates causing inconvenience to the villagers, local MLA Amar Chaitanya said that the matter has been brought to his notice and he would take initiatives to open the gates which are being kept closed by a section of agents from the local fisherman fraternity. According to sources in the

District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) Cachar, as many as 40 villages in Katigorah constituency have been swept by flood with two low lying slum areas including Malinbeel and Beethukandi under Silchar sadar circle affected by stagnant water. "As on Tuesday, around 22,690 people have been affected by flood in both Katigorah and Silchar sadar

districts," sources in the DDMA informed.

On the other hand, as many as 14 families of char areas in Katigorah constituency have been shifted to relief camp at the 227 Kaligarh Surymoni Pathashala for the past 24 days. Inmates of the camp Babi Ghosh, Janki Das and Bina Rani Das raised voices to describe their plight before the Anowar Uddin Choudhury, the Com-

missioner of Barak Valley and Hills District during his visit to the camp.

"We are the ill-fated poor citizens who have to shift to such camps often during monsoon season every year. But we get insufficient relief materials, the camp inmates maintained."

The Commissioner took stock of the crops damaged in the flood during the visit.



A boatman makes his way through the flooded areas in Katigorah constituency in Cachar district. — Photo: Silchar Correspondent

wanathan informed that, the district administration and the DDMA is keeping a close vigil on the development of the flood levels and also conducted medical camps on a regular basis for the camp inmates.

It may be mentioned that the water level at the Annapurna Ghat gauge station in Silchar was 18.91m at 5pm on Tuesday against the danger level of 19.83m.

NGOs extending help to KNP authority in rescue ops

CORRESPONDENT

KAZIRANGA, July 19: In view of the recent floods, wildlife activists and environmental NGOs have been extending a helping hand to the Forest Department in Kaziranga right from issuing of time cards to rescuing of the wild animals coming out of the park besides distributing water and snacks to the volunteers who are guarding the wildlife corridors all throughout the night.

According to the Corbett Foundation available, the Corbett Foundation has formed two different teams for issuing time cards to the vehicles plying on National Highway 37 in and around Kaziranga National Park at Borjuri and Anguri points. Each team has five numbers of volunteers. The Corbett Foundation had earlier constructed two highlands at Dumjan and Difflo pathar area near Kaziranga National Park. These two highlands had helped

the marooned villagers to save their life and properties along with their cattle and other live stocks. Similarly, NRSB a wildlife NGO based at Kaziranga provided mineral water bottles and snacks to the patrolling forest guards and volunteers during the night time starting from Panbari to Ambari point in Kaziranga. The organisation had also rescued 25 wild animals including hog deer, snakes and birds and handed them over to CWRC under Wildlife Trust of India. On the other hand, the CWRC at Kaziranga had formed three base stations at Borjuri CWRC campus, Bagori Forest Range office of Kaziranga National Park and Biswanath under northern range to monitor, rescue and attend the wild animals in distress during recent flood in Kaziranga. One young rhino calf which was six months old and rescued in Buparbari range by

forest and CWRC staff is said to be recovering from its initial distress phase and is now stable, said Dr Pranjal Basumatary, a veterinary doctor of the Center adding that the calf had consumed milk provided by the staff of the Center.

Earlier, the Wildlife Trust of India had organised a pre-flood awareness programme for a selected group of foresters of Kaziranga National Park and the members from green corridor in order to provide services like rescue of wildlife and attending the wild animals in distress. Local people of Kaziranga especially villagers had also extended help in rescuing the wild animals during flood.

Till now about 119 animals had been rescued by the forest and CWRC teams. The number of wild animals released after treatment and rescued by the Forest Department and CWRC is 103.

National Fish Farmers' Day

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district took active part in the programme.

Dr Ayub Ali, Dr Dipak Kumar Sharma, Dr Pradeep Chandra Bhuyan, Dr Sarada Kantha Bhagabati and Manash Pratim Dutta, all fishery experts of the college, attended the programme as resource persons and answered various fish farming-related queries of the farmers. The farmers also interacted with the experts on various problems they had been facing.

Two progressive fish farmers of the locality, namely Narayan Hetan and Madhuram Gogoi were felicitated by recognising their contribution towards popularising scientific pisciculture. The programme ended with a vote of thanks by Kakali Kashyap.



Employees of the Tezpur Telecom district BSNL under the initiative of SK Deb cleaning the office premises under Swachcha Bharat Fortnight recently.

Aparajita Sharma: a tribute

My sister-in-law Aparajita Sharma passed away on July 10 in a city-based hospital after a brief illness. She was 47.

With a post-graduate degree from Gauhati University, she was simple, kind hearted and a pious

lady. After being in teaching profession for a short while, she dedicated herself to various social activities for the benefit of mankind. She was soft spoken and was kind to all.

Today on the occasion of her *ad-yashradhha*, I pray for the eternal peace of her departed soul.

— Dr Nirjanan Bhattacharya

Seven die in Morigaon flood

CORRESPONDENT

MORIGAON, July 19: The current wave of floods claimed seven lives in Morigaon district. The official source said that a sum of Rs 4 lakh was given to family members of the victims as compensation.

A total of 1.5 lakh people in 145 villages under Morigaon district were affected in current wave of floods. The standing crops covering 75,000 hectares of land were destroyed by the flood, the government source added. The dyke along the bank of the river Brahmaputra was breached in several places in Laborighat Revenue Circle forcing around 20,000 people to go to safer places. Though the administration has streamlined the relief and rescue operations, yet the local people alleged inadequate supply of relief materials and cattle fodder in the flood-affected areas. The district administration source said that the administration has a fund of Rs 1.5 crore to tackle the disaster.

However, shortage of pure drinking water in areas like Buragam and Lahorhat added woes in the daily life of the flood-affected people. Morigaon unit of the AASU staged a sit-in protest programme recently at Morigaon Bhutoli demanding adequate relief materials in the flood-affected areas.

Addressing the gathering, Dipankar Nath, president of the AASU unit, alleged that though the people of Assam changed the government at Dispur, yet there is no change in policy. He criticised the Centre saying that it showed a step-motherly attitude towards the people of Assam.



Agriculture Minister Atul Bora driving a tractor during the inauguration of a paddy cultivation programme, at Panbari Krishi Pam Nigam, in Bakokhat on Wednesday. — UB Photos

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WEATHER
NORTHEAST

Forecast for North Eastern States: Moderate rain / thunderstorms very likely to occur at most places over Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura and at many places over Arunachal Pradesh.

WINDS: Heavy wind to blow very hard in coastal plains over Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura on July 20 and 21.

Temperatures :

	Max (°C)	Min (°C)
Dibrugarh	34.1	24.0
Tezpur	30.2	25.1
Silchar	29.7	24.9
Dhubri	29.4	26.9
Jorhat	30.5	24.4
N Lakhimpur	31.4	22.6
Shillong	23.0	17.0
Imphal	28.1	20.6
Itanagar	30.1	22.8
Aizawl	29.9	13.6
Agartala	30.0	24.4
Kohima	25.6	18.4
Patna	33.7	21.3
Cherrapunjee	21.3	17.9

Gold seized
in Manipur

IMPHAL, July 19: In a major operation, the Assam Rifles have seized 9.63 kg of gold worth more than Rs 2 cr in Manipur.

The security forces posted at Khudongthabi near the international border town of Moreh also arrested two persons on Tuesday, including Samir Khan, 43, suspected to be a member of an international smuggling gang, Customs Superintendent W Luw said.

"We have also impounded the van in which the gold was smuggled," the official said. Official sources told IANS that 18 gold biscuits and four gold bars were seized.

An Assam Rifles source said that the troopers have been seizing gold bars, biscuits, illegal arms and other contraband items from the Trans Asian Highway every now and then.

