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Application with bio-data including phone No. & Email address and attested copies of certificates in standard form (as published in Assam Gazetteer, Part IX) for the candidates having UGC norme with NET/SET/SET qualifications for filling up the posts. Application will be accepted against the sanctioned post in the following subjects at a scale of Rs. 15600/- 39100/- + AGP -Rs. 6000/- p.m. with other allowances. Candidates having Ph. D. degree will be considered in the UGC norme with minimum standards and procedure for award of Ph.D. degree. Regulation 2009 shall be exempted from the requirement of minimum eligibility condition of NET/SET.

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Wanted an experienced Lab Technician Capable of handling equipment for a diagnostic centre in Guwahati for immediate appointment. Call 9435017818, SVP/PI/11539/1

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PROGRAMS	SCHEDULE
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BArch	Reporting - 11 th June, 2017 (8.30 am to 12 noon) Counseling - 11 th June, 2017 (2 pm onwards)
Bachelor of Design (Interior Design)	
BPPharm	
BSc (Hons) in Physics, Chemistry, Maths	
BA (Hons) in Economics	
BCA	

DIPLOMA PROGRAM

Diploma in Pharmacy*	Reporting - 11 th June, 2017 (8.30 am to 12 noon) Counseling - 11 th June, 2017 (2 pm onwards)
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POSTGRADUATE & DOCTORAL PROGRAMS

MBA	Reporting - 11 th June, 2017 (8.30 am to 12 noon) Counseling - 11 th June, 2017 (2 pm onwards)
MCA - Lateral Entry	
MPPharm (Pharmaceutics)	
MTech	
MSc	
PhD	

ONLINE REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY FOR APPEARING IN THE COUNSELING.

Counseling Venue: Kanaklal Barua Mini Auditorium, Assam State Museum, Gopinath Bordoloi Road
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 - Graduate/Post Graduate marksheet (as applicable)
 - Valid JE/NET/JAI/UGC/NET/GAU/UPA/NET/CAT/MAT Score (as applicable)
 - Hard copy of the Online Registration Form.
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GJM supporters damage properties, clash with police

DARJEELING (WB), June 8: Gorkha Janmukti Morcha supporters today clashed with police which used baton charge and fired tear gas shells to disperse the agitators who tried to march to the venue of the State Cabinet meeting here. GJM supporters tried to

break the barricades put up by the police and hurled brickbats. They also damaged some police vehicles, police sources said, adding that some security personnel received injuries. They were protesting among other things "imposition of Bengali language in

schools in the hills". The GJM raised slogans against the Chief Minister. — PTI

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Name of the posts: (a) Physics – 2 Nos., (b). Chemistry – 2 Nos. Date of Interview: June 25, 2017 at 11 AM. Venue: University Conference Hall.

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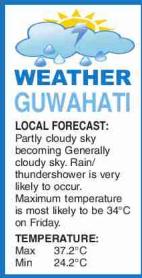
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Science	12-06-2017	14-06-2017	10:00 AM	19-06-2017
Arts	12-06-2017	15-06-2017	10:00 AM	- do -
Commerce	12-06-2017	15-06-2017	1:30 PM	- do -

N.B.: Forms for admission is being issued from the Academy office from 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. on all working days on payment of ₹200/-

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AASU felicitates toppers

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 8: The AASU today asked the State government to restore people's confidence on credibility of the Board of Secondary Education Assam (SEBA) and the Assam Higher Secondary Educational Council (AHSEC) and introduce necessary reforms to strengthen both the educational bodies.

While facilitating the ranking of the HSLC, four AHM rank holders, 66 HSSLC rank holders and 65 teachers were felicitated at the function. Tapan Deka, who has succeeded in the UPSC examination this year, and kin of other UPSC candidates were also honoured.

Addressing the gathering as a distinguished guest, Gauhati University Vice Chancellor Dr Mridul Hazarika stressed the need for an inclusive approach towards building a strong society. "Statistically, our State is lagging far behind on different parameters, but, fortunately our value system is stronger enough to emerge as a developed and strong State of the country with the collective and concerted efforts of the people of Assam. Students, being the future of Assam, have a major role to play in that," added Dr Hazarika.

Director of IIT Guwahati Professor Gautam Biswas exhorted the students to carry on with their pursuit of excellence and bring laurels to the State in whatever field they choose for study and work.

AASU chief adviser Dipankar Nath while addressing the felicitation function, said that the arrogance and vindictive attitude of the State government towards the SEBA and AHSEC reflected in the pass percentage and less number of rank holders this time.

AASU chief adviser Dipankar Kumar Nath while addressing the felicitation function, said that due to errors and goops-ups, a fear psychosis builds up among the students and their guardians ahead of the examinations, which is not good for the education system of Assam.

Protest against Rahul Gandhi's detention

STAFF REPORTER

Kamakhya image: The APCC has, in a separate statement, demanded immediate removal of the image of the Kamakhya Temple from the dustbins in the city. These images have been painted by the Guwahati Municipal Corporation (GMC) on the municipal dustbins.

APCC spokesman Apurba Kumar Bhattacharjee described this act of painting the image of the famous *Shakti* shrine on the municipal dustbins as an affront on the *Shakti* heritage of the people of the State. He said the Congress is not opposed to the idea of projecting the temple globally, but by trying to project it with its image painted on the garbage bins, the GMC has hurt the sentiments of the people.

The APCC said in a statement here this evening that an effigy of Prime Minister Narendra Modi was also burned by the demonstrators. They also demanded resignation of Prime Minister Modi and Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan, describing them as slayers of the farmers.

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Met on community radio at GU today

JALUKBARI, June 8: The Department of Communication and Journalism, Gauhati University in association with UNICEF is organizing a regional consultation on community radio as an effective tool for C4D, tomorrow at GU. Altogether 25 individuals from the NE states who have obtained the letters of intent (LOI)

or the grant of permission agreement (GOPA) related to community radio are likely to participate in the consultation. Dignitaries from the I&B Ministry, other allied community radio partners, Department of Cultural Affairs, Assam and Assam Police (Communications) are likely to attend the consultation meet. — Correspondent

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The Assam Tribune

As you sow

As you sow in Lucknow, so you reap in Bhopal! Adityanath, Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, had ostensibly kept a promise made during the election campaign which saw the BJP sweep to victory, by announcing loan waiver for farmers in his State. Such a populist decision had been taken against the advice of those responsible for maintaining fiscal discipline in the country and cost banking institutions a whooping Rs 36,000 crore. However, the issue did not end there – expectedly, the UP decision had led to similar hopes in other parts of the country, especially the BJP-ruled States like Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra. This has put the NDA Government in a quandary, for a domino effect of similar demands all over the country might bring about extreme destabilization of India's economy, already shuddering under the impact of decisions such as demonetization and the ban on market-sale of cattle. Moreover, farmers in most parts of the country are reeling under falling demand for vegetables and pulses due to overproduction and the Centre's reluctance to further raise minimum support prices for procurement. Pent up anger amongst agriculturists in the above mentioned States has flared out into almost uncontrollable violent protests. Lives of farmers have been lost in police firings on mobs which have gone on a rampage setting fire to vehicles and buildings, their demands seemingly centred round loan waiver and raising procurement prices.

Yet the sober truth is that there is more to this spontaneous outburst of rage. Even since independence, industrial development has unfortunately been the yardstick by which economic development has been measured despite the Indian reality that a bulk of the population lives in rural areas and subsist as farmers. Greater focus has not been laid on empowering agriculturists and ensuring that rural infrastructure measures up to standards applicable to urban areas. Not only are Indian farmers, in the absence of facilities for artificial irrigation, dependent heavily on climatic factors for survival, they are also at the mercy of middlemen in disposing off much of their produce and do not always get prices which they should. Rise in costs of inputs, corruption amongst those responsible for the supply of items such as seeds and fertilizers, disputes related to water-sharing between States – the cup of woes of Indian farmers is full indeed. Little wonder that, saddled under the burden of loan debt both from banks and money-lenders, thousands of farmers across the nation have committed suicide. Given the simmering discontent amongst the agriculturist community all across the country, the Centre needs to bear in mind that the violent protests in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra can quickly spread elsewhere even if the demands in these two States are met. Farmer organizations are already calling for an all-India waiver of bank loans, a demand that would be difficult to concede.

Potholed highways

Notwithstanding some improvement in road connectivity in recent years, the condition of the roads, including the highways, remains a matter of serious concern. Take for instance the case of NH-37, a lifeline of the State running through its entire length from Sadiya to Dibrugarh. Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal himself had a taste of what thousands of commuters are compelled to endure everyday while he was travelling along the stretch from Dibrugarh to Kaziranga. The aiked Chief Minister has ordered repair of the highway in a time-bound manner but it's an altogether different matter what impact the Chief Minister's order will have on our thick-skinned authorities. Bad road conditions stemming largely from lack of periodical maintenance and compromise in quality during construction are effectively negating the utility of our roads. While a road project is sanctioned, it usually has a component concerning periodical maintenance but this is generally ignored, making it a complicated process involving time and cost overruns when taken up later. If a lifeline like NH-37 is allowed to languish in a state of perennial disrepair for want of Government attention, the less said the better about the condition of other roads. Large-scale corruption in road projects is another disturbing trend, which explains to a great extent the poor quality of roads. The Government needs to be firm in checking malpractices during road construction and should evolve a stringent monitoring mechanism for ensuring transparency and accountability. Contractors and officials found to be violating norms in road quality should be booked and punished. Irritants like absence of coordination among various government departments that often cause uncalled-for delays in projects should be done away with.

For a region like the North-east dominated by remote and rugged landscapes, the fallouts of an insufficient road network have been many. This has, in fact, been one of the biggest impediments to progress in the region. Thousands of villages continue to languish for want of all-weather surface linkage, with the situation proving detrimental to agricultural and industrial growth. While this warrants according of top priority to expansion of the road network, equal stress has to be given on ensuring quality because bad roads have been as much a problem as absence of roads in the region. The average availability of roads in the region is still well below the national average, and is even worse when it comes to blacktopped roads. In recent times, some progress has been made in road construction in Guwahati and other towns, with substantial funds coming from external agencies like ADB but it is imperative that for achieving all-round progress, the process of development must not be allowed to remain city-centric. Rural road connectivity under the PMGSY must be expedited with thrust on timely completion of projects and quality control.

And 'secret' shall the 'historic accord' remain

By the Brahmaputra

SANJOY HAZARIKA

One of the most indefatigable persons I know is Venkatesh Nayak of the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, my new office. But that is not the point.

For over a decade, Venkatesh has been one of the most vocal activists, trainers and proponents of good governance through an Act that technically empowers all citizens of the country. He has been at the forefront of the movement to promote transparency in and out of government through the Right to Information Act of 2005, along with figures such as Aruna Roy of the Mazdoor Kisan Shakti Sangathan (MKSS) and many others.

Although there are those who doubt the efficacy of the RTI and its multiple uses as well as its effectiveness – it is aimed at prizing out information that is of interest to ordinary people, not just activists, and getting government accountability of programmes and policies which have a bearing on our everyday lives.

These would range from the quality of milk supplied by the local government-run booth, the cleanliness of the streets, the clearance of garbage, the marksheet of an exam or why wages have not been paid for weeks under NREGA or any other government scheme? Or how funds paid by governments to private

groups – businesses, media, NGOs – have been used or misused.

Some of these major concerns are published annually in the report of the Controller and Accountant General of India – and for those interested, there are extensive volumes published by the CAG for the Northeastern States. They have an office in Shillong. But for those who can't reach those great heights of power, there's always RTI.

Between battles for transparency

and litigation (an RTI application can be filed online but has to be accompanied by a Rs 10 payment) on basics as the list above, there are also efforts to get the Government at the Centre and the States to part with information which impacts the lives of people everywhere or in specific areas.

There are areas out of the purview of the Central Information Commission and its Commissioners – these include security forces, intelligence as well as those issues that are seen as associated to the security and integrity of the country. The last formula is standard for many countries across the world.

Today, I want to look at such an exceptional case which has an impact on the North-east and the country as a whole, focusing on the Naga Framework Agreement of August 3, 2015 signed at the official residence of the Prime Minister between the Government's official interlocutor for the Naga talks RN Ravi and Th Muivah, the general secretary of the NSCN (M). There's been so much speculation swirling about it over these nearly two years that it's im-

possible to know what the facts are.

Well, the CIC RK Mathur, former Chief Secretary of Tripura and later Defence Secretary, ruled that it was not in the public interest to reveal the details of the agreement after a significant eight-month process which brought the Home Ministry and the interlocutor to the Commission. The view of the State prevailed. Yet, the issue is not that the Government did not reveal the contents of the agreement – although that was

Ministry which was the nodal ministry for handling such issues had earlier not even been prepared to confirm who actually held a copy of the 'accord'.

In his own words, "The Central Public Information Officer of the PMO replied that they did not hold a copy of the Framework Accord and transcribed the RTI application to the North-east Division of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). The MHA said initially that it did not hold a copy of the Naga Accord."

"The CIC called for the text of the Naga Accord and other related documents for examination in camera. The Gol official representative for Naga peace talks provided an overview of the situation regarding the ongoing parleys during the open part of the hearing ...

"... The CIC has ruled that it will uphold the MHA's decision not to disclose the contents of the Framework Accord as so doing will prejudicially affect India's sovereignty and integrity and the security and strategic interests of the State."

The arguments of the Home Ministry and by Venkatesh are in the CIC's 24-page-long decision which speaks of "competing public interests" and says that "non-disclosure at this stage gives space to the Government of India to solve a long-standing issue and bring about enduring peace and prosperity".

My view is that the disclosure of the accord is in the larger public good since it is more a framework than an accord. Our parliamentarians from the region through the all-party North-east MPs' Forum, must call for the tabling of the substantive agreement. If it is historic, then why the hesitation in unveiling it?

Secrecy leads to greater misunderstandings and sharper divisions.

Our parliamentarians from the region, through the all-party North-east MPs' Forum, must call for the tabling of the agreement in the Lower House. We are aware that this is only an interim arrangement en route to the substantive agreement. If it is historic, then why the hesitation in unveiling it?

at the heart of the matter; what was really significant was that the case showed that the Centre was open enough to discuss such issues if not disclose the details.

This is an assertion of the ordinary citizen's right to transparency.

While the Government's response

may not have been the robust and open one that was sought, yet the

fact that the Home Ministry, the Prime Minister's Office and the interlocutor came before the Commission shows an encouraging commitment to interaction with the public on issues of national significance.

Venkatesh writes that the Home

Ministry which was the nodal ministry for handling such issues had earlier not even been prepared to confirm who actually held a copy of the 'accord'.

Most of the time was taken to ascertain which office in the Government of India actually held a copy of the Naga Accord. Finally, it was revealed that the Office of the Government of India Representative for Naga peace Talks, who is also the chief of the Joint Intelligence Committee, holds the Naga Accord.

... the Naga Accord is the

right to take a call on whether to disclose the information or not... (it)

argued that the information sought could not be disclosed on grounds of Section 8(1)(a) pertaining to national sovereignty, territorial integrity and security of the State.

I argued that the people have the right to seek clarity about the official policy of Gol towards militant groups that challenge the sovereignty and territorial integrity of India.... That

the contents of the Naga Accord had become a matter of widespread public debate during the recent Assembly elections in Manipur and that

Climate change: time for India to lead the mission

■ Shibdas Bhattacharjee

The US President Donald Trump has announced his decision to withdraw from the 2015 Paris Climate Agreement. Donald Trump in his address at the White House said that the existing agreement is against the interests of the Americans, particularly the controversial job-related issue in the United States. The Paris agreement commits the US and 187 other countries on keeping rising global temperature below 2°C at industrial level and endeavours to limit it more if possible. There is widespread condemnation across the world regarding the announcement made by President Trump. The UN officially called it very disappointing and the European Union termed it as a sad day for the world. However, Trump said that he is prepared to renegotiate and re-enter in a new agreement on improved terms. Naturally, his indication is that Washington is no longer ready for funding an accord that does not serve the American interest. Thus, America has been unmoved yet again. In America has been a lexicon of power politics at the international level. Washington can sell its soul.

But the rising global temperature is a matter of grave concern for the entire world. Directly or indirectly

ly impacts the larger interests of every nation. Terming it as favour of some countries or against a few is a wrong interpretation of the fact that sabotages global interests and, more particularly, the interests of the upcoming generation. But unfortunately, environmental issues have always been seen through the prism of narrow politics at the international level. The reality is that as far as the issue of growing ecological imbalance is concerned, the lion's share of the responsibility must be shouldered by the developed nations of the West, especially the United States. But the American President's logic is different. According to him, the environmental benefits that come through funding to keep the environment clean go to China and India and, hence, the Americans are not ready to continue with this.

But the issue of climate change has always been an issue of larger implications for India. As per the State of Global Report, in 2017, 40,25,000 people died across the world out of which more than 2,10,000 people died in China and India because of environmental degradation and related causes. The economic order accepted by India in 1991 resulted in massive environmental degradation in the name

of infrastructure building and rapid urbanization as parts of market economy. Statistical reports reveal that from 1991 to 2017, the rising rate of pollution in India has increased to 48% against the global rate 22%.

Naturally, climate change because of political and environmental degradation is far more concerning factor for India than any other nation, even China.

This demands India to be proactive. This may be coincidental that President Trump's announcement came at a time when Prime Minister Narendra Modi was in his Europe trip. The Indian Prime Minister made fresh efforts to revive the India-Russia ties and better engagements between India and the important nations of the European Union like France and Germany. Modi clearly stated India's position in this context during his Europe visit and engaged in talks with the leaders of the European Union. Modi has made efforts to touch the base in three of the four European capitals that matter – Berlin, Paris and Moscow. He stated that India will "go above and beyond" the Paris Agreement. Speaking after holding wide-ranging talks with the newly-elected French President Emmanuel Macron, Modi said that "the Paris climate agreement is a shared legacy of the world. It will benefit the

future generations as well, our duty

to protect the Earth and our natural resources. For us, this is an article of faith."

But India has some problems as well. This is not only about taking forward a global mission without the participation of the US but also strengthen relationship between China and India. Things turned around differently in case of Europe as China is also focusing the same spot that has become vacant after the United Kingdom had withdrawn from the EU. Chinese leader Xi Jinping arrived in Europe just a few days after the Indian Prime Minister. But the valid point is: Will India and China come together regarding the Paris agreement after the announcement made from the White House?

This demands India to be proactive. This may be coincidental that President Trump's announcement came at a time when Prime Minister Narendra Modi was in his Europe trip. The Indian Prime Minister made fresh efforts to revive the India-Russia ties and better engagements between India and the important nations of the European Union like France and Germany. Modi clearly stated India's position in this context during his Europe visit and engaged in talks with the leaders of the European Union. Europe. The policy of rebuilding relationships with different nations connecting India's ambitious Make in India project considering the investment prospect in India has already reshaped India's relationship with the economic powerhouses across the world. Similarly, the foreign policy prerogative of Modi is also guided by shared values, particularly democracy. India has projected the country's democratic set-up as a strong point. This increases acceptability of India in larger global affairs related to the interests of the common rank and file of all the nations resulting in formation of special relationship between India and Japan, India and European nations and others. Present Europe is passing through doldrums after the Brexit. Major governments across the world are assessing the direction the European Union will go in the coming few years. All are calculating things depending on how the EU's senior members decide to redefine the role of Europe and the way out from the state prevailing in Europe that has punched the continent well below its weight globally. In this context credibility of both India and China is a big issue for the European leaders.

