

NEWS CAPSULE

Moran mishap

DIBRUGARH, Sept 18: Over 70 students were hurt after their school bus and an LPG cylinder-laden truck collided head-on on NH-37 at Zulal village near Moran this morning. At least 47 injured were brought to the AMCH here. – Staff Correspondent

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NIA chief

NEW DELHI, Sept 18: Senior IPS officer YC Modi, who was part of the SC-appointed Special Investigation Team that probed the 2002 Gujarat riot cases, was today named chief of the National Investigation Agency. – PTI

True violation

JAMMU, Sept 18: Paramilitary forces arrested and sheltered Jammu district's Amaa sector for the sixth successive day, prompting the Border Security Force to fire back, a senior officer said. – PTI

ISIS man held

NEW DELHI, Sept 18: The NIA today arrested suspected ISIS operative Shakil Hammadi in Chennai for his alleged involvement in a conspiracy to stage attacks in parts of Tamil Nadu. – PTI

Ultra nabbed

GUWAHATI, Sept 18: Security forces have named Abu Lubaydullah Front publicist secretary Luminous Bey and busted an abandoned camp of the outfit near Mulfloor in East Karbi Anglong district. – Staff Reporter

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

JeM, LeT trained Rohingyas to form terror outfit

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stan-based terrorist outfits managing to get foothold in the country cannot be ruled out, sources pointed out.

GUWAHATI, Sept 18: The Government of India is concerned about the possible influx of Rohingya Muslims into the country as a militant outfit of the community was reportedly trained by at least two Pakistan-based terrorist outfits and the border guarding forces of India have been directed to stay alert to prevent any such possible influx.



Highly placed security sources told *The Assam Tribune* that according to intelligence inputs, a group of Rohingya Muslims of Myanmar have formed a militant outfit named Aga Mu Mujahideen and the members of the outfit were trained by terrorists belonging to Pakistan-based outfits including Laskar-e-Toba (LeT) and Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM). The Government of India is apprehensive that if Rohingya Muslims sneak into India, the possibility of Paki-

Rohingya refugees illegal, pose security threat, Centre tells SC

NEW DELHI, Sept 18: Terming the Rohingya refugees as "illegal" immigrants, the government today told the Supreme Court that some of them were part of a "sinister" design of Pakistan's ISI and terror groups such as the ISIS, whose presence in the country will pose a "serious" national security threat.

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) made its stand clear in a much-awaited affidavit in the apex court, in which it also said the fundamental right

to settle in any part of the country was available only to citizens and not the Rohingyas.

It categorically stated that

decision of the executive".

The affidavit was filed hours after a bench headed by Chief Justice Dipak Misra consid-

ered the statement of Additional Solicitor General Tushar Mehta that the government would file its reply in the

course of the day on the PIL by two Rohingyas, challenging their deportation.

The affidavit was submitted as a response to a plea filed by Rohingya immigrants Mohammad Salimullah and Mohammad Shaqir, claiming they had taken refuge in India after escaping from Myanmar due to widespread discrimination, violence and bloodshed against the community there.

In the matter which will be heard next on October 3, the

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Rijiju for revisiting policies on border

NEW DELHI, Sept 18: Minister of State for Home Affairs Kiren Rijiju today said there was a need to revisit our policies on border management to ensure that the frontier regions grow in step with the rest of the country.

Rijiju said the NDA government was committed to bringing prosperity for the people living in border areas through development. "We as a nation, need to revisit our policies on border management and ensure that entire borders are as developed as other areas," he said.

Inaugurating a conference on smart border management and coastal and maritime security, organised by the India Foundation and the FICCI here, the Union minister said the nation begins from its bor-

der and not from its capital. Rijiju also released a FICCI-PwC report on 'smart border management' which has highlighted the threats and challenges faced by various agencies in the deployment of an effective coastal security mechanism across the Indian coast.

According to a press release issued by the FICCI, the report highlighted that India's long coastline presents a variety of security challenges, including illegal landing of arms and explosives at isolated spots on the coast, infiltration/exfiltration of anti-national elements, use of the sea and offshore islands for criminal activities, smuggling of consumer and intermediate goods through sea routes, etc. – PTI

der, police teams of both the sides rushed to the spot and started operation to fetch the bodies of the victims as well as rescue others. An FIR into the incident was later lodged at Lakhipur police station of Goalpara district in Assam.

The victims have been identified as Amjad Ali, Abdul Karim, Mukkaddar Alom, Jeleka Khutan, Sumaya Yasmin, Rohima Begum, Sultana Yasmin, Selina Yasmin, Sorif Ali and Masuma Begum.

Sources said more than 45 people fell into water after their boats turned over in strong winds, but most of them were able to swim to safety.

The deputy commissioner of West Garo Hills, where the boat race took place, said an inquiry into the incident was being sought.

10 drown after storm hits boats

CORRESPONDENT

TURA, Sept 18: Ten people, mostly children, drowned in Sabang river near Nidupan village under Tirkhilla police station when four boats capsized in a severe storm on Sunday.

The tragic incident took place after completion of a boat race organized by the local MDC of Nagapura, Dhemmanth Sangma. Incidentally, the mishap site was about 100 metres from what was home

Akhil Gogoi remanded to judicial custody STAFF CORRESPONDENT

DIBRUGARH, Sept 18: Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate Imdad Ahmed today remanded accused KMSS leader Akhil Gogoi to judicial custody till September 25, 2017 and granted bail to Pradip Haloi, another accused in the same case with a surety.

Police had sought remand of Akhil Gogoi for ten more days but the court rejected it. Pramjal Gogoi, the counsel for accused Akhil Gogoi and Pradip Haloi, said that they will be placing another bail petition before the Dibrugarh District & Sessions Judge tomorrow. He hoped that Akhil Gogoi would get bail September 25.

The peasant leader was arrested after he had reportedly said at a public meeting near Moran that an armed struggle would have to be adopted if the rights of the indigenous people were infringed upon by the BJP-led government.

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Motor accident in Uganda kills 13 people

KAMPALA (Uganda), Sept 18: Ugandan police say 13 people, including 12 Tanzanian nationals, have been killed in a motor accident on a highway in central Uganda.

Ugandan police spokesman Asan Kasinge told reporters today that most of the victims were travelling in a minibus that crashed head-on with a truck last night. The Tanzanians were returning home from a wedding in Uganda.

He said seven other passengers in the minibus were seriously injured and "in a critical condition". A passenger in the truck was killed, while the driver was seriously injured.

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US flies advanced warplanes amid tension with North Korea

SEUL, Sept 18: The US military flew advanced bombers and stealth jets over the Korean Peninsula and near Japan in drills with South Korean and Japanese warplanes today, three days after North Korea fired a missile over Japan.

The United States often sends powerful military aircraft in a show of force in times of heightened animosity with North Korea. The North launched its latest missile as it protested against tough new UN sanctions over its sixth nuclear test on September 3.

Today's flyovers over the Korean Peninsula involved two B-1Bs and four F-35Bs from the US military and four F-15K fighter jets from South Korea, according to the South Korean and US military. The US and South Korean planes practiced attacks by releasing live weapons at a firing range in South Korea, the US Pacific Command said in a statement.

The US warplanes also conducted formation training with Japanese fighter jets over waters near the southern island of Kyushu, according to the Pacific Command.

Since Kim Jong Un took power in North Korea in late 2011, his nation has tested weapons at a torrid pace. The country flight-tested two intercontinental ballistic missiles in July. Its nuclear test in September was its most powerful to date.

Many experts say it's only a matter of time until Kim achieves his stated objec-

tive of introducing US tactical nuclear weapons in the South. But the liberal-leaning government of President Moon Jae-in has no intention of requesting that the US bring back such weapons.

South Korean Defence Minister Song Young-moo told lawmakers today that it is "not proper" to reintroduce

US nuclear weapons. He had previously said the idea should be "deeply considered" by the allies, inflaming already-heated debate on the issue.

Meanwhile, a communist party newspaper of China today criticised the US for demanding that Beijing put more pressure on North Korea to rein in its weapons programme.

"The so-called 'China's responsibility theory' is essentially moral kidnapping," the People's Daily said in a commentary. It also noted that sanctions should not harm "legitimate economic and trade exchanges between North Korea and the outside world" and the lives of everyday people. - AP



tive of possessing reliable nuclear-tipped missiles capable of striking anywhere in the mainland US.

State media on Saturday quoted Kim as saying that North Korea's final goal

is to establish the equilibrium of real force with the US and make the US rulers dare not talk about military option" for the North.

Alarmed by North Korea's advancing weapons programs, many conservatives

States for demanding that Beijing put

more pressure on North Korea to rein in its weapons programme.

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Japan Ground Self Defence Force members take part in 'Orient Shield 17', an urban warfare drill, during their joint military exercise with the US Army, near Mount Fuji at Higashifujii training field in Gobemba, west of Tokyo, on Monday. - UNIT

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from Myanmar.

Sources said that according to an estimate, there are around 40,000 Rohingya Muslims in India and most of them have settled in places like Hyderabad, Mewat near Delhi, parts of Rajasthan, Jammu and areas and Kanpur. Most of them had entered India

through North Bengal area.

Though the New Delhi-based UN Commission for Refugees has issued identity cards to some such people, the Government of India is yet to give recognition to such identity cards and they are not treated as refugees.

Till now, there is no settlement of Rohingya Muslims in any part of the North East but more than 30 such persons have so far been arrested in Assam and are kept in detention camps.

Interestingly, though the Government of Myanmar has given recognition to around 130 tribes as citizens of that country, the Rohingya Muslims have not been given such recognition.

On the possible exodus of Rohingya Muslims to India, the affidavit said that the "Rohingyas figured in the suspected sinister designs of ISI/ISIS and other extremists groups who want to achieve their ulterior motives in India".

Moreover, since there was a "serious national security threat/concern", the government should be allowed to exercise its essential executive function by way of a policy decision to deport the Rohingyas in the larger interest of the nation, the affidavit said.

The affidavit added that some Rohingyas were involved in "illegal and anti-national activities" like mobilisation of funds through hawala channels, procuring fake Indian ID cards, besides indulging in human trafficking.

"A fragile Northeastern corridor may become further destabilised in case of stridency of Rohingya militancy, which the Central government has found to be growing, if permitted to continue," it said.

There was also a serious potential and possibility of eruption of violence against the Buddhists who are Indian citizens by radicalised Rohingyas, the MHA document said. - PTI

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Iraq SC orders suspension of Kurdistan referendum

BAGHDAD, Sept 18: Iraq's Supreme Court on Monday issued an order to stop the independence referendum in the semi-autonomous Kurdistan region slated for September 25, officials said.

In a statement, the court said the poll, which was convened by regional Kurdish President Massoud Barzani, had been suspended until they could establish if it was constitutional.

The Secretary of the Iranian Supreme National Security Council, Ali Shamkhani, warned that Iran would close its borders with the region if it became independent from Iraq.

Turkey, which has in the past expressed its rejection of the referendum, on Monday began a series of military manoeuvres on its border with Iraqi Kurdistan, though it assumed that they were part of an operation against terror organisations.

Iraqi Kurdistan has enjoyed regional autonomy since the 1990s, a status bolstered in the 2005 Constitution that defined Iraq as a federal state.

On Friday, the Kurdish Parliament unanimously ratified the referendum amid pro-independence rallies across the region. - IANS

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DIVERSION OF TRAIN SERVICES

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on a tip-off, police arrested a youth identified as Madhul Islam (24) of Barpeta in this connection.

He was illegally transporting the rice bags from Barpeta to Shillong. A case has been registered by the police in this regard.

Student falls to death

JORABAT, Sept 18: A 17-year-old student of the Monfort School at 10th Mile succumbed to his injuries after accidentally falling from the terrace of the boys' hostel building on the school campus on Sunday. The victim has been identified as Monthir Chakma, a Higher Secondary first year student of the school. The deceased originally hailed from Mizoram.

According to the school authorities, Monthir fell from the terrace of the hostel around 9 am and was rushed to the GNRC Hospital, Six Mile, but was later referred to the GMCH, where he succumbed to his injuries. The actual reason behind the death will be known after receiving the post-mortem report, police said. — ANN Service

AASU protest today

GUWAHATI, Sept 18: Demanding immediate solution of the problems concerning the vernacular-medium schools of the State, the All Assam Students' Union (AASU) will stage a Statewide protest tomorrow. Demonstrations and rallies would be organised at district and subdivisional level by AASU members before submitting a memorandum addressed to the Chief Minister.

Rapping the Education Department for its recent decisions detrimental to the interest of Assamese-medium schools, the student body said the government's plans to appoint teachers from outside the State would never be tolerated. — Staff Reporter

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MESSAGE FOR TODAY

The best index to a person's character is how he treats people who can't do him any good.

— ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

The Assam Tribune**Irrational objection**

China is a master at the art of propaganda, not only directed against rivals in the international community, but also at her own people. Occasionally, such propaganda descends into the realm of the ludicrous, but perhaps this in no way ruffles the feathers of her leadership. What else can explain China's objection to any kind of foreign investments, especially that of Japan, in India's Northeast? It may be recalled that during the recent State Visit of Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe to India, one of the highlights of the India-Japan joint declaration had been the Japanese pledge to play a more proactive role in the development of the North-east with the setting up of a Japan-India Act East Forum. The objective of this forum was to "enhance connectivity and promote development projects in the north-eastern region of India in an efficient and effective manner". Japan had also assured cooperation in this region in other spheres like electricity, water supply, sewage disposal, etc. Assurance of Japanese assistance is one of the best pieces of news which has come of late to this neglected region, one capable of transforming its socio-economic landscape. This is precisely why the statement emanating from the Chinese Foreign Ministry that the country is opposed to any foreign investment in what she deems to be a "disputed area" is so absurd that it verges on the laughable.