Gold, narcotics including marijuana and illegal arms are known to be smuggled into Manipur from neighbouring Myanmar. These are then taken to other parts of India. — IANS

Heavy downpour
in Meghalaya

SHILLONG, July 19: Heavy rains today lashed most parts of the state capital here leading to massive traffic snarls as a tree fell down on a power line snapping it and damaging two vehicles.

No one was injured in the incident, the police said.

The incident took place in the morning rush hour when a huge tree in the premises of St Mary's college crashed on a power line snapping it and damaging two vehicles, East Khasi Hills district Deputy Commissioner P S Dhar said.

A team of the Meghalaya Fire and Emergency Services and forest department officials rushed to the spot to clear the road, he said.

The road connects the busiest road in Shillong, which was closed for traffic for a few hours, leading to massive traffic snarls across the city.

The Met I department has forecast heavy to very heavy rainfall in Meghalaya in the next 24 hours. — PTI

NORTH EAST

Nagaland CM's chair a moment of triumph for Zeliang

KOHIMA, July 19: For T R Zeliang, the Chief Minister's chair in Nagaland has come under unusual ways—not once but twice.

The rebel Nagaland People's Front (NPF) leader today became the Chief Minister of the north-eastern state five months after he was compelled to step down from the chair following public uproar.

This is the second time 65-year-old Zeliang, present chairman of the ruling Democratic Alliance of Nagaland, was sworn-in as the Chief Minister in the third term of the NPF-led DAN government in Nagaland.

Zeliang, who had been Minister for Planning and Coordination in the Democratic Alliance of Nagaland (DAN) III ministry, had become the Chief Minister for the first time when he succeeded Neiphiu Rio in May 2014, following Rio's election to the Lok Sabha.

This February, he was forced to step down as the Chief Minister following public agitation against the government for reservation of 33 per cent of seats for women in the elec-

tion to the urban local bodies.

Shurhozelie Liezetsu had replaced Zeliang. In these five months, Zeliang was the finance advisor to Chief Minister Liezetsu.

NPF flays Nagaland Governor's role

CORRESPONDENT

DIMAPUR, July 19: The Naga People's Front (NPF) led by former Nagaland Chief Minister Dr Shurhozelie Liezetsu is vehemently calling what it called the "partisan role" played by Nagaland Governor PB Acharya in installing a Government through backdoor without following the due process of Parliamentary norms.

The party also said the Governor should not gloat over his act of dismissing the NPF-led DAN Government and installing and expelling the Legislator because this has shown the vindictiveness he harbours.

The NPF wondered that the day after the NPF severed ties with the BJP, the Governor dismissed the NPF-led Government. The party stated that the alleged presence of RSS functionaries in large number in Nagaland in the last few days should also open the eyes of the Naga people as what exactly is the motive behind the present political drama.

The NPF maintained that to revisit electoral history in the State, the BJP won 7 seats in 2003, but later they merged with the NPF, while in 2008, 2 BJP candidates returned to the Assembly only to merge again with the NPF. In 2013, only one BJP returned to the House, it added.

He revolted against Liezetsu on July 8 last claiming the support of a majority of the NPF and Independent MLAs and subsequently in a letter to Governor P B Acharya stated claim to form a new NPF government.

Zeliang joined active politics as president of District Youth Congress (I) in 1976. He had been involved in state politics for nearly four decades and served as a minister in various governments in the state.

Zeliang contested state As

sembly elections for the first time in 1982 as an Independent and again in 1987 as an NNDP candidate from 6-Tening Constituency in Peren district. He was unsuccessful both times.

He then won from Tening four times in a row beginning with the elections in 1989 as a candidate of the Naga People's Council and subsequently in 1993, 1998 and 2003 as a candidate of the Indian National Congress.

He served as Minister of State for Information and Tourism during 1989-90 and as Minister of State for Relief and Rehabilitation from 1994 to 1998. — PTI

**MBP opposes
MBBS quota for
Chakma students**

CORRESPONDENT

AIZAWL, July 19: Counseling for students selected for the MBBS quota under Mizoram quota was postponed today after hundreds of activists of state's apex students' body Mizo Zirlai Pawl (MZIP) tried to storm into the higher and technical education department office at Chaitlang here where the counselling was conducted.

Four Chakma students, including Darshan Chakma, Nihir Chakma, Mini Chakma and Nihir Tongchangya, were among the 38 students selected to pursue MBBS/BDS under the Mizoram quota through the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET).

This morning, as Darshan Chakma, who held fourth position in the entrance test, was about to enter the counselling venue, the MZIP activists tried to break the police barricade to enter the hall. Tussle between the police and the MZIP activists ensued.

The officials of the higher and technical education department held parleys with the MZIP leaders who remained adamant. The officials had to suspend the counselling. Thereafter, the MZIP activists dispersed.

The bone of contention is the inclusion of Chakmas under category of the Mizoram technical entrance examinations rules, which the MZIP was a blunder committed by the officials in the past.

The MZIP had also protested in 2015 for which the concerned department amended the rules to include "Zo-ethnic people who are native inhabitants" in the category 1 in the state's selection criteria for college admissions.

However, the Gauhati High Court stayed the new rules after the Mizoram Chakma Students' Union challenged the new rules. Then, the Mizoram government had to go by the rules that placed "indigenous people of Mizoram" under category-1.

Meanwhile, Governor Tagahat Roy expressed his concern about the blockade.

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The IPFT began the block-

ade to get business facilitation centres

NEW DELHI, July 19:
Minister for DONER
Jyoti Singh on Wednesday said that Business Facilitation Centres (BFC) will be set up in all the north-eastern states to guide new and first generation entrepreneurs related to project financing.

According to the Minister for Development of North East Region (DONER), North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd (NEDFI) has taken a string of initiatives for entrepreneurship development including mentoring assistance and credit linkages to entrepreneurs.

"NEDFI has also taken initiatives to conduct seminars, workshops, Entrepreneur Development Programmes (EDPs), business meet, awareness programmes for potential first generation entrepreneurs," said Singh in a written reply to a question in the Lok Sabha. "The corporation has prepared 100 MSME projects related to MSME segments which have been widely distributed and also uploaded in the website," he added.

NEDFI will have a design and skill upgradation programme for improving the existing skills of artisans and craftsmen by providing design inputs, so that value-added products based on the natural resources of the region can be developed. — IANS

THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2017

জাননী

শিরসনগ়ের পরিকারণাক্ষেত্র ওয়াকোট (Industrial Estate) হাইড্রোকার্বন তাঁচ পাথার (Hydro-carbon material) উৎপাদন ও সম্পর্ক করার অন্তর্ভুক্ত মানব শক্তি অপ্টিমাইজেশন প্রমাণণ (N.O.C.) বিভাগ শিরসনগ়ের বার্ষিক বাজেটে এন.ই. পেইন্ট যুড়ো (N.E. Paint Udoy) ব্রাউকারী আমাদা সুন্দ মেশিনেজ তিঙ্গল সদরহাটো, মিসিসিপাল ওয়ার্ক আর্ট আর্মেণ জানাইছে।

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স্বাক্ষৰ/- বিজ্ঞ মন্ত্ৰী

Janasanyog/5411/17

NOTICE

On the basis of performance in Written Examination held on 09.07.2017 at Dispur College, Ganeshguri, Guwahati-6, the candidates as stated hereunder are declared to have qualified and are asked to appear before the selection Board for interview and a Computer Performance Test for recruitment to the post of Junior Assistant to be held at 11.00 A.M. on 07.08.2017 at Office of the Director of Technical Education & Training of Boilers, Assam, Lalitam, Near Brahmaputra Board, Ghy-29

The Roll Nos are JA119, JA124, JA171, JA173, JA178, JA212, JA215, JA216, JA220, JA253, JA275, JA285, JA294, JA368, JA422, JA502, JA535, JA544, JA620.