This is where India can trigger the spot and present itself strongly. India has the ability to lead the bridge that supports the Paris agreement. This will bring about manifold benefits for New Delhi, addressing the issue of pollution in India, getting fund and making China compelled at least to be a part of it. It will be better if India analyses the future course of action regarding the Paris accord from a strategic point of view which demands a policy to be chalked out to lead the unaccomplished mission of climate accord signed in 2015.

Letters
to the
EDITOR

Sir, – The Sahityacharya title was first conferred by the Assam Sahitya Sabha on Atul Chandra Hazarika and Mitradhar Mahanta in the early 80s. These two literary stalwarts were conferred the title by then president of the Sabha Sitanath Brahma Choudhury. Both these literary figures adorned the presidency of the Sabha decades before being conferred the title. After that the title was sparingly given and included notable awardees like Jatinrao Pathak, Uzan Bazar, Guwahati, DDK's grand initiative

Sir, – For the past few years, Doordarshan North-east has been airing a good number of creative programmes that include reality shows on music and dance. To name one, in February, DDK Dibrugarh in an admirable initiative had held auditions for a reality dance show named *Rhythm Tailor* in Dibrugarh, which invited budding dancers from across the State and beyond to showcase their talents and try and win attractive prizes,

Sahityacharya title of Assam Sahitya Sabha

writers. But it seems the present committee of the Sabha is doing out the prestigious awards to benefit themselves rather than showing actual respect to the literary figures involved. If they were sincere about the recognition, these figures should have been invited to adorn the post of the Sabha president first. But it seems, given the stakes involved, a group is not willing to let go the post to any other deserving candidate and are warding off potential aspirants by rewarding them the Sahityacharya titles. Yours etc., CHITTARANJAN PATHAK, Uzan Bazar, Guwahati.

DDK's grand initiative Sir, – The Sahityacharya award has been used for wounding of potential aspirant to the Sabha president's post. Few years back, when there was a clamour for the post of the Sabha presidency, a deserving litterateur was sidelined from the race by being conferred the Sahityacharya title. Recently the present controversial committee of the Sabha announced Sahityacharya titles for three Assamese

certificates, etc. The show that has been telecast all over India from the third week of February has been gaining huge popularity among the people. Undoubtedly, it is a breakaway from the normal programmes aired on Doordarshan North-east. As audience, we feel that DDK Dibrugarh is doing a commendable job by providing an excellent platform for the budding dancers of Assam and even the neighbouring NE States. Such initiatives are nothing short of an inspiration for the present generation. Our State abounds in a pool of untapped potential in diverse fields, waiting for the right opportunity at the right moment. Kudos to DDK Dibrugarh for offering them the much-needed platform. Yours etc., GURU-BANDHU CHAKRABORTY, Mission Para, Digboi.

Cotton College Sir, – St Stephen's College, Delhi Schools of Economics, Hindu College, Jubilee Hall, to name a few, still remain as constituent colleges under Delhi University (North and South campuses), maintaining their federal struc-

tures/identities. Fortunately, the ill-conceived idea did not creep into the minds of some politicians in Delhi to make St Stephen's College a university. Then what was the necessity to make Cotton College a university? The Cotton College occupies a place of pride in the minds and hearts of many Assamese whether they are its alumni or not. The people of Assam cherish its name. It should have been preserved as an institute of heritage. The attempt to rewrite history is a bad trend.

Besides, a city university should have been constructed with constituent colleges of Guwahati in the line with Delhi University, if at all it was necessary. The term excellence by itself is goal-oriented. However, excellence in any fields can't be achieved just like that. It must go through processes. Yours etc., PRAFULLA DOWRAH, Guwahati.

Misusing religion

Sir, – This refers to your editorial 'No end in sight' (AT, June

6). Indeed, the mayhem created by

the different terrorist outfits on

innocent civilians now and then leaves one deeply saddened. The gruesome and wanton killings these indoctrinated and psychopathic terrorist outfits like the ISIS, Boko Haram, etc., carry out in the name of religion make one wonder which religion they follow and where have they got licence to kill innocent civilians.

Whatever maybe the cause and effect, we as civilized human beings have a role to play here. We need to deeply investigate why and how people as small as 15-16 years in age can be lured by these terrorist outfits to carry out gruesome acts of hatred. The Islamic intellectuals cannot sit idle by simply saying that these acts are un-Islamic. They need to come forward and be more active to see that no one is able to misuse religion to lure innocents to carry out such evil agenda. Yours etc., SADIQ HUSSAIN LASKAR, Guwahati.

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Repair work of 2 PWD roads inaugurated

CORRESPONDENT

TIHU, June 8: In a step towards development, Pabindra Deka, MLA, Patacharkuchi LAC inaugurated the renovation work of two important PWD roads of Tihu subdivision on June 5. The 3.5-kilometre Tihu-Soalmara PWD road will be repaired at a cost of Rs 58.8 lakh and the other road that is going to be repaired is six kilometre-long Tihu-Hirabhangha PWD road.

The two PWD roads have been in a deplorable condition for the last 10 years. It needs to be mentioned here that the Haribhangha and Makhabaha units of All Assam Students' Union had submitted a memorandum to the authority concerned and had staged a road blockade programme earlier considering the suffering of the people.

In his lecture, Deka mentioned that around 40 PWD roads will be renovated with in this month at Patacharkuchi constituency.

3rd int'l day of yoga to be observed across Kokrajhar dist

CORRESPONDENT

KOKRAJHAR, June 8: The Kokrajhar district administration has decided to observe the 3rd International Day of Yoga on June 21 across the district in a befitting manner.

Kokrajhar Patanjali Yogi Samiti will centrally organise the programme at Kokrajhar Government HS & MP school playground. The inaugural function will start at 6 am.

It has also decided to observe the day at the office complex of Gossaigaon SDO (C) Bashbari High School playground for subdivision level, Dorna HS school playground, Kochugun HS school playground, Titagarh Iragdoo community hall and at the office complex of Hatidura Development Block.

OBITUARY

Rita Phukan

GUWAHATI, June 8: Rita Phukan, wife of late Anil Phukan and a resident of Palash Path, RG Baruah Road here, passed away on June 5 at the GNRH Hospitals, after a prolonged illness. She was 75. She leaves behind her daughter.

Jagatjyoti Singha: a tribute

My maternal uncle Jagatjyoti Singha, who will remain immortal for his deeds, passed away on May 27. He leaves behind his wife, two sons, a daughter and many relatives, friends and disciples.

Jagatjyoti mama was born on April 8, 1934 at Sridharpur Salchhipur in Cachar district and was the second son of late Gostha Behari and Mansima Devi. He served in the Railways in various capacities at different places, even at Zirbam in Manipur. While in service, he used to preach Vaishnavism as Guru Gurukal Das among his many disciples.

Jagat mama's railway quarter at Malagona was a shelter home for many Bushimupuri Manipuri students of Gauhati



A rally being taken out to mark the death anniversary of cultural icon Parvati Prasad Baruah, at Sonari on Wednesday. — UB Photos

Illegal encroachers evicted once again in Dibrugarh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

ters here.

DIBRUGARH, June 8: The district administration on Wednesday applied the provisions of the Assam Land and Revenue Regulation to burn down as many as 75 houses on the bank of the Brahmaputra river to evict the illegal set-

ters here. The district administration led by executive magistrate Dipu Deka conducted the destruction of the illegal structures between Laxminath Bebaroa Children's Park and the Panchali stretch. The exercise was carried out in the presence of a huge police force and CRPF jawans.

It may be mentioned here that the district administration had evicted more than 80 families from the area on May 2 after destroying their houses using JCB but the families had reconstructed their houses again. The eviction team destroyed the reconstructed houses again on Tuesday but the unperturbed

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NRL celebrates World Environment Day

STAFF REPORTER

plantation drive. Speech and

drawing competitions on the theme were organised in two nearby schools on May 30 and June 1, where children participated enthusiastically. On May 29, an interactive programme on environment protection was conducted for truck drivers.

Eminent environmentalist Ja-

dav Payeng visited NRL on June 1 with a packed itinerary.

He interacted with students of DPS

Nimaluguri and Prayash Vidya-

mandir, stressing on the impor-

tance of flora and fauna, environ-

ment protection and shared his

experience of developing a green

belt on his own. He also planted

saplings with the students in the

school premises.

Payeng was accorded a warm welcome and was felicitated by Director (Technical) N.R.L. BJ Phukan and other senior officers. He visited the green belt surrounding the refinery and appreciated the efforts taken by N.R.L. for environment monitoring and improvement.

A 'Nature Walk' was organised on June 4 to appreciate unexplored facets of flora and fauna of N.R.L. surroundings.

On June 5, 'a Walkathon for a healthy Planet' was organised from N.R.L. Township to Refinery in which more than 100 employees of N.R.L. participated.

Director (Technical) BJ Phukan flagged off the walkathon.

A plantation drive was car-

ried out at a function where the World Environment Day flag was hoisted.

An environmental pledge was undertaken by all the employees. Award-winning students of speech competition from nearby schools enthralled the audience with their impressive speeches emphasising on the need for connecting people to nature and preserve the environment.

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cerned to generate awareness about the importance of the vaccine and help quell ru-

nours about the ill effects of these vaccines.

The additional CM&HO (FW)

also informed that there were no known side effects of the rotavirus vaccine and that it has been successfully administered in several countries so far.

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with an assessment and feedback session from all the

departments. The event saw a substantial turnout of local villagers.

Erosion poses threat to Kalaigaon-Adarshagaon road

CORRESPONDENT

KALAIGAON, June 8:

River Noa has always been wreaking havoc during the annual floods in and around Kalaigaon town. Although several schemes have been implemented from time to time by the authority to combat stop flood-induced river bank erosion, nothing special has been done as yet checked. The river is also likely to change its course at no. 2 Kalaigaon.

Severe erosion by the river

has already engulfed more than 25 bighas of land during the last five years. Embankment construction and boulder-pitching activi-

ties have failed miserably, thereby posing a severe threat of washing away the Kalaigaon-Adarshagaon road at no. 2 Kalaigaon. Unabated erosion has also posed threat to Kanaklata Das Bio-

diversity Park diversity.

The road under reference could be washed away at any moment if more flood-induced erosion is not checked. The river is also likely to change its course at no. 2 Kalaigaon.

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Rotavirus vaccination in Golaghat dist from June 14

GUAHATI, June 8: A

meeting of the District Task Force for Immunisation (DTFI) on introduction of rotavirus vaccine in the district was held on Saturday at the conference hall of the Deputy Commissioner's Office here, an official release stated.

The vaccination pro-

gramme will be formally launched on June 14 and training and workshop for ANMs and ASHA workers

has already been conducted in this connection.

Around 18,000 children in

Golaghat district under the age of one will be administered the vaccine at 6, 10, 14 and 18 weeks, along with OPV and Penta, which have already been introduced under the Universal Immunisation Programme.

Additional CM&HO (FW), Dr SM Sarma informed that adequate stock of the vaccine is available in the district.

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Rupak Sarmah, MLA, Nagaon laying the foundation stone for repair works of the Babejia-Dalong Ghat road, at Babejia in Nagaon district on Wednesday. — UB Photos

Assam Oil School of Nursing observes 32nd foundation day

CORRESPONDENT

TINSUKIA, June 8: The

32nd foundation day of Assam Oil School of Nursing, established in 1986, was celebrated recently at the nursing school auditorium in presence of Anup Tamuli, GM IC (HR) IOCL (AD) Digboi, Dr PC Goswami, GM (Med), PK Nath, DGM (Lrn & Dev, CC & CSR), Dr Dayananda Dewrah, retired head of IOCL (AOD) Hospital, senior officials, medical practitioners, paramedical staff and students of Assam Oil School of Nursing. The students had

participated in a two-day programme and later they were presented with certificates and awards for various internal competitions held during the year.

Today on the day of his ad-

yashaswida, I along with his

family members, relatives, friends and well-wishers, pray

to the Almighty for the eternal peace of his departed soul.

— Santi Kumar Singha

Mama's death has been mourned by the International Bushimupuri Manipuri Forum, Sri Sri Bhubaneswar Sahid Ashram, Silchar, Sri Radhamadhab Sevasram, Ma- ligao, Guwahati and many social organisations.

Mama was also very popular among the members of the railway employees' union.

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He is survived by his wife,

two sons, two daughters, be-

sides a host of relatives.

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— Ramen Barman

es. In the presence of Mritunjay Pramanik, Executive Director (AOD) and other senior executives and employees, the pledge was administered in Assamese, Hindi and English languages. The trilingual pledge was taken by employees simultaneously at the Digboi Refinery, General Office, Workshop, AOD Hospital, and Naziriting water treatment plant.

On June 5, activities started early with tree plantation by the dignitaries at various designated areas. A fair on environment titled, 'Paribesh Melas' and a public function were held at Paragbari Chalha auditorium to involve the people of Digboi and nearby areas in the World Environment Day programme. The concluding function saw the participation from employees, Forest department officials, State government representatives, NGOs, media, school and college students and residents of Digboi town.

The dignitaries gave away prizes to the winners of the various competitions. Tree plantation at various locations of Digboi township was a major activity in which the AOD management, officers and employees participated to continue the Green Mission of the corporation. As an awareness generation drive, a quiz cum-knowledge sharing session was conducted for the contractors and workers on environmental issues like pollution sources, effect on environment, remedies, endangered animals/plants, global warming and climate change, ozone layer depletion, renewable energy, fresh wa-

ter, etc. This was followed by tree plantation to mark the occasion. Among other activities on the World Environment Day 2017, the power and utilities department helped realise the action of releasing fish fingerlings in the Naziriting river and the water body in Digboi Golf Links, Swachhi Bharat Abhiyan too was undertaken at AOD New Market.

Another popular event held under the umbrella of World Environment Day 2017 was the Earth Walk in which over 800 school children from 19 schools in and around Digboi participated. The senior members of the AOD management along with other senior executives of IOCL (AOD) encouraged the children with their presence. Earth Walk was also organised with an aim to sensitise the younger generation and the general public about the extreme care that needs to be accorded to issues related to a clean and green environment.

Dr Umakanta Barman

Dr Umakanta Barman, the eldest son of late Dr Lakshmi Kanta Barman, a freedom fighter and social worker of Naharli town passed away on May 28 at his residence at Rehabari, Guwahati. Born on March 20, 1922 at Naharli, he completed his graduation in Veterinary Science from the Assam Veterinary College in 1957. He was the editor of the

first edition of the journal of the Veterinary College, VET-COL in 1956. He retired from his job as the Joint Director, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Department, Assam in the year 1990 after serving honestly since 1957. During his service period, he served at different places of Assam in various capacities. He was also the Joint Secretary of Veterinary Service Association. Our father was known for his

Jumbo menace at Gohpur

BISWANATH CHARIAL, June 8: A herd of wild elephants has been wreaking havoc in the southern part of Gohpur on the bank of the Brahmaputra river for the last couple of days. The elephant herd has caused widespread degradations at Bordoloni and Bakai Doloni villages under Gohpur subdivision of Biswanath district.

According to the villagers, the herd has come from the

Kaziranga National Park and damaged property and crops. It may be mentioned here that the southern part of Gohpur falls under the sixth extension of the Kaziranga National Park.

The people of the affected area have urged the Government to execute a proper wildlife management strategy through well-trained forest guards and high-end technology. ~ Correspondent

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Jorhat	36.5	26.8
NLakshimpur	38.8	25.5
Shillong	36.0	26.0
Imphal	33.6	22.2
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Aizawl	33.2	13.2
Agartala	36.0	26.2
Kohima	38.0	18.6
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6-year-old boy kidnapped

TURA, June 8: Criminals abducted a six year-old boy from Danglong in North Garo Hills district after locking his parents in an adjacent room.

The ordeal for the boy's parents, who are teachers, lasted for over 45 minutes. Five masked persons entered their house and locked them in a room. It was only later that the parents discovered that their child was missing.

The gang also took their car which was later found dumped near Nallari village in Golparba district of Assam. The kidnappers left a phone number.

SP of NGH, Dalton Marak said, "We suspect the hand of a gang led by one Mithun Sangma of Menaboda. Operations to rescue the child is underway." — Correspondent

Former MLA joins UDP

TURA, June 8: United Democratic Party (UDP), a regional party in Meghalaya, which has been looking to get a foothold in Garo Hills, was bolstered on Wednesday by the joining of former MLA Nidhuram Hajong. He joined UDP along with another aspiring candidate, Chris Kabul A Sangma, both of whom are expected to contest the upcoming 2018 elections.

While Hajong is expected to contest from Maheendraganj, Sangma will contest from Selsella constituency. The duo joined the party in a meeting organised by party's West Garo Hills district committee at Rongkhon Derangitung near here. — Correspondent

Arunachal Tourism Conference opens

ITANAGAR, June 8: Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu inaugurated the three-day Arunachal Tourism Annual Conference here on Wednesday and asked the department to carry out a tourism campaign in aggressive mode.

Khandu also released a book titled 'Mohomoyee Arunachal', written by Assamese writer, Soumyadeep Dutta.

In his keynote address, Parliamentary Secretary for Tourism, Pasang Dorje Sona said that the State cannot wait for infrastructure when it has so much to offer. "Promote the State in right perspective; when visibility is gained, tourists will start to flow," he asserted. — Correspondent

Time for Nagas to end internal conflicts: NTC

CORRESPONDENT

DIMAPUR, June 8: It is time for Nagas and "internal conflicts" and "find answers to our disputes", said Nagaland Tribes Council (NTC).

While calling upon Naga people to prepare ground for sustainable settlement to the protracted political issue and towards this end, the NTC, in a statement, said, "one of the principal methods for mitigating the acrimony amongst ourselves is to talk honestly, to be honest to oneself and to one another."

Acknowledging the NSCN-IM as "one of the influential

groups," the NTC, however, lamented that "unfortunately, the golden opportunity was missed when this group opted for isolation. The group has distanced itself from the rest and in all probability the dividing line will remain," it claimed.

It further viewed that "at that opportune time, had NSCN-IM taken all Nagas into confidence without the modus operandi of pick and choose, all the consequences of conflicts, paper duels and acrimonies would have been avoided."

The "hide and seek game," it noted, "has compelled the general public and other Naga National Political

Groups to continue contesting those points raised by NSCN-IM from time to time which are found immature and unconvincing."

It also stated that the 16-Point agreement of NPC in 1960 and Shillong Accord of 1975 were under Constitution of India and "any further debate is futile." "the August 3, 2015 'Framework Agreement' was also in the same category," the NTC claimed.

It therefore, termed the claim that the 'Framework Framework Agreement' has restored the sovereignty of Nagas as "definitely incoherent, immature and deceptive."

"Also, the natural and international tradition goes that two sovereign nations do not own a single constitution or co-habit an exclusive demarcated territory," it said.

