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NEWS IN BRIEF

Two held

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Guwahati, August 10:

Two persons were arrested in Assam's Nagaon district for supporting the United Liberation Front of Asom-Independent (ULFA-I) and expressing their desire to join it. One of the accused, identified as Shipra Dutta (46), was arrested from Khachalukhua area of the district. She allegedly made a post on Facebook expressing her desire to join the banned militant outfit. In her post, she said that she wants to join the ULFA-I as "the Assam government and state police have destroyed" her life. Meanwhile, another individual, identified as Naba bora, made a similar comment on Facebook where he said that he will be joining the insurgent group while bidding goodbye to one of his friends.

Prisoners release

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Guwahati, August 10:

18 prisoners will be released from 31 jails across Assam in Independence Day. The decision was taken as per the order of union home ministry to release the prisoners who are in jail since 7-10 years based on their transparency. The prisoners will come under open sky after spending 66 percent of their prison term. Of the 18 prisoners who will be released, 4 are from Guwahati Central jail, 4 each from Jorhat and Dibrugarh, 3 from Nagaon Special jail, 2 from Nagaon Jail and 1 from Abhayapuri jail. It may be mentioned that there are 11,325 prisoners in the 31 jails across the state.

Road accident

Assam Rising
Guwahati, August 10:

A driver lost his control due to which the tanker turned turtle in the middle of National Highway. The driver, identified as Ramesh Singh, died in the mishap. The tanker was coming from Manipur towards Guwahati when the incident occurred. Earlier, today (Wednesday), a four-wheeler met with an accident in Chapar. The incident occurred in National Highway 19. The car registration was UP 65 BF 7034. The driver, identified as Ajit Kumar from Bihar, died on spot.

Assam government launches 1st drone school of northeast in Guwahati



Assam Rising
Guwahati, August 10:

The northeast has got its first remote pilot training

school in Guwahati, as part of the central government's quest to make India a hub for drone technology, officials said. The Assam Electronics Development Corporation Ltd (AMTRON) has joined hands with EduRade, a start-up incubated at IIT-Guwahati, and IIM-Calcutta Innovation

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Assam govt hikes daily wages of tea garden workers by Rs 27



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Guwahati, August 10:

The daily wages of tea garden workers in Assam were hiked by Rs 27, the second increase in such payments since the Himanta Biswa Sarma-led government came to power in the state in May last year, an official

said. The upward revision of wages will be effective from August 1, he said. The decision to revise the wages was taken in a meeting among Sarma, representatives of tea associations and workers' unions. "Happy to share that in a meeting with tea associations, it was decided

to hike the workers' wage by Rs 27, thus raising their daily wage to Rs 232 and Rs 210 in

Brahmaputra Valley & Barak Valley respectively," the chief minister wrote on Twitter. Sarma said welfare of tea garden workers has always been his government's top priority. He said the cash hike in daily wages of tea garden workers is "over and above the ration and other benefits." "All garden workers will get ration cards & we urged the gardens to take Fair Price Shop licenses. Representatives of Indian Tea Association, NE Tea Association, Tea Association of India, Bharatiya Chah Parishad, Assam Tea Planters' Association & Assam Chah Mazdoor Sangha were present," he said on the microblogging site. Traditionally, tea workers' wages are largely paid in two com-

ponents - cash and other benefits such as ration, health services and education. The previous wage revision was done in May last year soon after Sarma became the chief minister, and it was made effective from February 22, 2021. During Wednesday's meeting, Sarma also assured the planters of raising the government subsidy for orthodox tea from Rs 7 to Rs 10 per kg. State Industry and Commerce Minister Bimal Borah had on Tuesday held a meeting with small tea growers and workers for the fixation of wages. "Representatives from the various tea workers' unions have been requesting that the worker's wages be fixed." Hence, chaired a

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Nitish Kumar takes oath as Bihar CM for 8th time

Tejashwi Yadav as his deputy



PATNA, August 10:

Janata Dal-United (JDU) leader Nitish Kumar on Wednesday took oath as Bihar's Chief Minister for the record eighth time. RJD leader Tejashwi

Yadav also took oath as his Deputy in a simple ceremony held at the Raj Bhawan. Both Nitish and Tejashwi were administered the oath of office and secrecy by Governor Phagu Chauhan inside

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Assam CM Chairs Meeting on Class-III, Class-IV Vacancy Recruitment

Assam Rising
Guwahati, August 10:

Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma on Wednesday chaired a meeting here attended by the senior-most secretaries of the state government and office-bearers of the State-Level Recruitment Commissions regarding the upcoming examinations to fill up the vacant Class - III and Class - IV levels posts. The written examinations for recruitments to the Class - IV and



Class - III posts will be conducted by the Board of Secondary Education, Assam (SEBA) on coming August 21 and 28 respectively. Examinations for the Class - IV posts will be held in 24 districts while those for the Class - III posts will be held in 25 districts of the

state. It is to be noted that the State-Level Recruitment Commissions have entrusted the task of conducting the written examinations on SEBA. Addressing the officials present, the Chief Minister issued a number of directives for smooth conduct of the entire recruit-

ment process. He asked the senior officials to take all measures necessary to ensure no malpractices and irregularities take place on the day of the written examination. He asked the senior officials from the home and political departments to strictly ensure no candidates enter any centre with barred items such as mobile phones, etc. He asked the Director General of Police (DGP) to deploy an officer of the rank of Superintendent of Police (SP) in every district, who will be the

overall in-charge of security of all centres in the district. Dr. Sarma further asked the DGP to deploy a Sub-Inspector rank officer in every centre of the state. He asked all officials to have zero tolerance towards those who resort to practices such as spreading rumours on the recruitment process, among others. The Chief minister exuded confidence that meritorious youths selected through a fair recruitment process will lead to a perceptible change in the manner government administration is run in the state. Dr. Sarma also expressed hope that candidates who secure a job through hard-work will have a good

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SC transfers FIRs against Nupur Sharma to Delhi, arrest shield to continue



New Delhi, August 10:

The Supreme Court on Wednesday transferred the FIRs registered in different states against suspended BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma to Delhi in connection with her controversial remarks on Prophet

Muhammad in a TV show. All the clubbed FIRs against Nupur Sharma have been transferred to the Delhi Police for investigation. The protection from arrest will continue till the probe is concluded. The Supreme Court had last month directed that "no coercive action" can be taken against Sharma till the next date of hearing in connection with the complaints filed against her. The top court had also said that it never intended the BJP leader to visit every court for relief in the hate speech cases against her. "In the light of the subsequent events, the concern of this Court is how to ensure that the petitioner is able to seek alternate remedy. In order to explore such modality, we issue notice," said a bench of Justices Surya Kant and J B Pardiwala. The same

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HSLC Question Papers To Include Objective Questions

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Guwahati, August 10:

The Board of Secondary Examination, Assam (SEBA) on Wednesday made an important announcement regarding the High School Leaving Certificate (HSLC) examination. The Board announced that the HSLC exam question papers will contain objective questions. It will come into effect from upcoming 2023 examination. The SEBA board took the decision in accordance to the

New Education Policy (NEP). In the first phase, only four subjects shall contain objective questions however, in upcoming examination all the subjects will have objective questions. The NEP was approved by the Union Cabinet in the year 2020. The cabinet approved the policy with an aim to make changes in school education where the policy focuses on making the board exams easy, reducing the

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15-yr-old Assam girl injects herself with blood from HIV positive boyfriend

Assam Rising
Guwahati, August 10:

Love is blind and is unconditional and sometimes knows no boundaries. However, this girl from Assam took things to another level altogether. How you ask? Well, the minor girl from Sualkachi district injected herself with blood taken from her boyfriend, who was HIV positive. Read that again. The girl

claimed to be deeply in love with her boyfriend and risked her life for the sake of it. The 15-year-old girl met the boy on Facebook and fell in love with him. The boy who hails from Satdola in Hajo is said to be HIV positive and the "couple" fell in love in a span of three years. They were inseparable, according to the girl. She also claimed that she had run away with the boy thrice and knew about his HIV

positive status as well. The girl took the blood of her boyfriend through a syringe and injected it into her body. Meanwhile, Hajo police have arrested the boy, and the girl is under medical observation. The boy urged the girl not to inject his blood into her, but she didn't budge. "I don't care what happens to me," said the girl. "I just want him to be released at the earliest," she added. Moreover, the girl went for a test twice. She



claimed that she didn't go to collect the first test report.

She got a negative result the second time.

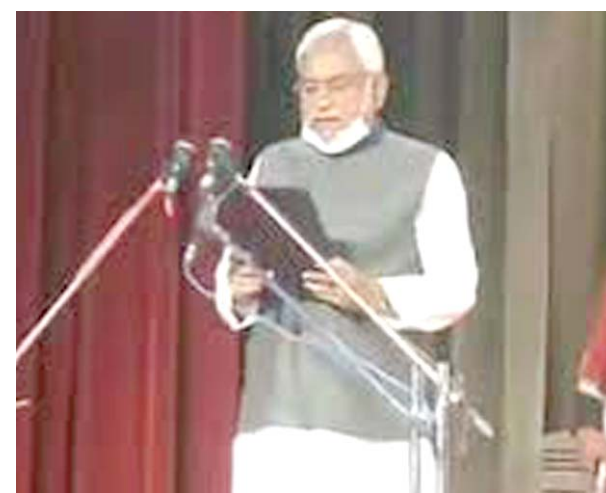


A horse cools off on the Bahar ic-Caghaq beach, Malta

'Today Palturam became Kulturam': BJP leader's jibe after Nitish Kumar takes oath as Bihar CM

New Delhi, August 10 : Taking a dig at Nitish Kumar after he took oath as Bihar chief minister, senior BJP leader and Union Minister Giriraj Singh said that 'Palturam' became 'Kulturam'. He also mentioned when RJD supreme Lalu Prasad Yadav had called Kumar a 'snake'. In an interaction with the press, Singh said, "Today 'Palturam' became 'Kulturam'. I came to know that Lalu Yadav congratulated him (Nitish Kumar). Lalu Yadav once tweeted that he is a

snake, like a snake sheds its skin, he sheds his alliance and takes a new one every two years." The BJP leader also shared a 2017 tweet by Lalu Yadav in which he mentioned that Nitish Kumar sheds skin in the same manner as a snake does. "Nitish Kumar has a new skin every two years, any doubt?" the RJD founder had tweeted shortly after Kumar parted ways with his party in 2017 and joined hands with the BJP. It is to be noted that Nitish has ditched the BJP for a second time and joined hands with Lalu-led RJD to form a new Mahagathabandhan government in Bihar. The BJP has accused Nitish Kumar of "insulting and betraying" people's mandate while



blaming his prime ministerial ambition for the JD(U)'s decision to walk out of the NDA and joining hands with the RJD-led opposition. BJP noted that he had snapped ties with the RJD in 2017 over allegations of corruption against its leader Tejashwi Yadav and asked how he will justify the alliance with the party again. They also threw the jibe "Paltu Ram" (one who keeps changing sides), first used by Rashtriya Janata Dal supreme Lalu Prasad Yadav for Kumar, at the Janata Dal (United) leader and rejected claims that their party was undermining him. RCP Singh, once a close aide of Kumar and now out of favour, also accused the

West Side Story star Rachel Zegler defends intimacy coordinators after Sean Bean criticism

