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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Bir Lachit Sena

Assam Rising Guwahati, August 12:

Assam police on Friday arrested a member of Bir Lachit Sena and an off-duty home guard for allegedly misbehaving with them in Charaideo district. The arrested Bir Lachit Sena member has been identified as Rupjyoti Phukan, while the home guard has been identified as one Pankaj Hazarika. The incident has been reported from Sapekhati near Sonari town. Sources said the duo allegedly intervened a police operation in the area and misbehaved with them using vulgar language, after which they were taken into custody. The reason behind the escalation is yet to be ascertained.

### Cattle heads

Assam Rising Guwahati, August 12:

Assam Police rescued a total of 43 cattle heads in two separate incidents in the state, officials informed on Friday. As many as 29 cattle heads were rescued after Police intercepted a truck on suspicion of illegal cattle head smuggling on Friday in Assam's Khetri. Police seized the truck with the registration number AS 02 CC 2289 and arrested two suspects. The accused were identified as Azizul Islam and Shahidul Ali, residents of Samaguri in Nagaon district. Along with the truck, police also seized a Terrano car with registration number AS 01 BP 9339. According to the police sources, the truck was following the seized car.

### Rape attempt

Assam Rising Guwahati, August 12:

Two persons were arrested for alleged rape attempt on a mentally-challenged girl in Assam's Majuli on Friday. Following the incident, local police arrested the duo and registered a case under relevant sections against them. The accused have been identified as Sanjeev Das and Raj Das. On Tuesday, a 60-year-old man was arrested for allegedly raping a minor girl in Guwahati's Noonmati area.

## Chief Minister Himanta Sarma Urged Aamir Khan To Postpone Assam Visit



Assam Rising Guwahati, August 12:

While Hindi movie superstar Aamir Khan's new release Lal Singh Chaddha is in the headlines, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma today said that Mr Khan wanted to visit Assam this week, but since the state is observing the

'Har Ghar Tiranga' initiative from August 13 to 15, he asked him to postpone his proposed visit to a later date. Sources said that Mr Khan wanted to visit Guwahati on August 14 to promote his movie. He is now expected to visit on August 16. "Aamir Khan wanted to come here and even spoke to me. But because this time the focus

is on Independence Day and the whole Tiranga initiative and its significance, so we did not want it to get diluted. Therefore I requested him to postpone and to come after Independence Day," Mr Sarma told reporters in Guwahati. He added that they speak to each other on phone often so the actor will visit whenever he invites him. Whenever Aamir Khan visits, the Chief Minister will also watch the film with him and his entire crew if they all come to Assam, Mr Sarma has told the actor, sources said. Aamir Khan had re-

cently donated to flood relief in the state, earning public praise from the Chief Minister. On June 27 this year, Himanta Biswa Sarma tweeted "Eminent Bollywood actor Aamir Khan extended a helping hand to the flood-affected people of our State by making a generous contribution of ₹ 25 lakh towards CM Relief Fund. My sincere gratitude for his concern and act of generosity". Often called Bollywood's "Mr Perfectionist," Khan had last visited the state nearly 10 years ago and had stayed in Tezpur in the northern part. His latest movie, "Laal Singh Chaddha," released on August 11.

## Jyotirmoy Saha, Sr. Deputy Marshal, Assam Legislative assigned the duties of I/C Marshal

Assam Rising Guwahati, August 12:

Assembly Secretariat has assigned Jyotirmoy Saha, Sr. Deputy Marshal, Assam Legislative assigned the duties of I/C Marshal with immediate

effect until a regular Marshal is appointed. He will look after the security matters of Assembly Secretariat during Session period. Assam Legislative Assembly Secretary D Pegu has issued notification regarding this matter.

## Tiranga Is Our Honour, Our Pride & Our Symbol Of Self Respect: Sarbananda Sonowal



Assam Rising Guwahati, August 12:

The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal attended a public meeting at Sarusajai Stadium in Guwahati today as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav - a national campaign to celebrate 75 years

of India's Independence. The Minister hoisted the national flag as the crowd sang the National Anthem with great pride & passion. Floral tributes were offered at the statue of Karmabir Nabin Chandra Bordoloi after which the Shri Sonowal led a walk with enthusiastic participation from leaders and public alike waving the tricolour and chanting

'Vande Mataram' as patriotic fervour wafted through the air. The lively atmosphere at the event reflected the mood of Jan Bhagdari as common people joined hands with

everyone else to celebrate the 75th anniversary of India's Independence with pomp & grandeur. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Sonowal said, "The tricolour is our honour, our pride & our symbol of self respect. Let us join hands under the pious contour of the Tricolour to dedicate ourselves at the service of our country. The call by our honourable Prime Minister about Har Ghar Tiranga has resulted in a massive people's movement. Our Prime Minister has kept the ideals of our freedom fighters as guiding mantra as he commits himself to rebuild our nation. Modiji is working tirelessly to make India Vishwaguru and Atmanirbhar. The people

from all walks of life are celebrating this festival of independence in Assam under the able leadership of Chief Minister, Dr Himanta Biswa Sarmah. I appeal to everyone to hoist the tricolour between 13 and 15 August in their homes so as to stir up the patriotic spirit in the society." This Har Ghar Tiranga event, organised at the behest of Ministry of Culture, Government of India, is part of a nation wide campaign, under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, whereby dignitaries are visiting around 400 places associated with freedom struggle & historical significance across India between 11 August and

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## Dhula 13-yr-old female unnatural death: CM visits family in Dhekiajuli

Assam Rising Tezpur, August 12:

Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma today ordered the immediate suspension of Darrang Superintendent of Police (SP) Rajmohan Ray, Additional SP Rupam Phukan and the Dhula Police Station Officer in charge over allegations the district police top brass mishandled the June 11 case of unnatural death of 13-year-old girl at the Dhula residence of one Krishna Kamal Baruah. The Chief Minister's order came on the backdrop of his visit

today to the Dhekiajuli residence of the deceased, who was found hanging by the neck. Accompanied by Director General of Police Bhaskar Jyoti Mahanta, the Chief Minister interacted with the relatives of the deceased and inquired about the allegations they had leveled against Darrang police administration. It has been alleged that the police displayed extreme dereliction of duty in collecting photographic and videographic evidence of the incident. It has been further

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## Monkeypox Outbreak: Study Documents First Human-to-Dog

Paris, August 12:

French researchers have documented the first case of a dog with a confirmed monkeypox virus infection that may have been transmitted through a human. Published in the medical journal The Lancet, a team from the Sorbonne University in Paris recorded the case of monkeypox virus in two sexually active men: an HIV-positive Latino man, aged 44 years, living with undetectable viral loads on antiretrovirals; and an HIV-negative white man, aged 27 years. Twelve days after the onset of



monkeypox symptoms, their male Italian greyhound, aged 4 years and with no previous medical disorders, tested positive for the virus. Both men are non-exclusive partners who live in the same house. They developed anal skin ulcers six days after having sex with other

partners. The Latino man developed an Anal skin ulcer followed by a rash on his face, ears, and legs. The white man had it on the legs and back. Rash was associated with weakness, headaches and fever after 4 days in both cases. The dog, who was co-sleeping with the men, presented with mucocutaneous (involving both typical skin and mucous

membrane) lesions, including red, tender bumps with white pus on the abdomen and an anal skin ulcer. The team sequenced monkeypox virus DNA from the dog and the Latino man and found that the samples contained virus of the hMPXV-1 clade, lineage B.1, which has been spreading in non-endemic countries since April. "To the best of our knowledge, the kinetics of symptom onset in both patients and, subsequently, in their dog suggest human-to-dog transmission of monkeypox virus," Sophie Seang, from the University's Infectious Diseases Department, along with her team wrote in the paper.

Washington, August 12:

In an unprecedented search conducted on the premises of former US President Donald Trump earlier this week in Florida, the FBI agents were looking for documents relating to nuclear weapons, according to The Washington Post report, which was neither denied or confirmed by the US Justice Department, which oversees the FBI. The newspaper sourced the report to multiple officials "all unidentified" involved in the investigation but gave no further details of the kind of nuclear weapons' documents sought by the agents. Government officials are reportedly worried that these documents could fall in the wrong hands at Trump's Florida home that is also a club fe-



reign up his base with a familiar story of victimhood he had used against the Russia investigation and his double impeachment. As allies and followers predictably poured scorn and outrage on the "raid", Trump and his lawyers did not tell them and the country the details that were available to them by way of the search warrant issued by a federal judge, which would have contained the itemized list of articles taken by the FBI "at least 15 boxes" that were duly provided to them. For US president was once again the hounded hero for his followers "including many lawmakers" who had no idea why his premises were searched. US Attorney General Merrick

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## Assam Govt to Contribute Rs 100 Cr to Promote Entrepreneurship



Assam Rising Guwahati, August 12:

Assam Chief Minister, Himanta Biswa Sarma, an-

nounced that his government will be contributing Rs 100 crore to the North Eastern Development and Finance Corporation's

(NEDFI) micro-lending scheme for the growth of entrepreneurship in the state of Assam. NEDFI offers financial support to micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in north-east India which are into industrial, infrastructure, and agro-related projects. According to the report by Press Trust of India, to commemorate NEDFI's 27th anniversary, the chief minister launched five projects

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## Seven college students suspended after their hugging video goes viral

Assam Rising Guwahati, August 12:

Seven students of a college in Assam have been suspended after being caught indulging in an "inappropriate act" in the classroom. A group of boys and girls from Class 11 of the college were hugging and poking each other in the classroom. Another student of the same class recorded the video and later uploaded

it on the social media. The incident happened in Ramanuj Gupta College of Silchar, a private-run institute in the state. The video went viral and netizens criticised the students' behaviour. Some also blamed the college authority. The videos came to the notice of the college authorities on Wednesday, and seven students were immediately barred from attending college. Out of seven, four were girls and

three were boys. The college authority has issued notice to the students saying that they were visibly indulged in acts of turpitude. Such types of activities are tantamount to gross violation of discipline of the institution. Therefore, the following erring students were suspended from attending the classes for an indefinite period. Principal of the college, Purnadeep Chanda told IANS: "The students did this turpitude



act in tiffin hours when no teachers were present. We have CCTV cameras on the college premises and mobile phones were also banned

on the campus." He further said the students are from the fresh batch of

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**Delhi Delimitation exercise**