It further stated that in contemporary Naga politics, realistic perception and practical approaches can better bridge the gaps amongst our people rather than illusive rhetoric.

The NTC also said it appreciates the admission of NSCN-IM that the Nagas are economically poor and unsustainable without the generosity of India. "That is the hard fact and such humility can fetch dividends," it said.



Manipur Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and Revenue, Karam Shyam Singh presenting a memento to a participant during the valedictory function of NSS youth fest at Manipur University in Imphal on Thursday. — Correspondent

NE youth fest concludes in Manipur

CORRESPONDENT

IMPHAL, June 8: Manipur Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and Revenue, Karam Shyam Singh today said the issue of growing racism and violence against North East people should be raised in the National Level Youth Festivals and any attempt to discriminate against any citizen based on caste, gender, language, cultural features, and religion

should be condemned in the strongest possible terms.

The Minister was speaking at the valedictory function of the four-day North East National Service Scheme (NSS) Youth Festival, 2017 at Manipur University campus on Thursday. More than 300 volunteers and programme officers of Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Assam, Nagaland, Mizoram, Tripura and Manipur participated in the festival.

He said the festival will help in understanding of the rich culture of the eight Northeastern

States, Dean of Students' Welfare, Manipur University, Prof Kh Tomba Singh said youth unemployment is one of the principal social and economic challenges facing the country.

Parliamentary Secretary Rakeshwar Meetei and Parliamentary Secretary Dr. Rakeshwar Meetei and Programme Advisor, NSS, New Delhi, HK Sharma also attended the valedictory function.

Mementos and certificates were distributed to the participants from the NE States.

Arunachal to be open defecation-free by 2018: Khandu

ITANAGAR, June 8: From being the 3rd dirtiest city to become the 21st cleanest city in the country in just one year is a significant achievement made by the State Capital Complex, thanks to the 'Team Arunachal' motto adopted by Itanagar Municipal Council (IMC), Capital district administration, NGOs and individuals.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu profusely thanked and congratulated all involved in achieving the milestone at a

simple but impressive function held by IMC at the State Banquet Hall here today.

He informed that the Prime Minister is serious with all schemes and programmes announced and has made it mandatory for the CMs to submit reports on actions taken and achievements made once in two months.

"With Modiji as Prime Minister things have changed. There is a drastic change in work culture. Even if I am the Chief Minister, under him

I have to work as any other officer," he pointed out.

The Chief Minister announced that by 2018, Arunachal Pradesh will become open defecation-free State of the country. He said PHE department is implementing the programme.

Khandu called upon each and every individual to take responsibility of keeping their surroundings clean and help the system work efficiently.

Deputy CM Chowna Mein stressed on creating civic

empowering youths through the activities such as personality development and cultural exchange. A nation can progress in the right direction when the youth energy is used in a right, effective and constructive way, he added.

Registrar in-charge of the University, Prof M Shyamkumar and Programme Advisor, NSS, New Delhi, HK Sharma also attended the valedictory function.

Mementos and certificates were distributed to the participants from the NE States.

Khandu convenes all-party meet on Chakma-Hajong issue

ITANAGAR, June 8: Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu has convened an all-party meeting to discuss the issue relating to granting of citizenship to the Chakmas and Hajongs. The meeting is scheduled to be held on June 19 next at 10 am in the Chief Minister's conference hall here.

The all-party meeting is expected to be attended by representatives of all political parties for discussing at length all the relevant issues pertaining to grant of citizenship rights to the Chakmas and Hajongs. The meeting is scheduled to be held on June 19 next at 10 am in the Chief Minister's conference hall here.

It requires a mention here that distressed at the Centre's proposed move to grant citizenship rights to the Chakma-Hajong refugees residing in Arunachal Pradesh, the State's apex students' organization, AAPSU had recently submitted a memorandum to the CMO urging the State government to convene an all-party meeting on the

Mortal remains of Maj Manlun laid to rest



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

SHILLONG, June 8: The mortal remains of Major David Manlun, who was martyred during an encounter

made for the Nation. "We are privileged to have a son like him who was very courageous," Khamzalam said.

He said that the sacrifice of Major Manlun would not go in vain and would motivate other youths from North East to join the Indian army. Major Manlun's mother, Mamuanniang Manlun also said that she is proud of her son's sacrifice while praying for the departed soul.

Major Manlun's colleague in 164 Territorial Army Lt Col Yeshika Awani said that Major Manlun was a "cheerful and energetic person" and was always trying to do something different.

Others who attended the funeral service were Captain Clifford Non-

grum's (Kargil war martyr) family. Incidentally, the Nongrum family are also from Madaniriting.

Major Manlun graduated from St Anthony's College before he joined Indian Army in 2008. "He used to command our NCC unit and we grew up together in Happy Valley-Madnating area. This is a personal loss for all of us who were a part of the community in Anthony's and locality," one of the martyr's friends said.

Major Manlun attained martyrdom during an encounter with ULFA, NSCN (K) at Lappu in Nagaland's Mon district on Tuesday. During the encounter four ULFA cadres were killed. Three soldiers were also wounded.

with militants on Tuesday along the Assam-Nagaland border, was laid to rest with full military honours at Assam Regimental Centre here today.

The funeral service was attended by hundreds of people. In the morning, Meghalaya Governor Banwarilal Purohit visited the residence of the bereaved family to offer his condolences.

Major Manlun's mortal remains were flown to 58 Gorkha Training Centre Helpdab yesterday and received with full military honour.

Speaking at the funeral service, Major Manlun's father, M Khamzalam, a retired army personnel said, he was "proud" of his son and the sacrifice he

Gun making unit busted in Imphal

NEWMAI NEWS

IMPHAL, June 8: A gun manufacturing unit was busted at Langol Game Village Zone-I in Imphal West district today by Manipur police who also seized various related items and arrested the person running the unit's.

Police said, one Yangkholo Haokip was running the 'gun manufacturing unit' at his residence. The police on learning the development, cordoned off the area and conducted a search operation.



The police claimed that two country made pistols, some parts of country made pistol, equipments and tools used in making country made pistols, one computer set used for printing underground demand letters and receipt books, 97 'demand letters', etc., were seized from the residence. The police said the owner of the computer set was also picked up.

Mizoram blockade enters third day

CORRESPONDENT

AIZAWL, June 8: The joint action committee of Serchhip town has requested the Mizoram Government to revoke the transfer order of a surge from Kohashit district hospital, which resulted in the blockade of NH-54, the economic lifeline of the State that entered day three today.

The people of Kohashit, spearheaded by Kohashit joint action committee (JAC), imposed an economic blockade on the National Highway since Tuesday in protest against the closure of oil filling stations of Dr Zothansanga Zading, a

district hospital to Serchhip district hospital. Serchhip is the constituency of Chief Minister Lal Thanhawla.

The Serchhip JAC issued a release today requesting the government to revoke the order for Dr Zothansanga Zading and transfer Dr Zothansanga to Serchhip instead.

The Serchhip JAC said it is extremely saddened by the economic blockade against the people of Mizoram by Kohashit JAC by blocking NH-54.

The JAC of Kohashit, has intensified their blockade by choking all diversion routes connecting Assam and Mizoram from Wednesday evening.

Long queues of vehicles were seen at filling stations in Aizawl as the vehicle owners and drivers anticipated shortage of fuel due to the blockade.

Supply of sub-standard belts to Manipur police to be probed

CORRESPONDENT

IMPHAL, June 8: Manipur Government has constituted an inquiry committee to probe the supply of alleged poor quality belts to Manipur Police department.

The committee to be headed by Additional Chief Secretary Dr Suheel Akhtar, with Special Secretary R Sudhan and IGP (Admin) Dr S Ishaq as members, will submit its report within a month's time.

Chief Minister N Biran Singh told a press conference

NSCN-IM warns anti-Framework Agreement agents

CORRESPONDENT

here on Tuesday that directive has been issued to the Monitoring Cell led by Additional Chief Secretary (Home) Dr J Suresh Bahu to investigate the alleged supply of sub-standard belts to the State Police department after receiving complaints on social networking sites.

By Additional Chief Secretary Dr Suheel Akhtar, with Special Secretary R Sudhan and IGP (Admin) Dr S Ishaq as members,

Khoutane along with two teams of Monitoring Cell conducted verification of stocks of the central store located at 1st Battalion Manipur Rifles and Imphal West SP's office complexes.

Singh said he personally

visited these stores later after the team informed him that there was need for a thorough probe as the supplied belts were of very poor quality and inferior to the samples produced at the time of tender. The belts, recovered from these stores, were of very poor quality, he said.

MS Md Gan Khan, the firm which had supplied such sub-standard belts has been blacklisted and a thorough investigation would be made against the firm. The supply was made during the year 2013-14.

DIMAPUR, June 8: Reiterating that the Framework Agreement signed between Government of India and NSCN(IM) collective leadership offered "hope for a new era for Nagas", the NSCN-IM accused "some elements" of being hell bent and actively working towards exacting "maximum collateral damage to the historic political achievement".

While stating that the Government of India led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi is demanded that Dhar be released from the Ministry for his alleged anti-party activities particularly at the constituency of Congress leader and Deputy CM RC Laloo in West Jaintia Hills district. — PTI



Meghalaya Chief Minister Dr Mukul Sangma inaugurating the new school building of Garudachal Vidyapeeth school at Ampati on Thursday. — UB Photos

Printing technology is the mother of all technology: Minister

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 8: The Second North East Print Tech-2017 organised by the Printing Technologist Consortium of North East in association with the North East Newspaper Society was inaugurated by State Minister of Science and Technology & IT Keshav Mahanta at the Maniram Dewan Trade Centre here today.

In his inaugural speech Mahanta said the event would help boost the economy of the State as it is bringing together printers, businessmen, technologists and customers on one platform. Printing technology may be regarded as the mother of all technology and the window of knowledge, he added.

Mahanta stated that the emergence of IT and its implications in the printing industry have changed the printing world totally. "Printing technologists of the North East would be benefited by exposure to the new and latest technologies of printing at the fair. The Department of IT, Government of Assam will extend all possible help for development of printing technology in the region," he asserted.

Speaking on the occasion, HV Prabin Hazarika, Chairman, Trade and Commerce, Government of Assam; Rita Saini, MD of Genesis Printers; Anil Deka, secretary, North East Print Tech and other distinguished guests were also present on the occasion.

Over 40 pan-Indian companies are participating in the four-day event. Apart from display and demonstration of all modern printing machinery in pre-press, post-press and allied machinery, several workshops on printing technology and allied subjects have also been lined up during the four-day event.

Speaking on the occasion, HV

Sheth, president, Indian Printing, Packaging and Allied Machinery Manufacturers' Association (IPAMA), New Delhi, said Assam has vast scopes with regard to printing technology and the fair would surely boost the economy of the region.

Welcoming the guests on the occasion, Pranab Talukdar, president of Printing Technologist Consortium of NE, said that the fair would help in creating awareness about the latest technological developments of printing technology among the people of the region. He added that it would also help in entrepreneurship development in the printing sector in the north-eastern states.

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Activists of the CPI (M) taking out a procession in Guwahati on Thursday, protesting against the alleged attempted attack on party general secretary Sitaram Yechury by RSS members during a press conference in New Delhi on Wednesday. - AT photo

MP meets Rly official

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 8: Lok Sabha MP Gaurav Gogoi met NF Railway General Manager Chahayate Ram here today and discussed various development-related issues and other issues of mutual interest, said an official statement.

Centre institute

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 8: The Union Cabinet, under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister, yesterday decided to bring the Dr B Borobha Caner Institute (BBCI) under the Department of Atomic Energy, Govt of India.

In a statement, BBCI Director Dr AC Kataki today thanked the Chief Minister, the Health Minister, the DNER Minister, DAE, NEC and GMDA for their support in this regard.

Fake currency

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 8: Fake Indian currency worth several lakh rupees was recovered from Rukmingaon area this evening. A person has been detained in this connection.

Participating in the function, Dr Tushar Rane, chief of UNICEF Assam, hailed the initiative of the State government.

Week-long campaign against child labour

GUWAHATI, June 8: The State labour and welfare department, in collaboration with the Axom Sarba Siksha Abhiyan has launched a week-long campaign against child labour to commemorate World Day against Child Labour on June 12, a press release stated.

In this connection a programme was organised at the Madhavdev International Auditorium, Panjbari on Tuesday. The programme began with a series of events, including poetry writing and poster making in which over 100 children from various schools took part.

State Chief Secretary VK

Pipersenia, while launching the programme underscored the need for creating awareness among the people against child labour. He also released a communication package for the child labour campaign.

Additional Chief Secretary KV Eapen welcomed the children and other guests. He said that the main objective of the week-long campaign is to create awareness about the issues related to child labour and related laws.

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Assam State Biodiversity Board

Guwahati

NOTICE

The Assam State Biodiversity Board invites applications from Post-graduates in Zoology, Botany, Animal Ecology & Wildlife Biology, Microbiology, Environmental Science, and Geography for 3 months "Internship Programme on Biodiversity Conservation". Last date for submission of application is 27th June 2017. For further details, please visit www.asbb.gov.in

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Sd/- Member Secretary-ASBB,

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tender affixing court fee stamp of Rs.8.25 (Rupees Eight and twenty five paisa) only (Non refundable) are invited from the registered contractors/ Suppliers for Supply of Garage tools & accessories required for the 16th AP (IR) Battalion, Batali, Bornoijpur, Morigaon (Assam). The tender will be received by the undersigned up to 11.00 hrs. on 16.06.2017 and will be opened on the same day at 13.00 hrs. in presence of the tenderer or their authorized representatives. Details may be seen in the office of the undersigned.

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Sd/- Commandant,

16th AP (IR) Bn, Bornoijpur
Morigaon, Assam.

Felicitation

GUWAHATI, June 8: The felicitation function of Bibungsar Basumatari, rank holder in the last HSLC Examiner was held today at New Art Players building, Jorpurkhuri here.

Besides Bibungsar, his parents and others accompanying him and they were all felicitated with a phulam gamucha each. Bibungsar was given a cash award of Rs 10,000 and a citation.

Health camp

GUWAHATI, June 8: The Ajoy Roy Memorial Society (ARMS) organised a free eye check-up and diabetic detection camp at Sri Gurukaran LP School here recently, a press release stated.

The health camp was inaugurated by Guwahati Mayor Mrigen Sarania. Altogether 150 people were provided free medical service, a press release stated.

Sharma said that the main objective of the meeting was to make the public aware about various government services meant for them.

Dr Sankha spoke about new health schemes like Atal Amrit Abhiyan and on how to avail

'Ignorance deprives people of benefits of Govt schemes'

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 8: The Kamrup Metro district administration, along with Sonapur District Hospital organised an awareness meeting on various services provided by the health department and its line departments on Wednesday.

At the meeting District MLA Atul Bora, District Development Commissioner of Kamrup Metro Barnali Sharma, Additional Deputy Commissioner Palash Pratim Bora, Joint Director of Health Services Dr Ganesh Saikia, Circle Officer of Sonapur Dhruba Hazarika, Superintendent of Sonapur District Hospital S Dhar and other senior officials were present.

Sharma said that the main objective of the meeting was to make the public aware about various government services meant for them.

Dr Sankha spoke about new health schemes like Atal Amrit Abhiyan and on how to avail

such benefits. He requested the line department heads to cooperate along with the health workers at the field level.

Mla Bora said that as the Sonapur District Hospital serves a huge population, every health worker should be responsible for providing the best health services. He said no one should die without medical care and treatment and hence, all should do their respective duties.

Bora assured that very soon he would take necessary action for engagement of required manpower at the District Hospital and make it fully operative.

Hazarika requested the health workers, government employees and public to work in harmony so that a conducive environment exists and services could be rendered to the public in the best way possible.



Noted intellectual Dr Hiren Gohain and others releasing a book, Manab Adhikar Dastabez written by Lachit Bordoloi and an audio CD titled Kajal Kajal Megh, written by Shikha Bordoloi, at Gauhati Press Club on Thursday. - AT photo

CITY

RE-QUOTATION

Sealed quotations are invited from the interested firms / suppliers for supply of ELECTRICAL GOODS in DC's Office, Bongaigaon for the year 2017-18 to be received w.e.f. 31.05.2017 to 15.06.2017.

The details information and other terms and conditions may be obtained in the Nazar Branch, DC's Office, Bongaigaon during office hour upto 15.06.2017 at 3:00 PM.

Sd/- Deputy Commissioner,
Bongaigaon

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RECRUITMENT NOTICE

THE GAUHATI HIGH COURT AT GUWAHATI (HIGH COURT OF ASSAM, NAGALAND, MIZORAM AND ARUNACHAL PRADESH)

Dated Guwahati: 08.06.2017

No. HC.V-26/2017/533/Estd. Online applications are invited from eligible candidates for temporary engagement of 10(ten) Law Clerks in the Principal Seat of the Gauhati High Court

For details, please visit the official website of the Gauhati High Court viz. www.gchonline.gov.in.

Sd/-REGISTRAR (ESTABLISHMENT)
Janasanyog/3168/17
Gauhati High Court, Guwahati

K. K. HANDIQUE STATE OPEN UNIVERSITY

City Office: Houseford Complex, Last Gate, Dispur, Guwahati-6

Advt. No. RI/2017

Applications are invited from the Indian citizens for the following Non-Academic posts -

1. Dean (Academic) - One post

2. Deputy Director (Multimedia) - One post

The form of application with details of required qualification, scale of pay, age limit etc. can be downloaded from the website of the university www.kkhsou.in or can be obtained from the University office at Patgaon/Houseford Complex. The application should be accompanied by a Bank Draft of Rs. 500/- (Rs. 600/- in case of application form obtained from the university office) in favour of KKHSOU to be drawn at Guwahati. The last date for submission of application is 19th June, 2017.

Application in the prescribed format should be sent to the undersigned in an envelope superscribed "Application for the post of....." Janasanyog/472/17

Sd/-Registrar

OFFICE OF THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL (A&E), ASSAM MAIDAMGAON, BELTOLA, ASSAM-781 029.

PRESS RELEASE

KIND ATTENTION OF ALL CCOs/ COs OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM

The programme for verification & reconciliation of departmental figures of both receipt & expenditure, with those booked in the books of Accountant General (A&E), Assam for the fourth and final quarter of the financial year 2016-17, is scheduled to commence from 07.06.2017 and would continue up to 30.06.2017 (on all working days Monday to Friday except holidays). The programme for reconciliation has already been communicated to the Government, in the Finance Department, vide this office letter No.TMC/3-3/VER/PN/2016-17/192 dated 02.06.2017.

All CCOs/COs are therefore, requested to depute their officers, to attend this office, along with statement of receipt and statement of expenditures, with classification, on the days of reconciliation, as stipulated.

It may please be noted that this office would not entertain any request for reconciliation for the fourth quarter after 30.06.2017.

Sd/- M.K. Bramhane

Deputy Accountant General (A/Cs, VLC & GE).

Admission Notice

The H.S. 1st Year and B.Sc. 1st Semester Classes (Science Stream Only) of Pathumbari Model School, Adra, Makhadwaliya will be started from this session (e.g. Session 2017-18). The prospectus and the application form is being issued from 7th June, 2017 to 22nd June, 2017 between 10.00 am to 4.00 pm from the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Goalpara and PWD Guest House, Duhnoi.