The implication is that China wants this region to maintain its development and economic status quo just because she has some issues with India on boundary and territorial matters! India is in the process of implementing its Act East Policy by enhancing connectivity to Southeast Asian nation through the 'corridor' of the North-east, thereby creating economic opportunities for this area. For instance, large corporate entities which have so far hesitated to come to the North-east might be tempted into bringing their industries here to take advantage of the accessibility to large Asian markets, thereby creating much-needed avenues of employment. By putting forth her objections to such sought-for objectives, China has made clear that she is not interested in the well-being of the North-east and is more focused on self-interested matters. At the crux of China's objection lies her fear that Japanese money and technology would be used to augment infrastructure along the India-China border which currently has not attained a desirable level. China herself has built a highly organized and effective road, rail and air communication network reaching deep into areas occupied by her and therefore possesses strategic advantage. Naturally, she does not want to lose the upper hand at the border, no matter that she has of late tried to downplay this bone of contention. However, such a rationale does not detract from the irrational nature of her objection to the development of the North-east.

Unemployment

Despite the fact that the State's burgeoning unemployment problem confronts the Government with a daunting challenge, it is rarely acknowledged in the manner it should. The lackadaisical attitude of the Government gets ample manifestation in its failure to evolve a cohesive employment policy aimed at enhancing the employability of our youths. We need a policy that can generate employment by facilitating a growth in the spheres of commerce and industry besides promoting self-entrepreneurship. This is not a utopian concept but is a prospective situation that can emerge provided the Government has the will to think out of the box and intervene in the appropriate manner. The frightening scenario of unemployment which is taking a heavy toll on the State's human resource development should be gauged from the harsh data provided in the just-concluded Assembly session. With over 15 lakh registered unemployed in the State – many of those having bachelor's and master's degrees – the situation is largely symptomatic of an education system that has failed to keep pace with the changing needs of the times. It is apparent that the prevailing system is churning out graduates and postgraduates who are not in a position to fend for themselves in a competitive environment. This calls for an urgent rethink on our education system. Over the decades, there has hardly been any emphasis on promoting subjects that can enhance vocational and technical skills of our youths whereas these are the areas that can productively absorb a lot of manpower. It is precisely due to the absence of thrust on vocational subjects – coupled with the inherent reluctance of our youths to opt for vocational avenues – that has resulted in outsiders in large numbers meeting the demand for professions like carpentry, masonry, etc. This can be addressed by a long-term mechanism involving vocational training and skill-upgrading.

With skill development now being the buzzword, the Government needs to be firm in promoting vocational and technical education for creating a pool of skilled manpower and easing the unemployment scenario. The ITIs that could have made a positive difference can hardly be said to be functioning. It needs to be ensured that these are run professionally. The Government's move to promote the employment exchanges training hubs for technical education in fields such as IT is welcome. But it should also see to it that the neglected sphere of vocational education gets equal attention. Promotion of self-entrepreneurship is another crucial imperative, and with the required training our youths can take to animal husbandry, fishery, floriculture, and various agro-based practices in a sustainable manner. It is the adoption of multidisciplinary skill development projects that can go a long way in enhancing the employability of the local youths.

Agriculture development: the unending wait**Swapnani Barua**

The Agriculture Department has been around in Assam since 1882 and is yet to reach its goal of optimizing the use of all cultivable land in the State and reach the highest of outputs. From the looks of it, even God doesn't know when the ends will be reached, far from the agriculture ministers and bureaucrats that are there or have come and gone. It's the farmers who will achieve the goals, but why they have not managed head-tillers are not a common sight, except in the immigrant areas of West Assam. Tractor population has not grown to be available in the State in the two months of the year when required for tilling, while after these months there is not sufficient hauling work to make it economic. Post-tilling, soil testing is not available at doorstep to the farmer. He has to go and get soil samples tested in the Agriculture Department office. Mobile labs do not cover all areas in time, while the farmer cannot wait to sow. This affects fertilizer use, which again is yet to be available in a neighbourhood store. There are no government fertilizers, stores and low volumes and absence of government incentives have not seen such stores coming up in the private sector too, on a large scale.

Good output depends on good seeds. Availability of certified seeds is not widespread as much as it is expensive. Government intervention in the matter has been very small. It has not increased its own farms and output of certified seeds, nor incentivized private efforts in this sector. Certified seed availability continues to be short and expensive

also, which is a disincentive to switching over to HIV production. Seed needs are being met by traditional methods, which is a big factor in poor average yields. While floods continue to be a problem, the major crops need sufficient water in time and quantity, which calls for irrigation by spot or flow sources. This aspect is deficient in Assam, especially in winter sowing or post-flow sowing. The Agriculture Department provides pumps, but nowhere near the need. The Irrigation Department's functioning leaves much to be desired. Servicing facilities are near absent as much as fuel pumps in

there is a shortage of drying machinery, storage godowns and cold storages, which affect selling of the produce. The incentives for setting up such facilities are inadequate or not provided well enough. No one is in charge of ensuring FCI, State Government procurement or enforcing minimum support prices in private sales. More than the producer or the buyer it is the middleman who grabs the cream. Marketing of farm produce is a commercial activity, best left to marketers and commercial people, not to agriculture, which is a technology graduate.

Organic farming has been the much-touted words, but the incentives for this sector are not widely known. Organic farming is more expensive and to stand up on its own feet will need financial, technical, marketing and branding support. Farmers are not aware how to avail the incentives, if they are available at all.

Technology transfer and farmer handholding is still a distant dream. Whatever has happened has happened in trinkets. Agriculture and allied departments are still an urban existence, not available to the farmer in his neighbourhood. The experts are seasonal birds, more guests than a member of the family.

The farmer is the target of all agriculture and allied departments. Each of them expect the farmer to grow crops, grow vegetables, be a horticulturist, a floriculturist, a cattle and poultry rearer, a sericulturist, a weaver, a beekeeper, a rubber farmer, a small tea grower, spice grower, coconut farmer, do social forestry, *on mass*. All of this needs inputs for industry.

To make a dent, individual land holding size in Assam has to increase to seven hectares (*50 bighas*) on an average. This will mean massive shifting of the population engaged in primary production to industry and services sectors. Farming has to be moved up on the social scale as an important vocation.

rural areas. There is no permanent mechanism for pest control. The Agriculture Department's response is always firefighting. Pesticides availability is also neither widespread, nor subsidized. Spraying machines are always in short supply to meet the needs in time. Bank credit too has to be arranged by the farmer himself.

The Agriculture Department provides no assistance in harvesting. Harvesting combines or mechanical reapers are a rarity in the State.

dependence when Hindu refugees and Muslim infiltrators were allowed and encouraged to settle in undivided Assam by the Government of India with the successive State governments having no teeth to protest the decision of New Delhi. It was after the liberation of Bangladesh that the situation arising out of such influx from that territory became grave with both Hindu refugees and Muslim migrants threatening to change the demographic balance of the region.

For the Assamese people, the consciousness about keeping a separate identity to themselves even within the Indian fold is a distinct characteristic. It was because of this inherent feeling and fear of losing the identity so carefully nourished that gave a great fillip to the movement that rocked the nation during the late 70s and mid-80s. Regionalism did grow and blossom into a popular movement to safeguard regional interests. The plank of regionalism acted politically and helped the student leaders leading the movement shift from their study table to the seat of power overnight. However, the interests of the people and the State could never take the seat at the front. The Asom Gana Parishad formed as the political entity after the signing of the Assam Accord occupied the seat of power on two occasions but failed to learn how to use the

power that the people gave them through their votes and goodwill for the interest of their mentor State and its people. What they did to the people is nothing short of a betrayal.

It is a clear case of betrayal again by the present Government formed with the promises of *Parivarjan* and safeguarding the interests of the people with the slogan of *Jati Mati Bheti*, which was made to sound more regional than national. It now has clearly come into the open that behind the words of promise for change for the better and assurance of keeping the interest of the ethnic population alive and kicking, it is working on agenda that is more political than developmental or people-friendly. Instead of fulfilling the promise of development, the Government is showing interest in evolving ways that can serve the interests of the party in power and the organization that guides the government policies.

The hope of change for the better for the region was pinned on the BJP-led alliance where the AGP too is a constituent. And it is an undeniable truth that the regional colour of the AGP added a degree of acceptance of the people to the alliance. The people took the words of the alliance in total confidence and handed power to the alliance. But same kind of betrayal as was done by the AGP has been repeated.

Regional interests and the game of betrayal**■ Bhaskar Phukan**

The one year-plus-old State Government in its euphoria of winning the North-east's most strategic portion of land is behaving in a queer manner where the appearance of the BJP bosses at the Centre seems to find a priority place than the proper execution of plans and proposed programmes. There are also attempts at getting through the plan of the Government without even giving a thought as to whether or not these are acceptable to the people who voted the party to the seat of power. Certain decisions are tried to be forced on the people which is undemocratic by any benchmark.

The installation of the present Government was made possible by the support of the people who were carried away primarily by two catchy slogans. One was the promised change in the manner of governance (*Parivarjan*) and the second was the promise of safeguarding the people's interest in preserving their ethnic identity, language and home (*Jati Mati Bheti*).

It was quite natural for the people to expect that the new Government that replaced the inactive and stagnant one led by an octogenarian would be true to its promises with an energetic Chief Minister, but the behaviour of the Government from the

Letters to the EDITOR

Sir, —When it comes to the service experiences in banking, people always relate to the nationalized banks with bad service with good ones. This is probably due to the past experiences with overcrowded SHB/UBI or any other nationalized bank branches. We need to understand that if any private sector bank branch is asked to serve the same set of customers, quite likely the service quality will fall. Many of the customers who open accounts with the nationalized banks are illiterate or semi-literate. The nationalized banks welcome all customers as long as they can be accommodated as per the RBI guidelines. We can't forget that in general we open our first bank account with a nationalized bank only. These PSBs are in a better position to reach the masses. Yours etc., NAUSHAD S TALUKDAR, Barigram, Karimganj.

Nationalized banks and services**Scarcity of stone chips**

Sir, —Through your esteemed daily, I would like to ask the Government of Assam and the Department concerned the reason behind the scarcity of stone chips, because as common people, we are now having to buy this essential raw material for any construction work at a double price than before. From May 2017 till now, this problem is persisting, but we notice that the Government of Assam has not taken the problem seriously. We have also learnt that this problem not only hampers the individuals but various governmental works of the State have also been interrupted due to the scarcity of stone chips. Yours etc., RUPAM HAZARIKA, Borjhar.

Graduate pay scale

Sir, —We welcome the recent announcement by the Education Minister of Assam to offer graduate pay scale to the graduate LP/UP school teachers of the State. A better primary education can only build the strong founda-

tion for any student, which is the dire need to excel in life. In many western countries, the governments pay much attention to the primary education sector; the salary structure of the primary teachers is quite high. Currently there are many highly-qualified teachers (graduate, PG) possessing professional qualifications like BEd and DEDEd working in the LP/UP school across the State. Therefore, it is the right decision by the Government of Assam to enhance the pay structure of the graduate LP/UP teachers. Yours etc., CHAMPAK DEKA, Geetanagar, Guwahati.

Digitalization

Sir, —In an era where our Government is increasingly stressing digitalization of the whole governance system, the implementation of the same is sadly lacking in the government systems itself. In the ongoing recruitment processes of the Assam Secretariat, thousands of candidates were faced with the politics which is happening now with the colleges and due to which,

outside the Treasury offices. The process of depositing money through treasury challan is arduous, time consuming and outdated. It also prevents many candidates from even applying for the job due to time constraints. I would like to request the authorities concerned to do it so that the future recruitment processes are fully done online. Yours etc., ABHILEKH SAIRIA, Guwahati.

Engineering colleges

Sir, —I am not agreeing with the views and comments of Ashok Kumar Das (AT, Sept 8) in his letter 'Engineering colleges'. Being an engineer was not sufficient to connect with the philosophy and sentiment of these premier institutes of Assam, namely AEC and JEC, along with the other government engineering colleges. Only the students and alumni of these colleges can understand the pain when someone encroaches upon their alma mater. Only they can feel the politics which is happening now with the colleges and due to which,

the future of the students of these colleges is in great darkness. It was very obvious that the students and faculty of the AEC and JEC should bother when an inexperienced university like ASTU comes to affiliate institutes like AEC and JEC. The basis of the fear of the alumnus (AT, Sept 5) was logical because who knows what ASTU has planned to do after giving affiliation to the AEC, JEC and other government engineering colleges. Who will take the responsibility if some unwarranted issues crop up with these colleges? ASTU has a very low standard course curriculum. ASTU affiliated colleges are all private, mostly new colleges. Again, the domain, policies, planning, etc., are different in the engineering colleges of Assam. So, comparing them with other universities is totally irrelevant. Yours etc., JONAK KASHYAP, Jorhat.

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Governor Banwarilal Purohit along with DC Kamrup (Rural) Vinod Seshan laying the foundation of a toilet during the inauguration of 'Swachhata Hi Seva' campaign in Kamrup district as a part of Swachh Bharat Mission at Boko recently. — UB Photos

Three of a family killed in mishap

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

SILCHAR, Sept 18: Three persons, including a woman of a family died after an autorickshaw in which they were travelling collided with the Guwahati-Silchar passenger train near Silronka on Sunday.

According to sources at the Silchar Railway station, the autorickshaw tried to cross the railway track which had no crossing when the 55615 Guwahati-Silchar passenger train which was going towards Silchar hit the autorickshaw killing the passengers and the driver. The engine of the train sustained partial damage.

The deceased have been identified as Babu Sinha (60), his wife Ratna Sinha (52) and his brother Budhi Sinha (61), the auto-rickshaw driver. It is learnt that the victims were residents of nearby Burhikhal village. Meanwhile, soon after the incident, GRB officials rushed to the spot to recover the bodies and sent them to SMCH for post mortem.

OBITUARY

Mukhya Dutta

GUWAHATI, Sept 18: Mukhya Dutta, retired headmaster of Dallang Milan Prathamik Vidyalaya died here on September 14 last, due to old-age ailments. He was 76.

A prominent social worker, Dutta was related with various social and religious organisations of the locality. A large number of well-wishers took part in his cremation programme.

He left behind his wife, a son, two daughters, two daughter-in-laws, grandson and grand-daughter and a host of relatives and well-wishers.