**Each assembly seats to have minimum 3 wards before municipal polls**



**New Delhi, August 12 :** The delimitation panel has sped up the work of carving out of municipal wards in the national capital and the exercise is expected to be completed by November this year, sources said on Thursday. Under the delimitation exercise, each assembly constituency in Delhi will be divided into a minimum of three wards before the municipal polls are conducted. According to officials, the estimated

population in each ward after the delimitation is likely to be kept between 65,000 and 67,000. Sources aware of the development said that regular meetings are being conducted to fast track the entire exercise. "The process of redrawing of municipal wards is going on at a good pace. It is expected that the exercise will be completed by November 2022. At least two meetings are held every week for better results and to further expedite it," sources told

**Eurovision song contest 2023: seven UK cities named as potential hosts**

**Birmingham, August 12 :** Birmingham, Glasgow, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, Newcastle and Sheffield have been named as potential hosts of the 2023 Eurovision song contest when it is held in the UK for the first time in 25 years. The seven candidate cities were announced by Scott Mills live on Zoë Ball's Radio 2 breakfast show. This year's Eurovision was won in Turin by Kalush Orchestra, representing Ukraine. That would normally mean Ukraine would be 2023 hosts, something its government wanted to happen, but in June the European Broadcasting Union announced that next year's contest could not be held there because of the war. Instead, the UK, which

came second with Sam Ryder's song Space Man, was asked to host the 67th Eurovision. Twenty venues put in bids to host the largest and most complex music competition in the world, watched this year by a global audience of 161 million. Nicola Sturgeon, Scotland's first minister, tweeted: "It's got to be Glasgow!" Her sentiment was echoed by bookmakers, with William Hill making the city 4/5 odds on favourite. Susan Aitken, leader of Glasgow city council, said she was delighted. "Delivering such a unique event in such a short timescale presents a challenge, but Glasgow has an unrivalled track-record for successfully hosting major global events and we're confident we can present a Eurovision that reflects a true celebration of Ukrainian culture."

**Washington, August 12 :**

A study in one of the cleanest countries in the world could help governments think about future ways to manage air pollution. Abundant data from London's infamous 1952 smog onwards tells us that breathing high concentrations of air pollution harms our health. This feeds into the 20th-century idea of targets for the quality of our air. However, the new study looked at the health harm from air pollution from another angle. Census records for more than 7 million Canadians from between 1981 and 2016 were combined with air pollution data to find out if small amounts of particle pollution were still harmful. Despite the relatively clean air, the study found that nearly



People visit the Shaanxi History Museum in Xi'an, northwest China's Shaanxi Province

**Even low levels of air pollution can damage health, study finds**

8,000 Canadians were dying early each year from outdoor air pollution. Notably, even people in the cleanest areas were experiencing an impact on their health. Air pollution harm was seen at about one half of the latest World Health Organization guideline and at just quarter of the 2040 target proposed for England. The Canadian study was one of three funded by the US Health Effects Institute. The other two looked at more than 60 million people in the US and 27 million people in Europe. They reached similar conclusions: there is no lower limit that can be used to define safe air quality. This means governments should

not constrain their ambition around setting targets for the worst air that people should breathe. Prof Michael Brauer from the University of British Columbia, who led the Canadian study, said: "These findings suggest important health benefits could be gained from continued reductions in air pollution and more stringent regulatory standards, including in countries such as Canada and the UK." "Considering that we don't identify a 'safe' level of air pollution, we should rethink our approach and focus on continued reductions year by year, rather than just setting fixed concentration standards that are only reviewed every five to 10 years. The health impacts are far too large." Last month, a UK review warned that air pollution contributes to dementia and a US review highlighted how asthma can start from being exposed to air pollution from traffic. Although UK and European countries are committed to reducing average particle pollution and the total pollution produced by each country, the growing evidence underlines the need for action to improve air pollution everywhere and especially for young and vulnerable people.

**'You can't just let it flow': Emma Thompson defends intimacy coordinators**

**London, August 12 :** Emma Thompson has joined the actors pushing back against Sean Bean's criticism of intimacy coordinators, describing the profession as a "fantastic introduction" that has made actors feel comfortable and safe. Bean, best known for his work on Lord of the Rings and



Game of Thrones, said earlier this week that coordinators reduce "the natural way lovers behave" into a "technical exercise". "It would inhibit me more because it's drawing attention to things," he said. "Somebody saying, 'Do this, put your hands there while you touch his thing.'" Coordinators have been introduced to film and TV production over the past five years in response to concerns raised by the #MeToo movement

about safeguarding on set. Speaking on the Fitzy and Wippa radio show in Australia, Thompson said: "Intimacy coordinators are the most fantastic introduction in our work. And no, you can't just 'let it flow'." Thompson continued: "There's a camera there and a crew - it's not on your own in a hotel room. You're surrounded by a bunch of blokes carrying things. So it's not a comfortable situation, full stop." She added that she'd been in positions where people said of the coordinator: "It made me comfortable, it made me feel safe, it made me feel as though I was able to do this work." Home entertainment tips delivered straight to your sofa. The best TV and box sets, games, podcasts, books and more. Privacy Notice: Newsletters may contain info about charities, online ads, and content funded by outside parties. For more information see our Privacy Policy. We use Google reCaptcha to protect our website and the Google Privacy Policy and Terms of Service apply. Thompson was promoting Good Luck to You, Leo Grande, in which she plays a widow who hires a sex worker. That film, directed by Sophie Hyde from Katy Brand's script, did not employ an intimacy coordinator despite an abundance of nudity and sex scenes. "Intimacy coordinators are really important, and their work is so valuable and so useful and needed," Thompson's co-star, Daryl McCormack, has said. "But at the same time, we were able to come to each other and go, 'What do you think is going to best serve our relationship with this?' And we just found that out of the safety and out of the connection that we had already found. It felt real exciting to us to actually build that ourselves with the director."

**Australian-born judge released from Kiribati, after being held overnight**

**Melbourn, August 12 :** Kiribati's Australian-born high court justice David Lambourne was released from immigration detention on Friday night, with the government belatedly complying with an order from the country's court of appeal. The court had ordered Lambourne's release on Friday morning, after he was detained on Thursday following the government's unsuccessful attempt to deport him, contrary to court orders. Lambourne is a long-time Kiribati resident and was formerly the Pacific nation's solicitor-general. He remained detained for much of Friday, before being finally permitted to leave in the evening. The Guardian understands that the Kiribati government is in discussions with Solomon Airlines about deporting Lambourne on Sunday, on its next flight out, after Fiji Airways refused to board the judge on Thursday. The court of appeal's orders prohibit the government from



deporting Lambourne until a further hearing. The appeals court of Kiribati ordered Lambourne to be released pending a further hearing next week, but the judge was instead held in a motel in the capital, Tarawa, with a police officer stationed outside the entrance. His passport was also seized. Speaking to the Guardian at the airport in Tarawa on Thursday as officers attempted to detain him, Lambourne called the actions "an unlawful order to remove me in defiance of the order of the court of appeal". Lambourne told ABC TV on Friday he believed the attempt to deport him was politically motivated; Lambourne's wife, Tessie, is the opposition leader. The ongoing separation-of-powers saga, which in recent months has seen the government suspend both Lambourne and the chief justice, New Zealand judge William Hastings, exploded on Thursday morning when police attended Lambourne's home with a deportation order. An urgent hearing by the appeal court, consisting of three retired New Zealand judges, saw the Kiribati authorities ordered not to proceed with the deportation. Immigration officials nonetheless attempted to forcibly place Lambourne on a Fiji Airways flight on Thursday afternoon. After a dramatic standoff - which saw the flight captain refuse to allow authorities to board

Lambourne, following which the flight was denied permission to take off - the judge was detained and taken to nearby accommodation. The plane eventually departed.

**Press Notice**

The Chief Engineer, H&UA (Technical Cell), Assam on behalf of the Governor of Assam invites proposal from reputed Class-I A Contractor/Firm registered under P.W.D, Assam and having extensive experience in the relevant field of work for the following work.

Sl No	Name of work	Approx value of work (in Lakhs)	Cost of RFP and BID Document	EMD / BID security	Last Day of Submission of Bid
1	Construction of (A) two storied Indoor Stadium complex at Golaghat Sports Complex under GDSA, Golaghat, Assam (B) Reconstruction of Golaghat District Library Auditorium with interiors, Furnitures and Finishes, repair of HVAC System, Acoustics under CIDF at Golaghat for the year 2021-22	₹ 1,285.58 Lakhs	₹ 20,000.00	Rs. 25.71 Lakhs for Unreserved Category & Rs. 12.86 Lakhs for ST/SC/OBC/MOBC / UGE	01-09-2022

1. Details of the bid may be seen at e-procurement portal website i.e., www.assamtenders.gov.in and also in the office of the undersigned during office hours from 14:00 hrs of 13-08-2022 to 01-09-2022
2. The BID validity period of the RFP shall be 180 days from the date of submission.
3. The Bidders must be registered with the E-tendering system (ETS) of the Govt. of Assam.
4. The Chief Engineer, H&UA (Technical Cell), Assam reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals without showing any reason thereof.

Chief Engineer (Technical Cell)  
Department of Housing and Urban Affairs  
Assam, Guwahati-03  
Janasanyog/C/8141/22

**Press Notice**

The Executive Engineer, P.W.D. Tezpur Electrical Division, Tezpur Assam on behalf of the Governor of Assam, Invites sealed tender after affixing court fee stamp of Rs. 8,25 with a validity of 180 (One Hundred Eighty) days from the date of opening of tender from registered APWD (Electrical) Contractor/Firm Class-I (A, B&C) category and Class-II and Class III (Registered) under this division, for the works detailed in the table below:

Sl. No.	Name Of work	Approx value of works (Rs in lakhs)	Security Deposit pledged to EE PWD Tezpur Electrical Division, Tezpur In the form of Term Deposits/f. D.		Cost Tender Documents (Non-Refundable)	Period of completion (in days)	Date of issue of Tender Documents	Date of Submission of Tender
			For General	(For SC/ST/OBC)				
	Providing new service connection/charging/Repairing of 100 KVA Transformer and with proper fencing of the Sub-Station in the Judicial Court Complex at Biswanath Chariali, District Biswanath.	1356828.00	31000.00	15500.00	1000.00	30 days	18.08.2022	22.08.2022

Specification of work: As per APWD (Electrical) Specifications.

