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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Deputy Speaker convoy

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**Guwahati, August 06:**

Assam Deputy Speaker Dr Numal Momin's convoy on Saturday morning met with an accident. He was travelling from Gangtok in Sikkim towards Bagdogra Airport when the accident took place. A dumper in Ranipal collided with the pilot car. The driver, identified as Roshan, sustained minor injuries and was sent to the hospital. Dr Numal Momin said in a tweet, "Around 6.45 am this morning our pilot car narrowly escaped a major accident while we were on our way to Bagdogra Airport. A dumper came in a wrong way and had head on collision at Ranipal. Pilot car driver Roshan had minor injury and sent to hospital after I examined him."

### ULFA called for Bandh

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**Guwahati, August 06:**

The United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA-I) has urged to boycott Independence Day and called for Assam Bandh on August 15. The ULFA has called the bandh from midnight of August 14 till 6 pm of August 15. However, the emergency services, media, religious occasions have been exempted from the bandh, said a joint statement by ULFA-I, NSCN and GPRN. Notably, ULFA-I led by Paresh Baruah, last year decided had not boycotted or give a call for a bandh on the occasion of Independence Day after 40 years. This year, the banned militant outfit again called for the bandh.

### ATASU protests

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**Guwahati, August 06:**

A protest was led out by the members of All Tai Ahom Students' Union (ATASU) and other Ahom organizations of Dhemaji in Assam on Saturday. The protest was held demanding the arrest of Assam Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Mahila Morcha President Angoorlata Deka. The protestors demanded Angoorlata's arrest for allegedly raising slogans against Tai Ahom community in a rally led by her against top leaders of state's Congress. The protesting members of the students' union alleged that "Ahom Nation Murdabad" slogans were raised during Angoorlata's rally. However, the state unit of BJP has accused Congress of trying to malign the image of their party by sharing a 'morphed' video.

## Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav's National Committee meeting: CM Himanta Biswa Sarma went to New Delhi



**Assam Rising**  
**Guwahati, August 06:**

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma reached Assam Bhavan in New Delhi on Saturday ahead of some important

meetings. CM Sarma is scheduled to be a part of the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav's National Committee meeting. Moreover, he is also

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## NDA candidate Jagdeep Dhankhar wins V-P election with 528 votes

**New Delhi, August 06:**

Former Governor of West Bengal and NDA's pick Jagdeep Dhankhar on Saturday defeated Opposition nominee Margaret Alva to become the 14th Vice-President of India. Of the 725 votes polled, Dhankhar clinched 528 votes, Alva got 182 while 15 were found to be invalid. As the term of incumbent M Venkaiah Naidu ends on August 10, members of both Houses of Parliament throughout the day voted to elect the next Vice-President who will take oath of office on August 11. With support from regional parties like the Janata Dal (United), YSRCP, BSP, AIADMK and Shiv Sena, Dhankhar from the very start was up for an

easy win. Even as Alva got the backing of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) and Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS), she failed to garner the support of Trinamool Congress (TMC), the second largest Opposition party after the Congress in Parliament with 39 MPs in both the Houses. The TMC had decided to abstain from voting alleging lack of consultation with them on Alva's candidature. While the 71-year-old Dhankhar is a Jat leader from Rajasthan with a socialist background, 80-year-old Alva is a Congress veteran and has served as governor of Rajasthan and Uttarakhand. Prime Minister Narendra Modi met Jagdeep Dhankhar to congratulate him on his election to the



post of Vice President of the country. Moments after Jagdeep Dhankhar was declared winner in the Vice-Presidential polls, Union Home Minister Amit Shah congratulated him on his new innings. "I am sure that as Vice President and Chairman of Rajya Sabha

@jdhankhar ji will prove to be an ideal guardian of the Constitution. I congratulate him on this victory. Also, under the leadership of Modi ji, I express my gratitude to the NDA allies, other parties and members of parliament for supporting Dhankhar ji," Shah

wrote on Twitter. The BJP-led NDA candidate and former West Bengal Governor, Jagdeep Dhankhar, 71, was elected as the 16th Vice-President of India on Saturday, trouncing the Opposition nominee Margaret Alva comfortably by securing 528 votes against the latter's 182 in the poll. Since July 2019, when he was appointed by the BJP-ruled Centre as the Bengal Governor, Dhankhar had been at loggerheads with the Mamata Banerjee-led Trinamool Congress (TMC) government on a range of issues. For a leader known more for his run-ins with the Banerjee government as the Governor, and whom the TMC had often accused of acting as an "agent of BJP", the first election Dhankhar contested was on a Janata Dal ticket, when he was elected to the Lok Sabha from Rajasthan's Jhunjhunu in 1989. Read

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## Amid Rise In Covid Cases, Centre's Advisory To These 7 States

**New Delhi, August 06:**

Amid a rise in coronavirus infections in some parts of the country, the central government has asked Delhi and six states to ensure adequate testing, promote Covid-appropriate behaviour and increase the pace of vaccination to contain the surge. In a letter to Delhi, Kerala, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Odisha, Tamil Nadu and Telangana, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan said upcoming festivals and mass congregations in different parts of the country may potentially facilitate transmission of infectious diseases, including COVID-19. It is critical to ensure adequate testing is undertaken in all the districts of the state while maintaining the recommended share of RT-PCR and antigen tests. The state must also closely monitor districts reporting higher cases, positivity rates and clusters to prevent



Further spread of infection and effective case management, he stressed in the letter dated August 5. In his letter to Delhi, Bhushan said the national capital has been reporting high average daily new cases (811 cases) for the past month with a high of 2,202 new cases reported on August 5. Delhi has contributed 8.2 per cent of India's weekly new cases in the week ending August 5 and has also recorded 1.86 times increase in average daily new cases from 802 in the week ending July 29 to 1,492 in the

week ending August 5. An increase in the weekly positivity rate was also reported

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## 18 people fall ill after consuming prasad in Majuli

**Assam Rising**  
**Guwahati, August 06:**

18 people fall ill after consuming prasad in Majuli. The incident took place in the Mahachuk area near Garmur in the river island district on Friday night. According to the reports, the villagers

attended a religious programme and soon after consuming the 'prasad', the people complained of stomachache and vomiting. At least 18 people including three children were immediately admitted to the Sri Sri Pitambar Dev Goswami district hospital and the local administration suspected it as food poisoning. Pulak Mahanta, Deputy Commissioner of Majuli district told,

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## Registrar of Bhattadev University Arrested for Taking Bribe

**Assam Rising**  
**Guwahati, August 06:**

Officials of the Vigilance and Anti-Corruption, Assam arrested the Registrar of Bhattadev University at Pathsala in Barpeta district for allegedly accepting bribe. The arrested person has been identified as Sri Guru Prasad

Khataniar. He is currently under police custody. Further action is being taken. It may be mentioned that the Directorate of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption are in full action in their fight against corruption. In July, the Assam Police had issued two helpline numbers for people to report any bribery cases and also urged citizens



zens of the state to report

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## Nilotpal Bora's 'Shaabaash' Becomes Anthem For Indian Athletes At CWG

**Assam Rising**  
**Guwahati, August 06:**

Majuli fame Assamese singer Nilotpal Bora's song 'Shaabaash' became the anthem for Indian athletes at Commonwealth Games, 2022 held in Birmingham. Sharing the same on Facebook he captioned, "Biggest news of my Musical Career till now, my song 'Shaabaash'

becomes the Anthem for Indian Athletes at Commonwealth Games." The song was played during the wrestling event on Friday when Indian Athletes were playing. The song 'Shaabaash' is from the Netflix movie Jaadugar starring Jitendra Kumar, Jaaved Jaaferi released on July 15. Singer

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## Assam-Mizoram Border Talks from August 9

**Assam Rising**  
**Guwahati, August 06:**

Assam and Mizoram governments will hold two-day talks from August 9 to resolve border disputes, officials said. According to officials, a five-member delegation headed by Assam Border Protection and Development Minister Atul Bora will visit Mizoram and discuss issues related to the inter-state boundary dispute with his counterparts. It is learnt from the officials that Bora would be accompanied by Assam Housing and Urban Minister Ashok Singhal and three officials, including Assam Border Protection and Development Commissioner and Secretary GD Tripathy. The official said that the Assam delegation will discuss with representatives of the Mizoram government on the inter-state border issues. Home Minister



Lalchamlana will lead the Mizoram team. Mizoram shares a 164.6-km long boundary with Assam, which has seen several flare-ups in the last few years. The decades-old boundary dispute between the two northeastern states mainly stemmed from two colonial demarcations in 1875 and 1933. Mizoram accepted the demarcation under the Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation (BERF) notified in 1875, which covers vast stretches of area, now falling under Assam, as its actual boundary. The

Assam government, however, said the demarcation made under the 1933 notification was its constitution boundary. At least six policemen and a civilian from Assam died last year and around 60 people were injured in a clash that took place at a disputed area near the border between the two states. In August last year, the representatives of both states had held talks in Mizoram's capital Aizawl. They agreed to maintain peace and amicably resolve

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## Delhi-Katra Vande Bharat Express, becomes India's 1st train

**New Delhi, August 06:**

Delhi-Katra Vande Bharat Express, becomes India's 1st train. The Indian Railways has announced that the passengers travelling from Delhi-

Katra in Vande Bharat Express are no more allowed to carry non-vegetarian food onboard anymore. It is to be noted that the passengers travelling from Delhi to Katra will now have a completely vegetarian environment on the train, not only in terms of food served. The kitchen where the food is prepared,

the waiters who serve them, and other "neutral" materials like cleaning supplies, soaps, and similar items will all have only ever dealt with vegetarian cuisine. With the new rule, the Delhi-Katra Vande Bharat Express becomes the first train in the country to get a Sattvik certificate. By signing a contract with

the NGO Sattvik Council of India, the IRCTC decided to pursue this accreditation for some trains that run to holy sites, starting with the Vande Bharat to Shri Mata Vaishno Devi, Katra, in J&K. There are plans to implement this in 18 more trains, including the Vande

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People enjoy drifting at a canyon in Meiling scenic spot in Nanchang, capital of east China's Jiangxi Province

## Calls for Rishi Sunak to be more open about finances after silence over loan source

**London, August 06 :** Labour is calling on Rishi Sunak to be more transparent about his finances after the prime ministerial candidate declined to answer questions about the source of hundreds of thousands of pounds he loaned to a company that he jointly owned with his wife. The move is the latest request for the former chancellor to explain details about how he has managed his family's fortune, which is said to total £730m and has led to him being routinely referred to as the UK's richest MP. The vast majority of the Conservative leadership candidate's wealth is derived from his marriage to Akshata Murty, a member of the family that founded the Indian technology group Infosys, in which she owns a stake worth about £690m. However, Sunak also

worked in the hedge fund industry between 2006 and 2013, raising questions about whether the loans that he personally made to his UK business came from profits generated in international tax havens. James Murray, the shadow financial secretary to the Treasury, said: "Rishi Sunak wants to be our next prime minister, but again it seems he is unable to give a straight answer to questions over his relationship with tax havens. It is hard to avoid the impression he has something to hide." Between 2013 and 2014, Sunak loaned £652,449 to Catamaran Ventures UK, a company he jointly owned with Murty at the time, according to documents filed at Companies House. The loans were made shortly after Sunak had

worked in America between 2010 and 2013 for the US branch of the hedge fund Theleme Partners, where he managed three entities based in the US tax haven of Delaware. Sunak was entitled to a share of the profits made by one of the Delaware entities, US filings suggest, while industry sources said he was also likely to have invested his own money into the hedge fund. "Rishi has never used or benefited from a tax

haven," Sunak's spokesperson said, adding that all of Theleme's US profits were subject to "full US tax", and that "all profits within the Theleme management company group are taxed either in the UK or in the US as applicable". However, the spokesperson declined invitations to say whether Sunak had made the loans to the UK company from an overseas bank account - or if the loans had been made from an overseas corporate account, which

might potentially have saved Sunak taxes on bringing the money into the UK. Days before becoming an MP in 2015, Sunak transferred his share of the UK company and the loan to his wife, a transaction that would have been largely tax free. There is no suggestion that Sunak has broken any tax laws and he has insisted that he has "always been a completely normal UK taxpayer". However, the former chancellor has occasionally been embarrassed by his ties to people with less conventional tax arrangements.