Washington, August 10 : Rachel Zegler, the actor who rose to fame as the lead in Steven Spielberg's West Side Story, has spoken up in support of intimacy coordinators, after criticism of the role by Sean Bean earlier in the week. Speaking to the Times, Bean said such coordinators - largely brought in post #MeToo to help police on-set safety - can "spoil the spontaneity" of shooting a sex scene. "It would inhibit me more because it's drawing attention to things," Bean said. "Somebody saying: 'Do this, put your hands there, while you touch his thing.'" I think the natural way lovers behave would be ruined by someone bringing it right down to a technical exercise," he added. Bean, who starred in Game of Thrones, compared recent experiences to his time shooting a 1993 TV adaptation of Lady Chatterley's Lover opposite Joely Richardson. "Lady Chatterley was spontaneous," Bean said. "It was a joy. We had a good chemistry between us, and we knew what we were doing was unusual. Because she was married, I was married. But we were following the story. We were trying to portray the truth of what DH Lawrence wrote." Writing on Twitter, Zegler took issue with Bean's position, saying intimacy coordinators "establish an environment of safety for actors" and that "spontaneity in intimate scenes can be unsafe. Wake up." She expressed her gratitude to the coordinator who worked with her and Ansel Elgort on West Side Story, saying "they showed grace to a newcomer like myself + educated those

around me who've had years of experience." Bean also criticised post-shoot editing of intimate scenes, saying that he was saddened to see sexual sequences involving himself, co-star Lena Hall and a mango had been cut from TV series Snowpiercer. "Often the best work you do, where you're trying to push the boundaries, and the very nature of it is experimental, gets censored when TV companies or the advertisers say it's so much," said Bean. "It's a nice scene, quite surreal, dream-like and abstract. And mangoesque." Asked about the origins of intimacy coordinators, who are seeking to protect vulnerable actors, Bean said: "I suppose it depends on the actress. This one [meaning Hall] had a musical cabaret background, so she was up for anything." Hall, who has starred in Broadway productions of Kinky Boots, Cats and Hedwig and the Angry Inch responded by saying that Bean is "an awesome actor and made me feel not only comfortable but also like I had a true acting partner in those bizarre scenes." He added: "If

I feel comfortable with my scene partner and with others in the room then I won't need an intimacy coordinator. BUT if there is any part of me that is



feeling weird, gross, over exposed etc... I will either challenge the necessity of the scene or I'll want an IC [intimacy coordinator]." Other actors who took issue with Bean's stance include The Good Place's Jameela Jamil, who tweeted that sex scenes "should only be technical. It's like a stunt.

Our job as actors is to make it not look technical. Nobody wants an impromptu grope." Speaking to the Guardian earlier this year, the director Adrian Lyne also

Beluga whale that strayed into River Seine dies during rescue operation

Paris, August 10 : A beluga whale that strayed into the River Seine and began swimming in the direction of Paris has died during an ambitious rescue effort intended to help it back to its traditional cold Arctic waters. The four-metre animal was euthanised by vets after it developed breathing difficulties while being transferred by road to the Normandy coast. Hours earlier, it had been lifted out of the freshwater of the Seine, where it could not survive. "Despite an unprecedented rescue operation for the beluga, we are sad to announce the death of the cetacean," the prefect of the Calvados department tweeted. During the journey, the veterinarians confirmed a worsening of its state, notably its respiratory activities, and at the same time noticed the animal was in pain, not breathing enough," Florence Ollivet Courtois, a French wild



animal expert, told. "The suffering was obvious for the animal, so it was important to release its tension, and so we had to proceed to euthanise it." Courtois said the whale experienced distress after it was moved to a refrigerated truck and during the approximately 99-mile (160km) drive to the Normandy coast. The conservation group Sea Shepherd France said veterinary exams after the beluga's removal from the river showed it had no digestive activity. Members of the organisation had tried unsuccessfully since Friday to feed fish to the whale. The four-metre (13-ft), underweight whale was spotted more than a week ago heading towards Paris and was stranded 80 miles inland from the Channel at Saint-Pierre-la-Garenne in

Normandy. Since Friday, the animal's movement inland had been blocked by a lock 43 miles north-west of Paris and its health had deteriorated after it refused to eat. Early on Wednesday morning, the 800kg whale was lifted from the water by net in the first stage of an ambitious rescue operation. More than 20 divers were involved in the operation and the rescuers handling the ropes had to try several times between 10pm and 4am to lure the animal into the nets to be lifted out of the water. It was placed on a barge under the immediate care of a dozen veterinarians. It was then moved to a refrigerated truck to transport it to the coast. A seawater basin at a lock in the Channel port of Ouistreham was prepared for the whale, which was to spend three days under observation in preparation for its release. But during its journey to the coast, it developed breathing difficulties and was put down. "The decision to euthanise the beluga was taken as it was too weakened to be put back into water," Guillaume Lericolais, the sub-prefect of France's Calvados region, said. Officials had warned of the animal's poor health when it was pulled out of the Seine on Wednesday morning. "The veterinarians are not necessarily optimistic," Isabelle Dorliat-Pouzet, a senior official from the Eure prefecture, had told BFM TV when the animal was lifted from the Seine. "It's horribly thin for a beluga and that does not bode well for its life expectancy in the medium term." In late May, a gravely ill orca swam dozens of miles up the Seine and died of natural causes after attempts to guide it back to sea failed. In September 2018, a beluga was spotted in the River Thames, east of London, in what was then the most southerly sighting of a beluga on British shores.

Elon Musk sells Tesla shares worth \$6.9bn as Twitter trial looms



Washington, August 10 : Elon Musk has sold \$6.9bn (£5.7bn) worth of shares in Tesla after admitting that he could need the funds if he loses a legal battle with Twitter and is forced to buy the social media platform. The Tesla CEO walked away from a \$44bn deal to buy Twitter in July but the company has launched a lawsuit demanding that he complete the deal. A trial will take place in Delaware in October. "In the (hopefully unlikely) event that Twitter forces this deal to close *and* some equity partners don't come through, it is important to avoid an emergency sale of Tesla stock," Musk said in a tweet late on Tuesday. Musk has committed more than \$30bn of his own money to the financing of the deal, with more than \$7bn of that total provided by a coterie of associates including tech tycoon Larry Ellison, the Qatar state investment fund and the world's biggest cryptocurrency exchange, Binance. Musk, the world's richest person, sold \$8.5bn worth of Tesla shares in April and had said at the time there were no further sales planned. But since then, legal experts had suggested that if Musk is forced to complete the acquisition or settle the dispute with a stiff penalty, he was likely to sell more Tesla shares. Last week Musk launched a countersuit against Twitter, accusing the platform of deliberately miscounting the number of spam accounts on the platform. Twitter has consistently stated that the number of spam accounts on

its service is less than 5% of its user base, which currently stands at just under 238 million. Legal experts have said that Musk will find it hard to convince a judge that Twitter's spam issue represents a "company material adverse effect" that substantially alters the company's value - and therefore voids the deal. Musk sold about 7.92m Tesla shares between 5 August and 9 August, according to multiple filings. He now owns 155m Tesla shares or just under 15% of the electric carmaker. The latest sales bring total Tesla stock sales by Musk to about \$32bn in less than one year. However, Musk remains comfortably ahead of Jeff Bezos as the world's richest man with an estimated \$250bn fortune, according to the Bloomberg billionaires index.

China halts military drills around Taiwan but 'war preparation' continues

Taipei, August 10 : Beijing has announced an end to its military drills surrounding Taiwan but said further "training and war preparation" would continue. It made the announcement shortly after reaffirming its commitment, in a major policy paper, to use force against Taiwan if it could not take control "by peaceful means". A spokesperson for the PLA Eastern Theater Command said on Wednesday afternoon the exercises had been successfully completed, and "effectively tested the integrated joint combat

capabilities of the troops", according to state media. The statement pledged to continue monitoring the Taiwan strait, regularly patrol the area and remain ready for combat. After the US House speaker, Nancy Pelosi, visited Taiwan last week, Beijing's People's Liberation Army (PLA) launched live-fire military exercises in seven large zones closely surrounding Taiwan's main island. Taiwan's foreign minister, Joseph Wu, accused China on Tuesday of using the military drills to prepare for invasion. On Wednesday, Pelosi defended

her visit, saying it was "absolutely" worth it. "We cannot allow the Chinese government to isolate Taiwan," Pelosi said in an interview with NBC. "They're not going to say who can go to Taiwan." The Chinese Communist party government (CCP) claims Taiwan as a breakaway province of China. In a white paper released through state media on Wednesday morning, it reiterated its resolve to annex Taiwan by force if peaceful means were unsuccessful in Taiwan" after "unification".



A train on the maglev line Rainbow stops at a station in Xingguo County, east China's Jiangxi Province

No. MCH/HMS/2022/263/8,
NOTICE INVITING-TENDER

Scaled Tenders are invited from the intending Supplier/ Manufacturer /Accredited Dealers for **ICU Monitor's Accessories, under HMS, GMCH, Guwahati**. The tenders must be submitted in the drop box in two parts (i) Technical bid (ii) Financial bid separately in a big sealed envelope.

The Technical Bid to be submitted with affixing Court Fee Stamp of Rs.8.25 (Rupees eight point two five paise) only (for local bidders) or IPO of Rs. 10/- (Rupees Ten) only (in case of bidders from outside of the State of Assam) in favour of the "Member Secretary, Hospital Management Society, Gauhati Medical College Hospital, College Hospital Guwahati-781032.

A. Important Dates of the Tender:

Sl. No.	Scheduled	Start Date	Start Time	End Date	End Time
1.	Tender Publishing	10/08/2022		-	-
3.	Pre-Bid meeting	18/08/2022	3:00 PM	Office of the Superintendent, Gauhati Medical College Hospital, Guwahati-32	
4.	Bid Submission	26/08/2022	1:00 PM	02/09/2022	12:00 Noon
5.	Bid Opening	03/09/2022	3:00 PM		

B. Brief Schedule

Sl No.	Description (Name of the Items)	Bid Security (E.M.D.) (through online)	Delivery/ Installation schedule/ Completion period	Tender fees in Rs. (through online)	Eligibility
1.	For supply of ICU Monitor's Accessories, under HMS, GMCH, Guwahati	30,000.00	72 Hours	Rs.2,000/-	Manufacturer/ Accredited Dealer

All other relevant information and the detailed Bid Documents are available in website www.gmchassam.gov.in or can be collected from the Office of the Superintendent, Gauhati Medical College Hospital, Guwahati-32 during office hours. The Superintendent cum Member Secretary reserve the right to reject all or any tender without assigning any reason and is not bound to accept the lowest rate.

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HMS, Gauhati Medical College Hospital,
Guwahati-32

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IIT Guwahati collaborates with AICTE

Assam Rising Guwahati, August 11: Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati is partnering with All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) to develop solutions to problems of accessing water, electricity and internet for the AICTE-affiliated technical institutions in North-East India.

IIT Guwahati and AICTE will work towards capacity-building in these institutions to promote Research and Development and enhance the quality of education in remote regions of North-East India. Due to hilly terrain, most institutions in the North-East region are located in remote places where the supply of

adequate power and safe drinking water are a challenge. This project is the first-of-its-kind in the North-East in which AICTE and IIT Guwahati facilitates financial and technical expertise to the institutions to provide infrastructure. This includes solar energy installation depending upon the requirements of the institutes and installation or upgrading of facilities for safe drinking water with RO or iron remover. The project team led by Prof. Sharad B. Gokhale consists of Dr. Dudul Das, Project Engineer, IIT Guwahati, Hrishikesh Bhattacharjya, Associate Project Engineer, IIT Guwahati, Dr. Rajneesh Kumar, Associate Project Engineer, IIT Guwahati, Arindom Borah, Project Secretary, IIT Guwahati, Dr. Neeraj Saxena, Advisor, Institutional Development Cell (IDC), AICTE and Amit K. Singh, Assistant Director, Institutional Development Cell (IDC), AICTE among others. IIT Guwahati also provides skill development in preparation of DPR, and development of research proposals. Therefore, the project has a unique benefit of creating a trained pool of faculties from these remotely placed institutions.