Application for Issue of tender document may be submitted to the office of the Executive Engineer, PWD, Tezpur Electrical Division, Rubber Bagan, Tezpur during office hour along with duly attested copies of (1) Upto Date registration certificate under APWD (elect), (2) GST (3) Contractor Electrical License (4) Supervisor license (5) Completion certificate towards carrying out at least one no electrical work done (40% of tender value) in anyone of the year of the last three year, certified from any officer not below the rank of Executive Officer (6) Pan Card (7) Tools & Plant along with non-refundable costing fee of Tender Document as Indicated in the table above in the form of IPO in favour of Executive Engineer, Tezpur Electrical Division- No application for issue of tender document will be received after the date as mentioned below

1. The tenderers should quote the rates item wise as per attached Bill of Quantities.
2. Tender documents will be issued to the eligible contractors/ authorised representative of manufacturer against the application on dated 18.08.2022. The Earnest money in the form of TDR/FDR should be pledged in favour of Executive Engineer, Tezpur Electrical Division, Tezpur.
3. Tender must be delivered to the office of the Executive Engineer, Tezpur Electrical Division Tezpur on or before 2 P.M. on 22.08.2022 and the tender will be open on the same date at 2.15 P.M. in present of the tenderers/representatives of tenderer who want to attend the opening of the tender. If the office happens to be closed on the date of receipt of the tenders as specified, the tenders will be received and opened on the next working day on the same time and venue.
4. This short NIT will form a part of contract agreement.
5. The Executive Engineer, PWD, Tezpur Electrical Division, Tezpur (Assam) is the sole authority to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reasons.

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer, PWD  
Tezpur Electrical Division  
Tezpur  
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A villager harvests plums in Banxi Village of Tonglin Town in Qiandongnan Miao and Dong Autonomous Prefecture, southwest China

# SOS Children's Village celebrates Raksha Bandhan



**Assam Rising**  
**Hojai, August 12:** In synchronization with other parts of the country, the festival of Raksha Bandhan signifying the tying of holy threads (rakhis) by sisters on the wrists of their brothers was celebrated with religious fervor and gaiety across Hojai district on Friday. Sisters tied 'rakhis' and offered sweets to their brothers and wished them a healthy and wealthy life. On this pious day, two teams from SOS Children's Village from Hojai and Guwahati comprising of 16

children visited CM residence other 16 children visited Raj Bhawan in Guwahati, accompanied by Hojai Village Director Rakesh Sinha and Guwahati Village Director Subhod Das celebrated Raksha Bandhan with Chief Minister of Assam Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma at his residence in Guwahati and Governor of Assam Professor Jagdish Mukhi and first lady Prem Mukhi at Raj Bhawan in Guwahati on Friday. At Raj Bhawan the SOS team greeted the Governor on Raksha Bandhan. They tied Rakhis to the Governor and first lady. On the other hand, the team greeted CM Sarma and tied Rakhi to him. The Governor and CM interacted with the children and took information about SOS Children's Village of India. They said this festival would further strengthen the spirit of oneness amongst us, enrich the bonds of brotherhood, amity and harmony and would be a pioneer of peace, progress and prosperity. The Governor and CM further thanked the children for tying Rakhis on them and wished them a bright future ahead. On the other

## Tribute paid to freedom fighters at Tezpur



**Assam Rising, Biswanath Chariali, August 12:** The 5 Assam Battalion NCC today carried out a series of activities at Tezpur. The NCC cadets from Darrang College, Tezpur University and Tezpur College joined hands in cleaning monuments of freedom fighters at Kanaklata Park and conducted a cleanliness drive inside the park premises. At the end of the drive, tributes paid to the freedom fighters. Colonel OP Pandey, the commanding officer of 5 Assam Battalion NCC graced the tribute paying ceremony and

offered floral tributes to the freedom fighters. A total of 60 NCC cadets participated in the event beside officials from the NCC Battalion.

# SHG Credit linkage in Indian Bank, Simenchapori branch



**Assam Rising**  
**Guwahati, August 12:** Indian Bank to celebrate its 116th Foundation Day on August 15. Commemorated the celebrations by observing SHG Credit Linkage Day in its Simen Chapori branch today. Marking the celebrations in line with 116th Foundation Day, credit linkage was extended to 116 SHGs by the Simen Chapori branch. Additional 122 SHGs were also credit linked from other branches of the zone. Total amount disbursed under SHG credit linkage on the camp day amounts to Rs.3.04 Crores. An elaborate event laced with cultural performances by the SHG members, was organized by Simenchapori

branch which was chaired by Subhash Kumar, Zonal Head and Assistant General Manager, Dibrugarh Zone. LDM of Dhemajri district Ringkumoni Das also graced the occasion. The other guests included Director RSETI, Mukti Gogoi, DPM NRLM Shri Biswajit Das, Principal of Simen Chapori College, Prof. Sachin Doley and CM Credit, Indian Bank Dibrugarh Zonal Office Shri Pushendra Chaubey. The event was hosted and organized by Keshab Anand Pegu, branch manager of the branch. Sanction letters were handed over to the beneficiaries by the dignitaries. Also, coalescing the event with the 75th Independence Day Celebrations, Indian Bank distributed National Flags to the SHG Team members. The Event concluded with the singing of the National Anthem and chants of Jai Hind!!

# JNV celebrated Raksha Bandhan at Dhubri



**Assam Rising, Guwahati, August 12:** Raksha Bandhan festival was celebrated with great pomp in the traditional form at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya located in Dhubri district today. During this time, all the girls applied

tilak to the boys and tied the sacred silk thread on their wrists. Speeches and songs etc. were also presented showing the importance of Raksha Bandhan to introduce the children of the school to their glorious culture. Speaking at the event, school teacher Dr Jeetendra Pratap said that Rakhi for Raksha Bandhan is a festival that gives importance to the world's holiest relationship. This festival not only inspires us to respect our sister, but also teaches us to protect and respect every girl in society. Principal Dinesh Prasad and all the teachers and children of the school were present in this program.

**Guest House**  
 A/C Non A/C Rooms with Car Parking At POGI Brahmaputra, Chandmari, Guwahati-21 Ph. WA: 9678009493/9707183470

# Talk on Solar Energy held at MSSV

**Assam Rising, Guwahati, August 12:** Guwahati Unit of Mahapurusha Srimanta Sankaradeva Viswavidyalaya organized a Popular Talk on "Solar Energy, Technologies for its Exploitation and Possibilities of Innovation" in association with SECONE Society to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of India's Independence through Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. The event was graced by

Prof. Mridul Hazarika, Vice Chancellor of MSSV, Dr. Mrinal Kumar Bora; Registrar of MSSV, Anil Saikia; President and H.C. Das; Secretary of the SECONE Society, Basanta Kr. Das; retired GM-BRPL along with faculty members, staff and students of the University attended the session. Prof. Mridul Hazarika delivered the welcome address and enlightened the gathering on the need to



go renewable. The expert Speaker of the talk was Mrinal Krishna Chaudhury, Director, Assam Energy Development Agency, Govt. of Assam. Anil Saikia gave a brief description of SECONE Society, H.C. Das talked about the need to save energy and he also informed about the upcoming collaborative events to be organized in the coming months. Basanta Kr. Das talked on the need to think ahead of time and use solar energy for the greater development of humanity. The expert speaker M.K. Chaudhury talked about how Solar energy, being renewable, free and ecologically safe, is more attractive for the use of mankind than other primary energy resources such as fossil fuels. Present day technology allows the utilization of the sun's energy in the form of heat, electricity and photo-chemical processes. Developing countries like India lying in the solar belt, can take advantage of this natural and renewable resource. Work has already begun to harness solar energy like the introduction of solar cookers, solar water heaters, solar street lights, solar operated devices, etc. He also spoke about Assam Energy Development Agencies contribution in establishing several solar power projects in places like Golaghat, Sivasagar, Karbi Anglong, etc. Earlier Babul Bora, Director (Planning & Finance), MSSV & Pradhan Sampadak, Srimanta Sankaradeva Sangha sent a benedictory message for the success of the programme which was conveyed by the host Bichitra Bikash, Asst. Registrar (Academic), MSSV. At last, Dr. Mrinal Kumar Bora.

# Amrit Sarobar scheme inaugurated at Biswanath

**Assam Rising, Biswanath Chariali, August 12:** Biswanath MLA Pramod Borthakur today inaugurated the Amrit Sarobar scheme for the first time at Biswanath LAC. Notably, Amrit Sarobar scheme is a national scheme for excavation and development of ponds. The scheme was launched at Magurmara village under No. 5 Sootea GP. The inaugural session was attended by Palak Kumar Sarma, BOD Sootea, Pares Borkakaty, vice chairman of Animal Husbandry, Assam besides others.

# National Librarians' Day celebrated at MSSV

**Assam Rising Nagaon, Aug 12:** Along with the nation, National Librarians' Day was also celebrated today on the occasion of the 130th birth anniversary of Dr. S.R. Ranganathan, the father of Library and Information Science in India at

Mahapurusha Srimanta Sankaradeva Viswavidyalaya. The programme started with the lighting of the lamp and floral tribute Dr. S. R. Ranganathan. Shekharjyoti Neog, Asstt. The Librarian of the University welcomed all the dignitaries to the programme and explained the significance of the day. The program was inaugurated by Prof. N. Pattanayak, Dept. of English of the University. He explained the transition of libraries from the old physical libraries to the modern digital libraries. He also discussed the importance of use of both the physical and digital libraries. However, he asked the students to be very cautious in selecting the e-resources and to choose only authentic resources through genuine digital library platforms only. Speaking on the theme "Role of Libraries in intellectual upliftment of learners in changing scenarios", Dr. Jayanta Madhab Tamuly, Assistant Professor, Dept. of English discussed how a library helps the readers in fulfilling their intellectual needs. He also highlighted the importance of digital libraries, the resources available for different competitive examinations and other audio-visual resources available in the National Digital Library of India. He also spoke on how the serene environment of a library helps a learner in acquiring their knowledge. Professors, Officials, employees and the students of the University also participated in the event. The event ended with the vote of thanks of Library Professional Assistant Tanmaya Sarmah.

