

Beijing accuses Tokyo of meddling in South China Sea issue

BEIJING, Aug 9: China on Wednesday expressed strong dissatisfaction and firm opposition to Japan's defence white paper for 2017 which accused Beijing of trying to change the status quo in the East and South China Sea based on "its own assertions".

In the white paper of more than 560 pages, Japan devoted 34 pages to unjustified criticism of China's normal defence construction and military activities, Xinhua news agency reported.

Japan claimed in its defence white paper that "China has tried to change the status quo in the East China Sea and South China Sea based on its own assertions, and this has become a common concern of the region and the world at large."

Foreign Ministry spokesman Geng Shuang accused

Japan of meddling in the South China Sea issue, saying China has lodged solemn representations to the Japanese side.

Geng said that the will of the Chinese government to safeguard national sovereignty and maritime rights and interests is firm.

He said conducting patrol

and law-enforcement activities in waters of the Diaoyu Islands is China's inherent right and Japan is in no position to point fingers at those activities.

The Chinese side, carrying out normal sea and air activities in accordance with international law, relevant domestic laws and regulations as well as national defence needs, is beyond reproach, he said.

The construction of necessary and appropriate facilities by the Chinese side in some reefs and islands of the Nan-

shia Islands is a legitimate right granted to sovereign states by international law, which has nothing to do with militarisation and does not pose a threat to regional security, said Geng.

With the concerted efforts of countries in the region, the situation in the South China Sea has stabilised, he said.

China and the ASEAN are focusing on strengthening cooperation to promote comprehensive and effective implementation of the Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea (DOC) and jointly develop regional rules.

On Sunday, China and the ASEAN Foreign Ministers adopted a framework of the Code of Conduct (COC) in the South China Sea, said Geng, noting that all parties affirmed the positive situation in the

South China Sea and highly appreciated the early cooperation results, such as the China-ASEAN senior diplomats hotline.

Geng said he hoped that Japan would respect the efforts made by China and the ASEAN in safeguarding peace and stability in the South China Sea, stop intervention and play a constructive role in maintaining regional peace and stability.

He urged the Japanese side to learn lessons from history, stick to the path of peaceful development and act prudently in military security.

The conference, being held at Convention Centre-2 here, is organised by Myanmar's Ministry of Information with support from a host of global and local

Suu Kyi to open meet on democracy

NAY PYI TAW, Aug 9:

Myanmar's State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi will inaugurate a three-day international conference here on Friday to review the progress towards democracy in the country, the challenges ahead and the roadmap for the future.

More than 30 speakers from Myanmar and abroad are to participate in the "Forum on Myanmar's Democratic Transition", to be held in Tinsukia & Furkating Junction. Tender Value ₹ 7,730/- Tender forms can be obtained during office hours from the office of the Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer, DRM Office, Tinsukia. Detailed Tender Notice and Tender Documents are available at www.tinsukiarailways.com.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2017

PROVISION OF STANDALONE BIO TOILETS IN TINSUKIA & FURKATING JUNCTION

Tender Notice No. M-2461/Ptg/PT-Bio Toilet-II Date : 07-08-2017. Open tenders in sealed covers will be invited for the following work:- Provision of standalone bio toilets at Tinsukia & Furkating Junction. Tender Value ₹ 7,730/- Tender forms can be obtained during office hours from the office of the Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer, DRM Office, Tinsukia. Detailed Tender Notice and Tender Documents are available at www.tinsukiarailways.com.

MULTI SPORTS FACILITIES & ADDITIONAL WORK

E-Tender Notice No. TSKE/Eng/26 Date : 07-08-2017. Open tenders through E-Tendering system are invited for the works as detailed below - Item No.-1. Brief Description of multi sports facilities at Huguri: tend. Tender Value ₹ 2,04,075/- Earnest Money : ₹ 2,50,250/- Item No.-2. Brief Description of works At Tinsukia Officer Colony: Additional work for development of existing ORH damaged by fire (partly) and ancillary work for development of ORH buildings. Tender Value : ₹ 1,29,24,701/- Earnest Money : ₹ 2,14,330/- E-tender will be closed at 15.00 hrs on 11-08-2017 and tender documents ₹ 50/- each on 12-08-2017. The complete information with the tender documents of above e-tender will be available in the website <http://www.treps.gov.in>.

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CANCELLATION OF CONTRACTS

It is hereby informed to the bidder who have participated in the bid process for the work 'Upgradation of existing Haensu SDCH to District Hospital in West Karbi Anglong District' under NHM on Turn Key Basis that the IFB issued vide this office No.NHM/Upgrad of SDCH to DH/3228/16/4433 dt.17-03-2017 has been treated as cancelled as no bid is found valid for financial evaluation. The Bid security submitted with their bids can be obtained from the office of the Mission Director, National Health Mission, Assam, Christians Basti, Guwahati-5 during working hours.

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CANCELLATION ON 12-08-2017

1. 75717 Siliguri Jn. - Bamanhat DEMU Passenger.
2. 55718 Bamanhat - Siliguri DEMU Passenger.
3. 75727 Guwahati - Haibargao DEMU Passenger.
4. 75718 Haibargao - Guwahati DEMU Passenger.
5. 75718 Bamanhat - Siliguri Jn. DEMU Passenger.
6. 55713 New Jalpaiguri - Ranjiga Passenger.
7. 55714 Ranjiga - New Jalpaiguri Passenger.
8. 55727 Kathihar - Radhikapur Passenger.
9. 55728 Radhikapur - Kathihar Passenger.
10. 55717 Haibargao - Tolia Passenger.
11. 55718 Tolia - Kathihar Passenger.

SHORT TERMINATION/PARTIAL CANCELLATION ON 13-08-2017

1. 15717 Guwahati - Marian Jn. Intercity Express.
2. 15718 Marian Jn. - Guwahati Intercity Express.
3. 75727 Guwahati - Haibargao DEMU Passenger.
4. 75718 Haibargao - Guwahati DEMU Passenger.
5. 75718 Bamanhat - Siliguri Jn. DEMU Passenger.
6. 55713 New Jalpaiguri - Ranjiga Passenger.
7. 55714 Ranjiga - New Jalpaiguri Passenger.
8. 55727 Kathihar - Radhikapur Passenger.
9. 55728 Radhikapur - Kathihar Passenger.
10. 55717 Haibargao - Tolia Passenger.

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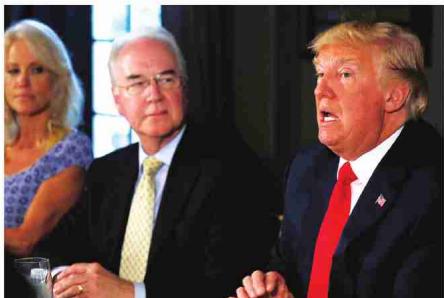
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3. 55601 Kamakhya - Lumding Passenger will be short terminated at Hojal and will remain partially CANCELLED between Hojal and Lumding.

4. 55602 Hojal - Kamakhya Passenger will be short originated from Hojal and will remain partially CANCELLED between Lumding and Hojal.

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US President Donald Trump speaks to reporters as he meets with Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) Tom Price (2nd L) and flanked by White House counselor Kellyanne Conway (L) to discuss opioid addiction during a briefing at Trump's golf estate in Bedminster, New Jersey US on Tuesday. — UNI

Sushma to visit Bangladesh

DHAKA, Aug 9: Indian External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj will visit Dhaka in the first half of September to attend the fourth Bangladesh-India Joint Consultative Commission (JCC) meeting, a media report said.

Indian High Commissioner Harsh Vardhan Shringla informed Bangladeshi Foreign Secretary Shahidul Haque of the visit during a meeting in Dhaka on Monday, *The Dhaka Tribune* reported. The exact date is to be finalised.

This will be Sushma Swaraj's second visit to Bangladesh. She was last here in 2014.

The JCC meeting is to review the implementation and progress of decisions taken during Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's visit to India in April this year.

The paper quoted diplomatic sources as saying that the two sides were working to finalise the date of Sushma Swaraj's visit. She is also scheduled to attend the UN General Assembly in New York in the second half of September.

Regarding the Bangladesh national election, Shringla told reporters: "We're all democracies. We all believe in free and fair elections." — IANS

2 protesters shot dead in Nairobi

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NAIROBI, Aug 9: Kenya's Independence Day was the 75th anniversary of the country's independence as the target year. Modi said people should take a pledge of Karanya, Aur Karanya.

"We will do and surely do,"

In 1942, the clarion call was Karanya Ya Mareng (Do or Die) – today it is Karanya, Aur Karanya. The next five years should also be about Sankhalip Siddhi, a resolve which will lead us to accomplishment," Modi said, adding, in the next five years, India must try to bring positive changes so that it can become inspiration for many other nations.

During his nearby minute speech, he remembered the role played by different lead-

ers in different period of times which include Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, Lal Bahadur Shastri, Jai Prakash Narayan, Ram Manohar Lohia, Bhagat Singh, Chandrashekhar Azad, Raj Guru and Sukhdev.

Speaking after Modi, Sonia Gandhi said, "It seems secular, democratic and liberal values are being endangered. The public space for debate and difference of opinion is shrinking..."

She took dogs at the BJP and its ideological mentor RSS, without naming them.

"We should not forget that there were people and organisations which had opposed the Quit India Movement and had played no role in our country getting freedom," she said.

After about four hours of discussion during which leaders of all parties spoke, the Lok Sabha unanimously adopted a resolution, pledging to work tirelessly in the next five years to

build a nation as envisioned by Mahatma Gandhi and other freedom fighters.

In the Ray Sabha, Leader of the House Arun Jaitley said it was the day to commit to make the country a strong, just and economically-progressive country. He underlined the need for freeing the country from all kinds of violence, be it in the name terrorism, politics or religion... PTI

Have the forces of darkness emerged? Is there a fear about the existence of a sense of freedom? Are attempts being made to destroy roots of democracy which is based on equality, social justice, law-based system and freedom of expression?"

She took dogs at the BJP and its ideological mentor RSS, without naming them.

Centre unlikely ...

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it was requested the Centre to extend the term of the AFSPA. But the Centre is likely to take a firm stand now on the issue. However, sources said that the State Government, on its own, can promulgate the Act if desired, but the Centre would not do so.

Sources admitted that some areas of the State, particularly areas bordering Arunachal Pradesh, parts of Meghalaya and Nagaland have some problems because of the bases that the militants are maintaining in those areas. Under the circumstances, such areas can be declared as "disturbed" for some time, but there is no reason to declare the entire State as "disturbed". Moreover, the AFSPA is likely to continue in three districts of Arunachal Pradesh for some time as most militant groups of the North East have strong presence in such areas. Sources also pointed out that the State administration can always call out the Army whenever the situation warrants.

The AFSPA was promulgated in Assam in November 1990 and the entire State was declared as "disturbed" as the activities of the United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA) were at their peak and the Centre was of the view that the State Government was not in a position to deal with the situation. But in recent times, the Centre was not keen to extend the term of the Act, but the State was requesting the Centre to do so.

Task force ...

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The minister informed the House that there is a scheme for providing relief assistance to Sri Lankan refugees staying in camps. "There are also schemes for providing relief assistance to Tibetan refugees," he added. India is not a signatory to the 1951 UN Convention relating to the status of refugees and the 1967 Protocol thereto. As such, there is no national law on refugees at present. However, a standard operating procedure is in place with effect from December 29, 2011 for dealing with foreign nationals who claim to be refugees. The government grants Long Term Visa (LTV) in deserving cases on the basis of general perceived condition in the home country of the applicant. There are around 40,000 Rohingyas living illegally in India. The govt has issued detailed instructions for deportation of illegal foreign nationals, including Rohingyas. Deportation of foreign nationals is a continuous process and the Centre is vested with powers to deport foreign nationals under Section 3(2)(c) of the Foreigner's Act, 1946.

Doklam...

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said it may take place after the 19th national congress of the Communist Party of China, which is slated later this year.

"But nothing is definite," he said.

India and China have been locked in a face-off in the Doklam area of the Sikkim sector for more than 50 days after Indian troops stopped the Chinese Army from building a road in the area. — PTI

AGAINST VACANCIES EXISTING IN TEACHERS CATEGORY OF NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY - THROUGH WALK-IN INTERVIEW.

If has been decided to conduct "Walk-in Interview" for filling up the following vacant posts of Teachers in this Railway by engaging suitable candidates, purely on contract basis. The engagement will be on a part-time basis with consolidated monthly remuneration for a period not exceeding 30-60 days or appointment of regularly selected candidates from Railways Recruitment Board or availability of regular railway employee whichever is earlier. The details of vacancies for part time engagement on contracts basis in N.F. Railway are indicated below:

SI No.	Category	Total Vacancy	SC	ST	OBSC	UR	Requirement at	Date & Time	Venue of walk in interview
1	Post Graduate Teacher	01 Arts				01 Maths	Banimandir Rly. H.S. School, Siliguri	28-08-2017 at 10.00 hrs.	
	Trained Graduate Teacher	02 Arts	01 General Arts			01 Pure Science			
				02 Science					
	Primary Teacher	01	01 Bengali			01 Hindi	Rly LP School, Barsoi	28-08-2017 at 10.00 hrs.	
	Trained Graduate Teacher	03 Arts	01 Hindi	01 Bengali		01 English	Railway High School, New Jalpaiguri	28-08-2017 at 10.00 hrs.	
	Primary Teacher	01							
2	Post Graduate Teacher	03 Arts	01 History		01 Psychology	01 Hindi	Railway H.S. School, Alipurduar Jn.	28-08-2017 at 10.00 hrs.	
			01 Science			01 Biology			
	Trained Graduate Teacher	05 Arts			01 Hindi	01 Hindi, 02 English, 01 Sanskrit			
						01 Pure Science			
	Primary Teacher	03	01 English/ CBSE		01 English/ CBSE	01 English/ CBSE	Railway H.S. School, Lumding	28-08-2017 at 10.00 hrs.	
						01 Pol. Science			
	Trained Graduate Teacher	01 Arts				01 Hindi			
			01 Science			01 Bio Science			
	Primary Teacher	06			01 Bengali	02 Bengali, 02 Assamese			
						01 Assamese			
	Trained Graduate Teacher	03 Arts			01 Bengali	01 English, 01 Hindi	Railway High School, Dibrugarh	28-08-2017 at 10.00 hrs.	
			01 Science			01 Pure Science			
	Primary Teacher	03	01 General Arts		01 General Arts	01 Hindi			
3	Post Graduate Teacher	01 Arts				01 English	Railway H.S. School, Mariani	28-08-2017 at 10.00 hrs.	
	Trained Graduate Teacher	01 Arts	01 Computer Science, 01 General Science, 01 Social Science		01 General Arts (Assamese Medium)	01 Fine Arts (Assamese Medium)	Railway LP School, Tinsukia	28-08-2017 at 10.00 hrs.	
						01 English, 01 PTI, 01 General Arts (Assamese Medium)			
	Primary Teacher	06	01 Pure Science		01 Pure Science	01 Pure Science			
						01 Bio Science			
	Trained Graduate Teacher	01 Arts				01 Science			
			02 Science		01 Pure Science				
	Primary Teacher	04				04 English	Netaji Vidyapeeth Railway Higher Secondary School, Maligaon	28-08-2017 at 10.00 hrs.	
			02			01 Bengali Medium			
	Primary Teacher	01			01 Assamese Medium	01 Bengali Medium	Rly School, Rest Camp Pundu		
							Rly LP School, Amarpur		
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TERMS & CONDITIONS for engagement of contractual teachers in Railway Schools are available in the website of N.F. Railway - www.nfr.indianrailways.gov.in

Dy. CPO / IR, Maligaon



Woman's body found

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 9: The body of an elderly woman was found under mysterious circumstances at a garage located at Narengi Tinijan today.

The deceased has been identified as Ramdulari Devi who had reportedly been missing since yesterday.

Sources said that the jeweller Ramdulari were missing, triggering the suspicion that she might have been murdered by miscreants. The body bore injury marks on the head.

The body will be sent for autopsy after which the cause of her death can be ascertained, the sources added.

First GST case

STAFF REPORTER

'Govt should protect scribes in volatile situations'

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 9: Noting that vulnerability of journalists is not only in conflict situations but also at normal times, senior journalist and public editor of The Wire.in Pamela Philipose today said it is the duty of the government and civil society to recognise the value of the crucial role journalists play in a democratic society, defend their work and help protect them in volatile situations.

Philipose was delivering the 16th Kamala Saikia Memorial Lecture on the topic 'When the messenger gets shot: Violence against journalists' at the Vivekananda Kendra here today.

"Any attempt to shoot the messenger represents social failure. It signals the incapacity of a society, a group, or an individual to distinguish between an existing reality and the medium that frames that reality. It rejects the possibility of critical engagement with issues of important public concern."

"It destroys the slightest possibility of building a rational discourse. Most disturbing of all, it closes the door on the possibility of an informed response to crucial political, social and economic developments of our times."

She said in earlier times too, warning factions had discovered the need to communicate and had designated messengers, who carried white flags, for the purpose. These mes-

Kamala Saikia Memorial Lecture



Pamela Philipose speaking at the event. - AT photo

sengers were never shot, which shows how important they were.

"The media and those who write for the media are today's messengers and are often called upon to expose uncomfortable truths about the everyday realities in our daily lives. Kamala Saikia understood this and this is an responsibility that came with the role of being a journalist," Deka said.

She said so many years after Saikia's assassination, journalists everywhere, including in India, continue to be extremely vulnerable to attack and assault.

Philipose cited new data that revealed that India today is among the countries in the world where jour-

nalists are most threatened.

"In many parts of the country, including in Assam and other parts of North East, they are functioning under the shadow of intimidation and violence, whether from mainstream political parties, militant outfits or criminal syndicates. A pointer to this growing threat came from the media watchdog Reporters Without Borders, in April this year. According to its World Press Freedom Index, India now ranks 133rd among 180 countries, having slipped three slots since last year," she said.

Philipose said that despite it being over quarter of a century since Kamala Saikia was abducted by

assassins, the situation has not changed.

Senior journalists Dilip Chandan and Sanjeeb Phukan were among those present at the function.

ULFA militants and killed so brutally, it is tragic that justice is still proving elusive in this case.

Presiding over the function, veteran journalist Kanaksen Deka ruled that despite the entire journalist fraternity of the State pressing for justice in the Kamala Saikia assassination case since a quarter century now, the government machinery has done little.

"If such a person cannot get justice, how can the common man expect it? May be this is why people have lost trust in the State machinery and they now tend to demand CBI inquiry in every case. This lack of trust on the State machinery is very unfortunate," Deka said.

He also informed that in a ruling yesterday, the Gauhati High Court had given four weeks' time to the State government to give the status of the inquiry into the killing of Kamala Saikia.

The lecture was organised by the Journalist Kamala Saikia Memorial Trust in association with Guwahati Press Club.

The organisers had planned to felicitate Editor of *The Assam Tribune* PG Barua for his contributions in the field of journalism in the State, but he could not be present at the function due to his poor health condition.

The organisers have decided to felicitate him at his residence tomorrow.

Senior journalists Dilip Chandan and Sanjeeb Phukan were among those present at the function.

IndusInd Bank fraud case

Olivia remanded to 4-day police custody

STAFF REPORTER

Sources further stated that it was after the Government's demonetisation move that she intensified her fraudulent activities, siphoning off more than three crore rupees.

Police investigation reflected that the misappropriation took place from 2014 during which bank accounts of several IndusInd account holders were used to transfer money to some select beneficiaries by fraudulent persons.

Olivia had even forged signatures of a number of other account holders.

However, it was still not known as to why the matter was not reported to the police by the bank authorities in the first place.

Meanwhile, the police today picked up insurance agent Biswajit Ghosh, an accomplice of Olivia. They are also trying to locate the bag containing Rs 10 lakh in cash which Olivia admitted to have left behind at the Guwahati Railway Station before escaping to New Delhi on July 27.



Olivia Choudhury being led out of the court. - UBT Photos

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KKHSOU-EU body pact on study opportunities in Europe

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 9: The first case related to Goods and Services Tax (GST) in Assam came up before the Gauhati High Court today. The case was filed by Medha Lila Gope and Nitin Haweli, challenging the action of officers of the Bureau of Investigation of Economic Offences who had seized the goods of M/s Kumar Traders, M/s Maa Karmi Traders.

