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ISRO Photography Contest

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Guwahati, August 13:

Assam boy Gautam Deka took first place in the astro-photography competition held by the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) in honour of International Moon Day. Gautam, who hails from Mangaldai, began his photographic career in 2012. He started astrophotography in 2013, and now it helped him take first place. The ISRO's competition had the theme "Moonshots," and photographers were urged to use their smartphones to take pictures of the moon and post them to the ISRO website. The image contributed by Gautam was taken on Guru Purnima from the Sereng Sapori area in Mangaldai.

Morigaon rape

Assam Rising
Guwahati, August 13:

As many as four youths have been named for allegedly raping a married woman in the Morigaon town in Assam, officials informed on Saturday. According to reports, four youths abducted the woman and took her to a graveyard at night where they gang-raped her. A complaint has been registered in this matter in the Morigaon police station.

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav CM Dr. Sarma Flags off Cycle rally



Assam Rising
Guwahati, August 13:

As a part of the celebrations of Azadi Ka Amrit

Mahotsav commemorating 75 years of India's independence, Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma today flagged off a cycle rally ini-

tiated by Chairman of Assam Plantation Crops Development Corporation Limited Ashok Sarma here today. It may be noted that the cycle

rally has been organized for generating awareness towards environmental conservation and prevention of its degradation and during its journey from Guwahati to Sibsagar, it is expected to send across the message to the people. Synchronizing with the event, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma also planted a sapling at the premises of Assam Plantation Crops Development Corporation Limited. Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma while thanking Ashok Sarma and others

for undertaking the cycle rally said that during the journey, the participants of the rally should spread the message of ills of environmental degradation and the actions people should promote for protecting nature. He also said that in view of the dwindling forest cover, global warming has become a major concern. In view of this, he called upon the people to plant more saplings and take steps for their survival. The Chief Minister also requested the participants

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Research Papers Can Now Be Written In Regional Languages: Assam Governor

Assam Rising
Guwahati, August 13:

Researchers will be able to write research papers in regional languages from now, informed Assam Governor Prof Jagdish Mukhi on Saturday. Addressing the media at Raj Bhawan in the Kharguli hills area of Guwahati, the governor made several announcements regarding higher education. He said, "Universities will have to put up advertisements in national newspapers regarding



nouncements on appointment of professors in central universities. He said, "Universities will have to put up advertisements in national newspapers regarding

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Assam CM unveiled 'Moran Janagosthir Buranji'

Assam Rising
Guwahati, August 13:

Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma released a book titled "Moran Janagosthir Buranji" at a function held at Janata Bhawan today. The book was published by Dibrugarh University and the Assam Moran Sabha. On this occasion, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma said that the history of

Assam is associated with the culture and traditional life of the ethnic communities. He appreciated this initiative of Dibrugarh University and Assam Moran Sabha to publish this book that highlights the history, traditions, culture and political history of the Moran people. He also recalled the contributions of Bodousa who established the Moran Kingdom. He also said that when Chaolung Syukapha



entered into this land, he met Moran and Borahi communities and during that time they lived in a cordial relationship. The rule of the Morans is a colourful chapter in the history of Assam, he said. He said that diversity and vibrancy of Assam

and the north-eastern states lies in the bond of unity among the tribal tradition and customs and communities. The government of Assam has been working for uplifting all tribal communities

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A farmer harvests chili peppers at a chili planting base in Wantanhe Township, Longli County, southwest China

Jerry Hall and Rupert Murdoch finalise divorce

London, August 13 : Jerry Hall is expected to receive tens of millions of pounds and a £11m Oxfordshire mansion as part of her divorce settlement with the billionaire Rupert Murdoch. The couple have this week concluded proceedings, less than two months after they separated. As part of the settlement, it has been reported that Murdoch will give Hall Holmwood House, a sprawling Georgian country estate between Reading and Henley-on-Thames. The 66-year-old former model is also expected to take possession of a home in the south of France, but the settlement