# Troops of Red Shield Div. celebrated Raksha Bandhan at Kakopather



**Assam Rising Kakopather, August 12:** Troops of Red Shield Division celebrated the festival of Raksha Bandhan with School Children, NCC cadets and Veer Naris at Kakopather in Tinsukia. Apart from tying Rakhis, applying tilak and sharing sweets the festival was also celebrated with nationalist fervour with display of Tiranga flags. A joint commitment for security, peace and togetherness was on display. The event was attended by the students and NCC cadets of nearby Colleges and schools apart from local ladies. Four Veer Naris of the nearby areas also attended the event namely Smt Niru Gogoi wife of Late Naik Dirna Gogoi, Smt Shewali Gohain wife of Late Sep Rajeshwar Gohain, Smt Ruhuma Neog wife of Late Naik

# MES organizes street play 'Xoponor Baatere'

**Assam Rising, Guwahati, August 12:** India to celebrate the 76th Independence Day, completing 75 years of India's Independence and embarking on Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, a significant milestone in the country's history. To celebrate the occasion, students of Modern English School, Kahilipara, Guwahati, displayed a street play written by Pratul Sharma and directed by drama teacher Pranami Bora with the title 'Xoponor Baatere' in Lalganesh and Ganesh Mandir area of Kahilipara today. The students of Modern English School focused on how an ambience for a fearless mind among the diverse speakers and tribes can build a nation, transform dreams into reality and give birth to interactive society. The story of



the street play revolves around the character 'Roktim' who is an ardent supporter and passionate believer in bringing positive change but knows that it needs social awareness and revival and does not come through argumentation or aggression. The play also highlights how today's youth should be aware of the ideologies and contributions of great freedom fighters and revolutionaries like Kanaklata Barua, Mukunda Kakati, Bir Tikendrajit Singh, Komola Miri, and others to bring change in society by being fearless and patient. To bring a positive change in the social domain and work culture through a practical approach, the Mahotsav addressed specific resolutions for the conflicts that may arise between the old and new generation's points of view.

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 IN  
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## Independence of the country means the independence of its people

Our country achieved independence after a long freedom struggle. All sections of the society participated in the freedom movement and made numerous sacrifices. The freedom movement itself is a saga of sacrifices in which everyone rose up against the imperialist ruler, breaking the shackles of their religious, ethnic and provincial identity. People had a dream that after independence, democracy will prevail and they will have their own rule. That self-rule will help them in getting rid of illiteracy, misery, poverty, and all Indians will build a country of equal respect and dignity. The meaning of freedom for the people was that India would be a country where freedom of equality is enjoyed in its true sense, no one will be the ruler, no one will be ruled, fair and equal opportunity for everyone. Their dream of equality was not only in political terms, but also to secure social and economic equality for everyone without discrimination. After independence, our Constitution laid a foundation to realise these dreams of the people and ensure equal rights to all citizens. The Constitution has provided for the right to equality before the law, freedom of speech and expression for all, freedom to practice any religion and culture, freedom of peaceful protest, and constitutional remedies to secure civil rights. Today, when we are celebrating Independence Day, when there is a strong wave of nationalism everywhere, some people may feel it anti-national to think logically about the significance and understanding of freedom. But this question cannot be ignored in the present times. A country is constituted by its citizens. Therefore, the independence of the country means the independence of its people.

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The Assam Rising  
Guwahati, Assam

# Liz Truss is easy to mock, but she could do more damage than Boris Johnson ever did

Liz Truss loves maths. She loves it so much that she used to fire mental arithmetic questions at civil servants during meetings, and once told an audience of female high-flyers that her best advice for their ambitious daughters was to study the subject. She loves maths so much, indeed, that she approaches political decisions like an equation to be solved. The maths professor's daughter works methodically through every possible option, including some that others would consider beyond the pale; she likes to test every argument, sometimes to exhausting lengths. (As one of her aides used to joke: what's the difference between a rottweiler and Liz Truss? A rottweiler eventually lets go.) Her logical, dispassionate mathematician's approach makes her a formidable negotiator and an unsentimental strategist, swift to abandon positions that no longer serve her. Yet those who know her best say that with it comes a curious emotional detachment, or inability to factor into her calculations how things feel to other people, which is only now being exposed. She can be good company in private, funny and lively. But when colleagues mention her "faintly awkward" manner, or even call her "as close to properly crackers as anybody I've met in parliament" (Dominic Cummings, no stranger himself to being called something simi-



lar), this particular disconnect-ness is often what they mean. It's shaped the campaign of the woman still most likely to be Britain's next prime minister, barring a political earthquake, and may soon shape this country's future. The first slip was her regional pay policy, ditched amid predictable outrage at the thought of lower salaries for teachers and nurses in the north of the country. The second and most serious was pledging to help with fuel bills by lowering taxes, "not giving out handouts". (She now claims both policies were misunderstood, and that she wasn't ruling out direct grants.) Even those sympathetic to Truss expect a U-turn on those handouts, in a climate where focus group participants talk about moving their elderly parents in with them for the winter because it's the only way everyone can afford to keep warm. "Politics is about emotions, it's not a mathematical equation,"

## Gaby Hinsliff

says a former colleague who has worked closely with her. "If you're in a situation like we're in, where people are genuinely terrified, all this 'wrap yourself in the flag, bang on about how great Britain is' sounds tone-deaf." Truss is enviably calm in a crisis, this colleague adds, in part because she strips the emotion away from the issue. But the trouble is that sometimes emotion is key, and empathy matters. What this means for the country, if she does end up leading it through a crisis of staggering proportions, remains poorly understood. With her extensive cabinet track record and burning ambition, she's not "the Tory Corbyn". But nor is she just "Boris in a dress", although her indulgence of the ridiculous notion that the media are to blame for Johnson's wilfully self-inflicted downfall suggests similarly Trumpian tactics. She lacks

Johnson's taste for high living - any emerging scandals won't involve gold wallpaper - or his need to be loved; she has taught herself not to care what people in politics think of her. But where Johnson never seemed to know what to do with his enormous majority, Truss is a workaholic policy geek whose government would be driven by her manic energy. In the worst-case scenario, she could do more damage than he ever did. "She's a contrarian. Just because 90% of people tell her 'This way is the way', she's not inclined to accept that. That's not a bad quality, but it can be a problem if it's taken too far and if your default setting is that the orthodoxy is always wrong," says a former No 10 staffer, who sympathises with her argument that the Treasury isn't always right but nonetheless points out that consensus can be the consensus for good reason. "She sees the world in black and white. There's no room for fudge or grey areas." Yet the paradox of Truss is that in some ways, she can be astonishingly flexible. Under David Cameron she was a card-carrying centrist Cameron, Matt Hancock and Anna Soubry. Now she's the darling of the hard right. Three years ago, she backed building on the green belt so young people could own a home; not any more. She has passionately championed flexible working

for parents all her career, yet now indulges Jacob Rees-Mogg's war on working from home. An unenthusiastic remainder in 2016 (George Osborne talked her out of backing leave in the referendum, a decision she regretted when leave won) she was a no-deal-beats-a-bad-deal Brexititeer by the time power began ebbing from Theresa May to Johnson less than three years later. Her belief in low taxes, and public spending to match, is much more authentic and consistent. (She was a hawk-eyed chief secretary to the Treasury, challenging sums conventionally regarded as peanuts, and still diagnoses the NHS's problems as too much bureaucracy rather than not enough money.) But instead of growing the economy and using the proceeds to cut taxes as Cameron advocated, now she argues for doing the easy bit first and hoping growth follows. "She is wherever the power is, which I find extraordinary," a former cabinet minister says. "But on the other hand, those people tend to win." She might well seek to recalculate once in No 10, ditching unpopular positions without embarrassment as she has done before. Yet her room for manoeuvre would be tiny. The Tory right put her where she is now and they won't tolerate backsliding over tax cuts, or over the Northern Ireland protocol - although trade wars with Europe would only deepen the coming recession - or threats to quit the European court of human rights.

# India's democracy goes beyond the last mall in Noida. Rural feudal rich are feeling the pinch



●●● "Paisa khuda toh nahin, par khuda ki kasam khuda se kam bhi nahin. (Money may not be God, but it isn't less than God either)." Finally, a secular entity-money, and not the accident of birth-is deciding the hierarchical structure in Indian society ●●●

State, even if it is ruled by the BJP, is not shy to side with the mall modernity and is ready to snub or crush the ego of rustic rural feudals. It's not a struggle between urban rich and rural poor. Rural feudalism is represented by rich, land-owning 'upper' caste peasantry. Their power is vested in land ownership and in their position in the caste hierarchy. The unouthness of the language of rural feudal has its genesis in the power structure. Only the higher-up in the hierarchy of caste, gender or land ownership can abuse the lowly persons. With land prices going up in the vicinity of metropolitan boundaries, lands owned by rural feudals are fetching good money. But gentrification is a time-consuming process and can take generations. It can be quite uneven too. When these newly prosperous but unsophisticated classes come in contact with the urban populace, conflicts begin. This is the uniqueness of societies like India-modernity is not necessarily a result of rupture or departure from the past or tradition. It's not an easy question for a French or German to answer "Aapka gaon kidhar hai?" (Where is your village?) But in

## Dilip Mandal

India, most conversations between two strangers start like this. Obviously knowing each other's caste also helps. Even those from villages who shift base to an uber-rich urban setting or are working in a corporate setup after university education see their linkages with the past and village continue. This is even glorified as 'zameen se jude hona' or being rooted. The scholars studying early Bombay Mill workers have noticed that every year many of the labourers actually go to their villages during the sowing season. The rural feudal can use their rough language with pride and also show the power associated with it. It works. But in an urban setting, it might not be as effective as Shrikant Tyagi is realising now. How does one make sense of the event in Noida? The New Okhla Industrial Development Authority was supposed to be developed as an industrial township. It was established by an Act in 1976, on the eastern bank of the River Yamuna. Geographically, it is like a part of greater Delhi. Noida is hardly 15 km from Delhi's Connaught Place. Later

on, it expanded and became more of a residential township with lots of multi-storied apartments, villas and colonies coming up in the river plain and adjoining agricultural land tracts. At the same time, the old villages became semi-urbanised. Many of the rich and neo-rich villagers also started owning houses and flats in the apartments and colonies. But their umbilical cord with village and village communities remained intact. In the apartment blocks, rural locals and urban folks share the same spaces. Their relationship can be harmonious or cacophonous, depending on multiple factors. As a resident of a Noida apartment, I have seen that in the elections of residential welfare associations, the tension between locals and outsiders often becomes overtly palpable. Especially in elite apartments, rural rich remain in the margin and may hold a grudge against urban elites. That's why, the verbal ruckus and the turf war between Tyagi and other residents of Sec 93 society is hardly surprising. What surprised me is the promptness on the part of police and administration against the Tyagi family and MLA

reacted to this controversy. The nature of the 'crime' was not 'serious'. At best, it was an abusive rant with threats like 'dekh lunga' of a man seemingly drunk on political power. The police often negotiate a settlement in such cases. But police actions in this case like detaining Tyagi's wife, announcing Rs 25,000 reward for Tyagi's arrest and a press conference announcement by the commissioner himself give an altogether different angle to an otherwise mundane controversy. Local MP and former Union minister Mahesh Sharma sided with the other apartment owners and reprimanded the commissioner for "laxity." "We are ashamed that it's our government in Uttar Pradesh," he said on record. The police action and the way the BJP leadership acted in this case tell us a bigger story-that capitalism is pushing back rural rustic feudalism in a big way and it is of no consequence that the feudal forces are represented by powerful caste groups or ruling political parties. While acting against Shrikant Tyagi, the BJP government did not take the caste factor into consideration. Tyagi is among the dominant castes in this part of the UP. The government action must be a shocker also for the community, which organised protests against the police action. Tyagi caste organisations may think that they still carry the same weight in the power structures. This time around, they may force the government to go slow in the case against their caste brethren. But the fact remains that in the historical process, they are representing a decaying force. Capitalism and modernity might look like a meek force in such a ruckus, but as we have seen in this case, the urban English-speaking gentry has the voice and the capacity to build public opinion through social and legacy media, which plays quite an important role in the decision-making process in any democratic setup. Yogi Adityanath now wants to make his way into the hearts of urban middle classes, on his way to Lok Kalyan Marg, an ambition that can play out over the next decade.