## Actor Anne Heche reportedly in critical condition after car crash in Los Angeles

**Los Angeles, August 06 :** The US actor Anne Heche has reportedly been taken to hospital in a critical condition after a collision that left her vehicle "engulfed in flames". The incident occurred on Friday morning in the Mar Vista area of Los Angeles, near to Heche's home. The actor, 53, is the former partner of the US talkshow host Ellen DeGeneres, and is known for films including Donnie Brasco, Cedar Rapids and Psycho. Pictures and video footage obtained by US media outlet TMZ showed Heche driving a blue Mini Cooper, which was later pictured severely damaged at the scene. The vehicle struck a two-storey home and erupted in heavy fire, according to the Los



Angeles fire department (LAFD). "Fifty-nine firefighters took 65 minutes to access, confine and fully extinguish the stubborn flames within the heavily damaged structure," an LAFD report stated. "One female adult [was] found within the vehicle, who has been

taken to an area hospital by LAFD paramedics in critical condition." The LAFD also confirmed to the PA news agency that the vehicle had driven 30ft into the residence but that the occupant had escaped without injury. The building was left uninhabitable, added LAFD spokesperson Brian Humphrey.

## Patra Chawl land scam case: Sanjay Raut's wife Varsha Raut reaches ED office in Mumbai

**Mumbai, August 06 :** The wife of Shiv Sena MP Sanjay Raut arrived at the office of the Enforcement Directorate

in Mumbai on Saturday as she was summoned by the agency in connection with the Patra Chawl land case. The MP's wife Varsha Raut was summoned by the central agency on Friday after the ED officials raided the Shiv Sena leader's home on Sunday and after detaining and questioning him (Sanjay Raut) for several hours, arrested him in the early hours on Monday and produced him before a special sessions court which directed to send him to the ED's custody till Thursday. Raut is a close aide of former Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray. Prior to his arrest, Sanjay Raut's brother had said, "Sanjay Raut has been arrested. BJP is afraid of him and got him arrested. They have not given us any documents (regarding his arrest). He has been framed." Meanwhile, another FIR was registered against Sanjay

Raut in Mumbai for allegedly threatening Swapna Patkar, the wife of Sujit Patkar who is believed to be a close aide of the Shiv Sena MP. The case was registered at the Vakola police station under sections 504, 506 and 509 of the Indian Penal Code. An audio clip had gone viral in which Raut was allegedly heard threatening Swapna Patkar. Notably, Swapna Patkar is also a witness in the Patra Chawl land case in connection to which the ED detained Raut after conducting a raid at his residence. According to sources, ED officials seized Rs 11.50 lakhs unaccounted cash from his residence during the raids. Soon after the ED officials detained him in connection with the Patra Chawl land scam case, the Shiv Sena leader said that he "won't be cowed down". Speaking to media persons, Raut said, "False charges and documents are being framed against people. All of this is being done to weaken Shiv Sena and Maharashtra. Sanjay Raut won't be cowed down. I will not leave

the party." On June 28 this year, Sanjay Raut was summoned by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in connection with the prevention of the money laundering case pertaining to the Rs 1,034 crore Patra Chawl land scam.



leader's son and tied him to a tree. The leader's son was then brutally beaten and abused by the group of men. Not only that, the leader's wife and a member of the Panchayat Samiti were also beaten by the mob. It is reported that the incident took place in Kotbar village of Bhagbanpur police station area of East Medinipur. The name of the accused Trinamool leader is Shivshankar Naik. His wife is a member of the Panchayat Samiti, named Molina Naik. Allegedly, the Trinamool leader embezzled lakhs of rupees from common people in the name of providing jobs. However, no jobs were provided to the aspirant. As the SSC recruitment corruption came to light, the anger among those job

aspirants also increased. The job seekers stormed the Trinamool leader's house on Saturday morning without asking for money back. They protested in front of his house. Hundreds of villagers stood and watched the scene. Many could not think that the roots of corruption have spread in their villages. Trinamool leader is on a run. The accused Trinamool leader's wife said, "I know all those who came to the house. But I don't know anything about this money. Rather, I served tea to those who came. I have done hospitality. But I don't know anything about the money." A written complaint has been lodged at the Bhagbanpur police station on behalf of the protestors. The police have started searching for the fugitive Trinamool leader. The accused's wife has also lodged a verbal complaint against the protestors. The police have arrested four people.

## Indiana assembly passes anti-abortion bill, governor signs it into law

**London, August 06 :** Indiana's state legislature has become the first in the US to pass new legislation restricting access to abortions since the federal supreme court overturned Roe v Wade. The bill went to the state's Republican governor, Eric Holcomb, who signed it into law on Friday night. Indiana was among the earliest Republican-run state legislatures to debate tighter abortion laws after the supreme court ruling in June that removed constitutional protections. It is the first state to pass a ban through both chambers. The Indiana senate approved the near-total ban 28-19, hours after house members advanced it 62-38. It includes limited exceptions, including in cases of rape and incest, and to protect the life and physical health of the mother. The exceptions for rape and incest are limited to 10 weeks post-fertilization, meaning victims could not get an abortion in Indiana after that. Victims would not be required to sign a notarized affidavit attesting to an attack. Outside the house

chamber, abortion rights activists often chanted over lawmakers' remarks, carrying signs like "Roe roe roe your vote" and "Build this wall" between church and state.



Some house Democrats wore blazers over pink "Bans Off Our Bodies" T-shirts. Indiana lawmakers listened to testimony over the past two weeks in which residents on all sides of the issue rarely, if ever, supported the legislation. Abortion-rights supporters said the bill went too far, while anti-abortion activists said it did not go far enough. In advocating against the bill, Rep Ann Vermilion condemned her fellow Republicans for calling women who obtained abortions "murderers". "I think that the Lord's promise is for grace and kindness," she said. "He would not be jumping to condemn these women." The house rejected, largely on party lines, a Democratic proposal to place a non-binding question on the statewide November election ballot: "Shall abortion remain legal in Indiana?" The Indiana house speaker, Todd Huston, said that if residents were unhappy, they could vote for new lawmakers. Kansas voters already resoundingly rejected a measure that would have allowed the state's Republican-controlled legislature to tighten abortion in the first test of voters' feelings about

the issue since Roe was overturned. Indiana's proposed ban also came after the political firestorm over a 10-year-old rape victim who traveled to the state from neighboring Ohio to end her pregnancy. The case gained attention when an Indianapolis doctor said the child came to Indiana because of Ohio's "fetal heartbeat" ban. Democratic Rep Maureen Bauer spoke tearfully before Friday's vote about people in her South Bend district who oppose the bill - the husbands standing behind their wives, the fathers supporting their daughters - as well as the women "who are demanding that we are seen as equal". Bauer's comments were followed by raucous cheers from protesters in the hallway and subdued applause from fellow Democrats. "You may not have thought that these women would show up," Bauer said. "Maybe you thought we wouldn't be paying attention." West Virginia legislators on 29 July passed up the chance to be the first state with a unified ban after its lower house refused to concur with senate amendments that removed criminal penalties for physicians who performed illegal abortions. Delegates instead asked for a conference committee to consider the details between the bills.



Visitors watch exhibits during the fifth China International Industrial Design Exhibition in Wuhan

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# Meghalaya Speaker inaugurates International Conference at USTM



**Assam Rising, Guwahati, August 6:** A two-day long International Conference on Management, Science & Technology (ICMST) has been inaugurated by Metbah Lyngdoh, the Speaker of Meghalaya Legislative Assembly at the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya here yesterday. The Conference has been organised by the Department of Computer Science & Electronics, USTM in collaboration with the American Institute of Management & Technology (AIMT) and supported by University of Maryland Eastern Shore (USA). A galaxy of delegates and participants from 15 countries across the globe have gathered at USTM to join this two-day long Conference which have altogether

25 sessions. About 200 Research papers will be presented both in offline and online mode by scholars from India and abroad. Inaugurating the Conference, Metbah Lyngdoh said that attention to underprivileged rural students, free education and the Payback policy are steps taken by USTM which are really appreciable. "Science and technology are the need of the hour for economic growth and that the conference will open new doors for research in emerging interdisciplinary areas", he added. He was speaking on the critical role of Science and Technology in the economic roadmap of India. A Conference Souvenir was also released by the delegates present on the

occasion. After felicitation address by Prof GD Sharma, VC, USTM, Dr. Deva D. Sharma from The Global Knowledge Foundation (GKF), USA extended his speech and stated that the conference is providing opportunity to scholars to network. Dr. H.S. Hota, Atal Bihari Vajpayee University, Bilaspur, India delivered his address as Chair of the session. Prof Dinesh Kumar Sharma from Maryland University also addressed the session. Meanwhile, the 5-day long National Exhibition and Seminar on Plasma Physics has been successfully concluded today at the USTM with participation of more

than 2500 students coming from 50 different schools and colleges of the region under the guidance of scientists from CPP-IPR Department of Atomic Energy, Govt. of India. Shri. James P.K. Sangma, Health and Forest Minister of Meghalaya joined valedictory session today as the Chief Guest and handed over Certificates to the participating young students. Shri Sangma also inaugurated the Salim Ali Museum of Biological Diversity at I-Block of USTM. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. A. V. Ravi Kumar from IPR, Gujarat said, "This exhibition of plasma is aimed at introducing the topic to students and teachers and also show them its applications and opportunities to possibly pursue this field as a career." He said that more than 20 exhibits were transported across the country from Gujarat so that the students of Assam and Meghalaya would be benefited. Some of the key speakers of the International Conference include: Prof. Jatindra Kr. Deka, Department of Computer Science & Engineering, IIT Guwahati; Prof. Nityananda Sharma, Department of Computer Science & Engineering, Tezpur University (Central); Dr. Kate Brown, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, USA; Prof. Aaron Rababaa, American University of Kuwait, Kuwait; Prof. Ashish Gaddekar, AMITY Institute of Higher Education, Mauritius; Prof. Daniel Okunbor, Fayetteville State University, USA; Prof. Biswajit Sarkar, Yonsei University, South Korea; Prof. R. Sivasamy, University of Botswana, Botswana; Prof. Tulus T. H. Tambunan, Center for Industry, SME and Business Competition Studies, Universitas Trisakti, Jakarta, Indonesia; Dr. Anjana Kakoti Mahanta, Prof. Gauhati University; Dr. Bhogeshwar Borah, Prof. Tezpur University; Dr. Kandarpa Kr. Sarma, Prof. Gauhati University; Dr. Shyamanta M. Hazarika, Prof. IIT Guwahati.



