

NEWS CAPSULE

ULFA-I linkmen

GUWAHATI, Nov 24: In the wake of spurt in the activities of the ULFA(I) across the State, 17 linkmen of the banned outfit were detained from different locations of the city as a preventive measure, police said today. - Staff Reporter

Blast arrests

SIVASAGAR, Nov 24: Police today arrested Prabhath Khanikar, Kishore Patel and Manas Changmai in connection with the Demow blast suspected to be triggered by ULFA(I) on November 22. - ANN Service

Narrow escape

GORESWAR, Nov 24: Some 35 picnickers, all students and teachers of an Udalguri institution, had a miraculous escape today after their bus caught fire due to mechanical failure at Ambarishnagar in Baksa district. - ANN Service

Chargesheet

BENGALURU, Nov 24: The Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the killing of journalist-activist Gauri Lankesh has named Hindu right wing outfit Sanatan Sanstha in its additional chargesheet filed before a city court. - PTI

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Magnificent Mary scripts history

Matches Cuban legend Felix Savon's record of winning six World Boxing Championship titles



NEW DELHI, Nov 24: India's MC Mary Kom on Saturday won a historic sixth gold in the Women's World Championships, the mother-of-three doing, without breaking a sweat, what no other woman boxer has done or known before.

Moments after Mary Kom scripted history by beating Ukraine's Hanna Okhota in an unanimous 5-0 verdict in the 48-kg category summit bout, young Sonia Chal settled for a silver medal after losing her final to Germany's Wahner Ornella Gabriele in the 57-kg category.

Olympic bronze medalist Mary Kom came into the all-important bout, which coincided with her 36th birthday, optimistic of adding to her five world championships titles, and, without an iota of doubt, she walked the talk against Okhota in front of a packed KD Jhadav Stadium.

The feisty Manipuri now has an incredible six gold and one silver in the World Championships. The last time she won the top prize in the showpiece was in 2010, in Bridgetown, Barbados.

Before this World Championships, Mary Kom was tied with Ireland's Katie Taylor (five gold and a bronze) on the number of medals won by a woman. Taylor now plies her trade in the profession-

al circuit. With this gold, 'Magnificent Mary' also matched Cuban men's legend Felix Savon as the joint most successful pugilist (men and women) in the World Championships history. Savon, who also won three Olympic gold medals during his illustrious career, won six gold and one silver in heavyweight in the World Championships between 1986 and 1989.

Mary Kom won a silver in the inaugural edition in 2001, and then went on to win a gold each in the next five consecutive editions - 2002, 2005, 2006, 2008 and 2010.

Overwhelmed, Mary Kom broke down after coming out of the ring as she went around to greet the packed stadium and the assembled officials. Wrapped in the Tricolour, she thanked her fans for their "unsimted" support.

"I am a little bit emotional. There is no (48 kg) weight category in the Olympic Games. Because of your love and support, I feel I will be able to qualify for 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Four years ago, I was not able to qualify for Rio. I am still suffering from that," she said.

"Thank you for your love and support. I don't have anything to give except for a (See page 12)

India, China agree to resolve border issue early

SPL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI, Nov 24: The Special Representatives of India and China today resolved to intensify efforts to achieve a fair, reasonable and mutually-acceptable solution to the vexed boundary question at an early date.

The countries underlined the importance of approaching the boundary question from the strategic perspective of India-China relations and agreed that an early settlement to the issue serves

the fundamental interests of both the countries.

The Special Representatives of India and China on the Boundary Question - National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and State Counsellor and Minister of Foreign Affairs of China Wang Yi - met in Chengdu today for the 21st round of the Special Representatives' talks. The talks were constructive and forward looking, and focussed on taking forward the India-China Closer Developmental Partnership in pursuance of

the guidance provided by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Xi Jinping at their informal summit at Wuhan in April, an official spokesman of Union Ministry of External Affairs told newsmen here today.

The two Special Representatives directed the bilateral Working Mechanism on Consultation and Coordination for Border Affairs to work out further details. They also undertook a comprehensive review of earlier rounds of talks. Recalling the strategic

guidance and support to their work provided by the leaders at the Wuhan Summit, the Special Representatives agreed that pending the final resolution of the boundary question, it is important to maintain peace and tranquillity in the border areas, and ensure that the boundary question does not affect the overall development of the bilateral ties.

Acknowledging the importance of predictability in border management, and in that (See page 12)

Class I officers to verify NRC claims, objections

R DUTTA CHOUDHURY

GUWAHATI, Nov 24: At least 1,500 to 2,500 Class I officers of the State government will be engaged in the process of verification of claims and objections filed on the draft National Register of Citizens (NRC), while the district magistrates will supervise the entire process. Senior officers will also be appointed as observers to monitor the process of verification of the claims and objections.

The process of receiving claims and objections is now on and it will continue up to December 15, while the verification process is scheduled to start from February 1 next year.

As per the standard operating procedure (SOP) for disposal of the claims and objections, the decisions will not be taken at the level of LRCR (Local Registrar of Citizen Registration) as it would require proper understanding of the procedures, and ability to

assess various evidences placed on record during the course of hearing. That is why, it has been decided that the hearings will be conducted by Class I officers of the government who have the experience of handling enquiries and investigations. These officers will function as the authorised officers of the district magistrates, who are the DRCRs (District Registrars of Citizens Registration).

The officers, who will be (See page 12)

Dainik Asam Literary Award presented

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Nov 24: The Dainik Asam Literary Award (Sahitya Aota) 2017 was presented to promising young generation poet Siddhartha Sankar Kalita at a function organised at Vivekananda Kendra here today.

The award, which carries a memento, a citation and a cheque of Rs 50,000, was given to Kalita for his poetry collection titled *Polythene-or*



Dr Nagen Saikia handing over the award to Siddhartha Sankar Kalita. - AT photo

Dhura Kaori.

The award is given to encourage young writers.

The function was presided over by litterateur Dr Dhru-bajoyti Bora. Eminent litterateur Dr Nagen Saikia was the chief guest of the function while Asam Sahitya Sabha's former president Dr Lakshmi Nandan Bora was the guest of honour.

The function began with a rendition of Dr Bhupen (See page 12)

Sunday
 November 25, 2018

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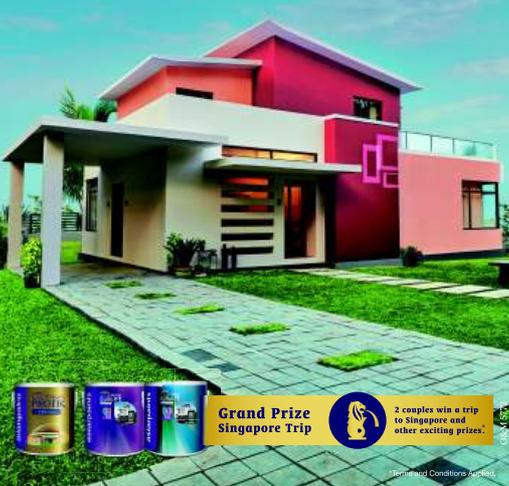
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ULFA-I claims responsibility

Demow blast

GUWAHATI, Nov 24: The banned ULFA (Independent) today claimed responsibility for the grenade attack at Demow in Sivasagar district on Thursday that killed two persons.

"We take responsibility for Thursday's explosion and sooner or later stern action will be taken against those who betray us. But our target was not the customer Anup Gupta but the owner of the shop," ULFA(I) assistant secretary, publicity and information, Arunodoy Asom said in an e-mailed statement.

The outfit also expressed condolences to Gupta's family saying "our hearts go out to them".

The outfit, however, denied any role in the killing of five people at Dhola in Tinsukia district on November 1, as claimed by the Assam Police and National Investigation Agency (NIA). (See page 12)

Farms to see rise in output under State Muga Mission

AJIT PATOWARY

GUWAHATI, Nov 24: Under the ten-year Rs 464-crore Muga Mission, that is the Assam Silk Outreach Mission, the State sericulture department has proposed to strengthen its 20 basic muga seed farms for production of quality muga silkmoths. This exercise is tentatively estimated to cost Rs 20,501 crore, highly placed sources in the department said.

The activities under the Muga Mission started from this financial year.

Sources said the department's latest venture would include the components of infrastructure support for construction of boundary wall, *jali* (net) house, grain house for seed preparation, installation of deep tube well and support for maintenance of plantation equipment. Moreover, a revolving fund for procurement of seeds and seed cocoons for multiplication and supply of basic seed and commercial seed to the rearers is also a component of this venture, sources said. (See page 12)

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Signature Bridge mishaps: Kejriwal appeals to youth to be careful

NEW DELHI, Nov 24: After three deaths in two days in accidents on the newly-constructed Signature Bridge, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Saturday appealed to the youth to "be careful while clicking selfies and not drive at a high speed".

"I am extremely concerned about the accidents on Signature Bridge. It is Delhi's pride. It is my appeal to all the people, especially the youth to be careful while clicking selfies on the Signature Bridge and not drive vehicles at a high speed. Your life is precious to the country and for your parents," Kejriwal tweeted.

On Friday, two medical students on a motorcycle were killed after they rammed into a divider on the bridge and fell into the Yamuna river.

Friday's accident was followed by another accident on Saturday morning which killed a man after his bike skidded and he hit the divider head-on.

Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) chief spokesperson Saurabh Bharadwaj, on the other hand, blamed the Delhi Police for its inaction in a series of tweets.

"What is the Delhi traffic police doing? Why were no traffic police personnel deployed to check over speeding at the Signature bridge? Is Signature bridge not under their exclusive jurisdiction?" Bharadwaj asked.

He said that since the Delhi government does not have its own police, the Central government and Lt Governor Anil Bajaj were "duty bound to ensure law and order at each corner of Delhi including the Signature Bridge".

"News is published every day about dangerous stunts while taking a selfie. Is it not the duty of the Delhi Police to control such things? Has the Lt Governor suspended DCP Traffic for failing to deploy traffic police at the Signature bridge?" the AAP MLA from the Greater Kailash constituency said. - IANS

Govt doesn't need extra funds from RBI to meet fiscal deficit target: Jaitley

NEW DELHI, Nov 24: Finance Minister Arun Jaitley has said that the government does not need any extra funds from the Reserve Bank or any other institution to meet the fiscal deficit target.

However, he added that extra funds, which may accrue from the new capital framework of the Reserve Bank, can always be used for poverty alleviation programmes over the years by future governments.

"We don't need any extra funds from any other institution to finance our fiscal deficit. Let's be very clear that's not the intention of the government. And we are not saying that in next six months give me some money. I don't need it," the minister said in an interview to TV channel Times Now.

India's fiscal deficit is slated to come down to 3.3 per cent of GDP at the end of the current fiscal.

Responding to criticism that the government was eyeing RBI's reserves, Jaitley said globally central banks have a capital framework which determines the amount of funds that ought to be maintained as reserves.

"All we are saying is there has to be some discussion and some norms under which Reserve Bank will have a capital framework," he said, adding that surplus funds could be used for poverty alleviation programmes by future governments over the next several years.

The RBI board at its meeting earlier in the month decided to set up a high-level committee for examining the Economic Capital Framework (ECF) to determine the appropriate levels of reserve of the central bank should hold.

The RBI is reported to be holding a massive Rs 9.59 lakh crore of reserves. Answering questions with regard to the autonomy of the Reserve Bank, Jaitley said it has to be exercised within the framework of law.

"The government's viewpoint is that we respect and we will always maintain the autonomy within the framework of the laws which have been laid down," he said.

The government, Jaitley added, would continue to flag issues with the Reserve Bank in the larger interest of the economy, and there has to be coordination between the central bank and the government.

"If there are sectors of economy which are starved of liquidity or credit, as a sovereign government... We certainly will flag those issues wherever the RBI has the authority to decide certain things," the minister said, adding there is no institutional failure.

He further said that during the Congress-led UPA regime, fiscal deficit went as high as 6 per cent of the GDP.

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Polling for 3rd phase of Panchayat polls ends peacefully in J&K

JAMMU/SRINAGAR, Nov 24: Voting in the third phase of Panchayat polls ended peacefully in Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday amid tight security.

Polling was held in Ramban, Kishtwar, Doda, Kathua, Udhampur, Rajouri and Poonch districts of the Jammu division.

Voting for the third phase was also held in Leh and Kargil districts of the Ladakh region in addition to Ganderbal, Badgam, Kupwara, Baramulla and Bandipora in the Valley.

The overall voter turnout in the Jammu division was around 83 per cent, with 85.2 per cent voters turning out in Ramban and Kishtwar districts to exercise their franchise.

In the Ladakh region, 75.6 per cent voters cast their votes in Kargil district while 64.1 per cent voters did so in Leh district. The overall voter turnout was 55 per cent in the Valley, where Kupwara registered the highest turnout of 59 per cent and Ganderbal the lowest at 12 per cent.

The state saw a 75.3 per cent overall voter turnout on Saturday. Held amid tight security, polling ended peacefully

ly with no reports of violence.

The voting took place in 2,773 polling stations - 918 in Kashmir division and 1,855 in Jammu. Polling started at 8 am and ended at 2 pm.

According to the state's Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Shaleen Kabra, 727 polling stations had been categorized as hypersensitive - 493 in Kashmir and 234 in Jammu.

He said 5,239 candidates were in the fray for 358 Sarpanch and 1,652 Panch seats, while 96 Sarpanches and 1,437 Panches have already been elected unopposed in this phase. - IANS

25 killed as bus plunges into canal



A crane pulling out the ill-fated bus which fell into a canal in Mandya district of Karnataka on Saturday. - PTI

BENGALURU, Nov 24: A private bus carrying passengers, mostly schoolchildren, fell into a canal in Karnataka's Mandya district Saturday, killing at least 25 people, police said.

The bus completely submerged after falling into VC canal at Kanakanamadri of Pandavapura taluka, they said, adding bodies of 23 victims was fished out.

Most of the killed were children, police sources said, adding they were returning home after a half-day at school.

Long walls from the grief-stricken inconsolable kin of the victims followed as the rescue teams fished out bodies one after another.

The district authorities roped in a crane to bring out the bus from the canal. Police had a difficult time controlling the crowd as people living nearby thronged the accident site. Locals said they rescued

three people even before the police reached the spot.

"I just came to know that a bus has fallen in a canal and 25 people have died. That is the latest report," said Deputy Chief Minister G Parameshwara, expressing grief over the tragedy.

Cancelling all his official engagements, Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy rushed to the spot where rescue operations were on in full swing. - PTI

4 Naxals arrested

RAIPUR, Nov 24: Four Naxals, including two women, were arrested on Saturday from different places in Chhattisgarh's Dantewada district.

While three cadres were apprehended from the forest under Bhansi Police Station limits, another was held from Barsoor area, Dantewada Superintendent of Police Abhishek Pallava said.

Those arrested in Bhansi area were identified as Meena Telam (22), who was active as in charge of "area supply team" of the Maoists, Manglo Telam (25), a member of Mirtur local organisation squad and Bhima Kunjam (25), a member of the Dandakaranya Adivasi Kisan Majdoor Sangathan, Pallava said.

All three were associated with the Bharamgarh "area committee" of the Maoists, he said. He said the three were involved in torching two passenger buses and a truck on Bhansi-Dantewada road on August 8. - PTI

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DEHRADUN, Nov 24: The Uttarakhand government on Saturday decided to rename the Dehradun airport after former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, an official said.

The proposal to rename the Jolly Grant airport after Vajpayee was approved by the state cabinet at a meeting chaired by Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat, the official said.

The cabinet also gave its nod to the setting up of the Uttarakhand State Agency For Public Services to ensure time-bound delivery of services and redressal of complaints, said government spokesperson Madan Kaushik.

The Cabinet has cleared 27 proposals, including convening a three-day Winter Session of the Assembly from December 4, the official added. - PTI

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Nation without well-functioning institutions is bound to fail: Manmohan Singh

NEW DELHI, Nov 24: Former prime minister Manmohan Singh on Saturday said that integrity of major institutions was under attack under the present dispensation and that a nation without well-functioning institutions was bound to fail.

He said well-functioning institutions of governance was a necessary condition to maintain peace and harmony and that if the present situations persists, it could create chaos in society, economy and polity.

His remarks came at a time when the government is under fire for "undermining institutions" including the Reserve Bank of India and the Central Bureau of Investigation.

"Besides, the institutions must be impartial, objective and should function for the benefit of all sections of society. Unfortunately, integrity of major institutions faces many challenges. The deterioration of the institutions adversely affects the functioning of various organs of the state and in eroding their credibility," the former Prime Minister said at a conference on "Towards Peace, Harmony and

Happiness: Transition to Transformation".

"Such a situation can create chaos in society, economy and polity. A nation without well-functioning institutions is bound to fail," he said. The former Prime Minister said that maintaining secular character of all the institutions - judiciary, executive and legislatures - was a prerequisite for peace and harmony.

"Eventually, it is the responsibility of the political and religious leadership, civil society, intelligentsia and the media to uphold the Constitution and the integrity of institutions," he said.

"When the institutions start deviating from a just discharge of their constitutional responsibilities and knowingly or unknowingly fall prey to the extra-constitutional powers and non-state actors, then there is a danger of violence entering into the process of transition and transformation," he said.

Singh added that attempts were being made to create an atmosphere of fear through communal polarisation. He said communal harmony was crucial for citi-

zens to lead a life free from fear, anxiety and uncertainty in a multi-religious society like in India.

"There are various types of economic and non-economic factors which give rise to fears, anxieties and uncertainties. We must diagnose the underlying reasons behind such a scenario and move forward to translate the conflict and anger into peace, harmony and happiness," he said.

He said the transition to peace and harmony would require transparency, honesty, probity and truthfulness in public life.

"Unfortunately, the use of religion, caste and other such factors by the political parties to advance their political interests and capture power can create an atmosphere of hate and division among religious and caste groups. Such an environment poses a serious challenge to the peaceful transition and transformation," he added.

"It is in this context that the saner elements in the society need to unite and counter the evil designs of those forces that are bent upon to disrupt the peace, harmony and happiness," Singh said. - IANS

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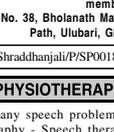
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1000 S.Q.F.T. (GROUND FLOOR) 1700 S.Q.F.T. (2ND FLOOR), 30 NABAGIRI ROAD, CHANDMARI, GUWAHATI. 9435540330. TL/SP001793/1

1st floor, 2 BHK, 2 toilet with D/dining at Pubali Estate, Opp. Central Bank, Kahlipara Road, Ghy-10. Ph: 6001340168. TL/P/UP001103/1

2 BHK flat with parking Greenland Apartment Rukminigaon, Rent Rs. 11,000/-. Call: 9854016403, 7896335813. TL/P/NP001358/1

2nd floor 2 rooms modern amenities behind Anuradha Cinema Barnachal 3rd byelane, 8K+. Ph: 9435010333. TL/P/SP001762/1

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Two bedroom flat at Rajdhani Apt near Last Gate Dispur. Contact: 9864077055. TL/P/NP001386/1

Rent for Office cum store. Institution. Hosted at Ganesghuri, Dispur. M: 9435195654, 9435440104. TL/P/SP001748/1

2 BD house for rent at Monalisa Path, Mother Teresa Road, Rent 12000/-. M: 9864899172. TL/P/NP001400/1

SEMI FURNISHED 3 BHK FLAT AVAILABLE ON RENT AT SUBHAM GREENS, LOKHRA ROAD, GUWAHATI. 9613860620. TL/P/UP001192/1

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Discent Muslim locality (Hatigaon) 3 BHK two toilets running water & parking @ 11000/- pm. 9957290926. TL/P/UP001180/1

Single room with attached bathroom for rent for men at New Guwahati. Ph: 9707204494. TL/P/UP001176/1

2 BHK apartment in VIP Road near Hindustan College. Rent Rs. 12,000/-. Contact: 9864017903. TL/P/SP001169/1

1st floor two bedrooms, kitchen, bathroom at Hengrabari, Lichubagan. Rent Rs. 8000/-. Contact: 9435541865. TL/P/UP001190/1

2 rooms kitchen, bath at Silpukhuri, Bank or Company bachelor preferred. Rs. 8000.00. Contact: 8723855790 between 6 pm - 9 pm. TL/P/SP001796/1

2 BHK new flat for rent at 2nd Byleane, near Housing Colony, Ganesghuri. Contact: 9864038138. TL/P/AP002681/1

Spacious 3 BHK flat at Rukminigaon, near G.S. Road. Rent 15,000 (maintenance extra). Ph: 7086051679, 9101227610. TL/P/UP001198/1

Cozy independent A.T. House for a small family at Jonalipath, Zoo Road. M: 9435143710. TL/P/UP001200/1

RCC three spacious rooms 10000/-, two rooms 9000/-, South Sarania, Ulubari. 9954753230. TL/P/UP001202/1

G floor 2 BR, 2 bath, DD near Guwahati Commerce College, Rs. 13000/-. No car parking. Ph: 8404019785. TL/P/SP001823/1

1300 sq.ft. 7th floor 3 BHK new flat (only family) Rent 15000/-, near Pub Sarania, Guwahati. Ph: 8133870240. TL/P/UP001203/1

3 BHK, 4 BHK flat at Colorado Enclave Rukminigaon, Byleane-6, Guwahati-22. Contact: 9476688998. TL/P/UP001209/1

Independent Campus with 3 BHK Assam Type House + 2 separate big rooms, near Gita Mandir, Harihar Park, Suitable for Guest House, Office, Hostel. 9864057534. TL/P/AP002687/1

Rent basis first floor with car parking facility approximately front 1000 sq.ft. plus back 800 sq.ft. at A.T. Road, S.R.C.B. Road crossing for office. Preference to Bank, Insurance Company, Mutual Fund, Multi National Company. Contact: Bijoy Stores & Trading Corporation, Tokobari, SRCB Road, Guwahati. Ph: 8473891355. TL/P/AP002688/1

2 BHK at Downtown Dr. Zakir Hussain Path Byleane-10. Goodown at Ganesghara. Contact: 9864585981. TL/P/AP002691/1

2 BHK flat for rent at Akashi Nagar, Banunimaidam. Ph: 9127212373. TL/P/AP002686/1

3 BHK flat (2100 sq.ft.) for rent (family acc) at Dr BN Saikia Rd, Survey, Federal Bank campus. Ph: 9586834880, 8941958000, 7896871721. TL/P/NP001409/1

GF two rooms attached toilet kitchen, bike parking 2/3 persons Rs. 8000/- Geetanagar School field. Phone: 6901618054. TL/P/BP001118/1

3 BHK with 2 balconies, available for rent at 3, Ambika Gir Nagar, R.G. Banuah Road, (1st floor). Offices/Institutes preferred. Contact: 9954748569, 7002509055. TL/P/BP001119/1

At Pub-Sarania second floor two bedrooms, one bathroom, drawing cum dining, kitchen and balcony. Rent Rs. 12,000/-. Small family preferred. Contact: 9435112444. TL/P/NP001404/1

1 BHK unit at House No. 08, Byleane 07 Gandhibasti (Near, Sadin Pratidin news papers). Contact: 9401768126, 9864209928 Rent Rs. 7500/-. TL/P/UP001205/1

2 BHK, ground floor, drawing/dining, fully furnished/AC. Ganesghuri, Hengrabari, Housing Colony road. M. No. 8638233949. TL/P/BP001112/1

G/F 1000 sq.ft. with car parking at Zoo Road Tinali, Pinaki Path. M: 9864018127. Ph: 9864018127. TL/P/AP002675/1

Single room with running water at Chenikuthi. Contact No. 9864786222. TL/P/SP001815/1

3 BHK, NEW FLAT, 1600 SQUARE FEET ELITE RESIDENCY, NEAR SARBASIKSHA/SAT RNS SCHOOL, JATIA, KAHILIPARA, BANK/GOV'T EMPLOYEE PREFERRED RENT 16000 PLUS SOCIETY FEE. PLEASE CONTACT: 943530296. TL/P/AP002680/1

Available single bedroom with attached bathroom, kitchen and sitting area in Rukminigaon. Very secured. Ideal for couples or working women. Rent Rs. 7000/-. Contact: 9706782776. TL/P/UP001205/1

3 BHK flat for rent ABC, Srinagar, Guwahati. Contact: 8402939329. TL/P/AC004605/1

Two room kitchen dining flat at Gandhibasti Natun Sarania with running water fan light fittings. Contact: 9954055860. TL/P/SP001820/1

1 BHK HOUSE AT SILPUKHURI WITH INVERTER/PARKING, RENT 12000/-, PREFERRED SMALL FAMILY/WORKING WOMEN. CONTACT: 8638360576, 9435146499. TL/P/SP001821/1

3 BHK flat with parking for rent at Six Mile near G.S. Road. Mob: 9859931042, 7002329489. TL/P/SP001823/1

New stylish 3 BHK with marble floor, front and side balcony in 2nd floor (1500 sq.ft.) at Kundal Nagar Betola, 5 min walking distance from A.G. Bus stopage only for small family of Central Govt./Bank Officer. Contact No. 986405593, 9864151681. TL/P/SP001824/1

Freshly revamped 1 & 2 BHK RCC ground floor Chenikuthi Govt. Employee Co-Exec/Guest House preferred. Ph: 9954253933. TL/P/NP001414/1

Fully furnished 2 BHK flat at Ganesghuri (A.C. Tv, Fridge, Beds, Sofa). Ph: 9954055367. TL/P/UP001210/1

Single room Rs. 5,000/-, double rooms Rs. 7,000/- Zoo Tinali, Downtown. Ph: 9957794652, 7086038829. TL/P/UP001211/1

3 BHK flat with parking at Classic Enclave, Noonmati, near Hanuman Mandir. Ph: 9707103601. TL/P/UP001216/1

ONE BHK AT SARANIA, NEAR ULUBARI, GUWAHATI PREFERRED SINGLE, COMPANY/BANK EXECUTIVES. 7002323519. TL/P/UP001217/1

Three bed room set with parking only for Govt. employee rent 19000/- at R.G.B. Road, Srinagar, Byleane 6, H.N. 7. Phone: 8811024994, 9127059651. TL/P/NP001423/1