## Letter to the Editor

### Indiscriminate Expenses by Govt. trouble Taxpayers

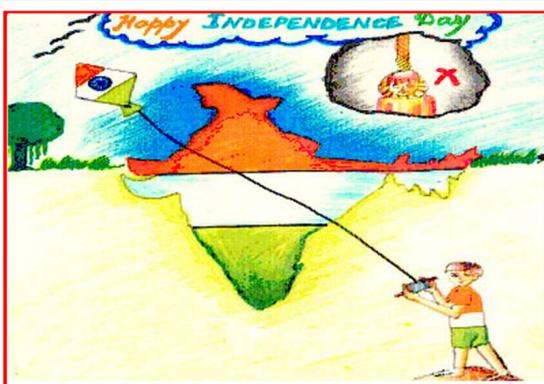
Dear Editor,

Income tax is paid by those whose income exceeds the Tax Exemption Limits. But GST is paid by one and all, whenever one buys any commodity or avails service. Thus Tax Payers are doubly taxed. In particular, the GST is increased upto 28% , which is high. GST on Ambulance purchase was 28 % at par with Car purchase. Many representations by letter from the public yielded reduction to 12% recently. Government should spend public money judiciously. But it never happens. 3000 crores on a Statue, 800 crores on Stadium, one lac crores on Bullet Train seem to be huge. Midday Meal may be meaningful, whereas Free Laptops, Free Furniture to the newly wedded couple may not be. Governments ( Union and States ) borrow money. Huge interests have been paid for decades. As borrowings are growing, the interests too are growing.

Public Representatives are not Employees, they do Public Service. They may be paid Honorarium. They need not be paid salary and Pension. The Quarters allotted to Public Dignitaries cum Representatives in the States and in the Country need not be huge Palaces (hundreds of acres, hundreds of rooms, hundreds of employees etc.) requiring recurring exponential Maintenance Expenditure. Frequent Interest waivers and Loan waivers of huge amounts to Corporates by submission of insolvency Certificates by a Board created in 2016 pose dangerous to the Nation. We have Authorities, Bodies, Committees, in good numbers to regulate Governance. But here is a time for Introspection. We have Inspection, Accounts, Vigilance Departments, still Scams are happening. We have a Comptroller and Auditor General. We have Food Inspectors ,but we find adulteration. We have Factory inspectors, but Pollution is growing these days. We have Drug Inspectors, but spurious drugs are distributed. We have Censor Board , but our Movies do not seem to be censored at all. Violence and Vulgarly is exhibited to a great extent. Lack of Ethics is troubling us. Honesty is buried. Unless we change ourselves, this Great Nation cannot be saved from sinking.

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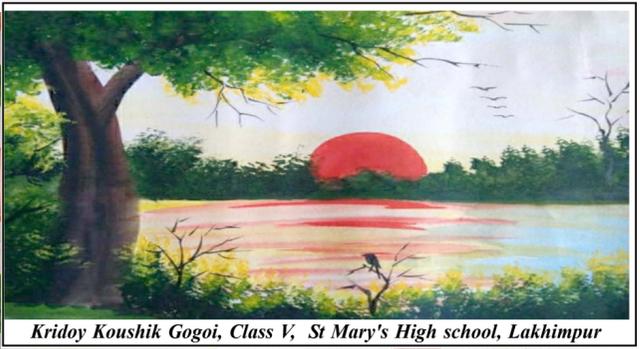
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Short-Story

### The Pot of Wit

Once upon a time, king Akbar got so mad at Birbal that he told Birbal to leave the kingdom and go away. Heartbroken, Birbal left the kingdom and took refuge at a farmer's house in a nearby village. Birbal spent his days working at the farm. As time passed, King Akbar started missing his favourite courtier. One day, Akbar decided to send across his royal guards to find Birbal. The guards looked for Birbal in all directions, but all their efforts went to waste. Akbar thought of a trick to find Birbal – he made an announcement that whoever got him a pot full of wit would be given a pot filled with diamonds.



The news reached all the nearby villages, and to Birbal as well. The villagers held a meeting to decide how to solve the king's mystery. Birbal offered to help, stating that he needs a month's time. Birbal took a pot and put a small watermelon in it without cutting it from its vines. After a month, the watermelon grew up to the size of the pot. This pot was sent to the King, and he was told that the wit should only be removed without breaking the pot. Akbar knew that this could be no one else but Birbal, and he went to bring Birbal back to his court.

**Moral :** Haste makes waste, think hard because there is a solution to every problem.

### The Foolish Thief

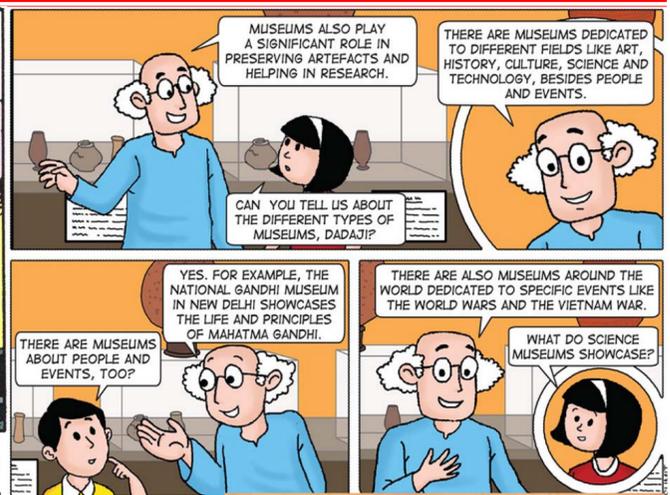
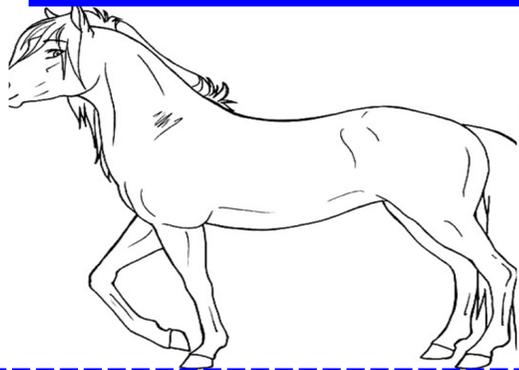
Once upon a time, a rich merchant was robbed in King Akbar's kingdom. The grief-stricken merchant went to the court and asked for help. Akbar asked Birbal to help the merchant find the robber. The merchant told Birbal that he was suspicious of one of his servants. On getting the hint from the merchant, Birbal summoned all the servants and told them to stand in a straight line. When asked about the robbery, everyone denied doing it, as expected. Birbal then handed over one stick of the same length, to each one of them. While dispersing, Birbal said, "By tomorrow, the robber's stick will increase by two inches". The next day when Birbal summoned everyone and inspected their sticks, one servant's stick was shorter by two inches. On being asked by the merchant about the mystery of finding the real thief, Birbal said, "It was simple: the thief had cut his stick by two inches, fearing that it would increase in size".

**Moral :** Truth always prevails.



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### Dream to fly

Sometimes I dream that I can fly.  
I lift and flap my arms just so,  
And soon I'm soaring to the sky.  
Graceful like a bird I go.  
I find a fluffy cotton cloud  
And catch myself a comfy ride.  
I cannot hear a single sound,  
As slowly through the air I glide.  
My silky cloud floats with the breeze,  
Through the bluest sky.  
Just like a sailboat on the sea,

Dear Bhagin,

I came across a powerful quote by Pablo Ruiz Picasso was a Spanish painter, sculptor, printmaker, ceramicist and theatre designer who spent most of his adult life in France. He wrote – "Every child is an artist and Children are great imitators. So give them something great to imitate." While children build their identity, question the world around them and identify their strengths, how they talk to themselves plays a major factor when it comes to determining the life they will lead. You can contact me on : [assamrising@gmail.com](mailto:assamrising@gmail.com)

Your Abhi mama.



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### Dhula 13-yr-old female unnatural

alleged that the Dhula Police Station Officer in-charge had put pressure on the family members of the deceased to not file a written complaint on the unnatural death. Considering the gravity of the above allegations, the Chief Minister asked the DGP to constitute a three-member Special Investigation Team (SIT) for thorough investigation into the incident. Two of the three members of the SIT shall be females, as per the Chief Minister's order. The Chief Minister also issued instructions to concerned officials to get a house constructed for the family of the deceased under a government scheme. He also ordered the Sonitpur Deputy Commissioner to take necessary measures for inclusion of the family of the deceased under the Orunodoi scheme.