## World Breast Feeding Week celebrated at NEMCARE

**Assam Rising, Guwahati, August 6:** NEMCARE Group of Institutions, Mirza, Assam has joined hand in hand to honour and celebrate World Breastfeeding Week 2022 in CHC Mirza, Assam to mark and ensure the significance of breastfeeding. In the presence of Jayashree Kakati (Vice Principal, School and College of Nursing, NEMCARE Foun-

dation). The programme was graced by Dr. Minakshi Bordoloi (Medical Superintendent, CHC Mirza) along with Riwanika Khlem (Assistant professor, Child Health Nursing) and students from both the school and colleges, the program was co-ordinated by Sanasam Pauline, Bandana & Daphne Felicia. Around 40 students have participated in various activities includ-

ing poster competition, rangoli competition, skit and health teaching based on the theme "Step up for breastfeeding: educate and support". The programme took place in a blended mode with a positive feedback from all the participants. It was concluded by the distribution of prizes to all the winners and a vote of thanks was given by Nikumoni Basumatary.

## Two govt. employees felicitated on Lok Kalyan Diwas at Hojai

**Assam Rising, Hojai, August 6:**

In synchronization with rest of the State, the Lok Kalyan Diwas marking the death anniversary of Bharat Ratna Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi was observed by the Hojai district administration at the Conference Hall of Deputy Commissioner at district headquarter Sankardevnagar in Hojai on Friday. Pradip Bagchi, retired lecturer, Hojai College, L. Patgiri, ex-registrar, Rabindranath Tagore University, Tosheswar Tamuli Phookan, Senior Journalist graced the occasion as guests. At the very outset, Deputy Com-



missioner Anupam Choudhury lit a lamp in front of the portrait of Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi followed by floral tribute by all the guests to the legendary figure. Af-

ter that, ADC Urmi Medhi briefly explained the objective of the programme and the guests were honoured. DC Anupam Choudhury highlighted the significance of Lok Kalyan

Diwas. He further emphasized on the contribution of Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi. All guests also spoke on the occasion and kept their views. On this occasion two government employees namely, Kush Kumar Hazarika of Hojai Agriculture Department and Sanjay Kumar Das, staff, fire brigade, lundring fire extinguisher and disaster management Service Centre, Hojai were felicitated with phulam ghumcha and a certificate for their dedicated service, integrity and discipline. ASP Ponjit Dowarah and many other officials and guests were present in the programme.

## Assam horticultural society to organize GM

**Assam Rising, Guwahati, August 6:** Executive body of Assam horticultural society finalized the date of general meeting on September 11 next from 10 am at the head office of the society, Khanapara. President Dr. Nazrul Kazi and general secretary Upen Bharali urged all the members to attend the meeting without fail. Moreover the society is going to celebrate the 28th foundation day with a colourful programme on August 18 next, hence the organizing committee request all the esteemed members along with wellwishers to present the same - a release added.

## PM Jan Aushadhi Kendra inaugurated at Rangapara

**Assam Rising, Rangapara, August 6:** Rangapara MLA Krishna Kamal Tanti today inaugurated the Prodhani mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendra in Rangapara city to sell generic drugs on the BR Dutta Road. He enquired about the details of the store from the owner Shourabh Das. What began as the town's first such Jan Aushadhi Kendra at BR Dutta road with people's participation, proving a boon for the citizens. These stores sell medicines up to 70 percent less than the market prices. MLA Tanti also announced that there is a diagnostic centre collaboration with Apollo hospital. Prominent among those present on the occa-



sion included president of Assam sahitya sabha (Rangapara) Gobindo das, vice chairman of rangapara municipality

board Tripti guha, ward commissioner Subhra Paul, Maloti Roy, Swapan dhar, Khinmaya sonari, Ganesh karmakar, Raja Babu sah among others.

## NEMSU felicitated students at Pandhwa

**Assam Rising, North Lakhimpur, August 6:**

North-East Minority Students Union (NEMSU) Borchala Mohghuli Pandhwa (BMP) Regional Committee organised an special felicitation ceremony where more than hundred students from greater Borchala Mohghuli Pandhwa (BMP) area of Nowboicha Constituency in Lakhimpur district who passed the HSLC and the HSE examinations in the year 2022 were felicitated warmly on Friday. The felicitation ceremony was held at Ino. Pandhwa L.P. School, Pandhwa, Nowboicha under the presidentship of



NEMSU Lakhimpur district committee president Nurul Islam. The ceremony was also attended by NEMSU Lakhimpur district committee secretary Noor Mohammad who, in his valuable speech, urged the students to study with perseverance, discipline and punctuality in their future course of studies. He further urged them to be a good person in their lives and provide contributions for the develop-

ment of society. In the event, which was anchored by NEMSU BMP Regional Committee president Sheikh Forjiuddin Ahmed, more than hundred local people were present. NEMSU BMP Regional Committee secretary-due Mofidul Islam and Abjanur Rahman expressed gratitude to all for making the event a great success.

## Food poisoning incident in Moharichuk village

laged on August 4 last. According to the sources, 18 people fell ill after eating Chickpeas on the death anniversary of former Majuli MLA Yogeshwar Doley. Three of them were children. The incidents were rushed to the Garmur District Hospital, but two of them have already been shifted to Jorhat Medical College for further treatment. Majuli MLA Bhuban Gam and District Commissioner Pulak Mahanta visited the scene and the district hospital at Garmur today to take observation of the situation.



The district administration is closely monitoring the entire incident. The District Commissioner and

District Magistrate, have already ordered an Additional District Magistrate level inquiry.

## Entrance of namghar inaugurated

**Assam Rising Biswanath**

**Chariali, August 6:** The new entrance gate (bat chora) of the namghar of Herapuwa village here was formally inaugurated this morning. The gate donated by Bhrihu

Saikia, a young entrepreneur in memory of his father Gajen Saikia was formally inaugurated amid religious performance. The inaugural session was attended by the members of the village development committee of Herapuwa village.

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## Gratitude expressed to Nayanmoni on her historic win at Commonwealth Games

**Assam Rising**

**Nagaon, August 6:** Nagaon Forest Division today organized a salutation programme to glorify Nayanmoni Saikia, the constable of 2nd forest protection force for her incredible performance in ongoing Birmingham Commonwealth Games in United Kingdom at the office campus of the division here. The programme was initiated with a welcome address by Bhaskar Deka, DFO, Nagaon where the commandant of 2nd Forest Protection Force

Mukul Saikia, Plaban Boruah, general secretary of Nagaon Sports Association, Tapan Das, treasurer to State Olympic Association and the retired DFO Akbor Hussain and over 50 other sports dignitaries from the district graced the occasion as invitees. During the programme, the forest officials of the division as well as other participants interacted virtually with the gold medalist - Nayanmoni



Saikia which was being displayed on screen. The officials and other sports

dignitaries expressed their gratitude and thankfulness to the gold medalist

for her historic performance in the Birmingham Commonwealth Games.

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## The silent killer

Air pollution is a silent killer. The air pollution levels in India are among the highest in the world, posing a heavy threat to the country's health and economy. Almost all of India's 1.4 billion people are exposed to unhealthy levels of ambient PM 2.5 – the most harmful pollutant - emanating from multiple sources. These small particulates with a diameter of less than 2.5 microns, is about one-thirtieth the width of a human hair. Exposure to PM 2.5 can cause such deadly illnesses as lung cancer, stroke, and heart disease. Ambient and indoor air pollution is estimated to have caused 1.7 million premature deaths in India in 2019. The health impacts of pollution also represent a heavy cost to the economy. Lost labor income due to fatal illness from PM 2.5 pollution in 2017 was in the range of \$30-78 billion, equal in magnitude to about 0.3-0.9 percent of the country's GDP. PM 2.5 comes from a variety of sources. Some of the most common sources include emissions from burning fossil fuels such as coal or oil and biomass such as wood, charcoal, or crop residues. PM 2.5 can also come from windblown dust, including natural dust as well as dust from construction sites, roads, and industrial plants. Over half of PM 2.5 emissions in India are formed in "secondary" way in the upper atmosphere when different types of gaseous pollutants from one area such as ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>), mix with other gaseous pollutants like sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>), and nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) from another place. Agriculture, industry, power plants, households, and transport all contribute significantly to the formation of secondary PM 2.5. This secondary form spreads farther and wider than primary PM<sub>2.5</sub> and travels across states, cities, and crosses jurisdictional borders. The air pollution challenge in India is therefore inherently multi-sectoral and multi-jurisdictional. The common geographic area where pollutants mix and create similar air quality for everyone is called an airshed. Cities need to look beyond their immediate jurisdiction for effective air pollution control strategies and apply a new set of tools for airshed-based management.

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## In Taiwan, as in Ukraine, the west is flirting with disaster

Arguments in the foothills of war are always the same. Those for war shout loudest and beat their chests, eager for tanks to rumble and jets to roar. Those against are dismissed as wimps, appeasers and defeatists. When the trumpets sound and the drums beat, reason runs for cover. The visit to Taiwan of the US congressional speaker, Nancy Pelosi, has been so blatantly provocative it seems little more than a midterm election stunt. She declares it "essential that America and her allies make clear that we never give in to autocrats". China's gross overreaction is a classic example of precipitate escalation. Yet when Joe Biden asserted that the US would defend Taiwan militarily, the president's office instantly backtracked, reasserting a policy of "strategic ambiguity". It remains the case that no one quite believes the US will go to war over Taiwan - so far. A similar ambiguity infuses the west's attitude towards Russia over Ukraine. The US and Britain reiterate that Russia "must fail and be seen to fail". But can Russia really be relied on to tolerate ever greater destruction of its armaments without escalation? The west seems set on holding Ukraine to a drawn game, hoping to postpone some horrific penalty shootout. All Russia can do is perpetrate ever more atrocities to keep its team in play. Suppose it escalates something else? These are the same uncertainties that



prayed in aid of whelmed European diplomacy in 1914. Rulers dithered while generals strutted and rattled sabres. Flags flew and newspapers filled with tallies of weaponry. Negotiations slithered into ultimatums. As the frontline pleaded for help, woe betide anyone who preached compromise. During the two east-west nuclear crises of the cold war, in 1962 over Cuba and 1983 over a false missile alarm, disaster was averted by informal lines of communication between Washington and Moscow. They worked. Those lines reportedly do not exist today. The eastern bloc is led by two autocrats, internally secure but paranoid about their borders. The west is blighted by weakened and failing leaders, striving to boost their ratings by promoting conflicts abroad. What is new is the conversion of the old western imperialism into a new order of western "interests and values", ready to be

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any intervention. Such an order has become arbitrary and knows no boundaries. Despite Pelosi's claim, the west "gives in" at its own convenience, intervening or failing to do so. Hence wayward policies towards Iran, Syria, Libya, Rwanda, Myanmar, Yemen, Saudi Arabia and others. Britain abandoned Hong Kong to China and donated Afghanistan to the Taliban, the futility of the latter intervention shown last week in the drone killing of al-Qaida's leader in Kabul. Never in my lifetime has the Ministry of Defence had to defend my country against a remotely plausible overseas threat, least of all from Russia or China. Instead, in the cause of "interests and values" it has killed untold thousands of foreigners in my name and to virtually no gain. Now, with the looming threat of a serious east-west confrontation, the least we should ex-