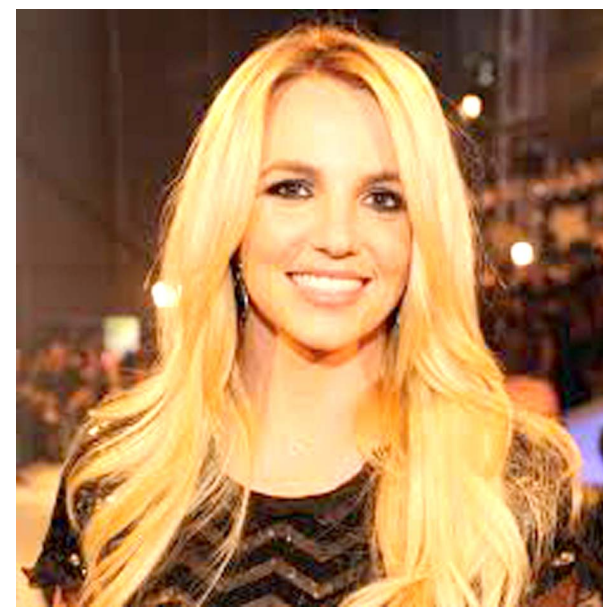
does not give her control of any of Murdoch's many US properties, according to the Daily Mail. Hall's lawyer did not respond to a request for clarity on the terms of her settlement with the 91-year-old media baron. In a joint statement, the former couple's representatives confirmed proceedings were over: "Jerry and Rupert Murdoch have finalised their divorce. They remain good friends and wish each other the best for the future." Murdoch's decision to end his fourth marriage led to speculation about the reasons for the split. The couple married in 2016 after a rapid romance, with

Murdoch celebrating the occasion by quitting Twitter and declaring himself "the luckiest AND happiest man in world". It appears that the relationship deteriorated during the lengthy pandemic lockdowns. Multiple sources have suggested Hall had clashed with Murdoch's children from his previous marriages. The Daily Beast has even claimed that his heir apparent, Lachlan Murdoch, helped arrange his father's divorce and discussed potential PR strategies for handling the fallout. Start the day with the top stories from the US,

plus the day's must-reads from across the Guardian. 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. The divorce created a briefing war involving both parties, with claims of how the split played out appearing in the press. This included Murdoch allegedly informing Hall by email that he wanted to separate, before referring all further questions to his lawyers. In response, Hall

allegedly had divorce papers, which cited "irreconcilable differences", served on Murdoch as he was at RAF Brize Norton preparing to take off on his private jet. On Wednesday, she asked a judge in Los Angeles to dismiss the proceedings, with the settlement instead agreed out of court. Hall's legal documents stated she was living at a Murdoch family mansion in Los Angeles, which has the only vineyard in the city. She may need to find another US base, while making do with Holmwood House's 11 bedrooms.

days in 2004, appeared uninvited at the house before the ceremony while livestreaming on Instagram. He entered the house and went up to the locked door of Spears' bedroom while she was inside getting ready for the wedding, according to testimony at a preliminary hearing. Archie Bland and Nimo Omer take you through the top stories and what they mean, free every weekday morning. Alexander refused to leave the property when told to, battered a security guard who tried to remove him, and damaged a door, prosecutors said. After he entered his plea, a judge issued a new protective order forbidding him from coming within 100 yards of Spears or the security guard. The Ventura County



judge sentenced him to the 64 days he has already served in jail. Prosecutors dropped charges of felony stalking and misdemeanour vandalism. Alexander's attorney, Sandra Bisignani,

did not immediately reply to an email seeking comment. She previously said in court that there was no evidence he had any intention of harming Spears. Spears' lawyer declined to comment.

Mexico prison cartel clash spills on to streets of border city leaving 11 dead



Mexico City, August 13 : A prison confrontation between members of two rival cartels spilled on to the streets of the border city Ciudad Juárez, where alleged gang members have killed nine more people, including four employees of a radio station. The violence began on Thursday, when Los Chapos, members of the infamous Sinaloa cartel formerly led by Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzmán, clashed with the local group Los Mexicles, in a Juárez prison, the deputy security minister, Ricardo Mejía, said. A riot then broke out, leaving two shot to death and four injured with bullet wounds, Mejía said, speaking alongside the Mexican president, Andrés Manuel López Obrador, at a regular news conference. Another 16 were injured in the fighting, he said. After the riot, the Mexicles rampaged in the city, authorities said, killing nine civilians. Among

them were four employees of a radio station, including one announcer, Mejía said. "They attacked the civilian, innocent population like a sort of revenge," said López Obrador. "It wasn't just the clash between two groups, but it got to the point in which they began to shoot civilians, innocent people. That is the most unfortunate thing in this affair." Mejía said four employees of MegaRadio who were broadcasting a live promotional event outside a business were killed in the shooting. Across town, convenience stores were also shot at and set on fire. FEMSA, the parent company of the Oxxo chain, said in a statement that one of its employees and a woman who was applying for a job were killed in the violence. Chihuahua state attorney general Roberto Fierro Duarte said that a boy wounded in a shooting at a convenience

store died later at the hospital, two women were killed in a fire at another gas station convenience store and two other men were shot elsewhere in the city. Fierro said 10 suspects had been arrested. About 1 am on Friday morning, six alleged members of Mexicles were arrested by local police, with help from the army and national guard, Mejía said. Ciudad Juárez has long had a reputation for violence. Gangs like those involved in the riot often serve as proxies and street-level enforcers for Mexico's powerful drug cartels who aggressively exert control over the border crossing routes they need to move their product to the United States. While still high, murders in recent years were well below what they were more than a decade ago - about 1,400 last year compared to more than 3,600 in 2010 - according to data from Molly Molloy, a retired border specialist at the New Mexico State University Library, who has tracked the city's homicide data for many years and posts regular updates to her Frontera List. The violence came two days after drug cartel gunmen burned vehicles and businesses in the western states of Jalisco and Guanajuato in response to the arrest of a high-ranking cartel leader.