Sl. No. Name of the Course Last date of submission of application form Date of counseling & admission

01 H.S 1st Year 22-6-2017 28-6-2017

02 B.Sc. 1st Semester 22-6-2017 29-6-2017

The venue of collection, submission of forms, notification of merit list as well as counseling and admission will be taking place at the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Goalpara.

Subject offered in HS and Degree Classes along with the number of seats in major subjects are as follows :

Sl. No. Subjects available for HS Total No. of Seats

1 English 200

2 Alt. English

3 Assamese

4 Physics

5 Chemistry

6 Mathematics

7 Biology

8 Computer Science

Sl. No. Subjects available for B.Sc. (Major) Total No. of Seats

1 Physics 30

2 Chemistry 30

3 Mathematics 40

4 Botany 30

5 Zoology 40

6 Computer Science 40

Reservation of seats will be regulated as per Govt. Rules

Sd/- Deputy Commissioner & Chairman, Governing Body,

Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Adansila Mahavidyalaya, Amjonga, Goalpara.

Janasanyog/481/17

Army to deploy 'through the wall' radars in Kashmir

ANANTNAG (Jammu and Kashmir), June 8: Aiming to detect terrorists who might be hiding in wall cavities or false ceilings, the Indian Army will now use "through the wall" radar imaging during counter-insurgency operations in Kashmir Valley.

A few such radar systems have already been imported by the Army, official sources said, explaining that the terrorists were hiding in a specially created false ceiling or an underground cavity in the same house that had been raided, said a senior official involved in the anti-militancy operations. It would enable forces to get the pinpointed location

of terrorists hiding inside homes in congested areas and also avoid civilian casualties.

On more than one occasion,

the Army and the Special Operations Group of Jammu and Kashmir Police have had to return without engaging with militants despite specific intelligence inputs. Local informers later conveyed that the terrorists were hiding in a specially

created false ceiling or an underground cavity in the same house that had been raided, said a senior official involved in the anti-militancy drive.

This happened on July 8 last year as well when security forces gunned down Burhan Wani, poster-boy of the banned terror group Hizbul Mujahideen. The first time they tried to get him, they couldn't locate any terrorist in the house in a village in Kokernag in south Kashmir despite precise intelligence tip-offs.

The commanding officer and his men, it is learnt, entered the house twice but were unable to find any terrorists who were hiding in a false ceiling. During the third round of searches, the

hiding militants gave themselves away when they fired at the Army men. It was only after that three men, including Wani, were killed, leading to unrest in the entire valley.

Often troops face hostile crowds when they are unable to locate a terrorist at a house notified by human intelligence as well as technically generated intelligence.

Given the many hits and misses, need was felt for "through-the-wall" radars which would help troops function better during counter-in-

surgency operations especially in densely populated areas, sources said.

The radar is based on short electromagnetic waves generated by the "signatures" of people hidden behind the wall or other concrete barriers.

It is useful for detecting small changes in electromagnetic waves induced by humans; this includes even micro-movements caused by breathing, an official explained.

The images on the radar will give Army an upper hand in determining the position of

hiding terrorists and their movements on real-time basis, he said.

Though the Army has imported only a few such radars, officials are hopeful that the number would go up once their utility was put to test.

Interestingly, the Electronics and Radar Development Establishment, a wing of the Defence Research and Development Organisation, has been making attempts to build the radar indigenously. The product has not moved to the trial stage yet. - PTI

Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd., Assam Asset, Naxra

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

CE(C/w), Tender Cell, Civil Housing, Naxra invites e-bids under Two Bid System from reputed and experienced working contractors for the following services.

Tender No. RCSSC17006 Name of work: ARC for repair & maintenance of Residential & Non-residential building at Lakshmi Nagar, Naxra, Dibrugarh. Period: 3 years. Total estimated value Rs. 7.500/- Period of sale of tender documents: 12-06-2017 at 09:00 hrs. to 06-07-2017 upto 14:00 hrs. (Through e-portal). Technical commercial bid closing/opening date/time: 06-07-2017 at 14:00 hrs./15:00 hrs. Note: In case of exigencies ONGC at its option may decide to extend tender sale/losing/opening date/time in future which will be posted on the referred website for information. Bidders should approach ONGC for the latest information in this regard. New vendors should ensure to approach ONGC for issue of vendor code along with all the required documents minimum 5 working days prior to bid closing date.

For details of tender including corrigendum if any, please log on to website: tenders.ongc.co.in & tender.ongc.co.in

EDUCATIONAL NOTICE

Results of Combined Entrance Examination [CEE]- 2017 held on 4th June, 2017 for Admission into B.E./B.Tech. courses in the State Engineering Colleges of Assam for the session 2017-18 will be available on 9th June, 2017 from 3.00 P.M. at www.dteassam.in.

Sd/-

Director of Technical Education, Assam, Kahilpara, Guwahati-19.

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Press Release

The Candidates of the following District who have applied for Khadim-Ul-Hujaj of Haj,2017 are requested to appear before the Selection Committee for final selection of Khadim-Ul-Hujaj in the office of the Joint State Haj Committee, Assam, Meghalaya etc., Near Dispur Treasury, Assam Secretariat Complex, Dispur, Guwahati on the date and time as mentioned against each below. The Candidate should bring the original documents for the Interview.

Sd/-

Raghavendra Suhasa, DIG, Security said today that a small "mazar" was being run by a suspected ISI spy Deena Khan at Chohatan of Barmer, which was being used for the purpose.

"The amount collected at the shrine did not come from Pakistan but was used to fund spying activities," he said.

All of them are now under judicial custody. - PTI

No. DHTCM(C)3/2017/181
Notice for Cancellation of Bid

This is to inform you all concerned that the IFB invited vide No. DHTCM(C)/ET/2017/1 dtd. 21/02/2017 for construction of 6 Nos. HTC Building in different locations of Jorhat has been cancelled due to insufficient technically qualified Bid and invited short Re-Bid for the said works.

Sd/- Director,
Handloom & Textiles,
Assam, Guwahati-1.
Janasanyog/1151/17

Sd/- Executive Officer & Secretary
Joint State Haj Committee
Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland etc.
Dispur, Guwahati- 781 006.

Short Tender Notice (Inviting e-tender)

No: SMEJIMCH/989/PV-VII/2017/1486 Date:07/06/2017
Sealed bids (two bid system) are invited from manufacturers/ firm/ dealers/ suppliers for purchase of Neurosurgery equipments for up-gradation of Neurosurgery Department in Jorhat Medical College & Hospital, Jorhat at JMC, Jorhat, as per following schedule:

Date and Time of Publishing Bid Document	Pre-Bid Meeting Date	Date and Time of End of Bid Submission	Date and Time of Opening of Technical Bid	Date and Time of Opening of Price Bid
12:30PM of 12.06.2017	12:00 PM of 21.06.2017	11:00 AM of 10.07.2017	12:00 PM of 10.07.2017	10:00 AM of 18.07.2017
1. The details of the tender, formats, terms & conditions and subsequent addendum /corrigendum / cancellation /re-tender etc may be obtained from the institutional website www.jmcjorhat.org.in . 2. Tender shall be submitted online only through the website: http://www.asamtenders.gov.in/ . The bidders are also requested to submit the hardcopy of their tender documents to the O/o Principal cum Superintendent, Jorhat Medical College & Hospital, Jorhat after successful submission of their tender online. 3. The Institute reserves the right to reject any / all applications without assigning any reason whatsoever.				

Sd/- Principal cum Chief Superintendent
Jorhat Medical College & Hospital, Jorhat.

No. DHTCM (C)/ET/2017/184

Press Notice for Short Re-bid

The Press Function & Textiles, Assam, on behalf of the Governor of Assam invites re-bids for the following works having experience of similar nature of work.

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4	Construction of HTC Building at Charata in Nalbari District for 2016-17	0/-	0/-	0/-	0/-
5	Construction of HTC Building at Kharishinal in Nalbari District for 2016-17	0/-	0/-	0/-	0/-
6	Construction of HTC Building at Bihali in Sonitpur District for 2016-17	0/-	0/-	0/-	0/-

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RABHA HASONG AUTONOMOUS COUNCIL SECRETARIAT : DUDHNOI ADVERTISEMENT

The Rabha Hasong Autonomous Council is proposing to sponsor a free residential training in GNM and D. Pharm. The training will be conducted by the Assam down town University (A State Pvt. University) for D. Pharm and Solase Institute of Nursing, Goalpara for GNM. Applications admitted from the Rabha Hasong Autonomous Council, Rabha Hasong Autonomous Council, within the jurisdiction of RHAC and to administer in FDR, DDC, DOST residential training programme. The Rabha Hasong Autonomous Council will bear the Admission and Course Fees only. The candidate will have to bear the expenses of Fooding, Lodging/Accommodation, Transportation and other expenses as admissible for the whole courses.

Name of Course	Duration	Number of Seats	Eligibility
GNM	3 (Three) years	10 (Ten) Nos.	12th passed with 40% marks in any stream, Age-18-26 years
D. Pharm	2 (Two) years	2 (Two) Nos.	12th passed with 40% marks in any stream, Age-18-26 years

While candidate can register in RHAC and submit their application in the concerned Council, all relevant documents like Mark sheet, Pass Certificate, Passport size photograph & caste Certificate etc. to the office of the undersigned and may be submitted to the concerned Councilor of RHAC constituency on or before 21st June 2017 indicating the name of course. The application form can be collected from the Rabha Hasong Autonomous Council Secretariat, Dudhnoi, Goalpara. The interested candidate may also apply at the mail ID principalsecretaryrhc@gmail.com up to 21st June, 2017. The interview will be held on 22nd & 23rd June, 2017, at 10:00 AM in the Secretariat of RHAC, Dudhnoi Goalpara. The candidate should bring original testimonials at the time of interview.

Sd/- Principal Secretary
RHAC, Dudhnoi



Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM) activists torching police vehicles near a traffic post in Darjeeling on Thursday. - UNI

New Secretariat for Darjeeling

DARJEELING, June 8: The West Bengal government would build a new Secretariat in Darjeeling for development of the hills, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee today said.

"The decision to construct a Secretariat has been taken at the Cabinet meeting here and it will be named as Tenzing Norgay Bhawan. Work will start in six months," she announced.

Talking to reporters after the Cabinet meeting which was held in the hill station after over four decades, she said, "The people in the hills were neglected for a long time. We will try our best to usher in development for them."

"The people in the hills are as have been demanding development. Nothing had happened during the Left rule of 34 years, but things have changed after our government took over. We have done so many development works here. I am proud to say that I

Commanders asked to ensure jawans' safety: CRPF DG

NEW DELHI, June 8: CRPF commanders have been asked to "ensure" that jawans come back safe from operations, the new chief of the paramilitary force has said in the backdrop of 40 personnel losing their lives in the last few months in Chhattisgarh.

Making a dig at the GJM's agitation programme, she said, "They have the democratic right. Let them do it. They have no issue."

On the GJM's opposition to the alleged "imposition of Bengali language" in the schools in the hills, she again made it clear that Bengali was not a compulsory subject. "Rather, we gave recognition to the Nepali language," she said.

She said that the Cabinet decided to make Chandannagar in Hooghly a new Police Commissionerate. It will be the sixth police commissionate after Howrah, Bidhannagar, Barrackpore, Ansals-Durgapur and Siliguri. - PTI

safety of jawans being of paramount importance.

"I have told them that the safety of jawans and troops in operations and the overall success of operations is the most important thing," the CRPF Director General (DG) told PTI.

Both these points are essential in order to keep the motivation and morale of the men high. A success brings further positive results and in the last few weeks, there have been some good operations in the Bastar area and other left wing extremism-Hits States, he said.

Bhatnagar said he has travelled to all the theatres where the force is deployed – be it

LWE, militancy and law and order in Jammu and Kashmir and counter-insurgency in the Northeast – and has asked his men to take action based on good intelligence inputs.

"We are working to enhance and provide our teams with better equipment and gadgets, scientific aid and dog squads so that they are aware of the terrain they are working in and are able to take on the Maoists in a better capacity.

"It has been told to the commanders that the teams that go out should be briefed well, equipped with arms, ammunition and other logistics," he said. - PTI

Modi govt clean, but lacks flagship schemes: TRS

HYDERABAD, June 8: Senior TRS leader AP Jithender Reddy today praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi's three-year "clean and scandal-free" governance, but said the Centre lacks "patriotic flagships programmes".

The TRS floor leader in Lok Sabha said that their strategy for the presidential election slated next month would be decided by party chief and Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao.

"His (Modi's) intentions are very good... Whatever he is trying to do, it's a clean government without any scandals," Reddy told PTI giving his party's assessment of three years of the Modi government.

Reddy said the Chief Minister has also praised Modi.

"KCR has said Modi has done very well, and it's a non-corrupt government," he said.

"Mission 'Bhagirathi', a drinking water project and 'Mission Kakatiya' to rejuvenate village tanks are among the flagship programmes of the TRS government," he said.

"It is the TRS government enjoys a 'good relationship' with the Centre. As a newly born State, we want our State to grow. Our only intention is whatever has been promised in the State Reorganisation Act (which created Telangana), that should be given to us," he said.

On the strategy of the TRS vis-a-vis next month's presidential polls, Reddy said the Chief Minister has been authorised to take a call on the issue. - PTI

is doing. That's what the CM has said. We are always with the government only on issues-based grounds. If they do good, we say good. If they do wrong, we say wrong," he said.

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Frequent adjournments are considered a major cause of rising pendency of cases. The high courts have been pressing subordinate courts in their States against granting frequent adjournments in cases.

The task force also recommended amending a key law dealing with time-bound settlement of commercial disputes.

The Department of Legal Affairs in the law ministry is looking into the possibility of amending the Commercial Courts, Commercial Division and Commercial Appellate Division of High Courts Act 2015 to allow establishment of commercial courts at the district level in some States. - PTI

doings business.

"Provisions for overall time standards and the rule on adjournments per case is not followed in more than 50 per cent of the cases," the task force observed at one of its recent meetings.

The panel stressed that the law of three adjournments should be strictly followed to reduce the pendency – a whopping three crore cases across India courts.

The task force was set up by the government to suggest changes in judicial procedures for faster disposal of commercial disputes and to improve the country's ranking in the World Bank index of commercial disputes.

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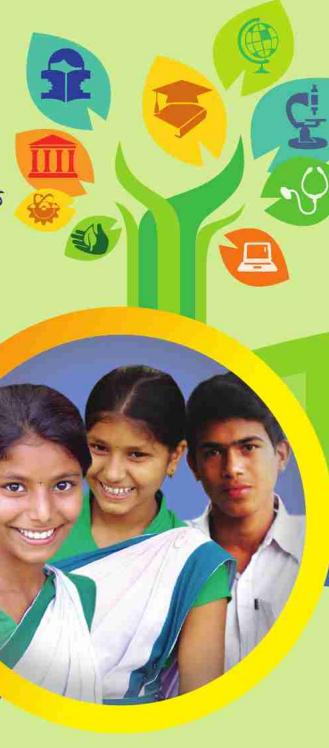
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উচ্চ শিক্ষা বিভাগ

অর্থনৈতিকভাৱে পিছপৰা পৰিয়ালৰ ছা৤্ৰ-ছাত্ৰীক

উচ্চ শিক্ষাৰ আওতালৈ অনাৰ অসম চৰকাৰৰ

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অসম চৰকাৰৰ উচ্চ শিক্ষা বিভাগৰ দ্বাৰা
ঘোষিত অভিনৰ আঁচনি

২০১৬-১৭ বৰ্ষত উচ্চতৰ
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(২০১৭-১৮) বাবেও এই বছৰ
এই আঁচনি সম্প্ৰসাৰণ কৰা হৈছে।

দুৰ্যোগ ছা৤্ৰ-ছাত্ৰীসকলৰ মাচুল বেহাই

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এই আঁচনিয়ে সামৰি লোৱা শিক্ষনুসন্দৰ্ভ -

- সকলো চৰকাৰী আৰু প্ৰাণীশৰ্কৃত মহাবিদ্যালয়।
- গুৱাহাটী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়।
- ডিগ্ৰিগত বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়।
- বড়েলো বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়।
- কটোৱা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়।
- কূমৰূপ ভাৰতীয় বার্মা সংস্কৃত আৰু পুৰাতন অধ্যয়ন বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়।
- উইমেন্ট ইউনিভার্সিটি, যোৰহাট।

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Trump feels 'totally vindicated'



WASHINGTON, June 8: US President Donald Trump feels "completely and totally vindicated" by the testimony of fired FBI director James Comey who alleged that he was asked to drop the probe against former National Security Advisor Michael Flynn, according to his private lawyer.

Comey's seven-page written testimony that was meant as his opening statement during his Congressional hearing tomorrow was released a day ahead by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence.

In the testimony, Comey alleged that Trump asked him for a pledge of loyalty and told him to drop an inquiry into Flynn. Comey also said that he informed Trump that he was not under FBI investigation.

"The President feels completely and totally vindicated," Marc Kasowitz, an attorney representing Trump in the special counsel probe into Russia's interference in the 2016 election, said in a statement.

"He is eager to move forward with his agenda," he said.

Comey, who was fired by Trump last month, dropped the bombshell by his statement which many experts say could be seen as obstruction to justice.

According to Comey, Trump also made a long series of comments about the problem with leaks of classified information.

Comey recounted a January 27 private dinner in the White House Green Room with the President.

"I need loyalty, I expect loyalty," Comey quoted Trump as saying.

Comey continued: "I didn't move, speak, or change my facial expression in any way during the awkward silence that followed. We simply looked at each other in silence."

Comey states that Trump asked him on several occasions to publicly state that he was not under investigation. But Comey also confirmed in his statement that he told Trump he was not under investigation, as Trump asserted in his letter to Comey explaining his firing. - PTI

Trump reaction to attacks repugnant, says Iran

TEHRAN, June 8: Iran denounced Donald Trump's reaction to deadly ISIS group attacks in Tehran as "repugnant" today after the US president warned the nation is reaping what it sows.

Thirteen people were killed and more than 40 wounded in the attacks on Tehran's parliament complex and the shrine of revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini yesterday, the first claimed by ISIS in Iran.

Trump said the US would "grieve and pray" for the victims, but added: "We underscore that states that sponsor terrorism risk falling victim to the evil they promote."

That was condemned by Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, who tweeted: "Repugnant WH (White House) statement... As Iranians counter terror backed by US clients."

The six attackers were Iranians who had joined IS, the deputy secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council, Reza Seifollahi, said on state TV.

They were armed with rifles and pistols and at least two blew themselves up with suicide vests, Iranian media reported.

Police said five people were arrested around Khomeini's shrine on suspicion of involvement, while the intelligence ministry said a third team had been stopped before the attacks started.

ISIS has threatened to step up recruitment within Iran, releasing its first Persian-language video in March in which it threatened to "conquer Iran and restore it to the Sunni Muslim nation as it was before." - AFP

Slight temperature rise may cause 'deadly heat waves' in India

WASHINGTON, June 8: India may experience more deadly heat waves in the years to come, with even a slight increase in average temperatures likely to cause hundreds of deaths, a new study warns.