## Birmingham 2022 scripts a new Commonwealth Games story for India-fewer medals, more diversity



nament with mainstream Indian following to take

place in the Covid era without major restrictions or bio bubbles in place, especially in light of the postponement of the 2022 Asian Games. With the Commonwealth Games ending Monday, the bigger story for India lies in the diverse disciplines of the medalists compared to past editions, where shooting and wrestling dominated the scene, although it hasn't been smooth administrative sailing. And that is why the 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games is ThePrint's Newsmaker of the Week. Of India's 26 medals so far, 10 have come in weightlifting, a positive progression from the 9 achieved at Gold Coast 2018, with Tokyo Olympics silver medalist

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Mirabai Chanu striking gold alongside tournament debutants Jeremy Lalrinnunga and Achinta Sheuli. Twenty-eight of India's 66 medals at Gold Coast in Australia came in the usual suspects of shooting and wrestling. With shooting dropped from the Birmingham calendar and wrestling taking place during the latter days of the Games, the gap was there for Indians in other disciplines to fill. The results so far have shown a mix of veterans and youngsters — 35-year-old squash player Sourav Ghosal followed up his silver in Gold Coast with a

bronze in Birmingham, 40-year-old Sharath Kamal Achanta was part of a four-member team that won gold in table tennis, and 23-year-old Murali Shreesankar secured a silver in long jump, to name a few. Most notable though has been India's historic lawn bowls gold in the women's fours category, with the winning team featuring a Delhi high school physical education teacher, a Jharkhand district sports officer, a Jharkhand police officer and an Assam forest department employee. And there may yet be more to come, with the majority of the track and field events being held this weekend, as well as India's women's cricket semifinal against England, and the medal brackets in hockey, table tennis and boxing. However, no major tournament with Indian participation appears to go ahead without off-field incident or controversy and the same applies to Birmingham 2022, in the cases of boxer Lovlina Borgohain and high jump athlete Tejaswin Shankar. In the week leading up to the Games, Borgohain had complained on Twitter about

"mental harassment", seemingly on the part of the Boxing Federation of India as well as the Indian Olympic Association and the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, for an administrative blocking of her coach's entry to the Birmingham Games village. Meanwhile, Shankar had to take his battle with the Athletics Federation of India to the Delhi High Court in order to be approved as a replacement player for India's athletics contingent at Birmingham. Shankar had missed out on the final selection trials in Chennai and chose to participate in the American collegiate tournament instead as a student in Kansas, and was denied qualification by the AFI before he decided to approach the court. Borgohain's Birmingham dream ended in defeat to Wales' Rosie Eccles in the quarterfinals but Shankar defied the federation with a bronze medal to follow up his successes at national American college level. That Shankar was able to achieve this despite, rather than because of, the work of the federation reflects the need for the powers at be to rethink and do away with some of the antiquated systems in place behind their selection processes.

## Boris Johnson isn't finished. His next move in politics may be even more alarming

As this summer has shown, no prime minister gives up power enthusiastically. Almost without exception, Britain's leaders leave office in a foul mood somewhere between fury and fatalism. Herbert Asquith and Edward Heath stand out among former inhabitants of 10 Downing Street as two who could never come to terms with their falls. Both went to the same Oxford college as Boris Johnson. Most prime ministers at least try to go with a show of acceptance, albeit through gritted teeth. A few - Arthur Balfour, Neville Chamberlain and Alec Douglas-Home among them - even served later in other prime ministers' cabinets. The palm for good grace, though, goes to Stanley Baldwin, who reportedly told the police on the Downing Street door on his last exit in 1937 that he was departing with a spring in his step. This will emphatically not happen when

Johnson finally leaves in a month's time. Some of the reasons for that are peculiar to Johnson, a reminder that he is a different kind of person and politician, and we shall return to them in a moment. Other reasons, however, are not. Power is a drug. Politicians take it liberally. Having to give up power is painful and humiliating. In an extreme case, such as Donald Trump, the pain can cause delusions, although the US system has devised useful rituals of transition to soften the blow, which Britain lacks. But the pain of lost power is something that all leaders feel, even the wisest. Fighting against the removal of power is a natural reflex. We know this from political history. But we also know it from mythology. At this moment I know it with particular vividness because Richard Wagner says it is so. I am writing this from Bavaria, while attending Wagner's four-part Ring cycle of operas at Bayreuth this week. Yet even while Wagner's music is unfolding, the echoes for Tory party politics are hard to escape. That's because the

central theme of Wagner's epic is the attempt by Wotan, lord of the gods, to hold on to world power by whatever means he can. Eventually, and crucially, Wotan accepts that his battle is lost and - this is Wagner's lasting message - that something entirely new must replace the old order. Yet even Wotan remains believably petulant at the moment of actual loss, and thereafter he is a broken force. Johnson is not the lord



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of the gods, although he once famously said he aspires to be world king. But, like Wotan and all people of power, he struggles to accept that he can no longer command the stage. In Johnson's case, the struggle with this reality is an unequal one since it must contend with his narcissistic personality, his need for risk and the spotlight, and with the successes he has

achieved by ignoring rules and conventions. All of which provides the context for the bubbling belief among Johnson's supporters and opponents that he is likely to attempt a comeback. It is a campaign for which he himself sowed the seeds with the narrative of "herd" betrayal in his Downing Street speech, his "hasta la vista" Commons signoff, and his recent remark that his ousting was the biggest stitch-up since the Bayeux

tapestry. It is also a belief that he does nothing to restrain, not merely among useful idiots who tell the Daily Express that a return is likely next year. Nadine Dorries and Michael Fabricant may seem D-list cheerleaders for a serious campaign. But this week's YouGov poll, showing 53% of Tory members think Johnson's ousting was wrong and putting him well ahead of Liz Truss and Rishi Sunak as their preferred leader, will do nothing to dampen the talk about Johnson's second coming. If this is to happen, however, it is important to apply some of the realism which Johnson's cheerleaders mostly avoid. Under current rules, Johnson must remain an MP in order to be a candidate in any Tory leadership return. This raises three issues. First, Johnson must avoid being suspended after the Commons privileges committee reports on whether he misled parliament over Partygate, because this could trigger a byelection he might lose. Second, he must hold his Uxbridge and South Ruislip constituency in the general election, which may not be easy, and has provoked malicious speculation that he may take over Dorries's much safer Mid-Bedfordshire seat. Finally, he must decide what role he will play in the Commons from September. This is the crux. It is as much a question of temperament as strategy. Temperamentally, Johnson seeks not only the spotlight but also revenge.

## Floods, storms and heatwaves are a direct product of the climate crisis - that's a fact, so where is the action?

In November 2015, prolonged and heavy rainfall dumped 1341mm (13.4in) of rain in Honister, Cumbria, within 24 hours. Just as in 2009 and again in 2013, when massive rainstorms inundated Cumbria and the West Country, lives were lost, thousands of homes were flooded, it took months to recover from and cost hundreds of millions of pounds. But how far have these winter storms been caused by the climate crisis? Until 2015, the stock answer of government and meteorologists was that it was impossible

to attribute the climate emergency to any particular weather event and that they were most likely extreme, once-in-a-century disasters and by implication not much for politicians to worry about. In 2009, Labour environment secretary Hilary Benn could say that the huge floods in Cumbria were a "once-in-a-millennium" meteorological event against whose consequences no community could wholly protect itself. He

was right - up to a point. Many studies assessed in the 2007 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report suggested that extreme weather events should be expected in a heating world - after all, the warmer the air, the more moisture it could hold - but attributing links between unusual flooding and the climate crisis could only be made with "medium" certainty. That caution was correct and understandable, but it provided fuel

for the arguments of deniers and rightwing thinktanks, giving governments around the world the perfect excuse to do little or nothing. Fortunately, climate science moves fast and has a way of catching up with events. Advances in computer modelling meant that given enough long-term data it was possible to estimate the contribution made by the climate crisis to flood events. It was made easier in Britain because of the existence of detailed climate models and regional maps.



# Unsung hero of freedom movement: Hari Prasad Mishra

**H**ari Prasad Mishra, an unsung hero of the freedom movement of India was born on October 22, 1925 to late GouriKanta Mishra and Leelawati Mishra at Major Aati Nepali Gaon (Presently known as Samar Dalani) of undivided Darrang district. Mishra did his schooling from Samar Dalani Govt. Junior Basic School. He had completed his primary stage of schooling at the age 17 in 1941. As he passed the LP standard, the breathless atmosphere of the Quit India movement began to start. Leaving aside his education, Hari Prasad was also attracted to the nationwide movement as a young boy having young and hot blood. The influence of the historic movement was greatly felt in Assam also like other parts of the nation. The Assam Pradesh Congress Committee in association with district and regional committees initiated various schemes to make people aware about the national movement. Many strategies for recruitment of membership drives were conducted. Further, the state leaders briefed and shared the aims, objectives, and decisions of the central team with district leaders. In addition, party volunteers were engaged to spread the messages among the mass people. Hari Prasad Mishra took the primary membership of the Congress party. Jyoti Prasad Agarwala played a pivotal role during the Quit India movement. He had composed many patriotic songs to make people aware and to arouse a sense of patriotism among the common people. Agarwala arranged training camps to recruit volunteers for the party as well as for the death squad. Hari Prasad, with the influence of Jyoti Prasad Agarwala



had joined the MrituBahini (the Death Squad). Hari Prasad had undergone the training of Congress volunteers when Hem Chandra Baruah and Omeo Kumar Das was president and secretary of APCC and Jyoti Prasad Agarwala was GOC of the Death Squad. Hari Prasad along with other six youth from his native village underwent training held at Bhaganbari Nepali Gaon with Baparam Gogoi Barua; GOC of Death Squad and Convener of Tezpur district Congress Committee. He was appointed as 'Nayak' after the training. In this regard, Baparam Gogoi Barua writes, 'Shri Mishra after passing the proper training at that training camp was appointed by me as Nayak of a group of trained volunteers with some most confidential and urgent duties on which the consolidated reports needed by the then Congress High command by the every day and night during the period of our Independence struggle up to the year 1947, in connection

1942 to April 1943' (Bijoy Chandra Bhagawati, dtd. July 13, 1984, Tezpur, Assam). As a part of the agenda taken by the Congress committee, it was decided to hoist the tricolour in all the government institutions including government offices, court building and police station simultaneously on September 20, 1942. However, the Sootea committee had decided to hoist the tricolour prior to the scheduled date and accordingly the tricolour was hoisted at Sootea Police Station on August 20, 1942. It is said that Sootea PS was the first and only place in India where the tricolour was hoisted for the first time, lowering the Union Jack. Mahendra Barkataky, Boloram Bormudoi, Chandra

with our most dangerous programme of 'Thane Dakhal' and 'the flag hoisting on the court building of the Tezpur Court' (Baparam Gogoi Baruah; GO.Cof Congress Seva Dal, Tezpur, dtd. 9th July, 1976, Sootea). The Congress party at the local level gave Hari Prasad Mishra the duty of a spy. He also served as an underground worker of the party. His intimate companions of the village were Taranath Sarma and Nidhi Prasad Sarma. He worked for maintaining peace and harmony at the village level. Mishra maintained a cordial relationship with Sootea and Jamuguri Committee too. Gahan Chandra Goswami, Bijoy Chandra Bhagawati, Chandra Kanta Bhuyian were companions of that time. Bijoy Chandra Bhagawati had written, 'He participated in the 1942 Quit India Movement. Hewent underground and worked for the movement for more than six months. Heabsconded from October,

ing the Union Jack. Hari Prasad Mishra, the eyewitness of the rare but historical movement is still alive. After the mass movement of 1942, Hari Prasad continued to serve the party as a primary worker in the village level besides social service. He played a distinguishing role in the establishment of many socio-economic and educational institutions in the greater Nagsankar area. They include Nagsankar High School, Lakhangarh Kirtan Sangha (presently known as Lakhangarh Samar Dalani Gaon Unnayan Committee), Samar Dalani ME School, Sri Sri Laxmi Narayan Temple, Bapuji Pustakalay (presently known as Taranath Sarma Smriti Pustakalay), Nagsankar Samabai Samitte, Dakhin Nagsankar HS etc. After the much-desired freedom, Mishra came in close contact with All Assam Freedom Fighters' Association. He became the president of Sonitpur district committee of Freedom Fighters' Association. The unsung hero of the freedom movement was honoured with a political sufferer pension by the state government from 1994. The then president of India Pranab Mukharjee at Rastrapati Bhawan felicitated the senior most freedom hero on August 9, 2016 along with other freedom heroes of the national movement. The then vice president of India Dr. Hamid Ansari, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the then Defence minister Rajnath Singh also graced the felicitation programme. Hari Prasad Mishra who is just three years away from attaining his century as a human being has been leading a normal and happy life along with his family members at his Samar Dalaani residence. Wish him a happy and healthy life ahead. Wish all the greetings of upcoming 76th Independence Day.