2 Nos 2 BHK apartment for residence. Pub-Sarania Byleane 10, near Rajgiri Petrol Pump. Ph: 9586834880. TL/P/NP001419/1

FULLY FURNISHED TWO BHK AND TWO 3 BHKs AVAILABLE IN GANESGHURI, DISPUR, G.S. ROAD & BHETAPARA. 7086057518. TL/P/NP001418/1

2 BHK flat 2nd floor Rs. 13000/- pm at Christianbasti, Srinagar Path, byelane-7A. Ph: 7578964045. TL/P/NP001113/1

Pragati Realtors any type of Independent House/Flat/Hostel/P.G. Commercial property for rent or sale. 7002720818, 7002506953. TL/P/UP001212/1

On rent big flat 1875 sq.ft. 3 BHK 3 balcony at Odalbakra, near Modern English School bus stop. Contact: 7005689800, 9436113111. TL/P/BP001122/1

2 BHK flat at Tarun Nagar, 2nd byelane, Guwahati for immediate rent. Contact: 9435552850, 8132920846. TL/P/3186/1

2 BHK for rent near Betola Survey, parking available. Call: 9954132581. TL/P/3193/1

Single room (semi furnished/6000.00) attached kitchen-bath at Rehbari. Contact: 9859857527. TL/P/SP001129/1

3 BHK flat at Chenikuthi for Bank/Company employee. Mob: 7002285507. TL/P/SP001828/1

Small family unit near SBI Hatigaon for Bank/Govt. Employee. Balcony running water. M: 8402862062. TL/P/UP001221/1

2 BHK 2nd floor 1050 sq.ft. newly renovated flat at Lachit Nagar, 5 minutes walk from G.S. Road, Rs. 14,000/- pm + society fees. Contact: 9435533865. TL/P/SP001735/1

3 BHK flat for rent ABC, Srinagar, Guwahati. Contact: 8402939329. TL/P/AC004605/1

3 bedroom flat at Nilachar Apartment, 24 hrs running water with car parking. Contact: 9435152445. TL/P/AC004611/1

2 BHK flat at Tarun Nagar ABC for rent. Contact: 9954700669. TL/P/AC004618/1

Available for rent 3 BHK plus study (2100 sq.ft. full mosquito proof) on ground floor of independent bungalow with well maintained lawn and covered parking for 1 car. Located in SK Baruah Road, Rukminigaon. Rent 30K, preferred corporates or working professional with family. Ph: 8749943413, 9972888366, 9435732458 between 9 am to 4 pm. TL/P/AC004620/1

RCC 3 room attached kitchen and Toilet Dispur Supermarket, Dilip Huzuri Path. Ph. No. 9864788495. TL/P/SP001836/1

A FULLY FURNISHED DELUXE UNIT AT GROUND FLOOR MODERN AMENITIES IS READY FOR RENT AT JAYANAGAR, SIXMILE, RENT 25000/- PER MONTH. CAR PARKING FOR ONE. CEHICLE WITH 24 HRS RUNNING WATER. PLEASE CONTACT: 9435116986. TL/P/UP001226/1

2 bedroom, drawing dining, kitchen, bathroom, balcony. House No. 7/1, Durga Sarobar. Ph: 9854050798. TL/P/UP001227/1

4K to 20K available for House/Flat/Office at any location. 9954385103. TL/P/AC004635/1

2 BHK flat at Rukminigaon, Bank and other Central Govt./PSU employees preferred. #8811023951. TL/P/AC004636/1

Two rooms, drawing dining, kitchen attached bathroom, Chandan Nagar, Sixmile. Contact: 7002824112. TL/P/AC004638/1

Semifurnished, single/double bedroom, secured/clean compound for executives, Sixmile (Jurpur), 9101900308. TL/P/AC004631/1

One BHK with parking at Kanaklata Path, Survey, Betola. Contact: 9954743700. TL/P/NP001130/1

2/3/4 BHK B.Barooah Road Rehbari, Barangahar, Zoo Road Narikal Basti, Ph. 9864496186. H&F/P/UP001207/1

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2 room flat for rent at Ghararama, NR AG Colony. Rent 7500. Call: 9864042863. TL/P/AC004634/1

Toilet at Principal JB Road Chenikuthi, Part facility available with parking. Contact: 8638837785. TL/P/NP001410/1

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2 BHK under construction flat for sale at Zoo Road, Jonali, 9678003411/7002899227. H&F/P/SP001768/4

Booking open... Construction in full swing. Rukminigaon and Lachit Nagar. 8638404548, www.greensquare.in H&F/P/SP001761/3

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4 BHK, 1432 S.Q.F.T. (INDIVIDUAL FLOOR PER FLAT) WALKING DISTANCE FROM GANESGHURI, DELIVERY AT APRIL 2019. PPH. 86380-41976. H&F/P/AP002683/1

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WEATHER GUWAHATI

LOCAL FORECAST:
Mainly clear sky to partly cloudy sky. Fog/mist is very likely to occur in the morning and night. Minimum temperature is most likely to be 14°C on Sunday.

TEMPERATURE:
Max 23.3°C
Min 13.8°C

Lawyers urged not to take case of Ugratare 'thieves'

CITY CORRESPONDENT

GUWAHATI, Nov 24: The Ugratare temple management committee today decided to urge the lawyer fraternity not to provide legal help to those involved in the theft of the *astadhata* idol of Goddess Tara and other properties of the temple last week.

The decision was taken in a meeting of the committee members held here today. Informing about the decisions taken in the meeting, Kalish Sharma, a member of the temple committee said, "We will also appeal to the court not to send those miscreants, who have already revealed about the robbery, to judicial custody, until police recover the idol."

Sharma also said the committee will seek an NIA investigation if Assam Police fails to recover the idol. "We will organise a general body meeting along with our well-wishers very soon to decide what to do if police do not find the idol," he said.

Noted poet Ram Goswami passes away

CITY CORRESPONDENT

GUWAHATI, Nov 24: Ram Goswami (84), an eminent poet of Assam, who was popularly known as 'Seujiya Deshor Kabi', breathed his last at his residence here this morning. He had been suffering from illness for the past few days.

The Assam Sahitya Sabha has decided that its flag in all its offices will remain at half mast as a mark of respect to the departed soul. Late Goswami was the former vice-president of the Assam Sahitya Sabha. The All Guwahati Students' Union also mourned the demise of the poet.

Swiss-German film Heidi to be screened today

GUWAHATI, Nov 24: The Embassy of Switzerland in India in collaboration with Rangayan, the cultural wing of the North East Foundation, will screen a film *Heidi* at the Bankanta Kakati Auditorium of the Srimanta Sankaradeva Kalakshetra tomorrow, stated a press release issued here today.

The screening of *Heidi*, an original Swiss-German movie directed by Alain Gspöner, will begin at 5 pm.

To celebrate 70 years of Swiss-Indian friendship, the Embassy of Switzerland has been organising several programmes since August 2017, and initiating collaborations between Swiss and Indian artists, scientists, business representatives, government officials and the civil society.

A Swiss-Indian friendship bus is travelling through India with two children's films from Switzerland - *Heidi* and *My Life as a Zucchini*, released in 2015 and 2016, respectively. Both films spread a message of friendship, understanding and inclusiveness.

Between March and May 2018, the bus has travelled through cities like Kolhapur, Belgium, Mangaluru and Karakudi, connecting with almost 10,000 children and adults. Starting October 5, the bus has travelled through Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Assam, and Sikkim and has connected with more than 20,000 people.

Rich tributes paid to Bir Lachit Borphukan

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Nov 24: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal said 3.3 crore people belonging to Brahmaputra, Barak, hills and plains of Assam can boast of taking birth in a State which has proudly reared a personality none other than Bir Lachit Borphukan who has immortalised himself through his courage, dedication, war strategy and administrative acumen.

Speaking at Lachit Ghat on the occasion of Lachit Divas organised by the Cultural Affairs Department here today, Sonowal said the younger generation of Assam should know about the rich legacy that Lachit Borphukan left behind and they should get the correct knowledge about the glorious past of the State.

Showing praises on Lachit's patriotism and valour, Sonowal said the State government was committed to make the state stronger with the support of people belonging to all communities and ethnicities, and announced that the government has decided to make a feature film on the life and bravery of him.

"When we think of Lachit Borphukan, a sense of courage comes to our mind,

and so on the occasion of Lachit Divas, we should all take pledge to strengthen the age-old peace, amity and harmonious co-existence in our State," he said.

Education Minister Siddhartha Bhattacharya said the government has been working to protect the interests of the indigenous people of the State and will continue to do so in future too.

Tai Sahitya Sabha president and Assam Higher Secondary Education Council chairman Dr Dayananda Borgohain, writer Elee Ahmed, DGP Kuladhar Saikia also spoke on the occasion. The Chief Minister's Legal Advisor Shantanu Bhargali, Commissioner and Secretary (Cultural Affairs), Preetom Saikia, Director (Cultural

Affairs) Barnali Sarma and other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

In another function, technocrat-educationalist Pradip Bhuyan, the man behind the litigation that led to the NRC process, was today presented the Bir Lachit Award, 2018 by the Tai Ahom Yuba Parishad at Srimanta Sankaradeva Kalakshetra. His wife Bontri Bhuyan was also honoured on the occasion.

Meanwhile, at a function organised by the Guwahati Lachit Sangha, *The Assam Tribune* Editor PG Baruah today underlined the need of a leader to arouse the Assamese society for overcoming the problems it is facing today. Baruah and former police officer Hiranaya Kumar Bhattacharya were felicitated by the Lachit Sangha.

The All Tai Ahom Students Union (ATASU) Kamrup (M) District Committee today lit more than 1,000 earthen lamps and paid homage to Lachit Borphukan at a programme held at Agyathuri here. ATASU president Chao Basant Gogoi said the National Defence Academy confers the gold medal to the best cadet every year in Lachit Borphukan's name. "Lachit Borphukan belongs to the people of Assam and the entire North East, and everyone should be proud of him," he said.



A cultural rally being taken out on the occasion of Lachit Divas in Guwahati on Saturday. - UB Photos

Bengali schools observe Lachit Divas

GUWAHATI, Nov 24: Two Bengali schools - Bengali Higher Secondary School and Bengali High School - today jointly observed Lachit Divas with a programme held at Paltan Bazar. A press release stated.

Education Minister Siddhartha Bhattacharya, who was the chief guest on the occasion, said that in today's socio-political scenario in the State, the observance of Lachit Divas by the Bengali schools will send a message of the bond of unity and fraternity among different communities living in Assam.

During the event, Ajay Dutta gave a brief history of the Battle of Saraighat, while Biswajit Khound appealed to the students to follow the ideals of patriotism of Bir Lachit, the great hero of Assam. Yuvaraj Sharma said that the State government should take steps to spread the message of Sankaradeva and Lachit across the nation.

The meeting was attended by many dignitaries, including Saibal Sengupta, Mithun Deb Roy, Sangeeta Devi, Shankar Chakraborty, Debashish Sengupta and Rajib Das.

CM reviews capital expenditure programme

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Nov 24: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today reviewed the capital expenditure programme and the status of implementation of various programmes with regard to capital expenditure with the senior officials of all key departments at a meeting held at the Brahmaputra State Guest House here.

Sonowal directed the secretaries of all the departments to be pro-active to push the projects towards their logical conclusion so that people at large can reap the dividends of the government programmes.

Taking a stock of the status of capital expenditure of different programmes, Sonowal said, "Special initiative is required to raise the position of capital expenditure as scrupulously completing the budgeted capital expenditure holds key to boost the implementation of various government projects."

Sonowal assured that the government would make adequate resources available but no slackness under any circumstances would be acceptable.

The Chief Minister also directed Chief Secretary Alok Kumar and Additional Chief Secretaries to review capital expenditure programme frequently to keep the government programmes on track and to ensure their timely implementation.

He took note of the review of the capital expenditure of the Panchayat and Rural Development Department and the Education, Tourism, Cultural Affairs Departments, the Smart City Project, the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan Grameen, etc.

Senior officials from different departments apprised the Chief Minister that their capital expenditure programme for the current year is completely on track for achieving the capital expenditure target in the current financial year.

Parents' Day celebrated at SFS Narengi

GUWAHATI, Nov 24: St Francis De Sales HS School celebrated its annual day cum Parents' Day with a colourful programme on the school premises today. A press release stated.

The event was inaugurated by CBSE Regional Director KK Chowdhury, who spoke about achievements of the students of the school in the board examinations and thanked the parents and teachers for their contribution towards this success.

School principal Father George Thomas thanked the parents for their love and support towards the development of the school, while Father George Panthammackel, the provincial of North East India province, gave a speech highlighting the role of parents and their cooperation to make this event successful. Father John Moolachira, the Archbishop of Guwahati, academicians and other dignitaries were also present on the occasion.

Students presented several dance forms from around the globe, including Brazilian, African and Chinese. The highlight of the cultural programme was a musical drama about Albert Einstein and his fight for peace and brotherhood.

The ninth issue of the school newsletter *Desalite News and More* was also released on the occasion. Pinki Baruah, secretary of the organising committee, presented the vote of thanks, which was followed by the National Anthem by the school band.



The Assam Tribune Editor PG Baruah and former police officer Hiranaya Kumar Bhattacharya during a felicitation programme organised by the Guwahati Lachit Sangha on Saturday. - AT photo

BJP, Cong at loggerheads over law and order issue

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Nov 24: The ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the opposition Congress were at loggerheads today over the prevailing law and order situation in the State.

While the leader of the opposition Debabrata Saikia slammed the ruling government for the deteriorating law and order scenario, BJP spokesperson Bijan Mahajan countered the allegations stating that the Congress party

was making bogus statements and that law and order situation under the BJP regime has improved compared to the erstwhile Congress regime.

Speaking to media persons, Saikia cited the recent Demow grenade blast and the string of abduction incidents, which he said, reflects the utter failure on the part of the State government machinery to maintain law and order.

Mahajan, on the other hand, presented a comparative report vis-à-vis the

number of violent incidents which occurred during the erstwhile Congress regime and the present BJP regime so far. He also stated that even the incidents of rhino poaching in the Kaziranga National Park (KNP) have come down drastically.

"While 95 rhinos were poached between 2011 and 2016 (during the Congress regime) in the KNP, the number of such incidents came down to 19 in the last three years of BJP rule," he added.

Students to take anti-tobacco pledge

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Nov 24: Students of all government schools in the State will take oath on December 1 not to use tobacco in any form.

The education department has written a letter to all deputy commissioners to organise the pledge taking ceremony in their districts and instruct all the inspectors of schools and district elementary education officers to ensure that pledge is taken in all schools.

It may be mentioned that Assam has 48.2 per cent adult (aged 15 years and above) tobacco users of which 13.3 per

Appointment of key agri officials demanded

GUWAHATI, Nov 24: An executive meeting of the All Assam Agricultural Service Officers Association, the All Assam Engineers Service Association, the All Assam Statistical Service Association and the All Assam Subordinate Agricultural Officers Association was held at Krishni Nivas of the Directorate of Agriculture on November 21, stated a press release.

The meeting urged the government to fill the posts of the Director of Agriculture, Chief Engineer (Agriculture), Director of Horticulture & FP and Managing Director of Seed Corporation from service cadres without any delay.

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The Assam Tribune

Consulate attack

No matter how strong the opposition might be, use of violent means to express it can never be justified. The brazen attack on the Chinese consulate in Pakistan's largest city Karachi on Friday once again brings to the fore about the growing incidents of terrorism in this part of the world. Three heavily armed suicide bombers attempted to storm the consulate killing four people including two policemen before being shot dead by security forces which foiled the attack in the high-security zone. Timely intervention by the security personnel foiled the attempts of the attackers to force their way inside the consulate with a car loaded with explosives. Nine hand grenades, Kalashnikov assault rifles and explosives were later recovered from the possession of the terrorists. The attack was soon claimed by the outlawed Baloch Liberation Army (BLA). In a statement released after the attack the group said that it will not tolerate any Chinese military expansionist endeavours on the Baloch soil. This is not the first incident of terror attack carried out by the BLA. The banned outfit has been carrying out separatist insurgency activities against the state for nearly two decades. BLA reportedly grew out of anger over exploitation of its rich mineral resources.

Balochistan is Pakistan largest but least populated province. Balochistan has been in the news because it is the core of the massive multibillion-dollar cooperation deal with China known as the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). BLA has been raising its voice over the exploitation of the resources, in particular natural gas and minerals of Balochistan by China. BLA in August had carried out an attack on a bus carrying Chinese engineers. The banned outfit has killed dozens of Pakistanis working on CPEC projects in Balochistan. Lashing out at the attack, Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan said that it was aimed to scare Chinese investors and undermine CPEC. China too had strongly condemned the attack on its consulate. China has made huge investments in the Balochistan region which includes a deep-water port at Gwadar in south Balochistan which will give Beijing access to the Arabian Sea along with road and rail network. Unable to control the insurgency in Balochistan, Pakistan to shift attention blames India for supporting the Baloch insurgents. But it is fact that Chinese influence in Pakistan has seen an upswing in the recent years. This in turn has increased the resentment among those who are opposing the Chinese domination in the economic sphere of Pakistan. However history has shown that too much dependence on a foreign country has never augured well for any nation.

Majuli calling

Endowed as it is with diverse tourism products, Assam and the North-east as a whole has the potential to emerge as a global tourist hub. The mindboggling ethnicity represented by hundreds of tribes and sub-tribes together with their vibrant cultures and lifestyles – and the stunning locales inhabited by these close-knit communities – too, can lure many visitors into its fold. And the biggest advantage accruing from harnessing this potential through community participation lies in the fact that such an approach would not just ensure benefits to the communities but would also ensure that tourism is sustainably managed by the locals. Take for instance the Raas festival being celebrated in Majuli, a prospective World Heritage Site and a cultural hub. With proper promotion and engagement of local communities, the river island can draw tourists in their hordes. Any such attempt at tapping tourism, however, has to have the local communities at its centre. Instead of swanky hotels, the river island is better suited for developing traditional home-stays managed by the locals. This will serve the twin purpose of empowering the local communities through tourism and reducing tourism-induced pollution to the minimum. Indeed, many areas replete with tourism potential in the region can be developed with the locals as active stakeholders. Lack of a sustained focus by the government authorities has negated this potential to a large extent.

Chandubi is another unique locale dominated by the serene Chandubi Lake, cascading waterfalls, and pristine hills and forests. Although located barely an hour-long drive away from State capital Guwahati, the area retains its primeval charm and is inhabited by hospitable tribal communities living in sparsely-populated villages. The government authorities, Tourism Department in particular, can facilitate a much-needed tourism growth in the area by engaging and training the local communities as active stakeholders in tourism promotion. More than investment, this calls for a vision and a sustained effort. Unfortunately, these potentials continue to be wasted as our government functionaries rarely tend to think beyond the routine. It ought to be remembered that tourism which is among the fastest growing sectors globally has more to it than merely enhancing tourist footfalls.

'Game-changers' to Name-changers

■ Prof Ujjwal K Chowdhury

When you cannot change the game, get into changing the name, change the goal-post. Seems so in the recent spate of several city names being changed in Hindi heartland, more particularly in the state of Uttar Pradesh, some six months ahead of the next general elections.

BJP's recent name changing tactics have not only stirred a debate but also have raised questions about the motive behind the process. Some say it is an attempt to rewrite history to extend the party's cultural influence, others say it is a diversion or distraction tactics when there is not much 'achhe din' or good days to show on the economy front.

But, what does history show about the cosmetic process of re-naming towns and cities which has been attempted by erstwhile Congress and some regional party governments also in the past?

The BJP painted the state of UP with the name-changing brush for quite a few months now. Mughalsarai has become the long tongue-twister Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Railway station. Allahabad has become Prayagraj. Faizabad district has been renamed as Sri Ayodhya, whereas Ayodhya town exists as a twin town of Faizabad within the district. And there are talks to change names of Aurangabad (to Sambhajinagar), Ahmedabad (to Karnavati), Hyderabad (to Harinaragar), Osmanabad (to Dharashiv), et al.

The BJP's name-changing spree's next pit-stop could be the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Striking while

the iron is hot, freedom icon Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's nephew Chandra Kumar Bose, who is also the BJP Vice President of West Bengal, has written to the Prime Minister asking for the name of Andaman and Nicobar to be changed to Shaheed and Swaraj islands. This, however, has a rationality around it, being proposed by Netaji himself and the cellular jail being in Andaman, the British rulers used the islands to punish or banish freedom fighters. Netaji had hoisted the national flag at Andaman and Nicobar capital Port Blair on December 30, 1943, thus laying the foundation stone of the Azad Hind government.

Ironically while there is no East Bengal existing today as during the partition of India, and that land mass is now known as Bangladesh, West Bengal still exists and Chandra Bose supports its continuation, whereas the people here and the elected government of Mamata Banerjee have proposed the name Bangla for this province, long back, the decision being kept in limbo by the Modi government.

The spate of the current name changes is obviously targeted towards Muslim sounding names largely, making it a communally coloured administrative measure, in a haphazard manner, with no policy made and neither any institutional structure created for the same.

It must be noted that such name changes were affected by Congress and regional party led governments earlier too, and mention can be made to Bangalore being Bengaluru, Pondicherry being Puducherry, Calcutta being Kolkata, Bombay being Mumbai, Benaras being Varanasi, Madras being Chennai, and many more.

So while this renaming of places is not new and successive govern-

ment has done this for popular reasons and electoral gains, their rationale, more often than not, has been to reflect the true history and culture of these towns and cities. The earlier names were given by the British colonial rulers, to suit their accent, being tough for Indians to pronounce and not reflecting the mood and culture of these places. So, as an anti-colonial measure, these names were changed, though we can debate on this too.

But has Calcutta's identity changed after being called Kolkata? Or is Mumbai different from Bom-

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Violence against women

■ Chitralkha Baruah

November 25 is observed world wide as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (VAW) which marks the beginning of the 16 Days of Activism Campaign that concludes on 10 December, the World Human Rights Day. This year's UN theme for the campaign – *Orange the World: Hear Me Too*, is envisaged to amplify the voices of woman and girl survivors of violence. It is an occasion to raise awareness on gender-based violence issues, which not only undermine women and girls but continue to obstruct all development efforts. Orange is used as the unifying colour for all activities of the campaign to call attention to the various forms of violence that result in physical or psychological suffering to women and girls by preventing them from reaching their full potential. Orange is also said to be a symbol of brighter future for women and girls. People celebrate this by filling their pictures with orange colour and uploading in the social media. In certain places portions of prominent buildings are painted orange for this campaign. A few organisations have decided to produce orange mini gifts and cards to spread the message. In Italy a restaurant is promoting the theme by filling the menu with orange delicacies for the whole month of November.

VAW is as serious a cause of death and incapacity as cancer. It is now a well-known statistics that one in every three women and girls in the world experience physical or sexual violence in their lifetime, most frequently by an intimate partner. It is the most widespread and devastating human rights violation that remains largely unreported due to stigma and shame. This silence has left the survivors, their defenders and activists off the headlines and this is how their stories remain unheard. VAW can take the form of harmful cultural practices like witch hunting in Assam. For the survivors of witch hunting the Me Too moment has not come yet, because speaking out can have dangerous consequences. For

Champai Rabha (35), living in a village of Goalpara, social exclusion and threatening as a pushback on the help coming to her from women's rights defenders are worse than herself surrendering to the perpetrators and fulfilling their irrational demands. Unable to bear the pain and constant intimidation by powerful men of the village, some of whom were her marital relations, she finally gave in to their charge and with much difficulty she managed to pay a lofty amount of penalty along with a lavish feast for sup-



posedly performing black magic. Another survivor of witch hunting – Satyabati (18) – the only girl to clear the High School finals from another village, who had recently joined the college in the nearest urban centre as a 1st year student, got eventually trapped in a human traffickers' circle in spite of the strong support extended to her for rehabilitation by a reputed rights based organisation. Getting herself off the sight seemed better to her than facing the frequent threats and accompanying insult.

Although VAW can happen to anyone, some women are at higher risks due to the systematic oppression of the society. However our majoritarian outlook often ignores this fact and we go on with the traditional pattern of operating under the guidance of those who are privileged and in the process we seem to focus less on the existing aptitudes of the under privileged women. Unlike Mahila Samakhya – the national programme for empower-

ment of rural women through education initiative, which has always prioritised having marginalised women in the leadership, most other feminist movements in India have continued to be led by advantaged women representing the affluent section of the society. While some of them have considered holding an agenda of including the rights of indigenous, minority, poor and the so called Dalit women in the movement as enough, some others have worked hard to advocate in their favour. Have the situations improved impressively? Instead of remaining contented in being subjects of research and documentation and serving as tools of activism for the majoritarian gain, the marginalised women should be the writers of their own stories and come up as leaders to voice for all women irrespective of caste, class and ethnicity. That would signify the real freedom from inequality for everyone and this will definitely bring changes more acceptable in vulnerable areas. For the supporters have to stand in solidarity with these leaders and bolster their capacity to do away with the illogical explanation about the beliefs and practices that lower their status and curb human rights by allowing VAW to persist. Feminist movements must perceive more fearless and uninfluenced marginalised women leaders in the mainstream.

Over the past few years VAW has seen a spurt in Assam and the north-east. For northeast India the discrimination issues are different although some forms of VAW are all pervasive. Anything which is applicable in other parts of the country cannot be copy pasted here without amendments. Again each state is different from the other keeping aside the minor similarities; they are not homogenous. These aspects are overlooked by most groups while lobbying at the centre to improve services to create a gender responsive environment in this region. On the other hand northeast itself is under-represented at the central policy level due to fewer elected members as per population compared to other states and also because of the less number of cadres from here in the Indian civil services.

Or is Mumbai different from Bom-

Voices of the WEEK



Courtesy: THE HINDU

"I don't believe that joining hands with the PDP or the Congress is politically viable here. We don't want to create a situation like 1987 where every political party joined hands to fight elections." – OMAR ABDULLAH, National conference leader.