Candidates are requested to bring all their original certificates /testimonials etc in support of Educational & Other qualification, age, caste, Renewable Exchange Card etc.

No TA/DA will be admissible for publication.

Sd/- Chief Inspector of Boilers, Assam

Lalitam, Guwahati-29

Notice Inviting NGOs Participation

No. Agri/Engg/4438/RIDF-II/XII/PT-NGO/2016-17

The Department of Agriculture, Government of Assam intends to engage NGOs at District level to assist the Agriculture Department for the purpose of social mobilization and participatory involvement of the farmers implementation of Project "Installation of one lakh Shallow Tube Wells for irrigation in the state of Assam under RIDF of NABARD". The interested NGOs may apply online at www.assamtenders.gov.in or through Tender Notice (TGN) from the website www.kvayassam.in, an office of the Executive Engineer (Agri) Asset, Executive Engineer (Agri) of the Districts from 21st July, 2017 to 6th August, 2017 during office hour in the same office.

Sd/- Director of Agriculture

Assam, Khanapara, Guwahati-22

Press Notice

The Chief Engineer, P.W.D. (Buildings), Assam, on behalf of the Governor of Assam invites bids from the APWD Contractor of Class-I (A & B) for the following work having experience of similar nature of work.

Details of the bid may be seen at e-procurement portal website i.e. www.assamtenders.gov.in and also in the office of the undersigned during office hours from 12:01 hrs of 24.07.2017 to 14:30 hrs of 03.08.2017.

The bidders must be enrolled in www.assamtenders.gov.in

Sl. No.	State / Package	Name of Work	Approx. Value of Work	Time of completion	Bid security	Bid security to be drawn in favour of	Tender Cost
1	BN-Bldg	Renovation and Restoration of Non Academic Building of Gauhati University (Balance work)	Rs. 1,10,55,479.00	6 (six) months	Rs. 2,21,110.00 (for General) Rs. 1,10,555.00 (for reserved Category)	E.E., PWD, Bldg. Divn.-I, Guwahati-3	Rs. 3500/-

Sd/- Chief Engineer, P.W.D. (Building), Assam, Chandmari, Guwahati-3

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ANNOUNCES FILLING OF RESIDUAL SEATS FOR ADMISSION TO FIRST YEAR (FIRST SEMESTER) OF SEMESTERIZED HOTEL & HOTEL ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM ACADEMIC SESSION 2017-18

Eligibility

• Minimum qualification - Pass in the examination of 10+2 system of Senior Secondary education (any stream) or its equivalent with English as one of the compulsory subject from any recognized Board of Examinations, securing not less than 50% marks in aggregate.

• Age limit as on 01.07.2017 should not more than 22 years for General and OBC categories and 25 for SC/ ST categories.

Process for Registration

Eligible candidates may download the Application Form from www.ihmctanghy.org.in and send the application along with three recent photographs and self addressed envelope marked on ihmctanghy@gmail.com. The filled application along with testimonials should reach the institute on or before 28.07.2017 (before 3 PM). The list of shortlisted eligible candidates shall be displayed on 28.07.2017 on website and such candidates shall physically report with original testimonials and payment of fee on 31.07.2017.

Selection of candidates shall be strictly based on the marks obtained by the candidates in 10+2 or equivalent examination.

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Sd/- Principal, IHM Guwahati

No.BN/07/2017/14

RE-TENDER

With reference to the press Notice issued vide No. BN/62/2015/72, Dt. 27.03.2017 Re-Tender notice issued vide No. BN/1/2017/5/15.07.2017 and Press notice issued vide No.BN/62/2015/22/06.06.2017 and Extension vide No. BN/62/2015/20/06.06.2017 for the construction of the State Engineering Building, Assam, on behalf of the Government of Assam, issued Re-Tender for the above mentioned works from registered contractor under P.W.D. (Buildings) Assam having experience of similar nature of work and also in the office of the undersigned during office hours from 21-07-2017 to 03-08-2017.

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Sl. No.	State / Package	Name of Work	Approx. Value of Work	Time of completion	Earnest Money Deposit to be drawn in favour of	Tender Cost
1	BN-BOP-02	Implementation of Scheme under Specific Fund for up gradation of BOP and strengthening of road communication 2015-16 at Goraibari in Golaghat district.	Rs. 1,04,76,700.00	12 (twelve) months	Rs. 2,09,600.00 (for General) Rs. 1,04,800.00 (for reserved Category)	Rs. 3100/-

2	BN-BOP-03	Implementation of Scheme under Specific Fund for up gradation of BOP and strengthening of road communication 2015-16 at Hulongur in Jorhat district.	Rs. 1,04,76,700.00	12 (twelve) months	Rs. 2,08,600.00 (for General) Rs. 1,04,800.00 (for reserved Category)	Rs. 3100/-
3	BN-BOP-B	Implementation of Scheme under construction of BOP for Development Inter-state Border Roads during 2014-2015 at Dibrugarh in Golaghat district.	Rs. 97,90,679.00	12 (twelve) months	Rs. 1,95,820.00 (for General) Rs. 97,10,000.00 (for reserved Category)	Rs. 3000/-

4	BN-BOP-D	Implementation of Scheme under construction of BOP for Development Inter-state Border Roads during 2014-2015 at Dibrugarh in Golaghat district.	Rs. 62,37,694.00	12 (twelve) months	Rs. 1,24,760.00 (for General) Rs. 62,380.00 (for reserved Category)	Rs. 1900/-
		"Bidder, those who submitted the bid earlier for above mentioned works need not submit the cost of Tender."				

Janasanyog/8125/17

Sd/- Chief Engineer, P.W.D. (Building)

Assam, Chandmari, Guwahati-3

Cabinet okays HPCL's merger with ONGC

NEW DELHI, July 19: The Union Cabinet today gave its in-principle approval to the merger of oil marketer Hindustan Petroleum Corp Ltd (HPCL) with state-run explorer Oil and Natural Gas Corp (ONGC), official sources here said.

The Cabinet approved the sale of the government's stake in HPCL to ONGC. Under the arrangement, the exploration giant will not have to make an open offer after buying the 51.11 per cent government stake in HPCL, the sources added.

The HPCL board will continue to be in place, while it will be listed as a subsidiary of ONGC after the merger.

Earlier today, Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan had informed Parliament that ONGC had sent a proposal to acquire HPCL and that the "process for in-principle approval for this proposal has been initiated."

Presenting the Union Budget 2017-18 in February, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley had proposed the setting up of an integrated oil company by merger of upstream and downstream entities.

"We propose to create an integrated public

sector oil major which will be able to match the performance of international and domestic private sector oil and gas companies," Jaitley said.

"Through consolidation, mergers and acquisitions, the Central public sector enterprises can be integrated across the value chain of an industry. It will give them capacity to bear higher risks, avail economies of scale, take higher investment decisions and create more value for stakeholders. Possibilities of such restructuring are visible in the oil and gas sector," he said.

Pradhan earlier clarified that the government's intent to merge state-run oil companies into a single entity will actually mean creation of multiple entities.

"It will not be one company. It will be wise to put all eggs in one basket. There will be multiple companies... but all these will be integrated." Pradhan told reporters here following the Budget announcement.

He elaborated that each new company would deal with aspects of the entire value chain such as exploration and production, refining and marketing. -IANS

To be listed as ONGC subsidiary after acquisition



Minister of State for Commerce & Industry (Ind Charge) Nirmala Sitharaman meeting WTO Director-General Roberto Azevedo, in Geneva on Tuesday. - UNI

GST rollout not glitch-free: CBEC Chief

NEW DELHI, July 19: The rollout of the goods and services tax (GST) has not been glitch-free and has thrown up issues on various fronts, including entertainment tax, textile and MSME sectors, CBEC Chairperson Vanaja Sarna said today.