Cabinet minister Atul Bora met with Mizoram CM Zoramthanga on August 10 in Aizawl.

NYK organized drawing competition



Assam Rising Dhakuakhana, August 10: Nehru Yuva Kendra

under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India organized a drawing competition at Subansiri Adarsh Higher Secondary School to promote Har Ghar Tiranga on the occasion of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and 76th Independence Day. Pranab Jyoti Taid, Abhilasha Bharali and Migam Pogag secured first, second and third position respectively in the competition. Along with the competition the Cleanliness Week, one of the programs of Swachh Bharat, was launched herewith. The event was attended by social worker Rajib Das, NYK, Ghilamara Zone, Kalpana Senapati Barua, Principal Subansiri Adarsha H.S. School, Rashmirekha Payeng, Bedanta Chutia along with other dignitaries.

Speech Competition and cycle rally held

Assam Rising Gossaigaon, August-10: The 31st BN SSB in collaboration with Birangona NGO under the banner of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav with a theme "Har Ghar Tiranga" organised a Speech Competition among the school students at

Gossaigaon Higher Secondary School on Wednesday. Altogether 24 girls and 26 boys of 14 different schools participated in the competition. Students were divided into two different group 'A' & 'B'. Students who delivered best speech were appraised and awarded. Apart from this a plantation drive also carried out in which 500 saplings were planted in Gossaigaon. Beside the above program a Cycle Rally was also conducted by Transit Camp

Raimona to aware people living in border areas to ensure wide publicity to hoist National Flag on the residential premises with full honor and sense of pride. In the Rally students from Nabinagar LP School along with Local people were participated. During the rally 200 flags were distributed to the local villagers and students. On this occasion, Shri Chiranjib Bhattacharjee, Commandant personally

made aware students about the campaign on "Har Ghar Tiranga" that carried out under the aegis of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" and encouraged students to bring the Tiranga at home and hoist it to mark the 75th years of India's independence. During the programme five hundred national flags were distributed by 31 Battalion SSB Gossaigaon among the students and local residents of Gossaigaon.

Two arrested for controversial facebook post at Nagaon

Assam Rising, Nagaon, August 10: Within the last 36 hours, Nagaon police arrested two persons including a married woman for controversial facebook post where the arrested persons declared to join the militant group ULFA (I) soon, sources added here. Naba Bora who was arrested on Monday last from Nonoi area while Sipra Dutta Das, a married woman of Nagaon Kachalukhuwa area now staying with her husband at a government quarter in Guwahati, was arrested from the quarter in Guwahati early this morning, sources said further. It is pertinent to mention here that a couple of days back Sipra Dutta Das uploaded a facebook post where she clearly mentioned her eagerness to join the militant group ULFA (I) soon. She was brought to Nagaon PS right after her arrest. While speaking to some local media persons here at Nagaon PS campus, she however alleged that she was being threatened for long by one Tapan Das, a party activist of the ruling BJP and having no options to combat the situation, she finally expressed her feelings in that way. She however alleged that she was being harassed by the party activist for over years. Meanwhile police produced Naba Bora before a local court yesterday and the court sent him in judicial custody, sources said. On the other hand, the arrested woman was being interrogated in Nagaon PS till the time of filing this report, sources added further.

Cyber criminals arrested in Laharighat

Assam Rising, Bhuragaon, August 10: Morigaon and Laharighat police arrested two cyber criminals from Laharighat Bazar and Bowalguri in a joint operation yesterday. The arrested cyber criminals were identified as Abdur Rekiab, 26, of Nagabanda and Owasi Akram, 22, of Bowalguri respectively. 85 mobile SIM cards, three mobile phones, three motorcycles, four wheelers and Rs 3,700 in cash were also seized from the arrested cyber criminals. The motorcycles were identified as AS 21 J 3545, AS 21 D0142, AS 21 K 6564 and the four-wheeler Wagonar was identified as AS K 21 K4. The two



Arrested cyber criminals were sent to jail under 311/22, U/S 120 (b)/420/307/406 IPC RW Act.

IS ordered schools to observe Independence Day

Assam Rising North Lakhimpur, August 10: Inspector of Schools (IS), Lakhimpur District Circle Dr. Ramesh Chandra Chutia, through an order issued today, ordered to all the Heads of Secondary Schools of Lakhimpur district to observe the forthcoming Independence Day-2022. Mentioning the reference of DC Lakhimpur, letter no. LNZ.43/2022/I-Day/8-A dtd. August 6, the IS asked the Heads in the order that as per Govt. instruction the Independence Day is to be celebrated in all educational institutions of the district on August 15. In this re-

gard, the Heads are asked to ensure hoisting of National Flag in the institutions at 7-30 a.m. in presence of teachers, employees and students etc. "You are to arrange for flag down as per

the schedule of the Govt. Further, you are to perform other programme in connection with the said Independence Day as instructed earlier," the order also mentioned.

Amrit Sarobar scheme inaugurated at Jamugurihat



Assam Rising Biswanath Chariali, August 10: Sootea MLA Padma Hazarika today launched the Amrit Sarobar scheme at Sootea LAC today. Notably, the

Amrit Sarobar is an attractive scheme for excavating ponds for multiple purposes. The purpose covers fish breeding, beautification of the banks of the pond with plantation and

construction of children rearing park, hen and duck rearing etc. Sootea MLA Padma Hazarika inaugurated the excavation work formally at Dekoraiguri under Madhya

Nagsankar GP of Sootea LAC today. Addressing the gathering, MLA Hazarika briefed about the Amrit Sarobar scheme and stated that after competition of the construction works of Amrit Sarobar, the ponds will be handed over to the NGO's and self-help groups for smooth functioning of the ponds and to enhance earnings. The inaugural session was attended by Palak Kumar Sarma, BDO Sootea, Moichumi Kakaty, executive engineer of Sonitpur Zila parishad, Lakikanta Bora, president of Sootea Anchalik Panchayat, Hitesh Barua, ZPC member, Uday Shankar Saikia, president of No3 Sootea GP beside others.

Mission Har Ghar Tiranga underway in Gossaigaon

Assam Rising Gossaigaon, August-10: To mark the 75th glorious years of Independence and keeping at par with the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav under the aegis of Sapkata Police out post a procession was carried out holding tricolour in hands under Gossaigaon Sub-division in Kokrajhar district. The procession was led by Shiv Prasad Kalita, in-charge Sapkata police out post that started from Sapkata police out post and toured the entire Sapkata area. The police officers and jawans participating in the rally held the national flag in hand and

raised the slogan Bharat Mata Ki Jai and Vande Mataram. On the other hand, Bharatiya Janata Party, Youth Wings, Kokrajhar District Committee and in collaboration with Jamduar, Srirampur, Guma and Saraibil BJP Youth Wings falling under Gossaigaon Legislative Assembly also carried out a bike rally and toured the BTC constituencies to encourage the people of the society to celebrate the 76th Independence day with joy and fervour. The motorcycle rally flagged off from the BJP's Jamduar Mandal of-

rice in Kashiabari and toured different areas of BJP's Jamduar, Srirampur, Guma, Saraibil mandals falling under 28 Gossaigaon LAC and concluded at the community Hall at Habrubil. Sajal Kumar Singh, MCLA Srirampur BTC constituency, also took active part in the bike rally.

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The changing politics in Bihar

Bihar Chief Minister (CM) Nitish Kumar on Tuesday broke the alliance between his party, the Janata Dal (United), or JD(U), and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), alleging 'conspiracy' by the BJP to break the JD(U) and resigned as CM. He reached out to the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) and other Opposition parties, including the Congress, which have agreed to support him. There are three social groups that Nitish has focussed his political energies on - and they have over time come to constitute a social base that makes him indispensable to both the BJP and RJD in their attempts to form a government in Bihar. And Nitish has used this king-making leverage to remain king himself. Post 1990, the Scheduled Castes (SC) of Bihar were attracted towards Lalu Prasad, but were quickly disillusioned by the Yadav dominance of his government. Nitish, who had broken away to form the Samata Party along with George Fernandes in 1994, realised the need to widen his base among the SCs. With Ram Vilas Paswan firmly in control of the Paswan vote - about 5 per cent of the state's population - Nitish sought to target the remaining 12-13 per cent, which comprised Dalit communities such as the Ravidas and Musahars, who did not have a clear political patron. In 2007, two years after he had become Chief Minister for the second time, Nitish coined the expression Mahadalit to describe the poorest groups among the Dalits. The State Mahadalit Commission recognised 21 of Bihar's SC communities as Mahadalit, leaving out only Paswans. Ram Vilas protested vehemently, saying Mahadalit was an insult to Dalits, besides being unconstitutional. But Nitish stuck to his guns, and over the years bestowed a range of benefits to Mahadalits, including plots of land and jobs, tangibles such as radio sets and spectacles for the elderly, and approach roads and community halls for Mahadalit villages. Nitish's new alliance partners are no strangers to him: he has been associated with the RJD and was in alliance with the party until five years ago. But he will retain the top job.

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Yet more disgrace for Trump as the FBI raid Mar-a-Lago. Of course, he's milking it

Devastating news for the future Trump Presidential Library, already suffering acute supply problems after recent reports that the former US president frequently ripped up presidential papers and clogged toilets with them (home and abroad). Last night, the FBI carried out a raid on Mar-a-Lago, the Palm Beach mansion in which Trump currently resides, sharing only several of its communal areas with paying Floridians. The raid - or "assault", as Trump would have it - is thought to be related to his already-proven removal of records from the White House at the end of his administration, but could reasonably be linked to a number of active lawsuits and investigations currently being faced by the 45th president. Even so, it's a development that has hit Trump and his family hard. Or opportunistically, depending on how you look at it - and more on that later. "These are dark times for our Nation," began an overnight statement by the former president, talking like a Star Wars opening crawl. Trump went on to say his property was "under siege", which feels a little histrionic. Surely this was just a harmless law enforcement rally that mildly got out of

hand, though not in a way that saw five people end up dead, a gibbet erected on the croquet lawn and small-state golfers barricading themselves into executive restrooms in genuine and rational fear of their lives? Alas, that wasn't the line which the president inpo for the Capitol riots decided to go with, with Trump instead putting the monstrous impertinence of the FBI in perspective with the howl: "They even broke into my safe!" Lest you imagined you had halluci-

✍ Marina Hyde

nated this attack line, Donald's etiolated adult son Eric could be found honking it over on Fox News, where, as I am typing this, the story is currently being headlined "BIDEN'S FBI RANSACKS THE HOME OF POTENTIAL 2024 OPPONENT". As Eric declared with incredulity: "They broke into a safe?! ... I mean gimme a break!" You'll be hugely taken with this notion that a safe is your special private place that NO ONE should ever touch, a kind of supra-legal repository whose contents are automatically placed beyond the legitimate attentions of any and all law enforcement agencies, no matter the gravity of federal crimes being alleged, and

Britain faces crisis upon crisis, and our leaders are absent. This is how a country falls apart

Has Boris Johnson ended his holiday? It's hard to tell. He was never committed to government, even during national emergencies, as his serial absence from Cobra meetings at the beginning of the pandemic revealed. Now, while several national crises converge, he seems to have given up altogether. But his detachment is not just a pathology. It is also a doctrine. Absence is what the party donors paid for. Whether physically present or not, recent prime ministers and their governments have prepared us for none of the great predicaments we face. They have looked the other way as the water companies failed to commission any new reservoirs since they were privatised in 1989, and allowed astonishing volumes of that precious commodity we call treated drinking water - 2.4bn litres a day on current estimates - to leak away. It's a carelessness so grand that it feels like a metaphor. Instead of forcing them to stop these leaks, the government has allowed these corporations to pump the rivers dry: the living world, as ever, is the buffer that must absorb failure and greed. So determined is the government to absent itself from decision-making that it cannot even institute a hosepipe ban: it must feebly ask the water companies to do so. Most, with an interest in ensuring their metered customers use as much as possible, have so far refused. Nor have the companies been obliged to upgrade their sewage treatment works. The combination of over-automation and sewage dumping is devastating. The water in the upper reaches of some of our chalk streams -