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"The issue of Ram temple is raked up before every election. I will seek an answer as to for how many elections will the people be fooled." – UDDHAV THACKERAY, Shiv Sena chief.

★★★★

"I don't want to say that... the question is that ultimately he (Rahul Gandhi) is the best material for the prime minister." – MVEERAPPA MOILY, Senior Congress leader.

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"The cry of the poor daily becomes stronger but heard less, drowned out by the din of the rich few, who grow more rich." – POPE FRANCIS.

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"The Government... working hard for the development of North East. Union ministers have visited the region more than 200 times since the NDA came to power in Delhi." – AMIT SHAH, President BJP.

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"Since the establishment of the BTAD, non-Bodo Communities have been socio-politically deprived. We will not support any move to appease the Bodos that harm communities in their homeland." – GAKUL BARMAN, GS, AKRSU.

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"Under no circumstances are the people of North East going to accept the amendment bill... North East is not a dumping ground of illegal immigrants... This is a stern warning to the government." – SINAM PRAKASH, Secretary, NESO.

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"Everyday the BJP provides ample proof of its failure. Their selfish greed for power is drowning the country in one crisis after the other. Too scared to answer why top CBI officer named one of their ministers." – GAURAV GOGOL, Congress leader.

The Assam Tribune

FROM THE PAST

President's Homage To Bezbaroa

CENTENARY CELEBRATION AT DELHI

NEW DELHI, November 24 – The President, Dr. Zakir Husain, and a number of prominent leaders to-day paid homage to the memory of Assamese litterateur, Sahityarathi Lakshminath Bezbaroa, on the occasion of his birth centenary reports PTL.

Describing the greatest figure in modern Assamese literature as "poet, dramatist, novelist, short-story writer, pioneer journalist, essayist and biographer," the president said the legacy bequeathed by great pioneers like Lakshminath Bezbaroa was for all of us "to share and glory in."

He said it was a tragedy of our national consciousness that we know so little of the great makers of modern India outside the narrow walls of our region and language. "If we claim a common national heritage, we owe it to all of them irrespective of language or region."

The President expressed the hope that this awareness would grow and would become an essential part of the mental equipment of every educated Indian.

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I think the harried and hared pressed people of Guwahati can have a profound sigh of relief. Their painful and prolonged power woes could soon be a thing of the past – thank to wind energy. Experts of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) and the North-East Council (NEC) have identified several locations in Guwahati which have sustained, high velocity winds which could be harnessed as cheap and 'green' energy. Some of the sites which have been identified as suitable for putting up wind power stations are Sonaram

School ground – the venue of mammoth political rallies, the most recent being that of national opposition leader. When the former Assam Chief Minister Mr Tarun Gogoi took the microphone to castigate the ruling BJP Govt for its stand on the citizenship issue, hur-

The last word

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ricane force winds were generated which could be harnessed to generate cost effective electricity. The technology currently being looked at is to link the microphones wielded by politicians

to wind power machines. Another idea being investigated is to erect windmills on the Fancy Bazar riverside and whenever the highly principled politicians tilt in whichever direction political winds from Delhi are blowing, the machines will rotate generating electricity.

Council Meeting Room, Guwahati City Corporation. Experts have identified this location as being possibly the windiest in Guwahati. City fathers meet in the council room once every 18

months to consider pressing civic concerns and when the deeply civic-conscious councillors take the floor to expound on the subjects in the agenda, gale force winds are generated which could be exploited to produce cost effective power.

Banquet Hall, Raj Bhawan. This hall is used to wine and dine visiting foreign dignitaries and political VIPs and when toasts are drunk vowing eternal friendship and fraternity with its spontaneously generated which could be tapped to produce electricity.

Blowing hot air

No Govt in Mizoram sans BJP support: Sarma

CORRESPONDENT

AIZAWL, Nov 24: The BJP is confident of capturing power in Christian-dominated Mizoram, which is the last Congress bastion, when the State goes to polls on November 28.

"Whether forming a government of our own or a post-poll alliance, the BJP will be there," Assam Finance Minister and BJP in-charge of Mizoram elections Himanta Biswa Sarma said in a press conference here today.

At a time when political parties in Mizoram are accusing one another of forming a

secret alliance with the BJP which, according to majority of Mizo Christians, is a communal party and should not be accepted in a Christian State, Sarma said all the three major players in the Mizoram elections - Congress, Mizo National Front (MNF) and Zoram People's Movement (ZPM) - are willing to tie up with the BJP because they have done so in the past.

"The Congress is accusing us of being in a secret alliance with the MNF which, in turn, is charging that we have a secret alliance with Lal Thanhlawa (Congress). There is also an accusation that the BJP will

work with the ZPM," he said. Sarma added: "The BJP does not believe in secret understanding. It believes in an open understanding. After the BJP, Pu Lal Thanhlawa, Pu Zoramthanga or Pu Lalduhoma, will be decided in an open and transparent manner."

The Assam minister was confident that the next Government in Mizoram would not be possible without the support of the BJP. In the event of a hung Assembly, he said the BJP would be open to post-poll alliance with any party, including the Congress. "We will talk to all the three

leaders because we have the experience of doing things together in the past," he said.

He pointed out that the MNF is a part of the BJP-led North East Democratic Alliance, that the BJP and the Congress formed a post-poll alliance in the Chakma Autonomous District Council in south Mizoram this year, and that the BJP and Zoram National Party (the major party in ZPM) had fought together in the municipal elections.

"They should stop accusing one another because everyone has worked with the BJP in the past. All the three parties have come to us wherever it was necessary. This shows that the BJP is accepted by all the three major political parties in Mizoram. So, accusing each other as secretly tying up with the BJP is irrelevant," he said.

"The BJP will work with any political party here. It is open to any political formation which will be for the good of the State," Sarma added.



Himanta Biswa Sarma, Assam Finance Minister and BJP in-charge for the forthcoming Mizoram Assembly elections, addressing a press conference in Aizawl on Saturday.

'Law and Order' award to Nagaland shocks NPCC

CORRESPONDENT

DIMAPUR, Nov 24: At a time when reports of "tax collection" and abduction for ransom, allegedly by various Naga political groups here, have become almost routine, the 'Best Performing Small State' award in the 'Law and Order' category given to Nagaland by a media house in New Delhi has come as a surprise, said the Nagaland Pradesh Congress Committee (NPCC).

NPCC president K Therie, in a press statement on Saturday, termed the award conferred on Nagaland as an insult to the people of Nagaland, whatever may be the criteria for consideration of the award. The award was presented by Vice President Venkaiah Naidu to Nagaland minister CM Chang in New Delhi on Thursday.

The NPCC president said Naidu exposed his ignorance of Nagaland's situation by presenting the award. Therie stated that as far as law and order is concerned, the Nagaland Government has completely failed to maintain public order. He alleged that the State Government is not at all in control, rather it is under the control of multiple

self-styled governments.

"Ransom demands and kidnappings are almost daily news. The State Government is the last government that the people respect for it has adopted a policy to facilitate and support multi-factions, associations and unions, which are allowed to collect tax," the Pradesh Congress chief alleged.

Therie said the media house concerned misled the nation by conferring the award on Nagaland. He said the State Government that does not have control over illegal activities does not deserve an award.

"The State Government of the day deserves the award for the least control in law and order," he added.

Meanwhile, the Public Action Committee of the Naga Council, Dimapur, held a massive rally here on October 31 demanding an immediate stop to all forms of "illegal tax collection" by Naga political groups and others in and around Dimapur.

The committee said it was compelled to stage the rally as illegal taxation in Dimapur had become an "industry" for Naga political groups, various government agencies, unions and organisations.

Victim identifies mastermind of Jaintia Hills attack

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

SHILLONG, Nov 24: One of the victims, Amita Sangma, who was attacked in East Jaintia Hills, today recorded her statement before a magistrate and accused one Nidam Chulet as the "mastermind" of the attack and demanded his immediate arrest.

Chulet is the working president of the ruling National People's Party's (NPP) unit of the Jaintia Hills. He is also the president of the Jaintia Hills Truck Owners' Association.

"Nidam Chulet is the mastermind of the attack. He led the mob to attack us and he must be arrested as he poses grave danger to our lives if allowed to go free," Sangma said after deposing before SS Syiemlieh, Additional District Magistrate, East Jaintia Hills at the NEIGRIHMS ICU here.

Sangma and social activist, Agnes Kharshing, were attacked in East Jaintia Hills on November 8, allegedly by the mob mafia after they were trying to investigate the illegal coal mining business in the region. After regaining consciousness, Sangma managed to get the police to evacuate Kharshing who was unconscious and seriously injured in the attack.

"Apart from the arrest of Chulet and others involved in the attack, my family and I want protection from the Government as those involved in the attack are all seemingly powerful," she said.

The magistrate could not record the statement of Kharshing as she is not in a position to record her statement, according to the doc-

tors. "She (Kharshing) is recovering, but she is still not in a position to record her statement," N Topo, NEIGRIHMS medical superintendent, said.

As per Topo, Kharshing was brought to the hospital with "grievous injuries", but she has been responding to the treatment at the hospital. But she is still not in a condition to record statements.

"She will require at least another one or two months to recover completely, although she is now much better. There are various departments which are looking after her. Moreover, the security aspect is also being taken care of," Topo said.

Syiemlieh said that he has recorded the statements of doctors from various departments. He recorded the statement of Sangma for more than two hours at the ICU. He said that he would require at least 15 days before he would be able to submit his report to the District Magistrate.

Syiemlieh is conducting the inquiry as per the orders of the East Jaintia Hills Deputy Magistrate. Syiemlieh said that in due course of his inquiry, he would also try to record Kharshing's statement.

Meanwhile, East Jaintia Hills Police have arrested another accused in the case, Showmewell Kyndait, from the Lokpriya Gopinath Bordo-loi International Airport in Guwahati on Friday.

The accused was trying to flee from the State to Bengaluru, but a police team from East Jaintia Hills managed to nab him after a tip-off. Kyndait is allegedly involved in the illegal coal mining business in the region and had been absconding after the attack.

Bike expedition to Myanmar flagged off



CORRESPONDENT

IMPHAL, Nov 24: Manipur Works Minister Thongam Biswajit Singh today said that India cannot be called a developed country without the development of North East India.

Biswajit Singh, who also holds the Power, Rural Development, and Information and Public Relations portfolios, was speaking to media persons on the sidelines of a flagging-off ceremony of a motorcycle expedition at a hotel here.

The 10-day expedition to Myanmar is being organised by 'Pack the Bag' with an objective to promote tourism and cultural integration. Eight bik-

ers from different parts of the country are taking part in it.

The bikers' team will pass through Kalaymyo, Monywa, Mandalay, Inle Lake and Yangon in Myanmar.

The minister stated that the expedition would further strengthen the cause of cultural integration while praising the organisers.

Urging the bikers to carry the message of love and affection back home, the minister stated that the State Government is organising the Sangai Festival to promote tourism and showcase exotic cuisine, handloom and handicraft products of the State.

The flagging-off ceremony was also attended by members of Pack the Bag.

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Language: Assamese, Hindi and any other local languages.
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TET not mandatory for existing teachers

CORRESPONDENT

TURA, Nov 24: All Garo Hills SSA School Teachers Association, after a confirmation with Meghalaya Education department has stated that the State TET would not be mandatory for teachers who are already in service as teachers in various government, SSA and Ad-hoc schools.
The announcement has come as a relief to teachers who were fearing having to appear for the Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) which has a very high pass mark of 60 per cent.

Student body calls indefinite bandh

NEWMAI NEWS

IMPHAL, Nov 24: The Thadou Students' Association, General Headquarters (TSA-GHQ), has called an indefinite bandh on all national highways in Manipur from the midnight of November 27 in protest against the alleged assault on one of its leaders by 12 Assam Rifles personnel.
The TSA-GHQ said that the decision to clamp the bandh was taken to protest against "the inaction of authorities in the assault on TSA secretary general Michael Lamjathang Haokip on November 12 at Sita Lamkhai check post, Tengnoupal, by personnel of 12 Assam Rifles".

WEATHER NORTHEAST
Forecast for North Eastern States: Weather is most likely to remain dry over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura. Shallow to moderate fog is very likely to occur at isolated pockets in the morning hours over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura.
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Max (°C) Min (°C)
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Tezpur 26.9 14.8
Silchar 27.7 12.7
Dhubri 25.6 17.0
Jorhat 26.0 13.3
N Lakhimpur 28.1 19.8
Shillong 18.0 7.8
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Udalguri farmers seek redressal of grievances

CORRESPONDENT

UDALGURI, Nov 24: Members of Assam Farmer Producer Co-operative Society Limited (AFPSL) brought out a rally at Harsinga yesterday.

The rallyists shouted slogans like 'Kisan Bachao Desh Bachao' while making their way through the roads and bylanes at Harsinga. The rallyists marched to the Deputy Commissioner's office at Udalguri and submitted a memorandum which mentioned about the sorry economic condition of the farmers' community.

The memorandum also stated that the Government initiative for overall food security of

the country cannot be successful if proper care is not taken about the farmers' overall prosperity. Strict measures are necessary to augment and increase their present income.

A press release issued by the chairman of the organisation also placed a five-point charter of demands which include minimum support price to farmers against agro-based goods in the market, i.e., paddy price Rs 17.50 to Rs 17.80 per kg, setting up of farmers' facilitation centres in their respective home towns or in nearby villages, which is also a dream cherished by the Prime Minister.

The AFPSL press release also demanded proper train-

ing and scientific education to the poor farmers by the agriculture office concerned of the respective districts for which the farmers' organisation is ever ready to extend its support to the Government department concerned.

The release also suggested the State Government to introduce advance planning in the department concerned so that it could procure foodgrains at all seasons and the farmers could be communicated in advance through media sources.

The release, with reference to the memorandum, said that the Government departments should be aware of the seed and fertilizer distribution process in a systemat-

ic manner in order to avoid scarcity or duplicity of the same as it severely hampers agricultural production.

It was also mentioned that 80 per cent of Assam's GDP is agro-based and that is why "if we really want development of Assam, we will have to focus on confidence building of our farmers and related infrastructure. It was hoped that the State Agriculture Department would take all the necessary initiative to understand the genuine woes of the farmers and take needful action thereafter.

It may be mentioned that thousands of Udalguri district farmers participated in the massive kisan rally.



People ceremonially laying the Laikhuta of the Sadou Asom Sishu Bhaona Samaroh at Rongdoi Dagaon in Jorhat, on Friday. — UB Photos

Bodo Sahitya Sabha preparing scientific, technical vocabulary

SHAMBHU BORO

TEZPUR, Nov 24: Bodo Sahitya Sabha (BSS), considered to be the apex literary body of the Bodo people of the region, observed its 66th establishment day on November 16.

As in the past, district and primary committees organised different programmes, including quiz, literary and cultural competitions among the Bodo medium students to mark the day, thereby ushering in the spirit of obligation towards the Bodo language, culture and literature.

Meanwhile, during observance of its foundation day, the BSS supremo Toreo Boro while recalling the history of establishment of the Bodo literary body, mentioned that BSS which has been working with untiring effort since its inception for the promotion of Bodo language, literature, culture, heritage and unity of the Bodo and other tribal people was founded under the pres-

identship of Joy Bhadra Hagjer at Basugaon in Kokrajhar district on November 16, 1952. It consisted of representatives from Assam, West Bengal, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Tripura and Nepal.

Mentioning how and at which juncture Bodo Sahitya Sabha was formed, Toreo Boro also mentioned that script or font is an inseparable part and ornament for a language. Every modern language across the globe has its own typescript. Language which has no script can never be perfect one. Dating back almost four decades, Bodo language had no fixed script for which the educated section of Bodo people used Assamese, Bengali or Roman scripts for practising literature.

In such a confused state, i.e., during November 16, 1952 at Basugaon in Kokrajhar, the literary body was formed. "Since its inception, it has been involved in dealing with the issue of its own script. How-

ever, amidst many a threadbare debate, the Roman script was considered convenient for articulating Bodo language and literature because the Bodo intellectuals believed that the Roman script would surely be the best suited as from the angle of use, technical point and universality, the Roman script is on a high pedestal.

Accordingly, for recommendation of the same, the Bodo Sahitya Sabha placed their demand before the Government, he said, mentioning that the unfortunate thing is that the then Assam Government directly rejected the Bodo Sahitya Sabha's proposal and suggested to accept the Assamese script for the literary practices of the Bodo people. Moreover, some sections along with a few organisations strongly opposed the Bodo Sahitya Sabha's move after sensing a separatist movement among the Bodos.

Going deep into the history of the

creation of the Bodo literary body, the Bodo Sahitya Sabha president also observed that a section thought that there was an angle of Christian missionaries behind the move.

"However, for the first time in 1963, Roman script was formally introduced in Bodo medium schools, but the Assam Government forcefully tried to implement the Assamese script in Bodo medium schools instead of Roman script, thereby leading to a script-related clash between the Bodo Sahitya Sabha and the Assam Government. While Bodo Sahitya Sabha continued education in Bodo medium LP schools with the use of Roman script, the Government reportedly held up the salaries of the Bodo teachers, besides every legitimate Government aid.

Amidst such a critical and uncertain moment on March 15, 1974, the 15th chapter of its foundation day was organised at Khelmati in

Bandarmari, falling under the then undivided Darrang district, where Bodo Sahitya Sabha adopted a historic resolution to expedite a vigorous movement with the support of PTCA and ABSU to pressurise the Government to recognise the Roman script for the Bodo language.

With the passage of time, the movement took a serious turn and spread to all Boro-dominated areas resulting in spontaneous involvement of one and all. Altogether, 15 people across the State sacrificed their lives in the hands of the Assam Police," he said, adding that after a prolonged struggle and determination of the Bodo Sahitya Sabha, the Bodo language was introduced as a medium of instruction at primary level in 1963 and then at the secondary level in 1968, and later gained recognition as a Major Indian language in Gauhati, Dibrugarh and North-Eastern Hill universities.

Moreover in 1985, Bodo was

recognised as an associated State official language in Assam. Mentioning about the present state of Bodo language, he mentioned that now the language has attained a position of pride with the opening of a post-graduate course in Bodo language and literature in the universities of Gauhati, Bodoland and Kokrajhar.

"Moreover, under the aegis of the Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology under the Union HRD Ministry, the Bodo Sahitya Sabha is preparing more than 40,000 scientific and technical terminology in Bodo language.

Further, the Sahitya Academy has resolved to accord 'Bhasa Sonman' to Bodo language and literature as an initial token of full-fledged recognition to it. Additionally, "the Central Government in principle has recognised the necessity of inclusion of Bodo language and literature in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India," he informed.

Imran Shah felicitated

SIVASAGAR, Nov 24: Noted litterateur and former president of Assam Sahitya Sabha Imran Shah on his 80th birthday yesterday was awarded the Xobda Sahitya Bota, a literary award by publishing house Xobda Prakashan at a function held at the celebrated writer's residence here.

The award-giving ceremony was attended, among others, by Dr Prakash Kotoky, former Principal of Sibsagar College, Dr Jyoti Prasad Sankita, Professor of Dibrugarh University, Mridusmita Sinha, chairperson of Sivasagar Municipal Board, Prof Dilip Buragohain, president of Sivasagar Zila Sahitya Sabha, Nawab Alhaj Ali, DDC, Sivasagar, Bharat Chetia, Juga Gogoi, executive member of Assam Sahitya Sabha and a number of other prominent citizens of Sivasagar and Nazira.

Kunhi, the children's magazine brought out by the Assam Sahitya Sabha published two books on Imran Shah, which were released by the writer himself in the function. Shah in his brief speech said that he was glad that organisations like Xobda had been involved in truly humanitarian works, besides book publication.

Uzzal Paogam, distinguished poet and president of Xobda Publication thanked Imran Shah for his consent to accept the award. In all, 20 socio-cultural organisations felicitated Shah with *seleng sador, sorai, gamusa*, bouquet and books and wished the writer a long and healthy life. — ANN Service

NSG officer hurt in road mishap

TEZPUR, Nov 24: An NSG (commando) officer engaged with security duty of Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal was seriously injured yesterday while the Bolero he was travelling in was hit by a Swift Daire plying from the opposite direction at Goraimari under Saloni-bari police outpost near here.

The NSG team was with the Chief Minister who came to attend the 2nd Sramik Divas at Rangapara Railway Colony Field in Sonitpur. — Correspondent

Sophisticated water analyser gathering dust at Goalpara

CORRESPONDENT

GOALPARA, Nov 24: An atomic absorption spectrophotometer is a sophisticated machine used for the analysis of concentration of elements in a liquid sample.

The machine, which is lying unused in the laboratory of the PHE Department here since last two years was procured to detect metal contamination in water for the determination of water quality across the district.

The machine is used to detect presence of heavy metal contamination like silver, zinc,

cadmium, cobalt, nickel, lead, copper, mercury, aluminium, iron, manganese, arsenic, chrome and selenium in water.

According to official sources, drinking water is exposed to different contaminants depending on its source. Surface water contamination occurs when naturally occurring substances and other minerals, resulting from the presence of animal and human activities, get dissolved with water travelling over the surface of land.

Generally, safe drinking water should be free from hazardous compounds while the quality of drinking water is not de-

termined based on its appearance, taste, colour and odour as it does not determine that the water is safe to drink or not.

Till now, no traces of heavy metals have been detected in various tests conducted across the district by the PHE laboratory. According to laboratory technician Mukut Bhara-li, around 3,000 tests on water samples are carried out annually and recently many tests have been performed in various schools during the Gunotsav. "The sooner the sophisticated machine is put to use again, the better," opined Bhara-li.

Concern over APSC notification

GUWAHATI, Nov 24:

Guest and part-time faculty members, who have been associated with the 11 new Polytechnics and Barak Valley Engineering College since their inception, have moved the State Government seeking redressal of their grievances.

"We have been giving our dedication, full time efforts despite being posted as guest/part-time faculty members. Losing this job to other candi-

dates would make our future bleak and give us a persistent mental stress," said the memorandum, referring to the APSC notification on the recruitment of permanent faculty members for the same sanctioned posts.

"The notification for the post on which we are working as the guest/part-time faculty members has given us an uncertainty for our immediate future," a memorandum

submitted to the then Education Minister stated.

The guest faculty members are from Baksa Polytechnic, Barpeta Polytechnic, Dhemaji Polytechnic, Lakhimpur Polytechnic, Dimow Polytechnic, Furkating Polytechnic, Goalpara Polytechnic, Kamrup Polytechnic, Karimganj Polytechnic, Nalbari Polytechnic, Sonitpur Polytechnic & Barak Valley Engineering College, Karimganj. — Staff Reporter



AASU chief adviser Samujjal Bhattacharya offering floral tribute to Amiya Barman at Nalbari, on Friday. — UB Photos

Child scientists feted at Dhubri

CORRESPONDENT

DHUBRI, Nov 24: Aryabhata Science Centre of Dhubri district recently felicitated two students for bringing glory to the State this year in the area of science and technology.

On behalf of the Centre, Inspector of Schools and DIPRO Bikash Sharma felicitated Nazia Hassan, a Class VIII student of Adabri ME School for winning the State-level Children's Science Congress and for getting selected to represent the State

in the National Children's Science Congress, 2018 to be held at Bhubaneswar in December.

In the felicitation programme, which was attended by Principal of BN College, Dr Dhruva Chakrabarty and Prof of the College Piyush Kumar Mishra along with a host of other dignitaries, Class VIII student of Gauripur Girls' HS School, Lakhi Poddar was also felicitated for her achievements. Lakhi, recently represented the State in the North East Science Connect 2018 competition and

bagged the 2nd position.

It may be mentioned here that Lakhi due to financial hardships could not have taken part in the competition, but the Education department came to her rescue and provided her the required aid because of which she was able to take part and win the competition for the State.

Nazia's project on 'A study of various teeth problems under the Adabri area' has been selected for the National Children's Science Congress -2018 under

the theme 'Science, Technology and Innovation for a Clean, Green and Healthy Nation'.

It may be mentioned here that Nazia's project is among the 26 projects which was selected out of 287 science projects from all the districts of Assam in the Children's Science Congress, held in Majuli from October 23 to October 26. Later, out of the 26 finalised entries, Nazia's project has been chosen to represent the State in the prestigious national-level competition.

Jadav Narayan Das: a symbol of strength, courage

Jadav Narayan Das, Ex-Principal, BN College, Dhubri, who expired on October 30, 1985 was a unique and historic figure of old undivided Goalpara district in the social, cultural and educational horizon for his long, persistent and untiring endeavour for progress and all-round development in this vast area.

Das was born at Sualkuchi and did his school education at RB High School, Palasbari and college education and university education in Calcutta. Das was one of the four students of Assam, who obtained Masters degree in Assamese from Calcutta University in the first batch of Assamese students in those days.

During his early life, he served in different educational and administrative services, which include his one year training and service in the Indian Air Force as a pilot during the eventful days of the Second World War. Well-dressed with exquisitely delicate taste and ex-

remely handsome in appearance, Das was also well-known as one of the finest sportsmen of his time.

Das, who had mastery over both Assamese as well as English languages and literatures, served one year in B Barooah College, Guwahati as a lecturer. Later on he joined BN College, Dhubri as a lecturer in Assamese in 1948. He became the Principal of the same college in 1958 after serving one year as the Vice-Principal solely by dint of his merit. He served the BN College in the capacity of the Principal till his retirement in 1976.

During his stay at Dhubri, his life was an untiring march towards the progress and development of Assamese language, literature and culture. With his bold ventures and commendable works in long eventful life in the problematic district of old Goalpara, Das posed as the only and the most important symbol of hope, aspiration and courage to the people of this back-

ward district.

Das was closely connected with almost all the social, cultural and educational activities of the Lower Assam right from 1948. It was because of his strenuous efforts and ceaseless endeavour that the silver jubilee of Assam Sahitya Sabha was held at a place like Dhubri in 1956. He was not only the life-long member of the Assam Sahitya Sabha but also the guiding spirit in the entire Goalpara district for all progressive and developmental works, particularly for Assamese culture till the day of his death. The celebrations of Bezbaroa centenary in 1968 as well as holding of the Assam Sahitya Sabha session in Dhubri in 1972 were possible purely because of his sincere efforts and very high organising capacity.