Using data gathered by the India Meteorological Department from 1960 to 2009, researchers from the University of California, Irvine, in the US found that when mean summer temperatures in India were from 27 to 27.5 degrees Celsius, the probability of a heat wave killing more than

100 people grew from 13 per cent to 32 per cent – an increase of 146 per cent.

There were only 43 and 34 heat-related fatalities in 1975 and 1976, respectively, when the mean summer temperature was about 27.4 degrees Celsius.

However, at least 1,600 people died from excessive heat in 1998, when the mean summer temperature was higher than 28 degrees Celsius, researchers said.

The average number of heat wave days over the five-decade study period was 7.3 per year. The most heat wave days occurred in 1998 (18), when 1,655 people died, and 2003 (13), when 1,500 people died.

"The impact of global climate change is not a specter on the horizon. It is real, and it is being felt now all over the planet," said Amit Agarwal, associate professor at UCI.

"It's particularly alarming that the adverse effects are pummeling the world's

Comey's testimony creates political storm in US



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Political pundits in the US said this could be the most watched Congressional testimony in recent decades.

It could even be the most tweeted Congressional hearing as several US news channels are planning to carry the hearing live from the US Capitol.

Comey's statement describes the behaviour by Trump that was at best "inappropriate", and at worst "illegal".

said Democratic Senator Ed Markey.

"Trump, on numerous occasions, sought fealty from the FBI Director, attempted to interfere with an historic federal investigation, and then fired Comey after both requests were spurned," he said.

"By repeatedly and improperly asking Comey to 'lift the cloud' that was darkening his administration, asking him to 'let it go' in reference to the investigation into former National Security Advisor Michael Flynn, and then summarily firing the FBI Director, Donald Trump appears to have obstructed justice. Comey's testimony details a pattern of disturbing behaviour and a disdain for the rule of law by Trump," Markey said.

House Minority Whip Steny Hoyer demanded that the Congress should launch an independent, bipartisan commission to get to the bottom of Russia's attempts to undermine our democracy and to what extent they had contact with the Trump campaign as they did so.

Congresswoman Jackie Rosen said the prepared remarks offered by the former FBI Director are deeply worrying.

"I am especially concerned by the President's attempts to interfere in the FBI's work by asking about dropping investigations into Michael Flynn and ties between the Trump campaign and Russia. It disturbs me to know that the President would ask our chief law enforcement officer for his loyalty in exchange for job security, and then fire him in the middle of an ongoing investigation," he said.

Congressman Jim Himes said Comey's statement paints a detailed and disturbing picture of a President obsessed with loyalty, secrecy, and exerting inappropriate pressure to achieve his goals. - PTI



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un poses with participants during the 8th Congress of the Korean Children's Union (KCU) in Pyongyang, on Thursday. - UNI

N Korea test-fires multiple anti-ship missiles: Seoul



SEOUL, June 8: North Korea test-fired multiple projectiles believed to be ground-to-ship cruise missiles Thursday morning into its eastern waters, South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) said.

The short-range surface-to-ship cruise missiles were launched from the city of Wonsan on Pyongyang's east coast in the morning, the JCS said in a statement.

The missiles flew about 200 km into North Korea's eastern waters. South Korea and the US were jointly analyzing details on the test-launches.

The South Korean military has strengthened surveillance and vigilance in preparation for additional Pyongyang provocation, while maintaining full defense preparedness, the JCS said.

North Korea projectiles were not ballistic missiles. Under UN Security Council resolutions, Pyongyang is banned from testing any ballistic missile technology. The test-firing by Pyongyang came as the US military dispatched nuclear-powered aircraft carriers to waters off the Korean Peninsula.

The test-launches were immediately reported to South Korean President Moon Jae-in right after being detected, according to local media reports. Pyongyang has conducted missile test-launches five times since Moon took office on May 10. - IANS

Modi arrives in Astana, India set for SCO entry

ASTANA, June 8: Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in the Kazakh capital today on a two-day visit to attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit where India and Pakistan will be inducted as full members of the bloc, in the first ever expansion since its inception in 2001.

India's entry into the China-dominated grouping is seen as a major milestone as it is expected to increase the group's regional geo-politics and trade negotiations besides giving it a pan-Asian hue.

Experts say India's inclusion may even bring down Beijing's overarching influence over the SCO.

The Prime Minister will address the SCO Summit tomorrow and is expected to meet Chinese President Xi Jinping amid growing differences between the two countries over a host of issues, including the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor and India's Nuclear Suppliers Group membership bid.

If the meeting takes place, then it would be the first between the two leaders after India boycotted the high-profile Belt and Road Forum held in Beijing last month in which 29 world leaders took part.

India abstained from the Summit to highlight its concerns over the USD 50 billion China-Pakistan Economic Corridor which is part of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and passes through Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK).

There is also speculation about a possible meeting between Modi and Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif to ease the growing tension between the two neighbours. - PTI



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Eating red onions may help fight cancer, say scientists including one of Indian origin, paving the way for a natural pill that can treat the deadly disease.

Onions activate pathways that encourage cancer cells to undergo cell death.

Onions as superfood

Red onions may help combat cancer, finds a study



amounts of anthocyanin, which enriches the scavenging properties of quercetin molecules.

"We found onions are excellent at killing cancer cells," said Abdulmoniem Murayyan, post doctoral student at University of Guelph.

The team tested five onion types grown in Ontario and discovered that the Ruby Ring onion variety – that has hard, firm, tall globe-shaped bulbs with dark red colour features – has the strongest cancer-fighting power.

"The next step will be to test the vegetable's cancer-fighting powers in human trials," said Murayyan.

These findings follow a recent study by the researchers on new extraction technique that eliminates the use of chemicals, making the quercetin found in onions more suitable for consumption.

Other extraction methods use solvents that can leave a toxic residue which is then ingested in food, said Suresh Neethirajan, professor at University of Guelph.

"This new method that we tested to be effective only uses super-heated water in a pressurised container," he said.

"Developing a chemical-free extraction method is important because it means we can use onion's cancer-fighting properties in nutraceuticals and in pill form," he added.

They promote an unfavourable environment for cancer cells and disrupt communication between cancer cells, which inhibits growth, researchers from University of Guelph in Canada said.

Onions as a superfood are still not well known. They contain one of the highest concentrations of quercetin, a type of flavonoid, they said.

The team found that red onions not only have high levels of quercetin, but also high

(Source: PTI)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! To Friday, June 9, 2017:
This year you often see both sides of an issue. You know what you want, but sometimes you have difficulty pushing for it, as you understand where the other party is coming from. If you are single, your attractiveness seems to have increased. Single men and women who are looking for a mate can now take time to consider their options. Take your time, and trust your judgment. If you are attached, the two of you learn to demonstrate more flexibility with each other. SAGITTARIUS can gossip; be careful about what you choose to share with him or her.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
***** The Full Moon adds high energy to your day. Don't be surprised by the amount of calls you receive. You might be happiest if you detach from the high emotional levels of others and opt to gain a new perspective on what is happening. Tonight: Respond to an intense alarm.

Taurus (April 20-May 18)
***** Your financials would be subject to the intensity of today's Full Moon. You have the energy to deal with the various issues that pop up. If you maintain a sense of humor, a situation that develops might not be too difficult to handle. Tonight: Listen to a friend's grievances.

Gemini (May 19-June 17)
***** The Full Moon lets you feel close to unstoppable. Your associates might not be as flexible as you are. Help others learn how to go with the flow. Don't push a partner on a money matter, especially if he or she seems touchy. Put away from the day's craziness.

Cancer (June 18-July 22)
***** You might think that maintaining a low profile will help you avoid the fallout of an emotional situation. Though this is likely, it can't prevent the other parties from expressing their disapproval. Fatigue could take over by the end of the day. Tonight: Listen to an invitation.

Lion (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** Friends want your time and attention. A loved one lets you know in no uncertain terms that he or she wants to be your main focus. You will make an attempt to please everyone, but you still might experience a backfire. Tonight: Decide what you want, then follow through.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
***** You are asked to answer to a question could become quite demanding. At the same time, elements of your domestic life also need your attention. Regardless of what you choose to focus your energy on, expect to be a little frustrated. Tonight: Consider an escape for the weekend.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***** Communication continues to be heavy and demanding. You have little choice but to respond. As your mind drifts to other matters, you might become accident-prone. Use caution around hazardous materials. Tonight: Hang out with an easygoing friend or loved one.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***** You have little choice but to push yourself to do more than you normally would. This could cost a lot. Avoid taking a risk right now. Tonight: Fight not to break the bank.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
***** Your negativity tends to come from out of nowhere. If you feel pressured by today's Full Moon, in addition to others' demands, you are likely to become unavailable, both literally and emotionally. Think of the strength of your reactions. Tonight: Meet a friend for dinner.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
***** You could feel uneasy about a situation that becomes more pronounced than you had thought possible. Those around you might be upset by your reaction to close down. Know that you don't need to discuss what is going on if you don't want to! Tonight: Happy having a good time.

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Jeje wins AIFF player of year award

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Lalpekhlua received the award in the presence of the national team, the head coach Stephen Constantine and AIFF president Praful Patel, general secretary Kushal Das and senior vice president Subrata Dutta.

Sasmita Majumder was adjudged the 2016 AIFF Women's player of the year.

Sunit Chettri, India's most prolific goal scorer ever with 53 goals from 93 matches, received a Special Award for surpassing the milestone over the last year.

AWARDS LIST

- 2016 Best Grassroots Program: Aseer Year: Punjab, Best Home-grown Coach: Inder Singh Dabholkar (Momin Baglan)

- Best Goalkeeper of Hero I-League 2016-17: Debjit Majumder (Mohun Baglan)

- Best Defender of Hero I-League 2016-17: Anas Edha (Momin Baglan)

- Best Midfielder of Hero I-League 2016-17: Alfred Keman Jarvin (Aizawl FC)

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SPORTS

Sarfraz hails 'home' crowd after stunning South Africa

BIRMINGHAM, June 8: Pakistan captain Sarfraz Ahmed said playing in front of a "home" crowd had helped inspire his side to a shock 19-run win over South Africa in the Champions Trophy at Edgbaston.

Pakistan went from zeroes to heroes in three days, bouncing back from a 124-run thrashing by arch-rivals India to top the world's number one-ranked ODI side.

Pakistan fans dominated a crowd of more than 16,000, giving it the air of a home game for Sarfraz's men in Birmingham, a city with one of the largest Asian populations in Britain.

"That is a feeling we miss, not playing in Pakistan," said Sarfraz.

"Maybe that was a difference, the crowd was supporting us and that's why the players were boosted."

Pakistan have had to play most of their matches overseas since a 2009 tour attack on the Sri Lankan team bus in Lahore.

But chants of "Pakistan Zindabad!" ("Long live Pakistan") rang round Edgbaston which was turned into a sea of green.

Sarfraz's side gave their fans reason to cheer when spinners Imad Wasim and Mohammad Hafeez took three wickets before paceman Hasan Ali removed a trio of middle-order batsmen.

Pakistan kept the Proteas to a modest 219 for eight in their 50 overs, having conceded exactly 100 more against title-holders India.

"I think the difference was our bowling and fielding," said wicketkeeper-captain Sarfraz.

"Mohammad Hafeez and Imad Wasim bowled really

well and they took the pressure off us," he said. "We had a good bowling meeting (on Tuesday),"

added Sarfraz, who saw his attack rebound after India struck 72 from the final four overs of their innings on Sunday.

"We took wickets, if you take wickets, every good team feels under pressure."

Pakistan also improved with the bat after slumping 174 all out against India.

Debutant Fakhar Zaman helped get their chase off to a brisk start.

They lost two wickets but Babar Azam (31 not out) and Shoaib Malik (16 not out) took Pakistan to 119 for three off 27, enough for victory by 19 runs on the Duckworth-Lewis method when rain ended the match.

Sarfraz praised the way backroom staff led by South

African coach Mickey Arthur had helped restore the side's self-belief.

"They backed us after defeat, they supported us very well, so that's why we played a good game."

A feature of Pakistan's performance against the Proteas was their vastly improved fielding, after a shambolic display against India.

Sarfraz drew laughter from reporters when he admitted the improvement couldn't be down to practice.

"I think actually we do no fielding at all," he said. "We had rain the other day, so actually we do nothing."

The result throws Group B wide open and gives Pakistan a chance of qualifying for the semifinals when they face Sri Lanka in their final match on Monday.

- AFP

NZ, Bangladesh face off in must-win game

CARDIFF, June 8: New Zealand and Bangladesh enter their final group match of the ICC Champions Trophy here tomorrow with the knowledge that even a win may not be enough to see either of them into the semifinals.

New Zealand are, quite surprisingly, at the bottom of Group A with Bangladesh in the third position.

Both teams have a point apiece in the biennial ODI tournament after they were each comprehensively defeated by England, while their respective matches with Australia ended in rain-induced no results.

Harts England have signalled their title intentions by cruising into the last-four stage following two convincing outings.

If Australia beat England in their last group match at Edgbaston, both the teams will be in the semifinals as they enjoy better net run-rate.

The desperation for a win is acute, both New Zealand and Bangladesh would hope for an England victory against Aus-

tralia, assuming rain does not disturb their calculations again.

While the Kiwis were unfortunate against Australia given that they were in a stronger position when the match was called off, Bangladesh were lucky to run away with a point against the Aussies.

New Zealand should have the edge over Bangladesh when it comes to local knowledge given their 87-run defeat by England in Cardiff on Tuesday.

New Zealand have the pedigree, but it would be foolish to rule out Bangladesh, given their improved showing in this format in recent years.

Inspirational skipper Kane Williamson will again be the man to watch out for in the New Zealand ranks.

Williamson made a brilliant hundred against Australia before following up with a classy 97 against England – a match where he was held but not banned for a dreadfully slow over-rate. - PTI

Guwahati to host Asian Athletic C'ship

NEW DELHI, June 8: The Asian Athletics Championships (AAC), the premier track and field event in the continent, will mark a return to India when Odisha's capital city of Bhubaneswar hosts the 22nd edition of the meet from July 6 to 9, bringing together nearly 1000 athletes from 45 countries, participating in 42 different disciplines during the four-day extravaganza. The AAC, organised by the Asian Athletics Association with the help of the Athletics Federation of India (AFI), will also act as a qualifying event for next year's IAAF World Championships, to be held in London.

Earlier editions of the AAC held in India were New Delhi (1989) and Pune (2013), making Bhubaneswar the third Indian city to host one of the flagships athletics events in Asia, after Ranchi pulled out as the host city at the last minute. Bhubaneswar, one of the hubs of athletics in the country, stepped in with 90 days to go.

The multi-purpose Kalinga Stadium, which will also host the Hockey World Cup next year, is being transformed to become a world-class track and field facility, meeting all the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) standards. Along with a newly-laid all-weather synthetic track equipped with floodlights, a state-of-the-art warm-up area has been constructed to make it a world-class training facility in the span of a little over two months, stated a release.

City to host AITA tournaments

GUWAHATI, June 8: The AITA Championship Series Tennis Tournament for boys and girls U-12 and 14 years age group will start from June 12 at the All Assam Tennis Association (ATA) Complex, Chachal here.

This All India Tennis Association sanctioned tournament will be organised by the AITA. Around 150 players from different parts of the country are expected to take part in this ranking tournament.

Kristi Boro of Assam will be the top seed in the girls U-14 event while Kritianna Sarma also from Assam will be the top seed in the boys U-14 category. Another Assam boy Andy Thaosen will be the second seed in the boys U-12 event. Along with the singles event, doubles will also be played among the main draw players.

The qualifying rounds of the tournament will be held on June 10 and 11. The finals of the tournament are slated for June 16.

Bedanta Buragohain of Assam will be the Chief Referee of the tournament. This tournament will be followed by another AITA Championship Series Tennis Tournament for boys and girls U-16 and 18 years from June 19, this was stated in a AITA press release.

Visa granted to shuttlers

NEW DELHI, June 8: The Badminton Association of India (BAI) informed that the issue relating to delay in acquiring Visa of shuttlers N Srikkanth, HS Prannoy and Sumanth Reddy has been resolved.

The players can now travel for the Canadian Open to be held in Calgary from July 11.

Senior BAI official Anand Khare acted upon the matter when it was reported that the players were not granted Visa by the Canadian High Commission. Finally the Embassy granted Visa for all the three players, a BAI release said.

Ranking TT tourney gets off

DULJIAN, June 8: The All Assam Ranking Table Tennis Tournament got off to a colourful start at the OIL Indoor Stadium, Nehru Maidan here today.

The tournament has been organised by the Duljian Table Tennis Association (DTTA) under the guidance of the Assam Table Tennis Association (ATTAA).

Asish Baruah, president of the DTTA welcomed the gathering and players in the inaugural function. About 400 padlers from all over the State are taking part in the meet.

ATTAA treasurer Narayanoti Sarma was felicitated in the opening ceremony. Sarma also formally declared the meet open.

Rajdeep Bhupan has been appointed as the tournament director for the championship while Gubinda Upadhyaya will act as chief referee. He will be assisted by Biman Bhagawati and Chandan Goswami. Subrata Singh is the observer for the tournament.

Special Olympic netball medal

GUWAHATI, June 8: The Assam team representing Special Olympics Bharat Assam won bronze medal in the National Netball Championship held at Sonipat, Haryana recently. The Assam team defeated Bihar in the final round. The players of the eight-member team were from Ashadeep Day Rehabilitation Centre and Bal Bharati's School of Guwahati.

Life in fast lane began in Sherwood Content for Bolt

SHERWOOD CONTENT (Jamaica), June 8: Usain Bolt's journey from country boy to Olympic gold medal hero and global sportsman has its roots in the rugged mountains of Sherwood Content.

Read how the tiny hamlet entails a journey from rural life to urbanity. Beginning in Kingston, visitors head north along a newly-built toll road, through a stretch of green hills and rainforests and eventually along a winding, narrow pot-holed road.

Ocean vista and glistening streams, ideal for rafting just cooling off, hug the side of the road. The village of Bolt is a product of his environment forged in the lifestyle of this rugged mountain region.

There is no mistaking the hand-painted, white stone slab sign advertising the dusty backwater village that produced that Bolt. It nestles in the Trelawny hill

region on the north side of the island, 110 kilometres northwest of Kingston.

"I taught him at the early stage for two years. He was energetic and big for his age," said Terrence St. Leger, right, who remembers Bolt from the first day he started school at age two at Piedmont Basic School.

"We had races on the field and he would cry when the others beat him," Seivwright told AFP. There are no streets signs and the confectionary store across the main road from the post office has been without running water for three weeks. Goats and cows graze freely in the village's wood and brick houses.

The village's inhabitants all plan to gather on Saturday to watch their hometown hero run his final race on Jamaican soil when Bolt headlines a track and field meet put on in honour at the National Stadium in Kingston. Bolt plans to retire on an outdoor screen.

"He started at 15 on a winning note and he wants to leave the sport on a winning note. So his main aim is to win here and be in London," his father Wellesley told AFP while relaxing on his newly-renovated grocery store until Wellesley officially retires next month.