George Monbiot

remarkable ecosystems that are almost unique to England - now consists of nothing but sewage outflows and road run-off. During this long period of regulatory absence, the privatised water firms have piped £72bn in dividends into the accounts of their shareholders. Similarly, David Cameron decommissioned the government's home energy efficiency programme in the name of "cutting the green crap". The number of lofts being insulated each year in the UK fell from 1.6m to 126,000 from one year to the next. By 2021, the number had declined to 32,000. Boris Johnson claimed he would reverse this trend, but his green homes grant was a total fiasco: so badly designed that it was bound to fail. Partly as a result, an astonishing proportion of the population - more than half on one estimate - could be pushed into fuel poverty this winter. Now Liz Truss, the leading Tory leadership contender, has pledged to scrap the green levies funding energy efficiency and renewable electricity. In Italy, by contrast, the government pays people 110% of the costs of all the home energy improvements they make. Germany has allocated

£56.3bn (£47.6bn) for renovating buildings. Finland has supplied one-third of its homes with heat pumps. We face a choice not only between fossil fuel profits or a habitable planet, but also between fossil fuel profits and habitable homes. Johnson, Truss and Rishi Sunak have chosen their side. Energy bills, coupled with punitive rents, rising inflation and stagnant wages and benefits could mean actual destitution for millions, without effective action. But neither the government nor the two leadership contenders offer meaningful help. Nor have they anything to say about the meltdown that awaits the NHS this winter if, as seems likely, another Covid-19 surge coincides with the underfunding crisis. The only public services not facing a major shortfall are defence (whose budget Truss intends greatly to raise) and roads. There's a reason why the government spends so

much on roads while strangling the rest of the public sector: they are among the few public services used by the very rich. It's not just that this shell of a government, and those who seek to take it over, have no answers. It's that their ideology forbids answers. To them, the duty of care is an abomination. Ten years ago next month, Liz Truss launched *Britannia Unchained*, a semi-literate polemic that switched the blame for everything going wrong in the UK to "a diminished work ethic and a culture of excuses". Of her four co-authors, three - Priti Patel, Kwasi Kwarteng and Dominic Raab - are frontbenchers in the current government (the fourth, Chris Skidmore MP, appears to have experienced a Damascus conversion, and now campaigns to stop climate breakdown). They blamed inequality and the lack of social mobility in this country not on the patrimonial spiral of wealth accumulation and the resultant rentier economy, but on "laziness". Citing no meaningful evidence, they maintained that "once they enter the workplace, the British are among the worst idlers in the world". They celebrated what they called the "black-market buccaners" who in other countries have created "a lawless place" where demand can be instantly met by supply. This, Truss and her co-authors insisted, is "the purest level of entrepreneurialism, untouched by law, regulation or tax". Their glorification of lawlessness abutted their section on freeports, whose development in this country both Truss and Sunak support. Freeports are low-democracy zones in which a near-absence of regulation at-

tracts money-laundering by terrorists and organised crime, tax evasion, corruption, smuggling, counterfeiting and drug trafficking. In other words, they come pretty close to the "lawless places" Truss and the others admire. They have now had ample opportunity, through their years in government, to test this doctrine of absence. The result is looming stagflation and an anticipated recession likely to be deeper than any faced by a comparable economy. It turns out that inequality and the loss of social mobility are not, as they claimed, the result of British people's "mindset, perception and culture", but of policy failure. Who knew? Unchastened by experience, both Truss and Sunak intend only to absent themselves further from effective governance. Everything that goes wrong in a nation first goes wrong in the heads of those who dominate it. When governments are contractually incapable of solving their people's problems, only one option remains: turning us against each other. This process is well under way: the purpose of culture wars is to distract us from inequality. But it will go much further. Truss and Sunak compete to promise ever greater retribution towards those seeking sanctuary from murderous regimes. Last week, Truss promised to legislate against "militant" trade unionists and environmental protesters, as if Johnson's new laws were insufficiently draconian. The more corrupt and less representative government becomes, the longer must be its list of enemies, and the more extreme the rhetoric with which it denounces them. As our crises escalate, as the government absents itself from public service, violence bubbles ever closer to the surface. This is how a country falls apart.

Tale of two ships - How Delhi is asserting Indianness of the Indian Ocean to China

History is colliding with the present this week as the tales of two ships show the incredible change in India's place in the world in just half a century. On 9 August 1971, 51 years ago, India and the Soviet Union signed the Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation, on the eve of the war with Pakistan. The treaty was one element, albeit a crucial one, in then-Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's network of ambitious decisions,

building not just a strategic tie with the Soviet Union, but also the case for Bangladesh in key capitals abroad - especially as the Pakistan Army unleashed a genocide on its own citizens in the East. Gandhi was also preparing India's own armed forces for the war that would break up Pakistan and forever bury the two-nation theory. In the war that followed the treaty, the ships of both superpowers, the US and the Soviet Union, would play a starring role. Then US President Richard Nixon, goaded by his ambitious Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, would order the Seventh Fleet, which included the USS Enterprise nuclear aircraft carrier as well as 70 fighters and bombers, into the Bay of Bengal to scare off the Soviets from supporting India. In turn, the Soviets would call the American bluff, its Pacific Fleet entering the Indian Ocean on 5 December 1971, two days after the India-Pakistan war began. By 7 December, the Soviet ships had reached 500 nautical miles east of Ceylon, with its submarines occasionally breaking the surface of the water. The Americans hoped at the time that China would also move a ship or two "to complicate India's operations" in the war, but the Chinese didn't bite. Beijing knew that if its ships moved to support Pakistan, then its former Communist friend and ally - Moscow and Beijing had had a major falling out by 1969 - was sure to undertake a distraction or two in Xinjiang or somewhere else that would hurt. Fifty-one years on, as India and Russia mark the anniversary of their Treaty, the world's medium and big powers have made completely new friends and blocked old ones. Russia and China have dropped their old animosity and decided to make up for lost time. India and the US are coming closer and closer. And China is a major power, flaunting its powerful maritime presence across the oceans, building naval bases in Pakistan and Djibouti and controlling routes of navigation in the South China Sea. For the first time in recent memory, India has decided to exercise its muscle in the region against a third country, while per-

suaing the neighbouring country to fall in line. India is asserting its primacy in the Indian Ocean, or at least in the parts that fall within the exclusive zone of South Asia. So when a Chinese research vessel involved in space and satellite tracking wanted to dock at the Hambantota port in Sri Lanka on 11 August, which was built by a Chinese company a decade ago, India expressed its concerns to Colombo. The Sri Lankans demurred at the beginning, then saw the light. No one has done more for Sri Lanka in recent months to avert an economic collapse than India. Within days, Colombo changed its mind. Late last week it told the Chinese that the visit of the Yuan Wang 5, which set sail from he Chinese port of Jiangyin last month, should be indefinitely postponed. Sri Lankan PM Ranil Wickremesinghe has also assured parliament that the ship would not visit as scheduled. Perhaps, India felt more confident with exercising its muscle because it is part of the Quad, which includes the US, Australia and Japan. Perhaps, India feels more comfortable with the US on its side, even though it maintains a strong, albeit increasingly transactional relationship with the Russians, via the purchase of cheap oil and defence equipment. Certainly, the world order is shifting again. This weekend, a US Navy cargo ship docked in the L&T shipyard in Kattupalli, Chennai, for "repairs and maintenance". This is the first time ever that an American ship has docked in an Indian port. Certainly, too, this is no ordinary "repair and maintenance" job of the USS Charles Drew. Defence secretary Ajay Kumar and Navy vice-chief, vice-admiral S. N. Ghormade, who were present

on the occasion, underlined India's readiness for "deeper engagements" with the US Navy. It's clear the US has decided to ignore India's growing purchases of Russian oil since the Ukrainian crisis; the Americans believe that New Delhi is pulling away from Moscow for several reasons, including a growing suspicion over the Russia-China relationship (like "teeth and lips" as the Chinese would say). Indian officials privately snigger about the fact that it is taking Russian President Vladimir Putin "so long" to tame Ukraine. So here is how the chips are falling this week: India has welcomed a US ship to its port, while it continues to spend large amounts of money buying Russian oil, and is at the same time telling the Chinese, via Sri Lanka, that it will not hesitate to assert the "Indianness" of the Indian Ocean. Needless to add, Beijing is furious. It is not used to being told off, especially by tiny states such as Sri Lanka. The Chinese foreign ministry Monday declared India's opposition to its ship visit to Hambantota as "senseless" and

said it should not "disturb normal exchanges" between two nations. Some would say that India's actions constitute unacceptable interference in the sovereignty of another nation - and under normal circumstances, there may be a sliver of truth in that statement. But these are not normal circumstances. While India was doing all it could to help ease Sri Lanka's economic emergency and reach out to all sides on the political front, China took its time to even send the first tranche of aid. Worse, China rejected a Sri Lankan request in February to reschedule the \$5 billion Colombo owes Beijing; instead, China offered refinancing, a new \$1 billion loan to repay part of Sri Lanka's debt. China's ambassador to Sri Lanka, Qi Zhenhong, insensitively pointed out, "Countries that colonised Sri Lanka have a greater obligation to help at this juncture". Only in May did China agree to work with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to ensure that it "positively" considers Sri Lanka's suggestions. Fifty years on, as one ship docks and another is refused permission, the Indian Ocean is once again at the centre of the shifting global order.

Letter to the Editor
A Great Statesman VK Naidu completed his term

Dear Editor,

Shri Venkaiah Naidu is a great Statesman, he completed his term as chairman of Rajya Sabha. He used to conduct the Proceedings of Rajya Sabha Dutifully and Beautifully, with his wit and humour. He used to encourage each Member to speak (that too in Mother Tongue). He is fluent in English, Hindi and Telugu. He is a Great Orator, in all the three Languages. He is from Nellore, Andhra Pradesh. He will be Guiding Light for the Nation to make a difference. He was born on 1st July 1949 (as I was too). He lost his mother in his early age. He loves Visakhapatnam. He did a Law Course, while I was doing an Engineering Course at Andhra University, Visakhapatnam.

✍ Kantamsetti Lakshman Rao
Visakhapatnam

Environmental protection and global warming



Global warming has today become a major threat to human beings. Global warming a gradual increase in the overall temperature of the earth's atmosphere. The impact of climate changes on agricultural activities across the globe. Global temperature is the greatest existing threat to wildlife, basically healthy wildlife. Human activities have contributed to climate change, climate refers to the kind of weather that there will also be changes in extreme conditions. Pollution is one of the most haz-

ardous factors affecting the environment. It is the most harmful material. Most of the air pollution

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takes place due to the burning of fossil fuels to produce energy, cutting down forest, industry produce emissions have caused the earth's climate changes several times. Industrial pollution affects with our health, besides light pollution,

plastic pollution, water pollution affects people. Ecological effect is created by consolidation of an effectively substantial and expanding human populace. Environmental Degradation impacts on human health. Our Environment is corrupted and harmed. Rapid population demand for food, shelter and cloth. Overpopulation growth puts strain on natural resources. Which results in the degradation of the environment. Number of trips, Such as people consciousness, avoiding burning leaves, forest protection, is necessary for environment protection. Forest are vital to life on earth. All people should plant and protect trees, Organic manure should be used.