Justice Hrishikesh Roy directed the authorities concerned to explain the ground and circumstances leading to the seizure.

KKHSOU conducted the first series of lectures from August 3 to 5.

The first lecture was organised at the Gauhati Commerce College on August 3, followed by Handique Girls' College, Guwahati and MNC College, Nahar on August 4 and 5 respectively. The speakers were Sanjeeb Roy, Senior Higher Education Expert, EU Public Diplomacy and Outreach in India and in the SAARC, and SK Akbar Ali, Doctoral Fellow, School of Educational Sciences, University of Turku, Finland.

"The programme attempted at dissemination of knowledge and information regarding opportunities of higher education in Europe to inspire and motivate the young, talented and aspiring students. The programme strove to show a way to those students who have a dream of studying in Europe," a KKHSOU official said.

The lectures focused on courses, scholarships, application procedure, fee structure, method of study and evaluation, campus life, and also the experiences that one usually encounters while studying in Europe.

Prof NN Sarma, Dept. of Management, KKHSOU gave the welcome address on behalf of the varsity on the first day of the lecture series conducted at Gauhati Commerce College, Doli, Bokakhat, Assam. Professor, Department of Sociology, KKHSOU and one of the European Higher Education Experts in the Indian Network, convened and coordinated the entire programme.

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MESSAGE FOR TODAY

I always like to look at the optimistic side of life, but I am realistic enough to know that life is a complex matter.

— WALT DISNEY

The Assam Tribune

Crop concerns

Between the devil and the deep sea – this best sums up the predicament of the State's farmers. While many tillers are still mourning the huge crop damage caused by the recent floods, another section has been staring at the frightening spectre of a drought-like situation, if not full-scale drought as yet. Agriculture has been hit by a prolonged dry spell across several Lower Assam districts, with matters standing worsened by the absence of irrigation facilities. Indeed, such a trend has been conspicuous for the past several years when floods have immediately been followed by an extended dry spell in some districts. Erratic rainfall patterns that are being witnessed of late are to be blamed for such a phenomenon. Rainfall deficit has been high in many areas of the State, severely impacting *sadi* paddy cultivation as the farmers are not in a position to transplant the seedlings. With dry spells emerging as a recurring phenomenon in the State, the Government, the Agriculture Department in particular, needs to put in place a long-term mechanism to offset the calamitous impact of drought-like situations. The implications of such vagaries of weather for a predominantly agrarian economy are bound to be disastrous unless remedial measures are put in place.

Both the Agriculture and Irrigation departments should treat the emerging developments as extremely serious and come up with the required interventions. Among the urgent needs is a revamp of the defunct irrigation system. It reflects poorly on the Government that notwithstanding the presence of the perennial Brahmaputra and a vast network of rivers, irrigation has remained a non-starter in the State. Installation of shallow tube-wells, too, has not progressed much. This has made agriculture totally dependent on the monsoons and any aberration in the rainfall pattern – as is being experienced with increasing frequency – invariably impacts agriculture. A roadmap for developing agriculture with thrust on reducing the farming community's dependence on the monsoons and facilitating transfer of technology brooks no delay. Irrigation apart, development of drought-resistant seeds, crop insurance for farmers, market linkage and storage facilities also merit attention of the authorities. Prudence demands that the authorities treat the ongoing weather aberrations seriously and adopt long-term measures to counter the threat. The scope for small irrigation, which is also low-cost and environment-friendly, is immense in the State. Thoughts should also be directed towards effecting some changes in our crop pattern so that we can switch over to the relevant crop when the situation so demands. On the whole, we need to revamp our agriculture by implementing a multi-pronged agenda that would take care of every aspect from supply of seeds to harvesting to storage and marketing.

Encroachment in city

The Gauhati High Court's order to the State Government to evict the encroachers from the Amchang Wildlife Sanctuary within a month's time is laudable. A survey conducted in the sanctuary by the Forest Department has detected over thousand families who had settled in the protected area illegally. To speed up the encroachment process, the Forest Department has sought help from the Power Department to disconnect the lines providing electricity to the settlers inside the forest areas. The Amchang Wildlife Sanctuary is spread over an area of 78 sq km on the eastern fringe of Guwahati. Encroachment on railway land, government land in the hills and the reserve forest area for long has been a common sight in Guwahati. And the irony is that the eviction drive to remove the illegal settlers is seldom carried out by the authorities. The inaction of the authorities has emboldened the encroachers and some of them have erected permanent or semi-permanent structures in the government and railway lands. The presence of doubtful citizens in those illegal settlements cannot be ruled out. The encroachers must be hand-in-glove with a section of government employees and forest officials and are getting their patronage to settle on the government reserved lands. According to a study conducted a few years back, 71% of government land in the hills around Guwahati has been illegally occupied by people. The survey was conducted in the hills located at the Juhukbari, Lankeswar, Fatasil, Gotanagar and other areas of the city. Around 65,000 families living in the hills have occupied 71% of the government land and 18% of forest land. Now the figure is definitely going to be much higher.

That a well-organized racket is at play behind the encroachments becomes evident as otherwise it would not just be possible to settle on the government, forest and reserved lands. With land price skyrocketing, the government lands have become the target of the encroachers. A number of organizations too are trying to lay their hands on the government and railway land. The way the government lands are being encroached upon, the day is not far off when there will be no vacant hills or forest land in and around the city. The district administration in association with the Forest Department should chalk up plans to clear the encroached hills and the reserved lands. The government agencies need to step up its vigil to prevent further encroachments on its land. Keeping the security threat and environmental concerns in mind, it should promptly evict the encroachments and ensure that illegal settlements do not become a permanent feature.

Rajya Sabha election with so much at stake

**ROUGH
& Tumble**
Patricia Mukhim

Normally the Rajya Sabha elections are staid and insipid and don't generate much interest for the media. The players are people we don't know much about; the results too are fairly predictable since cross-voting was rare and often not intentional. But the re-election of Ahmed Patel in the Rajya Sabha this time created a media ruckus because of the disqualification of two votes by the rebel Congress MLAs who did the silly thing of showing their ballot papers to Amit Shah, the BJP supremo. CCTV cameras showed this very clearly and since Amit Shah is an unauthorized person as far as the Election Commission is concerned, the votes were considered invalid. But, if democracy is only about money and personal aggrandizement, then where will this country go? Winston Churchill rightly remarked that politicians have to juggle between politics and statesmanship. While politics is a series of compromises and bargains, statesmanship brooks no compromise. Do we have leaders in this country today who combine the qualities of politics and statesmanship and are able to strike a fine balance between the two?

Oftentimes we wonder if democracy is indeed the right form of governance in a country that is so disparate in every sense of the term. From language to history to race, culture, geography, *et al.*, India defies the idea of a nation-state. Yet we have somehow been able to trapse through these roadblocks and retain facets of democracy that people across the world seem to admire. But is plodding along with out any clear vision and without resolving the contentious issues of caste discrimination and the obvious lack respect for diversity which

that a vote does not become invalid. Despite that, the BJP lost two votes.

You wonder at the kind of democracy we have when people with just enough cerebral component for making money, enter politics. Indeed the stakes in this Rajya Sabha election have never been higher. Apparently each MLA that crossed over was given Rs 15 crore. That's a lot of money and it would take an unshakable faith in the Congress party and a weaker conscience not to succumb to that kind of inducement. But if democracy is only about money and personal aggrandizement, then where will this country go?

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away to a resort in Karnataka, because they could not be trusted not to succumb to the lure of money offered by the BJP? Is a commentary on the degeneration of the political culture. Gujarat was then in sparse and people suffered but the MLAs were absconding. So if politicians who call themselves leaders can be auctioned off like cows, then do they qualify to be called leaders? And for Ranjeet Sircarwala, the Congress spokesperson, to wax eloquent on truth and moral principles after Ahmed Patel looked like he was winning the RS seat, actually makes one sick in the stomach. Hypocrisy

too has its limits. And if Amit Shah

is projected as the devil incarnate, then Sonia Gandhi is not an angel descended from heaven and gifted to us. The less politicians speak of virtues they don't possess, the better it is for all concerned.

The Gujarat Rajya Sabha election was indeed an actual game of Thrones on which hinged Sonia Gandhi's prestige and that of the Congress. Sonia's close aide Ahmed Patel's return to the Rajya

Sabha for the fifth time is a pyrrhic victory for her.

Ahmed Patel's win is a blow for BJP president Amit Shah. For him this contest is not merely about politics and securing one more Rajya Sabha seat from his home State but about averting the humiliation and incarceration meted out to him by the UPA Government, post the Sohrabuddin Sheikh fake encounter case where Shah as the Home Minister of Gujarat was accused of orchestrating the killing. This is a battle Shah intended to win at all costs but things have gone awry for him.

What perhaps saved the day

for democracy is the Election Commission standing firm and not yielding to political pressure even though senior ministers of the NDA Government brought all pressure to bear on it. One of the pillars of democracy is its institutions which cannot be knocked around by the politics of decadence.

The Election Commission must be fortified against the influences of the shabby world of Indian politics.

Former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan once said, "Democracy is projected as the devil incarnate,

one of the greatest challenges to humankind in the 21st century will be the struggle to make the practice of democracy truly universal."

The clarion call, nay battle cry of the BJP is a dangerous one because that would mean demolishing the very idea of democracy which demands a strong Opposition to keep the government of the day in check.

You begin to wonder why such slogans are even allowed to gain currency in a democracy. Granted that the Congress party today is in a moribund state and as Jairam Ramesh, senior Congress leader recently stated, the party is facing an existential crisis. His observation that the "sultante is gone but that Congress people still behave like they are sultans" is a call to the party leadership for a complete make-over. But even Jairam Ramesh with all his bravado had to stop short of telling the son and mother duo of the Nehru-Gandhi dynasty that it's time for them to take a holiday from politics.

The Congress is just another political party as much as the BJP is.

While the former credits itself with being the vanguard of secularism, despite its propensity to fish for votes in so-called 'religious minority' ponds, the latter professes a strident form of political culture that is linked to a virulent strain of Hinduism – Hindutva – thereby antagonizing other religious minorities in this country. Between the two there is need for a truly more inclusive, political formulation with a national appeal. Communism and socialism as ideologies are no longer appealing in this brand new world. But we do need an alternative to get out of the binary of Congress versus BJP.

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Defeating the spirit of federalism in education

■ Kishor Kumar Kalita

The Constitution of India has incorporated education as a subject in the concurrent list of the Seventh Schedule which clearly indicates that within the quasi-federal framework of the country, both the State and the Union governments are able to formulate laws and policies for furthering education in India. It also stipulates that in case of any contradiction between the state and union laws, the union laws will prevail over the state law. Along with these defining legislative boundaries, the state has entrusted with different responsibilities enunciated in a number of provisions of the Constitution. Article 45 of the Constitution makes the State responsible to provide, within a period of 10 years from the commencement of the Constitution, for free and compulsory education for all children until they complete the age of 14 years. The Article was a directive principle of state policy that clearly means that it was within a set of rules that were meant to be followed in spirit. However, the enforcement of this directive principle became a matter of debate since this principle held obvious effect and practical value, and was legally thi-

from social injustice and all forms of social exploitation.

Along with this constitutional journey, the State of India espoused the landmark transformation by adopting the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 which came into effect in 2010. Apart from provisions of free and compulsory education, the Act has introduced some extremely progressive measures within the Indian education system to reform the same. The Act, for the first time in the history of education of this country, proposed to introduce the neighbourhood schools. Such schools were meant to provide an atmosphere of inclusive learning where children from different sections of the society go to a common school. The Act also introduced the provision of age-appropriate learning which means that children who were out of schools or had dropped out of schools could be re-enrolled in classroom appropriate for their age. To make up for the absence of academic knowledge of these children, the Act also provides for special training to be given to these children to enable them to be at par with their peers. The RTE Act has also prescribed required infrastructural requirements and specifies the pupil-teacher ratio norms. Some unprecedented welfare ori-

ented provisions for the weaker sections of the society are also provided by this Act through which it has specified the reservation of at least 25% of the total strength of class in private schools at Standard I level elicit to children belonging to the economically weaker and disadvantaged sections of the society.

But never ever the lawmaker of this country has made any initiative to dwindle the basic structure of education of this country by undermining the state curriculum and institutions. Education has always been considered a key responsibility for both the Centre and State and it was thought as the primary device through which the federal character of the country could be maintained by allowing the States to introduce their own education policies and institutions. That is why the Union Government never tried to impose a singular institution or mechanism to control the education system of the country.

Instead, the Government of India came up with a policy for mutual exchange of different school boards of the country and as a result, the Council of Boards of School Education in India (CBSE) was established in 1979 by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE). The CBSE is a voluntary associa-

tion of all the boards of school education in India. It works in close collaboration with the Union Ministry of Human Resource Development, other national-level apex educational organizations and agencies like the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA) and National Council of Teacher Education (NCTE).

Unfortunately, during the last couple of years, a group of political parties and organizations has been demanding a single curriculum and examination system for the sake of greater unity of the Indian State. They are proposing to abolish all kinds of state education boards. This in fact implies the systematic demolition of the diversity of the country by imposing a mono-culture in every sphere of our life spreading from education to culture. For the purpose of crushing the state education boards and to impose a uniform central education system throughout the country, a series of organized attempts are in operation by the different perpetrators. If India has to stand as a country of unity amidst diversity, every citizen of this country should stand against such attempts which want to abrogate the federal principle of the country.

ACA decision a sensible one

**Letters
to the
EDITOR**

Sir – The decision taken by the Assam Cricket Association (ACA) not to include outstation players in the Assam teams in the coming Ranji Season deserves appreciation. Since 1991, Assam has been hiring players for the Ranji teams from outside the State like Mumbai, Delhi, Karnataka, etc. Players like Amal Majumder and Jamshed Syed Mohammed of Tamil Nadu, Amit Varma of Karnataka, etc., played for Assam. Though Assam reached the semi-final of the 2015-16 Ranji Trophy for the first time in the history of the tournament, such performances can't give true happiness to the cricket-lovers of Assam as the batting department fully depended on the outstation players. It is much better to play even in the league stages with own players rather than playing in the final of the Ranji Trophy

with outstation players and coaches. This historic decision has enhanced the confidence of the young players of the State; this move will also give the opportunity to at least three more players of the State to show their skills as the quota kept by the BCCI for outstation players is three. Even the coach should be selected from among the experienced former Ranji players from Assam. Yours etc., DIPJAY CHANDA, Lanka-BED education

Sir – Through your esteemed daily, I would like to draw the attention of the Education Minister and the authority concerned towards the various issues in acquiring the BED degree. Recently, the High Court passed a judgement that the BED degree is essential to be a principal or a headmaster of a school. But till date, the State Government has not done anything to establish new BED colleges. Only a few Government BED colleges can't cater to the

need of the candidates. Most of the BED colleges are run by the private sector in which admission fees are too high to bear by a poor student. Those regular teachers who are working in schools as PGT are not getting any chance for deputation. Even there are anomalies regarding the selection list for BED deputation. I would like to request the authority concerned to take steps in this regard as soon as possible. Yours etc., NEELAM JVOTI DAS, Barpeta.

Punyadhan Jatra'
Sir – This refers to the news item 'Punyadhan Jatra' for this large section of Buddhist pilgrims of the State too? Yours etc., ALOK SHYAM GOHAIN, Sonari.

Poor train condition
Sir – Through your esteemed daily, I would like to express my concern over the condition of the trains which run to and from the North-east. Recently I was travelling to Cherrapunji by the Chennai-Egmore Express in AC II tier but the condition of the train was pathetic, with very dirty toilets and old, dilapidated coaches. It was a surprise to see

the hawkers roaming freely in the AC coach. No one including the TTE and the RPF personnel is concerned about their unauthorized presence inside the AC coach. I regularly travel to the southern parts of India by train but never found such problems. Yours etc., SAMAR DEB, Guwahati.

Revised pension

Sir – The Assam Government is paying little attention towards the pensioners who are the beneficiaries of the 7th Pay Commission. In-service employees are enjoying the benefit of enhanced salary since April this year, whereas the pensioners are not getting any benefit so far. Therefore, I would like to request the authority concerned to do the needful so that the State Government pensioners can get the revised pension. Yours etc., A PENSIONER, Silchar.

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Traffic crawls on city roads, commuters face harrowing time
STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 9: Commuters in the city today had a harrowing time due to massive traffic congestion in several areas.

The City Traffic Police, however, said there was "no extra ordinary situation" and the congestion in certain areas was induced by the rains.

Traffic jams were witnessed at Maligaon on GS Road and MRD Road during the morning hours as well as in the afternoon.

Travellers who landed at the LGB Airport took over two hours to reach the city.

DCP (traffic) Amanjeet Kaur said the rains caused water-logging at some places like Birubari, Maligaon, RG Baruah Road, etc. in the city.

"Because of the water-logging, the traffic movement was slow in these areas. Moreover, the schools have also reopened," she said, adding that not all areas witnessed such a situation.

Meanwhile, the district administration sources said there has been no major incident of water-logging reported from anywhere in the city.

Know Your Forces' event

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 9: The Indian Air Force is organising a 'Know Your Forces' event at Air Force Station Baruah from August 11 to 13, as part of the Independence Day celebrations.

It will be a rare opportunity for the residents of Assam and other parts of North East India, to get a first-hand feel of IAF aircraft like Dornier and Avro transport aircraft, MI-17 helicopters and micro-light aircraft on August 11 and 12 from 10 am to 2 pm. Visitors will be allowed to go inside the aircraft, see the cockpit and also click selfies and photographs. There will be Indian Air Force personnel present to explain the operation of aircraft to the visitors.

In addition, the IAF band will be giving performances for the public at Community Centre Mountain Shadow Air Force Station at 5.30 pm on August 11 and at the Pragjyoti ITA Centre for Performing Arts, Makhlikhowa at 5.30 pm on August 12.

Ganja seized

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 9: The Government Railway Police today recovered 45 kilograms of ganja from the Kamrup Express and arrested two persons in this connection from the Guwahati Railway Station.

Police identified the arrested duo as Baharul Islam and Bhaba Choudhury.

The value of the seized item, which was sourced from Dimapur, is estimated to be of several lakh rupees.



Former Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi speaking during observance of the 75th anniversary of the Quit India Movement, on the bank of the Dighaliukhuri in Guwahati on Wednesday. — UB Photos

CM for implementation of rural schemes in time-bound, transparent manner

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 9: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today directed the officers of the panchayat and rural development department to implement the schemes in a time-bound and transparent manner.

The Chief Minister reviewed the functioning of the department at a meeting held at the Janata Bhawan and directed the department officials to inform about the credentials of the block development officers to the MLAs so that their performance can be enhanced and corrupt BDOs can be kept in check.

Stating that the 14th Finance Commission has created an enormous opportunity for responsive local government at the institutional level of the gaon panchayats, Sonowal said

MLAs must be empowered to check accountability of the implementing agencies in their constituencies for development to take place at a faster pace.

Saying that gaon sabbas are the only institution that can effectively eliminate corruption where the villagers can directly question the panchayat presidents and other members on implementation of various schemes, Sonowal directed the P&RD department to start an awareness campaign about the good works carried by the department in the last one year by publishing a booklet and holding press events for dissemination of information.

The Chief Minister also appreciated the 'Amar Gaon Amar Achoni' scheme conducted by the P&RD department at the village level to ensure proper social

mobilisation for active participatory planning through which a buzz has been created for positive development.

Sonowal directed the department to set up a monitoring mechanism of joint commissioner level in the Barak Valley so that implementation of all welfare schemes can be ensured with transparency, which cannot be done from nowon.

A separate office will also give confidence to the people of Barak Valley that the government is taking developmental steps for the valley seriously, he added.

Sonowal also said that with improved infrastructure in the village rural tourists would receive a boost and asked the department to launch a programme to make the community involved in protecting the environment. The government's plan to

plant 10 crore saplings would also create an environment for rural flora and fauna to flourish and attract tourists to the villages of the State in large numbers, he added.

The Chief Minister directed Managing Director of Assam State Rural Livelihood Mission Nandita Hazarika to take steps to open stalls in all the townships of the State to showcase and sell products produced by local communities after being enabled through skill training.