His death was widely mourned.

Guv launches 'Swachhata Hi Seva' campaign

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 18: As part of the State Government's initiative to make 'Swachhata Hi Seva' campaign a success, Governor Banwarilal Purohit led a sapling plantation drive at the Tapesia Lower Primary School campus, while launching the campaign in Boko.

Purohit launched 'Swachhata Hi Seva', a fortnight-long campaign on Friday to initiate a flurry of activities to transform the campaign into 'Jan Andolan' and contribute to Mahatma Gandhi's dream of a society clean and green.

Sharing his thoughts on the programme, the Governor sought the cooperation from all sections of the society in making 'Swachhata Hi Seva' campaign a success in the disctrict.

He sought active involve-

ment of the people of Boko to make Kamrup district an open defecation-free, clean and green zone.

The Governor also asked Kamrup Deputy Commissioner Vinod Seshan to use his administrative machinery to motivate all households to make 'swachhata' a habit and contribute to make the society clean and green.

Governor Purohit also launched a signature campaign on the 'Swachhata Hi Seva' campaign where Chief Secretary VK Pipersenia and other officials and public in general participated.

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ABSU flays AKRSU (P) stand

CORRESPONDENT

KALAIAGAON, Sept 18: The ABSU has condemned AKRSU (P) leaders' recent remark challenging the State Government to arrest ABSU president Prajom Boro while condemning the arrest of KMSH leader Akhil Gogoi.

In a press release issued at Udaguri on September 16, Dipen Boro, vice-president of ABSU's central committee, has requested the AKRSU (P) leaders to refrain from making irrelevant press statements mentioning ABSU and its members.

Hindi Divas observed at Dallang

CORRESPONDENT

GUWAHATI, Sept 18: Pubbar Rastrabhasha Vidyalaya, Dallang observed 'Hindi Divas' at the Dallang Milan High School premises on September 14 last.

On this occasion, a tree plantation programme was organised where Heman Das, president of the All Rangia Melakuma Students' Union and noted businessman Lakhmidhar Nath took part.

Ganesh Deka, subject teacher of Dallang Milan High School lit the lamp, while Hema Kanta

but had launched a peaceful agitation for a separate State of Bodoland.

"There is nothing wrong in demanding a separate State for Bodoland under the provisions of the Indian Constitution," he said.

Dipen Boro said that ABSU

had always shown respect for Koch Rajbongshi people. AKRSU leaders had failed to convince the Government regarding their demands and they must not blame other organisations for it. He requested AKRSU (P) leaders to concentrate more on their activities rather than unnecessarily attacking ABSU leadership.

A felicitation programme

in non-Hindi speaking areas.

In the meeting, other prominent persons including Dwijen Nath, secretary of Rangia Jila Unnati Sabha', Debendra Deka, president of Rangiyadistrict samiti of AGP; Ashok Sarma and Bina Deka, chairwoman and vice-chairman of Manjula Dutta memorial Kul-Jyoti Trust and Pranabjyoti Das, president of 'Friendship', Borka took part.

The meeting was presided over by Mohan Chandra Nath, retired headmaster of Panitema Satgaon Girls' High School.

Madan Dutta, Jadav Kakati and Babul Deka spoke about the necessity and publicity of Hindi

in non-Hindi speaking areas.

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Nath, secretary of 'Prabodh'

examination held in 2017, from this centre was felicitated.

Other students felicitated in the meeting were Sonora Rajbongshi, Tinku Deka, Jayormoi Nath and Monalisha Nath. Best award for 'Swachh Abhiyan' was presented to Sonora Rajbongshi and Kuhu Nath.

Chakma-Tanchangya, Assamese languages and cultures very similar: Dr Phukan



AJIT PATOWARY



Guwahati-based general surgeon Dr Satyakam Phukan, who has been doing intensive research on Assamese and its allied languages for the past about two-and-a-half decades, has found that GA Grierson, the editor and compiler of the *Linguistic Survey of India*, had made a big mistake when he concluded that the Chakma-Tanchangya language is a mere dialect of Bengali language.

However, in this respect, Dr Phukan is not alone. There are several Chakma researchers like Alexander (Abhoy) Chakma, who also claim that Chakma and Assamese are very similar to Assamese. Assamese language differs with Chakma-Tanchangya only in the area of phonology, maintains Dr Phukan.

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tax and other features. Alexander Chakma has prepared a long list of the similarities between Chakma and Assamese languages.

A good number of Chakma people spoken to by this correspondent also expressed similar views.

But, Dr Phukan lamented that while Chakma-Tanchangya and Assamese are found to be closely related, till date no institutional scholar in Assam has come up with any comparative study on the languages and cultures of these people.

The basic grammatical structure and the larger proportion of the Chakma-Tanchangya vocabulary are very similar to Assamese. Assamese language differs with Chakma-Tanchangya only in the area of phonology, maintains Dr Phukan.

The general surgeon finds that the Chakma-Tanchangyas that surfaced till now are more than enough to prove the presence of a strong Assamese and Chakma-Tanchangya linguistic and cultural connection.

The Chakmas and the Tanchangyas are the two tribes with very little differences. They are aboriginal to the area of Chittagong Hill Tracts and the Rakhine State of present-day Bangladesh and Myanmar respectively. Although the Tanchangyas are at times identified as a sub-tribe of the Chakmas, they now prefer to identify themselves as a distinct tribe. However in terms of their languages, their similarities are more than the differences and their dialects are almost always mutually intelligible.

By religion, both are Buddhists. But the Tanchangyas follow many animistic practices prevalent in their community prior to their conversion to Buddhism. In all probability, the Chakma-Tanchangyas are a people of Kamrup origin, maintains Dr Phukan.

In support of his assertion, Dr Phukan has provided a table on his website (<http://drsatyakamphukan.wordpress.com>) to exhibit the similarities between Assamese and Chakma-Tanchangya languages.

Being in close contact with the Bengali people for centuries, a section of them has im-

bibed many Bengali words and expressions. But these influences could not alter the basic structure and vocabulary in general, which is, without any controversy, almost wholly similar with Assamese, said the general surgeon.

Culture: Being almost overwhelmingly a Hinayana Buddhist people, the Chakma-Tanchangyas have imbibed all the cultural elements of that school of Buddhism. A very small number of Chakmas in the recent times have converted to Christianity.

However, one cultural element has persisted amongst them, which pre-dates the time of conversion and adoption of Buddhism. This is the festivity known as the Bihu among the Chakma-Tanchangyas, which is much akin to the Assamese Bihu. The Chakma-Tanchangyas are the only other people in the world, who have a Bihu-type culture, maintains Dr Phukan.

Analysing the ethno-linguistic roots and connections of the Chakma-Tanchangya people, the points taken into consideration by Dr Phukan include—language, physiognomy, cultural elements and traditional oral history of the Chakma-Tanchangya people, history recorded by the scholars of other communities like the British, the Mughals and others.

He observed that the Chakma-Tanchangya language can be called one of the closely allied languages of Assamese. The other languages so allied to Assamese are Hajong and Bisnupriya.

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CBSE Award to State teacher

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 18: Babita Lahon Gogoi of Maharisahi Vidyamandir, Panikhaiti has received the CBSE Award to teachers for the year 2016 from the Union Minister of State for HRD, Upendra Singh.

The award ceremony was organised by the CBSE at the National Rail Museum, New Delhi. The award ceremony was organised by the CBSE at the National Rail Museum, New Delhi.

The award comprises a certificate of commendation, a shawl and Rs 50,000.

Youth nabbed on extortion charges

CORRESPONDENT

BONGAIGAON, Sept 18: A CID sleuths from Gauhati arrested a retired SBBI officer and a retired State Government employee in connection with the decade-old land requisition fraud at the Sivasagar District Commissioner's office pertaining to 1997-99 against a case (No. 1997/2000) registered to the CID submitted its final report at the CJM court here recently.

The total number of arrests in this case has now gone up to seven, with five persons being arrested earlier. Both Goswami and Dutta were, however, granted bail on health grounds.

Meanwhile, the CID team that has been investigating the Rs 300-crore four-laning of NH-37 scam has taken into possession video CDs and other documents relating to

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An anti-superstition campaign organised by the Tezpur branch of the Assam Science Society being held at Bindukuri High School premises, at Tezpur recently. — UB Photos

Govt to set up fishery varsity at Morigaon
MORIGAON, Sept 18: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal declared that a fishery university will be established at Morigaon by the Assam Government. He said so after unveiling statues of three martyrs of the district, who made the supreme sacrifice during the Freedom Struggle in 1942. An open meeting on the occasion at the TR Phukan playground here was addressed by the Chief Minister. — Correspondent

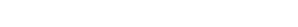
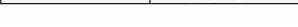
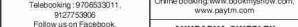
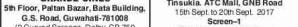
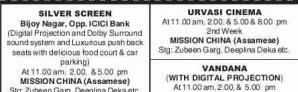
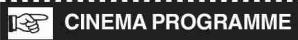


Consequent upon the acquisition of five erstwhile Associate Banks (eABS) viz. State Bank of Bikaner and Jaipur, State Bank of Hyderabad, State Bank of Mysore, State Bank of Patiala, State Bank of Travancore and Bharatya Mahila Bank by State Bank of India (SBI) w.e.f. 01st April 2017, all customers of the eABS and eBMB are now customers of SBI.

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**WEATHER
NORTH EAST**
Forecast for NE: Moderate rain/thunderstorm is very likely to occur at most places over Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura; at many places over Assam & Meghalaya on September 19 & 20. Moderate rain/thunderstorm is very likely to occur at a few places over Arunachal Pradesh.

Warning: Heavy rain is very likely to occur at isolated places over Assam & Meghalaya on September 19 & 20. Moderate rain/thunderstorm is very likely to occur at a few places over Arunachal Pradesh.

Temperatures:

	Max (°C)	Min (°C)
Dibrugarh	36.6	24.7
Tegpur	32.3	24.6
Silchar	34.0	26.1
Dibruri	30.1	24.9
Jorhat	32.7	25.9
Majuli	30.1	25.7
Shillong	23.8	15.7
Imphal	28.4	21.4
Itanagar	34.1	24.5
Aizawl	32.0	14.7
Amarapura	34.0	26.0
Kohima	28.4	18.0
Passighar	36.4	26.5
Cherapunji	26.4	17.9

World Bamboo Day celebrated in Manipur

RESPONDENT

IMPHAL, Sept 18: World Bamboo Day was observed in Manipur on Monday to create awareness about the uses of bamboo and its products to keep a healthy environment and also to give employment opportunities in the bamboo sector to the artisans.

The event started with a bamboo show by schoolchildren followed by various awareness programmes at Singamei Community Hall in Imphal.

Apart from opening of five-day exhibition on Bamboo & Canes and Allied Crafts, a painting competition for Class I-IV and Class VIII-XII on 'bamboo for environment, energy and employment' will be held on September 19. It will be followed by symposium-lecture on 'bamboo - its products and relation with environment, bamboo plantation, fashion show on bamboo and bamboo construction (sustainability)'.

Of the 57 varieties of bamboo in India, 44 are found in the North East while Manipur Forest department has identified 35 species, including 12 industrial bamboo varieties, in Manipur.

Petrol bomb hurled at MLA's home

SHILLONG, Sept 18: Unknown miscreants hurled a petrol bomb at former Meghalaya Urban Affairs Minister and United Democratic Party (UDP) legislator, Paul Lyngdoh's residence here this morning. However, nobody was injured in the incident.

"The incident happened at around 4.30 am today. Nobody was injured in the incident. A case has been registered and the police is investigating into the incident," East Khasi Hills Superintendent of Police, Davies Marak said. — Staff Correspondent

3 ultras killed in intragroup conflict

IMPHAL, Sept 18: Suspected intragroup clash claimed the lives of three militants at Muktakhal village in Tamenglong district of Manipur yesterday, police said.

The incident occurred when suspected militants of a faction of United Liberation Front (ULF), supported by its armed wing ULTA, attacked the camp of another faction, the police said.

A police officer said that a faction of the ULF and its armed wing ULTA has a camp at Muktakhal village and the same camp was suspected to have been targeted by the other faction.

The police recovered three bodies from the spot and sent them to Jijeswar Hospital in Jibam district for post mortem, the police officer said. — PTI

NORTH EAST

Arunachal not ready to accept Chakma-Hajong refugees: Khandu

CORRESPONDENT

ITANAGAR, Sept 18: Faced with a strong resistance from various quarters, including pressure groups like students' union, NGOs and political parties, on Centre's alleged move to grant citizenship to Chakma and Hajong refugees residing in the State, Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu on Monday wrote to Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh, stating that the State is not ready to accept any infringement of the constitutional protection bestowed on the tribals of the State.

The Chief Minister, in his letter to Union Home Minister, pointed out that Arunachal Pradesh with its unique history is governed by a special Act namely the Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation, 1873, which prescribes a line to be called the 'Inner Line', Section 2 which prohibits all citizens of India or any class of such citizens from going beyond such line without a pass issued under the hand and seal of the CEO of such district or such officer authorised with such function.

"Further, Section 7 of the Regulation reads: 'It shall not

be lawful for any person, not being a native of the district comprised in the preamble of this regulation, to acquire any interest in land or the product of land beyond the said Inner Line....' Khandu cited.

He added that Arunachal Pradesh is a predominantly tribal State and the Constitution of India gives special protection rights to the people of the State. These provisions were legislated with the singular objective to protect the tribes of the State from the onslaught of alien culture and overwhelming influx of non-Arunachalis in the State.

"Therefore, as mentioned by me in our meeting recently, I reiterate that the people of my State are not ready to accept any infringement on the Constitutional protection bestowed on the tribals of Arunachal Pradesh and I scientifically explained."

"If the true potential of bamboo for bringing sustainable development to the region is to be realised, we need to study and identify its appropriate uses by adapting modern technology for processing it," Khandu said in the letter.

He solicited the Home Minister's support in protecting the tribal rights and securing the sanctity of the Inner Line Permit (ILP) in Arunachal Pradesh.