## Why does India recognise Tibet as China's part ?

**C**hina's brazen claim on Indian territories from Arunachal Pradesh to Ladakh and time & again pre-planned objections on visits of Indian dignitaries is not new. China's propaganda Cell do this just to keep the matter alive. Recently, China has made objection to Vice President's visit to Arunachal Pradesh and repeated its previous parrot-type crying comment treating the State as part of South Tibet.

From time to time, China has also changed the names of places of Indian territories in its official maps. Although, the world never expects from countries like China & Pakistan to respect the territories of neighboring countries. But even more surprising is the policy of Indian Government. If China has not recognized the existing & integral parts of the Indian territories and openly claiming them; why has India recognized the illegally invaded Tibet regions? If China is incorporating Indian territories in its official maps, why is India lagging behind by not including Tibetan territories in its map as an independent nation or an associate State? Why India is not standardizing the names like Aksai Chin and other places of Indian and Tibetan areas? Tibet was an independent nation having rich cultural & political relationship with India. It has never been a part of China main land. Tibetans are the descendants of Rupati, the Kaurav military general in Mahabharat era. As Tibet itself is not a part of China; then how does it claim the Indian territories, which exist across Tibet's boundary? India had diplomatic mission in Lhasa, which downgraded into a consulate general in 1952 and eventually closed after 1962 war. Tibet's independence from Chinese paunch is in the interest of Indian border security, territorial peace and saving of



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United States & other western countries were instrumental in denying the UN seat to Mao's PRC. Blinded by dark ideological lenses, the then Indian government refused to see the real face of Mao's Communist China. At one hand PLA troops were busy in rampaging Tibet, on the other hand the Congress Government was supplying thousand tonnes of rice to Lhasa at the request of Chinese government, which was utilized by the invading troops. Initially to set the foot of China in Tibet, the political leaderships of Congress and Communist were responsible. It is said that those who forget history are condemned to repeat it. India's recognition of Chinese sovereignty over Tibet was the biggest security blunder. A sizable section of Indian Communists was so mad to march on China's ideology that after the Chinese betrayal attack on India in 1962, they did not even condemn their spiritual country and lateron formed pro-Chinese new political outfit CPI (Marxist) in 1964. Today's generation is unaware of the fact that there is an Indian territory "Minesar" near Kailash Parvat and surrounded by Tibetan territories, which has been a part of Ladakh. After accession of Tibet, this area has also been grabbed by China; but neither Central government nor any political & social organisation even raised the issue in the international forum. It is the duty of Indian Government to incorporate this historic territory in the official map. China is a land grabbing country and has not invaded only India's 38000 sqKM territories, but has either encroached or claimed parts of 18 neighbouring nations. Hence, there should be full-proof security preparation at every inch of border and Indian political & social leaders should have constant touch with its natives. Nothing is going to be happen with fruitless unending talks and China & Pakistan are not going to return back the invaded Indian territories in hospitality like a cup of tea. An effective policy for all Actual International Border regions is the need of the hour, which should include some essential military training to the natives as well as settling down of retired army men. To counter Chinese day-to-day wrongdoings for Indian territories, India should adopt the tit-for-tat strategy and derecognize Tibet as Chinese part and treat it as buffer State with name "Chinese Occupied Tibet (COT)" on the tune of "Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (POK)". It should rename those places of encroached territories that have names similar to Chinese one. Accordingly, the official Indian map should be modified aligning forgotten "Minesar" too. The root of the problem is that countries like China and Pakistan act, but India only reacts. It is a historical fact that whenever Indian rulers adopted offensive policy, they ruled almost all the present-day neighbouring countries; but when they went on defensive, internal as well as external forces overpowered them. For sovereignty of the country, India will have to move forward with Patel's Offensive strategy instead of Nehru's Defensive approach prevailing.

## Beauty & Make-Up Tips for Raksha Bandhan

**A**ll of us especially women are waiting eagerly for the festival of Raksha Bandhan to come. Raksha Bandhan is one of the important festivals, when brothers and sisters celebrate the loving bond between them. This festival enrich the bond between you and your siblings. This festival is celebrated all over India and Indian communities settled abroad with equal love and grandeur. Like all festive occasions, girls love to dress up and look their best. As this is a joyous festival for all sisters, looking good and dressing differently is the main concern when talking about this sacred festival. You as a sister, visiting your sweet brother's or cousins' home or as the host to these festivities must be scintillating to look glamorous, cheerful, pleasant and beautiful on this special occasion. However, looking glamorous and beautiful on this special occasion is all about choosing the right shades of colour cosmetics. Selecting them according to skin colour and tone is as essential as learning the techniques of application. Your natural skin tone is most important while selecting foundations. Try to buy one that is closest to your skin colour as possible. Face powder may be of the same shade as the foundation. If you wish to tone down a tan, select a powder that is one shade

lighter, but in the same colour tone. Flaunt a celebration-perfect look this Rakhi 2022 with herbal beauty tips to ensure you have a really fulfilled, sorted and shining day of brother-sister affection. In the hot and humid season, the skin needs toning and refreshing. Here are some home remedies: Watermelon juice is a good skin toner and relieves dryness too. It cools, refreshes and softens the skin. Apply on the face and wash off with plain water after 20 minutes. Fruit Mask for all Skin Types: Fruits like banana, apple, papaya, or orange can be mixed together and applied on the face. Keep it on for 20 to 30 minutes. Then wash off with water. It cools the skin, cleanses dead cells and removes tan. Cooling Mask: Mix cucumber juice with two teaspoons powdered milk and one egg white into a smooth paste. Apply on face and neck and rinse off with water after half an hour. Mask for Oily Skin: Mix one tablespoon Multani Mitti with rose water into a paste and apply on the face. Wash off when dry. After applying face mask, take two of the cotton wool pads soaked in rose water and use them as eye pads. Squeeze out the rose water and then apply on closed lids. Lie down and relax, while you have the mask and eye pads on. Used tea bags can also do the trick. Soak them in a little warm water, squeeze out

the water and apply on the eyes like eye pads. To soften rough, bushy or frizzy hair, mix some water with creamy hair conditioner and put it in a spray bottle. Spray the mixture on the hair. Then comb the hair, so that it spreads through the hair. Raksha Bandhan is usually celebrated during the day. Daytime make-up has to be light and carefully done. If you have a clear skin, leave out foundation. After cleansing, apply a sunscreen with a built-in moisturizer. Then apply powder. Translucent powder, like a baby powder, is good. For oily skin, apply astringent lotion, instead of moisturizer. Then, apply compact powder. Pay attention to the oily areas of the face, like

darker and brighter, but prevents the "heavily made-up" look. For lipstick, avoid very dark colours, like dark maroon. Go for light pastel colours, pink, mauve, light browns, copper or bronze. The colours should



not be too intense. Or, use only lip gloss. First outline the lips with a lip pencil, same shade as your lipstick. Fill in colour with a lipstick brush. Obviously outlined



lips are out of fashion. For a special occasion like Raksha Bandhan, you can try out a new hairstyle, like putting up your hair with fancy hair clips or ribbons. Wearing flowers in the hair can be quite alluring. Long hair is very much the trend, with cascading waves or curly and bouncy hair. Go for the softer look, with curls or natural waves, in the lower half of the hair. The classic ponytail is also dictating trends. It suits most face shapes because one can wear a pony tail high or low, with a fringe or without, or with wisps or

curls falling down, with that carefully-careless look. A ponytail is actually an easy hair do. With ribbons, or other hair accessories, it can even provide a touch of glamour. One can have a ponytail for a formal or an informal look.

For a long face, wear a light long fringe falling straight down. For an oval face, wear it with a side-swept fringe. For a square jawed face,

have wisps of long curls falling down on either side of the face, just beyond jaw level. It will suit a round face too. Or you can put the hair up with the help of hair clips. While choosing Foundation for a very fair skin, go for beige with a rosy (pinkish) tint. For fair skins, use beige, pink or orange undertones. If the complexion is fair, but sallow (i.e. yellowish), avoid pink tones and go for beige or biscuit shades. For eye colours, a brown eyebrow pencil may be more suitable than black. Apply dark brown or dark grey eyeshadow over black eyeliner. It will tone down the stark black look. For fair skin,

try pinks and reds for blushers and avoid dark colours in lipstick. Most Indian complexions are wheatish. Go for water based foundations. Choose a colour as close to skin colour as possible. Avoid choosing lighter colour foundation. It will not provide a smooth finish, but give a mask-like effect. Use bronze or brown eye shadow. Add a touch of gold under the brow. For blusher, try bronze. For the lips, go for warm earthy colours, like coral, wine, plum, red and shades of red. A dark pink or rose-red would look good too. Avoid maroon, bright orange or very pale pink. The lip liner colour and lipstick colour should be the same. Dusky, or olive complexions, look better with brownish beige shades for Foundation. It should be a colour that will add some glow to the skin. For blushers, avoid mauves and light pink. Go with darker pink, or even some brown shades. A highlighting powder will help to add glow. Try it on your cheeks, along with your nose and forehead. For eye make-up, go for darker brown shadow, or try bronze or silver. For dusky complexions, dark eyes look captivating. So, go for black eyeliner and mascara. Apply eyeliner and smudge with a cotton bud, or apply eye shadow over it. It will give the smokey eyed look. Go for gloss for the lips and nude shades in lipstick would be good to bring out the glow in the complexion.

If you have a dark skin, choose liquid foundations, instead of a creamy one. The foundation should not be lighter than your skin tone. Try to get one which is as close to your normal skin colour as possible. Try out foundation colours in natural brown tones. When you apply foundation and powder, your aim should be for a lighter coverage. Special attention should be paid to blending. Avoid white and light coloured shadows. Soft brown combined with darker brown would be good. Use a kaajal pencil to outline the eyes. This can have a stunning effect on dark skins. For blusher, try a dark rose pink colour for the day and shades of bronze, plum, wine, for the night. For special occasions at night, use a touch of gold. It can really look glamorous on dark skins. Apply it at the temples and under the outer corner of the eyebrows. For lips, a dark complexion looks good in vibrant colours. Avoid very pale colours. Go for warmer tones, like coral, bronze, red, wine. Try mixing two colours to get the shades that suit your skin. Bright red lipstick can be toned down with tinted lip gloss. Avoid very dark colours like maroon or dark brown. Last but not the least, Have superb confidence in you and spread the waves of the warmth of love and affection with all family members.