When Bolt was nine, Wellesley took him to see a doctor because the boy couldn't sit still and didn't like to eat what to do.

"In those early days I would have quicksilver in his white pieces.

However, the Indian missed the thread of the position at a crucial juncture and went down in the ensuing endgame. Like in the first round, the second round too had just one decisive game and Kramnik emerged as the co-leader on 1.5 pts. - PTI

head," Wellesley said.

"I couldn't control him so I took him to the doctor to find out what was really the problem. The doctor said he was hyperactive.

"The doctor said just doing what you do doesn't make him stay still," Wellesley said.

"Once Bolt started running and playing cricket at school he began to settle down. A promising batsman and fast bowler, Wellesley and his teachers also saw his potential as a sprinter and urged him to devote more time to track and field. At age 15, Bolt had already reached his full height of six-foot-five and was towering over his schoolmates.

But before that, he was winning races on a consistent basis.

He left Piedmont Basic School to attend Waldensis Primary School and then it was onto William Knibb High School which offered him a scholarship.

The vice principal of William Knibb has a framed picture high

on the wall in his office of a young Bolt ready to explode out of the starting blocks.

"We saw signs of him becoming good and he didn't disappoint," Lorina Jackson told AFP. "He was such a joy of Jamaican culture and he is a household name."

Bolt also had a reputation as being a fun-loving student, who didn't always train as hard as he should.

"He was a prankster. You would feel a tap on your shoulder and turn around and he would be there saying 'What was that?'" she said.

Because Bolt would skip practice to hang out with his friends at the local video game arcade, the school coach Pablo McNeil kept an eye on him.

"I remember he didn't like training. He would do anything to avoid training so we had a coach whose job it was to find him and drag him back," Jackson recalled. - AFP

Murali first Sri Lankan to be inducted into ICC Hall of Fame

LONDON, June 8: Five-time World champion Viswanathan Anand suffered an early jolt, losing to his former challenger Vladimir Kramnik of Russia in the second round of Altibok Norway chess tournament here. It turned out to be a bad day for Anand, who earlier uncorked an interesting idea with his white pieces.

However, the Indian missed the thread of the position at a crucial juncture and went down in the ensuing endgame. Like in the first round, the second round too had just one decisive game and Kramnik emerged as the co-leader on 1.5 pts. - PTI

He became the first player from Sri Lanka and the 83rd overall to be inducted into the Hall of Fame when ICC CEO Dave Richardson presented him with a commemorative framed cap.

"It is a moment of great pride and honour to be receiving this award, especially from the ICC which is the ultimate any cricketer can aspire to achieve. The induction during this prestigious ICC Champions Trophy makes it even more remarkable," said Muralidaran.

"I thank the ICC for making this possible because this is a moment I will cherish throughout my life," he added.

Richardson added: "Murali's record speaks for itself. His control of fine, pace and length coupled with his ability to spin the ball prodigiously are legendary. Once he developed the 'doosra' he became almost unplayable."

"A character popular with fellow players and fans alike, he not only helped raise the profile of Sri Lankan cricket but was a player people come out to watch the world over." - PTI

Bopanna-Dabrowski lift mixed doubles title

PARIS, June 8: Rohan Bopanna lifted his maiden Grand Slam title by winning the French Open mixed doubles trophy with Canadian partner Gabriela Dabrowski, becoming only the fourth Indian ever to clinch a major; here today.

Bopanna and Dabrowski, seeded seventh, won the title following a stunning turnaround in final.

Playing only his second Grand Slam final, Bopanna and Dabrowski won two match points to eke out a memorable 2-6, 6-2, 12-10 win over Germany's Anna-Lena Groenfeld and Colombia's Robert Farah.

Bopanna and Dabrowski were down by two points but Farah and Groenfeld failed to capitalise on those opportunities.

Bopanna and the Canadian then had two match points and they sealed the championship when the German double-faulted while serving at 10-11.

This was only the second time in his career that Bopanna had reached the summit clash of a Grand Slam.

In 2010, he had made the final of US Open with Pakistani partner Aisam-ul-haq Qureshi and lost to the legendary Bryan brothers - Bob and Mike.

Only Leander Paes, Mahesh Bhupathi and Sania Mirza have won 12 Grand Slam trophies for India.

Dabrowski blinked first as she lost serve on the deciding point with Farah easily smashing

past Bopanna on an overhead volley, set up after a rally.

Anna-Lena Groenfeld, who celebrated her

22nd birthday last Sunday, then made it 3-1 with an easy hold.

Bopanna, feeling the pressure, hit a forehand

long to down by two breakpoints in the fifth game but managed to save both with the Canadian showing good skills at the net.

Farah though remained solid in his service game, never allowing the seventh seeds to put pressure on him.

Serving at 4-2, Dabrowski felt the heat and was broken at love when she hit a backhand. It allowed Groenfeld to serve out the set and she did it with remarkable ease.

Bopanna began the second set with a double fault but managed to hold his serve even as he argued with the chair umpire on a line call.

The desperation was palpable and it had a debilitating effect on the seventh seeds as Dabrowski yet again failed to hold serve early in the second set.

However, Bopanna and his Canadian partner got a fresh lease of life when Groenfeld dropped serve at love in the next game.

It only got better for them when Farah was also broken in the sixth game, putting Bopanna and the Canadian ahead 4-2.

Dabrowski held her serve for the first time in the match. The German hit a forehand on to the net on Bopanna's return to be down by a set point. She saved that but lost the deciding point and it was one set apiece.

In the match tie-breaker, Bopanna and Dabrowski opened up a 3-0 lead but lost five points in a row to trail 3-5.

At 5-5, Farah in his attempt to pick up a half volley, ended up being hit on his right eye on the rebound. After a see-saw battle the Indo-Canadian pair emerged champions. - PTI



Gabriela Dabrowski and Rohan Bopanna celebrate with the French Open trophy, on Thursday.

Brett Lee backs India to lift CT



MUMBAI, June 8: Aided by a balanced unit the Virat Kohli-led India have a good chance to clinch the ongoing Champions Trophy in England, feels former Australian Brett Lee.

"It's been a pretty good tournament so far. And the thing I have enjoyed is watching India play some really good cricket. India have a good chance (to win) and also I want to back my country Australia (to lift the CT)," Lee told reporters on the sidelines of a social event here.

"They (India) had a great win against Pakistan the other night (on June 4). It was a clinical win. They have got some great balance with batting and bowling. I see them going a long way in the tournament," said Lee, who had finished his international career with 380 wickets in 221 ODIs.

Lee spoke at the St Jude's Childrens Centre (for cancer afflicted children) after promoting its music therapy efforts.

India, who decimated arch-rivals Pakistan by 124 runs in their tournament-long-opener on June 4 at Birmingham, were to play against Sri Lanka today at The Oval.

A win against the Lankans will seal the semifinal spot for Kohli's men from Group B.

Lee's home country Australia, in Group A, are currently in second spot after both their games had been washed out due to rain. - PTI

Kohli sole Indian in Forbes list of highest paid athletes

NEW YORK, June 8: Indian cricket captain Virat Kohli is the sole sportsperson from the country to feature among the world's 100 highest paid athletes in the latest Forbes list topped by soccer star Cristiano Ronaldo.

Kohli, 28, has been ranked 89th on the 2017 Forbes list of "The World's highest paid athletes" with a total pay of USD 22 million that includes USD three million from salary and winnings and another 19 million from endorsements.

Describing Kohli as the "Indian cricket phenom," Forbes said the sports star "has for good reason" already drawn comparisons to all-time great Sachin Tendulkar.

Added that Kohli had continuously shattered batting records and in 2015 was named the captain of the Indian national team, making him one of the youngest players to ever hold the job.

It noted that last year Kohli made nearly USD 1 million in salary and match fees from his national team play, and he's also among the Indian Premier League's highest-paid players in the sidebar.

The list has been topped by Ronaldo with a total pay of 93 million dollars. American basketball star LeBron James comes in at the second spot with USD 86.2 million, followed by Argentine footballer Lionel Messi (3) with

80million, tennis star Roger Federer (4) with 64 million and American basketball player Kevin Durant.

However, in a troubling indication of gender inequality, the list of 100 has only one woman sports star. Forres noted that the top 100 athletes are boys' clubs more than ever, with tennis star Serena Williams, who comes in at the 51 spot with USD 27 million, the lone female athlete to make the cut this year.

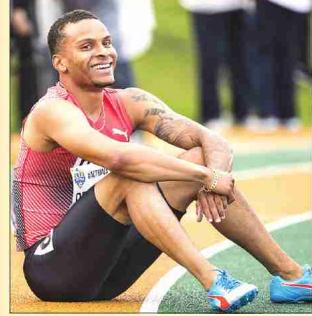
Golf legend Tiger Woods, who was arrested recently after police found him asleep at the steering wheel of his car as a result of his medical condition, comes in at the 17th spot.

Forbes said while Woods continues to "sink further away" from the player that dominated the golf landscape, "sponsors still see value in partnering with him."

The list also includes tennis greats Novak Djokovic (16) and Rafael Nadal (33), basketball star Anthony Davis (44) and soccer star Wayne Rooney (70). - PTI



De Grasse says he has 'great chance' to beat Bolt in August



Rome, June 8: Andre De Grasse isn't interested in taking over from Usain Bolt as the world's best sprinter when the eight-time Olympic champion retires later this year.

He's ready now. "I'm trying to win this year. I have a great chance and that's what I want to do," De Grasse told The Associated Press ahead of the Golden Gala Pietro Mennea meet, where the Canadian will run the 200 metres.

Bolt won't be racing in Rome, but De Grasse is looking forward to racing the Jamaican at the world championships in London in August.

"I feel like I have a great chance in both events – 100 or 200," De Grasse said.

"If I can execute my race and I'm in top shape I feel like I can do that."

The 22-year-old De Grasse took silver behind Bolt in the 200 at the Olympics in Rio de Janeiro and bronze behind Justin Gatlin in the 100. Having also anchored Canada to a bronze medal in the

4x100 relay in Rio, De Grasse became the first Canadian sprinter to win three medals in a single Olympics.

De Grasse pushed Bolt so hard in the semifinals of the 200 in Rio that Bolt acknowledged it was draining and prevented him from improving his world record a night later. At the worlds, Bolt is set to appear in two events.

"Usain is planning to run the 100m and 4x100m at the World Championships," De Grasse told the AP. "I'm not sure if he'll be in the 200 at the world championships in London."

So when would it take to beat Bolt in the 100 in August? "No idea. It's anybody's game. You can't name a time," De Grasse said.

"It's always about weather and conditions and those types of things. But it's going to obviously take a well-executed race. I have to be at the top of my game and if I can do that I can do something special."

De Grasse is working on improving his starts, which also happens to be the only area that Bolt struggles in.

"If I can have a great start and try to hold the lead that would be great. My top-end speed is good. It's all about finding the right factors to go out there and win," De Grasse said.

As a teen, De Grasse ran one of his first races wearing basketball shorts and borrowed shoes. He stood up in the blocks while others crouched. It launched his career and led him to signing a big contract that sponsors Bolt.

"Usain is a tall, tall guy growing up so most of my guys that I looked up to were in the NBA like Allen Iverson and Vince Carter," said De Grasse, who was born in Ontario to Caribbean parents.

"I never really had any track fanatics growing up that I idolised."

At the Stadio Olimpico, De Grasse's top competition should come from Olympic medalist Christophe Lemaitre of France. Also in the field is Filippo Tortu, an 18-year-old Italian making his Diamond League debut. - AP

Clash of the titans as Superclasico goes Down Under

MELBOURNE, June 8: Argentina's Superclasico showdown with arch-rivals Brazil is set to pump tens of millions of dollars into the Australian economy when they play in front of 100,000 fans tomorrow.

Although Neymar is missing from Brazil's line-up, his Barcelona teammate Lionel Messi will light up the occasion at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Melbourne is just the latest far-flung city to host the Superclasico, one of the most hotly anticipated fixtures in football, joining the likes of Beijing, New Jersey, Doha and London.

The star players at Argentina and Brazil's disposal and their bitter rivalry make the match a sure-fire hit. Resale tickets were selling for up to Aus\$607 (\$458) online on Thursday.

Friday's game has been eight months in the making with an undisclosed financial inducement to get the top two nations in world football all the way Down Under.

While the fees have not been revealed, the game, along with Brazil's next week, is forecast to inject more Aus\$50 million (\$38 million) into the local economy.

Australian promoters are hailing

Friday's game as the "best collection of world footballers to step foot in Australia".

But while organisers are enthusiastic, then-Argentina coach Edgardo Bauza made clear neither he nor his players were happy when the game was

announced last year.

"Because it comes after the club season the players don't really want to know about it," Bauza was quoted as saying.

"They want to go on holiday, they're planning which beach

they're going to be lying on with their women. And then you tell them what they have to go to Australia!"

The long trip also comes at a crunch time for Argentina, who are in fifth place – the play-off spot – with four games left in South American qualifying for next year's World Cup.

It will be the first game in charge for Jorge Sampaoli, their third coach of this World Cup qualifying campaign. Brazil have already booked their spot at next year's tournament in Russia.

According to Damien de Bohun, general manager of Victoria's Major Events, the lure of playing at the MCG, one of the world's great sporting arenas, clinched the deal.

"Melbourne is an events city, dealing with the best events – Australian Formula One, Australian tennis Open and the Melbourne Cup," de Bohun said.

"So a match involving two of the world's greatest teams, Brazil and Argentina, was a natural fit." - AFP



Argentina players during a training session ahead of their Friday's International Friendly against Brazil at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, on Thursday.

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Violence against women is not acceptable under any circumstance. Showing one's physical power upon a woman is illegal. If we take a historical look upon this matter, we will find a different concept regarding women in the Indian society. In the ancient Indian society, women were venerated as well as worshipped as goddesses, in the forms of Durga, the goddess of power and valour; Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth; Saraswati, the goddess of wisdom, art, music and knowledge, and many more. In other words, in those days, women were placed on a high pedestal in the society.

The culture of domestic violence transferred as a disease to India after the European dominance in the country. Male dominance is a significant attribute of the Indo-European society. Anthropologists attribute patriarchy to the masculine qualities needed in plough cultivation and to the control of female sexuality. Horse riding also required masculine qualities that led to male dominance. Dominancy continued as it was the males who went to war, and they were even called on for other kinds of services. As a result, the females remained uneducated, deprived and in a lower level in the societal hierarchy. Days went by but the situation did not change. In the Middle Ages, women were only meant to perform duties like giving birth, caring for children and other family members and

do household activities. Women faced the insecurity of life within their homes. They came to be abused by their own life partners.

Gradually, with the passage of time, and the modernisation of society and social laws, this phenomenon changed and a new education

Stand up, speak up

Domestic violence continues, despite stringent laws.

ASHAPURNA BORTHKHAKUR calls on women to not take things lying down.

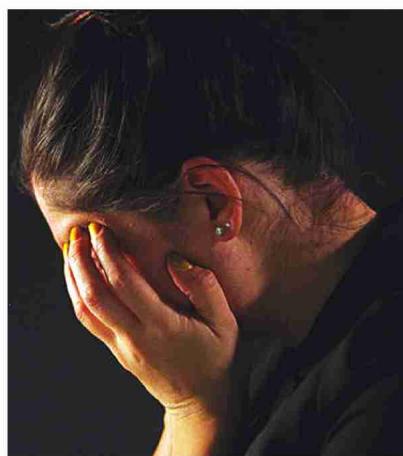
system and laws emerged. Women now are seen breaking all the barriers of social issues and problems. But the list of crimes that are committed against women seem enormous, varying from harassment, physical or mental torture, to denying their very right to exist. Domestic violence is a human rights violation and a crime in itself. The need for an understanding of domestic violence and specific legislation to address it in India has been extensively debated before the Domestic Violence Act, 2005. This Act gives power to the legislature to enact laws relating to domestic violence. This Act brings every woman, daughter, mother, sister, child (male/female), etc., into its ambit. Section 3 of the Domestic Violence Act defines domestic violence as any conduct that harms, injures or endangers the health, safety, life, limb or well-being of a woman. This act takes into consideration physical violence, sexual violence, verbal, emotional or economic violence.

These problems mostly remain unspoken because of fear, because of concerns regarding societal status and its effect on young children, plus the fear that loved ones will get hurt. That is why domestic violence affects almost 70 per cent of Indian women, according to the women and child development officials.

Unlike earlier, women are now getting equal status in more or less all the fields. But there is no end to the problems, for even with equal opportunities women are burdened with additional work. They are now needed to perform both family and professional responsibilities, without much help from their husbands. Also sexual harassment is more common at homes as well as in offices by people known to them, be it family members, relatives, neighbours, friends, superiors, etc. They have to suffer a lot to push their careers as well as to save their relationships.

In India, we do have many laws which are women-supportive in nature. We have made laws to change the future. But nothing will change until we voice our strong condemnation against such acts. Our Constitution itself urges for equality and dignity of all human beings. Article 15 of the Constitution states that the State shall not discriminate against any citizens on the grounds of religion, race, caste, sex, place of birth, or subject them to any disability, liability or responsibility. Regarding the expenses for legal suits, there is another act in place – the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, which provides free legal aid to women. These legal aid cells have been established in every district and they can help women in their fight in the highest courts of the country. Again, regarding maintenance of privacy in these cases, one can have on-camera trials where such proceedings can be held in private rooms with one mediator, advocates and only the parties, without the facts getting published anywhere else. The supportive laws are in place; women simply need to realise their rights and fight this menace with complete conviction.

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Wardrobe dilemma!



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So, I am about to start college. And the biggest problem I have right now is clothes. After being in uniform for more than 12 years, the creative side of dressing myself up to attend a place filled with other young (judgmental, if I may add) people seems to be dead. But since it's something I cannot escape, I have started preparing myself for it. However in this process I realised how crazily over-

hyped this whole clothing thing is. I have a few problems with the whole clothing and fashion industry. Number one would be that I don't like being manipulated into thinking that what I put on my body matters more than what I put on my mind. I put on a dress that makes me look thin, I don't like feeling stupid when I am in a formal party, in my jeans. Because both the times in the person inside those clothes, was the same. Has anyone noticed how these

days most 'feminism' conversations start with clothes and end with it too? I have endured endless conversations on how we women should be able to wear whatever we want. I say endured because the very next moment the people involved in the conversation would judge the women in her bright red saree, sitting in the corner of the restaurant. Please don't misunderstand me. I have absolutely no issues with the right to choose your own clothes. It's definitely one right women should have without any glitch. What I am saying is, you should not scream feminism when your mother doesn't let you wear your crop top, and be absolutely quiet when your boyfriend pays the bill. By the way, has anyone been keeping up with Cannes news? No, not that part about who's wearing what. The part which talks about the films. The thing Cannes actually celebrates. Yes, I do like to see just those stars decked up for the big event. But one picture is enough. No one needs to know about the sheep whose

wool was used to weave the garment of so-and-so. Also, I don't want to analyse Deepika's dress and see how it was so much better than Sonam's. This whole Cannes red carpet drama also gives us an indication of everyone's obsession with female beauty. I don't see men making it to the 'who wore it better' list, 'did he carry it off well?' list or any other competition where they are pitted against one another on the basis of what they wore on the red carpet.