Minister of State for P&RD Dept Naba Kumar Doley, Legal Adviser to the Chief Minister Santanu Bharali, Chief Secretary VK Pipersenia, Additional Chief Secretary P&RD MGVK Bhattacharya, Principal Secretary to Chief Minister Sanjay Lohia and Commissioner P&RD JB Ekka among others were present at the meeting.

Lecture on pre-Ahom history of Assam today

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 9: The Directorate of Museums, Assam is organising a lecture 'Pre-Ahom History of Assam' as part of its exhibition entitled 'Mysterious Mothers of the Museum' to tomorrow at 2 pm at the Assam State Museum here.

The lecture will be delivered by Dr Piyush Roy, noted critic and curator. The exhibition will be on poetry-poetry capturing today's India, shot over 25 locations through five years of travel and discovery both on and off the beaten path. The lecture was attended by the college's students and teachers.

Anti-tobacco

GUWAHATI, Aug 9: Karimashree Hiteswar Saikia College, in association with District Tobacco Control Cell, Kamrup, organised an anti-tobacco awareness lecture in India's entertainment capital Mumbai on the West.

Director of Museums, Assam USW Wunglension said, "Unlike conventional nation, community or culture celebrating photo projects on India, this exhibition goes beyond elaborate captions to explore, record and share personal impression notes articulated through short and long poems inspired by a single defining image or a collage of vibrant talking pictures that carry a thousand words within."

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Committed efforts must for a corruption-free India: Guv



Governor Banwarilal Purohit speaking at a meeting to commemorate the Quit India Movement, at Rangiya On Wednesday. – Photo: Rangiya Correspondent

CORRESPONDENT

RANGIYA, Aug 9: A committed effort from all sections of the society is a must to build a corruption-free India which will celebrate its golden jubilee year of Independence in 2022 next.

Sacrifice of our great martyrs, the dreams of hundreds of living freedom fighters would only come true if we shun our bad habits and imbibe the feelings of patriotism and respect our country and its countymen, said the Governor of Assam Banwarilal Purohit, in his inaugural speech as the chief guest on the occasion of the Quit India Movement day organised by the All Assam Freedom Fighters' Association in association with Kamrup District Freedom Fighters' Association centrally here

at Hurudutta Biradutta Bhawan premises on Tuesday.

Speaking further, the Governor recalled all the great martyrs and freedom fighters of the country for their sacrifices for our today said applauding the initiatives of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for a better, stable and corruption-free India, besides the efforts being undertaken to check nepotism and corruption for the sake of good and transparent governance. "We all salute those great leaders who laid their lives for forcing the Britishers away from our country making it a free and independent India. Without their immense sense of patriotism for their motherland, a free India would not have been possible for us", the Governor said and urged all to join hands for ushering in peace, tranquility and a cor-

ruption-free India in the coming days.

Gauhati University Rector, Prof Hari Prasad Sarma, speaking on the occasion recalled the significance of the day in retrospect on August 9, 1942 and also the role of all our great freedom fighters of the country in general and the State in particular. The Rector enthralled the gathering with recitation of a few patriotic poems in the honour of all the great martyrs.

SBI CGM, PSLVN Murthi and the local MLA of Rangiya, Bhabesh Kalita also spoke on the occasion. The meeting was presided over by Krishna Kant Laikhar, president of the Kamrup District Freedom Fighters' Association. About a hundred freedom fighters from across the State and their family members attended the event.

41,591 Cachar tea labourers set to receive Rs 2,500 each in their bank accounts

CORRESPONDENT

SILCHAR, Aug 9: At a time when the decision by Prime Minister Narendra Modi asking the people and tea garden labourers in particular to open their bank accounts has been widely criticised, as many as 41,591 labourers across 52 tea gardens of Cachar district are set to receive Rs 2,500 each in their bank accounts ahead of this year's Independence Day.

Cachar Deputy Commissioner S Vishwanath on Tuesday informed that the State Government in this year's Budget sanctioned a whopping amount of Rs 10,39,77,500 crore to be deposited to the bank accounts of the tea labourers. "Of the total number of labourers, 18,808 permanent labourers and 22,783 temporary labourers, who have opened their bank accounts, are eligible to receive Rs 2,500 each in their accounts. Also, the Government has decided to give an incentive of Rs 2,500 to the bank accounts of the tea labourers whose wages are being consistently maintained by respective tea garden management in the district uninterrupted for a period of six years," Vishwanath maintained.

Meanwhile, Congress MLA from Ladhikpur and general secretary of Barak Cha Shramik Union Rajdeep Gogoi has welcomed this step by the Government. Talking to this correspondent Rajdeep said, "This is a welcome step in the interest of the labourers and I am happy. But there is a lot to be done. The labourers already had their accounts in which they received their PF money. The Government must make arrangements for setting up ATMs across all the tea gardens so that the benefits are truly materialised."

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Free LPG distribution, awareness camp organised at Jonai

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JONAI, Aug 9: The India Oil Corporation (IOC) in collaboration with PB Gas agency (Indane Gramin Vitarak) on Tuesday conducted a long LPG distribution-cum-safety awareness camp at Kuli Tiniali, 6 kilometres

from here.

Addressing the meeting, IOC Sales Officer North Lakhimpur circle, Meer Md Hussain explained the criterion of free LPG connection under the Prime Minister Ujjwala Yojana, a Central Government sponsored programme.

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BJP will dethrone CPM from Tripura: Sunil Deodhar

CORRESPONDENT

SILCHAR, Aug 9: Boughty by the way Congress was swept out of power in Assam, the national executive member BJP and Tripura state in-charge Sunil Deodhar on Tuesday said his party will thrash the ruling government CPM in the coming Assembly election in Tripura.

Addressing a function organised by Cachar district BJP Mahila Morcha on the occasion of Raksha Bandhan at the party office here, Deodhar said "just as in 2016, people of Assam swept Congress party out and brought the BJP into power, the BJP will bring curtains down on the 24 years rule of the red brigade in Tripura in the election slated to be held in February, 2018."

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Mohily hands over appointment letters to Lafikul's kin

CORRESPONDENT

KOKRAJHAR, Aug 9: BTC Chief Hagrama Mohily on Tuesday ceremonially handed over appointment letters to the brother and sister of Lafikul Islam Ahmed at a simple function held at Bodoland Guest House here at Kokrajhar.

Lafikul Islam Ahmed and Rafika Khatun the brother and sister of Lafikul received the appointment letters of BTC Secretariat office from the BTC chief. In the programme, Mohily also handed over a cheque of Rs 2 lakh as compensation from the BTC Government to the family members of Lafikul and Rs 50,000 to the family members of injured Subankar Chakraborty. Subankar's mother received the cheque from the BTC chief.

Shakamal Khandaker, general secretary of ABMSU, Rejaul Karim Sarkar, general secretary of AMSU and other top leaders of ABMSU, AMSU, BTC Minority Cell attended the programme among others.

Speaking on the occasion, Mohily said that BTC Government has been trying to fulfil the demands of the ABMSU and as per those demands, it handed over

the appointment letters and compensation to the kin of Lafikul Islam Ahmed. At the same time, he also assured ABMSU leaders for taking personal initiative for handing over the case to CBI as soon as possible and in this regard he will speak again to Chief Minister Sonowal.

AMSU and ABMSU leaders thanked the BTC chief for extending a helping hand to the family members of Ahmed and also demanded immediate action against the Superintendent of Police Kokrajhar Rajen Singh.

Meanwhile, AUUDF president and Dhubri MP Badruddin Ajmal on Tuesday visited Kokrajhar and met the bereaved family members of Lafikul Islam Ahmed at Salakati. He was accompanied by Hafiz Boshir Haq, MLA Bilasapara and general secretary AUUDF Nazrul Haq, MLA Dhubri, Sabahuddin Ahmed, MLA Jaleswar, Nizamur Rahaman, MLA Gauripuri, Ananta Kr Malo, MLA, Abhayapuri and Aminul Islam, GS, AUUDF.

The AUUDF president Ajmal also met with BTC Chief Hagrama Mohily at the Bodoland guest house here and held discussions with the Deputy Commissioner

of Kokrajhar Bibekananda Choudhury and the Superintendent of Police Rajen Singh.

Later talking to media persons, Ajmal said that he has full faith on the BTC Chief Hagrama Mohily and hoped that the culprits will be booked soon. He also appealed ton all sections of people to maintain peace and harmony in the region.

Tarun Gogoi meets family members of Lafikul: Former Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi on Monday visited Salakati and met the bereaved family members of ABMSU president Lafikul Islam Ahmed. Gogoi was accompanied by senior Congress leader Rockybul Hussain, Pradyut Bordoloi and a few others.

Later, talking to media persons, Gogoi said doubts have already been raised in various quarters that Lafikul's killing may have some other angle as it was not a simple murder. He demanded an early inquiry and arrest of the culprits involved in the incident. He also alleged that the present Government has totally failed to provide proper safety and security to the people of Assam and the common people have lost their faith on the Government, he alleged.

Animal deaths during floods

Tasa urges raised platforms as immediate measure

SPL CORRESPONDENT

DIGBOI, Aug 9: The deadlock between the management of Powai Tea Estate and the Powell Tea Workers workers was resolved amicably during a meeting held in the Estate office.

The Powai Tea Workers Union had resorted to a day-long 'tool down' strike on Monday and staged a hunger strike demanding immediate re-filling of rice vats across the industry. The strike was suspended late Monday night after the workers received formal assurance from the management concerned.

According to the president of the aggrieved union, the management of Powai Tea Estate accepted their demands and assured to immediately refill four vacant posts in different categories within April, 2018 in a phased manner. In regards to regularisation of workers, the management would initiate steps on a sensitivity basis.

However, with the amicable settlement of the issues, normalcy has been restored in the work place.

quest of diverting the National Highway so that they do not go through the national parks. This has been a long standing demand of the people of Assam and the Minister may take cognisance of this," he said.

The Kaziranga National Park and Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary are two very important wildlife destinations for tourists across India and abroad.

Both are home to a large number of wild animals and valuable plants, thereby maintaining the balance of ecosystems of nearby areas.

However, both the parks are situated in flood-prone areas. Every year the animals suffer a lot because of flood, many animals died during this flood season as well. One major reason of the animal's death is the national highway. During flood, many animals come to the highway for shelter and this is indeed the biggest risk. Every year many endangered rhinos, deer, tigers, wild buffaloes, wild boars, barking deer, leopards are either killed by running vehicles or lifted by poachers, Tasa said.

To mitigate this, a multi-prong strategy is required. Environmentalists believe a limited amount of flood is required every year to preserve the flora and fauna of Kaziranga at least.

However, the loss of lives of animals can't be accepted, he said.

Ellora Vigyan Mancha conference

CORRESPONDENT

DOOMDOOMA, Aug 9: The second triennial conference of the local branch of Ellora Vigyan Mancha (EVM) will be held on August 27 at Doomdooma Bangiya Vidyalaya with a day-long programme.

After registration of delegates' names and flag hoisting, a symposium on the topic, 'Superstitions and Present Society'

of EVM. Later in the day, the delegates' session will be held.

In order to ensure smooth conduct of deliberations, a reception committee was formed with Jhikananda Borghaon as president, Dr Ajibar Rahman as working president and Tarini Deka as general secretary. A souvenir will also be brought out on the occasion.



Members of the All Assam Trained Home Guard Association staging a protest demonstration blocking the railway tracks in support of their demands at Bongaigaon, on Wednesday. – UB Photos

CM visits flood-hit Lakhimpur district; releases Rs 100 cr for embankment repair

CORRESPONDENT

NORTH LAKHIMPUR, Aug 9: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal on Tuesday visited the flood-affected areas of Lakhimpur and took stock of the situation of relief and rehabilitation measures.

The Chief Minister arrived at the Leelabari airport and held talks with the Lakhimpur district administration. From there he went straight to Bogollee area of North Lakhimpur. Sonowal also visited the breached portion of the Rangandi embankment in North Lakhimpur. Sonowal also announced the release of Rs 100 crore for the reconstruction of embankments and rebuilding of infrastructure in Lakhimpur and three other districts and asked the Water Resources

department to start the reconstruction work of the embankments immediately. He also warned the North East Electrical Power Corporation (NEEPCO) not to do anything that could harm the people living on the downstream of Rangandi.

Sonowal then visited the mazaar of Sufi saint Deka Fakir at Bilotecyaganj in North Lakhimpur and inaugurated a visitor's hall constructed at the cost of lakhs under the local area development fund of the tenure in which he was a Member of Parliament from Lakhimpur HPC. From there he visited another flood-affected area of Deobee-Biloteeya and interacted with the affected people. Later, he left for Guwahati from a temporary helipad at Phukanar Haat in North Lakhimpur district. Meanwhile, the Lakhimpur dis-

NITI Aayog partners Assam to improve health, education sectors

SPL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI, Aug 9: In a push to competitive, cooperative federalism, NITI Aayog has announced partnership with three States, including Assam, to radically transform their health and education sectors.

NITI Aayog has selected Uttar Pradesh, Assam and Karnataka to improve healthcare delivery and key outcomes in these States. In education, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, and Jharkhand have been selected for support to better learning outcomes. The six States have been chosen after a rigorous competitive process based on comprehensive metrics to determine potential for impact and durability of success.

States were called to, first, express intent of collaborating with NITI Aayog to better their health and education indices. Team from each States made presentations for each sector

which were assessed by a committee comprising senior members of NITI Aayog and Health and Education ministries.

On thorough technical evaluation, the chosen States have committed to time-bound, governance reforms in both sectors. A programme management unit to push for efficiency and efficacy in governance structures and service delivery will now be available in the six chosen States for a period of 30 months. It is expected that these three years of focussed attention and support from the premier think tank will lead to a marked transformation and also provide a model for other States to replicate and adapt.

This three-way partnership between NITI Aayog, State governments and a knowledge partner for each of the sectors is part of the Sustainable Action for Transforming Human Capital initiative of NITI Aayog.



A farmer with a child preparing a paddy cultivation field, in Marian on Wednesday. — UB Photos

'India-China bilateral treaty must for Brahmaputra water'

AJIT PATAWRY

GUWAHATI, Aug 9: A bilateral treaty between China and India for sharing the Yarlung Tsangpo (Brahmaputra) water is the need of the hour. There should not be any hysteria on the part of India, but we should effectively push for a bilateral agreement with China on this issue. A bilateral agreement is only recourse to safeguard our riparian rights over the Brahmaputra.

This is the observation made by senior engineer Pradeep Kumar Bhuyan, who has been keenly observing the matter for quite a long time. For Bhuyan said the Chinese have been eyeing the great band part of the Yarlung Tsangpo, which is the sharp Turn-the river takes before entering India. This great bend is the deepest and the longest canyon on the earth.

The Chinese have been eyeing this part of the river to build a 'mega' hydel power project to produce 40,000 MW of power. Some Chinese engineers have also been dreaming diversion of water from the Yarlung Tsangpo to Xiangji in the arid part of the North-West China through 800-km-long canals and viaducts. The idea of this 'mega'

hydel project was first made known at a conference in Alaska in July 1986. The project is termed as the Grand Western Water Diversion Plan (GWDP).

However, the plan failed to secure the backing of the Ministry of Water Resources and other key authorities in China. Domestic and international environmental groups also expressed concern over this matter.

Though stalled for the time being, given China's penchant for the 'mega' projects, this looks like a sword of Damocles hanging over the heads of the Indian people living in its NE region.

China as the first riparian country has the right to divert some water of the Yarlung Tsangpo for its own use, apart from setting up hydel projects, which do not hold up water.

But today, China, the upper riparian country, has apparently based its claim on absolute territorial sovereignty right; to do anything it chooses on the Yarlung Tsangpo, without bothering for its effects on the lower riparian countries.

India should build its premises for a comprehensive bilateral agreement on sharing the Yarlung Tsangpo water, basing on the 2002 Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) it signed with China in 2002 to co-ordinate data sharing pertaining to water level, discharge and rainfall etc and the 2013 Expert Level Mechanism on Trans-Border Rivers they established along with the MoU they signed on strengthening cooperation on trans-border rivers that year, the senior engineer said.

In this context, it is pertinent to mention that India is diverting water of the Ganga and the Teesta for its own use in a big way, bulldozing the concerns expressed by the lower riparian Bangladesh. Hence, India on its part needs to recognise the right of China, as the first riparian country, to utilize the Yarlung Tsangpo water for power generation, irrigation, water supply etc. The only issue here is how much water China can use.

Once countries accept and realise the basic premises and become transparent in their policy-making agreements or feasible based on this shared vision, he said.

In this respect, he said the 1960 Indus Water Treaty (IWT) was developed and signed amidst very adverse relationship between India and Pakistan. But the treaty is based on shared visions and it has survived very strained relationship, including wars between the two countries.

Chemically treated bananas seized

DIRBRUGARH, Aug 9: A team of district administration officials seized sacks of chemically treated bananas from two godowns in Kalibari here on Tuesday evening. The crackdown was led by Additional Deputy Commissioner Sanjay Dutta, Assistant Commissioners Runabha Ram, Uday Shankar Dutta and Food Safety Officer Dilip Pangam. They seized huge quantity of bananas as those were found unfit for human consumption. — Staff Correspondent

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Flood relief items distributed in Morigaon

STAFF REPORTER

Nathguri, Pokalagi, Boroshi Bondia, Rabbari and Gerua.

The team carried three truck-loads of relief materials, which included essential items, from Guwahati.

Each of the hundreds of the flood-affected people were handed over a bag containing rice, dal, chira, salt, mustard oil, potato, two types of biscuits, milk, mosquito coil, match box, ORS packet, phey and candles.

PK Sarma said in the press release issued by the AREIDA stated on Wednesday that its team comprising its president PK Sarma, general secretary Deepjyoti Baruah, and members Nabashish Paul, Amit Baruah, Nozom Hazarika, Debjit Bora, Bhupur Das, Pradeep Saha, Pankaj Dutta, Prakash Basumatary, Abhimanyu Khetavani and Sanjiv Ingil visited villages like Sanduba, Md Ali Akbar, the situation could be kept under control.

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Some debt of nat'l carrier may be written off: Panagariya

NEW DELHI, Aug 9: Outgoing NITI Aayog Vice-Chairman Arvind Panagariya has said that writing off some debt of Air India, so as to make it attractive to prospective investors, could be a "wise" move.

Following a suggestion by NITI Aayog, the government is Endeavouring to privatise the state-owned carrier and a committee has been set up under Finance Minister Arun Jaitley to carry forward the process.

"I don't know whether you need to write off debt to find a buyer, I don't know what the market Transaction advisers are competent on that," Panagariya told PTI in an interview.

"I am just saying that it's probably wise to write off part of the debt before this happen (privatisation of Air India)," he added.

On whether there is need for an asset stripping before sale of the national carrier, he said, "No, why would you do asset stripping, it's a well-running, well-functioning airline."

Panagariya, who will leave NITI Aayog this month-

end to return to academia in the US, further said that there are details which need to be sorted out by the transaction advisers.

As regard the real estate of the Air India, Panagariya said, "Real estate part is a separate issue... We made some recommendations and all but not to the level of that details to keep this and sell this."

Citing provisional figures, Minister of State for Civil Aviation Jayant Sinha had recently said Air India's total debt stood at Rs 48,876.81 crore at the end of March 2017.

Out of the total amount, Rs 17,359.77 crore is aircraft loan, while Rs 31,517.04 crore is working capital loan.

"The rates of interest on aircraft/working capital loans are linked to the respective bank's prime lending rates/base rate/labor plus margins prevalent at the time when these loans are taken," Sinha had said.