### Tiranga Is Our Honour

15 August, 2022. The event also remembered the horrors of partition as the Minister exhorted everyone to solemnly observe 14 August as Partition Horror Remembrance Day. At the event, family members of leading freedom fighters were honoured by Shri Sonowal. At the meeting, the ultimate sacrifice made by Martyr Kumoli Devi, Martyr Khahuli Devi, Martyr Lerala Kachari, and Martyr Tileswari Baruah at the Dhekiajuli Police Station at the peak of Quit India Movement in 1942 were remembered. Their family members – Devicharan Neog, Kamal Naam, Jonali Boro and Uttam Baruah – were honoured. At the event, the contribution by Freedom Fighter Robiram Kalita during the Quit India movement was also remembered when in September, 1942, he was arrested for collecting money for freedom struggle in Nagaon. The grandson of the Freedom Fighter, Pranjal Kalita received the honour from the dignitaries on the occasion. The event also remembered one of the leading leaders of Indian Freedom Movement, Bharat Ratna Lokapriya Gopinath Bordoloi & Deshbhakta Tarun Ram Phookan. The respective family members Bolin Bordoloi & Shyamanta Ram Phookan were honoured on the occasion. The family members of the freedom fighters were honoured with a Gamusa, an Eri Shawl, a Cheleng Saador, a Jaapi, a Xoraai and a National flag. Shri Sonowal said, "We won our independence because of scores of freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives for the cause of the country. Their sacrifice and love for motherland is an inspiration for people of this county. They inspire us to strengthen our country as their love for country binds us together. With great respect, I remember those noble souls." Espousing the need for a New India, Sonowal said, "Till 2047, when India will complete 100 years of independence, we have 25 years of Amrit Kaal. Our popular leader Modiji has laid great emphasis during this time when we must invest ourselves completely & responsibly in nation building so that India becomes an Atmanirbhar and the best country in the world."

### Donald Trump's Florida home

Garland, who heads the Justice Department that has oversight of the FBI, called the former President's bluff. The US Department of Justice (DOJ) has filed a motion to unseal the search warrant for former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence earlier this week. Attorney General Merrick Garland made the announcement on Thursday after Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) agents raided the Mar-a-Lago resort in Palm Beach, Florida, on Monday, said Xinhua news agency report. Addressing the press at the DOJ headquarter, Garland said he personally "approved the decision to seek a search warrant in this matter," adding "The Department does not take such a decision lightly. Where possible, it is standard practice to seek less intrusive means as an alternative to a search and to narrowly scope any search that is undertaken." Trump and his allies have denounced the operation as a political attack orchestrated by Democrats while calling out the FBI and the DOJ. The raid was said to have involved classified materials that Trump allegedly took with him from the White House to Mar-a-Lago, when he left office in January 2021. The Presidential Records Act requires that all records created by Presidents be turned over to the National Archives at the end of their administrations. Some of the Trump presidential records received by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) included paper records that had been torn up by Trump, according to the federal agency. In January, the NARA also arranged for the transport from the Mar-a-Lago to the National Archives of 15 boxes that contained presidential records.

### Seven college students suspended

Class 11 and it has been hardly 15 days since they started to attend the college. Meanwhile, the college authority has also summoned the guardians of those seven students. It is learned that college may take more strict action and the students may be rusticated from the institution.

### Assam Govt to Contribute Rs 100

which included a website for NEDFI haat, training programmes for Agniveer applicants, and mobile apps for promoting growth in the northeast. According to Sarma, these programmes will foster entrepreneurship and capacity development. Start-ups, cluster development, and enterprise growth are priorities for the government, he said. Also Read: Amazon India partners with handicraft development body COHANDS to support over 50,000 artisans, weavers. He further added that as part of NEDFI's corporate social responsibility (CSR), training of about 100 potential candidates for the Agniveer programme with the assistance of the Indian Army will also begin. The management of NEDFI, a public financial institution established under the Companies Act, constitutes a board of directors which is made up of representatives from shareholder institutions, the Department of Development of the North Eastern Region (DoNER) ministry, state governments, and prominent individuals from the northeast and elsewhere with extensive experience in business, economics, finance, and management.

### Lokra Bn. celebrated raksha bandhan with locals

Assam Rising, Biswanath Chariali, August 12: Lokra Battalion under the aegis of Headquarter 21 Sector Assam Rifles and Headquarter Inspector General Assam Rifles (East) celebrated Rakshabandhan with students of ARPS Lokra, KV Lokra, Rangapara College and Defence Preparatory Academy, BNC. Lokra Battalion has been conducting various employment and educational programmes in Sonitpur and BNC districts of Assam. The abovementioned schools and colleges as a gesture for thanking the contribution made by Assam Rifles, invited our soldiers to celebrate the auspicious festival of Rakshabandhan with their students. A total of 100 troops from the



Lokra battalion went to these educational institutes to strengthen the brethren bond existing between the Assam Rifles and locals. This initiative of Assam Rifles was highly appreciated by the children and staff of these schools and colleges.

## Awareness programme on beel fisheries and fish nutrition held at Nagaon

Assam Rising, Nagaon, August 12: Nagaon District Fisheries Department organized a series of awareness and demonstration programmes on beel fisheries development and small fish nutrition promotion at Dighali Beel, Buka Beel, Mikirdhar Beel since Thursday last. The programmes were being initiated under World Bank aided Assam Agribusiness and Rural Transformation Project (APART) through 'WorldFish' a research-based international CGIAR organization. Over 300 participants including pregnant women & lactating mothers, adolescent girls, children of different ages, Anganwadi workers, School teachers, APART & other fisheries staff, fish Farmers, community leaders participated in the programmes. During the awareness drive, Sushil Nath, district fisheries officer, Nagaon and Dr Sanjay Sarma, Fishery Co-ordinator of APART explained about the sources of fish particularly small in community level and their consumption habits including different popular fish recipes prepared by local community at the natural resource of beel fisheries. Rituparna Pegu district nodal officer of APART in Nagaon district co-ordinated these programmes. He also spoke on the importance of such a programme at the cluster level of different development blocks of the district saying that it has a bigger impact to include small fish as a super food in the diversified diet of community people, particularly women and children, a release added. Dr Benoy Barman, senior scientist and Dr. Baishnaba Ch. Ratha, senior nutrition specialist, WorldFish elaborated the strategies for scientific Beel fisheries development and small fish production which is supposed the cheapest sources of animal protein and other important micronutrients such as vitamin A, vitamin B12, iron, calcium, zinc, and essential fatty acids. Under a diversified diet, during the critical first 1000 days of child life, the mother must be consumed higher quantities of small fish including other vegetables during her pregnancy and lactation. Dr Ratha demonstrated to ICDS Anganwadi workers and community members, particularly mothers and caretakers of children, the preparation process of small fish powder hygienically at household level with locally available small fish. Because inclusion of small fish powder in regular curry of young children have a very good long term health impact on over all development. He explained in detail about nutrition and health benefits of locally available small fishes, especially small fish eaten whole, is highly nutritious and contributes a wide range of micronutrients that benefit the health of women, adolescent girls, and children. During the programme, Prakash Kalita and Bidyut Medhi, APART consultants motivates to fish farmers that, large fish can be sold for income, while small fish are harvested regularly for household consumption or, when in excess, for sale within the community or near the market, the release said further.

## International Youth Day observed at Angerkhowa

Assam Rising, North Lakhimpur, August 12: Along with the rest of the world, International Youth Day was observed today at Angerkhowa Chariali H.S. School, North Lakhimpur, organized by District Legal Services Authority (DLSA),



Lakhimpur, North Lakhimpur. The Principal of the school Khirod Gogoi presided over the meeting held on this occasion where a discussion was organized titled "The significance of Youth Day with reference to the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda and the role of teenage students in sustainable coordination". The meeting was inaugurated by the secretary of DLSA, Lakhimpur Anup Khanal while Principal of Bongalmora H.S. School Abu Syed Khan attended the meeting as the eminent guest. Senior PLV, DLSA, Lakhimpur and professor of LTK College Badan Kalita also spoke in the meeting. After completion of the meeting, a plantation program was held at the school campus where the invited guests of the meeting took part. The teachers, guardians and students of Angerkhowa Chariali H.S. Schools were present in observance of the Day at the school today.

## Training on maintenance of Marine engine held

Assam Rising, Palasbari, August 12: Assam Inland Water Transport Society (AIWTDS) in association with Directorate of Inland Water Transport have initiated training for boat owners and crew for Operation and Maintenance of marine engines under Jibondinga scheme at the IWT run Crew Training Centre (CTC), Panbazaar, Guwahati. The training was inaugurated on August 9 by the State Project Director of AIWTD Society, Ankur Jain, IPS and Deputy State Project Director, Rahul Chandra Das, ACS. Altogether 35 boat owners and crew from the Kamrup district attended the day long training. This training will continue to cover all the Jibondinga beneficiaries of all districts where Boat owners have been provided with marine engines under Jibondinga scheme. Earlier under the Jibondinga scheme, Chief Minister, Assam announced free marine engines to mechanized country boat owners across Assam. The current training will empower the boat operators and crew in the technical know-how of the marine engine, parts and features of engines, basic tools and techniques for engine maintenance and minor repairing. The Boat owners and Crew will also be trained from the Environment and Social safeguards aspects to be followed during the plying of the country boats. Interactions with the participants were made to understand the issues faced during plying of boats post-installation and the instructors of the training provided valuable tips to overcome such issues.

## " Know your Assam Rifles & Army " capsule held at THB College.

Assam Rising, Biswanath Chariali, August 12: Sonitpur Lokra Battalion under the aegis of Headquarter 21 Sector Assam Rifles and Headquarter Inspector General Assam Rifles (East) conducted capsule for NCC cadets of THB College, Jamuguri Higher Secondary School, Kusumtola Higher Secondary School, Nagasankar Higher Secondary School & Dakshin Nagasankar School on Know Your Assam Rifles and Army at Lokra Garrison on. The cadets were briefed on various aspects of functioning of an Assam Rifles battalion. A lecture was also conducted to impart guidance to the youth on Agnipath scheme. The students were also briefed on different types of entries in Army and Assam Rifles and how to pursue their dream to join various ranks in Assam Rifles and Army. A weapon display and pipe band display was also conducted to instill a sense of pride and motivate the cadets for joining the security forces. A total of 110 NCC cadets and 5 ANOs of 3rd NCC Battalion benefitted with the capsule. This initiative of Assam Rifles was highly appreciated by the ANOs, cadets and locals.



## Huge rally at Basugaon to celebrate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

Assam Rising, Chirang, August 12: According to the Har Ghar Tiranga programme organized in line with the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, a huge rally was held at Basugaon in Chirang district today. India will celebrate its 75th Independence Day on August 15. On that occasion, according to the Har Ghar Tiranga program, under the initiative of Basugaon Police Station and various party organizations as well as it in collaboration with rickshaws, tempo unions, this huge rally program was also organized. Around 500 E-rickshaws, tempos and nearly a thousand people, along with more than 500 E-rickshaws, tempos, took part in the rally, led by Nabajyoti Talukdar, officer-in-charge of Basugaon police station. The officer-in-charge of Basugaon police station appealed to all the public to hoist the National Flag of India from house to house from August 13 to August 15. On the other hand, Nabajyoti Talukdar, officer-in-charge of Basugaon police station, appealed to the people not to throw away the flags hoisted on August 15.