Environment Vs Life : an analysis



The Earth's Environment makes Earth the only planet on the solar system where life and sustainability is possible. From the beginning of time, the Earth has provided all the inhabitants of the planet with everything they need for their survival. On the other hand, human beings have exploited all the natural resources for their own selfish needs and have rendered the planet like a barren and ramshackle land. Human beings are an integral part of the environment and hold a huge responsibility to upkeep the living condi-

tions for their own sake and for the sake of all the inhabitants of the planet, including plants and animals. The balanced management of natural resources and the environment as a whole is crucial for the well-being of all living beings and for the economic growth of the entire world. Managing the use of resources effectively, both renewable and non-renewable, can help solve the many disputes between countries, states and people for the power to claim at least a part of the resources as their own. It is high time people understand that the health of the environment is vital, and only if the environment is healthy will all living beings have a chance of survival. The environ-

ment is the basic life support system for all living things on planet Earth. It is a combination of natural and human-made components. Natural components include air, water, land and living organisms. Roads, industries, buildings, etc., are human-made components. The natural environment can be differentiated into four main components - Biosphere, Lithosphere, Hydrosphere and Atmosphere. The topmost layer of the Earth is called the Lithosphere, which is a thin layer of soil made of rocks and minerals. The hydrosphere consists of various types of water bodies like seas, oceans, rivers, lakes, ponds, etc. Atmosphere, consisting of water vapour, gases and dust particles, is the layer of air that surrounds the Earth.

Artificial flood with reference to Guwahati

The city of Guwahati is located at the banks of the river Brahmaputra and several of its tributaries pass through the city. Urban growth in the city of Guwahati has been rapid, with uncontrolled development activities. These activities have had a detrimental impact on the ecology and environment of the city. The city is surrounded by wet lands that under threat due to the encroachment and unplanned urban development of the city. The city is prone to floods and landslides and is located on the earthquake prone (zone V) belt. In addition to being vulnerable to these natural hazards, the city of Guwahati and is frequently affected by seasonal flash floods, which are not entirely caused by natural factors alone. There are many sectors which are directly related with the resilience of Guwahati city against floods and their related impacts. Following are the key sectors that should be studied to understand the risk profile of the city for devising suitable strategies for resilience. These include, housing and urban planning; urban infrastructure and services (water supply, sewerage, natural and storm water drainage, solid waste management, electricity, health); informal settlements and slums; poverty and livelihood; ecosystems and land-use; emergency response capacity. Based on the above-mentioned situation (hazards and vulnerabilities), number of agencies (government, humanitarian and development) several experts have conducted studies on or linked with Guwahati and floods. These studies differ in their scope, timeframe and

focus on different aspects such as socioeconomic factors, climate change, city development plans, disaster management planning, focus on single or multiple hazards etc. These studies reflect useful and micro level findings that are relevant to Guwahati and the surrounding areas. There are different studies which reflect the same findings with minor changes in the recent development of new vulnerabilities. Instead of conducting new study, it is better to conduct review of studies that focus on Guwahati and floods. This serves as the rationale behind conducting this study. The exercise is to bring all the flood study works in one place and review the same for arriving at the short term and long term measures for Guwahati for finding a solution to the problem related to risk of floods in the city. Urban flooding is one of the most recurrent hydro-meteorological disasters presently in the world. A sizeable portion of the world's population suffers from floods every year in major towns and cities. Conveyance of floodwaters in wash corridors and arroyo floodplains that were once predominantly overland sheet flow or flow in rills and gullies, are now obstructed by houses, fences, small buildings, streets, and other obstructions inhibiting their free flow. Guwahati city situated in the north-eastern state of Assam is fast becoming one such victim of flash floods that occur due to unplanned growth. Traditional one-dimensional backwater models are inadequate to predict the unconfined flow behaviour in such urban



environments like Guwahati and if used, require too many assumptions regarding flow diversions and potential confinement. Two-dimensional flood routing programs can efficiently simulate these complex urban flood environments with accuracy and detail. Flood hazard mapping and flood inundation modelling are the vital components in flood mitigation measures and land use planning, and are prerequisites for the flood insurance schemes. As flood itself cannot be prevented but the damages due to floods can be mitigated with proper planning and preparedness at community level. For that it is very important to identify the degree of hazard associated with various portions of a flood plain. Hence flood hazard zonation is an important component of overall flood management strategy. During monsoon season, the river Brahmaputra flows over the danger level and the low lying areas of Guwahati City face problems of water logging and floods. The feeder drains to the main channels run overflowing, and because of siltation problem of drains, the carrying capacity is also reduced significantly. The water resource department in response to these existing problems took some effective remedial measures like construction of flood walls, installation of high capacity pumps in low lying areas, providing sluice gates on the channels to control flow of water and other significant measures. Some more proposed interventions are under way, which will address the existing flooding problem like re-sectioning of existing channels, construction of storm water drains to carry off excessive flow into the main channels, clearing the

existing channels from waste disposal and restricting the drop of sewer in those channels. The remedial recommendations are provided at several levels covering structural and non-structural aspects. The proposed structural measures include: Inter basin transfer of load, so that in case of excessive flow in one channel, the flow can be directed to other river with lesser load. The capacity of existing drain channels need to be increased as the amount of excessive water coming to them will be beyond the handling capacity of these channels currently. Defining the sections of existing channels, so that the problem of encroachment over them and the waste disposal in them can be checked. The action points in this report are derived from a literature review that considered evaluations, reviews, reports, lessons papers and existing practices relating to the city of Guwahati and floods. Most of these documents relate to particular issues of Guwahati with different direct or indirect link with urban floods with focus on humanitarian and development aspects, as this is where government and humanitarian actors are most likely to be involved in disaster response and risk reduction. Many factors, such as rapid urban growth and a potentially increased risk of extreme weather events (especially floods), suggest that government and other development actors will increasingly be involved in urban humanitarian response in the city. This will be a steep learning curve: Guwahati urban areas

present unique challenges in terms of complexity and scale, and many existing ways of working were originally developed to address these challenges. However, the situation currently appears to be a topic with several unanswered questions, and where many lessons have not been tested in the context of Guwahati. As a result, this report should be seen as an attempt to capture what is known at a specific point in time and based on existing studies. The report based on different studies shows that the existing vulnerabilities are too debilitating for Guwahati and addressing these now, will also help in building resilience in the long run. The last two chapters have listed recommendations and measures for undertaking actions at different levels. There are some efforts that concern departments can incorporate in their response and ongoing actions. The state and district government could support some of the suggested actions. A mainstreaming plan has been provided by TERI to implement the sectoral strategies in a recent (2013) study for climate resilience in Guwahati. A policy level support from the state government will ensure sustainability of the initiatives and also lead to encouraging implementable actions. The implementation of recommendations would lead to identification of missing points at different levels as Guwahati city (and in general many cities of India) face pressing and unique challenges (unanswered questions) as they navigate through the mire of complexity, unbridled growth and rapid change to achieve sustainable development.

Manas National Park Project Tiger reserve

Manas National Park is a beautiful place, located in the two districts Bongaigaon, & Barpeta, in the state of Assam. Manas is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Reserve, Biosphere Reserve, National Park and also a Wildlife Sanctuary. Manas National Park is a national park, Project Tiger reserve, biosphere reserve and an elephant reserve in Assam, India. Located in the Himalayan foothills, it is contiguous with Royal Manas National Park in Bhutan. The park is known for its rare and endangered endemic wildlife such as the Assam roofed turtle, hispid hare, golden langur and pygmy hog. Manas is famous for its population of the wild water buffalo. The name of the park is originated from the Manas River. The Manas river is a major tributary of Brahmaputra River, which passes through the heart of the national park. The Manas National Park was declared a sanctuary on 1 October 1928 with an area of 360 km². Manas bio reserve was created in 1973. Prior to the declaration of the sanctuary, it was a reserved forest called Manas R.F. and North Kamrup R.F. It was used by the Cooch Behar royal family and Raja of Gauripur as a hunting reserve. In 1951 and 1955, the area was increased to 391 km². It was declared a World Heritage Site in December 1985 by UNESCO. Kahitama R.F. the Kokilabari R.F. and the Panbari R.F. were added in the year 1990 to form the Manas National Park. In 1992, UNESCO declared it as a world heritage site in danger



due to heavy poaching and terrorist activities. On 25 February 2008, the area was increased to 500 km². On 21 June 2011, it was removed from the List of World Heritage in Danger and was commended for its efforts in preservation. There is only one forest village, Pagrang, in the core of the national park. Apart from this village 56 more villages surround the park. Many more fringe villages are directly or indirectly dependent on the park. Political Geography: The park area falls in the following districts: Chirang, Baksa in the autonomous territorial region, i.e. BTR in the state of Assam in India. The park is divided into three ranges. The western range is based at Panbari, the central at Bansbari near Barpeta Road, and the eastern at

Bhuiyapara near Pathsala. The ranges are not well connected; while two major rivers need to be forded in going from the centre to the Panbari, there is a rough trail (the Daimari road) connecting the centre to the eastern range. Most visitors come to Bansbari and then spend some time inside the forest at Mathanguri on the Manas river at the Bhutan border. Physical Geography: Manas is located in the foothills of the Eastern Himalaya and is densely forested. The Manas river flows through the west of the park and is the main river within it. It is a major tributary of Brahmaputra river and splits into two separate rivers, the Bwsri and Bholkaduba as it reaches the plains. Five other smaller rivers also flow

through the national park which lies on a wide, low-lying alluvial terrace spreading out below the foothills of the outer Himalaya. The Manas river also serves as an international border dividing India and Bhutan. The bedrock of the savanna area in the north of the park is made up of limestone and sandstone, whereas the grasslands in the south of the park stand on deep deposits of fine alluvium. The combination of Sub-Himalayan Bhabar/Terai formation along with the riverine succession continuing up to Sub-Himalayan mountain forest makes it one of the richest areas of biodiversity in the world. The park is 950 square kilometres (370 sq mi) in the area and is situated at an altitude of 61-110 metres (200-361 ft) above mean sea level. The park is known for its rare and endangered en-

demic wildlife. Manas is famous for its population of the Wild water buffalo, rare golden langur and the red panda. The park is also home to some of the rare wildlife species including one horned rhinos, leopards, clouded leopards and the amazing black panthers. Apart from the wild beasts, the place is haven for local and migratory bird - A paradise for watchers. Manas is recognized not only for its rich biodiversity but also for its spectacular scenery and natural landscape which includes a range of forested hills, alluvial grasslands and tropical evergreen forests. Its home to India's second-largest tiger population. Manas harbours the maximum number of endangered species from India as listed in the IUCN Red Book. About the half of the Park is covered by Grasslands of Terai and Bhabar type, the riparian areas have colonizing grasslands and woodlands of several species. The thick woodlands are called Eastern Moist Deciduous Forests of various types. Twenty-one animal species listed in Schedule I of India's national Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972 live in the grassland ecosystem of the park, including tigers, Asian elephants, one-horned rhinos, golden langurs and golden cats, hispid hares, swamp deer, gaur and clouded leopards.