Apart from his social, educational and cultural activities, he played a vital and most significant role during the arrival of the State Reorganization Commission in Dhubri, when he stood

as the symbol of strength, particularly during the time of acceptance of Assamese as the State language and medium of instructions in colleges of Assam. He was also the creator of Dhubri Bidyapara High School and several such notable institutions.

His last and most glorious event of life was perhaps the part he played during the Assam Movement. It was Jadav Das who came forward after his retirement once again to defend and serve the interest of Assam and became the President of Ganasangram Parishad, Dhubri.

His death, which ends an era of eventful and glorious march towards the development of Assamese language and literature and culture, will remain as a colossal loss to western Assam in particular and to the State in general.

(Published on the occasion of birth centenary celebration of Jadav Narayan Das organised by Assam Sahitya Sabha)



APCC president Ripun Bora along with Dr Joy Prakash Das, president of LDCC, during Panchayat poll campaigning at Panigaon in Lakhimpur district, on Friday. — UB Photos

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Jagun abduction case prime suspect nabbed

ANN SERVICE DIGBOI, Nov 24: Tinsukia Police arrested the prime suspect in the kidnapping of Apurba Kakoty from Lekhapani this evening, Hemkanta Basumarty, alias Babu of No 2 Phangeng village under Lekhapani PS in Tinsukia district. Meanwhile, a special team of security forces is conducting raids along the Indo-Myanmar border to rescue the abducted victim, Basumarty involved in the abduction of Kakoty from 10 Miles area in Jagun on November 20 last was also involved in inducting a Class X girl from Phangeng village into the ULFA, disclosed the Tinsukia SP, M Mahanta.

Agaratoli locals resist OIL's seismic survey

STAFF REPORTER GUWAHATI, Nov 24: The local people of Agaratoli area adjacent to the Kaziranga National Park (KNP) and Tiger Reserve under the leadership of the 'Jeepal Krishak Shramik Sangathan' of Bokakhat are resisting the 2D seismic survey, being carried out by the Oil India Ltd (OIL) by engaging a firm ALPHA GEO (India) Ltd, in and around Agaratoli. The area falls within the No Development Zone (NDZ) of the Numaligarh Reserve (NDR) and the Eco-Sensitive Zone of the KNP, where such activities are prohibited. Meanwhile, some environment activists have questioned the legal tenability of the above operation and asked the Deputy Commissioner of Golaghat

to clarify whether the above firm has submitted copies of the environmental clearance issued by the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) and the environmental impact assessment report prepared by the OIL for the purpose. They have also asked for clarification from the Deputy Commissioner as to when and at what venue the public hearing was held by the Pollution Control Board, Assam in Golaghat district and whether the above firm has also submitted a copy of the permission issued by the National Board of Wildlife (NBWL) to it for the purpose. It is alleged that the KNP authorities are not aware of the OIL's move to conduct seismic survey in such close vicinity of the National Park. Local people of Bahikhowa Pathar

areas, on the bank of the Maridhansiri River in Agaratoli area of Bokakhat subdivision, have been resisting the OIL's seismic survey for the past two days. Today, in presence of the local police officials, the ALPHA GEO officials had to give an undertaking to the local people of Merjan that they would not continue with their seismic survey in the area. The firm officials were trying to start the survey near the dyke at Kuruwahali Merjan Gaon today. The local people objected to it and they informed the local police of it. The popular resistance to the seismic survey came following the around 35 underground blasts carried out by the firm at Bahikhowa Pathar area yesterday, as part of its seismic survey operations in the

area. In their resistance to the seismic survey operations, the local people of the Agaratoli areas have been led by the Jeepal Krishak Shramik Sangathan of Bokakhat. Jeepal Krishak Shramik Sangathan advisor Soneswar Narah told this newspaper that the local people of the area are determined to resist the seismic survey operations in Agaratoli areas or in any area adjacent to the KNP. He reminded the State Government of the fact that it had made an announcement repeatedly on October 30 and November 5, 2006 at Dibrugarh and at Digboi respectively that no seismic survey would be allowed to be carried out in the State, at the end of public hearings on seismic survey held at the two places.

Gohain not confident of BJP's prospects in Morigaon

CORRESPONDENT Morigaon, Nov 24: Nagaon MP and Union Minister of State for Railways, Rajen Gohain is not confident about the BJP's prospects in the ensuing panchayat poll in Morigaon district. After participating in the poll campaign at Kushtoli in Morigaon district yesterday, Gohain said that due to the alliance with the Tiwa Jatiya Oikya Manch headed by Morigaon MLA, Rama Kata Deori, BJP will lose in several panchayat seats in Morigaon district. Terming the alliance with the Tiwa Jatiya Oikya Mancha as a bane, Gohain said that the Rama Kata Deori-led party has fielded many independent candidates in several panchayat seats to defeat the BJP candidates for which the BJP will be the loser. However, Gohain said that the present panchayat polls will not have any effect in the forthcoming parliamentary elections and he will again win the Nagaon LS seat in 2019. He said that it was quite unfortunate that a large number of youths are again joining terrorist outfit ULFA and it will create a state of restlessness in Assam in the near future. On the other hand, Phylus Hazarika, State Health Minister who launched a vigorous poll campaign in his constituency of Jagraod said that there is no challenge for his party in his constituency. Hazarika said that the Congress is a sinking boat, while the AGP has no grassroot-level workers. So the BJP will capture power in almost all panchayats under Jagraod LAC, he claimed.

Karimganj police gears up for panchayat polls

STAFF CORRESPONDENT SILCHAR, Nov 24: A meeting was convened under the chairmanship of DIG (SR) Debraj Upadhyay wherein all the CEOs, ICs and officers from CPWF were briefed about their duties and roles for the ensuing panchayat polls as well as the ongoing process of National Register of Citizens (NRC). A similar meeting was held with all the VDPs soliciting their cooperation in the election process. This was stated by Karimganj SP Gaurav Upadhyay. Meanwhile, as many as 85 candidates are contesting for the 20 Zila Parishad seats in the second phase of panchayat elections in the State. According to a release issued by the district information office, 350 candidates are in the fray for a total of 95 gaon panchayat president posts while 310 candidates will battle it out for 95 posts of Anchalik Panchayat members. Besides this, 3084 candidates are contesting for 950 gaon panchayat members in the border district, the release said. Valid nomination papers: A total of 3,929 nomination papers of for the panchayat elections in Karimganj district have been found to be valid. The district goes to polls on December 9. ANN Service reports from Badarpur. District administration sources said that nomination papers of 75 candidates were rejected. Meanwhile, training programmes of presiding and polling officers were held in two phases on Friday morning, at the Karimganj Rabindra Sadan Girls' College, and at the Karimganj District Library auditorium hall.

BJP's poll prospects in Dhubri dist not bright

CORRESPONDENT GAURIPUR, Nov 24: The prospects for the BJP in the ensuing panchayat polls in Dhubri district do not seem to be bright. The district is going to the polls on December 9. The party's ambivalent position on the Citizenship Bill may prove to be its undoing with the AIUDF expected to take full advantage. Dhubri district has got five LACs and out of these LACs, two namely Golakganj and East Bilasipara are represented by BJP MLAs while the other three namely Dhubri, Gauripur and West Bilasipara are represented by AIUDF MLAs. Out of the total voters numbering 8,92,024, the percentage of religious minority voters are approximately 60% except Golakganj and East Bilasipara. The parties contesting the panchayat poll are BJP, AGP, AIUDF, BPF, Congress, Trinamool Congress, SUCI (C) and VPI (Voters Party of India) and Independents. For the total 24 ZPC members, AGP has fielded 19, AIUDF 18, BJP only 5, BPF 18, Congress 2, Trinamool Congress 2, SUCI (C) 1 and Independents 9. Same is the case in AP members, GP Presidents and GP members. The impact of the controversial Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2016 among the voters specially in the minority belt is said to be crucial in determining the results of the ensuing panchayat polls. The AIUDF will surely reap the harvest in this context and take the opportunity to explain the hidden plan of the BJP-led government to the people of the rural areas and as a result the BJP may face defeat in almost all the seats it contests except for a very few.

2155 candidates enter in fray in Biswanath dist

CORRESPONDENT BISWANATH CHARIALI, Nov 24: The Biswanath district administration has been working round the clock for the smooth conduct of the ensuing panchayat election to be held on December 5 in two subdivisions - Biswanath Sadar and Gohpur of the district. This was informed to media persons recently by Dhiraj Jyoti Kalita, Deputy Commissioner, Biswanath in a press meet held at the Conference hall of his office. According to information, 1180 candidates will contest the poll in Biswanath Sadar subdivision. Around 2,90,130 voters will vote to elect their candidates in nine Zila Parishad seats, five Anchalik Panchayat seats and 42 Gaon Panchayat seats. Among the 1180 candidates, 29 are in the fray for Zila Parishad seats, 107 for Anchalik Panchayat seats, 106 for Gaon Panchayat President seats and 938 for Ward Member seats. On the other hand, 51 candidates have been declared elected unopposed. In Gohpur subdivision, 975 candidates will contest the polls while around 1, 71, 927 voters will vote to elect their candidates in four Zila Parishad seats, two Anchalik Panchayat seats and 34 Gaon Panchayat seats. Among the 975 candidates, eight are in the fray for Zila Parishad seats, 81 for Anchalik Panchayat seats, 94 for Gaon Panchayat President seats and 792 for Ward Members. Ten candidates withdrew their candidature while 10 candidates have been declared elected uncontested. Meanwhile, security arrangements were tightened in the district and additional forces were also deployed in the sensitive areas. It may be mentioned here that eleven polling stations have been identified as hyper-sensitive, 93 as sensitive and 342 as normal in Biswanath Sadar and 93 polling stations have been identified as hyper-sensitive, 176 as sensitive and 74 normal in Gohpur subdivision. The press meet was also attended by Superintendent of Police Diganta Kumar Choudhury, Additional Deputy Commissioners Parvej Amin, Sameer Kumar Sutradhar, Parijat Bhuyan and Diganta Baishya, Biswanath Circle Officer Biswajit Saikia, SDIPRO Prashanta Kumar Bora and others.

Fake gold factory raided in Lakhimpur dist

CORRESPONDENT NORTH LAKHIMPUR, Nov 24: The Lakhimpur police raided a factory making fake gold artifacts recently at No. 2 Sonapur village of Banglarmora and recovered a large amount of artifacts of fake gold, various metals and alloys along with different instruments. The raid was conducted following arrests of two persons in Ganesh Mandir area under Khehmatli Police Outpost of North Lakhimpur on the same day. Hasan Ali (25) and Khurjat Ali (23) of No. 2 Sonapur village under Banglarmora Police Outpost were arrested while they were selling a statue made of fake gold to a buyer coming from Bihar. Based on their confession, the Lakhimpur police led by DSP Dr. Rashmi Ranj Sarma and Inspector-in-Charge of Khehmatli Police Outpost Jayanta Deka and Inspector-in-Charge of



Banglarmora Police Outpost raided the house of one Mujibir Rahman at No. 2 Sonapur village in Banglarmora and recovered four fake gold boats, 13 fake gold statues of Jesus Christ and 15 fake gold statues of different gods and many metals and instruments. The police destroyed the factory which had been making all these fake artifacts. A case has been registered in North Lakhimpur Police Station

consisting of villages Panthowa, Borsola, Moighuati, Tinthegeiya, Sonapur, Jubanagar etc., under Banglarmora Police Outpost. Strangely, the inability by the police to bust and completely uproot the illicit trade of fake gold in this small area has become a subject of public discussion and dissent across Lakhimpur which has earned a very bad name for the district. There have been public allegations of layers of corruption involving the police and political leaders and the criminals for which the illicit trade is still flourishing. Through the police makes some arrests at regular intervals, the sections of the IPC they invoke in their cases are very weak for which the criminals get bail easily. Lack of awareness campaigns by police and the district administration against this illicit trade in these areas are also responsible for the continuation of the crime.

Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC) Admission Announcement for PG Diploma Courses in ICT - February 2019. List of courses including PG Diploma in Advanced Computing (PG-DAC), PG Diploma in Big Data Analytics (PG-DBDA), PG Diploma in Biomedical Instrumentation & Health Informatics (PG-DBIHI), PG Diploma in Embedded Systems Design (PG-DESD), PG Diploma in Geoinformatics (PG-DGI), PG Diploma in HPC Systems Administration (PG-DHPCSA), PG Diploma in IT Infrastructure, Systems & Security (PG-DITISS), PG Diploma in Internet of Things (PG-DIoT), PG Diploma in Mobile Computing (PG-DMC), PG Diploma in System Software Development (PG-DSSD), PG Diploma in VLSI Design (PG-DVLSI).

Vodafone Idea to pare 16,000 distributors this fiscal

NEW DELHI, Nov 24: Vodafone Idea is in the process of reducing the number of its distributors by 16,000 and branded stores by 2,000 by the end of this fiscal, a company document said.

The company also plans to reduce the number of its call centres to 38 from 82 at present by March 2019 as part of its integration plan.

Vodafone Idea expects to achieve business integration by March 2021.

While Vodafone Idea is the largest telecom operator in the country, it continues to be under debt burden of around Rs 1.2-lakh crore and has been losing mobile customers.

The company plans to reduce the number of its distributors from around 43,000 to 27,000 by December.

Vodafone Idea has around 6,000 branded retail stores, which it plans to cut to 4,000 by March 2019, the document said.

The company reported a consolidated loss of Rs 4,973 crore for the September quarter in its maiden financial results after the merger. The merger of Vodafone India with Idea Cellular was completed on August 31. - PTI

IBC helped resolve Rs 3-lakh cr bad debts in 2 yrs: Srinivas

NEW DELHI, Nov 24: The two-year-old Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) has directly and indirectly helped resolve stressed assets worth Rs 3-lakh crore, Corporate Affairs Secretary Injeti Srinivas said today.

"So, that takes you close to Rs 3-lakh crore, direct and indirect impact of the IBC, which is a huge amount," he said after adding stressed assets resolved on its own and through IBC.

He was speaking at an event hosted by industry body FICCI.

Srinivas said the insolvency law has disposed of about 50 per cent (4,400 to be exact) of the 9,000-odd cases that it received in the last two years, including those transferred from the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR).

More than 85 per cent of the resolved cases were disposed of prior to admission in National Company Law Tribunal



Our figures show us that more than 3,500 cases got resolved pre-admission and it has resulted in claims amounting to Rs 1.2-lakh crore getting settled

- Srinivas

on the joint request of debtor and creditor, after being brought to the IBC by the financial or operational creditor.

"Our figures show us that more than 3,500 cases got resolved pre-admission and it has resulted in claims amounting to Rs 1.2-lakh crore getting settled," he said.

Of the 1,300-odd cases that were admitted, Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process for about 400 cases is complete, resolution plans for 60 cases approved, and liquidation order passed for 240 cases.

As many as 126 cases are in appeal, he said.

"These cases which have been resolved have led to recovery of about Rs 71,000 crore. If you add cases which are at mature stage, then it will come to another Rs 50,000 crore... almost Rs 1.2-lakh crore coming from resolutions. Add up the pre-admission claim settlement, it becomes Rs 2.4-lakh crore," he said. - IANS

IL&FS to put up to 10 group cos on sale

NEW DELHI, Nov 24: Following an "overwhelming response" to buy units of debt-ridden Infrastructure Leasing and Financial Services Ltd (IL&FS), its state-appointed board will soon put on sale another 8 to 10 subsidiaries, an official said today.

"I understand that expressions of interest (EOIs) for another 8 to 10 companies will be shortly called," Company Affairs Secretary Injeti Srinivas said on the sidelines of a conference on insolvency and bankruptcy law.

The infrastructure finance company, whose board was superseded by the government early last month after it defaulted on payment dues triggering liquidity concerns, had invited EOIs for two of its units last week in its attempt to turn around IL&FS.

The two subsidiary units put on sale are IL&FS Securities Services Ltd, a clearing member in equity and other derivatives, and ISSL Settlement and Transaction Services Ltd, which provides clearing services in commodity derivatives segment.

"Two weeks back, they (IL&FS) had called for expressions of interest for their securities firms - commodity securities and equity. There has been an overwhelming response to that and I think almost all major banks and financial institutions have shown interest. We are hopeful that the board will be able to evaluate them and come up with a proposal," he said.

With plans to invite EOIs for another 10 group companies, Srinivas said IL&FS is expected to monetise its subsidiaries and meet its payment obligations.

"We are well in the process of trying to have sale of subsidiaries as going concerns and will ensure maximum possible realisation and then they will meet repayment obligations," he said.

On November 5, Srinivas had said the government plans for a turnaround, may go in for a combination of three options it had - sale of IL&FS as a group, separate sale of its verticals and sale of its assets. - IANS

Jet suspends complimentary lounge services



MUMBAI, Nov 24: Cash-starved private carrier Jet Airways has temporarily suspended its complimentary lounge services to Jet-Privilege platinum and gold members travelling in economy class, as it battles huge operations cost due to increased jet fuel prices and falling rupee.

The revised complimentary lounge access policy, which is not applicable for flights operated by its codeshare partner carrier, will come into effect from December 1, Jet Airways said in a communication to customers on its website.

"Effective December 1, we have revised our complimentary lounge access policy for guests travelling in economy. Complimentary lounge access for Jet Privilege platinum and gold members travelling in economy will be temporarily suspended," it said. - PTI

CINEMA PROGRAMME

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Facebook to train 5 mn people on digital skills by 2021

NEW DELHI, Nov 24: Social media giant Facebook today said it aims to train five million people on skills to help them use the digital media to expand their business and access global markets.

The US-based company, which counts India as one of its largest markets, has already trained about one million people through its various initiatives.

"Facebook is committed to enabling small businesses to reach the global economy, and we are partnering various organisations to reach out to people. We are committed to training 5 million people with digital skills and global market access by 2021," Facebook Public Policy Director (India, South and Central Asia) Anki Das told reporters here.

She added that with 10 ongoing programmes, Facebook has already trained one million people across 150 cities and 48,000 villages with support from 50 partners. These efforts - where the users are trained on using Facebook and photo-sharing platform Instagram to build their business - are being organised through Facebook's Community Boost programme.

"At Facebook, we want to ensure that the benefits of connectivity are realised by everyone, everywhere, in India. Our mission at Facebook is to empower local entrepreneurs with digital skills so that they can grow their business," she said.

The training modules for these businesses in digital marketing and online safety - developed by Facebook - are available in 14 local languages. Facebook's programme reaches 29 States and has received strong response in States like UP, Karnataka, Punjab, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Odisha and Rajasthan, among others. - PTI

Travel bodies oppose AI move to shift to single GDS platform

MUMBAI, Nov 24: Opposing Air India move to shift exclusively to a single global distribution service (GDS) platform, travel industry bodies TAAI and TAPI have urged the AI management not to discontinue the inventory from other existing GDS providers.

In a letter to AI Chairman and Managing Director Pradeep Singh Kharola on Thursday, the Travel Agents Association of India (TAAI) and Travel Agents Federation of India (TAFI) accused the airline of not consulting the stakeholders before making such a move which poses a "big threat" to its survival.

Last month, UK-based firm Travelport bagged the contract for Air India's domestic ticket distribution services replacing Amadeus.

The new agreement, effective from this month, is to be fully implemented by the end of next year.

Travel agents have been informed that Air India will discontinue its domestic inventory from one GDS and phase out the other one as well during the next year, thereby continuing its inventory distribution with only one GDS provider, the letter stated.

"We earnestly suggest and request that this initiative by Air India to disconnect its inventory from an existing GDS be immediately withdrawn," the letter said.

Copies of the letter were mailed to Union Aviation Minister Suresh Prabhu, his deputy Jayant Sinha and chief secretary RN Choubey. In the letter, the two asso-

ciations also claimed the support of those "high volume" travel firms who have a sizeable percentage of Air India ticket sale.

Citing a host of challenges and difficulties in transition to a single GDS provider, the associations said, "We were informed that Air India had to take this initiative to save on GDS costs, which are high."

"We explained that that GDS cost is not as important as a seat sale. To lose out on the sale of seat implies huge losses compared to the saving on GDS distribution,"

In the letter, the associations termed the move as one which allegedly violates the "competition law" and could have financial implications for the national carrier. - PTI

AWARDING LICENSE FOR YATRI TICKET SUVIDHA KENDRA AT TINSUKIA DIVISION
Notice No. CYS/TSK/18/18. Dated: 17-11-2018. Name of work: Application are invited for awarding license of appointment of Yatri Ticket Suvidha Kendra (YTK) at Tinsukia (TSK), Dibrugarh Town (DBRT), Jorhat Town (JT/N) & Mariani (M/N) Railway Stations over Tinsukia Division for a period of 03 (three) years terms only. Cost of application form: ₹2,000/- Tender document can be obtained from Divisional Commercial Manager/ Tinsukia on all working days from 26-11-2018 to 24-12-2018 between 10.00 hrs. to 17.00 hrs. Tender may be dropped in the tender box kept in the Chamber of Assistant Commercial Manager/Tinsukia & Dibrugarh on all working days from 26-11-2018 to 24-12-2018 between 10.00 hrs. to 17.00 hrs. and will be opened at 11.00 hrs. on 25-12-2018 in the Chamber of Assistant Commercial Manager/Tinsukia. Necessary application form along with terms and conditions will be available in the website www.mfr.indianrailways.gov.in during the above mentioned period and it can be downloaded and used as application form for submitting the documents.
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Re-REOI No. ARIAS/APART/ABIP/178/2017/PU37 Dated Guwahati the 23rd November, 2018
CORRIGENDUM
(relating to Revised Request for Expression of Interest for hiring of Consultancy Services for Providing Technical Assistance to the Assam Bureau of Investment Promotion (ABIP))

With reference to the REOI No. ARIAS/APART/ABIP/178/2017/PU37 dated 2nd November 2018, issued for hiring of Consultancy Services for Providing Technical Assistance to the Assam Bureau of Investment Promotion (ABIP) under APART, the following amendment is hereby issued:

Section	Clause	Page	Original provision	Amendment
Re-REOI	7	2	The Consultancy firm/Agency would be selected in accordance with the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers: Procurement of Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services, July 2016 (as updated)", available at www.worldbank.org	The Consultancy firm/Agency would be selected in accordance with "Quality Based Selection (QBS)" method set out in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers: Procurement of Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services, July 2016 (as updated)", available at www.worldbank.org
-Do-	9	2	Interested Consultancy Firms/ Agencies must deliver their EOIs in English language to the address given below on or before 4:00 pm of 26 th November, 2018 in hard copy as well as a soft copy.	Interested Consultancy Firms/ Agencies must deliver their EOIs in English language to the address given below on or before 4:00 pm of 10 th December, 2018 in hard copy as well as a soft copy.

The State Project Director, ARIAS Society, Agriculture complex, Khanapara, G.S. Road, Guwahati-781022, (Assam)
Tel: 0361-2332125; Website: www.arias.in; email: spd@arias.in

Sd/-
State Project Director, ARIAS Society

World Bank Financed Assam Agribusiness & Rural Transformation Project (APART) Assam Rural Infrastructure and Agricultural Services (ARIAS) Society
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Re-REOI No. ARIAS/APART/IEC/176/2017/58 Dated Guwahati the 23rd November, 2018
CORRIGENDUM
(relating to Revised Request for Expression of Interest for hiring of Consultancy Services for IEC Campaign under APART)

With reference to the REOI No. ARIAS/APART/IEC/176/2017/58 dated 2nd November 2018, issued for hiring of Consultancy Services for IEC Campaign under APART, the following amendment is hereby issued:

Section	Clause	Page	Original provision	Amendment
Re-REOI	8	2	The Consultancy firm/Agency would be selected in accordance with the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers: Procurement of Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services, July 2016 (as updated)", available at www.worldbank.org	The Consultancy firm/Agency would be selected in accordance with "Quality & Cost Based Selection (QCBS)" method set out in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers: Procurement of Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services, July 2016 (as updated)", available at www.worldbank.org
-Do-	10	2	Interested Consultancy Firms/ Agencies must deliver their EOIs in English language to the address given below on or before 4:00 pm of 26 th November, 2018 in hard copy as well as a soft copy.	Interested Consultancy Firms/ Agencies must deliver their EOIs in English language to the address given below on or before 4:00 pm of 15 th December, 2018 in hard copy as well as a soft copy.

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Sd/-
State Project Director, ARIAS Society



BJP supporters waving at Prime Minister Narendra Modi's chopper during a public rally ahead of the Madhya Pradesh Assembly elections, in Mandasaur on Saturday. - PTI

Magnificent Mary...

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gold in the country. I know it will be a bit difficult for me to win a gold in Tokyo as I will have to fight in 51 kg." Mary Kom, who claimed a bronze at the 2012 London Games, added, "...Because of their reach, the taller boxers (who will be in 51 kg) will have advantage. But I

am still dreaming about winning the gold in 2020 Olympics."

India ended the championships with 1 gold, 1 silver and 2 bronze - from Lovlina Borgohain (69 kg) and Simranjit Kaur (64 kg). India's best performance ever was the eight medals, including four gold, it won in 2006 in New Delhi.

Meanwhile, congratulatory messages poured in for Mary Kom. Among those who congratulated Mary Kom on her win, were President Ram Nath Kovind, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Sports Minister Rajyavardhan Rathore and Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal. - Agencies

India, China...

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context, underscoring the importance of maintaining strategic communication at all levels, the Special Representatives held discussions on various confidence building measures to promote exchanges and communication between their border personnel.

The Special Representatives reviewed the recent developments in bilateral relations following the Wuhan

Summit and subsequent meetings between Modi and Xi in Qingdao in June 2018 and in Johannesburg in July 2018.

The two Special Representatives underlined the importance of sustained and effective implementation of the directions given by their leaders with a view to further strengthening the Closer Developmental Partnership between India and China to mutual benefit and with due re-

spect for each other's sensitivities, concerns and aspirations. They shared the view that stable and balanced development of India-China relations is a positive factor for peace and prosperity in the region and the world as a whole.