Seminar on 'Naya Bharat Hum Karke Rahenge'

CORRESPONDENT

IMPHAL, Sept 18: Union Minister of State for Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises Babul Supriyo inaugurated a two-day exhibition-cum-seminar on 'Naya Bharat Hum Karke Rahenge' and took a pledge for a New

India during a function in Imphal on Monday.

The Union Minister also administered 'Sankalp Se Siddhi' (New India Pledge) to make the country free from complete poverty, exploitation, terrorism and casteism. The pledge was followed by the National Anthem.

The focus of the exhibition was on India's freedom movement from 1857 to 1947 showing the various activities initiated to attain freedom from the British rule. Besides, the period of five years (1942 to 1947) which would reflect to show how the movement of India's struggle for freedom transformed the entire country into one to fight against the British rule.

The programme is being organised with the purpose of spreading Prime Minister's message among the people of the country to help in achieving the vision of New India, according to the organisers.



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Man dupes woman of Rs 2.5 lakh after 6-yr live-in relationship

TURA, Sept 18: A former president of the District Youth Congress (Bengaluru) has allegedly duped a woman of Rs 2.5 lakh. She was reportedly living with him for the past six years. However, he ran away with the money after promising to marry the woman.

The victim was in a live-in relationship with the accused, identified as Shilpa NS Sangma, and they were living together in Adikgore village, where the woman is a teacher.

However, when the family of the victim went to fix a date for marriage, they were shocked to see that Shilpa did not want to marry her. In fact just two days after the visit by the victim's family, the accused was engaged to another girl.

JCB driver kidnapped

TURA, Sept 18: unidentified miscreants from near Mellim village kidnapped a driver of a JCB from inside a camp two days ago. The incident took place at around 11.30 pm when the people in the camp were asleep.

According to police, four unidentified armed persons barged into the camp and took the driver, identified as 27-year-old Robin Rabha from Damas in NG Hills, with them.

"We are still trying to ascertain as to whether the guns were genuine or dummies as all of them were carrying weapons. We have a few leads in the case and our police teams are trying to rescue the kidnapped driver," said WGHF, SDR, Dr Mgr Pradeep Kumar.

The police felt that the kidnapping was not the handiwork of any militant group but could be the work of local criminals. — Correspondent

BJP to absorb sacked teachers if it wins Tripura polls

PRABIR SIL

GARTALIA, Sept 18: Amidst growing confusion over the fate of 10,223 sacked teachers, BJP on Sunday said all of them will be absorbed under the ambit of Constitution if the party is voted to power in the 2018 Assembly elections in Tripura.

Not only 10,223 teachers, over seven lakh registered unemployed youth have been spending sleepless nights due to faulty recruitment policy adopted by the Marxist Government, said BJP State president Biplob Deb.

Addressing a press conference in the party headquarters here, he said, altogether 2.10 lakh unemployed youth had applied for the teaching jobs but only 10,223 were selected by flouting the Constitution and Right to Education Act 2009.

"Whenever the government made any appointment

— be it teaching job or Asstt. Professor, deprived candidates knocked the door of the court seeking justice and the court rejected the appointment," he pointed out.

This is because of faulty appointment policy of the State Government prepared at the behest of Maelarmath", he alleged. Deb said Debasish Paul Chowdhury, who had filed a contempt case in Supreme Court in regard to the State Government's move to fill up 12,000 non-teaching posts in Education department, has sought DGP AK Sulik's intervention to save his life.

On being asked about leaking of BJP prabhati Sunil Deodhar's personal email to the HRD Ministry on the job issue, Deb said let the dust get settled, then the party will take a decision whether a formal complaint is lodged or not.

Deb also condemned the attack on BJP MLA Sudip Roy Barman at Birbari area under Rammangar outpost on Sunday.

"If an MLA is attacked in his own constituency, the people will judge if law and order is okay or not", he added.

"If BJP comes to power in the next Assembly elections, not only seven CPC will be implemented, but all the sacked teachers will be accommodated as per the rule of law of the land", he said.

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Bamboo reserve to boost NE region's economy: Zeliang

DIMAPUR, Sept 18: Nagaland Chief Minister TR Zeliang today said the Northeastern region is home to almost 60 per cent of the country's bamboo reserve which will boost the economy of the region, if it is scientifically exploited.

"If the true potential of bamboo for bringing sustainable development to the region is to be realised, we need to study and identify its appropriate uses by adapting modern technology for processing it," Zeliang said while addressing a gathering on World Bamboo Day at Nagaland Bamboo Research Centre, Dimapur.

He solicited the Home Minister's support in protecting the tribal rights and securing the sanctity of the Inner Line Permit (ILP) in Arunachal Pradesh.

In order to realise the vision of building the economy of the region through development of bamboo as a primary resource, active participation of all is must, he said. "The approach has to be on a participative mode involving the Government of India and concerned States, organisations, agencies and all stakeholders," he added.

Deputy Secretary, DoNER, Naveen Verma, senior officials from NEC and Mission Directors of the NE States attended the function. — PTI

Centre asks NEIGRIMS to submit proposal for air ambulance

SHILLONG, Sept 18: Centre has asked North Eastern India Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Sciences (NEIGRIMS) here to submit a proposal for air ambulance.

"The institute has been asked to prepare a proposal for having air ambulance services in the region," NEIGRIMS director Dr DM Thappa said.

He said NEIGRIMS would act as a nodal point for air ambulance dispensary system whose services can reach out to the far flung areas of the region.

Dr Thappa said patients in medical emergencies can be brought to the institute for treatment besides medical samples of patients can also be collected for investigation at the super specialty hospital.

Thappa further said that the institute is proposing to involve the RIIMS Imphal to take care in respect of States like Nagaland and Mizoram while NEIGRIMS will look after Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh and Tripura. — PTI

Pre-puja get-together

SHILLONG, Sept 18: With hectic preparations on various puja committees to celebrate Durga Puja, the monitoring committee implementation committee has organised a pre-Durga 'Get Together of Harmony 2017' inviting religious leaders from all faiths.

The programme was organised on Sunday in which members from various puja committees, church, Dorbar Shnong and NGOs attended. The function was addressed by various functionaries, which included JL Das, general secretary of central puja committee, Shillong. On the other hand, Umanta Day was today observed in the State. The day is observed to mark a movement that began to let the masses to read the Bible by all in the 1800s. — Staff Correspondent

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ASSAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Jawaharnagar, Khanpara, Guwahati-781022

Selection to the post of Registrar/ RP/ Refractionist/ Demonstrator etc. in various disciplines of Medical Colleges in the State of Assam under H&FWB

Department (Vide Adv. No.14/2016 dated 05.10.2016)

The Assam Public Service Commission hereby announces the results today (17.09.2017) of the viva-voce test conducted by it for selection to the post given below:

A. Registrar/ RP/ Refractionist/ Demonstrator etc. in various disciplines of Medical Colleges in the State of Assam under H&FWB/Department

The viva-voce tests for selection to the above posts were conducted by the Interview Panel on 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 11th, 12th and 15th September, 2017 constituted for the purpose and directed by Experts/Advisors/deputed by the Govt. The Commission completed the process of selection and recommended the following candidates for the aforesaid posts discipline-wise, in order of merit:

1. Demonstrator of Anatomy

Position Roll No. Name of candidate

1 000002 Mishtonee Bhattacharya

2. Registrar/Anesthetist of Anesthesiology (including ICU & Emergency "Rural Service")

Position Roll No. Name of candidate

1 000001 Nayantoli Bez

3. Demonstrator of Bio-Chemistry

Position Roll No. Name of candidate

1 000011 Arindam Phukan

2 000014 Devajyoti Sharma

3 000004 Anindya Baruah

4 000012 Jyotishmoi Boruah

5 000008 Bidyut Borah

6 000017 Biswadeep Choudhury

3. Demonstrator of Bio-Chemistry

Position Roll No. Name of candidate

1 000001 Jahnabi Baruah

2 000010 Umasi Das

4. Registrar/ Resident Physician of Cardiology

Sl. No. Roll No. Name of candidate

1 000002 Nayantoli Bez

5. Demonstrator of Community Medicine (SPM)

Sl. No. Roll No. Name of candidate

1 000014 Hemen Sharma

2 000012 Madhunika Baruah

3 000006 Kaushik Talukdar

4 000017 Rana Kakali

5 000015 Puspita Barman

6 000002 Partha Saikia

7 000001 Annamika Hakmao

6. Registrar of Dentistry

Sl. No. Roll No. Name of candidate

1 000001 Amritkha Bhattacharya

7. Registrar of Dermatology

No of posts-3. Candidates appeared: 2. Reservation: OC-2 and GBC/MBC-1

Sl. No. Roll No. Name of candidate

1 000007 Seque Das

2 000003 Arup Paul

8. Registrar/Resident Physician of Endocrinology

None appear. Hence, no recommendation could be made for this post.

9. Registrar/Resident Surgeon of ENT

Sl. No. Roll No. Name of candidate

1 000015 Biplab Das

2 000005 Priyanka Chakraborty

3 000002 Mohammad Nazmul Islam

4 000006 Geeta Timuaria

10. Demonstrator/ Registrar of Forensic & State Medicine (F&SM)

Sl. No. Roll No. Name of candidate

1 000004 Nayanjyoti Bez

2 000007 Dipankar Joy Baruah

11. Registrar/ Resident Physician of Gastroenterology No. of posts=1 (OC). Candidates appeared: 3.

Sl. No. Roll No. Name of candidate

1 000006 Bhaskar Joy Baruah

12. Registrar/R.P. of Medicine (Including ICU and ICUEmergency)

Sl. No. Roll No. Name of candidate

1 000006 Nayanjyoti Bez

2 000018 Sanjeeb Bharadwaj

3 000011 Joydeep Mangral

4 000009 Dr Swagata Roy

5 000002 Sanjay Bhattacharya

6 000022 Amit Roy

7 000022 Ganesh Kumar Karmen

8 000021 Subrajit Mira

13. Demonstrator of Microbiology

Sl. No. Roll No. Name of candidate

1 000017 Joydeep Mangral

2 000014 Dr Swagata Roy

3 000020 Sanjay Bhattacharya

4 000010 Nayanjyoti Samrah

5 000012 Vaishali Sarma

14. Registrar of Neurology

None appear. Hence, no recommendation could be made for this post.

15. Registrar/R.P. of Neurosurgery under H & F (B) Dept.

Sl. No. Roll No. Name of candidate

1 000008 Surajit Hazarika

2 000007 Deep Dutta

Sd/- Under Secretary

Assam Public Service Commission

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29. Registrar/Resident Physician of TB & Chest.

Sl. No. Roll No. Name of candidate

1 000001 Joydeep Dutta

30. Registrar/ Resident Physician of Urology

None appear. Hence, no recommendation could be made for the said post.

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

CAPSULE**Samsung Galaxy S8**

NEW DELHI, Sept 18: South Korean giant Samsung has started its flagships devices Galaxy S8 and S8+ smartphones by up to Rs 4,000 ahead of Navratrias in India. According to industry sources, HDFC Bank customers would get an additional cashback of Rs 4,000 on purchasing the device. The price of Galaxy S8 (5.1 inch variant) has also been reduced by Rs 1,000 with a cashback offer of Rs 4,000 for HDFC card holders. Over 2.5 lakh people in India have registered to buy the newly-launched Rs 67,900 Samsung Galaxy Note5. —IANS

TVS Himalayan Highs

GUWAHATI, Sept 18: The TVS Motor Company's Himalayan Highs Season 3 was completed successfully recently. During this programme 12 persons rode to the Himalayas astride the TVS Zest 10. The programme, in its third edition, saw 10 women and two men from across India, ride the TVS Zest 110 through some of the world's most treacherous roads peaking over 18,000 feet. The riders covered a total distance of over 970 km in a span of 11 days, a press release said here.

New India Assurance

NEW DELHI, Sept 18: State-owned New India Assurance Company Ltd has received SEBI's approval to float initial public offer (IPO), as per the latest update by the capital market regulator. According to the draft papers, the government will be selling 9.6 crore shares, whereas the company itself will be selling 2.4 crore shares through the IPO. —PTI

Thomas Cook plans

MUMBAI, Sept 18: Witnessing a strong growth in leisure business in north India, Thomas Cook (India) has decided to expand its footprints in the region. "North India is a powerful source market for us and we are witnessing strong annual growth of over 25 per cent in our leisure travel businesses lines. Our intent is to maximise on this market potential via organic expansion and we've selected high footfall centres for our new outlets in... NCR metro and Jodhpur in Rajasthan," Thomas Cook (India) President and Country Head, Leisure Travel and MICE, Rajeev Kali said. —PTI

SBI Card base

NEW DELHI, Sept 18: SBI Card today said its cardholder base has grown to 10.5 million-plus customers added over the last year. SBI Cards and Payment Services Private Ltd (SBI Card), in a release, said the company has also seen a "significant increase" in card spend, which has grown to Rs 5,500 crore-plus from an average of Rs 3,500 crore a month, over last one year. —PTI

Khadim IPO

NEW DELHI, Sept 18: Footwear retailer Khadim India has received capital markets regulator SEBI's approval to raise an estimated Rs 100-150 crore through an initial public offering. Khadim India's initial public offering (IPO) will comprise fresh issue of equity shares aggregating up to Rs 50 crore and an offer for sale of up to 6,574,093 equity shares by the existing shareholders. —PTI

Bank unions move FM for FRDI Bill withdrawal

NEW DELHI, Sept 18: Bank unions have requested Finance Minister Arun Jaitley to withdraw the FRDI Bill as it proposes to empower authorities with sweeping powers to wind up public sector banks and insurance companies.

Already, there are many rules and legislations in place under the existing Acts that deal with winding up of financial institutions, United Forum of Bank Unions (UFBU) said in its representation to the Finance Minister.

The Financial Resolution and Deposit Insurance (FRDI) Bill, 2017, was tabled in the Lok Sabha last month. It was referred to the 30-member committee comprising members of both the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha.