Floating in the Maguri-Motapung beel

The Maguri Motapung beel is an important Bird Area (IBA) recommended by Bombay Natural Historical Society, an Eco-Tourism NGO. Maguri Motapung Beel is situated to the 11 km. North of Tinsukia and South-East of Dibru-Saikhowa National Park under Tinsukia district. The Motapung and Maguri beel is a catchment area joining Hapjan, Guujan, Dibru rivers and several tributaries, which are unified before joining the Brahmaputra river near Guujan. Earlier there were numerous moors, swamp areas and dead courses of the Dibru river. But after the immediate engulf of the greater Brahmaputra through Dholahatighuli, the whole low and swamp are continuously flooded by the submergence of the Brahmaputra river. The story behind the name "Motapung" is very interesting and fabled one. In general "Mota" means male and "Pung" means ore. Probably



in sixteen century there was an aquifer in the Motapung beel and interestingly the water of that Pung was salty in test, moreover at that time nearby people used the water just in the place of crystal salt. In old days the native people of that area used to purchase salt from the Naga people of Nagaland. The Naga people used to come here for works like Jhum cultivation, jungle cleaning etc. Somehow the people of that nearby area came to know about salt preparation from that Pung and gradually they stop to purchase salt from the Naga people or Nagaland. So they came that place and very secretly stopped the aquifer

with an emolition of white male buffalo. Since then aquifer did not give salty taste and it became a barren source of salt or Mota-pung. Main attractions of the Maguri Motapung beel are great varieties of resident birds species, migratory bird, general and ornamented fishes, amphibians reptiles, insects, western hollock Gibbon etc. The wet land is full of different types of resident and migratory birds like whistling teal, coots, water hen, moor hen, jacanas, bittern heron, cormorants, pelican, mallard, tufted duck, gad-wall, falcate duck, Ruddy shell duck, Eurasian wizen, bar headed goose etc.

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Nitish Kumar takes oath as Bihar

the Raj Bhavan around 2 pm. Minutes after taking the oath, Tejashwi also touched the feet of Nitish Kumar and sought his blessings. Kumar had on Tuesday quit the BJP, stripping the party of power, before resigning and staking claim to form a new government, armed with the support of the "Mahagathbandhan" (Grand Alliance). The 71-year-old JD(U) leader first took oath as chief minister in 2000, when he headed an NDA government that lasted only a week. He was back in 2005, this time with his coalition had won an absolute majority in the assembly polls. The NDA won a landslide victory under his leadership in the assembly polls five years later. Kumar stepped down in 2014, owning moral responsibility for the drubbing of JD(U) in the Lok Sabha polls, but returned less than a year later when he was sworn in for the fourth time. In 2015, Kumar was back as CM, with the Grand Alliance then comprising the JD(U), RJD and Congress winning a comfortable majority. He resigned in July 2017, citing irreconcilable differences with the RJD, and got sworn in again less than 24 hours later, when he formed a new government with the BJP. Kumar was sworn in for the seventh time in November 2020, when the NDA retained power, though his own party saw a major fall in its tally for which it blamed a "conspiracy" by the BJP. The longest-serving chief minister of any Hindi-speaking state, Nitish Kumar seems to have acquired an aura of indispensability when it comes to the highest seat of power in Bihar. A crafty politician, he kept the BJP guessing till the eleventh hour before severing ties with the ally, following 'unanimous sentiments' in his JD(U) that it was to be blamed for the party's dwindling fortunes. Kumar then clinched a new deal in no time with the opposition which, bereft of power and coherence, welcomed him with open arms. In a political career spanning four decades, Kumar, 71, has kept at bay taints of corruption, nepotism and misgovernance, leaving critics with little except 'opportunism' as a stick to be beaten with. Born on March 1, 1951, in Bakhtiyarpur, a nondescript town on the outskirts of Patna, to an Ayurvedic practitioner-cum-freedom fighter father, Kumar is an electrical engineer by training. During his days at the Bihar Engineering College, now known as NIT, Patna, he became active in student politics and got associated with the 'JP movement', which introduced him to many of his future associates, including Lalu Prasad and Sushil Kumar Modi. His first electoral success came in the 1985 assembly elections, which the Congress swept though he managed to win the Harnaut seat for Lok Dal. Five years later, he moved to Delhi as an MP from the now-abolished seat of Barh. After another half a decade, when the Mandal wave was at its peak and Prasad was reaping its dividends, Kumar sided with George Fernandes to float the Samata Party, which would later morph into the JD(U) and share power with BJP at the Centre and, 2005 onwards, in the state. His first five years as a chief minister are recalled with admiration even by critics, marked by vast improvements in the restoration of law and order in a state that made headlines for massacres by rivaling militias and kidnappings for ransom. JD(U) chief Nitish Kumar, who took oath as the chief minister of Bihar for the eighth time on Wednesday, said Prime Minister Narendra Modi won the 2014 general elections, but he should now worry about the 2024 polls. Interacting with the media soon after he was administered the oath of office by Governor Phagu Chauhan, Kumar also rubbished the BJP's claim that the new government will not last its full term, and said his former ally "will be back where they were after the 2015 assembly polls." "Those who came to power in 2014, will they be victorious in 2024? I would like all (opposition) to be united for 2024. I am not a contender for any such post (prime ministerial post)," Kumar said. Kumar was sworn in besides RJD's Tejashwi Yadav, who is likely to be designated as his deputy. Reports suggest in the seven-party ruling coalition said that a cabinet expansion would take place later. Leaders of the BJP, which is the second largest party in the assembly with 77 MLAs, were conspicuous by their absence at the swearing-in ceremony that took place inside the Raj Bhavan. Earlier, senior BJP leader and former Deputy CM Sushil Kumar Modi had claimed that the party, with which Kumar broke his alliance the previous day, had received "no invitation". On Tuesday, he resigned from the post of the chief minister of the NDA alliance government and staked claim to form a new government with the RJD, the Congress and other parties.

Assam govt hikes daily wages

meeting, today with the Hon'ble Minister of Tea Tribes Welfare & Labour Welfare @sanjoykishan dangoriya & other associated officials to finalise the wages of Small Tea Garden Workers as per direction by the Hon'ble CM in the meeting on May 24, 2022," Bora said on the microblogging site. No announcement on the wages of small tea garden workers has been made yet. Assam produced 667.73 million kg of tea in 2021, of which small gardens accounted for 311.12 million kg, as per Tea Board India data. The overall tea production in the country was 1,343.06 million kg.

Assam CM Chairs Meeting

understanding on the concept of dignity of labour and will therefore, desist from unethical practices such as dereliction towards duty, etc. Today's meeting, apart from the senior-most secretaries, was also attended by Assam DGP Bhaskarjyoti Mahanta and other senior officials of the police department.

Boundary issues : Assam, Mizoram

Zoramthanga and discussed issues related to resolution of the vexed boundary problem amicably. The ministerial delegations of both states had a crucial second round of border talks in Aizawl on Tuesday and signed a joint statement to take the process of inter-state boundary resolution forward in the coming days. It was also decided that the third round of border talks between the high-level delegations of Assam and Mizoram will be held in Guwahati in October 2022 where issues and claims would be deliberated in detail. It may be recalled that the first round of talks was also held in Aizawl on August 5, 2021, ten days after clashes between police forces of both states along the border during which six policemen and a civilian had died while around 60 persons were injured. On the strategy to be adopted, the Mizoram chief minister hinted that the "easiest problems" would be resolved first. "It depends on the requirements. We will start with the easiest problems before we try to resolve the most difficult ones," Zoramthanga said, while anticipating a resolution to the vexed border problem in due course through goodwill meetings. It may be mentioned that the two chief ministers had earlier held informal talks in New Delhi after the first round of ministerial-level talks were held in August last year. Speaking to reporters later, Assam border development and protection minister Atul Bora said that both the chief ministers, Himanta Biswa Sarma and Zoramthanga, had a telephonic talk during the course of the Assam ministerial delegation's meeting with the Mizoram chief minister on Wednesday morning. "We are grateful to chief minister Zoramthanga for his strong political will, cooperation and positive attitude. We are determined and certain that Assam will be able to resolve the border problems with Mizoram much like the progress made in the border talks with Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh," Bora said.

Justice Uday Umesh Lalit

Hon'ble Shri Justice Uday Umesh Lalit on being appointed as the 49th Chief Justice of India with effect from 27 August 2022," a statement from an apex court official said. The CJ conveyed his best wishes to Justice Lalit for a glorious tenure as the Chief Justice of India. "Shri Justice Ramana expressed confidence that with his long and rich experience in the Bar as well as on the Bench, Shri Justice Lalit will take the institution of the judiciary to greater heights through his able leadership," the statement added. Earlier in the day, Justice Lalit was appointed as the 49th CJI after President Droupadi Murmu signed his warrant of appointment.

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syllabus in order to retain core essentials, and many more. The changes also includes opening up of the Indian education system to foreign universities, dismantling of University Grants Commission (UGC) and the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE). It introduces four-year multidisciplinary undergraduate programme with multiple exit options. It will also discontinue of M.Phil programme.

SC transfers FIRs against Nupur

bench had on July 1 declined to entertain her plea, saying she has a "loose tongue" and is "single-handedly responsible for what is happening in the country", including in Udaipur where a tailor was hacked to death in June for allegedly sharing her remarks. Senior advocate Maninder Singh, who appeared for Sharma, had requested the top court's permission on July 1 to withdraw the plea instead of having it dismissed. The bench allowed the petition to be withdrawn with liberty to avail alternate remedies. Nupur Sharma filed a fresh application on July 18 seeking protection from arrest and clubbing of cases against her.

Assam government launches 1st

Park for the project. The drone school was inaugurated by Assam's Information Technology Minister Keshab Mahanta. "Youths, after getting training from experts, can work anywhere in the country and in any sector," he said. The school will have trainers certified by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) for conducting the pilot licence training program. The facility has been set up at Tech City here, with its flying ground at the Assam Forest School in Jalukbari. AMTRON has acquired two micro category (not over 2 kg) and two small category (2-25 kg) indigenous drones for the training purpose, the officials said. The first DGCA-approved drone training school in India was inaugurated in Haryana last year.

Govt Relaxes Electricity Tariff of Cinema Halls

Guwahati, August-10: In a big relief to cinema hall owners, the Assam Government relaxed the fixed charge of electricity of the cinema halls. The government has relaxed the electricity tariff of the cinema halls for 19 months. The All Assam Cinema Hall Owners' Association in a press conference said the government waived off fixed electricity rates including a total of 19 months electricity tariff exemption. They said cinema halls were shut down temporarily due to covid-19 lockdown since March 2020. Following that, the Chief Minister of Assam urged the owners to keep the dying industry alive and decided to exempt the electricity tariff. The association through the press meet expressed their gratitude to the chief minister. However, they said, during the post covid, eight cinema halls were shut down in Assam, namely, Apsara cinema hall, Meghdoot, Urvashi, Vandana, Silver Screen cinema hall in Vijaynagar, Aditi in Nagaon and two more. Before covid, 80 cinema halls were running in the state, however after covid and facing huge losses they were forced to shut down. At present, only 92 cinema halls are running across the state. Out of these cinema halls, only 30 halls, who filed the application, could avail the benefit of fixed electricity rates waiving off. As the cinema halls are being shut down permanently, the cinema hall association has urged the government to provide interest-free loans in order to keep the cinema hall industries alive. On the other hand, they also alleged that there are no audiences to watch the Assamese movies. They said it maybe because there is a lack of proper promotion of Assamese films. They further alleged that one-time producers have been a threat for the film industry. The decline of audience is not only limited to Assamese films but also evident across India. It is witnessed that most of the Bollywood movies are unable to break box offices. It's been a while since a Bollywood movie have made blockbuster. Few movies even got cancelled in cinema halls due to lack of audience. It is noticed that the industry has been hit hard by the post covid pandemic.