The previous UPA regime had extended a bailout package worth a little over Rs 30,000 crore to the national carrier for 10 years starting from 2012. -PTI

Air India privatisation

Govt notifies dates for filing first GST returns

NEW DELHI, Aug 9: Home-grown auto major Tata Motors today reported a 41.54 per cent jump in net profit to Rs 3,199.93 crore for the June quarter of the current fiscal year, marking a one-time gain relating to changes made to JLR pension plans. It had posted consolidated net profit of Rs 2,260.40 crore in the April-June period of last fiscal. Tata Motors said in a BSE filing. Income from operations during the period under review stood at Rs 59,818.22 crore, as against Rs 66,165.89 crore in the year-ago period, down 9.59 per cent. -PTI

Thomas Cook

NEW DELHI, Aug 9: Travel services provider Thomas Cook India Ltd has reported a 34.44 per cent rise in consolidated net profit at Rs 68.24 crore for the first quarter ended June 30, 2017. The company had posted a net profit of Rs 62.01 crore for the corresponding period of previous fiscal. Thomas Cook India said in a BSE filing. Consolidated total income from operations stood at Rs 2,784.13 crore for the quarter under consideration as against Rs 2,505.16 crore for the same period year ago. -PTI

NHPC net rises

NEW DELHI, Aug 9: State-owned NHPC Ltd has reported a marginal rise of 0.56 per cent in standalone net profit at Rs 862.66 crore for the first quarter ended June 30, 2017. The company had posted a standalone net profit of Rs 857.82 crore for the year-ago period. NHPC said in a BSE filing. Total income of the company also increased to Rs 2,432.77 crore, from Rs 2,360.04 crore in the same period last year. -PTI

Mahindra 'JIVO'

BENGALURU, Aug 9: Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd's Farm Equipment Sector (FES) today announced launch of its small tractor Mahindra 'JIVO' here. A new-age, superior technology small tractor platform in the sub-25HP category, the Mahindra JIVO, priced at Rs 4 lakh for 4WD model (ex-showroom Karnataka), is suitable for row crop and horticulture farming, company officials said. -PTI

ICICI Bank credit card

MUMBAI, Aug 9: Ahead of the festive season, ICICI Bank today introduced an instant credit card which can be availed online and helps a customer to start shopping even before the plastic card gets delivered. "The card will empower our customers to instantly get the credit card online in a few steps and immediately start transacting on e-commerce sites to take advantage of offers," the bank's Executive Director Anup Bagchi said. -PTI

Bol posts profit

MUMBAI, Aug 9: State-run Bank of India (BoI) is swinging back into profit in the first quarter ended June 30, reporting a net earning of Rs 88 crore today on improvement in asset quality and lower provisioning. The lender had reported a net loss of Rs 741 crore in the same period last year. -PTI

Eicher Motors

NEW DELHI, Aug 9: Commercial vehicle maker Eicher Motors Ltd reported a 22.14 per cent rise in consolidated net profit at Rs 459.62 crore for the first quarter ended June 30, 2017. The company had posted a net profit of Rs 376.29 crore during the April-June quarter a year-ago. Eicher Motors said in a BSE filing. -PTI

For the month of August, the three forms will have to be filed between September 16-20, September 21-25 and September 26-30 respectively.

Along from these three forms, for the first two months of the GST regime – July and August – the tax payers also need to file a form GSTR-3B, which is a summary return wherein details of outward supplies, inward supplies, credit and payment of GST are to be given.

The GSTR-3B form for July has to be filed by August 20 while for September 6, it needs to be filed before September 20.

Though there is no penalty for non-filing GST returns for the month of July and August, experts are of the view that it will be extremely cumbersome for the trader as he will have to file a total of

seven returns in the month of September alone.

"Tax professionals and taxpayers are going to have a very busy season as in next 50 days as the tax payers are supposed to file multiple GST returns. Situation gets complicated as all these returns are being prepared and filed for first time and not enough expertise is available even with tax professionals and taxpayer," chartered accountant and GST analyst Pratim Mahure told IANS.

"It would be quite challenging for the corporates," he added.

GST Service Provider Pay-Your-Way, which has opened 100 centres across the country to help taxpayers file returns, however said that the Goods and Services Tax Network model is user-friendly and GST analysis will not be cumbersome. -IANS

Direct tax collection up 19% in April-July

NEW DELHI, Aug 9: Direct tax collections jumped 19 per cent in the first four months of the current fiscal as demonetisation of higher denomination currency brought in more number of individuals in the tax net.

Collections of direct taxes,

which are made up of personal and corporate taxes, soared to Rs 1.90 lakh crore in April-July, an official statement said here.

The collection, net of refunds, was 19.5 per cent of the total Budget es-

timate of direct taxes for 2017-18.

Corporate income tax grew 7.2 per cent on gross terms and personal income tax by 17.5 per cent.

"However, after adjusting for refunds, the net growth in corporate income tax collections is 23.2 per cent while that in personal income tax collections is 15.7 per cent," the statement said.

As much as Rs 61,920 crore of tax refunds have been issued during April-July, 5.1 per cent lower than the amount issued in the

same period of 2016-17.

Earlier this week, the government released the numbers of tax returns filed, showing demonetisation of old Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 notes had given the substantial growth.

Number of tax returns filed soared to 2.83 crore as against 2.27 crore in the previous year. This marks a growth of 24.7 per cent this year compared to 9.9 per cent in the year-ago period. Individual tax returns filed were up 25.3 per cent at 2.79 crore. -PTI



SN Brahma Choudhury, former Adviser of Planning Commission for the North-east Region, at a stall after inaugurating the 5th North-east Craft Carnival during the 22nd foundation day celebration of NEDFi, at NEDFi House in Guwahati on Tuesday. - UB Photos

HUL, Asian Paints, Bharti Airtel feature on Forbes list

NEW DELHI, Aug 9: Three Indian firms – Hindustan Unilever Ltd (HUL), Asian Paints and Bharti Airtel – are on *Forbes*' list of the world's 100 most innovative companies, where Salesforce.com has replaced Tesla Motors on the top position.

While HUL and Asian Paints have moved up in their ranks to seventh and eighth respectively (from 31st and 18th last year), Bharti Airtel has entered the rankings 78th position.

Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), also Sun Pharma and Larsen & Toubro were also in the 2016 list but they failed to make the cut this year, bringing down the total number

of Indian firms from five to three.

The annual 'World's Most Innovative Companies' are the ones that investors expect to be innovative now and in the future. Besides, to be included in the list, firms need

services do not make the list. Nor do energy and mining firms, whose market value is more tied to commodity prices than innovation," the magazine said.

According to *Forbes*, companies are

ranked by their innovation premium – the difference between their market capitalisation and the net present value of cash flows from existing businesses.

"The difference between them is the bonus given by equity investors on the educated hunch

that the company will continue to come up with profitable new growth," the magazine said.

HUL recorded an innovation premium of 68.59 per cent; Asian Paints (68.28 per cent) and Bharti Airtel (41.4 per cent).

Among the others in the top 10 are – Amazon.com (3rd position), Shanghai RAAS Blood Products (4th), Netflix (5th), Incyte (6th), Naver (9th) and Regeneron Pharmaceuticals (10th).

Besides the above, Adobe Systems, Maritz International, Nissho, Mercard, Coca-Cola, Procter & Gamble, PepsiCo, Colgate-Palmolive also featured on the list. -PTI

World's most innovative companies

seven years of public financial data and \$10 billion in market cap.

"We include only industries that are known to invest in innovations, excluding industries that have no measurable investment in R&D, so banks and other financial

services do not make the list. Nor do energy and mining firms, whose market value is more tied to commodity prices than innovation," the magazine said.

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Banks' consolidation

Govt likely to initiate process after Q1 numbers

NEW DELHI, Aug 9: The Finance Ministry is expected to initiate the process of consolidation of public sector banks (PSBs) at the first quarter results of the current fiscal have been announced, a senior official has said.

"There is no such proposal under the consideration of the government for consolidation of PSBs at present," Minister of State for Finance Santosh Kumar Gangwar had said in a written reply to Lok Sabha.

In the last consolidation drive, five associates and Bhatiniya Mahila Bank (BMB) became part of SBI on April 1, 2013, catapulting the country's largest lender to among the top 50 banks in the world.

With the merger, the total customer base of the SBI reached around 37 crore with a branch network of around 24,000 and nearly 59,000 ATMs across the country. The merged entity began operations with a deposit base of more than Rs 26 lakh crore and advances of level Rs 18,50,000 crore.

"So, it is going to be a complex exercise. Let the June quarter numbers of all banks be finalised first, then there could be some action on this front," said the official, who did not want to be identified.

The Finance Ministry had called a few banks including Dena Bank a few months ago to get a sense from them about their financial position like capital adequacy ratio and NPAs and CBS technology that they operate on.

The government in February had approved the merger of these five associate banks with SBI. Later in March, the Cabinet approved merger of BMB as well. SBI first merged State Bank of Saurashtra with it in 2008. Two years later, State Bank of Indore was merged with it. -PTI

Bharti Airtel, Vodafone top list of operators

(merged business with Airtel) and one of Sistema Shyam have been found non-compliant to radiation rules till June.

Sinha said that the main conclusion from the WHO reviews is that radiation exposures from mobile towers below limits prescribed under the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) international guidelines do not appear to have any known consequence on health.

He said that in India norms for exposure limit for the emission from mobile towers are almost 10 times more stringent than the safe limits prescribed by ICNIRP and recommended by WHO.

"Making the norms ten times stricter than what has been prescribed by ICNIRP and recommended by WHO, obviates the need for having separate norms for different localities," Sinha said.

The minister said the DoT guidelines issued to State governments on August 1, 2013 for mobile towers do not place any restriction on installation of mobile towers near residential area, educational institutions and hospitals, etc. -PTI

Big Bazaar's '5 Days Mahabachat' on Aug 12-16

BUSINESS REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 9: With the Independence Day around the corner, Big Bazaar has announced the return of the country's most awaited annual shopping festival – Big Bazaar '5 Days Mahabachat' from August 12 to 16.

During the '5 Days Mahabachat', the Big Bazaar store here will offer mega bargains and mega value across all categories of products, a press release said.

The Big Bazaar store on those days will open at 9 am, offering customers amazing deals and discounts on a wide range of categories – from electronics to household items, food & grocery items to fashion apparel, and from kitchenware to home decor.

Speaking about the event, Big Bazaar CEO Sadashiv Nayak said, "Big Bazaar's 'Mahabachat' is testimony to our belief in providing maximum savings and value to our customers. These 5 days will provide the biggest saving opportunity on shopping at Big Bazaar and we look forward to it being yet another successful shopping bonanza for consumers."

Dabur adopts, revamps school under CSR prog

BUSINESS REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 9: India's science-based Ayurveda major Dabur India Ltd today announced the launch of its community development initiatives in Tezpur by formally handing over the Dhekidel L.P.S. School of Sonapur district to the local administration after undertaking a major revamp of the school's facilities.

Dabur had started its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activity in Tezpur earlier this year by adopting the Dhekidel L.P.S. School of the district for the purpose of undertaking its revamp.

The revamped school was handed over to the school and district administration at a function held at Ghoramari in Sonapur district. Manoj Kumar Deka, DC, Sonapur and PP Singh, SP, Sonapur were the chief guests at the function, which was also attended by senior officials from Dabur India Ltd, including Vice-President - HR&R Partho Ganguly and Dabur Tezpur unit head JS Pathak. The development work was carried out through Dabur's CSR arm Jivanti Welfare & Charitable Trust, a press release said here today.

McLeod Russel looks at entering packet tea segment

KOLKATA, Aug 9: Tea producer McLeod Russel India is looking to enter the packet tea market, the company's Managing Director said today.

"We are seriously looking into entering the packet tea segment. The company will take this step soon. It is now in a study phase," Aditya Khaitan, the company's Vice-Chairman and Managing Director, said here.

The company's board has decided to initiate discussion with Eveready Industries India Limited for participating in a joint venture as a strategic business partner for the development of packet tea business through a separate entity, he said. -PTI

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District wise Treasury wise Pension Disposal Report

for the month of July 2017

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APP/PG/PG/2017/036469	SHRI SHANTIMA SHARMA / LATE NIRU DEVI	Vill/Town: Tukhola, P.O.: Jogaigaon	ADP/PG/PG/2017/036884				
APP/PG/PG/2017/036470	SHRI SHANTIMA SHARMA / LATE NIRU DEVI	Vill/Town: Tukhola, P.O.: Jogaigaon	ADP/PG/PG/2017/036885				
APP/PG/PG/2017/036471	SHRI SHANTIMA SHARMA / LATE NIRU DEVI	Vill/Town: Tukhola, P.O.: Jogaigaon	ADP/PG/PG/2017/036886				
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Treasury Name : Tinsukia							
APP/PG/PG/2017/036302	RAJENDRA NARH BORAH	Vill/Town: Namchungi, P.O.: Namchungi	ADP/PG/PG/2017/036288	MADAN GORAL DEY	Vill/Town: Nasipal, P.O.: Nasipor		
APP/PG/PG/2017/036303	SAJIT HAZARIKA	Vill/Town: Bogor Geon., P.O.: Bogor Geon.	ADP/PG/PG/2017/036289	UMANDANA DEB	Vill/Town: Tinsukia, P.O.: Tinsukia		
APP/PG/PG/2017/036304	KESHAB CH HANJULI	Vill/Town: Betbea Geon., P.O.: Purulia Titar	ADP/PG/PG/2017/036290	MOLIHUNDI CHUDHURY	Vill/Town: Barapeta, P.O.: Barapeta		
APP/PG/PG/2017/036305	SHRI BIREN DORBOLOLI	Vill/Town: Betbea Geon., P.O.: Purulia Titar	ADP/PG/PG/2017/036291	HEMAMI DEB	Vill/Town: Dibrugarh, P.O.: Dibrugarh		
APP/PG/PG/2017/036312	DIPEN CHANDRA GOGOI	Vill/Town: I. No. 1, Kokadunga Habigan, P.O.: Urangholia	ADP/PG/PG/2017/036292	MD. ABDUL HOQUE	Vill/Town: Laxmi Bazar Road, P.O.: Karimganj		
APP/PG/PG/2017/036347	GORAL CHANDRA BORA	Vill/Town: Balaiguri, P.O.: Balaiguri	ADP/PG/PG/2017/036293	SUDHIR KR. ROY	Vill/Town: Lakhimpur, P.O.: Lakhimpur		
APP/PG/PG/2017/036348	SHRI KALIKA BORAH	Vill/Town: Balaiguri, P.O.: Balaiguri	ADP/PG/PG/2017/036294	BINODA KUMAR SINHA	Vill/Town: Magram, P.O.: Magram		
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APP/PG/PG/2017/036362	KRISHNA KR DAS	Vill/Town: Balaiguri, P.O.: Balaiguri	ADP/PG/PG/2017/036299	ABDUL MAJID	Vill/Town: Sankar, P.O.: Sankar		
APP/PG/PG/2017/036363	SHRI BARUAH	Vill/Town: Balaiguri, P.O.: Balaiguri	ADP/PG/PG/2017/036300	SEKHAR KUMAR	Vill/Town: Barapeta, P.O.: Barapeta		
APP/PG/PG/2017/036364	SHRI BARUAH	Vill/Town: Balaiguri, P.O.: Balaiguri	ADP/PG/PG/2017/036301	RANJIT KUMAR CHANDRA	Vill/Town: Dibrugarh, P.O.: Dibrugarh		
APP/PG/PG/2017/036365	SHRI BARUAH	Vill/Town: Balaiguri, P.O.: Balaiguri	ADP/PG/PG/2017/036302	PRONAM KUMAR SHARMA	Vill/Town: Sankar, P.O.: Sankar		
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APP/PG/PG/2017/036367	SHRI BARUAH	Vill/Town: Balaiguri, P.O.: Balaiguri	ADP/PG/PG/2017/036304	SHRI RAJESWARI CHANDRA / SINGHA / LATE BABEABALA SINGHA	Vill/Town: Baghara, P.O.: Baghara		
APP/PG/PG/2017/036368	SHRI BARUAH	Vill/Town: Balaiguri, P.O.: Balaiguri	ADP/PG/PG/2017/036305	PRASADNEET RAJ	Vill/Town: Settlement Link Road, W.No-12.BLOCK-A, Ropch Mission Valley, P.O.: Sonapur		
APP/PG/PG/2017/036369	SHRI BARUAH	Vill/Town: Balaiguri, P.O.: Balaiguri	ADP/PG/PG/2017/036306	SANKARI PROVA ACHARIE	Vill/Town: Ambikapara, P.O.: Ambikapara		
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APP/PG/PG/2017/036371	SHRI BARUAH	Vill/Town: Balaiguri, P.O.: Balaiguri	ADP/PG/PG/2017/036308	SHRI DEEPMALA / LATE RAJENDRAPRADAS ROY	Vill/Town: Bataya, P.O.: Mulegaon		
APP/PG/PG/2017/036372	SHRI BARUAH	Vill/Town: Balaiguri, P.O.: Balaiguri	ADP/PG/PG/2017/036309	SUBHENI SARMA	Vill/Town: Dibrugarh, P.O.: Dibrugarh		
APP/PG/PG/2017/036373	SHRI BARUAH	Vill/Town: Balaiguri, P.O.: Balaiguri	ADP/PG/PG/2017/036310	SWAPNA PURAKASTHA	Vill/Town: Ambikapara, P.O.: Ambikapara		
APP/PG/PG/2017/036374	SHRI BARUAH	Vill/Town: Balaiguri, P.O.: Balaiguri	ADP/PG/PG/2017/036311	FULIA NATH	Vill/Town: Tengnagluh, P.O.: Tengnagluh		
APP/PG/PG/2017/036375	SHRI BARUAH	Vill/Town: Balaiguri, P.O.: Balaiguri	ADP/PG/PG/2017/036312	SMTI PREMIA SINGH / LATE ADELAUAT HUSSAINA KARIMUN NESSA / KHAMAR HUSSAIN / LATE AFISIQUAR RAHMAN KHAN	Vill/Town: Indra Colony, P.O.: Karimganj		
APP/PG/PG/2017/036376	SHRI BARUAH	Vill/Town: Balaiguri, P.O.: Balaiguri	ADP/PG/PG/2017/036313	SMTI PREMIA SINGH / LATE ADELAUAT HUSSAINA KARIMUN NESSA / KHAMAR HUSSAIN / LATE AFISIQUAR RAHMAN KHAN	Vill/Town: Dibrugarh, P.O.: Kanchan		
APP/PG/PG/2017/036377	SHRI BARUAH	Vill/Town: Balaiguri, P.O.: Balaiguri	ADP/PG/PG/2017/036314	SMTI PREMIA SINGH / LATE ADELAUAT HUSSAINA KARIMUN NESSA / KHAMAR HUSSAIN / LATE AFISIQUAR RAHMAN KHAN	Vill/Town: Desgram, P.O.: Desgram		
APP/PG/PG/2017/036378	SHRI BARUAH	Vill/Town: Balaiguri, P.O.: Balaiguri	ADP/PG/PG/2017/036315	SMTI PREMIA SINGH / LATE ADELAUAT HUSSAINA KARIMUN NESSA / KHAMAR HUSSAIN / LATE AFISIQUAR RAHMAN KHAN	Vill/Town: Faltipath, P.O.: Faltipath		
APP/PG/PG/2017/036379	SHRI BARUAH	Vill/Town: Balaiguri, P.O.: Balaiguri	ADP/PG/PG/2017/036316	SMTI PREMIA SINGH / LATE ADELAUAT HUSSAINA KARIMUN NESSA / KHAMAR HUSSAIN / LATE AFISIQUAR RAHMAN KHAN	Vill/Town: Dibrugarh, P.O.: Dibrugarh		
APP/PG/PG/2017/036380	SHRI BARUAH	Vill/Town: Balaiguri, P.O.: Balaiguri	ADP/PG/PG/2017/036317	SMTI PREMIA SINGH / LATE ADELAUAT HUSSAINA KARIMUN NESSA / KHAMAR HUSSAIN / LATE AFISIQUAR RAHMAN KHAN	Vill/Town: Dibrugarh, P.O.: Dibrugarh		
APP/PG/PG/2017/036381	SHRI BARUAH	Vill/Town: Balaiguri, P.O.: Balaiguri	ADP/PG/PG/2017/036318	SMTI PREMIA SINGH / LATE ADELAUAT HUSSAINA KARIMUN NESSA / KHAMAR HUSSAIN / LATE AFISIQUAR RAHMAN KHAN	Vill/Town: Dibrugarh, P.O.: Dibrugarh		
APP/PG/PG/2017/036382	SHRI BARUAH	Vill/Town: Balaiguri, P.O.: Balaiguri	ADP/PG/PG/2017/036319	SMTI PREMIA SINGH / LATE ADELAUAT HUSSAINA KARIMUN NESSA / KHAMAR HUSSAIN / LATE AFISIQUAR RAHMAN KHAN	Vill/Town: Dibrugarh, P.O.: Dibrugarh		
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APP/PG/PG/2017/036384	SHRI BARUAH	Vill/Town: Balaiguri, P.O.: Balaiguri	ADP/PG/PG/2017/036321	SMTI PREMIA SINGH / LATE ADELAUAT HUSSAINA KARIMUN NESSA / KHAMAR HUSSAIN / LATE AFISIQUAR RAHMAN KHAN	Vill/Town: Dibrugarh, P.O.: Dibrugarh		
APP/PG/PG/2017/036385	SHRI BARUAH	Vill/Town: Balaiguri, P.O.: Balaiguri	ADP/PG/PG/2017/036322	SMTI PREMIA SINGH / LATE ADELAUAT HUSSAINA KARIMUN NESSA / KHAMAR HUSSAIN / LATE AFISIQUAR RAHMAN KHAN	Vill/Town: Dibrugarh, P.O.: Dibrugarh		
APP/PG/PG/2017/036386	SHRI BARUAH	Vill/Town: Balaiguri, P.O.: Balaiguri	ADP/PG/PG/2017/036323	SMTI PREMIA SINGH / LATE ADELAUAT HUSSAINA KARIMUN NESSA / KHAMAR HUSSAIN / LATE AFISIQUAR RAHMAN KHAN	Vill/Town: Dibrugarh, P.O.: Dibrugarh		
APP/PG/PG/2017/036387	SHRI BARUAH	Vill/Town: Balaiguri, P.O.: Balaiguri	ADP/PG/PG/2017/036324	SMTI PREMIA SINGH / LATE ADELAUAT HUSSAINA KARIMUN NESSA / KHAMAR HUSSAIN / LATE AFISIQUAR RAHMAN KHAN	Vill/Town: Dibrugarh, P.O.: Dibrugarh		
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APP/PG/PG/2017/036389	SHRI BARUAH	Vill/Town: Balaiguri, P.O.: Balaiguri	ADP/PG/PG/2017/036326	SMTI PREMIA SINGH / LATE ADELAUAT HUSSAINA KARIMUN NESSA / KHAMAR HUSSAIN / LATE AFISIQUAR RAHMAN KHAN	Vill/Town: Dibrugarh, P.O.: Dibrugarh		
APP/PG/PG/2017/036390	SHRI BARUAH	Vill/Town: Balaiguri, P.O.: Balaiguri	ADP/PG/PG/2017/036327	SMTI PREMIA SINGH / LATE ADELAUAT HUSSAINA KARIMUN NESSA / KHAMAR HUSSAIN / LATE AFISIQUAR RAHMAN KHAN	Vill/Town: Dibrugarh, P.O.: Dibrugarh		
APP/PG/PG/2017/036391	SHRI BARUAH	Vill/Town: Balaiguri, P.O.: Balaiguri	ADP/PG/PG/2017/036328	SMTI PREMIA SINGH / LATE ADELAUAT HUSSAINA KARIMUN NESSA / KHAMAR HUSSAIN / LATE AFISIQUAR RAHMAN KHAN	Vill/Town: Dibrugarh, P.O.: Dibrugarh		
APP/PG/PG/2017/036392	SHRI BARUAH	Vill/Town: Balaiguri, P.O.: Balaiguri	ADP/PG/PG/2017/036329	SMTI PREMIA SINGH / LATE ADELAUAT HUSSAINA KARIMUN NESSA / KHAMAR HUSSAIN / LATE AFISIQUAR RAHMAN KHAN	Vill/Town: Dibrugarh, P.O.: Dibrugarh		
APP/PG/PG/2017/036393	SHRI BARUAH	Vill/Town: Balaiguri, P.O.: Balaiguri					