The objective of this Bill is obviously to heavily empower the new authority with sweeping powers to dismantle and ease public sector financial institutions like banks and insurance companies and hence,

it is apparently draconian. We demand the withdrawal of this Bill," it said.

UFBU is an umbrella organisation of all banks unions.

Concern over proposal to empower authorities with sweeping powers to wind up PSU banks, insurance companies

In a representation submitted last week, they also demanded declaration of wilful default of bank loans as criminal offence.

The RBI Act should be amended to provide for

publication of the names of these defaulters, suggested All India Bank Employees' Association (AIBEA) General Secretary CH Venkatachalam.

"We also requested the Finance Minister that recommendations of the Parliamentary Committee be accepted and implemented to ensure better recovery of bad loans," he added.

Ravinder Gupta, Joint General Secretary of All India Bank Officers Confederation (AIBOC), another affiliate, said there was also demand for reimbursement of cost to banks caused during the de-monetisation process.

He felt that the banks should restore the reduction in interest rate on savings accounts.

"Common public should not be harassed by more service charges because of the loss of revenue due to loan default by big companies," he said.

SBI and many other banks have reduced rate of interest of savings deposits. —PTI

India's demography will make it economic superpower: Deloitte

NEW DELHI, Sept 18: India will emerge as an economic superpower supplying more than half the increase in Asia's potential workforce over the coming decade in a developing scenario where demography is shifting the balance of power in Asia, according to Deloitte's 'Voice of Asia' report.

"India is among a handful of South Asian countries that sits on a demographic gold mine. India has a median population age of 27.3 years compared to that of 35 years for China and around 47 years for Japan," the Indian arm of British financial services multinational Deloitte said in a release here today.

"Demographic growth is significant as it is intrinsically linked to economic growth and, therefore, cannot be ignored," it said.

With about 12 million people added to the working age population every year, India will drive the third great wave of Asian growth after Japan and China earlier. India's potential workforce is set to rise from 885 million people now to 1.08 billion people in the next twenty years. —IANS



Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Arun Jaitley during the launch of the Google digital payment app 'Tez' in New Delhi on Monday. —UNI

Digital payment bound to pick up with new tech: Jaitley

NEW DELHI, Sept 18: Finance Minister Arun Jaitley today said compulsion of going digital post-note ban has become a habit and e-payments will gather pace on account of government initiatives and technology advancement.

He said high denomination currency circulation has come down in terms of volume after demonetisation of Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 notes that came into effect from November 9 last year.

"Obviously in the month of November, December and January a lot of people went in for digitisation in terms of mode of payment more out of compulsion rather than finding it a more convenient method

to transact, but that compulsion created a habit for many," he noted.

"We reached a peak figure (after the demonetisation), then it marginally slipped and is now bound to pick up again," he said after the launch of mobile app Tez – a Hindi word which means fast – for digital payments developed by Google for India.

Various government initiatives to encourage digital transactions are going to make a major advance in that direction, he added.

Referring to the benefits of demonetisation, the Finance Minister said the high denomination currency in circulation has come down.

"As we stand today, the high denomination currency has squeezed... the squeeze process is going to happen in the natural course of the economy. The second important test is, as a consequence of this, how much we are able to expand the number of assesses and the tax base, both direct and indirect," he said.

Built on the government-supported Unified Payments Interface (UPI), Tez allows users, free of charge, to make small or big payments straight from their bank accounts, Google said.

The app was built for India, working on the majority of its country's smartphones, and is available in English and seven Indian languages (Hindi, Bengali, Gujarati, Kannada, Marathi, Tamil and Telugu).

Tez works in partnership with four Banks – Axis Bank, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank and State Bank of India (SBI) – to facilitate the processing of payments across over 500 UPI-enabled banks. —PTI

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WEATHER
GUWAHATI

LOCAL FORECAST:
Partly cloudy sky to generally cloudy sky.
Morning shower is likely to occur.
Maximum and Minimum temperature are most likely to be 34°C & 26°C respectively on Tuesday.

TEMPERATURE:
Max 33.6°C
Min 24.8°C

CM launches
Swachhta Hi
Sewa campaign
in State

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 18: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal said only clean thoughts can result in clean deeds. He was speaking on the occasion of launching the Swachha Hi-Sewa campaign in the State at Geeta Mandir here, which was organised by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India in association with the Assam Tourism Development Corporation (ATDC) yesterday.

Sonowal urged the young generation to commit themselves to the cause of protecting the environment and practice cleanliness in their day to day lives.

The fortnight-long Swachhta Hi-Sewa campaign aims at highlighting Prime Minister Narendra Modi's flagship programme Swach Bharat Abhiyan and create an environment of cleanliness in the entire country so that October 2, 2017, which is going to be the third anniversary of the Swachh Bharat Mission along with the Gandhi Jayanti, can be celebrated in a befitting manner.

"Together we should make the effort to clean our houses, public places, villages and cities. We must take out some time each day for devoting to cleanliness of our surroundings. When the society joins hands with the government, then only we can have a clean India that Mahatma Gandhi envisioned," Sonowal added.

The Chief Minister said the government is committed to protecting the natural beauty of the State and its ecosystem and for that several measures have been taken.

Fire at bank

GUWAHATI, Sept 18: A minor fire broke out at the IDBI Bank on GS Road this evening. Not much damage was reported in the fire which was doused within a few minutes. The fire is suspected to have occurred due to a short circuit. - Staff Reporter

Storm causes extensive damage in city; 3 dead

● Resultant power cuts leave people in misery



STAFF REPORTER/
CORRESPONDENT

GUWAHATI/JALUKBARI, Sept 18: Last afternoon's devastating storm caused extensive damage in the city and its outskirts, besides claiming three human lives.

One of the victims, identified as Pabitra Rajbongshi of Beharbari, died when he was crushed by a falling tree. The other two fatalities occurred in the Deepor Beel.

Two fishermen of Tetelia, Boripara, drowned in the water when their fishing boat capsized during

the storm. The body of one of the victims, Arun Das (42 years), was pulled out by a team of SDRF yesterday

body, said police sources.

The storm that lashed the city around 3.15 pm caused trees to uproot and power lines to snap. Many city areas witnessed prolonged power cuts. Restoration of power took a long time, while several places continued to be without electricity till this afternoon.

The storm disrupted normal life in the Guwahati metropolitan area. Many trees and power poles were uprooted, causing power-cuts and road blockades. Restoration of power and other works are in progress. Many places have been cleared and

electricity restored. The departments concerned are on the job and I'm constantly in touch with them," Kamrup Metro Deputy Commissioner Dr M Angumuthia told *The Assam Tribune*. Dr Angumuthia added that the extent of the damage was being assessed.

The damage caused by the storm to the power network of the Assam Power Distribution Company Ltd (APDCL) in Mirza, Boko and Chaygaon areas was also massive.

APDCL sources added that besides several city areas under its Lower Assam Range, the storm uprooted a major damage in the Beltopa, Panjabari, Khanapara areas of

Barpeta, Barpeta Road and their adjacent rural areas, too, damaging electric poles and snapping wires.

In the Central Assam Range of the APDCL, the storm caused major damage to the distribution network in Nagaon and its adjacent areas, Morigaon, Laka, Hojai, Hailong, Donakamolam, Dhekiajuli, etc. The 132-KV power line between Chansadrapur and Jagiroad was also damaged. Restoration of the power distribution network in some areas of this range remains to be done till the time of filing of this report.

Biswakarma Puja
celebrated

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 18: Biswakarma Puja was celebrated with much fanfare all across the city.

Along with ritualistic fervour, dazzling decorations, feasts and cultural events marked the occasion that also announced the arrival of the festive season, with the Durga Puja being round the corner.

Almost every street of Guwahati had pandals and public puja venues, and most of these events had community participation with people of the localities joining the celebrations along with the puja organisers.

Industrial units, offices, educational institutions, financial

installations and shops also celebrated the Biswakarma Puja in a grand manner. People took part in community feasts where khichdi was served along with other items.

The Biswakarma temple on the foothills of Nilachal Hills had maximum number of vehicles owners coming for the puja.

Like every year, Biswakarma Puja was celebrated in a grand manner in The Assam Tribune premises, where thousands of people, including the employees of the group, took part. The brightly lit-up Tribune campus presented a splendid sight for the onlookers. A Naara Naam presentation in the evening was the highlight of the celebration.

Taxi driver murdered

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 18: A taxi driver was stabbed to death by his熟人 near the Patharquarry taxi stand under the Noonmati police station this evening.

Stabbed with a dagger, the victim, Javedul Islam, was rushed to nearby private hospital but he succumbed to his injuries.

Police found a man up on Narayan Deka (28) from the spot, suspecting him to be involved in the murder as he had blood stains all over his dress. An irate crowd had gathered near the private hospital where the victim was admitted, but the mob dispersed after police and paramilitary forces arrived.

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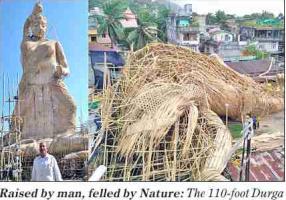
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Undaunted artisan eyes world record with 'tallest' bamboo idol of Durga



Raised by man, felled by Nature: The 110-foot Durga idol that was razed to the ground by Sunday's storm.
— UB Photos

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 18: His dream of being the architect of the tallest ever bamboo idol of Durga almost lay shattered yesterday afternoon when strong winds brought down the near-complete structure.

But as support and wishes of the people poured in from across the State, well-known artisan Nuruddin Ahmed began

The storm, however, could not dampen the spirits of the locals and the artisans.

Immediately after the storm was over, local residents trooped in and helped remove the damaged structure. Nearly 5,000 bamboos were used till yesterday, and around 30 per cent of it has been damaged.

Ahmed doubled the number of workers and they worked overnight to complete the base structure by this afternoon.

"We can't say about the height now. It will depend on various factors, but definitely we'll target over 82 feet to be in the record books," Ahmed said. "The current record is held by an idol made at Salt Lake, Kolkata, which is 82-foot tall," he mentioned, adding that the idol was made with steel rods and other such materials.

The organising committee is in touch with the officials of the Limca Book of Records and Guinness Book of World Records in this regard.

Hundreds rally
behind Usha Das

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OBITUARY

DN Patowary

GUWAHATI, Sept 18: Dharendra Nath Patowary, retired additional chief engineer, PWD, passed away today at the Apollo Hospital (International Hospital) here. He was 85. He is survived by his wife and three children.

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on 19th September 2017

at Assam Administrative Staff College, Guwahati

Dignitaries to be present as Resource Person:

** Prof. N. Vinod Chandra Menon, Founder Member, NDMA

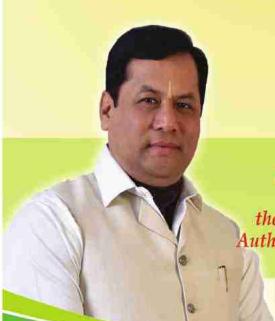
** Brigadier Kuldeep Singh, Sr. Consultant, NDMA

** Shri R.C. Sharma, Former Director, Delhi Fire Services &

former DIG, Fire, CISF

** Shri Luish Aind, IPS, DCP (crime)

** Shri. R. M. Passah, Dy Commandant, 1st Bn, NDRF



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Leopard found dead

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JORABAT, Sept 18: A leopard was found dead in a well in Abari area of Sonapur today. The local people suspect that the feline came out of the nearby Amchang forest at night in search of food and fell into the well. Later forest officials took away the carcass of the leopard.

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TN Speaker disqualifies 18 AIADMK MLAs

CHENNAI, Sept 18: Eighteen AIADMK legislators loyal to sidelined Deputy General Secretary TTV Dinakaran have been disqualified under the anti-defection law by the Tamil Nadu Assembly Speaker, it was announced on Monday.

Speaker P Dhanapal ordered the "disqualification of 18 lawmakers under the anti-defection law" from Monday, a statement issued by the Assembly said.

A total of 19 AIADMK legislators had submitted a letter to Governor CV Rao withdrawing support to Chief Min-

ister K Palaniswami. They asked the Governor to initiate the process to install a new Chief Minister.

After that, AIADMK Chief Whip S Rajendran asked Dha-

nopal to disqualify the 19 MLAs who rebelled against Palaniswami.

Dhanapal issued notices to the 19 lawmakers asking them why they should not be

disqualified under the anti-defection law.

Subsequently, one of the MLAs, STK Jakkaiyan, switched over to the Palaniswami side.

Guv meets Prez, Finance Minister

NEW DELHI, Sept 18: Tamil Nadu Governor Vidyasagar Rao on Monday met President Ram Nath Kovind and Finance Minister Arun Jaitley amid a lingering political crisis in the state.

Rao, who has been urged by Opposition parties and dissident AIADMK MLAs to immediately convene the Assembly to enable

a floor test, is yet to take a decision on when to ask Chief Minister E Palaniswami to face a trial of strength.

Rao's visit to Delhi came as Speaker P Dhanapal disqualified 18 MLAs owing allegiance to rebel AIADMK leader TTV Dinakaran, giving an edge to the ruling side in the numbers game in the Assembly. - IANS



Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath being greeted by Legislative Council Chairman Ramesh Yadav (R) after taking oath as Member of the Legislative Council, during swearing-in ceremony at Vidhan Bhawan in Lucknow on Monday. Assembly Speaker HN Dikshit is also seen in the picture. - UNI

Nation bids adieu to Marshal Arjan Singh

NEW DELHI, Sept 18: Hundreds mourners bid a tearful adieu to Marshal of the Indian Air Force (IAF) Arjan Singh whose last rites were performed amid a 17-gun salute and a flypast at Delhi's Canttomen on Monday.

Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, the three service chiefs, and several former chiefs and senior officers were among those who paid tribute to the soldier, mostly remembered for his military leadership during the 1965 war with Pakistan.

A flypast by India's most potent fighter jet Su-30 and Mi-17 V5 helicopters was carried out and a 17-gun salute by the ceremonial battery honoured the Marshal who died on Saturday after a massive cardiac arrest. He was 98.

The mortal remains – kept at his Kautilya Marg residence on Sunday for visitors to pay their tributes – were brought to Brar Square in a decorated gun carriage.