Pakistan involved in AL-Qaeda Chief Al-Zawahiri's killing claims think tank report

New Delhi, August-10: Pakistani intelligence agency ISI's terrorist proxy Haqqani network is involved in the killing of Al-Qaeda chief Al-Zawahiri claims a think tank report. The report also mentions that the Haqqani network was involved in Al-Qaeda chief Ayman al-Zawahiri's movements and his stay in Kabul. Infamous terrorist and a key 9/11 plotter, Ayman al-Zawahiri was killed by a US drone strike on 31st July in Kabul. The prospect of Pakistani involvement in Zawahiri's targeting has surely raised many eyebrows as neither the US nor Pakistan has so far publicly acknowledged such a role. Recently the European Foundation for South Asian Studies (EFSAS) reported about Zawahiri's stay in Pakistan till the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan, probably under the protection of Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI). By quoting a New York Times report, the think tank claimed that for many years Zawahiri was hiding in the border areas of Pakistan and it remains unclear why he returned to Afghanistan. Following the withdrawal of US troops from Afghanistan, it is believed that Zawahiri's family returned to the safe house in Kabul. Many reports quoting top intelligence sources also claimed that Zawahiri was being sheltered in Karachi. He was then shifted to Kabul soon after the Taliban takeover through the Chaman border by the Haqqani network. The strong links between ISI and Haqqanis were pretty evident when the then chief of the ISI, Faiz Hameed, openly visited Kabul on multiple occasions after the Taliban takeover. The chief of Pakistan's intelligence agency was lobbying to fetch key ministries for the Haqqani network in the upcoming Taliban government. A senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI), Michael Rubin said that he is convinced that Pakistan had a role in Zawahiri's killing. He underlined that "Pakistan's economy is in danger, and the country is in danger of collapse. It was in this context that, Pakistani Army Chief Gen. Qamar Javed Bajwa spoke to Washington to seek U.S. help to expedite the dispersal of a USD 1.2 billion loan from the International Monetary Fund." Pakistan needs the cash now to avoid default as its foreign reserves stand only at \$9 billion, and its currency crashes.

India's envoy Ruchira Kamboj calls Israel-Gaza conflict 'Matter of Grave concern' at UNSC

New Delhi, August-10: India has called the ongoing conflict between Israel and Gaza a "matter of grave concern" and that "violence has not completely subsided despite hectic diplomatic parleys, development initiatives". Conflict broke out between Israel and Gaza-based Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ). Since then, worries are growing amid growing violence. Speaking at the United Nations Security Council meeting on the situation in Gaza, India's new Ambassador to United Nations, Ruchira Kamboj, said, "the latest cycle has, once again, caused immense suffering and resulted in the loss of precious civilian lives, including children, and has left several injured and traumatized. We extend our deepest condolences to all those affected and their families." These are the first public comments by India after hostilities broke between the two sides. The conflict came almost a year after clashes broke out in May of last year that lasted 11 days. This time the violence broke out after Israel arrested PIJ's commander which was followed by strikes by the group. In retaliation, Israel conducted its own strikes. Ambassador Ruchira lauded Egypt's role in working on a ceasefire between the two sides. She said, "We support the diplomatic efforts of the UN and members of the international community, the countries in the region, especially Egypt, that has led to a ceasefire, to calm the situation further and seek to achieve durable peace." She further added, "We urge all parties to de-escalate the situation to ensure

that this does not spiral out of control." India has good relations with Israel, which are incrementally growing, and has been an important development partner of Palestine. This year India and Israel are celebrating 30 years of establishment of formal relationship and are part of groupings like I2U2. As for Palestine, New Delhi has in the past extended economic assistance for various projects. Indian govt supported the construction of the Jawaharlal Nehru Library at the Al Azhar University in Gaza city and the Mahatma Gandhi Library-cum-Student Activity Centre at the Palestine Technical College at Deir Al Balah in the Gaza Strip. Indian envoy to the UN re-

called New Delhi's long-standing policy on the issue. She said, "long-term peace in Israel and Palestine can be achieved only through a negotiated two-state solution leading to the establishment of a sovereign, independent and viable State of Palestine living within secure and recognized borders, side by side, at peace with Israel, taking into consideration the legitimate security needs of Israel." She called on for the "resumption of direct peace negotiations between the parties, which, we believe, is the best path towards achieving the goal of a two-state solution" and that the "UN and the international community must prioritize the revival of these negotiations."

Firing incidents take place between militants and Assam Rifles in Arunachal Pradesh

Guwahati, August 10 : A firing incident between suspected militants and Assam Rifles personnel took place on Tuesday in Dan Pangsha area along India-Myanmar border. So far there is no report of any casualty in the incident, said Hiazu Meru, Deputy Commissioner, Noklak district. This comes only hours after an Assam Rifles officer was injured amid firing by suspected militants on troops of the paramilitary force from across the India-Myanmar border in Arunachal Pradesh. The incident took place near Pangsau Pass when the insurgents fired on a patrolling team of Assam Rifles. "An incident of firing on Assam

Rifles troops by militant groups from across the Indo Myanmar border took place early morning in the general area of Tirap and Changlang district, Defence Spokesperson based at Tezpur, Lt Col AS Walia said. The Assam Rifles troops were undertaking enhanced patrolling activities in view of heightened vigil for Independence Day, he said. "A junior commissioned officer sustained an injury in his hand," the spokesman added. On 6 August, the ULFA-Independent and Yung Aung faction of the NSCN-IM led to a shutdown in five states in the northeast on Independence Day terming it 'fake' celebrations.



Mission Har Ghar Tiranga underway in Gossaigaon

Assam Rising, Gossaigaon, August-10: To mark the 75th glorious years of Independence and keeping at par with the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav under the aegis of Sapkata Police out post a procession was carried out holding tricolour in hands under Gossaigaon Sub-division in Kokrajhar district. The procession was led by Shiv Prasad Kalita, in-charge Sapkata police out post that started from Sapkata police out post and toured the entire Sapkata area. The police officers and jawans participating in the rally held the national flag in hand and raised the slogan Bharat Mata Ki Jai and Vande Mataram. On the other hand, Bharatiya Janata Party, Youth Wings, Kokrajhar District Committee and in collaboration with Jamduar, Srirampur, Guma and Saraibil BJP Youth Wings falling under Gossaigaon Legislative Assembly also carried out a bike rally and toured the BTC constituencies to encourage the people of the society to celebrate the 76th Independence day with joy and fervour. The motorcycle rally flagged off from the BJP's Jamduar Mandal office in Kashiabari and toured different areas of BJP's Jamduar, Srirampur, Guma, Saraibil mandals falling under 28 Gossaigaon LAC and concluded at the community Hall at Habrubil. Sajal Kumar Singh, MCLA Srirampur BTC constituency, also took active part in the bike rally.

Wild elephant scare at Tekeru in Margherita



Assam Rising, Margherita, August 10: Villagers in Pengeri Tekeru Dubagaon, bordering Assam and Arunachal Pradesh, are now running out of sleep due to fear of wild elephants. In Tekeru Dubagaon village under the Khatangpani forest department office under Digboi forest division, wild elephants have created terror at night. On Monday night too, wild elephants ransacked many houses in the village. Wild elephants ransacked the houses of Bhavesh Maran, Sanju Maran and Pooja Maran in the area and also damaged food items stored in the house. The villagers alleged that the forest department has not taken any action to stop the menace of wild elephants despite several reports to the forest department about the menace of wild elephants. Locals people said several men in the area have already lost their lives in wild elephant attacks. Even after this, the forest department is silent, as if the department has nothing to do. The villagers have demanded the government and the forest department to take steps to curb the menace of wild elephants at the earliest.

Chess: Uzbekistan win Olympiad while David Howell takes performance gold



London, August 10 : The premier team competition in chess, the 180-nation Chennai Olympiad, ended on Tuesday with a shock result. Uzbekistan, average age 20 and seeded only 14th, edged to gold ahead of the three-time winners Armenia and India's teenagers, while the top seeded United States finished out of the medals. India's Gukesh D, 16, and the Uzbek Nodirbek Abdusattorov, 17, stood out as fast rising talents destined for the world top. The pair took gold and silver for the first board, leaving the world champion, Magnus Carlsen, with the bronze. Carlsen scored an unbeaten 7.5/9 but still dropped rating points, as he has done in every team appearance for Norway since 2007. Silver medallists Armenia are the great chess team specialists, already winners of three Olympiad golds. Their success was

notable after what could have been two crippling setbacks. Their longtime star Levon Aronian transferred to the US, while official support in Yerevan has sharply diminished. Uzbekistan already has a \$4m annual budget for chess and this will increase in 2026 when Tashkent plays host to the Olympiad, following Budapest 2024. Its teenage stars were likely inspired in their early years by Rustam Kasimdzhanov's victory in the 2004 Fide world championship. The loser on tie-break then was England's Michael Adams - if he had won there were plans for a match with Garry Kasparov. A historic missed chance for English chess, perhaps. England's David Howell won gold on board three with 7.5/8 and a performance rating of 2898, the highest of the entire Olympiad, but his team failed at the final hurdle, losing 1.5-

The extraordinary Justin Verlander is 39 ... and the best pitcher in baseball



London, August 10 : When Justin Verlander got José Ramirez to line out to end the sixth inning in last week's game between the Houston Astros and the Cleveland Guardians, the righty veteran walked off the field having thrown six shutout innings. Barely breaking stride, or a smile, it was yet another stellar outing on the mound. Thursday's victory wasn't just another game, though. It gave Verlander his 15th win of the season and lowered his ERA to 1.73, both the best in the majors. For a 39-year-old who appeared in just one game in the previous two seasons - due to an arm injury and then Tommy John surgery to repair the damaged ulnar collateral ligament in his throwing elbow - it was another reminder of just how special a pitcher Verlander is, and how historic a season he's putting together. As the ace of a pitching staff that leads the AL in several major categories, including ERA, WHIP and opponents' batting average, Verlander is a big reason why the Astros are battling with the New York Yankees for the AL's best record. As a mark of just how dominant he's been, Verlander is odds on favorite to win his third American League Cy Young award, and is also the runaway leader according to ESPN's Cy Young Predictor. Having won the award in 2011 and 2019, Verlander could join a list of only 10 others to win at least three Cy Young Awards in MLB history. And at 39, he would become part of an even smaller list to win the award at such a late age. What's even more remarkable is the youth of the three pitchers closest to taking the award away from him this year, if you can even call them close. Chicago White Sox's Dylan Cease, 26, Toronto's Alek Manoah, 24, and Tampa's Shane Bieber, 25, have fewer than 175 starts between them, compared with Verlander's mammoth 473 over 17 seasons. When Verlander won his first Cy Young in 2011, and his first MVP in the same season, Cease, Manoah and Bieber were still in high school.

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2.5 to outsiders Moldova in Tuesday's 11th and last round and ending up 14th when a win would have placed them in the top six. Howell, from Seaford in Sussex, is a former prodigy who qualified for the adult British championship at nine and became England's youngest ever grandmaster at 16. Now 31, he has become a popular commentator for the Meltwater Tour online circuit and has just cooperated with Carlsen in an instruction course Grind like a Grandmaster. He has overcome what used to be chronic addiction to time pressure and one of his best wins at Chennai shows his subtle use of his favourite bishop pair. In England's all-time lists, Howell's result is matched by John Nunn's 10/11 gold at Thessaloniki 1984, while Murray Chandler twice totalled 9/11, at Dubai 1986 and Novi Sad 1990.