Sarna added that the issues will, however, get ironed out over time.

"The last 18 days of GST have thrown up problems, it has not been glitch-free. We have had issues from textile, entertainment tax and micro, small and medium enterprises (MS-

MSEs)," the Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC) Chairperson said here.

She was speaking at an interactive session on "Transition to GST Implementation" organised by the Confederation

'Issues have arisen over entertainment tax, textile, MSMEs sectors'

of Indian Industry (CII).

However, she said that no "earth-shaking" hurdles have arisen and the issues that have cropped up "will get ironed out over time".

But in 15-18 days, nothing

has led us to believe that it is not a good tax or has not been implemented in the right way," she said.

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cent levy over and above GST, which led the theatres in the State go on a strike.

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States may notify realty law rules by July-end: Govt

NEW DELHI, July 19: All States, barring a few in the North-East, are likely to notify rules under the new real estate law by July-end but setting up of a permanent regulatory authority by them would take some time, a senior government official said today.

He also asked builders to change their business model to manage cash flow efficiently as required under the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, which was passed by Parliament in March 2016 and came into force from May this year.

Mishra expressed concerns over lack of confidence among buyers in the housing market due to uncertainties regarding a CII conference. -PTI

the delivery of projects and asked builders to implement this law in letter and spirit to restore the confidence of customers.

"Twenty-one States have so far notified the rules under the real estate law. All Union Territories have already notified.

In five-six States, it is in final stage. So except in some north-eastern States, we expect that rules will be notified from this month," Mishra told reporters on the sidelines of a CII conference. -PTI



Sachin Tendulkar flanked by NP Singh (L), CEO, Sony Pictures Networks India and Rajesh Kaul (R), President, Sony Sports Network, during the announcement of the cricket legend as brand ambassador of Sony Pictures Sports Network (SPSN), in Mumbai on Tuesday. - UNI

Workplace flexibility top priority for job-seekers globally: Report

NEW DELHI, July 19: A contented workforce has much to do with how flexible a workplace is, finds out a report.

Nearly 40 per cent global candidates rate 'schedule flexibility' as one of the top three factors in making career decisions, the findings said.

The rise in importance of schedule flexibility is driven by a wide range of local factors like presence of multinational companies or unions at a given location, the influence of technology firms in the marketplace, workforce composition such as proportion of millennials and public transportation that can impact commuting times.

Workplace flexibility does not just mean working remotely. It includes all types of working arrangements, from when to take breaks to working from home or caring for leave.

Asked about what matters to them in job search, 26 per cent candidates said

flexible arrival and departure times are most important, followed by the ability to work from home or any other place they choose (22 per cent).

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The survey noted that employers should take better steps to align themselves with a flexible workplace. They should normalise existing flexible policies and align incentives with outcome. -PTI

"While no employer can accommodate

Epson topped Indian projector market in FY17

NEW DELHI, July 19: Global printing solutions provider Epson has been adjudged the top brand in the Indian projector market for fiscal 2016-17.

According to research firm FutureSource Consulting, Epson registered 27.6 per cent market share in terms of unit shipments in the projector category – a jump of 5.8 per cent from 21.8 per cent in fiscal 2015-16. – IANS

"NOTICE" (ANEXURE-I)

It is for general information to all Home Guards Volunteers of Kamrup District (Kamrup Rural & Metro) who have attended the Assessment Board which started from 06-01-2017 to 10-01-2017 to collect their Certificate from the District Commandant Home Guards, Kamrup office .

It is mandatory to obtain a character & antecedent certificate from the Superintendent of Police/ Addl. DCP (Member of the Assessment Board) and to submit the same before the undersigned .

Sd/- District Commandant Home Guards
Janasanyog/5396/17
Kamrup, Guwahati.

NOTICE

As informed by Haj Committee of India's Circular No.24 dt'd 16-07-2017, due to non availability of actual required accommodation units in Green Category in Makkah Mukarrama in case of 19734 pilgrims accommodation category has been downgraded through computerized Qurrah to Aziziyah category. This has been done as per para no. 16.2 Note (ii) of Guidelines for Haj, 2017. The detail list is available on the www.hajcommittee.gov.in. The refund for deferential payment will be processed shortly.

Sd/- Executive Officer & Secretary,
Joint State Haj Committee,
Janasanyog/5438/17
Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland etc.

BORDER ROADS ORGANISATION NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING)

1. The Civil Engineer Project Udayak PIN-931715, C/o 99 APD, Doomsoma invites online tender for the following work(s)-

Particulars of work

NTT No : 80952/06/E8

1. SUPPLY AND STACKING OF CONSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS AT KM 639.900 ON RONG-HORONU-RAVA ROAD FROM MM/BMS/DEC WORKS SECTION 2.286 TO KM 6.000 ON ROAD RONG-HUNI/LP 82 RRC UNDER 732 BRANCH OF PROJECT UDAYAK IN ARUNACHAL PRADESH STATE.

Cost/Time of work

(a) Cost Rs : 10/- 50 Lakh

(b) Period of Completion : 365days

(c) Earnest Money : Rs. 1,80,500/- (Rupees one lakh eighty five hundred only).

Details of tender documents :

(a) Cost of Tender : Rs. 1000/- (In form of DD/Banker's cheque in favour of Chief Engineer Project Udayak payable at SBI, Tinsukia Code No. 0196).

(b) Availability : From 20 July 2017 (10.00 hrs.) to 11 Aug 2017 (10.00 hrs.)

(c) Submission : Start date : 28 July 2017 (17.00 hrs.). End date : 11 Aug 2017 (11.00 hrs.).

Note: Full notice of tender, any change in above details, tender document (including eligibility criteria) and other details may be obtained from BRO web site <http://www.bro.gov.in> or <http://www.bro-udk.nic.in> (refer e-procure.gov.in/epublish/bpp). For any queries, please contact on Telephone 03759-240607, Fax : 03759-249522 and E-mail : hudayak@gmail.com/bro-udk@nic.in.

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Sd/- EE (Civ) SW
for Accepting Officer.

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Particulars of work

NTT No : 80953/06/E8

1. PROVIDING LAYING AND CONSOLIDATION OF BITUMINOUS READY MIX (HMP) FOR 30mm THICK BITUMINOUS CONCRETE BETWEEN Km. 10.00 To Km. 20.00 ON ROAD MARANI-DESSAI UNDER PROJECT UDAYAK IN ASSAM STATE.

Cost/Time of work

(a) Cost Rs : 2,57,35 Lakh

(b) Period of Completion : 180 days

(c) Earnest Money : Rs. 3,32,24/- (Rupees three lakh thirty two thousand three hundred forty seven only).

Details of tender documents :

(a) Cost of Tender : Rs. 2000/- (In form of DD/Banker's cheque in favour of Chief Engineer Project Udayak payable at SBI, Tinsukia Code No. 0196).

(b) Availability : From 20 July 2017 (10.00 hrs.) to 11 Aug 2017 (10.00 hrs.)

(c) Submission : Start date : 29 July 2017 (10.00 hrs.). End date : 11 Aug 2017 (11.00 hrs.).