The tricolour-wrapped coffin was then placed atop a pedestal where top political leadership and serving and retired military officers paid tribute to the first and only five-star officer of the IAF.

Sitharaman, Air Chief Marshal BS Dhanoa, Navy chief Admiral Sunil Lamba, Army chief General Bipin Rawat, Union Urban Development Minister Hardeep Puri, former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and senior BJP leader LK Advani, besides several former service chiefs, relatives and friends, were among those present.

After wreaths were laid and tributes paid, a prayer was said by a Sikh priest, following which the tricolour was removed from the coffin and handed over to his family.

The body was then placed on the funeral pyre.

Last honours were accorded to the hero, who inspired generations of Indians in his years of service to the nation, with the ceremonial battery of Indian Army giving a 17-gun salute with their 25-pounder guns.

Soon after, three Mi-17 V5 helicopters flew over with the IAF insignia in a 'vic' formation, followed by three Su-30 fighter jets in a "missing man" formation.

The formation is an aerial salute performed as part of a flypast of aircraft at a funeral or memorial event, typically in memory of a fallen pilot, a well-known military service member or veteran, or a well-known political figure.

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11 people commit suicide in Telangana

HYDERABAD, Sept 18: Eleven people, including six members of a family, committed suicide in four different incidents in Telangana on Monday, police said.

Six members of a family ended their lives in Suraypet town, 135 km from here, in the early hours of the day. Their bodies were found in their house on Monday morning.

The family members of K Suresh took the extreme step after he went missing following huge losses he suffered in the shares market.

The whereabouts of Suresh were not known, and suspecting that he committed suicide, all the family mem-

bers ended their lives.

His father K Janardhan, 59, mother Chandrakala, 50, wife Prabhavati, 30, and brother K Ashok, 26, killed themselves after poisoning his two daughters aged five and three years.

Police have registered a case and are investigating.

In the second incident, a mother along with her two minor daughters committed suicide by jumping into the Krishna river near Patagona in Nagarkurnool district.

Police said the family hailed from Warangal district due to financial problem. G Mallaji, 32, killed himself by consuming pesticides. Locals said he had taken loans and was unable to repay them due to crop loss. - IANS

British nat'l al-Qaeda ultra arrested

NEW DELHI, Sept 18: A British national al-Qaeda terrorist on a mission to radicalise Rohingya Muslims to fight in Myanmar has been arrested in the Indian capital, police said on Monday.

Deputy Commissioner of Police PS Kishan said Shami Rehman, 27, was arrested near Shakarpur bus stand in east Delhi on Sunday evening.

Kishwan said he was carrying a fake voter identification card in the name of Shumon Haq from Bihar.

Rehman, who had been an operative of al-Qaeda for the last four years, had received arms training in Syria and had fought in Aleppo, Kishwan said. Police also recovered a pistol and four cartridges from him. - IANS

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NEW DELHI, Sept 18: A British national al-Qaeda terrorist on a mission to radicalise Rohingya Muslims to fight in Myanmar has been arrested in the Indian capital, police said on Monday.

Deputy Commissioner of Police PS Kishan said Shami Rehman, 27, was arrested near Shakarpur bus stand in east Delhi on Sunday evening.

Kishwan said he was carrying a fake voter identification card in the name of Shumon Haq from Bihar.

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CBI books AMC, MCI officials for leaking information

NEW DELHI, Sept 18: The CBI on Monday said it has registered an FIR against the officials of Army Medical Corps (AMC) and Medical Council of India (MCI) for allegedly leaking sensitive information.

Besides, several other private persons were also booked for the alleged information leak with respect to inspections and re-inspections and approvals related to the above medical college being dealt with by the MCI. - IANS

According to a Central Bu-

legedly running a racket of leaking sensitive information related to inspections, recognition of courses, number of seats and other similar administrative matters being dealt with by the MCI with regard to various medical colleges and institutions.

In its First Information Report (FIR), the investigating agency said "reliable information was received that Santosh Kumar, an LDC in

Shah appears as witness for Kodnani riot case

AHMEDABAD, Sept 18: BIP president Amit Shah today appeared before a special SIT court here as a defence witness for former BIP Gujarat Minister Maya Kodnani in the 2002 Naroda Patel riot case.

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Suicide bombers kill 15 in northeast Nigeria

KANO, Sept 18: At least 15 people were killed today when suicide bombers attacked an aid distribution point in northeast Nigeria, in the latest suspected strike by Boko Haram insurgents against civilians.

The blasts occurred in the Konduga area, about 40 kilometres from the Borno state capital, Maiduguri, both of which have been repeatedly targeted by the jihadist group.

On August 16, at least 28 people were killed and more than 80 injured when three female suicide bombers detonated their explosives outside a camp for displaced persons in Konduga.

A rescue worker said the first blast on Monday happened at 11:10 am in the village of Mashalari. "(It) killed 15 people and left 43 others injured," he told AFP.

India, US, Japan call for respecting territorial integrity

NEW YORK, Sept 18: External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj kicked off her week of high-level diplomacy here on Monday with a trilateral meeting with US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and Japanese Foreign Minister Taro Kono at which the three leaders called for respecting sovereignty and territorial integrity of nations.

Meeting here on the sidelines of the week-long United Nations General Assembly meeting of world leaders, the three top diplomats discussed nuclear proliferation, maritime security and initiatives for cooperation among them according to a statement from External Affairs Ministry spokesperson

Raveesh Kumar.

The three leaders "directed their senior officials to explore practical steps to enhance cooperation", the statement said.

The issue of ensuring territorial integrity of nations takes on added importance for India and Japan, both of which have faced aggressive actions by China.

China disputes ownership of the Japanese islands of Senkaku and frequently Chinese military aircraft and ships intrude in to territorial waters around them.

India and China were involved in a military standoff in the Doklam region of Bhutan in June after a Chinese road-building crew entered there with the military and Indian troops went in to stop them at

Thimphu's request.

The three leaders also discussed North Korea's recent nuclear and missile tests which is seen as a threat to global security. Sushma Swaraj "deplored" North Korea's "recent actions and stated that its proliferation linkages must be explored and those involved be held accountable", the statement said.

Although the Minister did not name any country, the nuclear link between Pakistan and North Korea has long been established.

The two countries had traded missile technology for nuclear know-how with Islamabad's top atomic scientist Abdul Qadeer Khan playing a key role. — IANS

Women-oriented stories take centrestage at Emmys

LOS ANGELES, Sept 18: Dystopian drama *The Handmaid's Tale*, based on Margaret Atwood's famous novel, and *Big Little Lies*, a star-studded show addressing domestic violence and rape, walked away with top awards at the Emmys, making 2017 a blockbuster year for women in television.

The show also doffed its hat to diversity, giving Rita Ahmed the Outstanding Lead Actor in a Limited Series Award for *The Night Of* and the Best Actor in a Drama Series Award to *This Is Us* star Sterling K. Brown.

The Handmaid's Tale bagged a total of eight awards out of its 13 nominations, including four in major categories such as the Best Drama Series, Best Director for Reed Morano, Best Actress for Elisabeth Moss and Best Supporting Actress for Ann Dowd.

Atwood, who was dressed in red, a nod to the handmaids' infamous red outfit in her story, received a standing ovation as she joined the team on stage. Morano, who helmed the first three episodes of the

show, became the first woman to win the Best Directing in a Drama Series in 22 years.

The Hulu show is set in the dystopian world of Gilead, a totalitarian society ruled by a fundamentalist regime that treats women as property of the state.

Environmental disasters have led to plummeting birth rate and the state, in its attempt to repopulate, has forced the remaining fertile women into sexual servitude. The story is told through Moss' handmaid Offred.

An emotional Moss thanked Atwood for creating the now classic feminist novel.

"Margaret Atwood thank you for what you did in 1985 and thank you for what you continue to do for all of us," she said.

HBO's *Big Little Lies* dominated the Limited Series categories with eight awards, taking home the Best Actress (Nicole Kidman), Supporting Actress (Laura Dern), Supporting Actor (Alexander Skarsgård), Director (Jean Marc Vallée) and the Best Limited Series. — PTI

More than 60,000 security personnel were deployed to ensure security. The Election Commission said border points with India had been closed as a precautionary measure.

The government had announced on February 20 its plan to hold the local polls on May 14. The Madhesi-centric parties, however, opposed the polls arguing that the Constitution should be amended to prior to the elections.

Considering this challenge, the election body conducted the local elections in two phases in other provinces except for Province 2.

The polls were held in provinces 3, 4 and 6 on May 14 and in provinces 1, 5 and 7 on June 28. The Rastriya Janata Party-Nepal, formed after the merger of six Madhes-based parties, had boycotted the first and second rounds of polls.

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Madhesi, mostly of Indian origin, launched a prolonged agitation between September 2015 and February last year against the implementation of the new Constitution which they felt marginalised the Terai community. — PTI

73 pc polling in Nepal's final phase of local polls

KATHMANDU, Sept 18: Nepal today saw a high turnout of nearly 73 per cent polling in the final phase of the local-level elections, a Madhes-dominated province,

close to the border with India, as the nation took a crucial step towards cementing democracy amid political turmoil.

Barring some sporadic incidents, the third phase which was postponed twice due to opposition by Madhesi parties, passed offly-and-large peacefully in 136 local units of eight districts under the province.

Polling for the elections, being held for the first time in two decades, began at 7 AM and continued until 5 PM.

The turnouts were around 73 per cent, according to the election commission. This phase would elect 6,627 representatives. Eight candidates have been elected unopposed.

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NOTIFICATION

In partial modification of this office Notification No.226PSC/DR-25/1/2014-15 dated Guwahati, the 11th September/2017 in connection with the Screening Test for the post of Block Development Officers under P&R.D. Deptt. scheduled to be held on 08.10.2017(Sunday), this is for information to all concerned that the intimation letters of candidate's for the Screening Test will now be uploaded on 21.09.2017 instead of 03.10.2017 notified earlier at the Commission's website www.apsc.nic.in. Candidates are requested to check their individual intimation letters in the website and report, if any discrepancy is found, to the Examination Section of APSC office or mail to apsc@asm.nic.in

Sd/- Secretary,
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SHRI V.K. PIPERSENIA, IAS
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Think before having a tattoo!

Things you need to think about before getting a tattoo, piercing done

While tattoos and body piercings are an increasingly popular form of self-expression, it is important for young people to carefully weigh the consequences and potential risks associated with such body modifications, suggests a clinical report by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).

"In most cases, teens just enjoy the look of the tattoo or piercing, but we do advise them to talk any decision over with their parents or another adult first," said David Levine, co-author and professor at Morehouse School of Medicine in Georgia, US.

"They may not realise how expensive it is to remove a tattoo or how a piercing on your tongue might result in a chipped tooth," Levine added, in the recommendations published in the journal *Pediatrics*.

The recommendations stated that while societal acceptance of tattoos and piercings has increased, there may still be repercussions. This includes losing out on job opportunity as

well as suffering infections.

Further, before getting a tattoo or piercing, one should make sure the salon is sterile, clean and reputable.

The facility should also be regulated by the government and provide clients with information on how to care for the area that has been tattooed or pierced afterward, the researchers emphasised.

"Reputable tattoo parlours and piercing salons should provide a long list of dos and don'ts on how to care for the area that was worked on, and what signs might indicate a problem," said lead author Cora C Breuner, chair of the AAP Committee on Adolescence.

"These services have come along a long way, safety-wise, but it's best to proceed with caution," Breuner noted.

Moreover, someone considering a tattoo should also make sure that their immunisations are up-to-date and that they are not taking any medication that compromises their immunity, the report said. - IANS

Know your DAY

By JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2017:

This year there often is a haze of confusion around you. During these periods, you and others come up with some extraordinary, creative ideas. The lack of clarity creates a wider perimeter, fewer boundaries and the opportunity for more indecision. If you are single, you will be more open to new ideas. You may be feeling that your partner might take more than one try. If you are attached, the two of you often need to confirm plans, times and meeting places. Maintain a sense of humor, as confusion becomes a regular happening. A fellow VIRGO easily could lose his or her temper.

The Star Sign That Knows Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Dreamy; 3-Adventurous; 2-Optimistic; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

***** Listen to your inner voice regarding a project that could affect your daily life. Reach out to a friend who always adds an upbeat tone to any task you opt to take on. This person adds that extra zing. You have a lot to offer, but others often pitch to fit in. Put up your feet and relax.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

***** Your imagination goes haywire when dealing with a new opportunity. You could be thinking far beyond the here and now. A partner is a great source of ideas. You may feel that getting things off the ground might take more than one try. A friend will be unpredictable.

GEMINI (June 21-July 22)

***** Stay centered as you deal with a key person in your life. As a result, you might not get the response you want. Your caring attitude emanates from your heart. You are a natural born planner, not a twit.

CANCER (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Speak your mind with the full expectation that the other party will hear your message loud and clear. You convey energy through your voice and expression, though an element of confusion could surround your interactions. Try a new approach, if need be. Tonight: Hang out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** You are very aware of the costs of heading in a certain direction. You still are likely to want to explore this possibility, as you could find a way to locate a better deal. Use care with your finances; otherwise, you might go overboard. Tonight: Think about someone else pick up the tab.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** You sometimes show a loved one close to you. Your personal needs are met right away, perhaps more than you might desire. Share more of yourself with a committed or loved one, as this person appreciates your vulnerability. Listen to feedback. Tonight: As you like it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** You are very aware of financial and emotional matters; you might not like the results if you rush. Keep communication moving. You don't need to push so hard to express your thoughts. Hang loose, and do a good job of listening. Tonight: Stay mum. Keep a secret to yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** You feel what others feel with those around you. You know how you feel when you speak with friends. You seem to be sagging many different areas of your life. Take an overview of your desires, and figure out how you can creatively get what you need. Tonight: Not to be found.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** You are very aware of the hierarchy that you might feel as if you must be the top dog. Your highest level because someone is observing your performance. You will have a reason to smile. Be careful and be realistic about a key issue. Tonight: Know that others are admiring you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** Full of energy, you like the big picture. You understand where others come from when a controversy arises, which makes it much easier to find a mutually agreeable solution. Confusion surrounds communication. Verify what you think you've heard. Tonight: Feed your mind.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** There is a difference in a close loved one. This person can be erratic and temperamental, and then suddenly become very loving. You cannot change him or her. Remember that there is a light at the end of the tunnel. Tonight: Be a duo once more.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** You are very responsive to a loved one. Know that this person has been difficult as of late. Just go with the flow, and don't worry so much about his or her present mood. What you can count on is that things will change given some time. Tonight: Just do not be alone.