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PPO Code	Pensioner Name	Pensioner Address
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036121	RAJANI KANTA KULU	Vill/Town: Aken Dighali Mukh Gaon, PO : KeturiPuruh
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036122	TILEN TAMIL	Vill/Town: Amkola Gaon, PO : Dhakukhaha
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036123	THANESWAR DAS	Vill/Town: Chirang, PO : Nagaon
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036124	THANESVAR DUTTA	Vill/Town: Harsipowa, PO : Nemutengari
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036125	DIMESWAR BORUAH	Vill/Town: Radingia, PO : Ghatmara
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036126	DEBENIKA CHOWDHURY	Vill/Town: Dibrugarh, PO : Dibrugarh
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036127	PARMANANDA DOLEY	Vill/Town: Tamia Gaon, PO : Kekura Pumoh
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036128	BHOLA GOGI	Vill/Town: Mohemar, PO : Mohemar
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036129	CHITRAKALA GOGI	Vill/Town: Mohemar, PO : Mohemar
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036130	HEM PRAVA CHUTIA	Vill/Town: Mahuswason, PO : Gondia
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036131	MONESWARI DOLEY	Vill/Town: Patrichuk Magora, PO : Patrichuk
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036132	NALINI CHETIA	Vill/Town: Kathungong, PO : Nalniguri
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036133	PRIN DROVIA PUTTA	Vill/Town: Mabali Gaon, PO : Bordobam
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036134	NUNALI BAJA GOOGI	Vill/Town: Nalniguri, PO : Pabok
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036135	PARASURAM BORUGKONG	Vill/Town: Nez Bapchegapala, PO : Batamari
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036136	HENG KANTA GOOGI	Vill/Town: Lekori, PO : Ghatmara
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036137	PADMEVISH BORUGHAN	Vill/Town: Nalniguri, PO : Dibrugarh
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036138	PRABUDHAR BORUAH	Vill/Town: 2no. Lahta, PO : Dhemphukhwa
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036139	JAINESWAR CHUTIA	Vill/Town: Kapashu, PO : Dhemphukhwa
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036140	GONIN CHANDRA DAS	Vill/Town: Naon Katheria, PO : Dhakukhaha
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036141	MAHANI GOMAON	Vill/Town: Dhemphukhwa, PO : Dhemphukhwa
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036142	HEM CHANDRA GOSWAMI	Vill/Town: Dhemphukhwa, PO : Dhemphukhwa
Treasury Total : 26		
Treasury Name : Lakhipur		
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036001	SABTRI BORUAH / LATE HEMA BORUAH	Vill/Town: Konai Gaon, PO : Kaliapar
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036002	BINA HAZARICA	Vill/Town: Nakhi Wilo-2, PO : N. Lakhimpur
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036003	JOYTKA HAZARICA	Vill/Town: Mohora Goban, PO : North Lakhimpur
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036004	NILMI DUTTA	Vill/Town: Jonoria, PO : Azad
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036005	SHOBHITA CHOWDHURY	Vill/Town: Kharibor, PO : Dibrugarh
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036006	CHAKHINA BEGUM	Vill/Town: Khamati Wilo-10, PO : Khamati
District Name : Lakhimpur		
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036275	BUKA HAZARICA	Vill/Town: Tokla, PO : Amonoi
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036276	DAMBABUDHAR NATH	Vill/Town: Bahuli Nath, Gaon, PO : Azad
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036277	ANIMA KANTA	Vill/Town: Bepha Khat, PO : Phukaram
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036278	MANIKA UPADHYAYA	Vill/Town: Bokalora, PO : Diphlu
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036279	AMIT KANTA CHETARY	Vill/Town: Bokalora, PO : Diphlu Lakhimpur
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036277	SIMALI KONGARI / LATE AUGUSTIN KONGARI	Vill/Town: Christian Block, PO : Jangiri
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036278	MONTAZ BEGUM / LATE AFTABUDDIN	Vill/Town: Panduwa, PO : Garicha
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036279	SHOBHITA CHETARY	Vill/Town: Panhous, PO : Garicha
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036280	SAMSUL HAQUE	Vill/Town: Panigora, PO : Panigora
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036281	ANALI CHEUNG	Vill/Town: Parab, PO : Ghatmara
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036282	ANALI SAKHIA	Vill/Town: Ratupar, PO : Terani
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036283	DINNATH SARAHMAH	Vill/Town: Mautur Chok, PO : Baludar Chok
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036284	SHRI GULAPURAM / LATE KUSHAK HARO	Vill/Town: Sonowal, PO : Dibrugarh
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036285	SUSHIL CHI DUTTA	Vill/Town: Athakela Gabon, PO : Azad
Treasury Total : 21		
District Total : 65		
District Name : Marigaon		
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036001	GRU NAKUL PATAR / LATE TIPESWAR PATAR	Vill/Town: Dihaspur, PO : Densari
ADPIP/PGO/2015/020806	KRISHNA KR. NATH	Vill/Town: Karmowar, PO : Sudali Suboroh
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036001	RATI RAM SAKHA	Vill/Town: Karmowar, PO : Sudali Suboroh
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036002	SHOBHITA CHOWDHURY DEKA	Vill/Town: Karmowar, PO : Sudali Suboroh
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036012	SUBHA MANTA	Vill/Town: Bokalora, PO : Diphlu
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036013	SHBABEN CHANDRA NATH	Vill/Town: Hababarangar, PO : Dhalbarangbari
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036014	SHOBHITA CHETARY	Vill/Town: Halmatong, PO : Dhalbarangbari
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036015	SIMALI KONGARI	Vill/Town: Halmatong, PO : Dhalbarangbari
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036016	MONTAZ BEGUM / LATE AFTABUDDIN	Vill/Town: Panduwa, PO : Garicha
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036017	SHOBHITA CHETARY	Vill/Town: Panhous, PO : Garicha
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036018	SHOBHITA CHETARY	Vill/Town: Parab, PO : Ghatmara
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036019	SHOBHITA CHETARY	Vill/Town: Ratupar, PO : Terani
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036020	SHOBHITA CHETARY	Vill/Town: Jyoti Nagar W/W-5, PO : Morigaon
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036021	SHOBHITA CHETARY	Vill/Town: Digboh, PO : Dighali
District Name : Marigaon		
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036325	SMTI SWAPNA PAGORI	Vill/Town: Konai Gaon, PO : Kaliapar
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036326	SMTI SWAPNA PAGORI / LATE MAHAT HARGO	Vill/Town: Athakela Gabon, PO : Azad
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036327	SMTI SWAPNA PAGORI / LATE MAHAT HARGO	Vill/Town: Athakela Gabon, PO : Azad
Treasury Name : Nagaon		
ADPIP/PGO/2017/036328	SMTI SWAPNA PAGORI / LATE MAHAT HARGO	Vill/Town: Athakela Gabon, PO : Azad
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Kashmiri separatist leader Shabir Shah sent to JC, seeks bail

NEW DELHI, Aug 9: After intense grilling for two weeks, Kashmiri separatist leader Shabir Shah was today sent to a 14-day judicial custody by a court here in a decade-old case of money laundering for alleged terror-financing.

Additional Sessions Judge Sidharth Sharma sent Shah to jail for two weeks after the accused was produced before him on the expiry of his Enforcement Directorate (ED) custody and after the Central probe agency's lawyer, NK Mitta, told the court that he was not required for further custodial interrogation.

After the accused was sent to judicial custody, a bail application was moved by his lawyer MS Khan, claiming that the charges levelled against Shah were "motivated" and based on "falsehood" and that he was falsely implicated in the case.

The court directed the ED to file a response by August 14 on the plea, which claimed that Shah was innocent, had deep roots in the society and was a permanent resident of Srinagar and therefore, there was no

chance of him becoming an absconder or tampering with the prosecution evidence.

Shah was arrested by the ED on July 25, a day after several Hurriyat leaders were taken into custody by the National Investigating Agency (NIA), in a case of alleged terror-funding in the valley to fuel unrest.

He was taken into custody in the August 2005 case, in which the Special Cell of Delhi Police had arrested Mohammed Aslam Wani (35), an alleged hawala dealer who is currently in ED custody till August 14, claiming that Rs 63 lakh were recovered from Wani, of which Rs 52 lakh were allegedly to be delivered to Shah.

The agency had earlier issued summons to Shah in the case, the prosecution had said, adding that Wani had claimed that he had given Rs 2.25 crore to the Kashmiri separatist leader.

Investigating agencies such as the NIA have cracked down on Hurriyat leaders like Syed Ali Shah Geelani's son-in-law, Altaf Ahmed Shah, also known as Altaf Pantosh, and six other Kashmiri separatists. - PTI



Gorkha Jan Mukti Morcha activists staging 'Quit Gorkhaland Movement' in Mirik on Wednesday. - UNI

Cong's Patel pips BJP nominee at post

AHMEDABAD/NEW DELHI, Aug 9: Congress candidate Ahmed Patel today beat the BJP nominee in a bitterly fought Rajya Sabha election in Gujarat after late night dramatic developments saw the Election Commission reject the votes of two dissident MLAs of the main Opposition party for violating electoral rules.

Patel, political secretary to Congress president Sonia Gandhi beat Balwantsinh Rajput, till recently the

party's chief whip in the State Assembly before defecting to BJP, polling 44 votes, in the first RS polls in Gujarat in two decades which saw a contest instead of official candidates of major parties getting elected unopposed. Rajput secured 38 votes.

BJP chief Amit Shah made his maiden entry into the house of elders and so did party nominee and Information and Broadcasting Min-

ister Smriti Irani, clinching 46 votes each, an EC official said.

"This is not just my victory. It is a defeat of the most blatant use of money power, muscle power and abuse of state machinery," Patel, who secured a fifth Rajya Sabha term after the tough electoral fight, tweeted after his victory.

A defeat for Patel, apart from being seen as a personal setback to

Sonia, would have left Congress rank and file hugely demoralised in a State where Assembly elections are to take place later this year. The EC's decision to cancel the votes of two Congress MLAs brought down the requirement for an outright victory for a candidate to 44 from 45.

Chief Minister Vijay Rupani said BJP would legally challenge the EC's decision rejecting the votes of two Congress MLAs who had backed his party. - PTI

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Twin setback to SP as MLCs quit UP Legislative Council

LUCKNOW, Aug 9: In a twin setback to the Samajwadi Party, its MLAs Ashok Bajpai and Ambika Chowdhury in UPSP today resigned from the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Council, taking the number of party members who have quit recently to five.

The resignation of Bajpai, who said he was upset over the treatment being meted out to senior leaders like Mulayam Singh Yadav, comes a day after three SP MLCS resigned and joined the BJP.

Bajpai is also expected to follow suit, sources said.

"I am tendering my resignation from Council membership. I am pained over the treatment meted out to 'Netaji' (Mulayam Singh Yadav). He is being ignored in the party. We have not worked to strengthen the party for this day. Senior leaders are being ignored and the message going from this is visible," Bajpai said after giving his resignation to Council Chairman Ramesh Yadav.

Another SP MLC, Chowdhury, who switched sides to BSP from SP during the

Assembly polls but was still an MLC, also tendered his resignation to the Council Chairman after Bajpai.

Chowdhury had also contested Assembly polls on BSP ticket from Phaphua seat in Ballia district but had lost.

"I was MLC in SP quota. I had to resign earlier but I could not due to some reasons. 'Beneji' had also asked me to resign later. I am in BSP and will remain there," Chowdhury said told PTI.

On August 4, SP MLC Sarojini Agarwal also resigned from the Legislative Council membership and joined the BJP.

On the reasons for her resignation, she had said she was not feeling comfortable in the party as Mulayan was not given any importance.

"I had been party MLC twice due to Netaji (Mulayam). As he is not active in the party, I have resigned. I don't have problems with anyone in the party and I respect everyone. I felt awkward after split in the party and I did not feel working in it," Agarwal had said. - PTI

Dilip Kumar discharged from hospital

MUMBAI, Aug 9: Veteran actor Dilip Kumar was today discharged from hospital, eight days after being admitted for kidney-related ailments.

The actor came out of the hospital on a wheelchair with wife Saira Banu, family friends and doctors.

Saira hugged and kissed the actor on his cheek before asking him to wave to the waiting fans.

The 94-year-old actor was admitted to the city-based Lilavati Hospital in suburban Borivali last Wednesday.

Earlier, Saira took to Twitter to thank fans and doctors for their support and well wishes.

"By the grace of Allah, Dilip Sahab is under the care of Dr Nitin Gokhale, Dr Arun Shah of Lilavati Hospital and Saha's personal family physicians Dr RC Sharma and Dr S Gokhale, along with the able input of Dr SD Batat.

"This excellent team has given the green signal to take Saha home today. My gratitude to fans, friends for prayers, doctors for expert treatment, hospital staff in Saha's personal attendants for all the care. It is the Almighty God's will and benevolence that I wish to acknowledge in all humility and gratitude," she wrote on the actor's official Twitter page. - PTI

1.35 lakh BJP workers to double up as blood donors in UP

LUCKNOW, Aug 9: The Uttar Pradesh RJD has prepared a list of 1.35 lakh party workers, who would be mostly a phone call away from the relatives of patients admitted in government hospitals and would not hesitate to donate blood, the party said today.

According to State BJP spokesperson Shalabh Mani Tripathi, after conducting extensive blood tests, the party had come up with a directory of 1.35 lakh of its workers, who would also double up as blood donors.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath today dedicated the directory to the public, while commencing his tour of various districts from Gorakhpur.

Speaking on the occasion, he said, "The daily requirement of blood in the country is 120 lakh units, whereas only 60 lakh units of blood are available. This

(the directory) will encourage voluntary blood donation to fill the gap."

Lauding the noble effort, the Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister said, "The list of donors also comprises the names of those with rare blood groups and their details. This will help those in need of blood and prevent them from seeking the help of professional blood donors."

Tripathi said, "The step will help us to forge a bond relationship with the ordinary citizens and help us realise Ayodhya—the teachings and philosophy of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya—in heart and spirit."

He added that the directory also contained the mobile phone numbers of the 1.35 lakh BJP workers.

"The directory will come in handy for patients and their relatives in critical

Defence ministry seeks additional funds of Rs 20,000 cr

NEW DELHI, Aug 9: The defence ministry has sought an additional allocation of Rs 20,000 crore from the finance ministry to speed up the procurement of arms and weapons systems, officials said.

The government had last month empowered the Army to procure ammunition and other military hardware directly to maintain combat readiness for short-duration "intense wars" and the officials said the additional funds were sought to address its requirements.

The government had set aside Rs 2.74 lakh crore for the armed forces in the Union Budget and the Rs 20,000 crore has been sought in addition to that.

The officials claimed that the demand for additional funds had nothing to do with India's stand-off with China in Doklam in the Sikkim sector.

They said the withdrawal of customs duty exemptions on defence imports had led to additional liabilities for the defence ministry and thus, the finance ministry had been requested to neutralise it by allocating additional funds.

The said the finance ministry had indicated that the demand for the additional funds would be considered "favourably" and "at the earliest".

Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley also holds the additional charge of defence.

In a major decision, the government had last month empowered the Army to procure critical weapons systems and military platforms directly.

According to the decision, the Vice Chief of the Army had been given the "full" financial powers to procure ammunition and spares for 10 types of weapons systems and equipment after an internal review revealed that the optimum level of "war stores" was not being maintained. - PTI

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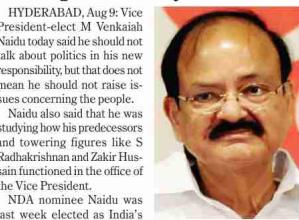
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I should not talk about politics in this responsibility: Naidu



HYDERABAD, Aug 9: Vice President-elect M Venkaih Naidu said he should not talk about politics in his new responsibility, but that does not mean he should not raise issues concerning the people.

Naidu also said that he was studying how his predecessors and towering figures like S Radhakrishnan and Zakir Hussain functioned in the office of the Vice President.

NDA nominee Naidu was last week elected as India's next Vice President.

"I did not talk about politics in this responsibility (Vice President). Not supposed to speak (politics) and I am not going to speak also. It does not mean one should not speak about issues concerning people's lives and what is good for people," Naidu said during an interaction with journalists.

He said he would also consult officials on how to go about in the new responsibility.

As Chairperson of Rajya Sabha, Naidu said he would strive to see that the House takes up constructive debates.

He said he would try to see that all members, including

those from Opposition, also get a chance to speak. He would also facilitate an environment for passing government Bills.