### Shahnaz Husain

Shahnaz Husain is a well-known Indian beauty and cosmetics entrepreneur. She is the founder of Shahnaz Husain Cosmetics, a brand that has gained popularity across India and abroad. She has authored several books on beauty and skincare, and her expertise is sought after by many. In this article, she shares her insights on beauty and makeup tips for Raksha Bandhan.



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## NDA candidate Jagdeep Dhankhar

more about India's new Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar Former Governor of West Bengal and NDA's pick Jagdeep Dhankhar on Saturday defeated Opposition nominee Margaret Alva to become the 14th Vice-President of India. As the term of incumbent M Venkaiah Naidu ends on August 10, members of both Houses of Parliament throughout the day voted to elect the next Vice-President. Dhankhar clinched 528 votes, while Alva got 182. The new Vice-President will take oath of office on August 11. As the term of incumbent M Venkaiah Naidu ends on August 10, members of both Houses of Parliament on Saturday voted to elect the next Vice-President of India. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, Congress MP Manmohan Singh were seen casting their vote at the Parliament House on Saturday.

## Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav's National

slated to be present at the Niti Aayog's Governing Council meeting there to be held on August 7 at 4.30pm. According to reports, the meeting will be chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The chief ministers of all the states and Union Territories will be taking part in the meeting. The seventh Niti Aayog's Governing Councils meeting will pave the way synergies towards a new era of collaboration and cooperation between the Centre and states, Union Territories in view of the drive towards building a steady, sustainable and inclusive India. The official statement said, "The meeting would also lay emphasis on the importance of the Presidency for India for the federal system and the role that states can play in highlighting their progress at the G-20 Platform."

## Nilotpal Bora's 'Shaabaash'

Nilotpal Bora is known for his song 'Majuli', 'Dhaaga' from TVF series Aspirants, and many more. He was nominated for Filmfare OTT awards in 2021 for best original sound track category for his work in the web series Aspirants.

**Assam-Mizoram Border Talks from** the inter-state boundary dispute through dialogue. Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma had on July 16 said at a press conference that Bora would soon visit the neighbouring state and hoped to begin the dialogue at the earliest.

## Amid Rise In Covid Cases, Centre's

of Health and Family Welfare. "In view of some changes in symptoms and clinical manifestation of the disease, it is crucial to monitor and report district-wise influenza-like illness (ILI) and SARI cases in all health facilities as per the guidelines, on a regular basis for detecting early warning signals of the spread of infection. This will enable us to take pre-emptive action if required, in any areas of concern," he said. Stressing genome sequencing of prescribed samples of international passengers as well as collection of samples from sentinel sites and local cluster of new COVID-19 cases is equally important, Bhushan said such samples must be sent promptly by the states and union territories to the designated lab of INSACOG network for genome sequencing. "Renewed attention needs to be paid for ensuring of Covid-appropriate behaviour in crowded places like markets, inter-state bus stands, schools, colleges, railway stations, etc," he said. "States should aim to increase the pace of vaccination for all eligible population and accelerate the administration of free precaution doses for 18-plus eligible population at all Government Covid Vaccination Centres (CVCs) under the 'COVID Vaccination Amrit Mahotsav' till September 30," he stated. States were advised to diligently follow the five-fold strategy of test-track-treat vaccinate and adherence to Covid-appropriate behaviour within the community.

## 18 people fall ill after consuming

"The people were immediately admitted to the hospital. Their condition is now stable." On the other hand, Dr Amulya Goswami, Superintendent of the district hospital said, "Out of 18 people who have been admitted to the hospital, three are children and 11 are female." "Last night 12 persons came to the hospital after they complained of stomachache and vomiting. Today morning, six more people have been admitted to the hospital. Their health condition is now stable. We suspect that it is a case of food poisoning case," Dr Amulya Goswami added.

## Registrar of Bhattadev University

any kind of monetary demands made by government employees. Many state government employees have been caught red-handed in the last month after the department stepped up its vigil against anti-corruption activities.

## Delhi-Katra Vande Bharat

Bharat to Varanasi, according to an expert with the Sattvic Council of India. After this campaign is complete, regular trains will be run to Sattvik. Abhishek Biswas, the creator of the Sattvik Council of India, asserts that a number of procedures had to be completed before the Vande Bharat train could receive the certificate of Sattvik. In this, the method of cooking, the kitchen, the serving and storage utensils, as well as the way they were kept were all assessed. Only after finishing the complete procedure was the certificate granted.



Guwahati- DYFI Protest On Saturday

# BJP MP Varun Gandhi's 'muft ki revdi' swipe targets Centre, read here

**New Delhi, August 06 :** BJP MP Varun Gandhi took a dig at Narendra Modi-led Central government, saying loans up to Rs 10 lakh crore of corrupt businessmen were waived in the last five years. In the wake of Prime Minister Modi's "muft ke revdi" (freebies) remark targeting the Opposition, Gandhi shared a government reply in Parliament about the top 10 defaulter firms. "The same Parliament that expects the poor to express thanks at receiving five kg grains also says bad loans of Rs 10 lakh crore of corrupt businessmen have been

waived in the last five years. Who has the first right over the government treasury?" he asked in a tweet in Hindi. Varun Gandhi's tweet seems like a reference to BJP MP Nishikant Dubey's remarks during a debate in Parliament where he said that Modi has been providing free foodgrains to 80 crore poor people since the Covid-19 outbreak and country should thank the PM. "If we see Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Bhutan, and Singapore, everywhere inflation is rising and jobs are getting lost. Amid such a situation if the

poor are getting two-time meal free of cost then shouldn't we thank the PM..." Dubey was cited. Earlier in July, PM Modi had criticised some political parties for offering "muft ki revdi" for electoral gains. "This Revdi culture is very dangerous for the development of the country. Those with Revadi culture will never build new expressways, new airports or defence corridors for you. Together we have to defeat this thinking, remove Revdi culture from the politics of the country," Modi had said after inaugurating the four-lane Bundelkhand Expressway in Uttar Pradesh's Jalaun.

# Special Session of Assam Assembly on August 17

**Guwahati, August 06 :** The special session of Assam Legislative Assembly will be held on August 17. The session will start from 3 pm instead of 9 am which was scheduled earlier. Furthermore, Assam Governor Prof Jagdish Mukhi summoned the special session. As per sources, the special session was summoned in connection to the 75th Independence Day's Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. The opposition MPs will be also present in the session. Meanwhile, the autumn session of Assam Legislative Assembly is set to start from September 12. The session will start from 9.30 am in the state legislative assembly. Earlier, the MLA from the Mariani constituency in Assam, Rupjyoti Kurmi had promised that the flood situation will be brought up for discussion in the state legislative assembly. Kurmi had said that the terrible floods in Assam will be discussed in the upcoming session of the assembly, blaming the floods on the hydropower projects.

# Taiwan Says China's Military Drills Simulate Attack On Its Main Island

**Taipei, August 06 :** Taiwan accused the Chinese army of simulating an attack on its main island Saturday, as Beijing doubled down on its retaliation for US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taipei after announcing a suspension of cooperation with Washington on key issues. Relations between the two superpowers have nosedived in the wake of Pelosi's trip to China's self-ruled neighbour -- which it claims as its territory -- prompting calls from the UN for an urgent de-escalation of tensions. And Friday saw the environment become the latest victim of the geopolitical jousting, as Beijing said it would withdraw from a series of talks and cooperation agreements with Washington -- most notably on climate change and defence cooperation. The world's two largest polluters had pledged to work together to accelerate climate action this decade and vowed to meet regularly to tackle the crisis -- a deal that now looks shaky. Beijing on Saturday continued some of its largest-ever military drills around Taiwan -- exercises aimed at practising a blockade and ultimate invasion of the island, analysts say. Taipei said it observed "multiple" Chinese planes and ships operating in the Taiwan Strait, believing them to be simulating an attack on the self-ruled democracy's main island. "Multiple batches of Communist planes and ships conducting activities around the Taiwan Strait, some of which crossed the median line," its defence ministry said in a statement, referring to a demarcation line that runs down the Taiwan Strait which Beijing does not recognise. In a bid to show just how close China's forces have been getting to Taiwan's shores, Beijing's military overnight released a video of an air force pilot filming the island's coastline and mountains from his cockpit. Beijing also said they would hold a live-fire drill in a southern part of the Yellow Sea -- located between China and the Korean peninsula -- from Saturday until August 15. China's state broadcaster, CCTV, has reported that Chinese missiles have flown directly over Taiwan during the exercises -- a major escalation if confirmed. The scale and intensity of China's drills have triggered outrage in the United States and other democracies, with the White House summoning China's ambassador to Washington on Friday to rebuke him over Beijing's actions. Beijing's decision to withdraw from hard-won cooperation on climate change has now sparked wider fears about the future of the planet. "It's obviously worrying and raises concerns," Alden Meyer, a senior associate at E3G, a climate-focused think tank, told. It's "impossible to address the climate emergency if the world's number one and number two economies and number one and number two emitters are not taking action," he said. "And it's always preferable that they do that in a collaborative way." National Security Council spokesman John Kirby told reporters in Washington the decision was "fundamentally irresponsible." "They're actually punishing the whole world, because the climate crisis doesn't recognize geographic boundaries and borders," Kirby said. "The world's largest emitter now is refusing to engage on critical steps necessary to combat the climate crisis." UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres warned the two superpowers must continue to work together -- for the world's sake. "For the secretary-general, there is no way to solve the most pressing problems of all the world without an effective dialogue and cooperation between the two countries," his spokesman Stephane Dujarric said. But with tensions over Taiwan having risen to their highest level in nearly 30 years with an elevated risk of military conflict, experts told AFP the latest downturn in relations between the two superpowers could be deep and long-lasting. "The relationship is in a very bad place right now," said Bonnie Glaser, a China expert at the German Marshall Fund. The suspension Friday of bilateral military and maritime dialogue while China continues its military exercises was "particularly worrisome," she said. "We don't know what else they will do," she said. "We just don't know if this is just a temporary thing." John Culver, a former CIA Asia analyst, said in a discussion hosted by the Center for Strategic and International Studies that Beijing's main purpose with its military exercises was to change that status quo. "I think that this is the new normal," Culver said. "The Chinese want to show... that a line has been crossed by the speaker's visit."

## Adhir Ranjan's 'Raavan' jibe after Amit Shah linked Cong protests to Ram temple

**New Delhi, August 6:** The Congress on Saturday hit back at Union home minister Amit Shah for linking the party's protests to the Ram temple foundation day, alleging that the BJP was trying to divert the attention of common people by resorting to their only weapon 'Ram'. Wearing black clothes, Congress leaders hit the streets on Friday to protest against price rise and unemployment with a host of them, including Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi, being detained by police amid dramatic standoffs outside Parliament and the AICC headquarters in New Delhi. Shah linked Congress leaders' protest in black clothes over the issues of price rise and unemployment to the party's "appeasement" politics to convey its opposition to the Ram temple foundation laying by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on this day in 2020. Reacting to Shah's comments, Congress MP Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury the party was protesting against "astronomical price hike and unprecedented rate of unemployment which can't be tolerated by them (BJP)." "In the name of 'Ram', this government has been worshipping 'Raavan'. People are afflicted under their rule. The Congress has exposed this government as anti-people and pro-corporate," news agency ANI quoted Chowdhury as saying. Earlier, Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh alleged that it was a desperate attempt by the government to "divert, distract, polarise and give a malicious twist" to its democratic demonstrations against price rise. "It's only a sick mind which can produce such bogus arguments. Clearly the protests have hit home," he tweeted.