## National Youth Day celebrated at Nagaon

Assam Rising, Nagaon, August 12: Nagaon district administration in association with State AIDS Control Society observed the international youth day today here at Nagaon district library auditorium. The state health and family welfare minister Keshab Mahanta and water resource as well as public relations department minister Pijush Hazarika graced the occasion and interacted with the youths. The minister duo also ceremonially inaugurated a blood donation camp organized by the district administration. While addressing the youths congregation, minister Hazarika said the youth power is one of the basic strength of the nation and a unique union as well as integration among all generations is needed to build a strong nation with equal development of all sections of people. He urged all the youths to come up with a vision for building a strong nation. Health Minister Keshab Mahanta also spoke on the occasion and appealed to the new generation to be engaged in the service of nation building. Local MLA Rupak Sarma, Deputy Commissioner, Nagaon Narendra Kumar Shah, Project Director of Assam State AIDS Control Society - Pomi Boruah, Executive Director of National Health Mission - Dr Monuj Chaudhury were also present in the programme.

## World elephant day observed at Sootea

Assam Rising, Biswanath Chariali, August 12: August 12 is celebrated as World Elephant Day in every part of the world. Sootea is no exception to this. Biswanath Wildlife Division in collaboration with Sonitpur East Division of Forest had organized an awareness meeting to commemorate the World Elephant Day at Chabilal Upadhyaya Memorial High School near Biswanath-Panpur embankment today. The forest officials from the wild life division briefed on how to protect the wild elephants that come to residential areas in search of food. They also explained how to reduce man-elephant conflict. Arif Hossain, member of Aranyak, a local NGO displayed photographs of wild animals and conducted a quiz competition among school students. Kanak Boishya, DFO, Biswanath wildlife division and Arun Business, DFO, Sonitpur East Division of Forest graced the awareness programme and addressed the gathering. The awareness programme was attended by Soidur Rahman, managing director of Upatyaka, an Eco-friendly NGO along with the teachers and public of the area. A total of five forest guards were felicitated with a citation, memento and a gamocha in the meeting for their distinguished services towards wildlife protection. Notably, a vast area of South Sootea shares a boundary with the sixth addition of KNP (Kaziranga National Park). Many people had lost their lives due to wild elephant attacks. Similarly, many wild elephants died due to inhumane torture to the wild creature.



### Accused Wanted



**Name: Smti Murshida Khaton, W/O- Atabur Rahman Vill- Chalnabori, PS- Dhing, Dist: Nagaon**

The above noted accused person is wanted in connection with Batadrava (Nagaon district) police station case no.54/2022 under section - 120(B)/121/143/144/145/147/149/152/153/155/326/307/333/342/353/427/436/440/447/450/34/511 IPC, R/W Section 3/4 of Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act, 1984.

If any information about the accused person is available with anybody, the same may please be intimated through the following phone numbers. Confidentiality will be strictly ensured.

Superintendent of Police, Nagaon (6026900895)  
Addl. SP (S&I), Nagaon and I/O of the case (6026900897)  
Officer-in-Charge, Batadrava police station (6026900909/9101078304)

Place: Nagaon  
Date: 11/08/2022

**LEENA DOLEY, APS,**  
Superintendent of Police,  
Nagaon, Assam

# Warrington survive Toulouse scare to ease Super League relegation fears

**Warrington, August 12 :** The Warrington coach, Daryl Powell, used his best kidology all week to try to play down the significance of this game for one of rugby league's most famous clubs. Yet the outpouring of emotion as Ben Currie crossed for the try that finally put this game - and perhaps the Wolves' relegation worries - to bed showed just what victory meant. There were Wolves players hugging. Others fell to the turf, physically and emotionally exhausted by what they had just gone through. Powell leaped from his seat and punched the air. These were the kind of scenes that Warrington, Powell and their supporters had hoped would be occurring after winning a major trophy, not moving six points clear of relegation with four games remaining. Make no mistake, had Warrington lost and fallen to within two points of their vanquished opponents, the most remarkable relegation in recent history would have been a genuine possibility. How Super League's biggest-spending club must have feared the worst at half-time. Warrington deservedly led 12-0 after half an hour, at which point



the most consequential game of the season so far felt like it may be a routine night at the office. But in a seven-minute spell before the break the hosts collapsed in spectacular fashion, and by the interval Toulouse led 18-14. Powell was lured from Castleford Tigers last winter to deliver success for a club approaching 60 years without a league title, not to scrape over the line in a relegation battle. Perhaps we all, Powell included, underestimated the size of the job he inherited, with years of big transfers failing to deliver the title this town craves. The coach wielded the axe last winter, culling long-serving players including Chris Hill. He hasn't stopped there, with

fellow England internationals Josh Charnley and Mike Cooper leaving the club mid-season as he tries to put his stamp on the Wolves. More big-money recruits from Australia are coming next year and it is becoming increasingly apparent this is not an overnight job. But unlike in recent weeks, Warrington's latest capitulation didn't cost them two points. Instead they responded after the break to score 18 unanswered points and ensure what at half-time looked destined to be a three-way battle to avoid the drop will now probably be a fight between Toulouse and Wakefield, who face Wigan on Sunday. "It's been tough,"

Powell admitted. "I've been involved in a lot of finals as a player and a coach and I was more nervous leading into this game. The obvious repercussions of losing this game, the pressure ... it was huge." Tries from Oliver Holmes and Connor Wrench had originally given the Wolves the lead and Toulouse were offering little in way of a response.

But Warrington's brittle confidence - another major failing in their season - was exposed when Corey Norman cut through for a try against the run of play. Within minutes Éloi Péliissier had followed with two quickfire tries and at half-time Toulouse led by four. Warrington's owner, the music mogul Simon Moran, paced the stands with almost palpable nerves at an interval which, for Wolves supporters, must have felt like a lifetime. He has invested millions in this club but the Championship was looking like a distinct possibility. Warrington needed to respond. And in fairness, they did. Toulouse's coach, Sylvain Houles, felt his side were harshly treated by the officials post-match, saying: "There's a few 50-50s that go against us but it's all the time, it's been like that for a few months."

# Jack Draper and Dan Evans on Montreal collision course after reaching last eight

**London, August 12 :** Jack Draper calls for help as Gael Monfils lies stricken on the court during their last-16 clash at the National Bank Open in Montreal. Jack Draper and Dan Evans set up a possible last-four meeting after both continued their winning ways at the National Bank Open. Draper reached his first Masters 1000 quarter-final, one day after defeating Stefanos Tsitsipas in his maiden victory over a top 10 player, when 17th seed Gael Monfils retired hurt in Montreal in the second set with the British player up 6-2, 0-2. The world No 82, who came through qualifying to reach the main draw, frequently relied on his speed and reach as he claimed a fast first set. Monfils collapsed not long after securing a break early in the second,



prompting Draper to cross the court to help him into a chair as the Frenchman cried out and clutched at his right leg. Draper, 20, will face either Jannik Sinner or Pablo Carreno Busta next, with the winner of that encounter meeting Evans if the Briton wins his quarter-final. The Birmingham product continued his run of upsets with a 7-6 (7), 1-6, 7-5 dismantling of merican 10th seed Taylor Fritz, one day after he knocked out eighth-ranked Andrey Rublev. Evans roared "yes" and held his arms aloft after

qualifying for the tournament's quarter-finals for the first time, setting up a match against Tommy Paul of the US. Hometown favourite Felix Auger-Aliassime avenged his weekend semi-final loss to Cameron Norrie in Los Cabos with a 6-3 6-4 effort over the British No 1. The ninth-ranked player took just one hour and 12 minutes to defeat the 26-year-old, much to the delight of the roaring Montreal crowd, and set up a quarter-final against Casper Ruud.

# Ban on transgender women playing women's rugby 'absurd', activists claim



**Twickenham, August 12 :** A trans activist attending England's open training session at Twickenham believes the decision to ban transgender women from playing women's contact rugby has made life less safe for her community. Emily Hamilton, the founding co-chair of LGBTQ+ rugby supporters association Quins Pride, was among a flag-waving group of around 20 people staging a peaceful protest on Thursday. They were part of a 1,000-strong crowd who watched the Red Roses as they step up preparations for this autumn's World Cup in New Zealand. The event was staged the day after the Irish Rugby Football Union

announced it is to emulate the Rugby Football Union by revising its rules for transgender women competing at grassroots level. Hamilton, who played 18 seasons as an amateur before transitioning, insists that rugby is no longer a "safe and inclusive place" after the governing bodies voted to follow the lead taken by World Rugby when it implemented a ban in the elite game. "We were part of the rugby family - I've been in rugby for nearly 40 years - but now we've been told that we're no longer part of that family," Hamilton said. "We are human beings but we are being used as a political football, being kicked about at all levels of life. We thought rugby is a safe and inclusive

place, which it no longer is. "We just want to be seen and to be visible and for people to understand that we're not the monsters we're portrayed as. We're not freaks of nature and actually in many cases we're not that different to the women you see out there on the pitch training." "It's also about the social contagion," Hamilton added.

# 'I want to be in the box': Sterling ready to sharpen Chelsea's blunt attack

**Paris, August 12 :** 'Score goals,' Raheem Sterling said, neatly summing up what his job is within Thomas Tuchel's intricate tactical system at Chelsea. "I think football's that simple: keep the ball out of the net and the forwards and midfielders have to score the goals." It has been a glaring weakness under Tuchel, who is clearly intent on ripping up his attack and starting again. Timo Werner and Romelu Lukaku have gone, Callum Hudson-Odoi and Hakim Ziyech could be the next to leave, and the hope is that signing Sterling for £50m from Manchester City will go a long way towards solving Chelsea's lack of ruthlessness in the final third. Sterling, who was the



first signing made by Chelsea's new owners, does not need anyone to teach him how to score goals. The 27-year-old pointed out that his best position is on the wing - "That's where I know the game like the back of my hand," he said at his official unveiling as a Chelsea player - but that was

followed by an acknowledgment that he is well suited to playing in a fluid attack. "I want to be in and around the box a lot more and trying to focus on runs more centrally," Sterling said. "But, of course, I'm here to be part of the system and play the position the manager wants me." Tuchel has choices

when it comes to where to deploy Sterling. The England forward can play on either flank, but he started in the middle on his debut in Chelsea's tepid 1-0 win over Everton last weekend. "I enjoy floating about and getting on the ball," Sterling said. "Against Everton I played as a false nine and I'll always be happy where I can be effective." Sterling looked bright against Everton. He had a goal disallowed in the first half and was unlucky not to score during the dying stages. His desire to get into goalscoring positions was clearly evident. It is one of Sterling's greatest assets, that knack of finding space in the six-yard box to finish off a low cross, and Chelsea

will be stronger if they work out how to play to his strengths. Everything suggests that this is a smart move from Chelsea. Sterling is a leader who can guide the younger players in Tuchel's squad. He thought back to his early days at Liverpool and remembered looking up to Steven Gerrard. "No matter how old you are, it's good to try to nurture younger people in whatever profession it is," Sterling said. "You don't want a hostile environment for them to come into, you want it to be one [in which] they can flourish." "When I was young I had someone like Steven Gerrard around me. When I went into the national team, he had his arm around me and that makes you a lot more relaxed around the camp so you can do your best. That's all I ever try to do. Have jokes and laugh, but at the same time get the work done and feel comfortable." Chelsea's youngsters will look up to a driven individual. Sterling, who is enjoying something of a homecoming given that he grew up in north-west London, still has so much to achieve. He was a surprise starter when City lost to Tuchel's Chelsea in the Champions League final in 2021. "I haven't played CL football with Chelsea yet," Sterling said. "They have obviously won it. I haven't. They have got the bragging rights. But again, I am here to try and win it."