The clothing scene changes faster than the numero uno cricket team in the world. What was fashionable last year might not be so this year. What was fashionable 20 years ago might become fashionable again next year. This is another thing I do not understand. If fashion is about looking good, then how come a person looked good in bell-bottoms in the '80s but not now? Is being fashionably 'in' just another way of trying to fit in? If so, then the clothes a person wears is certainly not an expression of him or her. We are just copying someone else. Obviously we all like to look good. Looking good gives us confidence. But do clothes play a major part in it? I don't think so. What really matters is the neatness. It's the choice of colors. It's the body posture. It's the smile!

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Learning styles

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Parents panic. School teachers give special attention. Counsellors give special time to the child. Why? Because the little child is poor in spellings or in arithmetic. Terms like dyslexia, dyscalculia, learning disability, become part of search engine history for parents, along with the treatment plans and remedies for these problems, without even confirming what problem the child has.

Do not panic if your child doesn't remember words and spellings, and cannot do maths like their other classmates. Do not overburden yourself with psychological terms, even before knowing if these are applicable to your child or not. Do not harm the peace of your mind, by overthinking about your child and his/her unsuccessful stories being reported by the teachers. Be concerned, not tensed.

As a psychological consultant, I always tell my clients, every child is unique with some unique composition of neurons and brain functions. Your child has some unique ways of behaving, thinking and even learning.



Understand how s/he learns and wishes to learn, and then understand his/her abilities.

Parents need to keep their eyes and ears open to see how their children learn. Every child has different ways of learning. The different ways of learning can be understood from the VAK Theory, as given by some psychologists in 1920, which is still applicable for today's children.

VAK stands for Visual, Auditory and Kinaesthetic learner, and this can be understood by seeing some of these signs in your child.

Visual Learner

When your child is a visual learner, your child will prefer to read things by looking into pictures, diagrams, videos, demonstrations, charts, etc. Understand these features of your child. Teach him by drawing pictures, colouring them and writing different things in different colours. This creates a picture in their mind, and while recalling the colour on some other page, they remember other information as well. Underline, highlight and encircle the important things in different words, so that they can remember better through their visualisation. However, these children are most likely to be distracted by any small movement in the classroom.

Auditory Learner

If your child is an auditory learner, be careful of what you talk. They catch simple words and may sometimes even ask you questions (which may become awkward sometimes). They often learn through listening. Sometimes they hear their own sounds and learn it. The parents must read out the letters and sentences, by keeping the child's eyes closed, so that the child concentrates just to listen to what is being read to them. Their learning could be best done by recording lectures and making them listen to it. These children may also use repetition to remember details better.

Kinaesthetic Learner

A kinesthetic learner involves himself or herself in first-hand physical experiences. They touch, feel and also need "hands on" learning in order to remember and learn better. These children are often the ones who always prefer to make their own notes and read them. These children often find laboratory experiences, field trips and field work more interesting.

Mixture of all this is often found in many children today. One may prefer to listen and make notes of the lectures and then read the important details of the study material by underlining the details. Another child may prefer to just read the details and remember them visually. Yet another group of children may prefer to read aloud the details of the content and then make charts and diagrams or flowcharts out, with different colours and post different colour tags to make the things look visually attractive, in order to retain the details better. All these things make the child a combination of Kinaesthetic, Auditory and a Visual Learner.

As a parent, your role doesn't end here. It is really important to understand how the child reacts to emotional situations. If your child is a visual learner, he/she would prefer to vent out emotions in paper, by writing down different experiences. An auditory learner would obviously prefer to talk out things, over the phone and even prefer to listen to the other person's opinion. And a kinesthetic learner would most likely prefer to work continuously to find solutions for the problem, be it taking it out or compensating for the mistakes that they do.

Beyond the scope of the VAK Theory of Learning are three more learning styles, applicable to children above the age of nine years. One is a 'logical learner', who learns only by understanding the links and logics behind everything. Second is the 'solitary learner', who reads by himself, and makes interpretation of the details. The third is the 'social learner', who learns by talking and interacting with others. These children are basically group learners, who depend on peer teaching.

Again, just as I said, do not be tensed if your child fails to learn things in your preferred way. Instead, observe your child and understand how s/he prefers to study and also understand how s/he retains details better. A few days later, you will understand his or her ways of learning effectively. Eventually that would help him/her read and retain details better, and that would also improve the academic performance of the child.

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The Go Slow movement!

We live in an era where speed plays a decisive role in all aspects of our lives. The rate at which data can be downloaded on a 4G wireless environment and the efficiency of the oven to bake a chocolate cake in double-quick time are just some of the routine impacts of the need of speed to hasten everything around us. No wonder, the modern-day cliché "living in the fast lane" and fast food joints have become an often used expression to describe the life of an average urban dweller in almost all parts of the planet.

If anyone, especially from the epicentres of today's rat race - the metros, happens to find Aladdin's lamp today, the genie would be asked to fulfil one wish: somehow speed things up so that most tasks at hand can be completed on time. I have seen how a typical day in a school going kid's life is packed up with so many activities, including travelling from home to school, playing sports, homework, television - the day disappears at a frantic speed. The story is even worse for people at work, especially in big cities. Time has become a premium and people are left with no choice but to sacrifice many things just to cope up with their daily deadlines. This constant race against time tends to tire out the person at the psychological level, which adversely impacts the general well-being of the individual.

Yes, people keep talking about effective time management and to essentially manage the 24 hours at his or her disposal more meaningfully. Well, it's quite possible to manage our time better by applying basic management principles or just pure common sense. But many a time, we are left with no choice and despite the best of our intentions and efforts we just can't quite manage to beat the clock. This race against time on the fast lane of modern life will be an enormous challenge, no less than what our forefathers encountered where they had to fight health hazards like the plague before medical science could figure out ways to deal with the killer disease. It appears that when, as human beings,

we are pushed to the corner (most of time due to our own doings), we have always managed to find a way out of the mess.

Interestingly, people have already started to find a way out to handle this phenomenon also referred to as 'time poverty'. Some people are downshifting. Downshifting is a fast growing movement of people who choose voluntary simplicity in all aspects of their life. Downshifters go beyond materialism - beyond the fast life. They downshift to a slow connected life. The price that we have to pay to keep pace with the fast life is to feel a sense of disconnect. We eventually feel the need to reconnect to ourselves, our family, our community, our friends, food, native place and the proverbial good old life. There is a new movement which is all about going slow. The Slow Movement which has become popular in Europe aims to address the issue of 'time poverty' through making connections. Opposed to the culture of fast food, the sub-movement known as slow food seeks to encourage the enjoyment of regional produce, traditional foods, which are often grown organically and to enjoy these foods in the company of others. It aims to defend agricultural biodiversity. According to proponents of the Go Slow movement, it is a cultural revolution against the notion that faster is always better. The 'slow' philosophy is not about doing everything at a snail's pace. It's about seeking to do everything at the right speed. It's about quality over quantity in everything, from work to food to parenting.

I believe that despite all the pressures that we have to endure in the course of our daily grind, we must steal some time to chill out the way that we want to or can afford. I have always believed that the best rest that we can gift to our mind and body is possibly by just doing nothing at all for some time, allowing the mind and body to heal itself. I know it is easier said than done. But if we remember the times, we fell sick and had to miss school or office for a day or two, we would know that the world didn't end us, nor did our business or office collapse overnight. Yes, we need to slow things down every now and then so that we can adequately recharge ourselves to keep up with the demands of our world obsessed with being fast, faster and fastest, at all times.

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LIFE SKILLS

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The world's first operational robot police officer 'Robocop' was officially inducted into the Dubai police force at the 4th Gulf Information Security Expo and Conference (GISEC) in Dubai, UAE on May 21. The robot is around 5-foot tall and weighs 100 kgs. It can not only identify hand gestures from a distance of up to 1.5 metres, but can also detect people's emotions and facial expressions. The new recruit will be used to patrol the city's malls and tourist attractions. People will be able to use it to report crimes, pay fine and get information by tapping a touch screen on its chest. Apart from being able to chat with people, the Robocop can also shake hands with people and offer a military salute. At present, it can communicate only in Arabic and English, but there are plans to add Russian, Chinese, French and Spanish to its repertoire.

In today's Master's Choice section, do try out a set of questions on Oscar-winning movies, compiled by Richa Sarma from Guwahati.

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

MASTER'S CHOICE

- Three actors have won Academy Awards for roles in which they didn't utter a single word throughout the entire movie. Who are they?
- Which British actress won the Oscar for Best Leading Actress in 1939 for a film based upon a book by Margaret Mitchell?
- This film took home the Oscar statuette in 1948. It starred and was directed by Laurence Olivier, and also starred Jean Simmons. It was based on a Shakespearean tragedy. Name the film.
- Heath Ledger was the second person to win an Oscar posthumously. Another Australian actor holds the tragic honour of being the first. Who was he?
- Kathryn Bigelow was the first woman to win a Best Director Award in 2009 for which film?
- Who is the only actor to win back-to-back Oscars in the Supporting Actor category?

Not so serene

Rolling hills, velvety green, Sprawling tea gardens so serene; Dotted with tea pluckers' team. Their graceful movements weave a dream; Wicker-baskets slung to their backs. Two leaves and a bud they pluck with unusual knack; Nimble fingers deftly work. Baskets of young leaves get filled up; Their cheerful faces, engaging smiles, Deprivation and dismal poverty belies. Under heavy rains and intense sun, Long hours of toil is no fun. The monsters of hunger and starvation threaten, Vicious grip of penury tighten. Every exquisite cup of tea. Falls to narrate the workers' agony. For the cup that cheers, Has cost many tears. Disease, death and wretched lives, The gardens echo the workers' silent cry.

Anita Chatterjee,
Alwar, Rajasthan

FEELINGS

Outcast

I am a mushy sea shell, Abandoned on the sea-shore; No fisherman to sing my lora. The manipulative spider terrifies me Weaving its invisible web, everywhere, To catch and stop me From flying too high. Alas! Vain is my dire plea. Like a lost earthworm, I crawl, Is there a place, safe and sound? Tranquillity, lurking beneath the ground.

Anupom Kumar Hazarika,
Golaghat

Luna

Far beyond the infinity of the sky, Is a face of beauty, serene but pale; Holding within, the stories they say. Of time and suffering and patience and pain.

From a distance so far, she looks down and smiles, Her silver, soft light that fights with the dark; Her broken heart that she holds together, Is a boon for the ocean's unending mark.

Kristi Sharma,
Guwahati

Raped

She was stripped off her dignity, As his strength overpowered her. She was sitting lonely in a deserted room, Asking desperately for the nightmares to be erased. Helpless, Powerless, Not allowed to speak, She was frightened and confined, living an anguishing nightmare. Her body was shaking, thinking she might get 'raped' again, Her body discarded like a broken petal, with the bruises, The scars. She tried to tell everyone, but nobody believed her cries. Things got worse and he raped her again, All her clothes smeared with stains. The shock, The trauma, Her soul and her spirit had been 'raped'. Escaping from the situation, she pulled out a knife and cut her hand. Out of perturbation and out of the pain, She put herself in a situation she couldn't even explain. She tried to tell everyone, but nobody believed her cries, If someone had listened, she would still be alive.

Shivani Bardia,
Jorhat

Wandering mind

The wandering mind, Like a cloud floating in the night sky, Every night I see him crying, Raising his hand to be pulled, Out of the darkness.

The ceased childhood, The illusion of being happy, Every night he comes to me, And begs to be rescued.

With never ending hopes, Every night he arrives, Fills my heart with grief And turns me into a poet again.

Bithari Narzary,
Pathasali

Awakening

When life really pushes you, To reach the zenith of success, You ought to rise like a phoenix, From the burn ashes of failure. You ought to get inspired, From the soul awakening well-wishers, And

You ought to be like a flower, To be smelt, Stand and smile all alone...

Sangeeta Roy,
Guwahati

SCIENCE ZONE

Dr Pranjal Gogoi



Conservative treatment involves medication and physiotherapy. Surgical requirements may come up if the symptoms worsen or if conservative treatment fails.

Causes

The most common cause of shoulder pain is injury to the muscles. Sometimes the injury is so minimal that the patient hardly remembers. The pain could also be due to lifting of heavy objects, engaging in stressful activities or having a fall. At times, shoulder pain could be due to pain in the cervical (neck) region (cervical radiculopathy) or in case of ischaemic heart disease (left shoulder pain). Increase in blood sugar is also associated with shoulder pain.

Shoulder pain can affect people between the age group of 40 to 60 years. Females are more prone to shoulder pain than males - mostly due to womb related or hormonal issues.

Some of the few conditions

Some of the few conditions which we can manage conservatively are periarthritis shoulder, frozen shoulder, bicipital tendinitis, supraspinatus tendinitis, infraspinatus tendinitis, subscapularis tendinitis, bursitis and mild rotator

cuff injuries.

In cases of trauma like fall or fractures, the pain starts mildly and increases day by day.

Initially the patient complains of mild pain around the shoulder area and experiences difficulty in moving the joint. But generally due to negligence, lack of awareness and reluctance to visit the doctor, the condition of the patient worsens. Ignoring the pain can lead to sleep disturbances which can be a major factor for other associated illnesses. Periarthritis shoulder, adhesive capsulitis and frozen shoulder are all associated with pain and loss of movement of the shoulder.

The patient should consult a physiotherapist regarding the correct movement pattern of the shoulder. S/he should start with gentle movements to maintain the range of joint (never try to bring the range to normal forcefully as this may sometimes end up with muscle or tendon injury). Mild heat can be applied over the shoulder joint prior to making any movement. Precautionary measures should be taken to not make the condition worse.

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Timely treatment, including both medication and physiotherapy, will give good results. So, the next time when you or your near one has an aching shoulder, visit an expert immediately. Respond early and treat it easily.

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QUIZ ZONE

Sailen Baishya

Picture clue:

18. Identify the childhood picture of this great filmmaker. He was the winner of both the Bharat Ratna and Padma Bhushan. He was also awarded the Dadasaheb Phalke Award. (Vicky Kashyap, Guwahati)



ANSWERS

- Jane Wyman (*Johnny Belinda*, 1948); Sir John Mills (*Ryan's Daughter*, 1970); Holly Hunter (*The Piano*, 1993), 2. Vivien Leigh, 3. *Hamlet*, 4. Peter Finch, 5. *The Hurt Locker*, 6. Jason Robards, 7. *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*, 8. Schindler's List, 9. *Winnie the Pooh and the Blustery Day* (1968), 10. To estimate the poverty line in India, 11. In Antioch, one of the earliest centres of Christianity, 12. Yeshasvini, 13. Griffin, 14. National Aeronautics and Space Agency (NASA), 15. Belinda Clark, Australia (229°) against Denmark in Women's World Cup, 1997, 16. Ash King, 17. 18. Satyajit Ray, 19. CatRACT. It is a clouding of the lens in the eye which leads to a decrease in vision.

7. This movie was made in 2000. It is a foreign film, directed by Ang Lee, that takes place in China. It was nominated for 10 Oscars and won four. Name the movie.

8. This movie was made in 1993, and was directed by Steven Spielberg. The movie was nominated for 12 Oscars and it won seven. Which movie is it?

9. For which film did Walt Disney win his final Oscar?

READERS' CHOICE

- What are the Lakdawala Committee's recommendations used for? (Jayanta Topadar, Dhemaji)
- According to the Bible, in which city were the disciples of Jesus first called Christians? (Marry Singh, Udalguri)
- The famous cardiac surgeon Dr Devi Shetty, along with the Government of Karnataka, has come up with a low cost insurance for poor farmers of the State. What is the name of the insurance scheme? (Shajid Khan, Tangla)
- Which mythical monster has the body, tail and hind legs of a lion, and the head, forelegs and wings of an eagle? (Naina Devi, Guwahati)
- Which famous scientific organisation's motto is 'For the benefit of all'? (Abhigyan Borah, Jorhat)
- Who is the first person ever to have scored a double century in a cricket ODI? (Tirtharaz Kalita, Guwahati)
- How is Ashutosh Ganguly better known as in the singing world? (Gwshad Basumatary, Kokrajhar)
- What did George Washington suggest building on the land that is now the site of the Washington Monument in Washington DC? (Krishana Deka, Barpeta)

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

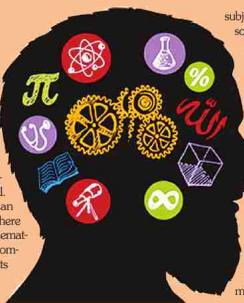
19. The name of this ailment is derived from the Latin word for 'waterfalls'. As rapidly running water turns white, the term has been used metaphorically to describe the similar appearance of the affected organ. It is also thought that the disease has been named so because the sensation experienced by the patient is similar to what happens when s/he is under a waterfall. Name the ailment. (Dr Jayanta Kr Sharma, Guwahati)

Prodyot Pran Saikia

If someone tells you that a teacher of mathematics, for example, cannot teach, say English, then kindly forgive that person. S/he is either pitifully ignorant, jealous or, is a certifiable idiot. That person is also completely ignorant about the immense capabilities of the human brain. The classic example of a mathematician being equally good in linguistics and literature is Bertrand Russell. The celebrated British mathematician bagged a Nobel Prize for literature. There are hundreds of such examples of mathematics and English literature and grammar compatibility. According to anthropologists and social scientists, humans are natural polymaths. The survival kit of homo sapiens mandate humans to be equally good in many subjects of learning, and in diverse fields of activities. Specialisation is a very recent phenomenon. A polymath is not born. He becomes a polymath by virtue of his unfettered and indomitable curiosity in almost anything and everything around him. A polymath is an active learner. His learning never stops. On the topic of polymath, Russell had said that the development of such gifted individuals (referring to polymaths) required a childhood period in which there was little or no pressure for conformity, a time in which the child could develop and pursue his or her own interests, no matter how unusual or bizarre.

The Macmillan dictionary has defined a polymath as a person who is highly intelligent, well informed, and has a lot of knowledge about many different subjects. The Cambridge online dictionary has defined polymath as "a person who knows a lot about many different subjects". It is not superficial knowledge and talent but in depth knowledge and equal expertise in many subjects that makes a person a polymath. A polymath is a highly curious person. He has an indomitable burning desire to know and learn just about anything. He is a universal learner. Hence, polymaths are also referred to as 'Universal Men'.

The "math" in polymath has nothing to do with mathematics. It does not mean "many math". In fact the word polymath is from the Greek word *polymathes* which was again derived from two Greek words, *poly* meaning much, and *mathētein* meaning knowing or learning. The Sanskrit word '*medha*' is believed to share the same roots with *manthanein*. In India, a person is recognised as *medha* when he is outstandingly good in many



Being a polymath

subjects of study. Polymaths are good problem solvers too. Polymaths are universally regarded as gifted people. There are more than 150 listed synonyms of the word polymath. A few of the synonyms are "intellectual, sage, learned, genious, overachiever, genius, brainy, erudit, erudite, scholar, brainy, expert, omniscient, philosophic, thinker, wizard, guru".