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Government of India National Technical Research Organisation NTRO Technical Assistant Examination — 2017

ONLINE applications are invited from eligible candidates to fill up 99 vacancies in the grade of Technical Assistant (General Central Civil Service, Group-B' Non-Gazetted, Non-Ministerial post in the pay scale Level-6 (Rs. 35,400-1,12,400) of the Pay Matrix on direct recruitment basis in NTRO, a premier organization under the Government of India:-

Subject/Stream	Vacancies*					
	UR	SC	ST	OBC	Total	Sub-category
Electronics	28	13	05	14	60	02 vacancies reserved for PWD (1-OH and 1-HH) category
Computer Science	18	06	04	09	39	01 vacancy are reserved for PWD(1-OH) category
GRAND TOTAL	46	21#	09#	23	99	# Includes 07 (05-SC & 02-ST) backlog vacancies

* The number of vacancies is provisional and liable to change.
Online Application/Registration will become operational at the website <https://ntrorect.org> from 22 July 2017 (09.00 AM) till the closing date, i.e. 11 Aug 2017 (05.00 PM). The tentative dates of Examination are 28 Aug 2017 (Saturday) and 27 Aug 2017 (Sunday). The candidates desirous to apply may please refer to the detailed advertisement being published in Employment News (22-28 July 2017) containing instructions on eligibility criteria, age limit, venue of examination, etc.

Sd/- (N.C. Bhuyan)
Assistant Director (Pers/R)

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Right to privacy is amorphous and not absolute: SC judge

NEW DELHI, July 19: As lawyers challenging the Aadhaar scheme put up a strong defence of the right to privacy, a judge of the nine-judge constitution bench raised several questions, observing that it was an amorphous right and not absolute.

Justice DY Chandrachud, who is part of the bench headed by Chief Justice JS Khehar, also felt that everything that falls under liberty need not necessarily fall under privacy, which is a very small part of liberty.

The lawyers for the petitioners challenging the Aadhaar scheme pointed out that Finance Minister Arun Jaitley had in the Sabha in March last year described privacy as a fundamental right.

Opening the arguments, senior counsel Gopal Subramanium told the constitution bench, that "Privacy is a part of personalhood and is therefore a natural right. This is why natural right is not conferred but only recognised by the Constitution".

He said that privacy as a right need not be carved out, it is there embedded in the right to liberty and dignity.

Subramanium, who led the arguments on behalf of the petitioners, said: "The right to privacy is recognised as a funda-

mental right under Article 21 of the Constitution. The concept of privacy is embedded in liberty as well as honour of a person."

Besides Justice Khehar, other judges on the bench are Justice J Chelameswar, Justice SA Bobde, Justice RK Agrawal, Justice Rohinton Fali Nariman, Justice Abhay Manohar Sapre, Justice DY Chandrachud, Justice Sanjiv Khush Kaul and Justice S Abdul Nazeer.

The nine-judge bench is examining the nature of privacy as a right and also the correctness of two judgments of 1954 and in 1962 which had held that right to privacy was not a fundamental right.

Petitioners include former Karnataka High Court judge Justice KS Puttaswamy, first Chairperson of the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights and Magsaysay award recipient Shanta Sinha, feminist researcher Kalyani Sen Menon and others who have challenged the validity of the Aadhaar scheme on grounds of its being violative of the right to privacy.

The first day of the hearing saw the bench asking the lawyers appearing for the petitioners as to what was privacy, its contours, and limitations. -IANS



A woman looking at the human skulls, claimed to be of the farmers who committed suicide, kept at a protest venue in New Delhi on Wednesday. - IANS

'Pro-actively considering two time zones in India'

NEW DELHI, July 19: The Government today said it is "pro-actively" considering the matter of having two separate time zones in the country.

The issue was raised in the Lok Sabha by BJD member B Mahtab who highlighted that there was a gap of nearly two hours in sunrise timings between the eastern and the western parts of the country.

- There is a gap of nearly two hours in sunrise timings between the eastern and the western parts of the country.
- Sun rises at 4 am in Arunachal Pradesh while offices open at 10 am.
- Some 2.7 billion units of electricity could be saved if there are two separate time zones.

As the Lok Sabha was earlier adjourned after the opposition alleged that the Government was ignoring the well-being of farmers. Speaker Sumitra Mahajan expressed happiness over the matter being discussed, saying "some constructive work" is happening in the House. - PTI

time zones and added that only the Centre can take a call on office timings.

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Ananth Kumar said the government has taken Mahabir's suggestion very "seriously".

"He has raised a very important and sensitive matter. The government is pro-actively considering the issue," he said.

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Pak shells hamlets, posts along LoC

JAMMU, July 19: Violating the ceasefire again, Pakistan today targeted several villages and Indian posts with mortar bombs in the Poonch-Rajouri belt of Jammu and Kashmir leaving a civilian injured.

The Indian Army retaliated effectively. "Pakistan Army initiated unprovoked firing on Indian Army posts in Naushera sector in Bimberi Gal sector at around 0845 hours. The Indian Army retaliated strongly and effectively," a Defense spokesman said.

Pakistan Army also shelled areas in Balakote, Dhar, Lambabari, Rajdhani, Mankote, Sandoti in Rajouri and Poonch districts since early morning. - PTI

CBI summons Karti Chidambaram

NEW DELHI, July 19: The CBI on Wednesday issued summons to Karti Chidambaram, the son of former Finance Minister P Chidambaram, in its ongoing probe against him in a corruption case, an official said.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), in its third notice to Karti, asked him to appear at its headquarters in south Delhi's Lodhi Road on Friday.

The agency wants to examine Karti in a case related to Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) clearance given to INX Media for allegedly receiving funds from Mauritius when his father was the Union Finance Minister. -IANS

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ASSAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Jawaharnagar, Khanapara, Guwahati-781022

The Assam Public Service Commission hereby announces the results today (19.07.2017) of the viva-voce test conducted by it for selection to the post given below:

A. Recruitment to the posts of Post Graduate Teachers

Government HS Schools under Secondary Education Department

The viva-voce tests for selection to the above posts were conducted on the 5th, 6th, 7th, 10th, 11th, 12th 13th 14th 15th 17th and the 18th of July, 2017 by the Interview Boards constituted for the purpose and assisted by Experts/Advisers deputed by the Govt. The Commission completed the process of selection and recommended the following candidates for the aforesaid posts, discipline-wise, in order of merit:

(1) Post Graduate Teacher in Assamese

Position	Roll number	Name of candidates
1	0000010	Rashmirekha Chetia
2	0000007	Bithika Gogoi
3	0000003	Juri Gogoi
4	0000006	Sri Srimanta Kalita
5	0000001	Reetasree Gogoi
6	0000008	Mousumi Gogoi

(2) Post Graduate Teacher in Biology

1	0000015	Debasree Kakati
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(3) Post Graduate Teacher in Botany

1	0000018	Runjun Devi
2	0000009	Sanjuk Kumar Baishya
3	0000016	Jayaree Chetla
4	0000012	Prodip Buragham

(4) Post Graduate Teacher in Chemistry

1	0000019	Smita Chowdhury
2	0000013	Tarali Kalita
3	0000053	Babu Neog
4	0000066	Barsha Baruah
5	0000047	Debjit Saikia
6	000007	Jyoti Baruah
7	0000015	Sunita Laskar
8	0000014	Amlan Saha
9	0000040	Sangeeta Neog
10	0000020	Kabita Saikia
11	0000038	Barnali Das

(5) Post Graduate Teacher in Economics

1	0000024	Rupanjali Bhuyan
2	0000055	Pankaj Khataniar
3	0000056	Juriti Devi
4	0000050	Dibyajyoti Samrah
5	0000102	Nandita Thakuria
6	0000101	Niharika Hazarika
7	0000019	Rumi Saikia
8	0000046	Daisy Rani Haloi

(6) Post Graduate Teacher in English

1	0000020	Santana Devi
2	0000016	Monica Baruah
3	0000052	Kiran Baruah
4	0000058	Narmata Bordoloi
5	0000145	Meignica Sekhar Hazarika
6	0000044	Madurima Chiring Phukan
7	0000091	Gitarshi Hazarika
8	0000085	Pallobi Saharia
9	0000136	Pabitra Gogoi
10	0000118	Supata Datta
11	0000080	Bondita Chetry
12	0000092	Ram Krishna Sarkar
13	0000084	Ram Krishna Basumatary