The Special Representatives also exchanged views on regional and global issues of common interest and agreed to maintain close consultations on such issues.

Farms to ...

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Under the Muga Mission, the department has also proposed to strengthen 82 commercial muga rearing farms/centres/muga village grazing reserves (MVGs) with the above components provided to the basic muga seed farms for production of muga silk worm seeds and commercial reeling cocoons.

For the current financial year, an amount of Rs 112.87 lakh has been earmarked as the

working capital for seed procurement and rearing at the government muga farms/centres for production and supply of muga silk worm seeds to the muga rearers.

However, sources said, the estimated cost for these activities may undergo changes after finalisation of the detailed project report (DPR), even as the expenditure for the first financial year has been approved by the governing body of the Muga Mission.

From the second year onwards, with effect from the financial year of 2019-20, works under the Mission would be undertaken as per a DPR, which would be prepared by engaging professional consultants. At present, the model code of conduct enforced by the State Election Commission for the ensuing panchayat elections has delayed the appointment of the consultant for the purpose, sources said.

Dainik Asam ...

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Hazari's *Ami Asomiyi No-ho Dukhaya* was the maestro's close associate Kamal Kotoky. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Saikia said as every individual is unique in its own way, a writer should also have a signature style when it comes to creative works.

"There is no harm in following writers of repute but that should not affect his or her own style of writing. A creative writer has control over his or her past and future, and so his/her works are powerful. Works which touch the readers' hearts are permanent, while the other works are short-lived," Dr Saikia said.

Admitting that there are 40 to 50 promising young poets in the State, Dr Saikia said each of Siddhartha Shankar Kalita's poems has a "strong binding" and has a separate story to tell.

In his brief speech, Dr Lakshmi Nandan Bora hoped that the Dainik Asam Award will attain the status of the 'Ananda Puraskar', a literary award given by the *Anandabazar Patrika*.

Dr Dhrubajyoti Bora pointed out to the threat faced by the Assamese language and culture. He referred to the situation in Sikkim where the indigenous people have become a minority.

"We have accepted the people who have come here before 1971 but the indigenous people are yet to be given constitutional safeguard as per the Assam Accord. Are we going the Sikkim way?" he wondered.

Describing the move to amend the citizenship law as "unnecessary", he said the updated NRC should be linked to the voters' list.

Dr Bora also urged the media to play a role in building public consensus in this crisis situation.

The proceedings of the function were conducted by Munim Bayan, executive editor of *Dainik Asam*.

Class I officers ...

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ensured for appointment as authorised officers of the district magistrates for disposal of claims and objections include Assam Civil Service officers, who also function as executive magistrates. Class I officers of the forest department, block development officers and Class I officers of panchayat department and other Class I officers of various other departments who have the expertise in carrying out enquiries and verifications.

According to the SOP, the State government would make all efforts to mobilize the maximum possible number of such officers to

ensure disposal of claims and objections as quickly as possible. Though the number of officers to be required to carry out the process would depend on the number of claims and objections filed, it is expected that around 1,500 to 2,500 officers would be required.

The district magistrates will have to closely supervise the process of disposal of the claims and objections, and they will have to go for quality check of at least 10 per cent of the claims and objections. Senior officers of the State government will be also appointed as observers to oversee the process of disposal of claims and ob-

jections. Indian Administrative Service and senior Assam Civil Service officers will be allotted districts for the purpose and they will report to the State NRC Coordinator.

As the Supreme Court has ordered that a system of rigorous verification process should be used, all documents will be subjected to a thorough process of verification and the claims and objections will be disposed of through hearings. Those who have filed claims and objections will get notices to appear in the hearings, and five hearings will be carried out by each authorised officer of the district magistrate in a day.

Army should be brought in Ayodhya, if required: Akhilesh Yadav

AYODHYA, Nov 24: Ahead of the Dharam Sabha being held in Ayodhya on Sunday to push for the construction of a Ram temple, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav has said if required the Army should be deployed in the town.

"Thousands of people have started gathering in the town ahead of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad event. Shiv Sena leader Uddhav Thackeray has also arrived here Saturday for a separate programme.

Talking to reporters on Friday, Yadav had said, "The Supreme Court should take notice of the situation in Uttar Pradesh. It should seriously consider the matter and bring in the Army, if required... As the BJP and its allies can go to any extent," Yadav told reporters.

Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya dismissed Yadav's claims, saying his remarks simply showed his frustration as it was a Dharam Sabha and the Army was not needed for it.

When asked that a significant section of the Muslim community was feeling apprehensive about the event, he tried to allay the fears.

"No one needs to fear (anything) as there is peace in Uttar Pradesh. The government has made elaborate security arrangements to ensure that no untoward incident takes place," he said.

Referring to the firing on unarmed karsewaks in 1990, Maurya said, "If Akhilesh Yadav is thinking that a 1990-like situation will prevail, then this will not happen under the government headed by Yogi Adityanath. We will provide adequate security to all and take all necessary action."

"This is a Dharam Sabha, and there is no need to deploy the Army, and Akhilesh Yadav must understand this," the UP deputy Chief Minister said.

On the eve of the VHP's Dharam Sabha, the temple town was virtually turned into a fortress with multiple layers of security and deployment of drones.

A UP Police spokesperson said one additional DGP one deputy inspector general (DIG), three senior superintendents of police (SSPs), 10 additional SPs, 21 deputy SPs, 160 inspectors, 700 constables, 42 companies of PAC, five companies of RAF, ATS comman-

dos and drones were deployed here. The Dharam Sabha is being touted as one of the largest congregations of Lord Ram devotees after December 6, 1992, when the Babri Masjid was demolished, but some Muslim leaders view it as a move to polarise the voters ahead of the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

Some members of the community had recently said they felt insecure as they remembered the attacks on Muslims in 1992 after the demolition on Babri Masjid.

Mohammad Umar a plaintiff in the Ram Janmahbhooni-Babri Masjid title suit, said, "Ayodhya is our birthplace, we have been here from many generations, but we still remember how the VHP and Shiv Sena activists attacked Muslims after the demolition of the mosque on December 6."

Another plaintiff, Haji Mahboob, had said, "It is a fact that the Muslim population here is in a grip of fear over a possible attack by activists. They are feeling quite insecure.

Ayodhya Municipal Corporation Mayor Kishikesh Upadhyay said there was not fear or apprehension among the Muslims.

"Some vested interests, who seeing that all their plans may fail to reap political dividends, have started spreading rumours," he said. - PTI

BJP calls Akhilesh anti-Ram

LUCKNOW, Nov 24: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Saturday slammed former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav for demanding the army be deployed in Ayodhya ahead of the 'Dharam Sabha' organised by the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP), labelling him "anti-Ram".

State BJP Spokesman Chandramohan said that the demand showed that the Samajwadi Party (SP) chief was not only against Hindus but also of "perverted mentality".

He added that Akhilesh was, in fact, carrying forward the legacy of his father and former Chief Minister Mulayam Singh Yadav, who had ordered bullets fired in Ayodhya.

Chandramohan said that Hindu devotees were gathering at Ayodhya for a peaceful programme on Sunday.

Before demanding the army be deployed in Ayodhya, the SP President should remember that on several occasions, like the Muzaffarnagar riots that happened under his watch, the army had to be called in to restore peace in a sign that his government had failed, he said.

"You and your party have suffered setbacks in successive elections and the people will not tolerate the humiliation of Ram Bhakts," the BJP spokesman said. - IANS

Political parties condemn killing

SRINAGAR, Nov 24: Political parties on Saturday condemned the killing of a civilian in a firing incident near an Army camp in Jammu and Kashmir's Budgam district and called for a probe into the incident.

Ishaq Ahmad Ganaie was injured in the firing near the camp of the 50 Rashtriya Rifles at Chattergam area of Budgam in central Kashmir on Friday. He succumbed to injuries at a hospital here on Saturday morning, police said.

Local residents have accused the Army of opening unprovoked firing that led to Ganaie getting injured. However, defence spokesperson Col Rajesh Kalia said the Army did not open fire and the civilian was injured in a "terrorist-committed atrocity".

Peoples Democratic Party president and former chief minister Mehbooba Mufti expressed deep shock and anguish over the incident. She asked the administration to strictly ensure that the security agencies were made accountable on protecting civilians and avoiding collateral damage during operations.

In a statement, National Conference central zone president Ali Mohammad Dar said the party condemns the killing of two civilians and a Special Police Officer in different incidents across the Valley.

Dar expressed shock and anguish over Ganaie's killing, terming it "brutal" and a "cold-blooded murder". The NCF leader threatened to file a public interest litigation (PIL) if the administration failed to lodge an FIR in the matter and ensure exemplary punishment against the culprits. Dar said Ganaie belonged to a poor family and was the only breadwinner for the family. - PTI

ULFA-I ...

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"We had clarified earlier that the ULFA(I) is not responsible for the Tinsukia incident and we challenge the NIA to tell the people of Assam on what basis they are accusing us of the killings," Asom said in the statement.

Director General of Police Kuladhar Saikia on Thursday said the ULFA(I) was behind the Tinsukia killings. According to preliminary investigations conducted by police and NIA, there was sufficient "technical evidence" about a six-member team of the ULFA(I) being behind the Tinsukia firing incident, the DGP had said.

Regarding ULFA(I) denial about its involvement in the Tinsukia killings, the DGP had said the police was not paying any importance to the clarification issued by the outfit. - PTI



Tribal children dressed in their traditional attire posing for a photograph during an awareness campaign for Madhya Pradesh Assembly elections, in Jabalpur on Saturday. - PTI

Kerala CM acting as godfather to BJP, RSS: Chennithala

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, Nov 24: Congress leader Ramesh Chennithala Saturday lashed out at Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, alleging that he was acting as a "godfather" to the BJP and the RSS.

He also said that an "atmosphere of fear" was prevailing at Sabarimala due to the restrictions imposed there and the state government was not doing anything to ease the troubles of devotees.

"It seems like Pinarayi Vijayan is acting as godfather to BJP, RSS. His actions are strengthening the BJP and RSS which were inconsequential in Kerala until now," he said.

"His only aim is to weaken the Congress party," the opposition leader in the state assembly added.

Chennithala also demanded withdrawal of prohibitory orders in and around Sabarimala citing difficulties faced by the devotees.

"There is an atmosphere of fear prevailing at Sabarimala. We can only see police personnel there. Even after the criticism from the high court, the devotees are facing trouble there," Chennithala said.

"The government and the police see the devotees as terrorists. It's dead silence at Sabarimala now. Devotees are afraid to go to the hill shrine. We have never seen such a situation there," he added.

Holding the chief minister responsible for all the issues at Sabarimala, Chennithala accused him of giving the saffron outfits a "free hand".

"It's all a cover up to mask the failures of the government.

It gave a free hand to the BJP and the Sangh Parivar at Sabarimala during 'Thulamasa puja', the 'Chithira Aatta' celebrations," he said.

Chennithala alleged that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and its mentor the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) were not interested in people's beliefs but trying to create trouble.

"They are even using the union ministers for this purpose. However, when you ask the BJP ministers about the apex court verdict and the entry of women into the shrine, they beat around the bush," Chennithala said.

Sabarimala has been on the boil since the September 28 verdict after the Supreme Court verdict allowing entry of women of menstrual age into the shrine. - PTI

8 held for robbery

JAMMU, Nov 24: Police claimed to have cracked a case of robbery of Rs 1 crore in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district and arrested eight people in this connection, officials said Saturday. The accused on October 26 boarded a Bolero vehicle and intercepted a goods carrier truck on a highway near Barwal Morh in the district. They looted Rs 1 crore at gunpoint from the goods carrier, police said. Police registered a case and investigation started, they said. - PTI

4 killed

AZAMGARH (UP), Nov 24: Four people were killed and 18 injured when the pick-up van, in which they were travelling to attend a cremation, over-turned in Uttar Pradesh's Azamgarh district on Saturday morning, police said. The incident took place near Palthi bazar in Didarganj area when the driver lost control of the vehicle. - PTI

Sabarimala protests: BJP leader K Surendra denied bail

PATHANAMTHITTA/THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, Nov 24: A court in Kerala on Saturday denied bail to BJP General Secretary K Surendra in a case of alleged involvement in violent protests at Sabarimala earlier this month.

Surendra was arrested earlier this week from Nilackal, the base camp of Sabarimala, after he refused to go back despite a request from the police.

He was produced before a local court at Ranni in Pathanamthitta and remanded in judicial custody for 14 days. Later

he was granted conditional bail. Subsequently, he was arrested in the case relating to violence at Sanndhanam when a 52-year-old woman, who had come for the 'choorunu' (rice feeding ceremony) of her grandchild, was blocked and allegedly attacked.

While denying him bail Saturday, the court, however, allowed Surendra to talk to his family members through phone in the presence of the jail superintendent.

Police were also granted permission to question the BJP leader for one hour this evening.

Sabarimala had witnessed violent protests from a section of devotees over the state government's decision to implement the September 28 order of the Supreme Court, allowing entry of women of all age groups into the shrine. The court denied bail to the BJP leader, saying that the case was related to Section 308 of the Indian Penal Code (attempt to commit culpable homicide) and also has conspiracy charges.

Meanwhile, BJP leader MT Ramesh courted controversy Saturday after allegedly threatening police over Surendra's arrest. "Until Surendra comes out of jail, we will not allow any policeman to come out on the road from their station," Ramesh said at a protest meeting at Kozhikode.

There were reports suggesting that V Muralidharan, MP, might approach BJP national leaders on the issue of Surendra's arrest. Meanwhile, Rahul Eswarar, President of Ayyappa Dharma Sena, who was arrested following protests at the hill shrine and later released, was not allowed to go to the sannidhanam (the main temple complex). - PTI



Rugby-loving actor

Actor-director Rahul Bose says playing rugby for India was more important than acting

Actor-filmmaker Rahul Bose says when he actively played rugby for India at the international level, he chose films according to his sports calendar.

Rahul, known for films like *English, August*, *Mr and Mrs Iyer*, *Chameli*, *Pyaar Ke Side Effects* and *15 Park Avenue*, was a part of a *Redefining Stories* panel at the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) held in Panaji.

Asked about his transition from being an actor to a director, Rahul, who first helmed *Everybody Says I'm Fine* and then directed the 2017 film *Poorna*, said: "It was not calculative."

"I had a story about a hairdresser who reads mind, and everybody says I'm fine, but when he cuts their hair, he hears their real stories, and nobody's fine. I just wrote the story, loved the story, turned it into a scene breakdown and a screenplay and then I said I want to make it. There was no proof that I would be a good director. Many actors are not good directors. So, that's how. There was no calculation."

He said the 16-year-gap between both his directorial testify that they were not calculative moves. "I just do what I want to do when I want to do it," he said.

Rugby is the only calculation, moderator and popular cinematographer Aseem Bajaj prodded

Rahul. He said: "When I was playing for India, I would look at the rugby calendar and see the two main tournaments, and took up films only if they didn't clash with both tournaments, because playing for India was more important for me than acting in films."

His work was met with an applause from the audience. Rahul further said that as an artist, who has primarily dabbled in independent cinema, he has never "struggled".

"I was doing theatre in Mumbai. I did 4-6 plays. Dev Bengel and Uma D' Cunha saw me in a play, and they cast me in *English, August*. And I got one film after another."

"I have played the lead in 36 films, and cameo and supporting roles in three films. So I have never had a don't have a Godfather in the industry' story. I don't have a struggle story," he said.

Rahul further said he neither had to change his acting nor did he have to change his choices. "I didn't have to compromise right from *English, August* right up to *Poorna*, barring one or two films," he said, adding that he has worked in Bengali, English, Kannada, Tamil and Hindi films.

(Source: IANS)

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Know your DAY

By JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SUNDAY, NOV. 25, 2018: This year you will become more involved with others and their needs. You might play a fundamental role in several people's lives. You understand what works on a domestic and emotional level. If you are single, you could meet someone this year who gives you a case of the butterflies. You might want to explore the possibilities. If you are attached, the two of you flow well together as a couple. One-on-one relating becomes a precious and important time for you both. CANCER understands your feelings almost better than you do.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***** You might find the lack of high-powered excitement today disappointing, but ultimately you do need some quiet time. Nevertheless, you hear others' frustration and are in touch with your own feelings as a result. You could be put off by someone you admire. Tonight: Order in.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** You will share your thoughts with greater clarity than usual. You could be a little taken aback by a friend or loved one who throws a wrench in your plans at the last minute. Closing off this person ultimately won't do you any good. Just go with the flow. Tonight: Include a loved one.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Be cautious with your spending. You might have a devil-may-care attitude right now, but it could change once you see the results of your frivolous behavior. An older relative or friend could be hard on you. Do what you must. Tonight: Fun doesn't need to cost anything.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** You might be more sympathetic toward a co-worker or friend than you have been in a while. Try your best to understand where this person is coming from. Your awareness of his or her feelings will help more than you might realize. Listen carefully. Tonight: Do your thing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** After all of the recent uproar and confusion, you won't mind going off on your own for some peace and quiet. If you mention your plans, you will rekindle several people's need to be with you. Try being a bit more discreet for now. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Your sensitivity doesn't often come out for others to witness. Today, a key person in your life sees your support of his or her ideas. You don't need to make a big deal out of what you see. Accept an invitation to be with people you respect and admire. Tonight: Party the night away.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Others demand your attention. If you do not want to spend time with these people, you can come up with a good excuse. This tactic usually works, but authenticity might be more desirable today. A family member distances him- or herself. Let it go. Tonight: Hang out close to home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** You will appreciate going hand and choosing a pastime that expands your knowledge. You know what interests you, so follow through on that curiosity. Hearing a lecture, reading a book or finding an expert on the topic at hand could be rewarding. Tonight: Go with the flow.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Make time for a special person in your life. Whether you're driving together through the country or going to a lecture, your tension lessens. Cater to this individual. You would be wise to keep today and your time with this person on a one-on-one level. Tonight: Do not pull away.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** You might be tired or fed up with the recent pace. To many people, you will seem unavailable. You could decide to cocoon at home. You might be in the midst of recharging your batteries, but perhaps you know how to explain this. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Listen to what has been shared. Your feelings might be more involved than you'd like. You could feel pushed beyond your limit. Later, think through the comments you heard. You might want to get feedback from a close friend or loved one. Tonight: Get into a fun project.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Tap into your imagination to make plans that you and someone else might enjoy. Loosen up, and don't be so uptight about what is happening around you. A friend could disappoint you. Take a step back from the situation, and try to worry less. Tonight: Release your inner child!

Thought for the day

Example is not the main thing in influencing others. It is the only thing. - ALBERT SCHWEITZER

GROCK
Bill Rechin and Don Wilder

LOST PATROL HUNT
IT'S 'BAD NEWS' TIME

MEN... WE HAVE ONE CRUMB OF BREAD LEFT
I'LL DIVIDE IT SO EACH OF US WILL GET A PIECE

THIS IS OUR FINAL MEAL BEFORE WE FACE A SLOW DEATH OF STARVATION
ANY LAST QUESTIONS?

COULD YOU TEEM THE GUEST OFF MINE?

I CANCELED MY DATE WITH LITE AND I TOLD THE PRINCE ID SEE HIM... I HOPE YOU'RE HAPPY!
HAPPY? I DON'T DO HAPPY!!

HON! I HOPE YOU'RE NOT UPSET WITH ME URGING YOU TO DATE BOYS OTHER THAN LITE.
IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T LIKE LITE.

IT'S JUST-- SOMEONE YOUR AGE SHOULDN'T GET TOO SERIOUS ABOUT ONE BOY.

THAT MUST BE YOUR DATE?
KNOCK KNOCK

YOU KIDS HAVE FUN.
DOES YOUR DAD SWEET?

NOT A GUY.

MOOSE AND MOLLY
BY BOB WEBER

THE WINNER... MOOSE MILLER!
WE WON A TWO-WEEK, ALL-EXPENSES-PAID TROPICAL ISLAND VACATION! WILL YOU TAKE CARE OF MY PETS WHILE WE'RE GONE?

NO WAY! I CAN'T STAY IN THAT HOUSE

IF ALL THE NEIGHBORS KEEP ONE PET... YOUR WORRIES ARE OVER
YEAH!

WILL YOU KEEP ONE PET WHILE WE'RE AWAY?
WELL... CAN'T HANDLE ME THAT PARROT

CLUCK CLUCK
MEOW MEOW

Tribune SUNDAY CROSSWORD - 1056

Across

- Slightly wet, damp (5)
- Motor-cycle attachment? (7)
- Japanese Buddhist philosophy (9)
- Spanish queen (3)
- Famous writer of fairy stories (5)
- Sins or depravities (5)
- Holy Land visitor (7)
- Arabian gazelle (5)
- In a audacious or cheeky manner (7)
- Floor coverings (4)
- Cheerful (2-)
- Pilaster - "at an anagram? (1)
- (4)
- Lightening of a burden (6)
- Central Pacific republic (8)
- First Indian C-in-C of the Indian army (8)
- Look up to (6)
- Stretch from side to side (4)
- Spanish home (4)
- Curved gateway (4)
- Does a good turn (7)
- Old-fashioned name - "re-ban" anagram? (5)
- Tolling or working hard (7)
- Arkle bones or cheeky manner (7)
- 41 Arkle bones (5)
- Task subordinate (5)
- Long time (3)
- Loud noise (3)
- 45 Changed the title (7)
- 46 Progress (3,2) anagram? (1)
- Molten rock (5)

Down

- Hostile (8)
- Model or standard to follow (8)
- Go by sea (4)
- Expensive (4)
- Mounts, ascends (6)
- Bring to light (6)
- Courgette (8)
- A prying or an inquisitive person? (5,6)
- City in Uttar Pradesh (9)
- Architect of glasnost and perestroika (9)
- Carried, conveyed or hauled? (11)
- Fasten or attach; append (5)
- 22 Ex-India batsman (4)
- 23 Elementary particle (4)
- 25 Tetheran is its capital (4)
- 27 Brewing pot for a witch? (8)
- 29 Harming, injuring or sabotaging (8)
- 30 Removes wrinkles, smoothens (5,3)
- 33 More ungainly to look at (6)
- 34 Allot (6)
- 37 Man-made fibre (5)
- 39 An astringent (4)
- 40 Made cooler (4)

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by Bron Smith

DOES BEING A PARENT BRING HAPPINESS?
I DON'T KNOW FOR THIS!
WAAAAA!

IT DOES IN THE LONG RUN. OLDER, MARRIED PARENTS HAVE BEEN FOUND TO BE HAPPIER THAN OLDER CHILDLESS COUPLES. YET A 2004 STUDY REVEALED THAT WORKING MOMS WOULD RATHER GO SHOPPING, COOK OR WATCH TV THAN TAKE CARE OF THEIR KIDS.

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SOLUTION TO SUNDAY CROSSWORD - 1056
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May heads to Brussels as Spain threatens Brexit summit

BRUSSELS, Nov 24: British Prime Minister Theresa May was headed back to Brussels on Saturday to defend the planned Brexit divorce deal even as Spain threatened to boycott an EU summit meant to endorse it.

May has final day talks scheduled with EU leaders Jean-Claude Juncker and Donald Tusk, although diplomats said the withdrawal agreement is finished and ready for EU leaders to approve on Sunday.

Nothing in the painful 17-month withdrawal process has gone smoothly, and on Friday, Spain's Prime Minister Pedro

Sanchez warned he might not attend if the leaders do not acknowledge that Madrid holds a veto over the fate of Gibraltar in any post-Brexit negotiation of new EU-UK ties.

Visiting Cuba, Sanchez said that Madrid must be allowed to negotiate directly with London on Gibraltar and give its specific assent to any changes to its relationship to the European Union in a future agreement between Britain and Brussels.

"If there's no agreement, it's very clear what will happen, there very prob-

ably won't be a European Council" summit, he said.

Gibraltar, a tiny rocky outcrop home to a port and around 30,000 people, is a British territory claimed by Spain and will be a bone of contention as London negotiates a new relationship with Brussels after Brexit day on March 29.

Luis Marco Aguiriano Nalda, Spain's Secretary of State for European affairs, said Madrid wanted London to put in writing that it shared Madrid's interpretation of the negotiated Brexit deal texts regarding its stance on Gibraltar.

"We have demanded that it be published by the British authorities before the European Council on Sunday," Nalda said in Brussels.

In London, however, a Downing Street source said he did not know what document Aguiriano could be referring to and added: "We have negotiated on behalf of the whole of the UK family. That includes Gibraltar and the overseas territories."

In legal terms, Spain's disapproval would not halt the divorce settlement, but it would embarrass EU leaders keen to show that the 27 are united. — AFP



People walk past German Leopard 2 tanks ahead of a rehearsal for the Armed Forces Day military parade marking its 100th anniversary, in Vilnius, Lithuania on Friday. — AP/PTI

Russia poses bigger threat to UK than terror groups: Army chief

LONDON, Nov 24: Russia "indisputably" now poses a bigger threat to Britain's security than terrorist groups like Islamic State (IS) and Al-Qaeda, the head of the British army said in an interview published on Saturday.

General Mark Carleton-Smith warned Moscow had shown a willingness to use its military to pursue its national interests while seeking to "exploit Western vulnerabilities".

"Russia today indisputably represents a far greater threat to our national security than Islamic extremist threats such as Al-Qaeda and (IS)," he told

The Daily Telegraph.

"Russia has embarked on a systematic effort to explore and exploit Western vulnerabilities, particularly in some of the non-traditional areas of cyber, space, undersea warfare." Relations between Russia and Britain have sunk to historic lows this year.

London has blamed the country's military intelligence service for orchestrating the poisoning with a nerve agent

of ex-Russian spy Sergei Skripal and his daughter Yulia in the English city of Salisbury in March.

The incident prompted a wave of tit-for-tat diplomatic expulsions between Moscow and the West, as well as a ratcheting up of US sanctions.