One of the best examples of a polymath is Leonardo da Vinci. Born in Italy in 1452, Leonardo was a sculptor, painter, architect, mathematician, musician, engineer, inventor, anatomist, botanist, geologist, cartographer and writer. Although he received an informal education that included geometry, Latin and mathematics, he was essentially an autodidact, or a self-taught individual. Also, Aristotle is the most celebrated polymath of all time.

Can a teacher of mathematics be a good teacher of English too? Psychologists say that both the subjects have more in common than differences. They both require abstract thought to use. They both use logical patterns to communicate meaningful information. They both have well-defined rules about how to represent that information. As these two disciplines have so much in common, often people who are good at maths are also good at learning languages, and vice versa. It is the analytical skill that one learns in maths that can be effectively used in learning a language. According to psychologists, if you enjoy maths, puzzles or analytical problems, then chances are, you'll enjoy learning languages as well.

Experts opine that many people, especially the arithmetically-inclined, love doing puzzles and games where the goal is to find the pattern to solve the problem. But they may not realise just how useful this is in language learning. In language learning, you can employ a similar strategy to make new sentences. According to experts you don't need to know every single word in the English dictionary to make words that you know are correct (or at least, perfectly understandable). For instance, if you're a native English speaker, did anyone ever explicitly teach you that you can change a verb into its past participle by adding -ed? Probably not! Most likely, you heard some examples of this rule in action, and inferred the rule by yourself. A teacher with varied teaching skills will employ problem solving interactive methodologies. As a polymath draws his knowledge from varied subjects he usually can solve problems in more than one way. And, both the subjects, mathematics and English require efficient problem-solving skills.

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The curve has no enemy; not even on a car. It gains added attention everywhere, even though very few desktop computers did ever make a statement from on top of the desk. Here is HP's Envy 34, an all-in-one, which deserves a good dekko.

Apart from its look, the HP has re-arranged the components by detaching the CPU from the back of the screen and putting it instead in a sturdy base, from which a single post rises to support the screen. The PC's innards, including a beefy and loud Bang and Olufsen speaker bar with four drivers that fire sound waves right at your head, are laid out within this foundation.

The Envy 34 runs on a 2.9GHz Core i7 processor, has 16 gigs of RAM, dual storage drives, including a 256 gigabyte SSD and a terabyte hard drive, and an AMD Radeon RX 460 graphics card. The rear and right side of the base has the ports, including a USB-C port, four standard USB ports, Ethernet, an SD card slot and HDMI and in and out. Power is supplied through a separate port.

There are two additional features on top of the base – a handy touch-sensitive volume wheel and a Qi-compatible wireless charging hotspot for your phone.

The screen is, of course, the main attraction. It's a

34-inch curved TV which wraps around your head. The idea, says HP, is that every horizontal point of the screen should be equidistant from your eyes. It features 3440x1440 pixel screen, which has Technicolor-certified colour reproduction. The Envy has shattered records on general performance benchmarks and turned in top-flight gaming and graphics numbers as well.

War on Bezel

The iPad Pro became the first Apple product to sport a bezel-free 10.5-inch display. Apple announced the new version of the tablet at the recently-held Apple Worldwide Developers Conference. The new 10.5-inch Pro has the same physical dimensions as the previous 9.7-inch Pro, just without the bezels. The new screen size gives the Pro a full-size on-screen keyboard to ensure typing on the screen a little easier.

And with Apple diving headlong into the VR and AR worlds, the Pro's cameras have now become more important than ever. The new Pro has a 12-megapixel sensor at the back, plus another 7-megapixel model in the front. Known for its reliability, the Pro is also very pleasing to the eyes. We can't agree more.

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Curved and functional

TECH TRENDS

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Drug reactions

Many new drugs have been developed that have been effective in treating psychiatric disorders successfully. However, drugs can also cause reactions that are adverse. In such a scenario, compliance becomes a problem. So, the need arises to monitor and assess them.

The World Health Organization – Uppsala Monitoring Centre (UMC) has drawn the criteria for the assessment of such drugs. With the help of these measures, Mariya Yacob, Hemendra Singh, Letty Sabu, and Mamatha K carried out a prospective observational study at MS Rajiah Medical Teaching Hospital (MSRMTH), Bengaluru.

Weight gain, sedation, and insomnia are the common adverse drug reactions. In 94.33 per cent cases, these reactions are mild in nature. In addition, 89 per cent of them are predictable. Thus, vigilance can result in safe and effective use of these beneficial drugs in the successful treatment of psychiatric disorders.

The necessity is highlighted by a research work titled "Adverse drug reactions monitoring of psychotropic drugs: a tertiary care centre study", which has been published in the *Open Journal of Psychiatry and Allied Sciences* (www.ojpas.com).

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World Environment Day (WED) is the day the planet celebrates our collective love of and reliance on nature. It helps encourage action to protect our environment and fosters a deeper appreciation of our connection to the natural world. With the major environmental challenges we face, we need environmental leadership more than ever," said Erik Solheim, Head of the United Nations Environment Programme. This year's theme – Connecting People to Nature – is meant to encourage people around the world to think about their connection to nature and how intimately we all depend on it.

A range of activities are taking place around the globe to promote environmental wellness. The UN Development Programme has compiled a collection of 82 Haiku poems that celebrate the diversity of life on earth.

In Aragon, Spain, an exhibition highlights both the beauty of butterflies and moth species found in the region and the increasing risks that these species and other pollinators currently face from the effects of climate change.

Meanwhile, work has begun to build the world's largest nature database under the guidance of UN Environment and Naturalist. Both have asked people to record the wonders of biodiversity in their own backyards and keep track of precious

plants and wildlife.

The Canadian government has been offering people free entry to its national parks, bird sanctuaries and marine conservation areas. In India, the Aurangabad Municipal Corporation has launched a massive campaign against the use of plastic carry bags, less than 50 microns thick this WED. Civic authorities are conducting raids to seize the bags and also plan on imposing penalty on sellers. The Madhya Pradesh State Biodiversity Board proposes a learning centre for young students to provide knowledge about various species of flora and fauna and the uniqueness of the region. There is a greater need for such biodiversity centres in every district of the country.

World Environment Day is dedicated to focus attention and taking positive action on environmental issues. This year's theme – Connecting People to Nature – is meant to encourage people around the world to think about their connection to nature. Soil fertility, natural water supplies, weather conditions to grow crops, controlling agricultural pests, pollinating and dispersing plants – are integral part of the everyday work for billions of farmers around the world for a healthy and sustainable food system. However, there are billion others, who hardly take notice of these functions of nature. This continuing disregard for the same has widened the gap between us and nature.

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Connecting people to Nature

SEEDS OF CHANGE

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I t was during a Staff Enrichment Programme at the university where we faced the question – Who am I? Without giving a second thought I wrote, "I am Dr Sarat Kumar Chettri". But somehow the question got into my conscience, and I started thinking of diverse responses. Perhaps I was looking for a philosophical answer, instead of a scientific one.

As time passed, the question – Who am I? – started bothering me. For the next few days, I began introspecting in order to satisfy my curiosity. I tried to look for sources to get an answer to this simple yet intriguing question. I found a video on TED-Ed by Amy Adkins which showed that throughout the history of mankind, the subject of identity crisis has been an open question.

It is more of a philosophical inquiry where philosophers, psychologists, academics, scientists

and politicians have tackled the subject of identity. Their hypotheses vary widely and lack significant consensus.

According to Osho, the spiritual leader, "Who am I?" is the most profound question in one's life. If someone does not know who he or she is, does that person know anything else for sure? If someone does not even know who he is, will he be capable of knowing who someone else or something else is?

Not knowing oneself is a big joke and the only consolation is that the majority of the population is with him. No one can help anybody as everyone is in the same state without knowing the fundamentals of who they are. On the *Oprah Winfrey Show*, Oprah Winfrey carried out an interview series on celebrities which included Nicole Richie, Brandy, Michelle Phan, Pat O'Brien, Randy Jackson and La Toya Jackson, where they had shared the qualities that define who they are and the show was mainly to demonstrate

the importance of self-reflection. The main question answered was "Who am I?" and there were different answers to it.

There arise countless questions yet to be answered or thought upon. I wonder why this kind of personal crisis is experienced by many. Is it something only confined to the teenage years?

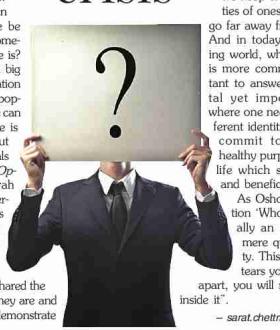
Is a person's identity based on his ethnicity, religion or culture? Does having an identity mean possessing supremacy? Is the personal crisis allied to our state of mind? Can our identity be categorised into personal and professional individuality, which changes with the roles assigned to us or with the roles we play in the various stages of life? Personal identity can come from being a son, a father, a daughter and so on, whereas a professional identity can be that of a professor, an engineer, a social activist, etc.

Developmental psychologist Erik Erikson believed that the formation of identity is one of the most important parts of a person's life, which is not confined to teenagers only; instead it is something that shifts and grows throughout life when people confront new challenges and tackle new experiences. By not knowing the real answer to this very important question, we keep creating new identities of oneself and in turn we go far away from our true self.

And in today's rapidly changing world, where identity crisis is more common, it is important to answer this fundamental yet important question where one needs to explore different identities of oneself and commit to one to get a healthy purpose of one's own life which should be ethical and beneficial for mankind.

As Osho says "This question 'Who am I?' is not really an experiment or a mere question of curiosity. This is something that tears you. Till it tears you apart, you will not know what is inside it".

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Moot

THE word 'moot' comes into use from the old English 'mōtan' meaning "to meet, talk or discuss". The exercise of discussing an imaginary law case for practice is an old, effective training method. Though, in between, this practice was reportedly put out of practice, it was re-introduced in the 19th century. Moot court is a mock court in which law students argue imaginary cases. In fact, every debate competition is also another form of moot court – where one argues for or against an issue. From that use, the word 'moot' is used to denote the core issue while dealing with a certain problem.

WORD SPEAK

The story behind words

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LETHAL

LETHE is a mythological river for the Greeks in Hades, the underworld. It is said that as the souls of the dead drank its water, they forgot their life on Earth altogether. In Greek, the word 'Lethe' means 'forgetfulness'. Ancient Romans borrowing this sense altered the Latin word for death 'letum' to 'lethum'. Finally, it entered the English dictionary as 'lethal', meaning deadly.



Judicious encumbrance - I

We all wish, with our whimsical fantasies, of becoming leaders in life. But do we possess attributes for the same? Let's see!

Responsibility cannot be split. If you "give" someone else any of the responsibility, you take it off from yourself and can use it as an excuse to slack off when the going gets rough. Traditionally, we have viewed the notion of "responsibility" in a negative way; it is a matter of obligation or of having duties. But accepting personal responsibility for your life is actually quite liberating.

There may be nothing more impactful than taking responsibility for your life. There are all sorts of benefits that you will realise, and I will go over the most important ones here:

Trust and respect from other people

Let's say you make a mistake while working on a project at work. If you admit your mistake, people are more likely to believe you about other things you do. Your word has more meaning to other people when you take responsibility. But it's not just a matter of trust.

You also earn respect when you take responsibility for your actions.

It is rare for someone to willingly and without hesitation fess up for their mistakes, so when you do, you will stick out. If you develop a reputation for being the person who accepts responsibility for his/her actions, people will often simply ignore the fact that you made a mistake altogether.

Lessons negative emotions

There are all sorts of negative emotions that come with not accepting personal responsibility. When you blame others, you may feel anger or resentment towards that person. You will almost invariably feel guilty or ashamed. The worst part about denying responsibility is an overall sense of powerlessness. When you feel like you don't have control over your life, you can easily become depressed.

There are a few blockages within us that hinder our ability to be self-reliant and a competent and responsible individual.

I wish I could say it is easy to start taking responsibility for your life, but there are roadblocks that you must learn to recognise. Each of the following is a defence mechanism employed by your mind to help protect your self-image. Taking responsibility makes you vulnerable, and your ego doesn't like vulnerability one bit.

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WEST SIDE STORY

Caitlyn's strained relationships

CAITLYN Jenner, who was recently spotted in Malibu, looked like she is starting to feel the stress of her strained relationships. It has been a rough few weeks for the 67-year-old since she released her memoir, *The Secrets of My Life* last month. Since the release, there has been a family rift, thanks to her claims about her 23-year marriage to Kris Jenner - the mother of Kendall and Kylie. The sisters are said to miss their previously close relationship with their father, who was known as Bruce before her gender transition in 2015. The rest of the family have made it clear they are not speaking to Caitlyn at the moment and are all very hurt by the memoir.

Big hearted Noel Gallagher

NOEL Gallagher has reportedly donated all profits from *Don't Look Back in Anger* to charity - amid claims he was never invited to perform at the One Love charity gig. The former Oasis rocker has faced furious backlash from his younger brother Liam for missing the benefit concert to go on a family holiday to Italy. But sources claimed the 50-year-old was never approached by Chris Martin or event organiser Scooter Braun to sing at the tribute gig in the first place.

The fund seeks to help the families and victims affected by the horrific Manchester bombing on May 22.

Tribute to David Bowie

IMAN has paid tribute to her late husband David Bowie on what would have been the couple's 25th wedding anniversary. The 61-year-old model shared a sweet post to remember her spouse, who tragically died in January 2016 after a secret battle with liver cancer.

Alongside a black and white picture of the pair, a short piece of text reads: 'I would walk forever, just to be in your arms again.' The image was captioned by Iman with the simple words: 'June 6th #BowieForever'.

AGENCIES



Back to nature

It would be an understatement to say that cricket has taken me places. When I was seven years old, my father was posted in Nantou. He was the inspector-in-charge of the Nantou Police Station. Borderlines and demarcations are complex concepts, but I was told that the bridge just a few yards from the station was the only concrete object which separated Assam and Nagaland. We lived on the edge of the Assam-Nagaland Border. My cricketing journey has its origin in this outlandish region with beaten paths and brooding mountain heads. My friends and I would take our bicycles, with our bats hanging loosely in the carrier and tennis balls in our pockets, and go to the mountains to play cricket tournaments. We would brave the scorching heat with Sachin's photo in our pockets (cut meticulously from daily newspapers), with raw dreams in our eyes of playing for India someday. We were like a pack of wolves who travelled around to show off our skills.

Buti, Biki, Pappah, Rinku, were my partners in crime. We would spend hours in the river or pond, catching fish, perfecting better strokes, timing underwater swimming. But when the sun set behind our shoulders, we were always found exhausted playing cricket. It had been a ritual back then, it was this urge to play cricket day in and day out.

The bridge that I mentioned in the beginning always stood there like

meditating monk, unperturbed by the heavy onslaught of vehicles. When I was seven years old, my father was posted in Nantou. He was the inspector-in-charge of the Nantou Police Station. Borderlines and demarcations are complex concepts, but I was told that the bridge just a few yards from the station was the only concrete object which separated Assam and Nagaland. We lived on the edge of the Assam-Nagaland Border. My cricketing journey has its origin in this outlandish region with beaten paths and brooding mountain heads. My friends and I would take our bicycles, with our bats hanging loosely in the carrier and tennis balls in our pockets, and go to the mountains to play cricket tournaments. We would brave the scorching heat with Sachin's photo in our pockets (cut meticulously from daily newspapers), with raw dreams in our eyes of playing for India someday. We were like a pack of wolves who travelled around to show off our skills.

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Dzukou Valley is famous for its seasonal flowers, especially for the Dzukou Lily which blooms in the month of June and July. We didn't see the famous lily but we had the privilege to see rhododendrons in full bloom.

The descent from the guest house to the valley was smooth as butter. It released all the pain accumulated while climbing the tough peak. The wind drove away our sweat. I remembered Rousseau's famous phrase "Return back to nature" and felt a powerful (almost spiritual) connection with the untamed, unbridled, absolute nature. I had a sudden realisation that the voices that I had heard beyond the bridge in my childhood whispered softly with the same tender murkiness in the valley.

Northeast is a goldmine of unexplored regions with profound natural beauty. The current generation has shown great interest in travelling to the remote places of the Northeast. The popularity and accessibility of high-end digital cameras and better communication facilities have attracted the youth to explore the region. We saw Indians and foreigners posting documentaries and shorts films on YouTube on Dzukou Valley. The village in which our team stayed in Zalapha was shared by a Canadian traveller who had great interest in the Northeast. So if there's one place I would recommend to all nature lovers then it would be Dzukou Valley.

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The GST impact!

Changes in government laws, rules and regulations directly impact the economy and the business concerns. The effects might be minor enough to ignore and massive enough - like the Goods and Services Tax - to call for total restructuring in the organisation.

Following are the points of action to be taken to tackle such changes effectively:

Be updated

Before any change in laws come into force, keep yourself abreast of the changed rules and regulations. Stay updated on a regular basis. Subscribe to newspapers and online forums to get daily updates on the amendments. Sometimes, ignorance might be catastrophic to your business. For example, the Goods and Services Tax (GST) - a massive revolution - will hit us in July. To claim various benefits under the GST, a business concern has to furnish all in the Tax Returns of six months preceding July. Ignorance of such change can cost us dearly.

Restructure your business processes

It is of utmost importance to alter the business processes and procedures in tune with the legislative changes. The new or amended laws might call for a new business method or process which has to be strictly adhered to. In the wake of GST, for example, the accounting and management software has to be

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changed or replaced to meet the GST requirements.

Manpower training

The right person in the right time at the right place! The existing staff or personnel have to undergo various trainings to implement the new laws. Under the upcoming GST regime, the human resources have to be trained to understand the processes under the GST laws, like filing of returns, changed accounting methods, changed flow of processes, etc.

Market analysis

The upcoming GST regime will have direct impact on the prices and tax rates of the products/services along with exemptions and abatements or withdrawal thereof. As such, it is quite imperative to conduct market analysis to have an understanding on the financial impact. For example, in the GST arena, as of now, there will be no exemption to small-scale manufacturers as is there in the old tax regime. This will have crucial repercussions in the manufacturing sector.

Cost-profit analysis

Consequent upon the changes in prices and taxes under the GST regime, the coming GST law will have significant influence in the costing of products and services and the profits. Managerial budgets should be prepared to have a better understanding of the cost-profit analysis.

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DEAR माया

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IMAM, SHREYA CHAUDHARY

AT THE THEATRES

Sanjoy Ray

Prawal Banerjee's *Dobaara*: See Your Evil is the official remake of Mike Flanagan's Hollywood horror movie *Oculus*. The movie is about how the fate of a close-knit family is changed for the worse after the arrival of a 'haunted mirror', and how the two siblings - Natasha Merchant (Huma Qureshi) and Kabir (Saqlib) - of the ruined family reunite and attempt to demystify things surrounding the deaths of their parents.

With the likes of Huma Qureshi, Adil Hussain (who plays the father) and Lisa Ray (mother) in the star cast, *Dobaara* is certainly one of the better made horror movies that Hollywood has churned out in the recent past and at least allows some moments of fear and anxiety instead of laughter. However, like most of its ilk, *Dobaara* too falls apart when it comes to continuity and the goose bumpy scenes are far and few in between.

Huma Qureshi and Adil Hussain are the soul of the movie and they set the right tone and momentum to take the audience to the very end of the movie. Despite all these, the movie is of no match to the original.

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