(7) Post Graduate Teacher in Geography

1	0000021	Prat�ashi Phukan
2	0000027	Pranab Gogoi
3	0000020	Macchhi Baruah
4	0000014	Dhruti Ranjan Roy

(8) Post Graduate Teacher in Hindi

1	0000002	Moromi Roy Baruah
2	0000001	Unesh Kumar Sahu
3.	0000003	Shyam Lal Choudhury
4.	0000004	Kishor Pokhrel

(9) Post Graduate Teacher in History

1	0000022	Himadri Verma
2	0000027	Antu Tamang
3	0000018	Jyotika Devi
4	0000035	Stipika Gogoi

(10) Post Graduate Teacher in Home Science

1	0000001	Rulima Bharali
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(11) Post Graduate Teacher in Logic & Philosophy

1	0000001	Barnali Das
2	0000007	Minakshi Bonah
3.	0000006	Doyananda Chawrok

(12) Post Graduate Teacher in Mathematics

1	0000005	Hemanga Barman
2	0000013	Gautam Bhagawati
3	0000023	Pinky Pradhan
4	0000053	Prendita Pran Borah
5	0000052	Chandrima Choudhury

(13) Post Graduate Teacher in Physics

1	0000016	Nurul Alam Barbhuya
2	0000004	Sri Nirmal Misra
3.	0000018	Gill Das

(14) Post Graduate Teacher in Political Science

1	0000031	Gitanjali Das
2	0000001	Meghalini Gogoi

(15) Post Graduate Teacher in Sanskrit

1	0000004	Jacqueline Saikia
2	0000009	Devajani Borah
3	0000011	Chandra Kr. Dahal
4	0000010	Kulidip Kumar Bora
5	0000003	Bidyut Saharia
6	0000005	Padumini Das

(16) Post Graduate Teacher in Statistics

1	0000004	Md. Wald
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(17) Post Graduate Teacher in Zoology

1	0000007	Monalisha Hazarika
2	0000015	Dimpay Bhuyan
3	0000028	Amy Paul
4	0000014	Sangita Baruah
5	0000013	Dreamily Dutta
6	0000001	Minakshi Mech
7	0000020	Shehnaz Begum
8	0000002	Ila Barolia
9	0000025	Jaykrishna Devi

B:For details of the results, all concerned may log on to the APSC's website: www.apsc.nic.in

Sd/- Under Secretary

Assam Public Service Commission

Khanapara, Guwahati-22

Janasanyog/1821/7

Early life on Earth began on land

If life began on land, then Mars, which was found to have 3.65-billion-year-old hot spring deposits similar to those found in the Pilbara region of Australia, might be a good place to look.



A paradigm-shifting hypothesis has pushed back the time for the emergence of microbial life on Earth by 800 million years, suggesting that life began not in the sea but on land.

The new model is based on stromatolites — round, multi-layered mineral structures that range from the size of golf balls to weather balloons and represent the oldest evidence that there were living organisms on Earth 3.5 billion years ago.

The team from University of California-Santa Cruz and University of New South Wales in Sydney scoured the forbidding landscape of the Pilbara region of Western Australia looking for clues to how ancient microbes could have produced the abundant stromatolites that were discovered there in the 1970s.

Scientists who believed life began in the ocean thought these mineral formations had formed in shallow, salty seawater, just like living stromatolites in the World Heritage-listed area of Shark Bay, which is a two-day drive from the Pilbara.

But Tara Djokic, PhD student at University of New South Wales Sydney, discovered that the stromatolites had not formed in salt water but instead in conditions more like the hot springs of Yellowstone.

"What she [Djokic] showed was that the oldest fossil evidence for life was in fresh water. It's a logical continuation to life beginning in a freshwater environment," said

David Deamer, an astrobiologist from UC Santa Cruz.

Djokic's discovery — together with Martin Van Kranendonk, director of the Australian Centre for Astrobiology — is described in the August issue of journal *Scientific American*.

In Deamer's vision, ancient Earth consisted of a huge ocean spotted with volcanic land masses.

Rain would fall on the land, creating pools of fresh water that would be heated by geothermal energy and then cooled by runoff.

Some of the key building blocks of life, created during the formation of our solar system, would have fallen to Earth and gathered in these pools, becoming concentrated enough to form more complex organic compounds. The edges of the pools would go through periods of wetting and drying as water levels rose and fell.

During these periods of wet and dry, lipid membranes would first help stitch together the organic compounds called polymers and then form compartments that encapsulated different sets of these polymers.

The membranes would act like incubators for the functions of life.

Deamer and his team believe the first life emerged from the natural production of vast numbers of such membrane-enclosed "proto-cells".

According to researchers, the discovery also has implications for the search for life on other planets. — IANS

Know your DAY

By JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Thursday, July 20, 2017:

This year you blaze a new path — not once, but several times. If you see that you are heading in an inappropriate direction, you have the courage to say so and back up. You become more understanding and sensitive to others, and when you sing, you will meet someone of significant value in late summer. The person that you feel is the real deal, if you are attached, the two often battle negativity until you get past an issue. The unexpected occurs when you both are faced with an important decision. Support each other. GEMINI reminds you that you can handle issues in a kinder, more caring way.

To those who are single: Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

**** Good feelings inspire your decisions and allow you to have greater feedback. Your emotions will be intense in the next few weeks, and you will be able to express your frustration differently from how you usually do. Tonight: More errands on the home front.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

**** Others will be unusually responsive to you. You could get some fun when dealing with a financial matter and your home. Make sure an idea is within your budget. Full back and do some more homework as to how much you want and need to spend. Tonight: Make weekend plans.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** Know when to step back and not get involved. A situation may arise where you, and another, might feel antagonized toward one another. One or the other may feel threatened. You are willing to take a stand, but when it comes to your loved one, you are willing to let a comment go. Tonight: Try not to be difficult with a loved one or a friend who seems to be at odds. Tonight: Feed your Wheeles.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** Take your time making a decision. You might not feel comfortable with everyone you need to attend. You sense that you need to make a choice, but you will follow through? Revise a long-term dream that could be turned into a reality. Tonight: Go for what you want.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** You might feel energized all of a sudden, and it likely has something to do with your sex drive. You will be more very seductive or distinctly provocative. If you do not get what you want, allow greater give-and-take between you and others. Tonight: All smiles.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** You might be more susceptible to losing your temper in the next few days. Don't let it happen. How you see a personal master could change radically over time. Be more forthright rather than internalize some negative feelings. Tonight: Out and about among the crowds.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** You need to plan back and take a look at what is happening around you, and your family, and your emotional state. You are willing to take a comment relating to delight you. Are you supposing someone else? Only you know the answer and can take action. Tonight: A must appearance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** You are willing to go that extra step to grab the attention of your love. You are being very competitive. This person has a willingness to see many in a more diverse way. Each of you appeals to the other because of your individual personalities. Tonight: Make it your treat.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** You won't hesitate to distance yourself in order to get a little bit of privacy or relaxation. You see a partner demands quite a bit of her or his time, might distract from this person's outlook, but you need to respect it. Tonight: Say "yes" to someone's exciting offer.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** Your playfulness will be appealing to those who really know you, but for those who don't, your humor and whimsical nature could be confusing. Be aware of how you project yourself in a low-key situation. Tonight: Think about your plans for the weekend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)

**** You might need some space. You will accomplish and fulfill this need best by playing it low-key and taking a personal day. Understand that others might want you to be more active and involved, but you need to take care of yourself first! Tonight: Not to be found.