## 61 BN SSB organized Plantation drive by

**Assam Rising, Udalguri, August 6:** On 4th August Sujoy Lal Thosan, IPS (DG,SSB) visited 61 BN SSB Bhairabkunda along with Inspector General Frontier Tezpur, DIG Frontier Tezpur, DIG SHQ Bezpara and other dignitaries. During the visit of DG, 61 BN SSB conducted a forestation drive and planted a sapling in the new location campus area of 61 BN SSB and also planted a tree by IG FTR & DIG FTR Tezpur. After the plantation drive, DG SSB Sujoy Lal Thosan interacted with officers of all units under SHQ SSB Bezpara and delivered a speech about use of AI (Artificial Intelligence) in the border area of Indo-Bhutan border. Whereas, DG also discussed the present situation of the border and how to tackle peacefully by SSB officers and create good relations with the neighboring country.

## PMAY -G house inspection in Nagabanda



**Assam Rising , Bhuragaon, August 6:** The Chief Executive Officer of Morigaon Zila Parishad Kshitish Chandra Pegu today inspected the houses being constructed in the houses of the beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana in Nagabanda Gaon Panchayat under Laharighat Development Zone of Morigaon district. During the inspection of the houses, the CEO ordered the beneficiaries to complete the work of the houses before 15 August. However, the gram panchayat workers were present during the inspection of the houses.

## Lokra Bn organised awareness lecture on Har Ghar Tiranga



**Assam Rising, Biswanath Chariali, August 6:** Lokra Battalion of Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ 21 Sector and Inspector General Assam Rifles (East) organised awareness lecture on Har Ghar Tiranga Initiative for the school students of Defence Force Preparatory Academy to promote Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav on August 6 in Biswanath District, Assam. A total of 173 students attended the lecture, wherein they were made aware about history and genesis of the national flag. Students were also educated about the relevance of 75 years of Independence and how the National flag instills a sense of patriotism, pride and honour for the nation. Students were also motivated to hoist the national flag in their respective localities and houses.

## Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee Meets PM Narendra Modi in Delhi

**New Delhi, August 06 :** Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee Meets PM Narendra Modi in Delhi, to meet President Droupadi Murmu later Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee today met PM Narendra Modi in Delhi. The dues for Goods and Services Tax, which Bengal has been demanding for long, is likely to pivot the discussions. Mamata Banerjee is also likely to meet President Droupadi Murmu later in the day. Banerjee arrived here on a four-day visit on Thursday. Her party sources earlier said she would discuss multiple issues with the prime minister, including GST dues to West Bengal. The Prime Minister's Office posted a picture of the two leaders meeting.



Guwahati- Joint meeting with All Teachers' Associations



## Wallabies captain Michael Hooper withdraws from tour, citing 'mindset'



**London, August 06 :** Captain Michael Hooper has withdrawn from the Wallabies' Rugby Championship Test against Argentina 24 hours before kick-off, saying he isn't in the "right mindset" to lead or represent the country. The tireless flanker had been named to lead the side in his 122nd Test on Sunday morning (AEST) but will now return to Australia, missing both matches against the Pumas. Fellow Test centurion James Slipper will captain the side in Mendoza, while Fraser McReight will replace Hooper in the number seven jersey. "While this decision did not come easily I know it is the right one for me and the team at this point in time," Hooper said in a statement. "My whole career I've looked to put the team first and I don't feel I am able to fulfil my responsibilities at the moment in my current mindset." Hooper addressed teammates prior to the announcement, telling the squad he had the utmost confidence they could get win the tests against Argentina without him. Coach Dave Rennie said his captain, aged 30, had shown "true courage". "Michael's one of the most professional and impressive men I've coached I know this has been a difficult decision for him," he said. "He's shown true courage by acknowledging where he is at and acting on it. We will support him in any way we can and I know the team will be focused on getting the job done tomorrow." Wallabies coach Dave Rennie said there were no signs through the week of Hooper's anguish. "Nothing was evident to us in how he trained, how he contributed around the team, around leadership was excellent but clearly he's been struggling a bit and masking that pretty well," Rennie told reporters from Argentina on Saturday (AEST). "Obviously he's

## Dettori's Europe the team to watch at Shergar Cup

**Paris, August 06 :** Frankie Dettori returns to the Shergar Cup lineup at Ascot on Saturday for the first time in six years and his European team could be the one to back to defeat the Great Britain and Ireland, Ladies and Rest of The World jockeys' teams at around 2-1. Dettori and Antonio Fresu have decent winning chances on the card along with Rene Piechulek, last year's Arc-winning jockey on Torquator Tasso. Jose-Luis Martinez, the fourth member of the squad, should also provide strong support, with four of his five rides likely to start at odds between 5-2 and 6-1. Ascot 1.35 Epsom Faithfull has improved through the season and produced another career-best at this track last time. The step back up to seven furlongs should not be an issue and she can give Piechulek his first winner in Britain. Ascot 2.10 King Of Stars has an obvious chance on his run over course and distance last month and Takeshi Yokoyama will not need to worry unduly about tactics on this confirmed front-runner.

## London Spirit hold off Oval Invincibles fightback to win Hundred thriller

**London, August 06 :** Nathan Ellis and Jordan Thompson's powerplay heroics helped London Spirit claim a three-run win over city rivals Oval Invincibles in a thrilling Hundred derby clash. Australian fast bowler Ellis (three for 28) and Thompson (two for 31) wrecked the Invincibles top order as they reduced the

home side to 12 for four chasing 172 to win at The Oval. That looked to have ended the Invincibles' hopes of winning but Hilton Cartwright (42), Jordan Cox (39) and Danny Briggs (29 not out off 11 balls) almost pulled off the unlikely of wins, only for Thompson to keep his cool amid a breathless finish. Earlier Eoin Morgan

proved the mainstay of Spirit's 171 for six, the former England skipper making 47 off 29 balls with five fours and three sixes. Zak Crawley (21), inevitably under the spotlight after his poor summer thus far with England, gave Spirit impetus early in the powerplay with four boundaries, including successive sweeps off Briggs.

## 'Once a blue, you're a blue': Haaland renews family bonds with City

**London, August 06 :** Erling Haaland may be a rarity in the brand-conscious world of blockbuster transfers: a superstar signing whose professed love for Manchester City is actually genuine. Where many footballers kiss the badge and cite being childhood fans of Club A, Haaland is the 22-year-old centre-forward whose father, Alfie, played for City, was popular with teammates and staff and would take his infant son to the champions' former stadium, Maine Road. Roy Bailey was City's physiotherapist when Haaland Sr was at the club for three seasons from 2000. "I remember him bringing his young lad Erling in when he was injured on a Sunday morning," he says. "He had the freedom of Maine Road. I'd see him as a toddler when he brought

him into the treatment room and he let him run about on the pitch. Alfie was very fond of City." Bailey treated Erling's father when he suffered the infamous high tackle by Roy Keane during a 1-1 draw with Manchester United at Old Trafford on 21 April 2001. In the 86th minute, Keane lunged at Haaland's right leg, doubling the defender over. It was a revenge act, the Irishman angry about an incident four years earlier during a match at Alfie's then-club Leeds. After Keane fell to the Elland Road turf injured, the Norwegian had stood over him and accused the midfielder of faking it. Keane had actually suffered a ruptured cruciate ligament and, as he documented in his 2002 autobiography, waited for his moment to pay Haaland back. "I fucking hit him hard,"



Keane wrote. "The ball was there. Take that you cunt. And don't ever stand over me sneering about fake injuries." Erling has grown up understanding his father's reluctance to speak about the episode. But while a second autobiography published in 2014 had Keane insisting he had no regrets, Bailey reveals that the Irishman showed concern about the challenge, for which he was sent off. "It was a bad tackle, I know that," Bailey says. "But in fairness to Roy Keane he did catch up with me straight after the game and asked me about him. I just said: 'Don't worry about him. We've iced him and he doesn't look like he's got any serious problem with the knee.'" Bailey remembers running on to treat Alfie that day. "It was lucky Alfie saw him coming" he says. "When I saw the tackle with

Roy on Alfie, I knew he was going to catch him with his foot. It's a good job he did anticipate because if you're standing on a stationary leg and somebody catches you like that, you damage your knee seriously." Tony Grant, a midfielder who played alongside the Norwegian at Old Trafford, says: "Alfie was a well-liked person - he worked hard, was a great fella - that was the main thing about him really. Going back to those days it's not like it is now - we're all more educated, we all know there's eyes everywhere, social media has increased [the scrutiny] tenfold." But Roy obviously held in his brain what happened [at Elland Road]. Roy didn't take many prisoners, did he? He held something close and he did what he did - that was retribution. Terrible. Roy was an exceptional footballer and he also

had the other side of him as well. But I don't think it was anything personal. I think again, you are, how would you put it? Not touchy, but if you got a bad injury and someone's goading you, you can't wait, especially if you're that way inclined. It was purely a professional thing." Although Haaland could finish the derby, by summer 2003 he had retired aged only 30 because of an injury to his other knee. Bailey says: "Roy spied his chance and caught him with a nasty tackle, but I doubt that finished Alfie Haaland's career." Haaland Sr has, though, suggested that Keane did, citing how he never again played a full 90 minutes, featuring only once more for City that season - 68 minutes in the following week's draw with West Ham - plus four substitute appearances during the next campaign.

## Arsenal sink Crystal Palace after Gabriel Martinelli gives them head start



ence. Big credit to the boy." Arteta was right to feel Arsenal's application was light years ahead of their derelict offering from April. "We showed great resilience," he said. "You don't win here without it. Building that mentality and finding a way to go through those moments and maintain clean sheets is going to be vital for our success." When Jordan Ayew's eyes lit up on the edge of the box as proceedings entered the final 20 minutes, Martin Odegaard was in like a flash to take the ball off his feet; before half-time Zaha had wriggled past the stand in right-back Ben White only to find Bukayo Saka was the last man. Those were the details that saw them through, although earlier in the game it had appeared the points might materialise more easily. Arsenal began like a train, rotating positions dizzyingly while showing the sharpness and ferocious pressing that had whetted appetites in pre-season. Gabriel Jesus was predictably to the fore, seeing Marc Guéhi block after one slalom run, while Oleksandr Zinchenko's deflected strike tested Vicente Guaita. The two arrivals from Manchester City were winning the league together in May; Arteta has made no secret of his hope that such experiences rub off on their new teammates. Jesus was, in his manager's words, "electric" in that early spell but it was Zinchenko who helped unlock Palace from a routine straight off the training ground.