"I am studying how Radhakrishnan functioned, what Hidayatullah did and what Zakir Hussain did," Naidu said.

Observing that poverty, illiteracy, economic disparities, discrimination towards certain sections and negligence of environment continued, he said development should be the country's agenda.

Noting that he had a close association with scribes in Hyderabad, he said journalists had a major role in his success in public life. - PTI

Five Naxals arrested in Chhattisgarh

RAIPUR, Aug 9: The police today arrested five Naxals from two districts in Chhattisgarh's Bastar division.

Out of the five, four ultras were arrested from Bijapur district, while another rebel was nabbed in Narayanpur district of the region, a senior police official told PTI.

A joint team of CoBRA, Special Task Force and district force was out on an area domination operation in the interiors of Ganjalor area in Bijapur since yesterday, he said. The patrolling team, while cordoning off a forest near Modipara village, spotted four Naxals. Subsequently, the team arrested the rebels, identified as Manglu Hemla (36), Raju Tati (28), Rama Hemla (30) and Hemlu Budhu (35), all lower rung cadres, he said.

In a separate operation, a local Maoist militia commander, identified as Budhru Mandavi (23), was arrested from Kalmar village in Narayanpur, the official said. - PTI

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Mamata launches 'BJP quit India' campaign

MEDINIPUR (WB), Aug 9: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee today accused the BJP government at the Centre of subverting democracy and said the TMC will work with all Opposition parties to oust the BJP in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls.

Giving the slogan of 'BJP quit India' in 2019, Banerjee charged that the BJP-led government at the Centre has "taken away the rights of the people in the country".

She also alleged that "secularism is under threat".

Banerjee said she will attend the rally convened by RJD supremo Lalu Prasad Yadav in Patna later this month.

The BJP-led government is trying to divide the country. We will not allow it. In 2019 our slogan will be 'BJP quit India'. We will work with all other Opposition parties, so that we can uniformly fight against the BJP. We want that policies of communalism and hatred to come to an end," she said while kicking off the campaign here.

The West Bengal Chief Minister

launched the campaign on a day when the country is commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Quit India Movement.

"We will fight and not stop till the BJP is ousted from power. Democracy will triumph against all odds," she said.

"They can threaten us by using the ED, Income Tax and the CBI but we are not afraid of it. The Central government has turned into a government of the agencies, by the agencies, of the agencies and for the agencies," she alleged.

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The TMC leader also accused the BJP of shedding "crocodile tears" for Advasis and backward sections of the society. "On the one hand they (BJP) are lynching Advasis and people from backward sections of society, while on the other hand, they are clicking photographs with Advasis and having lunch at their houses," she charged. - PTI



Tinamoi Congress activists take out 'BJP Bharat Choro March' in Siliguri on Wednesday. - UNI

Judge who staged sit-in outside Madhya Pradesh HC suspended

JALALPUR, Aug 9: The Madhya Pradesh High Court has suspended on grounds of misconduct Additional District Judge RK Shrivats, who recently staged a sit-in outside the court alleging "wrongful" transfers.

The administrative committee of Madhya Pradesh High Court has taken a decision as Additional District Judge at Neemuch yesterday after recent transfer from Jabalpur, said that he received the orders by FAX at 6 pm yesterday.

"I received orders by FAX at 6 pm. I will be headquartered in Neemuch during this period. I will oppose this suppressive action," he added.

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Shrivats, who started as a Judicial Magistrate First Class in 2000 was promoted as an Additional District Judge about three years ago. - PTI

service," the orders issued by Principal Registrar (Vigilance) further added.

Shrivats maintained that he would continue his fight against the alleged injustice meted out to him.

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AAP's national ambitions take a back seat; to re-group in Delhi

NEW DELHI, Aug 9: The year 2017 was to be a crucial one for the AAP. It had pinned its hopes on a win in Punjab but with its poor performance in the State, the party has now decided not to contest Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh.

A senior AAP leader, who did not wish to be quoted, said the party was focusing on "re-grouping" in Delhi, its home turf. The leader cited "lack of adequate organisational strength" in the State.

The party was currently convincing a section of State leaders about the move, who were in favour of contesting the polls, before making the decision official.

In Jharkhand, the State leaders had appraised the leadership of the organisational strength, but there was an ambivalence on contesting the polls. The Political Affairs Committee (PAC), the AAP's top decision-making body, would soon take a call, making an official decision on this. The party has also decided not to contest polls in Himachal

Pradesh. Incidentally, the AAP was to contest 2012 polls in the hill State, but later decided to make its political debut from a hill year later.

Gujarat was also the State where the AAP and its chief Arvind Kejriwal had invested a lot of political capital hoping in making the 2017 Assembly elections in the coastal State.

Picking on contentious issues for a new entrant in the state politics - the simmering discontent within the Patidar community, the agrarian crisis and the "atrocities" on Dalits and making frequent trips to the polls, before making the decision official.

The AAP won 20 seats in Punjab and could not open an account in Goa. It was handed over a humiliating defeat in an Assembly by-poll and crucial MCD elections, with its base coming under threat.

Since then, several major changes have taken place within the party with Delhi getting a new convener in form of Labour Minister Gopal Rai. - PTI



DIRECTORATE OF INLAND WATER TRANSPORT,
ASSAM TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT
REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR
CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR
ASSAM INLAND WATERWAYS SECTOR
INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING AND BUSINESS
PLANNING

- FIRMS SELECTION

Country : ASSAM, INDIA

Name & Project : ASSAM INLAND WATER TRANSPORT PROJECT (IWTP)

Assignment Title : SELECTION OF CONSULTANT FOR THE ASSAM INLAND WATERWAYS SECTOR INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING AND BUSINESS PLANNING

The Government of India, through the Government of India has approved financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the IWTP Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services. The project aims to modernise and upgrade the inland Water Transport sector in the state and improve the institutional framework and strengthen the institutional capacity.

The draft Terms of Reference for this assignment can be found at www.assamtransport.gov.in. The T.O.R. A. Review and analyse and advise the most appropriate allocation of roles, functions, assets and staff among the current and planned institutions involved in the IWTP sector in Assam (including but not limited to those described in Para 1.5 of TOR) and recommend legislative and regulatory changes (necessary if any) to optimise the desired structure and maximize its effectiveness.

B. Comprehensively review the resource and process needs of a proposed Regulatory Authority(RA) and institutional planning, regulatory schedules, performance and management systems and ensure that the capacity of the RA to perform its new roles in respect of IWT regulation are available.

C. Assess each of the two proposed bodies - Assam Inland Water Transport Corporation Ltd (AIWTC) and Assam River Port Development Company (ARPCD) to develop an intensive Business Plan (and a reproducible business planning methodology) to provide the company through the initial period of independent operation.

D. Review, analyze and recommend the residual and other functions to be retained by Directorate of IWTP Assam (DIWTA) including possible development of new sector functions that may be required to provide roles and determine the same not required by the new entities for their efficient operation.

The Government of Assam, Directorate of Inland Water Transport now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested Consultants should submit their applications along with the required qualifications and relevant experience to the concerned authority to provide the services. The criteria for short listing of Consultants are:

i) The Consultant should have sound financial performance and resources. (Annual turnover of the last five years should be Rs. 100 crores)

ii) The Consultant must have proven experience of successful completion of at least 3 similar assignments in the last 5 years (2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 & 2016-17) (Relevant assignments executed with client's name and address, contact details, work order value, completion certificate and performance certificates are to be enclosed).

iii) The Consultant will be selected in accordance with the QCBs method specified in the World Bank's Consultant Guidelines.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during Office hours (1100 hrs to 1700 hrs)

EoI (not more than 30 pages) must be submitted by hand or by post. Last date of submission is 22nd August, 2017 at 3 pm

Sd/- Additional State Project Director
Assam Inland Water Transport Development Society
Ulubari, Guwahati-7

E-mail : dir.iwtds-as@gov.in

NOTICE

The following candidates who appeared in the Written Examination and computer Skill Test for recruitment to the post of Junior Assistant (Grade-III) in this Establishment have been declared qualified and selected in order of merit for appointment on the recommendation of the Selection Board constituted by the Government.

Sl.No.	Name of Candidate	Roll No	Category
1.	Mrs. Deepamoni Phukan	JA-171	General
2.	Shri Sudarshan Borah	JA-212	General
3.	Shri Sadiqu Rahman Borah	JA-124	General
4.	Shri Sujit Haaru	JA-285	ST(H)

Sd/- Chief Inspector of Boilers, Assam

Guwahati-29
Janasanyog/6323/17

RECRUITMENT OF 1416 POSTS OF CONSTABLES AB (RE-TEST) IN PURSUANCE TO THE ADVERTISEMENT PUBLISHED ON 24-12-2014*

THE WRITTEN TEST FOR RECRUITMENT OF 1416 POSTS OF CONSTABLES AB (RE-TEST) IN DIBRUGARH & NAGANON DISTRICT WILL BE HELD ON 20.08.2017 AT DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS OF THE RESPECTIVE DISTRICT.

ADMIT CARDS OF THE ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES WILL BE UPLOADED ON ASSAM POLICE WEBSITE ON 19.08.2017. THE CANDIDATES CAN DOWNLOAD THESE CARDS ON 21.08.2017 AND CANDIDATE FINDING DIFFICULTY IN DOWNLOADING THE ADMIT CARD OR ANY OTHER DIFFICULTY MAY IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THE FOLLOWING HELpline NUMBERS:

- (I) WHATSAPP NO: 7639071991 / HELP DESK NUMBER (9 AM TO 6 PM)
- (II) PHONE NO.: 7639071991 / HELP DESK NUMBER (2 PM TO 6 PM)
- (III) PHONE NO.: 7639071982 / HELP DESK NUMBER (3 PM TO 6 PM)
- (IV) PHONE NO.: 7639071983 / HELP DESK NUMBER (4 PM TO 6 PM)

BIOMETRIC VERIFICATION WILL BE DONE/ MATCHED BEFORE START OF WRITTEN TEST.

CANDIDATES WILL HAVE TO APPEAR FOR THEIR WRITTEN TEST AT THE VENUE(S) (SCHOOLS / COLLEGES) SHOWN IN THE ADMIT CARD. THEY SHOULD REPORT AT THE VENUE ON 20.08.2017 AT THE TIME AS MENTIONED ON THE ADMIT CARD.

SC-COMMISSIONER
STATE LEVEL POLICE RECRUITMENT BOARD,

Janasanyog/6325/17
ASSAM, REHABARI, GUWAHATI

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

In pursuance with the Govt. Communication No. RLA/300/2013/Pt-1/38, dated 22nd March, 2017 and as per provisions of the Rule 6(1) of the Assam RFLCTARR Rules, 2015 framed under the Act of 2013, "Expression of Interest" is hereby invited from interested Companies / Firms / Individuals for their empanelment as District SIA (Social Impact Assessment) Unit, Kamrup Metropolitan District, Guwahati by the Governor of Assam. Application form to be submitted to the Deputy Commissioner & District Collector, Kamrup Metropolitan District, Guwahati within 7 (seven) days of publication and such application should mandatorily contain the following details:

- a) Details of experience of the organization in conducting SIA or relevant research work.
- b) Human resources at the command of the organization, and
- c) Networking of the organization with field level organizations with extensive experience in social impact assessment and related activities.

For any query / clarification, Companies / Firms / Individuals may contact Shri Nabideep Pathak, ACS, Addl. Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup Metropolitan District, Guwahati during office hours.

Sd/- Deputy Commissioner & District Collector
Kamrup Metropolitan District
Guwahati
Janasanyog/2314/17

No CE/DEV/TB/79/2017-18/3

PRESS NOTICE FOR INVITING TENDER

The Chief Engineer, PWD, Border Roads & NEC works, Assam, Chandmari, Ghy-3 on behalf of the Governor of Assam invites Bids online from approved and eligible registered Contractors of A.P.W.R.D. for the following works under Annual Plan (General Area) for the year 2017-18

Details of the bids may be seen at e-procurement portal website : www.assamtenders.in on 14.08.2017 and also at the office O/o the Superintendent (Development Branch), Chandmari, Ghy-3

Sl. No.	District	Name of Works	Approx. Value of works Rs. In Lakhs
1	Jorhat	"Construction of Road from Duligaon to Murmura (Ch.0.00m to 8380.00m)" - under A.P. (General Area) for the year 2017-18 Jorhat LAC, Package No. Jorhat/A.P. (G.A.)'17-18/01	791.36

Sd/- Chief Engineer, PWD
(Border Roads and NEC Works),
Assam, Chandmari, Guwahati-3

PRESS NOTICE

The Superintending Engineer, P.W.D., Guwahati Building Circle-II, Chandmari, Guwahati-3 on behalf of the Governor of Assam invites bidders for the following works having experience of similar nature of work from APWD registered Class-I (A, B & C) and Class-II contractors. Details of the bids may be seen at e-procurement portal website : www.assamtenders.gov.in and also in the office of the undersigned during office hours. The bidders must be enrolled in www.assamtenders.gov.in for participating in the bidding process.

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Approx. Value of Work	Bid Security	Bid Security Drawn in favour of	Time of Completion	Cost of Bid Document
1	Construction of proposed Canteen Building (Assam type) in the premises of the office of the Chief Engineer, PWD, Guwahati, Assam, Ghy-3	Rs. 26,33,616.00	Rs. 52,672.00 for General Category & Rs. 26,336.00 for reserved category	EE, PWD, Guwahati Building Division-I, Fancy Bazar, Guwahati-1	06 (six) months	Rs. 1,000.00

Note : 1. Any modification of tender may be seen in the PWD portal : www.assamtenders.gov.in.

2. The prospective bidder may visit the proposed work site before submission of tender.

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Guwahati Building Circle-II,
Chandmari, Guwahati-3
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No FSA/65/2013/Pt/158 Dated: Dispur, the 8th August 2017. Applications are invited from Indian Citizens who are not less than 35 years of age on 1st January 2017 for filling up of following vacant posts in District Consumer Disputes Redressal Forum of Assam under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 (Act No.68 of 1986) on usual pay/allowances and other allowances as determined under the Assam State Consumer Protection (Amendment) Rules, 2010.

The selected candidates for Dist. Consumer Forums will be appointed for a period of 5(five) years of service or upto 65 years of age whichever is earlier. All these appointments are subject to fulfilment of the provisions of the Section 10 of the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 (Act No.68 of 1986) and The Assam State Consumer Protection Rules, 1989 and Assam State Consumer Protection (amendment) Rules, 2010. The nature of the posts will fall under the Section 10(2) and 10(3) of the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 (Act No.68 of 1986) and Rule 2 of the Assam State Consumer Protection (amendment) Rules, 2010.

Application in plain papers specifying mentioning the post and District applied for along with a copy of self attested Bio-Data and copies of all relevant certificates mentioned in the Bio-Data may be sent by post or handed over to the undersigned during office hours within 30 days from the date of publication of this advertisement.

Sd/- Smti M. Mahanta, ACS

Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department
1st Floor, Block-E, Assam Secretariat, Dispur, 781006
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Scientists have identified a protein that can trick the heart into growing in a healthy way and boost blood flow by mimicking the effects of exercise, an advance that may help treat heart failure patients.

Researchers, including those from University of Ottawa in Canada, discovered that a protein called cardiotrophin 1 (CT1) can trick the heart into pumping more blood, just as it does in response to exercise and pregnancy.

They showed that this good kind of heart growth is very different from the harmful enlargement of the heart that occurs during heart failure.

The team also found that CT1 can repair heart damage and improve blood flow in animal models of heart failure.



Heart failure is a leading cause of death and disability in high-income countries and a growing problem around the world.

It occurs when the heart can't pump enough blood through the body, often

Matter of Heart

Protein that mimics exercise effects may treat heart failure, say scientists

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Know your DAY

By JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, August 10, 2017: This year you open up to many new ideas and adventures. A close relationship you have with someone is likely to have a big impact on you. You feel as if there is a possibility of adding more creativity to your life. If you are single, a friend or family member may introduce you to someone. This person will be very different from anyone you have dated in the past. If you are attached, you and your sweetie might opt to do more traveling. Pisces can be unusually caring, as long as you remain authentic.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You will be the star of the scene. Others see your responsiveness as you integrate certain events into your life. You have a way of endearing yourself to those around you. You might feel tired of handling so much. Encourage a friend to pitch in. Tonight: Visit with a loved one.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) You have a way about you that draws others toward you. You are a natural point of view. Others often come to you for advice. You also appreciate their feedback. Emphasize success and togetherness. Tonight: You have a reason to celebrate.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You are a natural born teacher. You could see a personal connection to the person who has the past problem. Your ability to move past a problem or accept different viewpoints emerge. How you see a personal issue could change some time. Tonight: Out until the wee hours.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You are a natural born questioner. Question a decision, especially if you made it when you did not feel yourself. Sometimes you push yourself too hard. Reach out for help more often. Tonight: Make the moment count.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You have a desire to move past a problem quickly and efficiently. You could be enjoying the interaction you are having with a close friend. This person might be more serious than he or she has been in a while. Lighten the mood. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

VIRGO (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) A new beginning becomes possible when you decide to take a different path. Your enthusiasm might be more enthusiastic and willing to help you make the difference. If possible, share more of your enthusiasm and less of your concerns. Tonight: Let the party go on and on!

LIBRA (Oct. 23-Nov. 22) You will find yourself stuck in an intense work cycle that you find difficult to change. Your ability to move forward is marred by various circumstances. Your insecurities might cause you to slow down and falter. Reach out to a loved one for advice. Tonight: Completely in the moment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You will find yourself in a new situation where others want to make a major change, but you are not ready quite yet. Your ability to center yourself and add to the creative process adds a lot to the moment. Be more willing to head in a different direction. Tonight: Enjoy playful.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You might have a desire to veer in a new direction, but somehow you might be willing to share more with others. However, if you're not feeling upbeat, you probably will opt to take a step back. By letting go to others, your mood will lighten up considerably. Open up to some fast changes that will make you happy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You notice that it serves you better to say less and allow others to fill in the gaps. You could be surprised by what you are hearing. You will need to make a dream a reality. Bring more excitement to a conversation by sharing some odd but relevant thoughts. Tonight: Be a duo.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Your ability to get past issues impresses several people around you. Don't be surprised if others ask for your help more often in making their dreams a reality. Listen to news with an open ear. You could be asked to participate in what is occurring. Tonight: In the limeight.

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Through the day:

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Cohesive response needed to fight terrorism: Singh

MANILA, Aug 9: India has called for a "cohesive response" to tackle terror financing and the growing threat of violent extremism and radicalisation.

Speaking at the 7th East Asia Summit Foreign Ministers' Meeting here on Monday, Minister of State for External Affairs V K Singh said the countries should work together to ensure adherence to and implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolutions on Countering Terrorism, in particular resolutions no 1267 and

amongst terrorists is reaching critical mass, a cohesive response which should include blocking of terror financing, countering the use of Information and communication technology (ICT) for terrorism purpose as well as countering the spread of violent extremism and radicalisation is the need of the hour," Singh said.

"We should work together to ensure adherence to and implementation of the UN Security Council Resolutions on Countering Terrorism, in particular resolutions no 1267 and

2354, in letter as well as in spirit," he said in a statement.

Singh said India was of "firm belief" that connectivity initiatives must be based on universally recognised international norms, good governance, rule of law, openness, transparency and equality.

"India reiterates the importance of freedom of navigation and overflight on the high seas, unimpeded lawful commerce, as well as resolving maritime disputes by peaceful means, in accordance with universally recognised principles of international law notably the 1982 UN Convention on the Law of the Sea," he said.

Living respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Noting that shared prosperity demands cooperation, Singh said secure and open sea lanes were critical for peace, stability, prosperity and development.

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Khaleda Zia gets permanent bail in graft case



by the High Court in 2008, The Daily Star reported.

Khaleda, accused in 37 cases, is now on bail in all the cases, said Advocate Zakir Hossain Bhuiyan, a lawyer to the BNP chief.

The court in 2008 issued a rule asking the government to explain why the BNP chief should not be granted regular bail in the case.

The court said if

Khaleda misuses the bail, the trial court concerned may scrap her bail.