Thought for the day

All I need to make a comedy is a park, a policeman and a pretty girl.
— CHARLIE CHAPLIN

LOCKHORNS



DENNIS THE MENACE



THE PHANTOM



By Lee Falk

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By George Herman



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No added pressure on me: Kohli France, Austria win at women's Euro

MUMBAI, July 19: A fair understanding of each other already there, Indian cricket captain Virat Kohli today said he expects the going to be smooth with new coach Ravi Shastri as they are both well aware of what is expected of them.

Speaking to the media before the team's departure for the tour of Sri Lanka – featuring three Tests, five ODIs and a Twenty20 starting July 26 – Kohli, for the first time, shared his views on Shastri's appointment.

Shastri had earlier served as Team Director between 2014 and 2016. He升pped the likes of Virender Sehwag to clinch the chief coach position, left vacant by Anil Kumble after a fallout with Kohli.

"We have worked together for three years (2014-16). So there should be that kind of understanding (between us), that you can also understand, so I don't think that I need to understand anything new about (coach and support staff) in this scenario," Kohli said.

"As I have already said, we had worked earlier also, we know that what's expected, what's going on in the plate... So I don't think there is any effort to understand (both) as we have worked earlier also," he added.

Kumble resigned after winning Champions Trophy where India



Ravi Shastri and Virat Kohli address the media before departing to Sri Lanka, on Wednesday.

finished runners-up. Weeks of drama followed before Shastri got the job.

"Lot of speculation and lot of things fly around, and those things are not in my control, so I just said my job is to go on the field and try to build the best team along with the management, try to perform, that's my ability which I believe in," Kohli explained.

Asked if he was feeling any added pressure given the events of the past few weeks, Kohli shrugged it off.

"I don't think there is added pressure because what has to happen will happen. I believe in that regardless of what happens around the outside world," he said.

"As a team we aspire to achieve what we want to achieve, everyone of us faced hardships in the past, criticism and being criticised is nothing new. I certainly don't take any added pressure because the responsibility has been given to me."

"I continue to take up that responsibility, will continue to do so in the future till the time I am captain or I am kept at this position... If you focus on all these external factors, it is similar that you go out for batting thinking what if I get out, it can happen in any scenario, the coordination, and communication..." PTI

and move forward."

Kohli was not asked any direct question on Kumble, who had admitted that his equation with the captain had become "untenable".

However, on a query regarding communication between players and the support staff, Kohli said, "I think understanding and communication works in every walk of life... We follow the same rules of life, I followed everywhere else."

"Everyone has gone through the experience of relationships, somewhere or the other in life, the same rules applies here, you know it is as simple as that, the coordination, and communication..." PTI

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In Tilburg yesterday, Le Sommer converted a late penalty to lift France past diehard Iceland 1-0 while Nina Burger's early goal gave Austria an equally slim win over 10-player Switzerland at the women's Euro.

In Deventer earlier yesterday, Austrian captain Burger scored 15 minutes in with a clinical right-foot finish after a pass from Sarah Zadrazil in a class of Euro newcomers.

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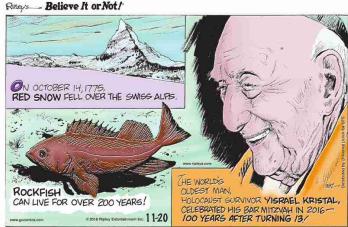
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My viewpoint

“Why should we study Moral Science in school?”



Apurvi Bhoot,
Class X, South Point
School, Guwahati

Moral Science is concerned with human behaviour, especially our behaviour towards others. It is concerned from bad or right from wrong. With the passage of time, people are losing out on their ethics. That is why we should study Moral Science in school. If we are taught about the importance of Moral Science, it may help us in developing our characters. Moral Science helps us to make decisions in situations where we can change our behaviour and can know the difference between right and wrong. So, by studying Moral Science, we can become better individuals.



Sakumar Barman,
Class X, Vidyamandir Sr. Sec.
School, Guwahati

In today's rat race, values are eroding fast. There is a total decadence in social and moral values. We need to start thinking how to scale new heights of success. Some parents even instruct their wards that they should not be honest. The criteria for promotion in school is marks in the Sciences and Moral Science. Moral Science is whatever we study to influence our students to feel and act regarding what is right and wrong. In school, we learn what should be imparted to all children. We spend so much time in school, so schools must be responsible of imparting moral values to us.



Jignyasha Kalita,
Class X, E.M.H. School, Miza,
Guwahati

Moral Science is an important part of our school life. It strengthens our personality. Moral Science influences our life. Moral Science contains lessons that are quite inspirational. Moral Science influences our critical thinking and the way we interact with others and our bond with the universe better. We are humans, naturally we want some goals. The goal of Moral Science is to facilitate the understanding of our needs and goals. To make us reach those goals in a better way by cultivating the practical application of principles and mores, we study Moral Science.



Nivedita Samanta,
Class X, Gurukul Grammar
Sr. Sec. School, Guwahati

Moral values play a vital role in a person's life. As humans, we should try to inculcate all the values of life like – kindness, loyalty, humanity, honesty, rightness, tolerance, etc. etc. So unless we are taught moral values in school, we would have no values to live by. The relationship with moral values plays a major role in society. It is the moral values that develop a person's thinking.

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GUWAHATI, THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2017

Emma Watson welcomes Malala to Twitter



The 27-year-old Harry Potter actress has taken to social media to greet Pakistani activist Malala Yousafzai. The star greeted the 19-year-old Nobel Peace Prize winner on Twitter, sending the message: "Welcome @Malala! It is so exciting to have you on Twitter."

Malala first joined Twitter last week, admitting that she had joined the social media platform the same day she finished school. Malala and Emma's relationship dates back to 2015 when the actress interviewed the then 18-year-old about her life and advocacy.

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Amazing feats

Himangshu Lahkar, Class IX, Cansik School, Digboi

"Strength does not come from physical strength. It comes from an indomitable will." These are great lines by Mahatma Gandhi. Most of us are born with a strong body. Despite being physically fit, we keep complaining and making excuses. We are too lazy to work hard. We should work hard for ourselves and ask our parents or helpers to do it for us. We take our limbs for granted. But that is not true. We should be grateful if we, with all our body parts functioning, are so fortunate, while many persons with disabilities are not so lucky. They are equally capable as us. Many persons are unable to make a difference and give up trying when the obstacles face them and miraculously overcome them. That they can do.

Besides acting as an inspiration to other physically challenged people, they are equally capable as us. Shaker Nabi, the Indian team's skipper, lost his legs in a road accident, gaged India to a win at the T20 World Cup for the Blind and also the World Cup for the visually impaired.

Another classic example is the famous disabled boxer, Chanda Chaudhary. She was young, and her leg had to be amputated. She overcame her disability and became a professional "Major Fight".

Some months back, India won the T20 World Cup for the Blind for the second consecutive time, which is an amazing fact in history. Shaker Nabi, the Indian team's skipper, lost his legs in a road accident, gaged India to a win at the T20 World Cup for the Blind and also the World Cup for the visually impaired.

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And for people like us, when God has given



Dear Ishani Aunty,
I wear a little black dress and I am 12. But my mother refuses to let me wear it. Please help.

—Chandrima

Dear Chandrima,
I think you are too young to be wearing such a dress and we would only feel self-conscious about it. Think about it when you are 16. I do hope you are not worried about clothes; make up and fashion is lovely.

Dear Ishani Aunty,
I have been going to my friends that we have this amazing large flat with lots of beautiful things. Now they want to come home for a visit. —Urmita

Dear Urmita,
Look how you have been trapped by your own lie. The best thing to do is to not let them breed of it. I am sure your friends will understand. After all, what are friends for?