Those in the day

The listeners, who listen to the snow,

And, nothing himself, beholds.

Nothing that is not there and the nothing that is.

-WALLACE STEVENS

Kids

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13:00 Robot No. 21
14:00 Oggy & the Cockroaches
15:00 The Fairytale
15:00 Rinti No. 21
16:00 We Bare Bears
17:00 Ben 10
18:00 Dragon Ball Z

17:30 Teen Titans Go
18:00 Oggy & the Cockroaches
19:00 Teen Titans Go
20:00 Ben 10
21:00 Dragon Ball Z

13:00 Chota Bheem
14:00 Love Ka Intezar
15:00 Dholakia Ka Charayun
15:30 Dance Plus
16:30 Ishqbaaz
17:30 Pyaar Kyeh Kehay Hai
18:00 Rishon Ke Charayun
18:30 Meri Durga

19:00 TuScoops Mein Saangh Pyali
19:30 Yeh Hai Mohabbat
20:00 Chota Bheem
21:00 Naamkaran
22:00 Rishon Ke Charayun
23:00 Tukde Tukde Jony Show

13:00 Chota Bheem
14:00 Pehewal
15:00 Manzahai
16:00 Fai N Lax
17:00 Man Vs Wild
18:00 Wild Frank
19:00 Man Vs Wild
20:00 River Monsters
21:00 Man Vs Wild
22:00 Man Vs Wild
23:00 A Haunting

13:00 Ganga Patol Dial 100
14:00 Pehewal
15:00 Manzahai
16:00 Bhajan Bala
17:00 Kamaroli Dasta Shani
18:00 Dikshya Swabhiman
19:00 Dikshya Swabhiman
20:00 Bhajan Bala
21:00 Sathya Devi College and...
22:00 Sathya Devi College and...
23:00 Bhajan Bala

13:00 Kuch Rung Pyar Ke Asae...
14:00 Bhoku
15:00 Kunkum Bhagya

Entertainment

StarPlus

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15:30 Mahabali Arth Ki Aanand Holi
16:00 Dikshya Swabhiman
17:00 Kasaan
18:00 Deepak Bhag
18:30 Savitri Devi College and...
19:00 Savitri Devi College and...
20:00 Shaan Astha Ki Ehsaas
21:00 Utsav

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14:45 Re Ga Ma Pa! Champs
15:15 Kumkum Bhagya
16:30 Dholakia Ka Charayun
17:30 Bhoot
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19:30 Kundali Bhagya
20:00 Kundali Bhagya

13:15 Kundali Bhagya
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Movies

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World Championship final was not in my mind: Sindhu

SEOUL, Sept 18: PV Sindhu today said the heart-breaking World Championship final loss was not on her mind when she was plotting the downfall of Japan's Nozomi Okuhara en-route to her Korea Open title here.

Playing back-to-back finals against Okuhara, Olympic silver medalist Sindhu today exacted sweet revenge of her World Championship heart-break, defeating the Japanese 22-20, 11-21, 20-18 in yet another energy-sapping contest.

"I had lost to her after being 19-17 in the World Championship but I didn't keep that in my mind even though there were long rallies. I kept telling myself next point is important. I had to control the shuttle very much, so there was nothing in my mind," Sindhu told reporters after being asked if the epic final was on her mind.

Talking about the final, Sindhu said: "I'm playing again after playing in the World Championship and each point was very exhausting. In the first game, we were equal at 20-20 and I changed the course and won the game."

"In the second game all were going out, I couldn't control the shuttle. It was a huge lead even I would have tried so I lost easily."

"In the third game, each and every point was important, even though I was leading at 11 points she came back and after 11 points, every point was big rally like the World Championship and nobody was leaving," she added.

With Sindhu and Okuhara playing back-to-back finals, expectations are high that they might clash again at the Japan Super Series Premier next week.

Asked if she would play rather someone else in the finals, Sindhu said: "It is nothing like that, anybody is fine. It is the second time immediate-



India's PV Sindhu poses with the gold medal and trophy during the awards ceremony at the Korea Open in Seoul, South Korea.

ly after the World Championship that I am playing in a final."

"Even earlier everybody used to say it would be Carolina Marin but now they are saying be it would be Okuhara again at Japan but I guess you

have to play one or the other and you have to beat them to win," she added.

Chief National coach Pullela Gopichand said Sindhu worked on her attacking game ahead of the Korea Open and playing well in the remaining super

series events will be important before she could think of Dubai Super Series Final in December.

"We prepared a bit on the attacking side, not that we had a great amount of time but we tried to cover the mistakes that she committed at Glas-

gow in whatever time we had to prepare for Korea," Gopichand told PTI.

"I think there is Japan next week which is a Premier Super Series, there is Denmark, France, China and Hong Kong. It is important that we focus on one at a time before the year end at Dubai final."

Asked if World No. 1 is one of the main targets for Sindhu, Gopichand said: "At 22 she has many years of badminton in her and if she can continue playing she will reach there someday."

"It is important she recovers well and plays the next tournament. I am not too worried about that, I guess we need to take it one by one," he added.

Ecstatic after Sindhu's win, her father Ramaana said: "After the world championship she was upset and luckily she could come out of it. One good thing is that Sindhu enjoys playing and so she doesn't get tired when she is practising."

"It is a good match today. Just like the last time it was anybody's game. Sindhu was comfortable in the third game after winning but first game was anybody's game," he said.

Asked if he gives her any tips before tournaments, Ramaana said: "Physical fitness wise I give her some tips. Even before the match she speaks to me. I was watching the Obama match the other day at the World Championship, she was hitting down the line towards the backhand side of Sindhu and then coming onto the net very fast."

"So today I told her, she should keep the shuttle at the back side sometimes, so that she should be in a dilemma whether she will be giving at the back or front and that strategy worked. She was only blocking at World Championship, the shuttle was also slow at Glasgow but it was fast here, so she could smash sometimes. - PTI

Bond sets sights on IPL head coach role

NEW DELHI, Sept 18: Former New Zealand fast bowler Shane Bond has his eyes trained on an IPL head coach's job, saying he would "love to be involved" in that position in the popular franchise-based league.

The 42-year-old Bond feels the time is right for him to become a head coach, particularly of an Indian Premier League franchise.

"I've got my sights on a head coaching role, but it's how it all lines up with everything else in your life," Bond was quoted as saying by the 'Dominion Post'.

Bond is currently on a short-term contract as New Zealand 'A' coach for the tour of India, where they will play two four-day games and five one-day matches. He also has running contracts as bowling coach of Brisbane Heat in the Big Bash League and Mumbai Indians in the IPL.

"I've got great opportunities with Brisbane and the IPL and I really enjoy them."

Bond refused to be drawn into speculation linking him to the role of England's bowling coach for the first three Ashes Tests in Australia later this summer, in place of Ottis Gibson.

The former West Indies fast bowler resigned as England's bowling coach at the end of the home summer to become South Africa's head coach.

"My kids are at an age where I want to be around and not miss them too much," he said.

"Every opportunity you've got to look at and weigh up what's best for the important people around you. I'd love to be involved with the IPL (as a head coach). I love the New Zealand cricket team and would like to have another period of involvement. I'm just not quite sure when that's going to be," Bond added.

Persistent injuries – particularly multiple stress fractures on his back – cut short Bond's decade-long international career in 2010. - PTI

All eyes on Sindhu as Japan Open begins

TOKYO, Sept 18: Newly-crowned Korea Open champion, PV Sindhu will aim at a third Super Series title this season even as Kidambi Srikanth and Saina Nehwal return to action at the USD 325,000 Japan Open starting with the qualifiers here tomorrow.

Sindhu, who had dropped the second game before defeating Minatsu Mitani last week in the Korea Open, will once again take on the Japanese in the opening round this week.

The 22-year-old Hyderabad yesterday avenged her World Championship heart-break by beating Nozomi Okuhara in a pulsating summit clash of Korea Open to clinch her second super series title early this year.

Unseeded Saina might clash with two-time former world champion Minatsu Mitani in the second straight tournament if she can get past Mitani and a Japanese does the same against Hong Kong's Cheung Nga Yiu in their respective openers.

World No. 8 Srikanth who clinched the Indonesia Super Series premier and Australia Super Series, Dinkar Hinal, HS Prannoy, B Sai Praneeth in men's singles, HS Prannoy, B Sai Praneeth

will face a tricky customer in China's World No. 10 Tian Houwei in the opening round.

Srikanth, who had also reached the final at Singapore Open, has lost six times to Houwei in their seven meetings and five of those matches have gone into the decider.

Glasgow World Championship bronze medalist Saina, who had a slight thigh strain, will return to attack with a clash against Thailand's Porntipavee Chochawong, an opponent she had defeated in the finals in the opening round this week.

Mixed doubles pair of Praanay

Jyoti Chopra and N Sikki Reddy will face Denmark's Anders Antonsen, while Praanay and Sameer will square off against qualifiers but Sourabh will have the arduous task of getting across the legendary Lin Dan in the opening round.

Mixed doubles pair of Praanay

Jyoti Chopra and N Sikki Reddy will meet fifth seeded Thai pair of Dechapak Puavaranukroh and Sapsiree Taerattanachai in the opening round, while Ashwin Ponnapa and Sikki will try to overcome Korean third seeded combo of Chang Ye Na and Lee Soo Hee.

In the qualifying round, Mana Attri and B Surendra Reddy will face Malaysian combo of Jian Yi Leeu and Chen Ting Lim, while Satwatsikar Ranjeet and Chirag Shetty, who had reached their maiden Super Series quarterfinals at Korea last week, take on the local hero of Sriakot Hasnain and Hiryuki Saeki in men's doubles. - PTI

Dybala, Mertens score hat-tricks as Juventus, Napoli stay perfect

MILAN, Sept 18: Juventus and Napoli bounced back from Champions League disappointment to keep their Serie A perfect records and join Inter Milan at the top of the table.

A Paulo Dybala hat-trick lifted Juventus to a 3-1 victory at Sassuolo making it four wins out of four for the champions, while Dries Mertens also scored three goals as Napoli demolished Benevento 6-0.

Inter Milan beat Crotone 2-0 on Saturday for a maximum 12 points in the campaign.

Genoese were no match for Napoli, looking for strong response after their 2-1 Champions League defeat in a masterclass performance by the 23-year-old, who has now scored eight goals in four league games.

"We were unlucky in Ukraine," said Belgian forward Mertens.

"Against Shakhtar we made mistakes and didn't play our game, but today we showed we can do damage."

Brazilian Allan opened after three minutes and Lorenzo Insigne added a second after quarter of an hour in Naples.

Sassuolo managed to get a consolation through Matteo Politano after a Stephan Lichtsteiner error

with a 27th-minute volley, and then converted two penalties, with Jose Callejon also getting the scoresheet in the first half.

Napoli are the new leaders on goal difference, but Mertens played down title talk.

"It's still a long journey. Inter and Juve are doing well but we'll see game after game," he added.

Dybala's heroes helped Juve bounce back after their 3-0 Champions League flop in Barcelona.

The Argentine left the pitch ten

minutes from the end to a standing ovation at the Mapei Stadium following a masterclass performance by the 23-year-old, who has now scored eight goals in four league games.

His first was a left-footed volley from the edge of the box to beat Andrea Consigli on 16 minutes, the second a close-range effort again surprising the Sassuolo goalkeeper just after the break and the third a subtle free-kick on 65 minutes.

Mertens kicked off his hat-trick

with a 51 minutes.

"I wanted to score one and three came along," said Dybala after his second hat-trick of the season and his 52nd goal in his 100th match for Juventus.

But despite Dybala's heroics, Massimiliano Allegri said there was room for improvement.

Behind the leaders, Lazio are fourth after struggling to get past Genoa 3-2 in Liguria to bring their tally to ten points.

The Romans could once again count on Ciro Immobile, who scored a double, in reply to a brace from Genoa's 16-year-old forward Pietro Pellegrini.

AC Milan showed they had recovered from their 4-1 defeat by Lazio last week with a 2-1 win over Udinese thanks to a Nikola Kalinic double on his first Serie A start for the club.

Cagliari won 2-0 at promoted SPAL and Torino were held 2-2 at home by Sampdoria.

Roma eased past Verona 3-0 on Saturday. - AFP

Archer Promila in Indian squad

GUWAHATI, Sept 18: Archer Promila Boro has been included in the Indian squad which will participate in the World Archery Championship to be held at the Mexico City from October 15 to 20.

The selection camp was held at the Tata Archery Academy. In the selection trial, Promila defeated Deepika Kumari of Jharkhand in recurve category.

Nongrims SC thrash Langhain FC

UDALGURI, Sept 18: Nongrims SC Sporting Club from Shillong today entered the semifinals of the ongoing 24th edition of Bodola Upen Brahma Gold Cup. The Tura FC of Tura being played at the Udaguri Stadium by defeating Langhain FC of Kar-

35th minute and Shabon Nongseiz in 36th minute.

The second half of the match saw Jahanob Dikhar find the target in the 71st minute followed by two more by Micksyong Thomsong in 75th and 83rd minute respectively. Upon Basumatary of Langhain however managed to reduce the deficit in the dying moments of the match.

Boxing body's meeting

GUWAHATI, Sept 18: A special general meeting of the Assam Amateur Boxing Association (AABA) will be held on September 23.

The meeting will be held at the Assam Olympic Association's conference hall from 11 am onwards. The AABA secretary Hemanta Kumar Kalita urged all affiliated districts to send two representatives to attend the meeting.