Of the six accused, Khaleda, former BNP lawmaker Salimul Haq Kamal and businessman Sharifuddin Ahmed are on bail while the others including Tarique have been absconding, the report said.

In 2008, the ACC filed the Zia Orphanage Trust graft case against six, including Zia and her son Tarique Rahman.

It alleged that the defendants had embezzled 21 million Bangladeshis.

The graft case was filed in 2008. The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) case accused Khaleda, her son Tarique Rahman and four others in the Zia Orphanage Trust corruption case.

The bench of Justice M Enayetur Rahim and Justice Shahidul Karim passed the order today after holding the final hearing on a ruling issued

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Tarique from funds meant for the trust, which reportedly came from a foreign bank. - PTI



A Chinese cop using a drone to find out the cracks on the roads caused due to the earthquake in Sichuan province, China, on Wednesday. - UNT

Novel drug may provide hope for blood cancer patients

LONDON, Aug 9: Scientists have developed a new drug that has the potential to strip cancer cells of their "immortality", a finding that could help in treating patients suffering from one of the most aggressive forms of leukaemia.

Acute myeloid leukaemia (AML) is a type of cancer of the blood and bone marrow with excess immature white blood cells and is responsible for 265,000 worldwide cases each year. The drug candidate, called

HXR9, works by preventing the cancer cells from sidestepping the natural process that causes unhealthy and damaged cells to die — known as apoptosis.

"Acute myeloid leukaemia is a pretty intricate disease and doesn't respond to many treatments. This is a novel therapeutic target that hasn't been shown before to be effective against this form of leukaemia," said Richard Morgan, Professor at the University of Bradford in the UK.

The drug targets a particular family of genes, called HOX genes, which helps to give cancer cells the ability to continuously grow and divide.

HXR9 was found to strip the cancer cells of this ability by turning off the HOX genes, Morgan said. In the study, published in the journal Oncotarget, the team analysed gene expression data from 269 AML patients and found an association between the activity of a group of HOX genes and the patient survival

rate. When HXR9 was tested on cancerous cells, they underwent a process known as necrosis.

Necrosis causes the cells to explode and spew their contents into the bloodstream rather than simply digesting themselves as normally occurs in apoptosis.

This increases the likelihood that there will be a subsequent immune reaction against the cancer cells, Morgan noted. - IANS

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China hit by second earthquake

BEIJING, Aug 9: China was rattled by a second earthquake of 6.6 magnitude on Wednesday, injuring 32 people, even as rescue efforts were on in Sichuan province where a powerful quake a day earlier killed 19 people.

An earthquake of 7.0 magnitude jolted a tourist destination in Sichuan on Tuesday night. The second quake in Jinghe county in Bortala prefecture in Xinjiang province happened at 7.27 am at a depth of 11 km, Xinhua news agency reported.

Of the 32 injured, two were in a serious condition. A total of 142 homes collapsed, authorities said.

At least 121 aftershocks were recorded as of 1 pm with the magnitude of 6. About 600 houses and livestock sheds were damaged in neighbouring Ill Kazakh prefecture.

Services of 40 passenger trains were stopped and 21 others suspended.

Earlier reports said residents in Jinghe county and the cities of Urumqi, Changji, Ying and Karamay felt strong tremors that lasted 10 to 20 seconds.

The epicentre was 37 km from Jinghe county seat, 93 km from Bole city, and 383 km from Urumqi. - IANS

Pop singer Glen Campbell dies at 81

LOS ANGELES, Aug 9: US country and pop singer Glen Campbell has died after a long battle with Alzheimer's, his family said on the musician's official Facebook account. He was 81. A string of celebrities have paid tribute to him on social media.

Campbell passed away on Tuesday, Efe news reported. "It is with the heaviest of hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved husband, father, grandfather," their statement said.

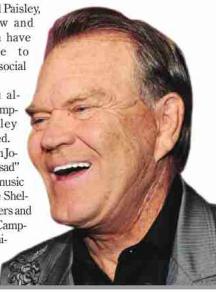
Musicians like Blake Shelton, Brad Paisley,

Tim McGraw and Dolly Parton have paid tribute to Campbell on social media.

"Miss you already Glen Campbell," Miley Cyrus tweeted.

Singer Kevin Jonas called it a "sad" news for the music industry while Shelton sent "prayers and thoughts" to Campbell and his family.

—IANS



Car crashes, 6 injured in Paris

PARIS, Aug 9: A car crashed into a group of French soldiers patrolling a suburb of Paris on Wednesday, injuring six of them, media reported.

The servicemen were struck by the vehicle at 8.30 am in the Levallois-Perret area of the French capital. A police operation was underway to find the car and the driver involved in the incident, BBC reported.

Half a dozen soldiers were wounded in the incident that took place in front of the barracks, where a 50-member detachment of Operation Sentinelle — set up after the November 2015 terrorist attacks in Paris — was stationed.

Two of the victims suffered

serious injuries, while the other four sustained light wounds, police said.

It is not yet known if the incident was a terrorist attack or an accident, local media reported.

In statements to France Info radio station, Levallois-Perret Mayor Patrick Balkany called the attack an "intolerable aggression" against soldiers and described it as "shameful".

"Without any doubt, it was a deliberate act," Balkany told BFM TV.

A BMW parked nearby appeared to have been waiting for the soldiers to begin their patrol and "accelerated very quickly the moment they came out," the Mayor said. — IANS

End of a golden run

PABITRA GOGOI

The fastest man on earth had to settle for bronze in his swansong international 100m – certainly a disappointing episode for the athletic world as well as for the charismatic athlete. In the London World Athletic Championship on Saturday night, sprint superstar Usain Bolt came third after Americans Justin Gatlin (9.92 sec) and Christian Coleman (9.94 sec).

It was August 14 last year that Bolt sprinted to the 100m gold in the Rio Olympics, pushing behind Gatlin (9.89 sec) to the second spot clocking 9.81 sec. I was fortunate to have witnessed Bolt clinch his sixth Olympic gold. The 6-foot-5-inch Jamaican was in lane No. 6 and Gatlin in No. 4. Bolt was late taking off. His reaction time was 0.155 sec, while Simbine Akanu of South Africa reacted in 0.128 sec after the fire. Till 40 metres Bolt was well behind, but after that he used his turbocharger and 'Bolted' to finish first.

Prior to that, I truly enjoyed Bolt's speed and semifinals at the Olympic Stadium, situated at Deodoro in Rio de Janeiro. Bolt's gold winning 200m and 4x100m relay in Rio were also amazing.

Usain was born on August 21, 1986 to Jennifer and Wellesley in Sherwood Content in the Trelawny section of Jamaica. He drew attention of everybody showing great promise as a sprinter at an early age. As a primary school student, he began entering regional races and at the age of 12, he established himself as one of the fastest sprinters in his locality.

Usain was not serious in practice, but his teachers Pablo McNeil and Dwayne Narrett always motivated and virtually dragged him to the track. However, his height, weight and strength were enough to keep him ahead in all the races he joined at the age of 14.

Cricket and football were his first choice. Pakistani pacer Waqar Younis was his idol. But recognising his blinding speed, his cricket coach encouraged him to give track a serious look. Finally, he concentrated seriously in track events and in 2001, Usain Bolt competed in his first major championship – the Caribbean Regional Meet (CARIFTA Games), representing Jamaica. In the same year, Usain's journey in the international circuit began with an entry in the IAAF World Youth Championships held in

Hungary. He set a new personal best in the 200m with 21.73 sec. It was, however, not enough to earn him a medal.

Usain was also known as practical joker. In 2001, during the trials for the CARIFTA Games, he disappeared. He was hiding in the back of a van and police had to recover him. People howled that McNeil couldn't control the boy. Everybody preferred Usain should be moved to Kingston so he could train under the more watchful eye of the Jamaica Amateur Athletic Association at the University of Technology. The request came directly from Prime Minister PJ Patterson.

At the 2003 World Youth Championships, Usain continued to smash records, including a time of 20.40 sec in the 200 metres – in the face of a headwind. At the Pan-American Junior Championships, he tied the world-junior record of 20.13 sec in the 200m.

Usain's prowess as a sprinter started garnering comparisons to Americans Michael Johnson and Maurice Greene. Johnson still predicted great things for Usain. Like many in the sport, however, he was concerned about the teenager's wavering focus. The move to Kingston had helped Usain's times, but the temptations of the capital city often divided his attention. His coaches were apoplectic when they spotted him playing pickup basketball or stuffing his mouth with fast food. And stories of his high-spirited nightclubs romps were regular items in the local papers.

At the end of 2003 he switched over to senior competitions and next year he turned professional although he was technically a junior athlete. That year he ran 200m in 20 sec which earned him a berth in Jamaican squad for the Athens Olympics.

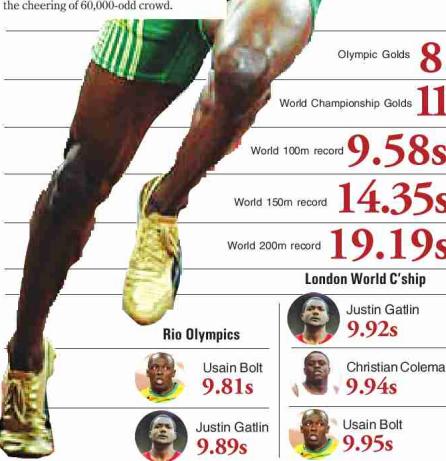
The 2008 season was Usain's one of the most successful periods as he clocked 9.76 sec in the 100 metres during a meet in Jamaica. Only another human – teammate Powell – had ever recorded a faster time. With his sudden success in the 100 metres, Usain abandoned plans to compete in the 400m in Beijing. The 2008 Olympics turned out to be the Usain's coming-out party.

In the 100 metres qualifying, Usain clocked 9.92 sec in quarterfinals and 9.85 sec in semis. In the final, he blew everyone away, racing to a new world record of 9.69 sec. The silver medallist, Richard Thompson, was two-tenths of a second behind. Usain actually slowed down before break-

ing the tape and started celebrating by thumping his chest. International Olympic Committee president Jacques Rogge wasn't thrilled by the move, stating that it was disrespectful.

Usain next set his sight on equalling Carl Lewis's feat of winning gold in the 100 metres and 200 metres in the same Olympics. He also hoped to crack Michael Johnson's world record of 19.32 sec in the 200m, set during the 1996 Summer Games. Usain was so good in the preliminaries that he jogged across the finish line. In the final, he broke the tape 19.30 sec to become the new world record-holder. Two days later, Usain in the third leg of the 4x100m relay. The Jamaicans sprinted to victory and Usain capped his third gold of the Summer Games. He, Carter, Michael Frater and Powell set a new Olympic record with a time of 37.10 sec.

Three world records in the same Olympic Games... Usain Bolt became a legend. This great Jamaican sprinter culminated his journey on athletic tracks in London amid the cheering of 60,000-odd crowd.



Axar Patel to replace Jadeja for 3rd Test

COLOMBO, Aug 9: Left-arm spinner Axar Patel has been named as a replacement for suspended Ravindra Jadeja in the 15-member Indian team for the 3rd Test against Sri Lanka, starting in Kandy on August 12.

The All-India Senior Selection Committee on Tuesday named Axar Patel as the replacement for Ravindra Jadeja in the team for the 3rd Test, which starts from August 12 at Pallekele International Cricket Stadium. BCCI acting secretary Amitabh Choudhary said in a release,

Axar was part of the India A team that played South Africa 'A' last night by seven wickets to retain the tri-series trophy they won four years ago.

Jadeja was on Sunday suspended for the third Test as his accumulated demerit points reached six within a 24-month period following his latest breach of the ICC



Code of Conduct during the second Test.

India have beaten the Test series against Sri Lanka after winning the second Test at the SLC in Colombo by an innings and 53 runs. The visitors had won the first Test at Galle by 304 runs.

Ranatunga accused Sri Lanka Cricket president Thilan Sumathipala, 52, of being involved in gaming – a claim Sumathipala denies – and said he should not be allowed to hold office.

Ranatunga urges ICC to probe Sri Lanka chief

COLOMBO, Aug 9: Former skipper Arjuna Ranatunga has blamed Sri Lanka's string of humiliating defeats on the country's cricket chief and demanded his investigation by the International Cricket Council.

What could be the opening shots of a new bid to head Sri Lanka Cricket, Ranatunga, 53, told AFP there was no "proper discipline" in the national team which had had a horrend run of results.

The team lost by an innings and 53 runs in the second Test against India on Sunday, after being crushed in the first by 304 runs. They are now fighting to avoid a whitewash in the three-Test series.

Sri Lanka also suffered an early exit from the Champions Trophy, and lost a one-day series against home to bottom ranked Zimbabwe last month.

Ranatunga accused Sri Lanka Cricket president Thilan Sumathipala, 52, of being involved in gaming – a claim Sumathipala denies – and said he should not be allowed to hold office.

"There is no proper discipline in the team. But no point in blaming the cricketers when they get involved in all these gambling things. First, they have to get the officials in order," Ranatunga told AFP.

"Everyone wants to know if he has a backbone to check if these people (Sri Lanka Cricket management) are in compliance with ethics standards," Ranatunga told AFP.

There were no immediate

comment from the ICC. But Sumathipala denied the allegation and accused Ranatunga of a smear campaign in a bid to take over the board.

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There have been reports of attempts to approach Sri Lankan players for alleged match-fixing.

Several officials, umpires and players have been suspended or fined for involvement in match-fixing or refusing to cooperate with investigations.

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Doping as criminal offence: Coe prefers sports bodies' control

LONDON, Aug 9: Amid calls to criminalise doping in some countries, including India, IAAF President Sebastian Coe today said he prefers sports bodies to be in control of sanctioning athletes as making matters to court would "complicate" things.

Speaking to PTI on the sidelines of the ongoing World Athletics Championships, the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) chief said tackling doping should remain the sole prerogative of sports bodies.

In order to tackle the menace, some countries (like Ethiopia, Austria, France and Italy) have passed legislations to make doping a criminal offence.

In India too, deliberations are underway to do the same.

"There is a discussion going on now. Some say it is better for sports itself to deal with doping cases instead of doing that by the courts. Sometimes sports can impose sanctions that criminal courts cannot impose," Coe said.

"Then you have the discussion that

'does such a case go to courts first or sports first?' If it goes to criminal courts and a person serves a prison sentence, that may be for just three or four months. Whereas sports can impose sanctions may be of four years and thus sports can deal with it in a much tougher way."

"Personally I prefer sports to be in control of sanctioning athletes. Once you allow criminal courts to involve, the case becomes very complicated," he added.

Turning to the ongoing World Championships, Coe said it was quite a shock for some to see Usain Bolt finish third in the 100m sprint even though he was not very surprised.

However, Coe feels it will not dent the affable Jamaican's status as the greatest sprinter of all time.



small part of his history. He will look back and realise that it does not actually change anything about his status, who he is and how good his races have been and how much he has done for the sport

of athletics," Coe said.

The Brit, on several occasions, has described Bolt as the greatest sprinter of all time, comparing the towering Jamaican to boxing legend Muhammad Ali for the impact he had beyond the sport.

"He (Bolt) is a showman and his remarks at the end of the race about the other athlete (Gatlin) was very generous," Coe added.

American Gatlin, who was twice suspended earlier for doping offences, was booted by the London crowd at the packed Olympic Stadium on Saturday. Gatlin had later said that Bolt told him he did not deserve to be booted.

Asked if he expects the London crowd to boo Gatlin again during the 4x100m relay race on August 12, Coe simply said, "I think the crowd would want to watch fantastic athletics. The relay will be very competitive."

The crowd at the stadium was stunned at the sight of Bolt being beaten in the 100m final not only by Gatlin in 2006. – PTI

Van Niekerk coasts, Bosse wins 800m

LONDON, Aug 9: South African star Wayde van Niekerk is halfway to his target of the 400 metres and 200m world double after easing to victory in the former in London.

The 25-year-old's task of landing both eased considerably with main rival Isaac Makwala of Botswana barred from running by the sport's governing body because he had been diagnosed with the highly contagious norovirus yesterday.

It didn't prevent the 30-year-old from turning up at the warm-up track only to be turned away. The International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) said he should be in quarantine and not near the track.

"It was definitely a heartbreaking moment," Van Niekerk said. "I have a lot of sympathy for Isaac."

"It is quite disappointing. I would have liked him to have his opportunity."

"But this is sports, these things happen."

Van Niekerk added that the double was not a given.

"It's easier said than done," he said. "It's competition, it's very unpredictable."

"My body still feels very good. It took me a while to recover tonight."

"But from endurance I go straight to speed tomorrow. It's a day-by-day, step-by-step process for us athletes."

Botswana suffered further disappointment as 800m race favourite Nijel Amos – second on the same track in the 2012 Olympic final – failed to finish with Frenchman Pierre-Ambroise Bosse taking a deserved gold for a bold and brave performance which he revealed afterwards reflected his love of gambling.

"I am a gambler, I love going to the casino," said Bosse.

"And today I just gambled. I put everything on the red, even my last Euro. So hopefully, this

is also for luck in love."

However, for his compatriot Renard Laville, his world gold drought continued even in the stadium where he won Olympic gold in 2012.

The Frenchman had to settle for bronze for bronze – his fifth minor medal in the world championships – with American Sam Kendricks taking the title in front of his parents and girlfriend to boot.

Consensus Kipruto maintained Kenya's fine record in the men's 3000 metres steeplechase winning in cheeky style from Morocco's Soufiane ElBakkali with long-time leader Evan Jager of the United States third.

Kipruto appeared to be under pressure from ElBakkali going to the last obstacle but once over it the Olympic champion cupped his hand to his ear and pouted his chest.

"I used my plans well and last night for morale I told myself: 'I am Olympic champion and that others must break me,'" said Kipruto.

"There are others who are strong but I used my own plans. I knew if the race was around 8:10 that I was going to win."

There was a second world title for the Czech Republic's women's javelin world record holder Barbora Spotakova.

The 36-year-old – a two-time Olympic champion – won with a mark of 66.76 metres.

"At this stadium, I am unbeatable," said Spotakova.

"There must be something in the air about London. I cannot explain it but when I enter this stadium, I always feel so calm and relaxed."

"The whole day I was thinking about my last world title which was ten years ago in Osaka. Actually, it is also almost exactly five years since my Olympic title here in London. These facts made me feel very emotional." – AFP

Sindhu, Saina get byes in first round

NEW DELHI, Aug 9: Olympic silver medallist PV Sindhu and former World No. 1 Saina Nehwal received first-round byes at the World Championship starting in Glasgow, Scotland from August 21.

Two-time bronze medallist PV Sindhu will open her campaign against either Korea's Kim Hyo Min or Egypt's Hadia Hossam in the second round and is likely to meet China's Sun Yu for a place at the quarterfinals.

The 2015 World Championship silver medallist Saina will take on the winner of the match between Switzerland's Sabrina Jaquet or Ukraine's Natalya Vorysheva and is expected to clash with Korean second seed Sung Ji Hyun for a place in the main draw in the opening round.

In women's singles, national champion Pusarla V Sindhu will meet Finnish shuttler Aini Mikkonen in the opening round, while Taiwai Lin will fight against England's Chloe Birch.

Rio Olympian Manu Attri and Saina Reddy will be up against Korean pair of Chung Eui Seok and Kim Du-kyoung, while Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty will face Japanese combo of Hiroyuki Endo and Yuta Watanabe in the opening round of men's doubles. – PTI

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Believe it or Not!



MAGGIE THORNTON DR. DOT USES AN UNUSUAL TREATMENT ON HER CELEBRITY CLIENTS—BITING! — 1-8

Why? What?

Who was the US astronaut who later became a Senator and then returned to space?

On October 29, 1998, John Glenn returned to space. Nearly four decades after he became the first American to orbit the Earth, Senator John Hershel Glenn, Jr., was launched into space again as a payload. At 77 years of age, Glenn was the oldest human ever to travel in space. During the nine-day mission, he served as part of a NASA study group. In 2012, he ran for the Senate from Ohio and formally left NASA. Later that year, however, he withdrew his Senate bid after seriously injuring his inner ear in a fall from a horse. He then ran for the Republican nomination for governor, won the general election, and went on to win re-election three times.