Ryan Giggs head-butted ex-girlfriend when she tried to leave him, court hears

London, August 10 : Ryan Giggs grabbed his then girlfriend by the shoulders and head-butted her when she tried to leave him after years of "coercive and controlling behaviour", a court has heard. Kate Greville, 36, told a jury at Manchester crown court that she had planned to leave the former Manchester United player when he attacked her in November 2020, and had secretly rented her own flat to move into. When she called the police, he allegedly told her: "This will ruin me and it will ruin you," and urged her to "think about my job, think about my career, think about my kids". She said she told him: "Well, you shouldn't have done it then." Giggs, 48, resigned as manager of the Wales national team after being charged with assaulting Greville and her younger sister, Emma, that night in Salford, Greater Manchester. He denies the charges, as well as one

count of coercive and controlling behaviour between December 2017 and November 2020. Earlier on Tuesday the court heard that Giggs kicked a naked Greville out of a hotel room in Dubai when she accused him of messaging another woman. Giving evidence behind a screen on Tuesday, Greville said she had discovered before their final fight that Giggs had at least eight other girlfriends while seeing her. She said she had looked through his phone and found messages to them, as well as to friends where he talked of going out to bars to "pull some clunge". She said she accelerated plans to leave him after an argument at the Stock Exchange, a five-star hotel in Manchester owned by Giggs and his former United teammate Gary Neville. The couple were out for dinner with friends on 1 November 2020 when Greville mentioned she had turned down a man who asked her on a date, telling



the man: "I can't believe you've asked me out, you've got a girlfriend." She claimed Giggs stormed up to their room, angry she had not told her suitor that she had a boyfriend. She confronted him with evidence of all of his affairs, telling the jury: "I knew everything that he'd done and been doing behind my back and I had the proof for the first time ever, because he always managed to convince me that it was all in my head and that it was all lies and that I was going crazy." She said she called her sister and the pair returned to Giggs's home in Worsley, Salford, where she had lived since the first Covid lockdown in 2020. They had packed her belongings into bin bags when Giggs returned, "drunk" and furious, she told the jury. During the fight he threatened to call police, saying she had attacked him and was a "psycho". It was the first time he had deliberately hurt her, she told the jury. "All the other times he had hurt me, this was different," she said. "This

was public. "I was massively in love with him. I thought he was the best thing ever," she said in her first police interview. Nonetheless, there were "red flags" from the start, she told police, describing how he would turn up at her flat and ring her buzzer incessantly if she did not answer his calls or messages, and threaten to tell her boss about their affair. On one occasion, when she would not let him in, he shouted: "You are a whore. Have you got somebody in there?" Later, when they had been arguing, he would turn up at her gym and follow her home, she alleged. When Giggs failed to leave his wife, Greville moved to Abu Dhabi "to get away from him", the court heard. But Giggs continued to contact her and visited her in Dubai, where he once kicked her out of their hotel room, naked, after she accused him of messaging another woman. But he continued to bombard her with messages and she eventually agreed to move back to Manchester after Giggs said they could have a baby. Later, when she found out he had been seeing other women, he denied ever promising her this. In an email titled "Cunt", sent after another argument over a visit to Scotland, Giggs said: "You don't deserve to be a parent." This, said Greville, was designed to hurt her deeply: "I desperately wanted to be a mum."

All Blacks attempt to block 'outside noise' for South Africa rematch

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another crack, but I'm also at the point where the outside noise doesn't matter for me," he said. "It doesn't affect me. I'm at a stage now if you're not in your last six matches. I'm really looking forward to hopefully getting a crack this weekend against the South Africans to show what we can do," he said. "This is the level [where] you have to adapt, and if you don't you're going to keep coming off second best, which we have the last couple of games."

from the ankle problem, there is a good chance that Mo'unga will be named to start at Ellis Park as New Zealand seek only a second win in their last six matches. "I'm really looking forward to hopefully getting a crack this weekend against the South Africans to show what we can do," he said. "This is the level [where] you have to adapt, and if you don't you're going to keep coming off second best, which we have the last couple of games."

Malik Tillman caps rousing Rangers comeback against Union Saint-Gilloise

London, August 10 : Rangers are one step away from the Champions League and what they will not unreasonably regard as the completion of a redemption story following their financial implosion of 2012. Union Saint-Gilloise entered this second leg two goals to the good. They left Ibrox dizzy. Rangers progressed to the playoff round with swagger. The prospect of both halves of the Old Firm playing Champions League group stage football for the first time since 2007-08 remains a live

one. PSV Eindhoven lie between Rangers and their holy grail. "The pressure was on us," said the Rangers manager, Giovanni van Bronckhorst. "I am so proud of my players. They played with passion, fire and desire. It was an amazing night for all of us." Reading v Stevenage - Carabao Cup - First Round - Select Car Leasing Stadium - Reading. Picture date: Tuesday August 9, 2022. PA Photo. See PA story SOCCER Reading.



scoring their side's second goal of the game during the Carabao Cup, first round match at the Select Car Leasing Stadium, Reading. Picture date: Tuesday August 9, 2022. PA Photo. See PA story SOCCER Reading.

Eddie Jones rebuked by RFU over remarks about private-school players

London, August 10 : Eddie Jones has been rebuked by the Rugby Football Union for criticising the English game's reliance on the private school system. England's head coach said in a newspaper interview published over the weekend that "you are going to have to blow

the whole thing up" because it produces "closeted" players who lack "resolve". The view has been condemned as "insulting" and "divisive and disrespectful" by the 2003 World Cup-winning mastermind Sir Clive Woodward and Twickenham has reacted by highlighting the importance of

private schools to the game. "RFU chief executive, Bill Sweeney, spoke to the England head coach, Eddie Jones, on Sunday and confirmed the RFU's position on the valued role the independent sector plays in the player pathway," an RFU statement read. "The RFU is hugely

appreciative and supportive of the role both the independent and state school sectors play in introducing boys and girls to our sport and in our player pathway." A collaborative approach and strong partnerships within the education sector ensure players are supported and offered

opportunities to develop at all schools. The most recent England men's squad contained players who have benefited from time within independent schools, including Maro Itoje and Henry Arundell, as well as many from the state sector including Jonny Hill and Courtney Lawes.

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They couldn't touch her: how Serena Williams became a rare legend

Washington, August 10: Only in America could Serena Williams happen. Only in the US could this particular amalgam of style, determination and edge take form: a black female Jehovah's Witness from Compton, who persevered in the face of racism, sexism, illness and family tragedy to unapologetically rewrite the history of a sport predominantly owned, played and watched by affluent white people. The origin story nearly three decades on reads like a tall tale, a fever-dream yarn too fantastic to be true: a father idly channel surfing from his easy chair until coming across a tennis tournament, awestruck by the \$40,000 cheque handed to the winner, eyes widening at the vision of opportunity taking shape in the faint glow of the tube. The words rang through Richard Williams's head: "I'm going to have two kids and put them into tennis." Venus was 10 and Serena was nine when Richard - with his inimitable blend of Don King ambition and Bundini Brown mysticism - first declared that Venus would be No 1 in the world. Serena, he assured, would be even better. One day they would play each other for the Wimbledon title. He was summarily dismissed by the sport's gatekeepers and the global sporting press as a clownish stage parent. But in time every last prediction, every impossibly bombastic proclamation, came true. If anything he under-shot it. You'll be reading lots about this real-life folk tale in the coming weeks following Serena's first person essay in Vogue, published on Tuesday, which set the stage for her re-



tirement from competitive tennis and suggested the US Open - where she lifted the family's first major title as a braided 17-year-old phenomenon in 1999 - will be her farewell event. The deluge of plaudits and tributes is already in full flow and will only mount as the season-ending grand slam tournament in Flushing Meadows draws nearer. All of these must be approached with the appropriate scepticism. Not unlike Muhammad Ali's sanitised trajectory from enemy of the state and champion of the marginalised to universally celebrated and corporate-approved icon, Williams fought her way on to the stage amid resistance, derision and criticism from all corners. In time Serena's importance became stupidly obvious, an undeniable cultural truism. But let's be mindful that many of the appreciations during her valedictory will come from the same gatekeepers who resisted her ascent. What top

champion in any sport has received even a fraction of the coded criticism that Williams endured for the bulk of her career? The receipts are everywhere. And the sniping certainly didn't end after Williams's greatness moved beyond dispute through her holding of all four grand slam titles simultaneously in 2003, an achievement so rare it became eponymously associated with her. An open letter in Tennis Magazine from Chris Evert in 2006 that, in dubious terms, doubted her commitment; a withering 2007 assessment by Pat Cash declaring her washed up, a breathtaking 2009 screed by Jason Whitlock that demeaned Williams in sexualised, animalistic language so wildly inappropriate it reads like satire. A federation official one day, the sport's broadcasting commentariat the next. Like Tiger Woods, she has brought people into the orbit of a sport who never would have bothered to watch a ten-

nis match. And she blazed a path for a new generation of African American stars, such as Sloane Stephens, Madison Keys, Taylor Townsend and Coco Gauff, who are no longer cast as outsiders on sight. Malcolm X said in a 1962 speech: "The most disrespected person in America is the Black woman. The most unprotected person in America is the Black woman. The most neglected person in America is the Black woman." Those reassessing Williams's extraordinary narrative from positions of privilege may be tempted to play down the double burdens she has over-

come with the brand of grace and composure we'd only been taught about in classrooms. But in a society haunted from inception by racial division, Serena remained one step ahead of the antagonism and bigotry that followed her every step of the way to inspire millions, transcending sport past Michael Jordan, Wayne Gretzky and Lionel Messi into the rarefied air of Ali, Wilma Rudolph and Jackie Robinson. How fortunate Williams was to find a binary platform - the ball is in or out - where not even the elemental forces aligned against her could deny her what's rightfully hers, a justice not afforded far too many Black women in American society. They cannot touch her. And they never could.

Emma Raducanu loses to defending champion Camila Giorgi in Toronto

London, August 10: Emma Raducanu made a first-round exit at the National Bank Open in Toronto after losing in straight sets to defending champion Camila Giorgi. The world No 10 and ninth seed Raducanu was beaten 7-6(0), 6-2 by the Italian world No 29, who won the tournament in Montreal last year. Raducanu lost in the Citi Open quarter-finals to Liudmila Samsonova in Washington last week and preparations for her US Open title defence later this month were dealt another blow in the city of her birth. The British teenager squandered chances to seize the initiative in either set and let slip a 2-0 lead in the second before bowing out in one hour and 49 minutes. Both players lost serve three times in a hard-fought open-



ing set before Raducanu dug deep to fend off set point in the 12th game and force a tie-break. But the 19-year-old Briton lost her way and failed to win a single point as Giorgi forced four mini-breaks to seize control and take the first set after an hour and 11 minutes. Raducanu, who had failed to convert game point for a 5-3 lead in the opening set, broke Giorgi's first service game in the second to lead 2-0. But Giorgi broke straight back and reeled off the next five games to set up a second-round clash with Belgium's Elise Mertens. Earlier, the 10th seed Coco Gauff cruised into the second round by beating fellow American Madison Brengle 6-1 6-3, while Ajla Tomljanovic, Sara Sorribes Tommo and Qinwen Zheng all progressed.

Australia captain Meg Lanning takes indefinite break from cricket

Birmingham, August 10: Australia's long-serving women's cricket captain, Meg Lanning, is taking a break from cricket, with no timeline for her return. The announcement comes days after Lanning led her all-conquering national team to the Commonwealth Games gold medal in Birmingham. "After a busy couple of years, I've made the decision to take a step back to enable me to spend time focusing on myself," said the 30-year-old Lanning in a Cricket Australia statement. "I'm grateful for the support of



CA and my teammates and ask that my privacy is respected during this time." Lanning will miss the upcoming edition of The Hundred in England where she was due to repre-

sent the Trent Rockets, but the Australian team is not due to play again until December when they make a Twenty20 tour of India. CA said Lanning would take a

period of indefinite leave effective immediately. CA head of performance, women's cricket, Shawn Flegler, said: "We're proud of Meg for acknowledging that she needs a break and will continue to support her during this time. She's been an incredible contributor to Australian cricket over the last decade, achieving remarkable feats both individually and as part of the team, and has been a brilliant role model for young kids." The welfare of our players is always our number one priority, and

we'll continue to work with Meg to ensure she gets the support and space she needs. "Lanning has been a mainstay of the national team since her debut in 2010 and took over as captain in 2014. She has been on two winning World Cup squads (2013 and 2022) and four successful World T20 squads (2012, 2014, 2018 and 2020). Lanning's decision comes five days after the long-serving national rugby team captain Michael Hooper began an indefinite break for personal reasons, returning home from the Wallabies trip to Argentina.



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