24th IRBN enter final

CORRESPONDENT

TIHUA, Sept 18: IRBN Saranmari entered the final of the Tarun Dutta, Satish Haloi and Madan Samanta Football Tournament.

In the first semifinal of the championship played today at the Makhsiba High School playground, the

cops trounced GATSA of Goreswar 3-1.

Mykel Khasin scored twice with goals in the 46th and 75th minutes respectively while Swomoy Narzary added one in the 79th minute. Abinash Baro of GATSA reduced the margin. Earlier, the match was inaugurated by Dhaneswar Barman, member, SBI Makhsiba Branch.

In the second semifinal tomorrow, Maharrana AC of Guwahati will square off against Hayna Club of Subankhata.

Flamingo FC champions

GUWAHATI, Sept 18: Flamingo FC of Guwahati announced the second edition of the IO-Plus Guwahati Futsal Festival's senior category title defeating NEFANS FC of Guwahati 2-0 in the final at the Deshhikha Tarun Ram Banu Sports Complex here on Saturday evening.

Ritwik Pathak netted both the goals for the winning team. Altogether 32 futsal teams from across the Northeast took part in the senior category of the meet which was organised by Guwahati City FC (GCFC) in association with Sportcraft Management.

For the first time U-13 championship was introduced in the competition where Titianum FC defeated Assam Rhinos FC in the final.

Flamingo's striker Ritwik Pathak was adjudged best player of the tournament while the best goalkeeper went to another Flamingo player Rishow Ramdaswari.

Noted singer Zubeen Garg attended the closing function with his *Mission China* crew and played an exhibition match here.

After the match interacting with the media, Zubeen said he will work with GCFC to uplift Assam as well as Indian football in coming days. He also vowed to take initiative with the club to find out and nurture local talents.

ASEB make it to semis

CORRESPONDENT

MANGALDAI, Sept 18: Former champions ASEB Sports Club, Guwahati cruised into the semifinals of the 38th Arun Medhi Football Tournament defeating Bodoland Army Football Club, Dibrugarh 3-0. In the fourth quarterfinal match played at the Mangaldoi Stadium today, Akram Narzary netted two goals in the 4th and 23rd minute respectively to put ASEB 2-0 ahead at half time. Bisual K Sonar fired one more salvo in the 33rd minute of the second session to complete the rout. In the first semifinal on Tuesday, Dhoopdhoora FC will face Kabirali FC.

Rooney gets road ban

STOCKPORT (England), Sept 18: Former England captain Wayne Rooney pleaded guilty to drunk driving on Monday, leading to a court imposing a two-year driving ban and ordering him to perform 100 hours of unpaid community work.

The Everton striker was stopped by police outside Manchester on Sept 1 while driving someone else's car. Rooney was three times above the legal limit for driving with alcohol in the body, the hearing at Stockport Magistrates' Court was informed as the 31-year-old player entered his guilty plea.

"Following today's court hearing I want publicly to apologize for my unforgivable lack of judgement in driving while over the legal limit. It was completely wrong," Rooney said in a statement. - AP



Paris Saint-Germain's French forward Kylian Mbappe reacts after scoring his team's second goal during the French Ligue 1 match against Lyon in Paris.

Mbappe makes winning Parc des Princes debut

CORRESPONDENT

PARIS, Sept 18: Kylian Mbappe had a decisive role in his Paris des Princes debut for Paris-Saint-Germain in a thrilling 2-0 win over Lyon with both goals acclimated to the visitors.

Lyon's youngsters proved more than a match for PSG's multi-millionaires who had to wait until the last quarter of an hour before Lyon defender Marcelo deflected the ball into his own goal.

Then four minutes from time Mbappe rushed onto Neymar's assist with his close range shot bounding off Jeremy Morel to settle the electric encounter.

This sixth successive league win pushed Unai Emery's side three points clear of defending champions Monaco who had maintained their title push with a 3-0 win over Strasbourg 24 hours earlier.

Lyon's visit on paper had looked to be PSG's toughest test of the Ligue 1 season so far, and so it proved.

Despite their 466 million euro strike force of Neymar, Edinson Cavani and

Mbappe seven time former champions Lyon emerged with plenty of honour, if not the three points.

PSG were restricted to just a handful of shots in the first period as Lyon's defence doggedly refused to roll over.

PSG's best chances came a minute from the break when on a counter attack Mbappe, appearing before his home supporters for the first time after outings at Metz and Celtic, fed Neymar with the Brazilian's rasping shot boxed away by Lyon keeper Anthony Lopes.

On the restart Mbappe was switched to take Neymar's place on the right.

The second half was only minutes old when Lyon striker Nabil Fekir flicked the ensuing freekick over the wall only for an early season slump when a Clinton Njie brace gave the ambitious southerners a 2-0 win at Amiens.

On Saturday a revitalised Radamel Falcao grabbed a brace in Monaco's 3-0 win over Strasbourg and Saint-Etienne moved up to third with a 1-0 win over Dijon.

Nantes continued their good form under Claudio Ranieri, as they beat Caen 1-0 to make it four games unbeaten without conceding a goal while Bordeaux stayed unbeaten with a 1-0 victory at Toulouse. - AFP

Bale strikes in vital Madrid win at Sociedad

MADRID, Sept 18: Gareth Bale responded in style to his critics with a fine finish as Real Madrid got back to winning ways with a 3-1 win at Real Sociedad.

Borja Mayoral rewarded a bright start by Real with his first Madrid goal before Sociedad's Kevin Rodrigues scored at half ends to give the visitors a 2-1 half-time lead.

And Bale secured the three points as he swept past Rodrigues and dinked the ball over Geronimo Rulli for just his second goal of the season on the hour mark.

Victory moves the European champions up to fourth and within four points of leaders Barcelona.

Bale had received stinging criticism from the Spanish press and Madrid fans for his underwhelming displays in Ronaldo's absence in recent weeks as Real dropped points at home to Valencia and Levante.

"It's great to always score, but the most important thing was to get the three points for the team, get back on track and get back to winning ways," Bale told Spanish TV station Movistar.

"I just have to try to keep my head down and keep working hard and that's all I can do."

"I can't control what goes on, I can only control how hard I work on the pitch."

"You go through ups and downs in your career – it is how you bounce back."

Without the suspended Cristiano Ronaldo, as he completed a five-game ban, and injured Karim Benzema, Zinedine Zidane handed 20-year-old Mayoral a shock start up front.

And the Frenchman's faith was rewarded inside 20 minutes when Mayoral swept home a loose ball with a classy finish from close range.

Mayoral's strike meant Madrid have now matched a world record of scoring in 73 consecutive games set by Pele's Santos in the 1960s.

However, the visitors' joy lasted just

nine minutes as Rodriguezes levelled thanks to a blunder from Keylor Navas.

Rodriguezes fired Alvaro Odriozola's cross towards goal on the volley, but the Real custodian should have made a comfortable stop rather than letting the ball slip under his grasp.

The match was then held up as a cameraman had to be stretchered off with his leg heavily strapped as he was injured from fans surging forward from a temporary stand behind the goal. Sociedad were defended.

Once the game got back underway, a crazy 60 seconds for Rodriguezes swung the match back in Madrid's favour.

The left-back was inches away from bagging a second when his looping effort came back off the bar.

However, Real broke straight up the other end and the unfortunate Rodrigues turned Mayoral's cross into his own net.

Bale sealed the points after the break by scoring for the fifth straight match at Anoeta as his pace took him beyond the Sociedad defence before coolly chipping over the advancing Rulli.

Earlier, Alaves sacked Argentine coach Luis Zubeldia after just four games in charge as they slipped to the bottom of La Liga with a 3-0 defeat at home to Villarreal.

Zubeldia failed to muster a point or even a solitary goal in his brief stint in charge with defeats to Leganes, Barcelona and Celta Vigo also sealing his fate.

By contrast, Sevilla's impressive start to the season continued with victory on the road to Girona to move up to second.

Luis Muriel's first goal for the club since completing a 20 million euro (\$24 million) move from Sampdoria was enough for a 1-0 win.

And former Chelsea striker Loic Rémy also bagged his first goal for Las Palmas to secure a 1-0 win over Athletic Bilbao. — AFP



Real Madrid's Gareth Bale (L) competes for the ball with Kevin Rodrigues of Real Sociedad during the La Liga match at the Anoeta stadium in San Sebastian, Spain.

After Ramkumar's decisive defeat, Yuki gets consolation win

EDMONTON, Sept 18: India were left to rue their loss in the Asia zone tournament after Ramkumar Ramanathan's defeat in the must-win fourth rubber as Denis Shapovalov steered Canada back to the elite Davis Cup World Group, here on Sunday.

India needed Ramkumar to create some magic on the final day of the tie but his failure to convert chances proved crucial as No. 51 Shapovalov shut the door on the visitors with a decisive 6-3, 7-6(1), 6-3 win.

Their fate already sealed, Yuki Bhambhani, the dead fifth rubber against Bryden Schaub 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 as India lost the World Group Play-off tie 2-3 to the hosts.

In a see-saw battle, Yuki overcame lapse of concentration and an early break in the deciding set to finally convert his fifth match point and finish the indoor awy tie.

It is now the fourth straight year that India have not managed to cross the

play-offs hurdle, having lost to Serbia, Canada, Australia and Spain in previous three attempts.

Canada thus earned their spot back in the 16-national World Group after losing the first round to Great Britain in February this year while India will again strive in the Asia/Oceania Group 1 in 2018 to get to the play-offs stage. Indian team captain Mahesh Bhupathi rued the missed chances on all the three days.

"We did not take chances. We had few on all the days and including today when Ramkumar had four set points in the second to even the match," Bhupathi told PTL.

Talking about the positives from the tie, he said, "We worked and fought hard and we were very close to both sides throughout. Next year this time, I expect both Yuki and Ramkumar to be in top 100."

In a nervous start, Ramkumar lost 11 straight points but gradually the serve and volley strategy helped him negate Shapovalov's

match situation, we look at things. If he bowls first, I tell him where the ball is spinning from and how we can get him out," said the 27-year-old player.

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'Attacking captain makes me more attacking'

CHENNAI, Sept 18: Indian leg-spinner Yuzvendra Chahal feels that playing under an attacking captain like Virat Kohli brought the best out of him and made him more attacking.

"Wrist spinners are mostly attacking but when your captain is so attacking, you get freedom to attack more," Chahal told reporters after India beat Australia by 26 runs under Duckworth-Lewis method in the first ODI here last night.

"But sometimes, we also have to take a step back and you change your plans," he added.

Chahal, who took three wickets for 30 to be one of the architects of India's win, said having left-arm wrist spinner Kuldeep Yadav at the other end made things easy for him and both of them made plans according to the game situation when they bowled in tandem.

"We both him and Kuldeep" go by the situation and since both of us are attacking bowlers, we go for wickets. Depending on the

Pandya's knock was the game-changer, says Kohli



Hardik Pandya smashes one down the ground during the 1st ODI against Australia in Chennai.

We will get better with our plans: Smith

CHENNAI, Sept 18: Australian captain Steve Smith admitted that his side did not execute their plans properly during the first ODI against India and here vowed to come back stronger in the remaining matches of the series.

"The rain came and it was

"They (Pandya and Dhoni) won 120-odd and took them from 87 to 206. In the end, that proved to be a match-winning partnership. We started very well with the new ball but MS (Dhoni) and Hardik (Pandya) played very well," he said.

only 87 runs.

"The rain came and it was obviously never going to be easy chasing 160 with the new ball. We could have perhaps played a little bit differently and try to take a little bit more time upfront. We have to get better with our plans," he said.

Australia fell short by 26 runs while chasing 164 for a win from 21 overs under D/L method, and Smith said the partnership between Hardik Pandya and MS Dhoni in the India innings turned out to be the game-changer.

Pandya and Dhoni stitched 118 runs together for the sixth wicket to script a brilliant recovery act for India after the top-half was blown away for

Teams arrive in Kolkata for 2nd ODI

KOLKATA, Sept 18: India and Australia today landed here this afternoon for the second ODI of the five-match series at the Eden Gardens after their thumping win over the visitors in Chennai.

Dressed in white T-shirts, the 'men-in-blue' looked relaxed as they headed straight to the team hotel along with their support staff and chief coach Ravi Shastri.

"There's no practice schedule today and everyone will be resting," the local Team India manager said at the airport after both the teams landed via a chartered flight at 3.30pm.

Earlier, the BCCI had posted pictures of the Indian team with Mahendra Singh Dhoni relaxing on the floor at the Chennai airport lounge while others including Virat Kohli, KL Rahul and Hardik Pandya sitting next to the former skipper.

India defeated the world champions by 26 runs by D/L method in a rain-curtailed ODI last night to draw first blood in the bilateral series.

Dhoni (79 from 88 balls) and all-rounder Hardik Pandya (83 from 66) shared a century stand to propel India to 281/7 in 50 overs after they were 87-5 inside 22 overs.

Needless to say, India once again today proved how good their lower-middle order was.

"We spoke at the toss that we wanted to put on a big score. We lost wickets but MS (Dhoni) and Kedar played well. Hardik and later MS finished it off like he does.

"Today was an example of how good the middle and lower order can be," he said at the post-match presentation ceremony.

"Hardik believes in himself, and his innings was the game-changer. He possesses all three skills equally and we are lucky to have him," Kohli added.

The India captain also complemented his bowlers for re-

stricting Australia after the visitors were set a revised target of 164 of 21 overs in the rain-curtailed match.

"The bowlers were outstanding as well. It is a matter of giving players confidence.

(Yuzvendra) Chahal is very brave and doesn't say no to any sort of yorker. It was not ideal that we were not able to capitalise on what was a very good start for us," said the Australian captain. — PTI

SU DO KU

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Solution of last problem

Originating from Japan, 'su do ku' is a mind game and a puzzle that can be solved with paper and pen and logic. Filled with difficult logic, it needs to be solved in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3x3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9 without repeating any.

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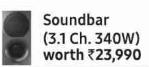
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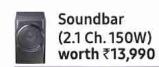
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