Carleton-Smith, 54, said following IS battlefield losses in Syria and Iraq, the Western alliance must switch focus to the threat posed by Russia —

and do so through NATO.

"The physical manifestation of the Islamist threat has diminished with the complete destruction of the geography of the so-called Caliphate," he said.

"We cannot be complacent about the threat Russia poses or leave it uncontested. The most important conventional military response to Russia is the continued capabilities and coherence of the NATO alliance." The former special forces commander was speaking in his first interview since becoming Britain's chief of the general staff in June. — AFP



Gen Carleton-Smith

Paris police fire tear gas, water cannon on 'yellow vest' protesters

PARIS, Nov 24: Police fired tear gas and water cannon on Saturday in central Paris against "yellow vest" protesters demanding French President Emmanuel Macron roll back tax hikes on motor fuel.

Some 3,000 police were deployed in the capital as demonstrators who have blocked

to the Place de la Concorde near the Louvre museum.

Police said the protesters had tried to break through a cordon several times but had been prevented from doing so, with tear gas used more than once.

"We have just demonstrated peacefully, and we were teargassed," said

ers were seen ripping up paving stones or starting to build barricades.

Nearly 300,000 people blocked motorways, roundabouts, businesses, and fuel depots last Saturday and smaller protests have continued this week, with an estimated 5,000 people wearing the fluorescent yellow jackets taking part on Friday.

The demonstrations were sparked by an increase in diesel tax, justified as an anti-pollution levy by the government, but have since morphed into a broad opposition front to centrist Macron.

"I hope there will be a veritable yellow tide," one of the leaders of the movement, right-wing political figure Frank Buhler, said this week as he urged supporters to descend on Paris.



French roads over the past week wearing their now signature high-visibility jackets were set to cause another day of disruption after calls to bring Paris to a standstill.

AFP reporters said several thousand had gathered by early Saturday on the famous Champs-Elysees where they clashed with police trying to prevent them moving down

Christophe, 49, who travelled from the Isere region in eastern France with his wife to protest in the capital.

"We see how we are welcomed in Paris." Paris police authorities said Saturday's incidents were linked to the "presence of members of the far-right who harassed the security forces."

The 'yellow vest' protest-

But with some protesters baulking at the cost of travelling to the capital, it was unclear whether the organisers would achieve their aim of causing gridlock in the City of Light.

Protesters had converged early Saturday on the Place de l'Etoile at the top of the Champs-Elysees avenue, shouting "Macron resign". — AFP

Government climate report warns of worsening US disasters

WASHINGTON, Nov 24: As California's catastrophic wildfires recede and people rebuild after two hurricanes, a massive new federal report warns that these types of extreme weather disasters were worsening in the United States.

The White House report quietly issued on Friday also frequently contradicts President Donald Trump.

The National Climate Assessment was written long before the deadly fires in California this month and before *Hurricanes Florence and Michael* raked the East Coast and Florida. It says warming-changed extremes "have already become more frequent, intense, widespread or of long duration."

The report notes the last few years have smashed US records for damaging weather, costing nearly USD

400 billion since 2015.

The recent Northern California wildfires can be attributed to climate change, but there was less of a connection to those in Southern California, said co-author William Hohenstein of the US Department of Agriculture.

"A warm, dry climate has increased the areas burned over the last 20 years," he said at a press conference on Friday.

The report is mandated by law every few years and is based on more than 1,000 previous research studies. It details how global warming

from the burning of coal, oil and gas is hurting each region of the United States and how it impacts different sectors of the economy, including energy and agriculture.

"Climate change is transforming where and how we live and presents growing challenges to human health and quality of life, the economy, and the natural systems that support us," the report says.

That includes worsening air pollution causing heart and lung problems, more diseases from insects, the potential for a jump in deaths during heat waves, and nastier allergies.

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England spinner Adil Rashid being congratulated by teammates after completing his five-wicket haul against Sri Lanka 2nd day of the 3rd Test at Colombo, on Saturday.

Five-for Rashid England's hero as Sri Lanka collapse

COLOMBO, Nov 24: Sri Lanka threw away a decent position in the final Test against England on Saturday, collapsing from 183 for 2 at tea to 240 all out as five-for Adil Rashid and Ben Stokes skilted the bowlers in Colombo.

At the close of a rollercoaster second day England were 3 without loss after four overs when bad light stopped play, 99 runs ahead with a 3-0 whitewash in their sights.

In the opening session Sri Lanka's bowlers had wrapped up England's first innings for 336 within half an hour, the visitors losing their final three wickets for just 24 runs.

On Friday, Jonny Bairstow had put his marker down to be England's permanent Test number three with a no-nonsense 110, with partnerships of 100 with captain Joe Root and 99 with Ben Stokes.

But resuming on 312-7, Moeen Ali, continuing his indifferent series with the bat, fell for 33, Stuart Broad for a duck and Jack Leach for 2.

Left-arm wrist spinner Lakshan Sandakan was the pick of Sri Lanka bowlers, taking five for 95 runs while finger spinners Diruvan Perera and Malinda Pushpakumara took the other five between them.

With bat in hand and only five overs of the day played, Sri Lanka's batsmen laid solid foundations.

Danushka Gunathilaka was the only man out for Sri Lanka before lunch, caught spectacularly by Keaton Jennings at short leg for 18 off Leach.

Dimuth Karunaratne, dropped at slip by Root off Broad early in his innings, then put on a 142-run third-wicket partnership with Dhananjaya de Silva.

Just before tea, de Silva fell for 73, dismissed by another lightning catch by Jennings off Rashid. But with Karunaratne still in and Root ruing his error, Sri Lanka looked comfortable.

But in the first over after tea Karunaratne went for 83, with Jennings again the catcher as he edged Rashid, and the collapse began.

Angelo Mathews fell next, the ball

coming off the toe of his bat to keeper Ben Foakes off Stokes for 5, before Roshan Silva became Jennings's next victim off Rashid for 3.

Stokes, hammering in the ball with aggression and intent, then did for Niroshan Dickwella, caught behind by Foakes for 5, and Sri Lanka were reeling.

Number four Kusal Mendis went for 27, an easy catch for Stokes at slip off Rashid. Then a direct throw ran out Sandakan for 2 as he tried to steal a run off a misfield.

Pushpakumara survived an lbw review and hit the next ball for 4. The next review went England's way though, as he went lbw to Rashid for 13, and Sri Lanka were all out.

Rashid finished with figures of 5 for 49 and Stokes with 3 for 30. - PTI

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England 1st Innings: 336
Sri Lanka 1st Innings: 240
England 2nd Innings: 240
Sri Lanka 2nd Innings: 110
Extras: 0. Total: (4 overs)
3. Bowling: MDK Perera 2-1-0, PM Pushpakumara 1-0-2-0, DM de Silva 1-1-0-0.

PSG to face disciplinary board for racial profiling

PARIS, Nov 24: Paris Saint-Germain is facing possible disciplinary action by the French league for its scouts' use of racial profiling.

The French Football Federation ethics board said after hearings on Friday that PSG director general Jean-Claude Blanc and others that it decided to forward the case to the French league's disciplinary commission.

The federation's statement said the hearings established "that files mentioning an ethnic origin were indeed used in PSG recruitment cells until 2018."

But the ethics board also backed PSG's position that there was no proven case of discrimination.

French law prohibits the collection of personal data that shows the racial or ethnic origins of individuals.

PSG has acknowledged that forms with "illegal content were used between 2013 and 2018."

But it declined responsibility for implementing the policy after the Mediapart news website reported that, up until this year, scouts were asked by PSG to mention the origin of possible recruits according to four categories: "Francis" (French), "Maghrebin" (North African), "Antillais" (West Indian), and "Afrique noire" (Black African). - AP

FIFA's Infantino gets election support from CONMEBOL

BUENOS AIRES, Nov 24: The 10-member South American soccer governing body says it is backing FIFA President Gianni Infantino for re-election.

The CONMEBOL executive committee unanimously agreed on Friday to ratify its support for Infantino for the 2019 election.

Infantino was present during CONMEBOL's meeting in Buenos Aires. He will also attend the Copa Libertadores final between Boca Juniors and River Plate on Saturday. Infantino is seeking a full four-year term from 211 FIFA member countries at a June 5 vote in Paris.

He was elected in February 2016 to complete the mandate of Sepp Blatter, who was banned by FIFA's ethics committee. Infantino has no challenger yet before a Feb. 5 deadline for potential candidates. - AP

Dipa finishes at 23rd spot in balance beam

NEW DELHI, Nov 24: Indian gymnast Dipa Karmarkar finished at the 23rd spot in balance beam event on the second day of the Artistic Gymnastics World Cup in Cottbus, Germany.

The 25-year-old from Tripura, who had qualified for the Vault Finals on Friday, scored 11.066 (4.8 + 6.266) for a lovely finish out of the 32 competing gymnasts in the event.

Rakesh Patra was ranked 16th out of 29 gymnasts in Parallel Bar qualification round with a score of 13.033 (5.3 + 7.733). In the qualification round of men's vault, Ashish Kumar finished at the 23rd place out of 27 gymnasts after scoring 12.866.

Aruna Reddy, however, couldn't participate in floor due to the knee injury suffered on the opening day.

The Cottbus event is part of an eight-event qualifying system for the 2020 Olympics, under which the gymnasts will make the cut based on the their top three scores. - PTI

Jason header helps Lyon clinch tense derby win



Denayer

PARIS, Nov 24: Centre-back Jason Denayer headed home a second-half winner as 10-man Lyon edged to a 1-0 derby win over bitter rivals Saint-Etienne on Friday to take second place in Ligue 1.

A largely disappointing game was decided by Denayer's 62-minute header from a Memphis Depay corner, with the hosts holding on late in the second half after Rafael was dismissed with 20 minutes remaining.

Former Manchester United full-back Rafael ensured a nervy ending for Lyon as he was handed a straight red card for a lunging tackle on Yann M'Vila.

Home goalkeeper Anthony Lopes made an excellent late save from Remy Cabella as Lyon extended their unbeaten run in all competitions to six matches. Coach Bruno Genesio will now turn his attentions towards Tuesday's crucial Champions League group match against Manchester City at the Groupama Stadium.

Runaway league leaders Paris Saint-Germain will be looking to extend their 100 percent start to the campaign against Toulouse at the Parc des Princes on Saturday, although all eyes are on Neymar and Kylian Mbappe as they battle to be fit for the clash with Liverpool on Wednesday after suffering injuries on international duty. - AFP

Tajul bowls Bangladesh to win against Windies in first Test

CHITTAGONG, Nov 24: Tajul Islam claimed 6/33 as Bangladesh defeated West Indies by 64 runs on Saturday in the first match of their two-Test series.

Chasing a target of 204 runs in Chittagong, West Indies stuttered from the start and were all out for 139 on the stroke of tea on the third day, suffering their first defeat in Bangladesh in seven Tests.

Sunil Ambris was the last man dismissed after top-scoring for the visitors with 43.

He had put on a 63-run partnership with Javed Warrican for the ninth wicket to lift West Indies from 75 for eight to revive an unlikely hope.

But Mehidy Hasan dismissed Warrican for 41, and Tajul sealed the contest in

the next over with the wicket of Ambris.

Left-arm spinner Tajul led Bangladesh's attack with his seventh five-wicket haul in Tests, while Shakib al Hasan and Mehidy each picked up two wickets.

West Indies' chase got off to a disastrous start, sinking to 11-4 at the lunch break before an attacking 27 off 19 by Shimron Hetmyer provided the visitors a brief respite.

Leg-spinner Devendra Bishoo earlier claimed three wickets in the morning to finish with 4-26 as West Indies bowled out Bangladesh for 125 runs in their second innings.

Bangladesh spinners responded almost immediately when Shakib drew Kieran Powell forward for Mushfiqur

Rahim to accomplish a simple stumping, making Shakib the first Bangladeshi cricketer to claim 200 wickets in Tests.

"Whatever I do, I do for the team, and I'm lucky to have some of these achievements," Shakib said after the match.

Shakib drew an edge from Shai Hope before a two-wicket burst by Tajul, who trapped Roston Chase for a duck and Kraigg Brathwaite in the same over, leaving the West Indies in dire straits. The collapse dashed any West Indies satisfaction from wrapping up the Bangladesh innings, with the hosts only adding 70 runs to their overnight score after re-summing play on 55-5. - PTI

Brief score: Bangladesh: 324 and 125. West Indies: 246 and 139.

Real Madrid deny Ramos breached anti-doping rules

MADRID, Nov 24: Real Madrid has denied Sergio Ramos broke anti-doping rules as suggested by German magazine Der Spiegel in the latest "Football Leaks" revelations.

The magazine reported Ramos failed a doping test after the Champions League final against Juventus in 2017, and that the Madrid captain did not follow proper procedures when asked to take a test after a Spanish league match in April this year.

Madrid said in a statement on Friday "Ramos has never breached anti-doping regulations." It said "UEFA requested specific information and immediately closed the case referred to, as is customary in such instances, following tests carried out by experts from the



Ramos

World Anti-Doping Agency and UEFA itself." UEFA also released a statement, saying it "strongly and categorically refutes unfounded allegations it has covered up positive doping results."

It added: "All UEFA doping control cases are conducted in full compliance with the World Anti-Doping Agency Code. UEFA has informed both WADA and FIFA of all such cases as required by the WADA Code and UEFA has provided all detailed information, expert reports and evidence during the handling of such cases." - AP

We've to perform at our best: Australia captain Zalewski

BHUBANESWAR, Nov 24: Australia captain Aran Zalewski believes it will be one of the most open men's hockey World Cups in recent times and his team will have to test themselves against the best to defend the title here.

"World hockey is close at the moment and very competitive and any team can win and obviously India at home with home crowd will be very tough to beat," said Zalewski after arriving here with his team for the World Cup.

"We have a chance to test ourselves against the best in the world as we haven't tested ourselves since Rio (2016 Olympics) so we want to do very well here," he added.

It is a sort of home coming for Australia, who had claimed the Champions Trophy in 2014 and the Hockey World League Final in 2017 here.

Australia has Ireland, England and China in Pool B and head coach Colin Batch said it isn't going to be an easy task for his side even in Pool Stages.



Australian hockey team players pose for a group photograph after they arrived at Biju Patnaik International airport, ahead of Men's Hockey World Cup, in Bhubaneswar, on Saturday. - PTI

"We are the Champions but a long way from winning this tournament. We have a lot of work to do. We saw that in the Women's World Cup, a lot of surprises sprung up

so we have to perform at our best against Ireland in the first game and then see what happens from there," said Batch, a World Cup winner himself in 1986.

"We haven't seen Ireland for a while but they have played some good hockey. England we have played them a few times, they are a good side and China are a bit

unknown so we just take one game a time." Australia open their title-defence campaign against Ireland on November 30. - PTI

Mourinho reveals Lukaku mission amid striker's struggles

MANCHESTER, Nov 24: Jose Mourinho has revealed he travelled to Belgium last week to try and get to the bottom of Romelu Lukaku's dramatic loss of form for Manchester United.

The United manager attended Belgium's international victory over Iceland in Brussels even though neither of his players, Lukaku or Marouane Fellaini, were in action for Roberto Martinez's side in the Nations League game.

But Mourinho has explained that his visit was for the express purpose of supporting Lukaku after the striker's recent alarming dip in form for his club side.

"I went (to) fundamentally be with Lukaku ... To see his situation, his injury," said the 55-year-old.

Lukaku, 25, has failed to score for United since September 15 - 10 matches in all competitions - and lost his place in the starting line-up for United's past four matches.

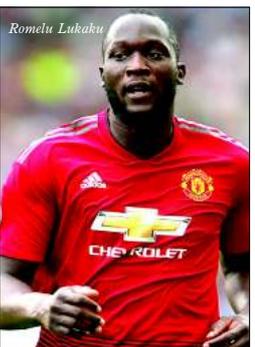
"Roberto invited me to meet him which I decided not to because I don't like to disturb people before matches," added Mourinho. "But I was with Roberto on the phone ...



Jose Mourinho

Trying to understand the problem and evolution of the problem."

Despite his troubles with United, Lukaku has maintained his form with Belgium, scor-



Romelu Lukaku

ing twice in the win over Switzerland in mid-October, his last goals in any form of football.

He has scored five goals in four appearances for his country this season in contrast to

four goals in 15 outings for his club side.

Injury forced him out of Martinez's latest internationals but it was only a minor hamstring problem and Lukaku is expected to return to the United squad for Saturday's visit of Crystal Palace to Old Trafford.

A teammate who is not scheduled to be in that squad is defender Eric Bailly, who has struggled to earn regular first-team minutes this season.

Bailly has started just three league games in the heart of United's defence as injuries and loss of form have taken their toll.

"The situation is that we have five central defenders and it's a little bit difficult to find the best combination, not just related to their qualities but also related to the injury situation," explained Mourinho.

"I think (Chris) Smalling and (Victor) Lindelof, they are playing much better than at the start of the season. I decided to give Victor his chance to evolve, with some mistakes... Because he is young, especially in the Premier League. We decided to give him this continuity which I think is clear has improved him in his physical qualities." - AFP

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Originating from Japan, 'su do ku' is a mind game and a puzzle that can be solved with proper reasoning and logic. Fill the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3 x 3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 12 without repeating any.

Oakland HS clinch Mrigen Sarma trophy

SPORTS REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Nov 24: Oakland High School posted a 52-run victory against Faculty HS School in the final to win the title in the 13th All Assam Mrigen Sarma Memorial Inter-School Cricket Tournament, organised by River Rine Cricket Coaching Centre.

At the Latasi playground here yesterday, riding on two solid knocks by Shahid Ali 81 (68b, 4x12) and Mrinal Sharma, not out 63 (44b, 4x7, 6x2) Oakland amassed 223 for the loss of six wickets in the stipulated 30 overs. The Faculty boys failed to chase the imposing total and were all out for 171 in 25.1 overs.

Individual prize winners are: MoM (Final)-Shahid Ali (Oakland HS), MoS-Shahid Ali (Oakland HS), Best Batsman-Sushanta P Das (Faculty HS School), Best Bowler-Devraj Bordoloi (Assam Jatiya Bidyalyal), Best All Rounder-Kuldeep Basfor (Gyan Educational Institution), Best Fielder-Navanil Kr Borah (Faculty HS School), Best Wicket-keeper-Debang Bikash (NOS), Promising Players-Tanuj Sarma (Don Bosco School), Subrajit Seal (NOS), Most Disciplined School-Assam Jatiya Bidyalyal.

Brief scores: Oakland 223/6 (Shahid Ali 81, Mrinal Sharma not out 63, Sachin Hazare 28, Varun Agarwal 3/38)

Faculty 171 (Sushanta P Das 51 (40b) 4x5, 6x4, Dixit Sarma 36, Navanil Kr Borah 30, Binod Borah 3/30, Nanda Das 2/27, Shahid Ali 2/30, Munna Ali 2/31).

City CC, River rine win T20 matches

SPORTS REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Nov 24: City Cricket Club defeated Chandmari SC by six wickets while host River Rine Club trounced Goalpara CA by 50 runs in today's matches of the 2nd Chandradhar Deka Memorial River Rine T-20 Invitational Prize Money Cricket Tournament at the Judges' Field here.

Brief scores: Chandmari 129/5 (Mukut Kalita 60, Manikarna Sarma 19, Debashish Saikia 2/26), City CC 133/4 (Rohan Hazarika 46, Debashish Saikia 33, Tarjinder Singh 30, Manikarna Sarma 2/16).

River Rine 200/3 (Ranjit Changmai 121, Amit Yadav 50), Goalpara CA 150/7 (Dhruva Jyoti 50, Bishal Motor 43, Shivam Mittal 28).

Today's matches: Legal Eagles vs Lions Boys Club; River Rine Club vs Baihata Chariali Cricket Club.

Junior tennis tourney at Duliajan from Dec 12

DULIAJAN, Nov 24: The Oil India All Assam Junior Tennis Championship, organised by the Zalon Club, Duliajan, will be held under the auspices of the All Assam Tennis Association from December 12 to 16 at the Zalon Club tennis courts.

The championship is being sponsored by Oil India Limited. The championship will be held for boys' singles U-12, 14, 18 years and girls' singles U-14 and 18 years respectively. Cash scholarship will be awarded from quarter final stage in all events. An organising committee has been formed with Jayanta Kumar Bordoloi as chairman, Debashis Borua as vice-chairman, Arunabh Barua as tournament director, Dr Sidhartha Deori Bihari as organising secretary and Chandra Sekhar Mohanty as chief referee.

Interested participants may send their entries before December 10 to the organising secretary, Zalon Club, Duliajan.

DPS enter school cricket tournament final

SPORTS REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Nov 24: Delhi Public School, Guwahati made it to the final of the Kamrup district Inter-School Cricket Tournament, played under School Sports Promotion Foundation.

In the first semifinal played at the Dispur Parade Ground today, DPS trounced Little Star English School by eight wickets. Chasing a paltry target of 96, DPS scored 97 for two in 21.1 overs.

Brief scores: Little Star 96 (Amit Baroi 36, Victor Kashyap 4/7, Samik Choraria 2/7, Gaurav Nahata 2/1). DPS 97/2 (Anchit Dutta 28, Samarangan Deka 21).

Today's match: (S/F) South Point vs Sarala Birla

Indian Oil to host IRSM in city from tomorrow



International Master DV Prasad flanked by Alok Kr Singh (left) and Debabrata Mukherjee addressing the media in Guwahati, on Saturday. - UB Photos

SPORTS REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Nov 24: The Indian Oil will host the 19th Inter Regional Sports Meet (IRSM) here from November 26 to 30 among its regular employees.

Informing about the sports meet, Alok Kumar Singh, DGM, Corporate Communication, Indian Oil said that the tournament has been organised to provide opportunity to the regular employees other than who were appointed in sports category.

Altogether five events—table tennis, badminton, bridge, car-

rom and chess—will be played during the four-day meet. The badminton competition will be held at the Kanaklata Indoor Stadium while Tarun Ram Phookan Indoor Stadium is the venue for the TT tournament. Chess, bridge and carrom competitions will be conducted at Hotel Vivanta.

This year Deo-Hanh (white-winged wood duck), the State bird of Assam has been chosen as the mascot for the meet. The organisers hoped that the participants will carry the message that Deo-Hanh, one of the most endangered bird of the world,

SYDNEY, Nov 24: Staring at an imminent defeat after seven successive series wins on trot, India will be looking for yet another solid bowling performance against a brittle Australian top-order in third and final T20 International on Sunday.

India were in with a very good chance of levelling the series in Melbourne on Friday after reducing Australia to 132 for 7 in 19 overs but rain put paid to their hopes.

Now a win at the SCG will at least let Virat Kohli's team share the bragging rights and more importantly remain in a good frame of mind before the real test begins at Adelaide on December 6.

India are unbeaten in T20I engagements since July 2017, when they last lost to West Indies in a one-off game in the Caribbean. They have won 20 out of 27 T20Is since then in different conditions and against varying opposition.

In doing so, India are unbeaten in

nine consecutive T20I series since August 2017, including a drawn two-match contest against Australia at home (October 2017).

They have won seven consecutive T20I series since the Nidahas Trophy win in the tri-series in Sri Lanka (also including Bangladesh) and beating England away 2-1 in the summer gone past, are the highlights of this unbeaten run.

Last time in Australia, back in 2016, India had won the T20I series with an unprecedented 3-0 margin.

Rain though has played spoilsport with their chance of winning a second consecutive T20I series in Down Under. Perhaps the only silver lining is that they still can maintain their unbeaten record in this format with victory on Sunday.

In order to achieve this, India will like to carry on from where they were left off in Melbourne. The surprisingly unchanged bowling attack put in a more disciplined performance

as compared to their Brisbane outing, and both pacers and spinners were able to put the Australian batting order under constant pressure.

There were hiccups in the field of course — two dropped catches in keeping with a shoddy display in Brisbane as well. This is one area that the Indian team will be keen to improve on when the final game begins, for it could well be the difference again if the Australian batting clicks.

Pre-game in Melbourne, there was talk that the Indian team management might revert to type and bring back Yuzvendra Chahal to re-ignite his partnership with Kuldeep Yadav in a must-win game.

The stakes haven't changed going into the series decider, yet India's improved showing with the ball gives reason for picking an unchanged side.

Given the situation, skipper Virat Kohli showed surprising consistency in team selection and continued to back Krunal Pandya in the all-rounder guise.

The latter put in an improved showing of 1-26 in four overs, bowling Glenn Maxwell with a slow turner. The SCG wicket is known to be helpful to spinners and thus there is no case to leave Pandya out.

It remains to be seen if India will be tempted to play Chahal nevertheless, if conditions do turn out to be drier than in Brisbane and Melbourne.

The only option to do so is in leaving out Khaleel Ahmed then, who despite being a touch expensive in the first game has justified his selection thus far.

Dropping Ahmed won't be easy, as Kohli adopted stand-in skipper Rohit Sharma's plan (used against West Indies at home) to pair him with Bhuvneshwar Kumar first and bring in Jasprit Bumrah as first change.

Leaving him out would mean Kumar-Bumrah sharing the new ball, and unless conditions demand it, the team management again might not be too keen to change what clearly

worked in Melbourne.

Whilst the Indian team was waiting for the rain to stop and play to resume, it was also noticeable that Kohli was sitting paddled up in the dugouts even as openers Shikhar Dhawan and Rohit Sharma watched.

It hinted at a possible re-promotion for the skipper to number three, in light of KL Rahul's struggles of late. It is again improbable that the latter will be left out at Sydney, but Kohli batting at number three and boosting the top-order in the series' finale could be India's best bet.

Australian pacer Billy Stanlake, who twisted his ankle during pre-match warm-up on Friday, is slated to undergo a scan on Saturday.

His availability for Sunday's game thus is under doubt but the hosts haven't yet named an alternative with Nathan Coulter-Nile stepping in to take his spot in the side in the second T20I. - PTI

Match starts at: 1.20 pm IST

Coric, Cilic put Croatia on brink of Davis Cup title

LILLE (France), Nov 24: Croatia moved to the brink of a second Davis Cup title on Friday as straight-set victories for Marin Cilic and Domagoj Pajic gave them a 2-0 lead over reigning champions France in the final.