**London, August 06 :** A new season and a new, ruthless winning machine called Arsenal? Nobody would sensibly take things to such an extreme but this was a big improvement on the fare they were serving up a mere four months ago. Back then they were demolished here, losing 3-0 and simply failing to turn up; no such accusation could be levelled this time and, while there were enough wobbles to leave Crystal Palace feeling a draw would have been fair, the fact they steered home safely at a traditionally turbulent

hunting ground can only augur well. As opening games go this was intense, engaging fare in which both sides carried the fight admirably. A goal in each half settled things but perhaps the defining sequence, from an Arsenal perspective at least, came eight minutes after half-time when Wilfried Zaha was denied by the cleanest of tackles from William Saliba as he twisted towards the byline. An old foe had been bested by a newcomer to the league and it would not be the final time; Saliba was outstanding in his first game for Arsenal, three years after arriving from Saint-Etienne, and came into his own during waves of second-half pressure from the hosts. He will take some dislodging from their central defence now. "You don't really see that at 21 years old in a debut in the Premier League against this opponent where you face difficult players and [have to] resolve the situation," Mikel Arteta said. "He's done it with that composure, that calmness and that pres-

## US basketball team that may have been the greatest of all time

**Washington, August 06 :** "I don't know anything about Angola. But Angola's in trouble." The words of Charles Barkley at the Palau Municipal d'Esports the day before the US basketball team kicked off its run at the 1992 Olympic Games turned out to be true on several levels, some more uplifting than others. Barkley himself would go on to score 24 points against Angola in an overwhelming victory, in the process elbowing an opponent in the neck to "show him what the NBA is like". He would also end leading scorer in that Dream Team, a man having the time of his life, carousing with the locals, playing cards all night with Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen, providing the razor edge in a team playing with a kind of light around it. And in the process becoming a part of another kind of history. It is exactly 30 years this week since the Dream Team took gold in Barcelona. Sporting anniversaries are often point-less things. An event took place. Time passed. The end.

This, though, is one of the good ones. Perhaps even one of the best, if only because the Dream Team is that kind of entity, a matter always of ultimacy and greatness. Not just because the team itself was extraordinarily good, ar-

though a different kind of gravity, lighter air. This was also one of those moments where sport seems to elide into something else. Even the way that team came about felt significant. Four years earlier a US Olympic team made up



of amateurs and minor league players had been beaten badly by the USSR. A year after that a vote was passed to allow NBA players to compete. Politics came into this. The Soviet Union opposed that move right to the end, but the Soviet Union was also in the process of dissolving. Historians - and AJP Taylor was very firm on this - may have decided the key note in the fall of the Berlin Wall was David Hasselhoff in a studied leather jacket miming Looking For Freedom to a collection of bemused East Berliners carrying sledgehammers. But the Dream Team, as labelled by the cover of the February 1991 Sports Illustrated, also felt like something being loosened, a kind of opening up.





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## 'It was just what we needed': how Birmingham 2022 saved our holiday



**Birmingham, August 06 :** It's Tuesday evening and I'm watching a group of excitable young people in colourful clothing dance on a patch of sand in Birmingham city centre. Heather Knight, the England cricket captain, is sat to my right and we're part of a crowd who have gathered for some beach volleyball action at the Commonwealth Games. The dancers - also known as, the Brum Beach Crew - are an added bonus, as are the flashes of "MONSTERBLOCK" and "MEGA RALLY" on the venue's two large screens during both pool games: Gambia v Sri Lanka (men) and England v Scotland (women). All in all it's a surreal experience, but also part of an unexpectedly fun family holiday. This was meant to be the year when my wife, daughter and I did our usual thing of going abroad for our summer break having not been able to do so in 2020 and 2021 because of the pandemic. But it was not to be and again Covid was to blame, with my daughter's new passport caught up in the backlog caused by the Passport Office's struggles to deal with a surge of applications as, like us, thousands of Britons made plans to get back on a plane. So we were going to have our summer holiday on home soil and decided to do so in Birmingham given it was a hosting a major sporting event and, well, was easy to get to from our house in south London. Competition and convenience swayed it but, with all due respect to the fine people of England's second city, there was not a huge deal of excitement about the trip as we headed north last Monday. That, however, changed pretty much as soon as we arrived at Birmingham New Street station, walked up New Street itself and were hit with the sight and sounds of Victoria Square. The hub in the heart of the city was throbbing

amid a gloriously warm August afternoon, packed full of people either passing through or stopping to listen, and dance, to the live music put on by organisers as part of the festival aspect of these Games. Some were also watching the sporting action showing on the huge television located to the side of the performance stage. It was just what we needed, our collective senses well and truly gripped, and that would remain the case throughout our three-day visit. Mr Motivator conducts a free public workout in Victoria Square whilst the beach volleyball is shown on a big screen next to the stage on day two. Quite rightly there is unease in many quarters with the continued existence of the Commonwealth Games, and especially with it being hosted in the UK in a post-Windrush age. But being in Birmingham this past week it was impossible not to get swept up in the sheer positivity of it all, with much of that stemming from the city's full embrace of its status as hosts. The place was transformed from my previous visits, quite literally in terms of the £770m spent on, among other things, new transport links, but also, to use that that most summery of words, in terms of "vibe". Everybody was really happy, with a lot of that down to the Commonwealth Collective, the orange-and-grey-clad volunteers found not just at the various venues but also in many streets and open spaces. They were as friendly as they were helpful, and while at times it felt a bit cultish it was also infectious and added to the sense of a city and its people

## Anthony Harding hails Jack Laugher after pair win 3m diving gold



**London, August 06 :** Jack Laugher's Commonwealth Games began as he strode into Alexander Stadium as one of England's flagbearers in the opening ceremony, and then he opened his competition on Thursday with a gold medal. The wins continue to rain down on him. Less than 24 hours later, he collected his second gold of this year's Games, winning the men's synchronised 3m springboard title alongside his partner, Anthony Harding. What marks a third successive gold medal in the event for Laugher, his eighth medal in total, is the first Commonwealth Games medal of any colour for Harding, a 22-year-old competing in his first Games. Laugher and Harding's partnership was established at the end of last year, but they have already achieved consid-

erable success after winning silver at the world championships this year. These experiences have been a long time coming for Harding, whose biggest previous successes were two bronze medals at the European Championships in 2019. He talked in depth about the difficulty of waiting for his opportunity to compete at major events with such fierce competition for places in Great Britain's men's diving squad. "This is my second international in two, three years," he said. "The 3m men's in Britain is so tough, it's so hard to get on the big stage. I've worked so hard. I've had to be patient, I've had to wait for it, really. It's thanks to Jack for seeing me in training and seeing how good I can be and trusting in me, believing in me." As one of the most prominent divers continued his Commonwealth Games dominance, another finally won his first medal at the competition.

taking great pride in being at the centre of the sporting universe, albeit for less than a fortnight. Speaking of sport, while beach volleyball was our undeniable highlight - partly because of the sheer thrill of the action and partly because of how hilarious it was to watch such an un-British event taking place in a converted wholesale market and within walking distance of Mr Khan's Kebabs and Pizza shop - we also enjoyed seeing netball at the NEC and athletics at Alexander Stadium, the highlight of the latter a toss up between Matthew Hudson-Smith's impressive win in the 400m heats and the group of Ugandans who were sat behind us and chanted with unrestrained excitement whenever one of their compatriots took to the track.

**Muirfield, August 06 :** A corner of East Lothian may forever belong to a family from Western Australia. Should Minjee Lee prevail at the Women's Open - and a second round of 70 leaves her in fine position to do precisely that - she will have shown the local speciality already displayed by her brother. Min Woo Lee's win at the Scottish Open last July was the biggest of his career. It is hardly unfair to suggest the 24-year-old has been firmly upstaged in sporting context by his older sister. The quirk here is that Minjee Lee is in hot pursuit of a third major - and second of 2022 - at Muirfield, literally over the wall from the Renaissance Club where Min Woo Lee emerged from a playoff. Minjee Lee offered only that a family double in the same postcode and more than 9,000 miles from home would be "pretty cool" before a ball was struck in the Women's Open. A four under par total

at the halfway point has only intensified strong attention around her, including in her native country. Lee eased to victory the US Open in June and would almost certainly become Australia's first female world No 1 with a win at Muirfield. At the halfway mark she is four shots off the leader, South Korea's Chun In-gee, and shielding herself expertly from the noise. "I try not to think too much about that other stuff," Lee said. "I'm still the same person. I hit a little white golf ball around a field. That's always been my mindset and whatever comes with it, I'm going to embrace it and be the best person that I can be." And the best golfer, clearly. Lee's second round included two birdies and one bogey. She rued missed chances on the greens. "I played really smart out there," she added. "I couldn't quite capitalise on my birdie opportunities so hope-

fully they will all drop tomorrow." The course is really set up quite fair and the design of the course is actually rewarding when you play to the safe side. I

definitely think it's a very fair, challenging but fun course." Indeed, Muirfield has generally been deemed a huge success by competitors.

Martin Slumbers, the R&A's chief executive, has placed emphasis on big-time sport requiring big-time audiences and big-time venues.

## 'My feet gave way, I heard a snap - that was my World Cup'



**London, August 06 :** While many of the world's leading cricketers will surf straight into the Women's Hundred from the Commonwealth Games, match-ready, Dane van Niekerk will be anything but. Since she lifted last year's trophy as captain of the Oval Invincibles, the South African has played just 25 times and not at all since November, her year so far having been completely ruined by a freak dog-feeding accident just weeks before March's World Cup. "I do a lot of stupid things but probably that wasn't one of the best decisions I could make so close to a World Cup," Van Niekerk says. "Marizanne [Kapp, her wife and teammate with both South Africa and the Invincibles] always tells me I'm a loose head. It was an honest, freak accident. It was raining and I was on the wooden deck outside the house. I needed to go down to feed my dogs and I tried to climb down from the edge, and as I did that my feet gave way. I heard a snap, and I knew straight away that was my World Cup. "I still hate myself to this day. If I'd just made one split-second decision different I could have been there and maybe helped my team, made a bit of a difference. That is life and that's how I learn." One phrase in Van Niekerk's description of her accident stands out. She made her international debut at 15 and 13 years later stands 20 away from being South Africa's

leading women's T20 run-scorer, sits No 3 on the list of her country's leading wicket-takers in both women's T20s and ODIs (Kapp is No 2 in both formats) and is a hugely respected captain. It seems jarring that such a brilliant and successful sportsperson so casually, and for such seemingly trivial reasons, admits to feelings of self-loathing. "I'm my worst critic, and my worst enemy sometimes as well," she says. "I'm always going to be my worst critic because I still expect better from me, and more than what I've given. Sometimes I'm a loose cannon and I don't think. At that moment there were stairs just next to me but I wanted to climb down. When it rains do you do that? The truth is I needed to support my team in any way possible, and I wasn't there. That's why I'm upset with myself, because I wanted to be there." Oval Invincibles captain Dane van Niekerk with the trophy and teammates after winning The Hundred final against Southern Brave at Lord's last August. Van Niekerk speaks quickly, and always with an upbeat tone. When asked to describe herself in a single word, she chooses "humorous". But she uses that same tone when describing events that were clearly anything but - and since 2019, when a stress fracture to her right femur became the first of a run of injuries, there have been plenty of those. "At that stage I was very close to the best I could be as a cricketer," she says. "I always tell people something had to stop me then to bring me back to earth and it really did. I'm not thankful for it, but it did put things into perspective. After that it's been a continuation of

injuries and mentally it's taken a massive toll on me. "I lost both my grandparents within the space of two months in 2020, just after dealing with another injury. It's just been one after the other.



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