# Explosive Will Smeed following David Warner's path to World Cup reckoning

**London, August 12 :** Will Smeed could have been forgiven for wondering if he was more 90s than Cool Britannia and an episode of the Big Breakfast rolled into one (that is, if he hadn't been born in 2001 and therefore possibly unaware of Zig and Zag). The right-hander had been flirting with his first century in professional cricket all year, making eye-catching scores of 97 and 99 for Quetta Gladiators in the Pakistan Super

League, and then 94 not out and 98 for Somerset in the Blast. Last month, playing for England Lions, he also cracked a 56-ball 90 against the touring South Africans. But on Wednesday night, decked out in the Butterkist-sponsored orange livery of Birmingham Phoenix, Smeed made himself a future pub quiz answer by pummeling Southern Brave's bowlers for an unbeaten 101 off 50 balls for the first hundred in the short history of the Hundred. Though the

tournament statistically counts as Twenty20 cricket, its shorter innings - just 16.4 overs in old money - in part explain why it took a season and a bit to see a batter breach three-figures; Smeed's teammate Liam Livingstone's 40-ball 92 against Northern Superchargers last year was the previous highest score among the men. Suffice to say, Smeed didn't muck about when setting up his side's 53-run victory, muscling his half-century from 25 balls and his

next 50 runs from one fewer. Eight fours and six sixes sent roars from Edgbaston echoing around the leafy suburbs of south Birmingham and Moeen Ali, his captain, thinks higher honours are inevitable. "There's just something about him," he said. "He's got a really good hitting technique - very simple - and is strong. I watched him in the nets the other day and he just looked like an international player. You don't come across those

guys too often - Harry Brook at Yorkshire is another - where you think that "Smeed's two Lions outings this summer - the second of which is his only List A match to date - suggest he is very much on England's radar. And with Jason Roy testing their loyalty in a low-key 2022, further scores in the Hundred may yet force a spot in the squad for the T20 tour of Pakistan this September and the T20 World Cup that follows.

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# Serena Williams' farewell an eloquent acknowledgement of biological inequality

Washington, August 12: Maybe Babe Didrikson, with Olympic gold medals in two separate athletics events and 10 major wins on the LPGA tour; perhaps Larisa Latynina, who won 18 medals over three Olympic Games; or Jackie Joyner-Kersey, with her back-to-back titles in the Olympic heptathlon; or Allyson Felix, who has just retired after winning more medals than any other runner in history. From Williams's sport there's Martina Navratilova, with 167 singles titles and another 177 in doubles, or Steffi Graf, who spent 377 weeks at the top of the world rankings. But all comparisons are odorous, and this one smells worse than most. Because if you've watched Williams play, listened and read what she has to say, then you have to wonder why anyone would want to try to put her, or any of them, in that one box. Why shouldn't Williams be considered a greater player than Roger Federer? Or Rafa Nadal? Or Novak Djokovic? Or the rest of the men who played in her era? She's won more singles titles than any of them, more Olympic medals too, and did it all, as they used to say about Ginger Rogers, "backwards and in high heels". As Williams wrote in the Vogue article announcing her retirement (sorry, her "evolution") from professional tennis: "I went from a C-section to a second pulmonary embolism to a grand slam final. I played while breastfeeding. I played through postpartum depression." And did it all while putting up with vast quantities of insufferable bullshit. Williams doesn't want to



quit. Not yet. She would rather play on next year and beyond. But she can't because she has to choose between having more children and having a playing career. "If I were a guy, I wouldn't be writing this because I'd be out there playing and winning while my wife was doing the physical labor of expanding our family." So here, at the end of a 27-year career spent fighting to be treated equally with the male players, is the inescapable fact that her biology still leaves her at a disadvantage. Williams compared herself to Tom Brady, but she could just as well have chosen any of those three male players from her own game. Federer, 41, won five of his grand slam titles after he became a father for the first time in 2009, three after his wife

gave birth to a second set of twins in 2014. The biggest impact having four children had on his body is that he needed surgery in 2016 because he twisted his knee while he was running a bath for them. Djokovic, 35, won five of his grand slam titles after his son was born in 2014, and three of them after his daughter in 2017. He hinted a couple of years ago that they would like to have more children. When Djokovic has talked about how fatherhood has impacted his tennis, it's often in terms of how it's taught him to be a better person, and so made him a better player. Nadal, 36, announced in June that his wife is having a

baby. So he won the French Open earlier that month while his wife was in the early stages of pregnancy, which must have been distracting for him. Williams, on the other hand, won the Australian Open in 2017 while she was two months pregnant, which, as she writes, seems "almost impossible". There was speculation that Nadal, too, might retire after becoming a father. His coach Carlos Moya doesn't think so. "I don't think paternity will induce Rafael Nadal to stop playing," Moya said when asked about it, "on the contrary, it will be an extra motivation to keep winning." For the men in her

line of work, parenthood is usually framed as an opportunity for some kind of spiritual change. For Williams, it was that and also three rounds of emergency surgery, one where she had her stomach and womb cut open, another where they found the hematoma that had flooded her abdomen, and a third where they inserted a filter in a major vein to stop more blood clots travelling into her lungs, and then spending six weeks unable even to get out of bed. Williams has spent her life dealing with double standards in the way male and female players are spoken and written about, what they're paid, the way

their behaviour is policed, and the respect they get. For the past decade, Forbes has published an annual list of the world's 100 richest athletes. Federer has been ever present in the top 10, even topped it in 2020. Williams has never made it that high, or even close to it. No woman has. Sometimes, such as in 2019, she has been the only one in the top 100. Well yes, men said. "The stats are showing that we have much more spectators on the men's tennis matches," Djokovic said in 2016. "I think that's one of the reasons why maybe we should get awarded more."

## Brisbane AFL player Callum Ah Chee calls out racist abuse

Brisbane, August 12: Brisbane Lions utility Callum Ah Chee has been racially abused online, days after being concussed in a controversial incident at the Gabba. Ah Chee, who will miss the Lions' crucial clash with St Kilda on Friday night under the AFL's mandatory concussion protocols, posted the abuse he received on Instagram. It came after Carlton captain Patrick Cripps was on Thursday night cleared of his two-game rough conduct charge on Ah Chee during a marathon appeals hearing. Ah Chee posted the abhorrent comments, before writing it was "not something

you want to wake up to". "How can this still keep happening," the 24-year-old wrote on his Instagram story. "Why can't my brothers and I just play the game we love without having to worry about shit like this. If my son grows up playing the game - I hope he doesn't have to deal with this hate. It hurts and I'm sick to death of seeing it." Veteran Lions teammate Mitch Robinson said the comments were as "weak as it ever gets". "Fucking sick of having to see our Indigenous and multicultural players subject to racism over and over again. If you see it, even if you might know these uneducated trolls on social media keep calling it out and report them." The Lions

have reported the incidences to the AFL's integrity unit and on Friday afternoon issued a statement condemning the behaviour. "It's disgusting behaviour and we must, and we will, continue to call it out," the club statement read. "There is no place for racism in sport, or in society full stop." The AFL also hit out at the abuse. "Nobody in our game or in the community deserves to be treated that way," a league statement read. "We stand with Cal and Brisbane; there is absolutely no place for racism in our game at any level."



## Commonwealth Games 2022 silver medallist Murali Sreeshankar finishes sixth in Monaco Diamond League

New Delhi, August 12: Indian long jumper Murali Sreeshankar, who won a historic silver medal at the Commonwealth Games 2022 in Birmingham last week, finished sixth at the Monaco Diamond League 2022 in Fontvieille on Wednesday (August 10). Making his Diamond League debut, Sreeshankar logged a best jump of 7.94m at the Stade Louis II. The 23-year-old, who holds the Indian national record in the men's long jump with an 8.36m effort at the Federation Cup earlier this year, got off to a slow start in Monaco. He registered 7.61m with his first attempt before improving it to 7.84m in his second. The Tokyo Olympian managed only a 7.83m with his third jump but his second effort was just about enough to place him within the top eight after the first three rounds and get additional jumps to improve his standing. The bottom two in the 10-man field dropped out after the third series of jumps. After a disappointing 7.69m in his fourth jump, Sreeshankar rallied to produce his best effort of 7.94m with his fifth, and ultimately final, crack at the runway, just as he had done in Birmingham to win the silver medal. The jump bumped him up to the sixth position on the standings. Overall, it was an underwhelming outing for Sreeshankar, who had managed to breach the 8m mark in nine of the 12 outdoor events in 2022 heading into the Monaco meet, an olympics.com report said. In July 2022, he finished seventh in the World Athletics Championships 2022 in Oregon with a 7.96m effort while his silver-winning leap at Birmingham measured 8.08m. Cuba's Maykel Masso, who won bronze at the Tokyo Olympics, topped the group with a season best effort of 8.35m while Tokyo 2020 champion Miltiadis Tentoglou of Greece finished second with 8.31m. USA's Marquis Dendy, a former Indoor world champion, also logged an 8.31m jump but missed out to the reigning Olympic champion for the second position as the Greek athlete's second-best jump of 8.30m was better than Dendy's 8.17m. Sreeshankar will next be seen in action at a meet in Lausanne, Switzerland, towards the end of August.



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