The visitors were dominant throughout the day in front of a capacity crowd at the Stade Pierre-Mauroy in Lille as Yannick Noah's France failed to make the most of home advantage and the clay court.

Coric got Croatia off to the best possible start with a 6-2, 7-5, 6-4 thrashing of Jeremy Chardy, who was a surprise selection by Noah ahead of Benoit Paire and Lucas Pouille, the highest-ranked member of the French squad.

World number seven Cilic then made short work of an injury-hit Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, who needed to take a medical time-out during the third set before succumbing 6-3, 7-5, 6-4.

"I didn't lose my serve in the match and I played outstanding tennis throughout," said Cilic. "I am able to play all three days. I often play all three days in Davis Cup. We will see with the captain (Zeljko Krajan)."

Former Australian Open finalist Tsonga, now ranked 259 after a season plagued by injury problems, failed to put Cilic under any real pressure, and missed all five of the break points that did come his way. "He (Tsonga) has a problem with a groin muscle," Noah told BeIN Sports.

"In the dressing room we wondered if he would retire from the match, but we thought that there were too many people here and that we still had to play." - AFP



Indian boxer Sonia (in Red) in action against Germany's Ornela Wahner during the final match of women's light flyweight 57 kg bout at AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships, in New Delhi, on Saturday. Wahner beat Sonia to win gold. - PTI

Saina, Sameer in Syed Modi International final

LUCKNOW, Nov 24: Former three-time winner Saina Nehwal and reigning champion Sameer Verma were a step away from clinching the men's and women's singles titles respectively, reaching the finals of the Syed Modi International World Tour Super 300 here on Saturday.

Commonwealth Games silver medalists Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty and Gold Coast bronze medalists Ashwini Ponnappa and N Sikki Reddy also progressed to the summit clash in men's doubles and women's doubles respectively. Third seed Sameer, who won titles at Swiss and Hyderabad this year, saw off Indonesia's Chico Aum Dwi Wardoyo 21-13, 21-8 in a 57-minute men's singles semifinals.

The world number 16 Indian, who needs to win the title to qualify for the year-ending HSBC BWF World Tour Finals, will face sixth seeded Chinese Lu Guangzhi in the summit clash. If he wins the title, Sameer will displace Japan's Kenta Nishimoto at No.8 in the Race to Guangzhou Rankings.

Saina, seeded second, also prevailed over another Indonesian Ruselli Hartawan 12-21, 21-7,

21-6 to set up a meeting with China's Han Yue, who defeated compatriot Li Xuerui 21-15, 19-21, 21-9 in another semifinal.

Men's pair of Satwiksairaj and Chirag staved London Olympics silver medalists Mathias Boe and Carsten Mogensen of Denmark 22-20, 25-23 to set

it to their second successive finals here with a 21-18, 21-16 win over Russian combination of Ekaterina Bolotova and Alina Davletova in women's doubles.

Ashwini, however, couldn't progress to the finals of the mixed doubles event after she and her partner Satwiksairaj

opening game, much to the disappointment of the crowd.

Jolted by the reversal, Saina gathered her wits and dished out a dominating game after an initial 4-4 battle with her Indonesian opponent. The Indian reeled off five points to reach 9-4 and then quickly jumped to 16-6 before roaring back into the contest with another five straight points. The decider was no different with Saina continuing her domination, moving to 8-2 at one stage before accumulating the next eight points to take the match away from her opponent. She sealed the contest comfortably in the end to make it her fourth here.

In the men's singles, Sameer led 3-0 and 7-4 before Chico managed to hold a slender 11-10 advantage at the interval. The Indian, however, soon blasted off 10 straight points at 10-12 to jump to 20-12 and then sealed the opening game in his favour.

He was comfortably placed at 7-1 in the second game when Chirag scripted a stirring recovery to make it 12-11 at one stage. Sameer earned a slender 17-16 lead but the Indonesian managed to bounce back with five points. - PTI



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Positive results on grass by Indians an advantage: Bhupathi

NEW DELHI, Nov 24: Davis Cup non-playing captain Mahesh Bhupathi on Saturday said the recent spate of positive results by Indians on grass will give the hosts an advantage when they take on Italy in February.

"Rankumar made the finals for Newport this year on grass, Prajesh qualified and beat Dennis Shapovalov on grass. Seeing that grass is an advantage for us..." Bhupathi told PTI on the sidelines of a Kia Motors event where 100 young tennis fans of the country underwent a rigorous audition process to be selected as the ball kids for the Australian Open 2019.

The Italians, led by world No 13 Fabio Fognini are superior to India on hard and clay courts, but might struggle on grass.

"Italy has 6 players in the top-100, where do we have a chance against them? The only logical answer is grass. Playing at home we always have a chance. In Kolkata on grass, we will throw something at them and see how it goes. Grass is our best shot," he said.

Asked about the new Davis Cup format consisting of six-player squad play-

ing three-set matches over two days, Bhupathi said it would benefit India.

"The new format for the Davis Cup will be beneficial for India because when you want to beat someone like Fabio

consistently in the Oceania Group and Bhupathi believes it is because of the lack of top-100 players in the team.

"We have nobody who is capable of playing world group level. World group

priority status.

"We don't have a culture of tennis in India. We want to see a singles grand slam champions from India one day. But that's not possible because there is no culture of the sport in the country. China spent hundreds and millions of dollars for 20 years before Li Na won a grand slam.

"Sania Mirza created a revolution 10 years ago in India, she broke all boundaries, she played the third round of the Australian Open, Wimbledon. Everyone in India was watching but what happened after that? We don't have five Samias. Tennis is not a priority in our country."

However, Bhupathi believes all is not lost and Indian tennis is headed in the right direction.

"For the first time we have three boys in the top-150, Prajesh, Ram and Yuki. This has never happened before. We are going in the right direction but the series is missing. We are always No 1 or 2 in cricket because we have a culture of cricket... Without the culture you can't expect miracles." - PTI



Mahesh Bhupathi

Fognini it's easier to do it in two sets than three sets. When playing a better player behind him 2 out of 3 is much easier than beating him 3 out of 5."

India has been unable to qualify for the World group stage despite winning con-

level is top-100, how do you compete with top-100 players when you are not in that bracket?"

Bhupathi said that to popularise a sport, money should be pumped in for the development besides giving it a

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Grim reality

Writer Alpa Shah is chronicling the other side of India.

Behind the mask of a shining 'new India', there is an 'other India', and Alpa Shah knows it hands on. From teaching Anthropology as an associate professor at the London School of Economics and Political Science to living for four-and-a-half years in a rickety hut amidst the Naxal heartland of India, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh, this social scientist has done something that many of her peers and contemporaries never even dared to consider. In 2010, just as the Indian Government was stepping up its counterinsurgency operations in the country's Naxal-affected areas, Alpa Shah, who had by then lived in the Naxal domain for about two years, set out on a seven-night march with a guerrilla platoon across 250 kilometres of the same territory. Her book – *Nightmarch: A Journey into India's Naxal Heartlands*, brought out recently by HarperCollins India, has been acknowledged as "an exceptional undertaking" by *The Guardian*, London.

"The Maoist movement had actually intrigued me," says Shah, "How and why does this armed rebellion for a communist society, a struggle that seems anachronistic to the rest of the world, persist in the heart of the world's largest democracy, the birthplace of non-violence, a country poised to become one of the most powerful economies of the world? I wanted to understand why, against the backdrop of a much-hyped shinner new India, the country's poor had shunned the world's largest democracy and united with revolutionary ideologues."

Alpa's sojourn was unique, to say the least. "*Nightmarch* refers to an unexpected seven-night trek with a Naxalite guerrilla platoon, undertaken in 2010, alongside new intensive counterinsurgency operations, after no less than the then Prime Minister himself, Dr. Manmohan Singh declared the rebels the single gravest internal security threat facing the country and labelled them as 'terrorists'." For Alpa, what followed was thrilling, and revealing too. "I found myself dressed as a man in an olive-green guerrilla uniform. The only woman, and the only person not carrying a gun, I set out with a group of fighters, under the cover of darkness, to walk 250 kilometres from one part of India to another."

Unravelling across this march, the book draws on the four-and-a-half years of living as an anthropologist amidst India's Adivasi people. "*Nightmarch* is then my journey into this underbelly of the subcontinent to understand the whys, whats and hows of the Naxalite movement still raging in India's mainland," Alpa writes.

Did she purposefully embark upon a path so less trodden? "I encountered the guerrillas when, towards the end of my doctoral field research in 1999-2002, they started to enter the Adivasi rural area of Jharkhand where I was then living. From London, I went there with modest ambitions: to spend time among the Adivasis in order to understand how life had changed for them in the face of this revolutionary movement, allegedly fighting for a more equal society. I didn't expect to see a guerrilla, let alone meet one. But during my stay, I soon realised that the guerrillas were everywhere – in every house, in every village, and in every forest. I had, by chance, ended up living in what the Naxalites considered their 'Red Capital', one of the two guerrilla strongholds in India."

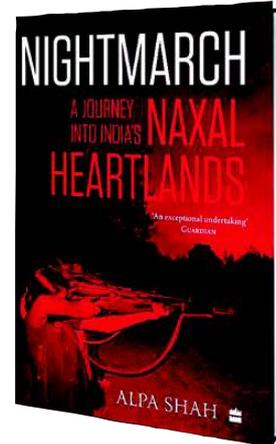
For someone who was accustomed with only the nitty-gritty of academia (she has also reported and presented on India for BBC's *Radio 4* and the *World Service*), the situation had turned increasingly dangerous. As the State's counter insurgency operations escalated, outsiders were prohibited from entering the guerrilla areas. Those who dared to venture in without informing the authorities rarely stayed more than a few hours. Alpa Shah considered returning to London. However, something pulled her back. "The stories of the people I had met in the Red Capital had already pulled me too far into this little-known world. I was compelled to venture increasingly undercover." Her sober field research that meant to be a plain academic endeavour had grown into something far more ambitious than she could have ever imagined.

All this finally culminated in the form of *Nightmarch: A Journey into India's Naxal Heartlands*. Revealing one of the world's most intractable and under-reported rebellions, the book reflects on why a seemingly failing revolution has endured in India and the ways in which it is undermined.

"For me, it is about the story, inexplicable though, of young tribal boys, born into mud huts, who seasonally migrate for work – building the skyscrapers of a brand new India that they hardly understand – but also march in the guerrilla columns to recite poetry, sing revolutionary songs and bear arms."

An armed force of less than 10,000 in number, the Naxalites cadres have haunted and taunted the Indian State for the last 50 years. New Delhi has pledged many times in the past to destroy and finish the Maoists, and yet they endure.

"I have tried to tell the story, as clearly and perceptively as possible, of the well-heeled, highly educated who leave the security of their families when their conscience and sense of justice are assaulted by the inequalities of their country, and move underground for years on in the service of higher ideals. There are stories within this story, which are both poignant and truthful."



Wheeling a dream

PULAKESH DAS and KARISHMA PATHAK highlight a unique initiative.

“When I drive my pink auto in the middle of the crowded city of Bongaigaon, surpassing my male counterparts, my chest swells with pride at what I am doing," narrates Mona Das, a mother of two, who drives a special kind of auto in Bongaigaon, one of the biggest commercial hubs of Lower Assam. Prior to taking up the profession of driving, she used to be a domestic worker, earning merely Rs. 700-1,000 per month. Besides, she was regularly beaten up by her drunkard husband for not providing that small sum of money she earned by working. Consequently, under such circumstances, she was forced to stay with her elder sister, along with two of her children. Her journey from a "housemaid" to an independent pink auto driver is a story that can inspire millions of Indian women.

The pink auto is an exclusive auto-rickshaw, which is driven by women and is meant for women passengers only. These customised auto-rickshaws, which ply on the roads of Bongaigaon, have been painted pink to signify women and also to differentiate them from the available autos. This special auto rickshaw is available from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the evening, and sometimes the timings are extended if there are more commuters.

This noble initiative to make women self-dependent and empowered is the outcome of the National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM). Kusumbar Choudhury, a social worker, as well as the Bongaigaon City Project Manager of NULM, is the brain behind this entire project, which is encouraging more women to come out and take up this profession. While sharing the story behind this initiative, Choudhury explains: "The idea behind introducing this form of auto-rickshaw came to my mind when a woman narrowly escaped abduction in a moving auto-rickshaw when she was returning home from Swahid Badi to Deuripara, which is merely a ten-minute drive by auto. Moreover, she was also a member of a Self Help Group (SHG) under the NULM. This incident made me realise how unsafe women are in auto-rickshaws and subsequently, I thought of a project which could provide them safety as well as employment."

However, the biggest challenge was the lack of funding. It has to be mentioned that Bongaigaon Refinery came out to provide ten pink autos which immensely helped to further the project of empowering women and providing them with a source of income. Besides, the State Bank of India (SBI), Bongaigaon Branch, also decided to advance a loan for three more vehicles which increased the total number of auto-rickshaws to 13. Further, with the

help of the Bongaigaon Auto Tempo Association, a driver training session for a couple of months was organised by the NULM, free of cost. Around 20 underprivileged women volunteered for the training and eventually, 13 of them chose the livelihood of driving pink autos. Again, all the expenditure in procuring the licences for the women drivers was financed by the NULM itself.

Surpassing all hurdles, the pink auto finally made its debut in the streets of Bongaigaon on January 17 of this year. This heralded a new ray of hope for thousands of women passengers of Bongaigaon who commute through auto-rickshaws for their daily activities. It needs to be mentioned that in no part of Northeastern India has such an initiative been taken up. However, some cities like Mumbai, Bengaluru and Ranchi have also tried to provide women a source of income through auto-rickshaws. But there is a fundamental difference between the auto-rickshaws of those cities and the pink autos of Bongaigaon. Unlike the pink autos, in the auto-rickshaws of those cities, both male and female passengers can commute. Again, it must be noted that the pink auto has the provision of carrying physically ill persons, old men and children as passengers.

Further, to enhance the safety of these auto-rickshaws, the NULM is making another effort to install GPS trackers in the autos. This will allow the woman driver to press a button in case of any insecurity she faces while carrying passengers, which will notify the head office instantly, along with providing them her live location. Besides, the NULM is also planning to expand this



The shoe story

SUJOY DHAR visits the Bata Shoe Museum (BSM) in Toronto, which is an ode to the myth of Cinderella.

Sonja Bata, who died in February this year, since the 1940s, had scoured the world for shoes of every kind, from the most ordinary to the most exotic. Over the decades of her travel, she had built one of the world's finest collections and North America's foremost shoe museum that boasts of a wealth of fashion lore and historical information.

The museum brochure says that "when in 1979, Sonja Bata's collection had outgrown the available private storage space, the Bata family established the Bata Shoe Museum Foundation". Over the years, the Foundation had funded various field trips to collect and research footwear in areas where traditions are changing rapidly. Finally on May 6, 1995, the Bata Shoe Museum opened its doors at 327 Bloor Street West in downtown Toronto.

The five-storey 39,000-square foot shoebox inspired building, designed by Moriyma and Teshima Architects, is a Toronto landmark. The museum's unique collection of over 13,000 artifacts ranges from the earliest civilisations to the catwalks of today's leading designers.

According to the Bata Shoe Museum, its aim is to contribute to the knowledge and understanding of the role of footwear in the social and cultural life of humanity. Primarily funded by the Bata Shoe Museum Foundation, the mandate is to operate an internationally recognised centre for footwear research that maintains and displays the Bata Shoe Museum's collection, sponsors field research, publishes findings and promotes education.

At present, the permanent collection contains artifacts from virtually every culture in the world. Where else could you find French chestnut crushing boots under the same roof as delicately embroidered Chinese silk shoes, bear fur shoes for Japanese samurais, and footwear made from human hair?

The Indian collection is impressive, too. It says about India: "Bejewelled *mojari*, *paduka* made of precious



metals, and extravagant ornaments, such as toe rings and ankle bracelets, were all part of the traditional splendour of Indian aristocratic pageantry and dress. Even today, the footwear worn to important occasions such as weddings is exceptionally embellished in emulation of India's regal past."

One of the most important aspects of the Bata Shoe Museum's holdings is an extensive collection of Native American and circum-polar footwear. This collection and the field trips sponsored to study indigenous shoe-making have greatly contributed to the scholarship of shoe-making.

Among the collection's most popular features is an extensive assortment of celebrity footwear, including Queen Victoria's ballroom slippers, Robert Redford's cowboy boots, Elton John's monogrammed silver platform boots, Terry Fox's running shoe, Elvis Presley's blue patent loafers, Karen Kain's ballet shoes, and John Lennon's Beatle boot.

But the collection doesn't stop at shoes. Enhancing the actual footwear collection is a companion collection of shoe-shaped ornamental artifacts, such as Malojica hand warmers and inlaid fruitwood snuffboxes, as well as all sorts of graphic materials, from the 14th-century woodcut prints through the 19th-century caricature lithographs, to original paintings and sculptures, all illustrating aspects of the history of footwear.

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Fit for life

The fitness industry is booming but more women need to join in.



India is a developing country and we are growing very fast. Women, especially, are making their mark in every field. Now, we have all the comforts to live a good life. According to a former registrar general of India and census commissioner C. Chandramouli, the level of urbanisation has increased from 27.81 per cent in the 2001 census to 31.16 per cent in the 2011 census. Nowadays, in India, people are having lunch or dinner outside very often, not only in metropolitan cities, but also in smaller towns. But in western countries, people give equal importance to eating out and going to the gym. Eating out without proper exercise can only lead to an array of lifestyle diseases.

As such, across India, people are suffering from many common

health problems like high cholesterol, Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes, fluctuation of blood pressure, etc. These are a reflection of one's poor habits. Fortunately, a large group of people are coming out to create a health revolution and consequently, the fitness industry has done very well in a very short time. But the participation of women is not encouraging. "When you educate a man, you educate an individual. And when you educate a woman, you educate an entire family." So, fitness education is very essential for the betterment of our societies. But something is lacking, because few women are interested in fitness education. The only concern I have seen among women is to lose fat and look slim. They have understood the whole fitness scenario very differently.

“Before that, we have to change the definition of fitness among women. Merely losing weight does not imply fitness; one's internal organs, body fat percentage, etc., are equally important.”

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The term 'fit' is mostly related to our internal health. When our body is internally functioning well, then obviously we will look good externally, too. Our goal should not be limited to only the waist size. We may achieve size zero by

simply consuming some chemicals, but it can never lead us to a fit life. The typical concept of fitness among Indian women is to cut down food and do cardio exercises like running, jumping, walking, etc. Eventually, this is the worst decision that anybody can ever make. Without proper nutrition, we cannot go for exercise; otherwise, it will be an open invitation to more diseases. It is not necessary to follow a fancy diet like that of Virat Kohli or Bipasha Basu; we can maintain a healthy lifestyle just by using those ingredients which are already available in our kitchens. For exercise, cardio is going to help our hearts, but for strength, muscle mass and most importantly, to build a strong immune system, resistance training or weight training is equally important. By educating ourselves on food habits and exercise, we can change our lives.

Historically, human bodies are meant for hustling. In ancient times, people were hunters, cultivators, etc. They were physically active, but nowadays, our physical activity level is dropping drastically. Earlier, people used to play outdoor games, but that has also been replaced by the mobile or television. Day-by-day, our physical activity is going down, and our mental stress is increasing. To balance it out, one needs to do some form of physical work. Along with physical benefit, exercise provides us strong mental health and long-term happiness. Every successful person in any field maintains a proper diet and exercise routine; it becomes a part of their lives. We can even work out in our homes; there is no need to join a gym. Basic body weight training and cardio can be done at home easily. But before that, we have to change the definition of fitness among women. Merely losing weight does not imply fitness; one's internal organs, body fat percentage, etc., are equally important. Remember, fitness is not a short-time goal; rather, it is a habit to be cultivated for a lifetime.

FASHION

Following the bride

Here's a head-to-toe dressing guide for every bridesmaid.

There is nothing more exciting for a girl than knowing that her best friend is getting married. As excited as you may be for this momentous celebration, there's no denying that dressing for your best friend's wedding is a tricky and dreadful task. However, a few tips can do the trick.

Nehpreet Kaur, the Design and Creative Head of Femina Flaunt; Alisha Malik, the vice president Marketing and Creative Face of Mochi Shoes and Accessories; and Mimmi Hrahsel, the Business Head of Shaya by CaratLane have listed down a few tips for every bridesmaid.

● This wedding season, opt for a trendier and more experimental look with ruffled lehengas. You can either style the lehenga with a traditional blouse or crop top, however you please and look like a damsel to impress. Ruffled lehenga is an epitome of sheer perfection in terms of the draping technique and is sure to make heads turn.

● Bring out your inner desi girl with a generous dose of glamour. Move away from mundane fabrics and silhouettes by mixing and matching Indian and western elements to create interesting ensembles. Strapless blouses are definitely the flavour of the season.

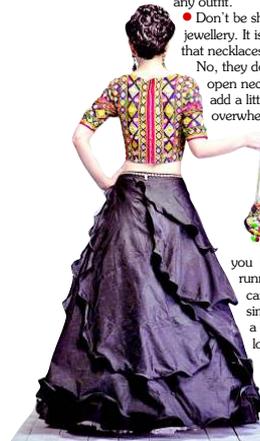
● Blushing pink or something blue is the dreamy pallet that breaks the saturated molds without veering too far outside of wedding territory.

● The trend which is dominating the industry is silver jewellery. This current favourite is incredibly Indian, yet modern in style, and instantly elevates your look. So, indulge your inner glam girl and go ahead and pair that crisp off-shoulder blouse with intricate statement making earrings. A chunky piece of silver earrings instantly injects contemporary edge into any outfit.

● Don't be shy of experimenting with your jewellery. It is time to break the fashion rule that necklaces and necklines go hand in hand. No, they don't! For instance, accentuate your open neckline gown with a choker style to add a little boldness to your look without overwhelming it.

● After you are set on the perfect dress, you will need to find all of the accessories. One of those are the shoes to accompany you as you cater to your bridesmaid duties. Ensure your shoes are comfortable, yet fabulous as you know who's going to be doing the running around for the bride. Heels can be a sassy showstopper, or they simply can be a lovely, elegant and a final touch to complement your look.

● The shoes for bridesmaids are the final element creating a polished, cohesive wedding day look! Invest in styles that will drop jaws, and that you'll wear again. Opt for a pair of subtle nude stilettoes or off-white pumps. If your outfit is subtle, pair it with metallic or bold-coloured heels. (IANS)



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HANDS ON

You need not be a mason to know the wonders of concrete. Right from being used to lay the foundations of our house, cement mix can be used to create beautiful décor pieces around the house. And once you realise the value of this powder, you'll not look back. Just grab a bag of cement and try these DIY projects at home:

1



Drawer pulls

Cement mix can be used to make drawer pulls in so many designs. Simply get some silicone moulds (chocolate-making moulds will do, in any design), the mounting hardware or machine screws, and some cooking spray. Mix the water with cement and keep it aside. Now prepare the moulds by spraying the cooking oil, so that the drawer pulls can be pulled out easily once they harden. Pour the cement mix onto the moulds, push the screws onto the centre of the mould. Once the cement hardens, pull them out, and smoothen the rough edges with sand paper.

2



Cheese board

For this one, you will need a plastic mould in the shape and size of a cheese board. The process is much the same. Coat the inside of the mould with oil, pour the cement mix, level it up, and make sure there are no air bubbles. Let it harden for an hour or so. You'll have a rather smooth and shiny cheese board in quick time.

3



Fridge magnets

Fridge magnets can be made in much the same way as the drawer pulls. Pour the cement mix into the chocolate moulds, and place magnets onto the mould. Once the mix dries, you have a bunch of magnets that you can further decorate. It's a great gifting idea as well.

Concrete stool

This one's a rather cool DIY and one bag of cement can give you a set of four to five stools. Keep three stool legs ready before you start mixing the cement. Pour the cement mix into a medium-size bucket, filling one-fifth of it. Now smoothen the cement base and insert the three legs into the mix, while the mix is still wet. If necessary, hold the legs in place, while the concrete sets. Check that the leg ends are all aligned evenly, to avoid a wobbly stool! Allow the concrete to set before you even attempt to take the stool out of the bucket.



(Compiled by: Bidisha Singha)

4

Mughlai mutton and onion stew

- Ingredients:**
- Mutton cubes 1 kg
 - Onion, sliced 800 gms
 - Vegetable oil ½ cup
 - Bay leaves 2
 - Black cardamoms 2
 - Green cardamoms 2
 - Cinnamon stick 1 inch
 - Cloves 4
 - Mace 1 piece
 - Peppercorns 8
 - Cumin seeds 1½ tsps
 - Garlic paste 1 tbsp
 - Ginger paste 1 tbsp
 - Yoghurt, thick ½ cup
 - Red chillies, dried 2
 - Green chillies 4
 - Coriander leaves, chopped 3 tsps
 - Salt to taste

Method:

Heat ghee in a heavy-bottomed pot or pressure cooker. Add the bay leaves, the cardamoms, the cinnamon, the cloves, the peppercorns and the cumin seeds, and sauté until fragrant.

Stir in the meat and the sliced onion pieces and fry, until the onions turn translucent. Do not let the onions brown.

Add salt, the garlic and the ginger, and mix well. Cook over low heat or pressure cook, in its own juices, for two whistles or until the meat is done.

Remove the cooker from heat. Allow to cool naturally. Open the cooker and place it on high heat. Cook until the water evaporates, stirring frequently.

Incorporate the yoghurt, a tablespoon at a time, until it's all used up. Mix in the green chillies and the dried red chillies and cook, covered, for five minutes on low heat or until the oil spots surface.

Remove from heat. Stir in the chopped coriander.

Serve with an Indian bread of your choice.