Dear Ishani Aunty,
My mother makes me carry an umbrella even on sunny days. I feel old-fashioned. —Darshana

Dear Darshana,
You are indeed not wrong. Don't you know how harmful the UV rays of the sun are? And that you not only get tanned, but also run the risk of getting skin cancer. Carry an umbrella every day and you'll one day thank your mom for it.

JUNIOR PUZZLERS

1) Was it Spartacus, Barabas, or Quo Vardis who lead the slaves in a revolt against the Romans in 72 BC?

SIR: THE SLAVES ARE REVOLTING!
I KNOW THEY ARE REVOLTING.
AWFUL, AWFUL, THEY!



FANTASTICO! I'VE GOT A FLY IN MY SOUP!



HE LOST HIS MOBILE PHONE.



WOW! THIS NEW COMPUTER IS REALLY FAST!

ANSWERS: 1) Spartacus, 2) The sky is falling, 3) Spartacus.

SOLUTION:
1. ACROSS: 1. 11 + 45, 2. 93 - 58, 3. 30 - 37, 4. 10 - 2, 6. 20 + 48, 7. 30 - 15, 8. 13 - 10, 9. 51 - 9, 10. 14 + 4, 11. 79 - 7, 10. 78 - 47, 11. 50 - 9, 12. 73 - 43, 13. 12 - 24, 14. 9 x 7, 15. 27 + 15, 16. 79 - 7, 17. 39 - 47, 18. 52 - 29, 19. 14 - 23 - 10
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Calculate the clues and fill in the grids with the answers.

SOLUTION

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JOKES



Nitt: "How would I know if there's an elephant hiding under my bed?"
Witt: "Your head would hit the ceiling!"

Gina: "What would you name a funny chicken?"
Tina: "Comedihen."

Noel: "Do you know why the Math book looked sad?"
Joey: "No. Why?"
Noel: "Because it was full of problems!"

Tim: "How would you know if there is a dinosaur hiding in the refrigerator?"
Jim: "The door won't shut!"

ANSWER: 1. Sir Francis Drake

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Kargil Vijay Diwas

Kargil Vijay Diwas is celebrated on July 26 every year in honour of the Kargil War heroes.

The Kargil War, also known as the Kargil Conflict, that took place between May and July 1999 in the Kargil district of Kashmir, is also referred to as Operation Vijay – which was the name of the Indian operation to clear the Kargil sector.

The conflict was the infiltration of Pakistani soldiers and Kashmiri militants into positions on the Indian side of the LOC, which serves as the de facto border between the two countries. During the initial stages of the conflict, the Indian army fought mainly on its territory against independent Kashmiri insurgents, but documents left behind by casualties showed incidents of Pakistani infiltrators fighting for the Indian army, later supported by the Indian Air Force, recaptured a majority of the positions on the Indian side of the LOC infiltrated by the Pakistani troops and mill-

tants. Facing international diplomatic opposition, the Pakistani forces withdrew from the region, leaving India in control of the LOC.

The war is one of the most notorious conflicts of high-altitude warfare in mountainous terrain, which posed significant logistical problems for the combatting sides. It is one of the very few instances of direct, conventional warfare between nuclear states.

Kargil Vijay Diwas is named after the success of Operation Vijay. On this day, on July 26, the Indian army pays tribute to the Indian soldiers who lost their lives in the Kargil War.

The Kargil War was fought for more than 60 days, ending on July 26 and resulting in the loss of life on both sides – India and Pakistan. Kargil Vijay Diwas is celebrated on July 26 every year in honour of the Kargil War heroes.

Wherever you go, you can see the Amar Jawan Jyoti at India Gate every year. Functions are also organised all over the country to commemorate the contribution of the armed forces.



Photo: Ministry of Defence

Sketch of the week



S. Sai Prasad, Class-XII,
B. Borooah College, Guwahati



Harshit Pratim Das, Class-VI,
Shrimanta Shankar Academy, Dispur, Guwahati

Papa, be with me

Papa, always be with me.
In my success, in my fail.
In my happiness, in my sadness.
In my sorrows, during miracles.
Whenever I feel lonely, be there to hold my hand
And make me feel better.
Whenever I cry, be there to wipe my tears.
Papa, be there with me in every situation –
Guitar by her.

Neetha Sandhya, Class-VII,
Don Bosco High School, Dhem Doma.



Abhishek Baru, Grade-I
Overseas Family School, Singapore

Summer holidays

These are the days of fun.
When we can play, dance and run.
The days are heat, warm and hot sun.
When we can play, dance and happily won.
An afternoon refreshes us.
This is what the summer does.
To have a vacation,
To be free from tension.

Hritik Sarma, Class-VI,
Shrimanta Shankar Academy, Dispur, Guwahati.



Parimita Kakati, Class-VI,
St. Mary's H.S. School



Angana Bora, Class-III,
Mora's Public School, Guwahati



Swarnav Dutta,
Don Bosco School, Panbari, Guwahati

Poem of the Week

Riddhima Bora, Class-III,
F.A.I.P.S (D.P.S.), Kwest

Dear rain

Rain, rain, rain!
Why do you always come?
Wherever you are wanted?
Why do you keep coming back?
When you come, I bring the floods.
When you go, I feel like I am out.
I feel I'm under house arrest.
I have come from far.
I have come to knock about.
On a summer vacation.
To be with my grandparents.
Under the sun, I am outside.
And enjoy with them.
We plan lots of outdoor activities,
But when you come,
All fun has to stop.
It makes me homesick.
And bring with you the floods.
It makes me homesick.
Do you come gently?
So that I can enjoy with you.
But please, don't bring the floods with you!

Harshit Pratim Das, Class-VI,
Shrimanta Shankar Academy, Dispur, Guwahati



Apnj Bora, Class-I, M.H.,
Maria Montessori House of Children, Guwahati



Kangkan Kashik, Class-V,
Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya, Nafarai



Pradyut Bhattacharjee, Class-V
Faculty H.S. School, North Guwahati

Juhu Jyushika Borah, H.S. 1st year,
Panji Deendayal Upadhyai Adrisha Mahavidyalaya, Jamughat



Prathmesh B. Sarma, Class-V
Royal Global School, Guwahati

The violin boy

Once upon a time, there lived a boy called Tapu. He was a kind and jolly fellow. Tapu and his father had a workshop where they made bows and arrows. One day, Tapu's father had to go on a long errand, he came across a newly-built shop named 'Fever Instrument Shop'. In the display window of the shop, he saw a maroon violin. The violin reminded him of his father. Tapu's father had always wanted to buy a violin for his son, but he could never afford it. Tapu's father was very poor. He wished to buy it, but became disappointed when he saw that it was too costly for him. Luckily, in the open manual of 'How to play a violin', the manufacturer had also mentioned how it was made. Tapu decided to make a violin for his father.

He sloped in the workshop day and night and finally, after days of effort, the violin was complete. Tapu was so happy to see the strings. Unfortunately, he didn't have any horse hair for the strings. However, Tapu remembered the respectable old man who had a stable and he rushed to the stable to search for a horse with the shiniest tail. After some time, he came across a horse named Buckham. His tail was very shiny and Tapu took it and tied it to the violin and tried to hog at a few of his tail hairs. As soon as he tugged the first hair a strong hind leg kicked him fast and hard and Tapu went flying to the nearby hay, as Buckham ran away! Tapu fell onto the hay and started crying. He was very sad. But his father came to him and told him all about and hearing Tapu's story about his attempt to make a violin for his father, he took pity and stripped a few of the shiniest horse hair strands for Tapu's violin! Tapu thanked him profusely and was finally able to complete the violin and present it to his father, who was overjoyed! Tapu realized that when intentions are true, means will follow.