My viewpoint

“Why should we study Moral Science in school?”



Sayantika Dey,
Class-VIII, Don Bosco
School, Guwahati

Every human being is an amalgamation of good and evil, and achievement lies in separating the two. So, I think, Moral Science in school to instill a proper set of values, that will provide them with the strength to face any adverse situation in our lives. It is a link between ‘education’ and ‘values’. We can have more values like honesty, patriotism, etc. if we fail to sow good values, we will be morally deprived afterwards. Thus, I support the teaching of Moral Science in school, as it will establish children as good citizens of tomorrow.



Kausik Debnath,
Class-XII, South Point
School, Guwahati

Today's educational system tests our students on our talents and skills. It has become more or less capital-oriented. The students learn in order to be rich in the near future, while the present education system does not serve the purpose of making money. The parents want their wards to get good grades in the exams, which gives a good return on their investment. However, in this race, what they lack is moral values. Moral Science should be a part of the school curriculum. It makes a student honest, helpful, hard-working, etc. Students are the future of the country and the future depends on the moral values imparted to them.



Rimlee Barman,
Class-VII, Gurukul
Gramodaya School,
Guwahati

Studying Moral Science helps students to understand the values – consideration for others, honesty, respect for animals, social responsibility, all need to be built in us. We also need to have a sense of time and discipline, which form the backbone of life. However, there is a lack of emphasis on the values of moral values. Their parents might not be able to guide them in this regard. Hence, schools play an important role in imparting moral guidance. Thus, we should study Moral Science in school.



Swapnil Dey, Class-X,
Don Bosco School,
Guwahati

We cannot control the life decisions of others, but a good life enables us to disregard them,” said Gato. The need for Moral Science education is today recognized by many. “Moral Science means to breathe freely, freedom is something to enjoy, freedom is something to live for. Hence, these values should be taught in schools to make students able for adaptive and positive behaviours that enable individuals to deal effectively with the demands and challenges of everyday life.

The Assam Tribune

PLANET YOUNG

GUWAHATI, THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2017

Should we post children's photos on social media?

The NSPCC children's charity of U.K. has urged parents to think twice about posting photographs of their children online, especially on social media.

In the light of a recent study, which found that one in five parents upload images of their kids at least once a month, experts have advised parents to consider their concerns.

A spokesman explained the dangers of creating a digital footprint for your child so early on, stressing the importance of asking them for permission before posting any pictures of themselves online.

For very young children, think about whether they would be happy for you to post or if it will embarrass them. If you aren't sure, it's best not to post,” she told the BBC.

Over half of parents surveyed by YouGov claimed that they avoid posting these kinds of images, or ‘sharenting’, as it has been coined. Out of those who do choose to share, 80 per cent restrict who is able to see the photo. Director Lindsey Fussell told the BBC:



Breaking the shackles

The lament of the natives became in India. He could do nothing but witness it. Rajit woke up as the dawn welcomed the day. It was another day of the British rule of India. The British had taken away the independence or freedom is. Since my birth, my eyes have witnessed the British rule. I am still in the British. His eyes fell on the leather diary near him. He opened it and drew down his feelings about life. The diary goes –

January 10, 1920

When I asked my father what freedom is, there was no long pause, no answer, just a faint smile. His hesitation was clear on his face. But my earnest question forced him to give an answer. Freedom is the means to breathe freely, freedom is something to enjoy, freedom is something to live for. Hence, these values should be taught in schools to make students able for adaptive and positive behaviours that enable individuals to deal effectively with the demands and challenges of everyday life.” I was in deep

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Malala's first picture book

Malala recently that she received her first picture book by the name *Malala's Magic Pencil*.

Set to release in October, the book is about Malala's childhood and for a magic pencil that would help everyone happy. But as she grew older, Malala saw that there were more important things to wish for.

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We need some more positivity.

I, ME MYSELF

Radheesh is a popular Assamese cum-hyphen, one of his Assamese compositions was used in the recent Hindi film *Death in the Gunj*.

People who have influenced me the most, they always have been there for me – as they never allowed me to stop anywhere. Whatever I am doing today or whatever I am just because of those dreams, they have brought me here. And I am grateful to them for the most important part of my journey.

Turning point of my life.

Coming into journalism was the biggest turning point in my life. When I was in college, for an opportunity to work with a local Assamese newspaper, I started there as a columnist and then got a job as a journalist. This move has changed the direction of my life.

Happiest moment of my life.

When I look back, I see some magical moments that enriched my life, my career. *Pabali pokher morni* was one of them. I am grateful for the thing that happened in my life. Then getting into mobile theatre as the youngest playwright and writer. The first few plays I wrote are also some of the best moments of my life.

Changes I would like to see in the society.

I feel we need some more positivity. We have to make people more positive. We have to teach how to curb them, not to make them bigger. We all love to criticize, but not to go and make things better.

Message for today's youth.

I want them to live in a bigger world. They should walk out from so-called boundaries that stop them from exploring themselves. Have a dream, but try to fulfill it on your own, nobody is going to do it for you.

SKETCH OF THE WEEK
Madura Sonowal,
Birupal Nath,
Bengura.



Dear Ishani Aunty,

My brother teases me a lot. When I complain to my mother, he starts crying. Mother too, doesn't give any response to my complaints. Please help.

Sneha

Dear Swapna,

Your brother is very clever. Just don't let him provoke you and stop complaining to your mom. Deal with the issue on your own.

Dear Ishani Aunty,

I often change schools because I fare badly in studies. But very often, I cannot adjust to the new environment. Please help.

Dhiraaj

Changing schools is not the answer. Every child needs a stable environment in which to learn. Try to find out why you are faring poorly. It is due to lack of concentration, the inability to retain facts, or failing to understand what is taught. You can easily find out what is affecting your studies and go on from there. Best of luck!

Dear Ishani Aunty,

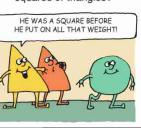
We have a maid and servant at home and she steals standing food from the fridge. How can we make her stop?

Meghalii

In which age are you living? Don't you know it's against the law to employ minors? You need to return this boy to his parents without delay. If you don't, the Childline Services will come to rescue him and you will be in big trouble.

JUNIOR PUZZLERS

1) Does the Roman numeral V equal to three, five or ten?



3) Is Pythagoras' Theorem a formula related to circles, squares or triangles?

DID YOU KNOW
Pollen particles can travel up to 650 km. on the wind.



by John Martin

ANSWER: 1) The Roman numeral V equals to five.

2) Does a swallow build its nest from straw, sticks or mud?

ANSWER: NEST PLANS

ANSWER: HE WAS A SQUARE BEFORE HE PUT ON ALL THAT BODI!

ANSWER: PYTHAGORAS' THEOREM

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Sauvanya Bhattacharya, Class-V
Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya, Guwahati

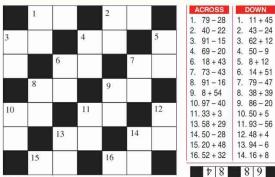
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NEXT WEEK'S PICTURE



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Mini M@ths



SOLUTION

Calculate the clues and fill in the grids with the answers.

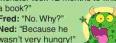
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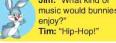
Nitt: "Do you know why the little bird got into trouble at school?"
Witt: "No, Why?"

Nitt: "Because he was...
he was... tweeter during a test!"

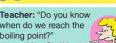


Fred: "No, Why?"

Nitt: "Because he wasn't very hungry!"



Jim: "What kind of music would bunnies enjoy?"



Tim: "Hip-Hop!"

Teacher: "Do you know when do we reach the boiling point?"

Student: "Sir, When Mom reads my report card!"

Stars

There's indeed a lot to know about stars.

A star is a large celestial body composed of gravitationally contained hot gases emitting electromagnetic radiation, especially light. The sun is a star. With the sole exception of the sun, the stars appear to be fixed, maintaining the same position in the sky year after year. In fact, the stars are in rapid motion, but their distances are so great that their relative changes in position become apparent only over the centuries.

The number of stars visible to the naked eye in the Northern Hemisphere of the sky and 4,000 in the Southern Hemisphere.

The stars are visible. The others are obscured by atmospheric haze, especially near the horizon, and by fading light.

Individual stars visible to the naked eye are simply those that lie closer to the solar system.

The star nearest to the solar system is Procyon Centaur, one component of the triple-star Alpha Centauri, which is about 40

trillion kms. from the Earth. In terms of the speed of light, the common standard used by astronomers for expressing distance, this triple star is about 4.2 light years away. Light travels about 300,000 kms. in a second, so it takes more than four years and three months to travel this star.

The sun is a typical star, with a visible surface called a photosphere, an outer atmosphere of hot gases, and above a more diffuse corona and an out-flowing stream of particles called the solar (stellar) wind.

Cooler areas of the photosphere, which on the sun are called sunspots, are probably present on other types of star. Their existence is some larger area of the sun's surface, formed by a bending of the light waves.

Interference. The internal structure of the sun and other stars cannot be directly observed, but studies indicate convection currents and density and temperature gradients in the interior. The core is made of where thermonuclear reactions take place. Sun consist mainly of hydrogen and helium, with varying amounts of heavier elements.

(Email: conyj_pot@yahoo.co.uk)

Kishalay Kashyap, Class-VIII, The East Indian School, Biswanath Chariali.

Quiz

1 In which State of India is the Loktak Lake situated?



IN THE PIPELINE

Proposed one used to transport oil and gas from the Arctic region to China via the Trans-Alaska Pipeline has been completed in 1977, stretching 1,200 miles (1,930 km) from Prudhoe Bay in the Arctic coast to the southern port of Valdez in Alaska.

The planning began in 1970 to include ways to preserve the environment and to prevent oil spills.

On October 20, 2012, a 100-mile section of the pipeline was ruptured, leaking 130,000 litres of oil and causing environmental damage.

FINAL FACT

One of the longest pipelines in the world is the Trans-Siberian Pipeline, which spans 9,000 km.

INTERESTING FACT

What does a koala eat? It eats eucalyptus leaves.

WHY IT'S CUTE

Frodo or Froger? Who's cuter?

When did a koala last eat? It hasn't eaten for 18 hours.

OPEN TO ALL

Cute koala to eat?

Where does cork come from? Cork is the outer bark of the cork oak tree, which grows in Spain and Portugal.

AN AUSTRALIAN CORK TREE

ANSWERS

1) Manipur

2) World Consumer Rights Day is celebrated on March 15 every year.

3) The World Cup will be held in Russia in 2018.

4) In which language are most Buddhist scriptures written?

5) Who developed the Periodic Table?

6) Where will the 2018 FIFA World Cup be held?

7) What is the study of the origin of words known as?

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Wordwatch

1 Proficient	a) Inventive b) Practical c) Skilled d) Helpful
2 Pejorative	a) Laudatory b) Complimentary c) Dull and laboured d) Pithed
3 Ponderous	a) Thoughtful b) Careless c) Dull and laboured d) Pithed

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The Land of Stories

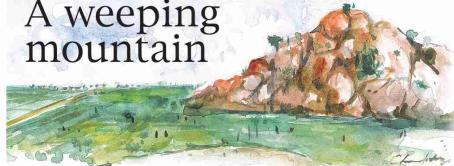
By Chris Colfer

In *The Land of Stories* series, author Chris Colfer drops some pretty broad hints that we haven't seen the last of these words. Along the way, he delivers plenty of what his fans have come to expect from the situation, heartfelt the lessons, and cosmic conflict, this time involving gods and evil characters from many different worlds. New York city's landmarks? There's not much mystery there – the violence and shenanigans are far more earthbound and the language will. Well, the characters and plot are from the same source, so there's a lot of ground to cover. Colfer writes it nicely. And seems to leave a door or two open for more.



Udit Sekhar Chaitanya, Class-VIII
Saffron Brook School, Dibrugarh.

A weeping mountain



When we went there, we met a man of the royal family of the prince of Mayong. He told us the whole story.

It's a wonderful place for tourists and has a great story behind it, but due to government apathy, the place is hardly known to people. Even a large number of stories have been written from researchers as well as they can find out the reason behind the unusual sound made by the rocks.

is known from its traditions and cultures. Assam is also a place where there once lived many magicians. There near Mayong, which is famous for its magical traditions. People believe that in Mayong, the magicians could fly like birds. They said that there could also be a dish to someone's back.

There is a small town called Konsakonda Pahar. The name has a history. Every villager knows the story behind the name of the mountain. In those days in Mayong, during the Assamese month of Bo, a traditional festival called 'Borot' was celebrated by young boys and girls. This was a wedding ceremony. The boys and girls played a game. If the girl lost the game, she had to marry the boy who defeated her. It was in that festival that the prince of Mayong and the princess of Mayong and the prince of Bogra was fixed. On an auspicious day, they got married with the blessings of both their parents. After the marriage, on the full moon night, the bride's farewells were arranged in full regals. Generally farewells, then the bride would leave in a doli

or palanquin and the groom rods an elephant. The day was dark. As the bride and groom's party were heading towards the groom's place, the weather suddenly turned stormy with lightning and thunder. They took shelter under a rocky mountain to wait for the wind to stop. But, they were all tragically killed under the stones.

They have heard that the mountain's weeping is sometimes heard at night, and some people claim to have even seen the princess. Hence, the moun-

tain is named the Konsakonda Pahar. Even now, if you throw stones at the mountain, there's a metallic sound to it. Nobody knows why that happens. But people believe that it is the sound of the weeping of the princess and the prince. They took shelter under a rocky mountain to wait for the wind to stop. But, they were all tragically killed under the stones.

Even some of the rocks in this mountain are believed to be a place where musical instruments, pots, etc., which people believe are all related to that marriage.

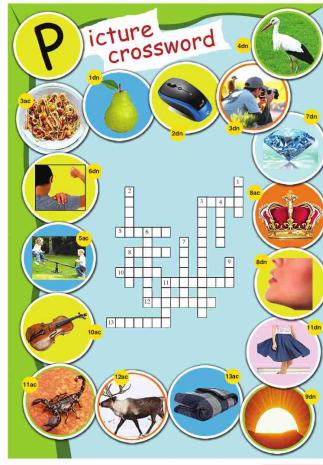
A brave struggle

Dear Bhaitiy, Bhonti,

When I was a child, I was enthralled by the chapter on the freedom struggle in India. It was wonderful to read about thousands of people coming together under different leaders with one aim in mind – the country's freedom. On the way there was brutality and repression by the British, and large casualties on India's side. But victory was ultimately ours. Let us remember our patriots and value the gift of freedom they have bequeathed us.

With love, as always,

Nakendu



SOLUTION



By Laurel Snyder

The book *Orphan Island* by Laurel Snyder is about a magical island that's home to nine kids. One day, the children leave the island, leaving a new, little kid and taking the eldest away to pass him off as a lost child. When the parents return to leave, leaving, protagonist Jimmy, who's probably about 10, is left alone. He decides to stay on the island, and wonder about the kids who went before him. Many questions are raised, never to be answered. Jimmy's mother would say, but he's been pronounced. There's a lot of internal conflict (staying vs. going, holding on vs. letting go, being responsible vs. being free, etc.) and emotional turmoil, as the reader tries to make sense of the present as simply incomprehensible, including leaving a weeping child forever.

IDIOM OF THE WEEK



In the know

To be in the know is to know about something which most people do not know about, to be well informed about something. In the modern information-based workplace, if you're not "in the know," your chances for advancement will be limited. Today, the acquisition of knowledge is no longer just not just for one's profession, but also for dealing with day-to-day personal tasks.

Know the score – to know all the important facts in a situation, especially the unpleasant ones. Know the ropes – to know how to perform a particular task.

Know your stuff – know a lot about a subject.

Know your way around – to be familiar with a place or to have knowledge about how something works.

A know-it-all – someone who seems to know everything and annoys other people by showing how clever they are.

Sketch of the week



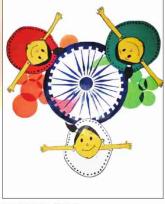
My nation is bounded by Himalayas in the North, Indian Ocean in the South, Arabian Sea in the West, Bay of Bengal in the East. I love my nation. With its rich culture and history it leaves me speechless. The people have no rest. They do their work the best. I love my nation. With a number of hill stations. With so many people, And so many of God's creation. I love my nation. Which is full of green forests And so many rivers. So let's work hard for it. For its safety, and be on guard!!

Gaurav Kr. Das, Class-IX,
Shrimanta Shankar Academy, Guwahati.

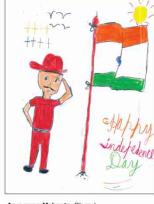


Prachyura Hazarika,
St. Joseph's Convent H.S. School, Tezpur

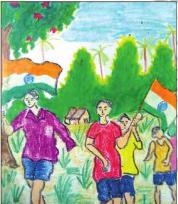
Freedom comes!



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Mahanirnary Vidyashala, Guwahati



Ayamaan Makanta, Class-IV,
Mahanirnary Vidyashala, Guwahati



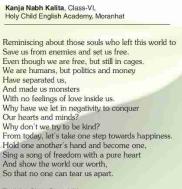
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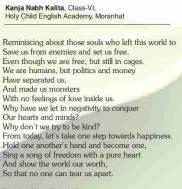
Rabijita Deka, Class-IV,
North East Public School, Guwahati



Rakesh Lalitham, Class-III,
Lighthouse School, Kangpokpi, Manipur



Tanisha Deka, Class-VII,
Santiniketan Vidya Mandir, Nagaon.



Kanya Nath Kalita, Class-VI,
Holy Child English Academy, Moronghat

Remembering about those soul who left this world to Save us from enemies and set us free. Even though we are free, but still in cages. We are humans, but politics and money. Have separated us. And made us into masters. With no feelings of love inside us. Who have been taught negatively, to conquer Our hearts and minds. Why don't we try to be kind? From today, let's take step towards happiness. Holding each other's hand and become one. Sing a song of freedom with a pure heart. And let's make our mother worth. So that no one can pull us apart.

You never failed, You never stopped trying; From the darkest period, You were invaded. But you never lost courage When your country was killed, You kept trying. You conquered lords, You conquered demons. When you were in danger; You kept struggling. You kept fighting and daubers To save the country. There were many like Gandhi, Who were our heroes. We are proud. Proud to call ourselves Indians, Proud to call you our mother. Proud to call you Mother India!

Priyanka Das, Class-VII,
Shrimanta Shankar Academy, Guwahati



Dhrumita Deka,
North East Public School, Guwahati



Debasmita Borgohain, Class-V,
St. Mary's H.S. School, Guwahati

Poem of the Week

Madhu Sengupta, Class-VI,
Dibrugarh Public School, Dibrugarh

Because of him, I am able to live a free life. And he loves every day, ready to pay the ultimate price. Because of him, our country still stands. When he is away, remember him in his hands. Even if I have to pay the ultimate price. For those who are fighting to defend our nation. Many people have fought for granted. Their freedom is for us to gain. We have forgotten who has kept The right for us to live for me. He has given us so much. Just so we all can be free. And his battle scars were suffered for you and for me. For the sake of our country, he gave his life. In this Land of the Free, the Home of the Brave. You probably don't know his story. You may never even heard his name. You won't see him in your dreams tonight. But you owe him the same. He gave his life to keep us free. That's not what heroes do. Instead of running off to war. He fights for the land, white and green. Every moment, he misses his family. Father, mother and wife and right. But it is just a small price to pay. To let his family sleep safe at night. There is something in you Soldier. Which gives you strength. There is strength in you Soldier. That's why we are free. The whole of yesterday has finally passed. The time to leave a foreign land come at last. Coming out of the ash and embers. A genuine Indian army soldier.

On August 15, we get freedom
From the British rule.

But by non-violence; truth and wisdom.
On this day, we were free from the rule of the British.
Today we are free from the British.
But after some days, they had to face Baupui's death,
So let's celebrate what he did for our country,
We should always make us citizens
In our own land.
Let's be proud!
To see our flag flying high forever.

JAI HIND ☺

With the rising sun
In the eastern sky,
There dawned a new day, a new way.

Bullets in his pocket,
A gun in his hand,
He is here to serve his motherland.
He is here to protect his motherland.
He loves the front.
He loves the back.
He tries to give his motherland a kiss.
He is our man, our pride, our soldier.

Debasmita Borgohain, Class-V,
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