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Black rice and almond pudding

- Ingredients:**
- Almonds 50
 - Fat milk, full 4 cups
 - Black rice, cooked ½ cup
 - Condensed milk 400 gms
 - Sugar to taste
 - Cardamom powder 1 tsp
 - Pandanus flower (kewra) essence 2-3 drops
 - Rose water 2 tsps
 - Pistachio slivers 2 tsps
 - Rose petals, edible 2 tsps

Method:

Wash the almonds and soak them in water overnight. Drain, peel and grind the almonds, along with a few tablespoons of milk, to a fine paste. Boil the milk in a heavy pan over medium heat.

Add the almond paste, mix well and cook, stirring frequently, until the mixture thickens slightly.

Mix in the condensed milk and the cooked black rice; mix with a whisk or fork, so as to ensure no lumps remain.

Cook on very low heat, stirring frequently, until thick and creamy. Add sugar to taste and cook, stirring con-

tinuously, until the mixture is thick enough to coat the back of the spoon.

Turn off the heat and stir the cardamom powder, rose water, and kewra essence.

Allow to cool for a few minutes and then transfer to a serving bowl.

Refrigerate for at least four hours or until set. Serve chilled, garnished with pistachio slivers and rose petals.



FICTION
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India finally got her Independence. Amidst the joy of freedom, there is a cloud of homelessness, painful separations, loss and death. Though most people tried to stop it, the country got divided. Gandhi and M.K. Jinnah are having a conversation. They are wondering what could have happened had they done things differently. They are disturbed by the pain that the people of both the countries were feeling. They feel guilty, and their morose faces are filled with hopelessness.



A conversation

Gandhi: The day we had been so patiently waiting for has finally come. We have freedom from the brutal British regime today. But it does not make me happy. I do not know if we have achieved freedom in any sense by parting from our Muslim brothers. The bloodshed, the homelessness, is this what you wanted, my brother?

Jinnah: Mahatma, everyone thinks of me as the winner today. But, inside, I do not acknowledge myself as anything close to it. Do you want to know, Mahatma, how this 'ambassador of unity', as Gopal Krishna Gokhale once called me, transformed into an advocate of Partition in just 25 years?

Gandhi: Jinnah, do you remember the day you came to welcome me when I reached India in 1915 from South Africa? You had forsaken attending the Madras Congress meeting only to meet me. I can never forget the discussions we had after that on Hindu-Muslim unity. I had thought that we saw India from the same perspective. How have we come to differ so much now?

Jinnah: And do you remember what I said to you? That undoubtedly you would not only become a worthy ornament but also a real worker whose equals are few. Such was my faith in you.

Gandhi: You should have understood, my brother, that separating us was a motive of the British Government. They tried their best to keep the Indian National Congress and your Muslim League apart.

Jinnah: Religion and politics – when brought together brings disaster. They do not mix. And this is what

I have been saying since the beginning. You did mix the two, and the result is the bloodiest separation of the two communities. I never wished to be a part of the Khilafat movement. I felt the Muslims were being forcibly dragged into the movement in the name of religion.

Gandhi: My brother, politics, if in the real sense is inspired from religious faith, it would never be as malevolent as it is. What I believed was that we should draw inspiration from our respective faiths, both Hinduism and Islam, to bring peace in the country. My wish has always been the unity of the two groups.

The offers made by the Cripps Mission were solid proof of the fact that the British wanted to divide us. When they asked us to cut off the names of our Muslim brothers from the future union government, I disagreed with it, as it was our mutual struggle for freedom. When did you become a leader of the Muslims, my

brother? I saw in you the leader of the Indians. Jinnah, I could never agree to your idea of dividing India. Together, you and I could have tried our best to keep peace between the two communities.

I was even ready to appeal to Lord Mountbatten to allow you, my brother, to form the government of India with your Muslim League, the way you wanted it. It was a bargain I was willing to make with you in lieu of letting go off your demand for Pakistan. But Jawaharlal and the other members disagreed with it. I was ready to save my people at any cost, our sons and daughters, their homes and their lives.

Jinnah: Your demand for *Swaraj* was too hasty, Mahatma. I tried to warn you of the approaching dangers; unfortunately, you did not listen to me. And Jawaharlal chose to follow you. In the 1920 session at Nagpur, I wanted you to take it slow. I knew that declaring *Swaraj* as our

goal would be immensely dangerous for our country at that point of time. It was a hasty decision. The dragging in of religious symbols split the movement. But rather than listen to what I was trying to say, people criticised me for calling you Mr. Gandhi instead of Mahatma. I was so pained by the criticism that day that I decided to abandon the movement and resign from the Congress.

Even then I said: 'I am a nationalist first, a nationalist second, and a nationalist last.'

I had no choice but to leave all this and go away. I wanted to leave it all to you, as I knew your greatness is incomparable. You are the Mahatma, the saviour of all our countrymen.

But I could not keep myself for long in England; I had to come back, to my people, to my land.

I came back, but this time, as the *Qaid-e-Azam*. My community's wishes had been neglected for long and I was not willing to let them be destroyed under the demands of the huge Hindu population. By then I was convinced that the Muslims were a different nation. And I made sure that the Pakistan resolution was adopted by the Muslim League at Lahore on March 24, 1940, demanding that 'the areas in which the Muslims are numerically in a majority should be grouped together to constitute Independent states'.

On June 3, my demand was accepted. But do you think, Mahatma, that I won? I didn't. I held on to the ideas of a 'politically united, federally loose, culturally pluralist, secular, democratic India' for as long as I could. But how could I let my people down?

While the world perceives me as a winner today, I'm pained by the condition of the people, both in your home and mine.

Gandhi: I can only pray, my friend, that both our lands may live in peace, at least from now on. I shall make sure that my country gives complete equality to the Muslims, the Hindus, and all other communities... I shall fast unto death for the protection of my Muslim brothers, and ensure, that in times to come, they face no discrimination of any kind. May all our brothers and sisters live in peace and are free from fear, both at your end and mine.

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HEALTHWISE
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Is your pregnancy high-risk?

Read this invaluable fact checker.

A high-risk pregnancy is one in which some condition puts the mother, the developing foetus, or both at higher-than-normal risk for complications during or after the pregnancy and childbirth. Some pregnancies are high-risk from the beginning; for instance, if the mother has a heart problem. Some pregnancies become high-risk later on, for example, if the mother develops pregnancy-related hypertension or diabetes.

You might have high-risk pregnancy if you:

- Smoke or drink alcohol: Cigarettes contain nicotine which causes blood vessels to narrow, so less oxygen and fewer nutrients reach the foetus. It can also pass from a pregnant woman to her foetus and damage a foetus's brain and lungs. This damage is permanent. The baby is likely to be premature or growth-retarded, have severe abdominal colic and be at an increased risk of sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS).
- **Are overweight:** Obesity during pregnancy puts you at risk for several serious health problems such as gestational diabetes, pre-eclampsia, sleep apnoea, etc. It also puts the baby at risk for the following problems: macrosomia (a very large baby), pre-term birth, and stillbirth.
- **Have pre-existing medical conditions like:**
 - High blood pressure: Many medicines used for B.P. control are contraindicated or best avoided during pregnancy.
 - Pregestational diabetes: That is diabetes existing prior to pregnancy, if not under adequate control, may be associated with an increased health risk to both mother and baby.
 - Seizures: Pre-pregnancy assessment and advice is essential for a woman planning a pregnancy.
 - Are anaemic: Anaemia is associated with an increased risk of associated complications during pregnancy, both to the mother and her foetus, e.g. high blood pressure, poor weight gain, etc.
 - Have heart disease or heart valve problem: The degree of associated risk varies, according to the type of cardiac problem involved.
 - Have asthma.
 - Your baby has been found to have a genetic condition, such as Down's Syndrome, or a heart, lung or kidney problem.
 - Are affected with sickle cell disease, systemic lupus erythematosus, or rheumatoid arthritis.
 - Have a family history of genetic defects.
 - History of previous pregnancy losses (miscarriages and stillbirths).
 - Are expecting multiples (twins, triplets): The problems are an increased risk of pre-term birth, pre-eclampsia, gestational diabetes, etc.
 - Are over age 35 or younger than 18.
 - You are taking certain medicines, such as lithium, phenytoin, valproic acid, or carbamazepine.
 - Have previous health issues, including cancer, organ transplant, sexually transmitted infections or weight loss surgery.
 - Have had any complications in previous pregnancies, such as pre-eclampsia, gestational diabetes or pre-term labour and/or delivery.
 - Have foetal conditions in a pregnancy like breech or transverse lie, big baby, small baby, congenital anomalies.

What should you expect in a high-risk pregnancy?

If you fall into a high-risk category, your gynaecologist may call you for a check-up more frequently.

- You may need to undergo:
- Frequent ultrasonographies.
 - Visits to other specialists like an endocrinologist or cardiologist for any problem, if present.
 - Foetal monitoring during pregnancy and labour with special investigations, including CTG. The foetus is monitored continuously when the mother is in late pregnancy or in labour by Electronic Foetal Monitoring (EFM) or Cardiotocography (CTG). This technique records changes in the foetal heart rate (FHR) in response to foetal movements or uterine contractions via Doppler ultrasound. It is a fairly reliable screening test to indicate a normal condition of the foetus; if the FHR and pattern are normal, it is virtually certain that the foetus is not suffering from distress.
- Talk to your doctor about where he or she would like you to give birth. Your doctor may want you to have your baby in a hospital that offers special care for women and babies who are at risk for problems developing during labour and delivery.

If your doctor thinks that the continuation of your pregnancy may put either your health or your baby's health at risk, you may need to have the baby early.

High-risk pregnancy is not a single disease. It includes a group of disorders with varying modalities of treatment. The most important aspect is to know whether you or your loved one falls in that group. If you do, you need to follow the advice of your doctor very carefully.

MONEY SMART
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Right after I got married, I knew that the dynamics had changed. You would agree to my first line, even without knowing exactly what I am about to divulge. But let me correct you that my predicament is not exactly what you would have imagined it to be. On the contrary, I am talking about the shifting personal finance dynamics post-wedding.

I was no more alone. I had responsibilities. Financial responsibilities. If something were to happen to me, my responsibilities would not go away. They would stay. So, I needed a plan to cover my responsibilities. I researched and found LIC's Anmol Jeevan to be the best product to suit my needs and that was the beginning of my problem.

When I contacted my agent, he told me that no such product existed. When I showed him the product in the official webpage of LIC, he tried to convince me to not buy the product. I will not get any returns – what is the point of getting money when you are no more alive – there

Making life better

Managing one's personal finance is an important life skill.



are hundreds of other products which are hundred times better, etc., were some of his reasons. But I held my ground and eventually bought that product after bribing the agent with Rs. 500. That was 15 years ago.

Nowadays, with the click of a mouse, everything is available on your fingertips. You can buy insurance, invest in fixed deposits or mutual funds with only a

be quite successful in negotiating your way in your financial life.

A lot has been included in the curriculum of schools and colleges in the western world, on personal finance. Not being good at personal finance has turned into an epidemic in the western world, where credit cards are given once you reach college. Life starts with credit for many people there and with the fast changing dynamics in our country, it's not long before our lives will also start on the same note. If we teach our children personal finance from a tender age, the chances of faltering will be less. Open an account for them and let them handle their finances from an early age. Let them have debit cards also. Most of the accounts for minors come with a daily withdrawal limit of Rs. 5,000 and a POS limit of Rs. 2,000. Don't buy them the smartphone they want, instead, encourage them to buy things they want from their monthly allowance or pocket money. Stick to your allowance and don't increase them without consulting your spouse. The ability of managing one's personal finance is a life skill which will be needed by our next generation, twice as much as we need it now. And it all starts from home.

smartphone application. In fact, there are websites which will compare insurance products for you. Mutual funds get stars from these rating agencies, five being the highest.

Has it made our life better? Certainly, yes! But has it made our life simple and easy? I doubt that. In today's world, where everything has become made simpler, we have stopped asking "why". Before you buy that financial product or invest in that portfolio, do ask "why?". If you ask that question repeatedly, you will

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It was simply incredible. At least for me! I do not know whether anyone else has experienced human goodness the way I have. I never thought that some men could be so simple-hearted, and so good.

On January 26, 2013, i.e., Republic Day, an article of mine appeared in *The Assam Tribune* on a very special personality named Lakshyeswar Barua. He was the person who declared a part of this country, his own *mouza* – a cluster of villages in Charigaon, Jorhat, as a sovereign republic under the very nose of the mighty British.

It was August 23, 1942. I had heard about this gentleman for a long time, even during my tenure in All India Radio (AIR), Dibrugarh, but never had an opportunity to meet or even see him when he was alive. While working at AIR, I used to get patriotic messages written by listeners, in postcards or inland letters, on every Republic Day and Independence Day,

An incredible experience

but I thought it odd to find some of them signed as "Rashtrapati". When I came back to Jorhat after my retirement, and I went to his house with my wife, and talked to the family members of that illustrious son of India (unheard and unsung because of his birth in this part of the land), read the newspapers of those days, and saw his mementos, I decided to write something somewhere. And after the article got published, the matter was forgotten altogether. Meanwhile, we went to Kolkata, Mumbai and Uttarakhand; in this way, we spent about four months outside.

Suddenly, one day, in August 2013, a gentleman came to our Jorhat house with a bag in his hand. By this time, I had almost forgotten him and could not recognise him at first. Then, to our great surprise, he said that he was the youngest son of late Lakshyeswar Barua, popularly known as the 'Rashtrapati', the hero of my article. We had, of course, met him during our visit

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there earlier. He then told me that he had come to our house twice earlier, first, during Bihu, with a gift for me for the simple reason that I wrote an article on his father. There is nothing new in giving or getting a gift. But in this case, it was unique, really unique! Someone gifting a writer at his own residence, and that too after two failed attempts at meeting you, coming from a distant place, must be termed unique. I had no words to express. I was dumbfounded. The gift turned out to be a very nice shirt and a *phulam gamosa*. I told my wife that I would never wear that shirt, nor would I use that *gamosa*. I would keep those two items as an 'award' from a section of the simple people whose tribe is decreasing day by day. And those precious gifts still adorn my cupboard.

There was another interesting event that happened in the meantime. The person in question went ahead and framed the article and displayed it at the Mukti

Joddha Bhavan in Jorhat for public view. When he told me about it, I asked him to remove it as it may appear strange. But his response was that the story in the frame did not belong to me anymore, as it was the story of the 'Rashtrapati' which people should know. While feeling sorry about the people's ignorance about many of our freedom fighters who had sacrificed their lives for the cause of the country, he said that such an act was necessary.

As mentioned earlier, the late Lakshyeswar Baruah had declared his *mouza* a sovereign state and had declared himself a 'Rashtrapati' long before we attained our liberty. Though the late Birendra Kumar Bhattacharya, a Gnanpith Award winning writer-journalist, and eminent politician Sharad Pawar gratefully chronicled such a courageous deed of the late "Swayambhu Rashtrapati", people now have almost forgotten this chapter of India's freedom struggle.

To be seen and heard

The Times They Are A-Changin', sang the poet-songwriter, Bob Dylan in his famous song of the same name and in the wake of the #MeToo storm that has shaken up things, my thoughts recently turned to how times have changed from when I was growing up in the Seventies and Eighties. The world has become an infinitely more dangerous place, with violence of all shades – petty crime, killings, wars and assaults – taking on an unprecedented momentum. At any given moment, there is a war or a scandal erupting in some part of the world. Yet, at the same time, like a lighthouse beacon shining through a thick fog, previously stifled voices are being heard in increasing numbers and they grow daily in strength, building a wall against this burgeoning violence.

As a woman and a mother, the voice that interests me the most is that of children. For it is children who grow up into the men and women who decide how things play out in society. Until my generation, children were brought up largely according to the principle of being seen and not heard. There were exceptions to that rule, of course, as there are to any rule, but children were not usually allowed a voice. Parents knew best and would decide what was best for the child. Children had to only behave, be polite, do well in school and in everything else, and even when they outgrew childhood and became adults, parents were strong influences in matters such as marriage and career choices. Nothing wrong with this system, one can say, and it did work, by and large, well. Children grew up, married and had children, who they brought up by the same rules. There was some heartbreak when a young man or woman was not allowed to marry a spouse of their choice and there was a little conflict when a career choice was obstructed, but these were considered minor ripples and if lucky, the wounds healed.

When my generation was growing up, this rigid system slowly developed cracks and a few brave souls adopted a more open, inclusive form of parenting. The old ways

IN BLACK AND WHITE

Jahnvi Barua



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were being questioned now, although they had worked for hundreds of years. In normal circumstances, the old system did work to some extent, but it was in extraordinary situations that it let people down. In the case of abuse, for instance, it failed miserably. When children – and adults – are conditioned not to question any person in a position of authority or any one older for that matter, it can lead to an explosively dangerous situation. A child who does not have a voice and cannot articulate what she would like to eat or wear or what she would like to study, cannot possibly speak out against any abuse – emotional, physical or sexual – that she has the misfortune to encounter. The ancient way of asserting that older people were not to be questioned worked magnificently in favour of the perpetrator, while the victim lived in agony, silently. Predators in the form of parents, uncles, aunts, teachers, neighbours, family friends, priests and even domestic staff made

good use of this silence. And to make things worse, if any child or adult found the courage to speak out, they were, more often than not, told to shut up, for these matters were not to be displayed in the light of day. Better silence and silent acceptance than a public scandal that could taint all involved.

Today, children are positively encouraged to express themselves. In all matters, big or small. Be it what they want to eat or how they want to dress and what they want to study. Within reasonable limits, parents are open to a dialogue, something not prevalent before. While a healthy respect for the right kind of authority is inculcated, children are taught not to be afraid to speak their minds. As a parent, I have seen this first-hand and have applauded silently, every time my son or his friends have spoken out when required. In class, when a teacher has marked a test answer incorrectly, I have seen the teacher being questioned. Unthinkable in my time! And I have then seen the teacher rectify the original error. Unimaginable, 20 years ago! While a test answer is a minor thing and a child refusing to eat beans and asking for carrots instead at dinner may not have great impact on world peace, what is significant here is that this same child will speak out against other wrongs too. He or she will not hesitate to call out a predator or a neighbour who is littering the neighbourhood or a boss who is being unfair in some way. There is a robust self-confidence that this new generation is growing up with that can only bode well for society in the future. As parents and guardians of this new generation, we have to be careful to nurture this confidence and strength so that the miseries of the past are gradually erased. In time, a predator or abuser should have to think not twice but a hundred times before preying on a victim. Children, men and women should all be seen and heard and perhaps, the sure way to achieve this is to ensure that children are empowered, that they are taught to develop the courage needed to stand up for themselves and for others around them.

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5 THINGS / Connecting people

“In this virtual world of today, nothing can be better than meeting your fans in person.”

RJ Aaliya Baruah talks about the ways in which she connects to her audience.

1 Music

When you have music by your side, a connection is instantly established. At our FM station, we play songs according to the mood of our listeners.

2 Moods

Gauging the mood of the listener and maintaining a balance between speaking for too long or too little is very important. I am very particular in selecting topics – those that are common in nature like love, friendship, relationships, or current affairs are universal – and they help me build a connect.

3 Engagement

Engagement can be in the form of calls, social media engagements, messages, contests, activities, etc. – the list is a long one with the variety of mediums available. Basically, involving the listener in the entire process is essential. I keep updating my listeners about everything that is happening around the world through my pages and also encourage them to give their points of view.

4 Meeting admirers, listeners, and fans

In this virtual world of today, nothing can be better than meeting your fans in person. This leaves a lasting



impression on their minds and hearts and they stay loyal to the brand and ideas of the station. For me, my listeners are “god”; whatever I am today is due to them.

5 Culture

Over the last decade or so, we have developed a culture of our own which reflects in the passion and love showered upon us by our listeners. The FM station should promote the values and ethos of the region, celebrating life along with them, their way. By doing so, the listeners identify with our ideas and concepts.

(As told to Nasreen Habib)

FORECAST

November 26 – December 2, 2018

ARIES (Mar 21–Apr 19) Stop wondering if the grass is green on the other side. Enjoy the good things. This week is all about freedom, growth, and adventure. Love life is full of surprises. New projects and business ventures are on the cards.

TAURUS (Apr 20–May 20) Think outside the box, but remember not to overlook a matter that could cost you a great deal in the near future! Arriving at solutions mutually with your partner would be the best choice. Do not be careless with your investments and money matters.

GEMINI (May 21–Jun 20) This is the time to enjoy the company of the people you love. Avoid serious discussions with your partner and relish the good times. Your positive thoughts count. Imagination, confidence, and insightful thinking may bring in great results.

CANCER (Jun 21–Jul 22) This period is all about love. Things could get a bit complicated in your work-life. Do not get disappointed and never give up on your confidence. Be patient and focus on the present. Avoid being overly sensitive. This weekend, learn to relax.

LEO (Jul 23–Aug 22) Learn to let go of the past. Focus on what's here and now, and avoid making hasty decisions. Your generosity pays in your domestic life. This is the time to start a new business venture. Self-care is important now. Pay attention to your health.

VIRGO (Aug 23–Sep 22) Dreams and aspirations may be realised when shared with a loved one. All you need is faith and love. Seize the moment and make the best use of it. Do not worry about finances; you are good with money matters. Travel is on the cards.

LIBRA (Sep 23–Oct 22) This shall be a period full of ups and downs with your partner. Be careful what you wish for. The way you choose to respond to a particular situation can change everything around you. You inspire others at work.

SCORPIO (Oct 23–Nov 21) Your energy and charisma work wonders. Stop over-thinking a situation. Listen to your heart, and live in the moment. People are drawn towards the compassionate and kind you. This week, a new business venture or project is on the cards.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22–Dec 21) Love is all around you. It's time to let go of your inhibitions, however, avoid rushing while making connections of the heart. This week sees the productive you at the workplace.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22–Jan 19) This week is all about love and communication. Spend time with your friends and well-wishers, they mean good. The period also gently reminds you that no matter what, it's your life.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20–Feb 18) This could be a tricky phase in life. Be gentle on yourself, and brave enough to enjoy the days as they come. Set realistic goals and move on. Domestic life is in a state of bliss. Spend the weekend in the company of your friends and family.

PISCES (Feb 19–Mar 20) You are full of energy and positive vibes. Give your best shot at work. This is the time to take up new projects. It's also a good time to solve legal disputes. Friends and family offer great support. This weekend, go easy on your expenses.

NEWSMAKERS

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CBI
The massive political tussle within the confines of the CBI finally came out in the open recently, with both parties landing up at the Supreme Court, slinging mud at each other with gusto. It all started when CBI Special Director Rakesh Asthana was booked by CBI (read Director Alok Verma) on corruption charges. The rift between the two led to such melodrama that the government suspended Verma and appointed M. Nageshwar Rao as the Interim CBI Director. Verma, meanwhile, has challenged the Centre's order of removing him, and the ball now rests at the court of CJI Ranjan Gogoi.

Kilogram
The kilogram has a new definition now. On November 16, in a unanimous vote, the international General Conference on Weights and Measures (CGPM) dumped the old method of using physical objects to measure mass (kilogram), current (ampere), temperature (Kelvin) and concentration (mole). The new units have been defined using constants in physics which are true, unchanging constants in Nature. Here's hoping that we might as well weigh a little less now.

Stan Lee
He raised heroes from among commoners; he made superheroes of normal people. Stan Lee gave hope to many young people through his genre-bending comic-book characters. Young people caught in the throes of hopelessness and decadence found relief in the stories that he created. They realised that heroes suffer as well, and they became heroes despite that. This is the legacy that Stan Lee has left behind.

#DeepVeer
Yes, the much-anticipated wedding finally happened, and just like their six-year clandestine courtship, #DeepVeer managed to keep out the whole world from their Italian *shaadi* as well. The Indian “paps” were left high and dry, cooped up in boats on Lake Como, zooming in with their high-end cameras, only to get piliated pics of unidentifiable people in white and gold. Well, the prying media lost, but love trumped. *Hallelujah!*

All IS WELL

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All about rhythm



Music has many therapeutic benefits.

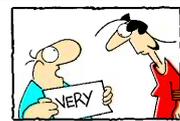
The drops of rain, the singing of the birds, the sound of the wind, the vibration of the sea waves, the murmur of the leaves, the rays of the sun, the rhythm of the musical gadgets; all have the magic to mesmerise the human mind. Perceiving a rhythm is an ability that comes to a human being in the mother's womb. Though music is generally regarded as a means of entertainment, but in medical science, music therapy is a professional healthcare act to address health issues and improve the quality of life of a person. Neural research proves that 72 *melakarta ragas* (parent ragas) of Indian classical music control the 72,000 important nerves in the human body. The music therapy

practice has grown in popularity over the years. It is used in hospitals to help cancer patients, children with disabilities, the elderly, and those fighting with stress, depression, and anxiety. Music evokes the past experiences in the brain. People who have symptoms like memory loss show an improvement in remembering things after music therapy sessions. Some music therapy sessions are done in groups. This encourages the individuals to share their life experiences and to feel relief. People with speech disorder practise music therapy to talk fluently. Music induces emotions in people. Sometimes, our brains fail to perform its functions properly. Playing with a rhythmic beat helps the brain to control body movement. The brain,

in coordination with our body parts, activates the muscles that have problems such as acute and chronic pain, brain injuries and physical disabilities. Music helps people to experience emotions like sadness, anger and fear. Studies have proven that listening to music rejuvenates the immune system and defends our bodies from viruses. It is useful in the treatment of asthma, low blood pressure, cold, headache, etc. Music reduces pain, and enables us to express without words; it relaxes us through singing, playing instruments, writing songs, or listening to music. In human life, the magic of music guides us while struggling with everyday problems and encourages us to lead a life with positivity.



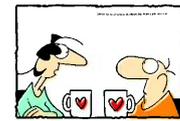
"I tried smiling once. I just annoyed the rest of my body."



"My compliments last longer if I give you one clue per day!"



"I'm in a good mood. I gave a homeless man \$50 to do all of my worrying for me this week!"



"I love you just the way you are when you're not being just the way you are."



"I'm afraid to look at the electric bill. They printed CPR instruction on the envelope!"