Actor Anne Heche dies a week after car crash



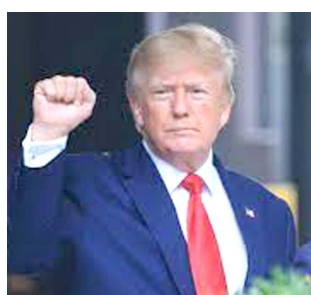
Washington, August 13 : The US actor Anne Heche has died, a week after she was critically injured in a car crash. The news was confirmed by a representative for her family to the US online media outlet TMZ, who said in a statement: "We have lost a bright light, a kind and most joyful soul, a loving mother, and a loyal friend." Anne will be deeply missed but she lives on through her beautiful sons, her iconic body of work, and her passionate advocacy. Her bravery for always standing in her truth, spreading her message of love and acceptance, will continue to have a lasting impact." On Friday afternoon

representatives for Heche, 53, confirmed she was "brain dead", which under California law is the definition of death. It was announced earlier in the day

Heche would be taken off of life support. It is understood her heartbeat was being maintained in case appropriate organ donation could take place. On Friday evening, Heche's eldest son, Homer, 20, released a statement on behalf of himself and his half-brother, Atlas, 13. "My brother Atlas and I lost our Mom," he told People. "After six days of almost unbelievable emotional swings, I am left with a deep, wordless sadness. Hopefully my mom is free from pain and beginning to explore what I like to imagine as her eternal freedom." He added, "Over those six days, thousands of friends, family, and fans made their hearts known to me. I am grateful for their love, as I am for the support of my Dad, Coley, and my stepmom Alexi who continue to be my rock during this time." "Rest In Peace Mom, I love you," Homer Heche concluded. Earlier on Friday a friend of the actor, Nancy Davis, wrote on Instagram: "Heaven has a new Angel. My loving, kind, fun, endearing and beautiful friend @anneheche went to heaven. I will miss her terribly and cherish all the beautiful memories we have shared." Anne was always the kindest, most thoughtful person who always brought out the best in me ... My heart is broken." Very different to the lustrous-haired leads ... Anne Heche in I Know What You Did Last Summer (1997). Heche's former partner, Ellen DeGeneres, wrote on Twitter: "This is a sad day. I'm sending Anne's children, family and friends all of my love."

Trump under investigation for potential violations of Espionage Act, warrant reveals

Washington, August 13 : Donald Trump is under criminal investigation for potential violations of the Espionage Act and additional statutes relating to obstruction of justice and destroying federal government records, according to the search warrant executed by FBI agents at the former president's home on Monday. The search warrant - the contents of which were confirmed by the Guardian - shows the FBI was seeking evidence about whether the mishandling of classified documents by Trump, including some marked top secret, amounted to a violation of three criminal statutes. Most notably, the search warrant authorized FBI agents to seize materials from Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence to investigate crimes in connection with the Espionage Act, which outlaws the unauthorized retention of national security information that could harm the United States or aid an adversary. The other statutes listed on the warrant include the federal law that makes it a crime to destroy or conceal a document in order to obstruct a government investigation, and the federal law that prohibits the unlawful removal of government documents more generally. The inclusion of the obstruction statute could be an indication that the justice department is investigating Trump not just over the potentially unlawful retention of records, but also whether he attempted to impede a separate, or wider, criminal inquiry. The disclosures, which came in an



attachment to the search warrant, mark a dramatic escalation in the justice department's criminal inquiries into Trump. They represent perhaps one of the most treacherous legal and political moments faced to date by the former president. A conviction for violating any of the detailed laws would be severe: the Espionage Act has a maximum penalty of 10 years in federal prison and the statute for obstruction has a maximum penalty of 20 years, while the statute for destruction of records can also bar anyone convicted from holding future office. The contents of the search warrant became public days after FBI agents seized 11 boxes worth of materials from Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort in Palm Beach, Florida, including records considered so sensitive that they could not be individually listed in the "receipt" of what was removed. FBI agents retrieved a total of 11 sets of classified documents, some of which were marked top secret, the Wall Street Journal first reported. Federal agents also took away four sets of top secret documents, three sets of secret documents, and three sets of confidential documents, the receipt showed. The search warrant receipt did not provide any further detail about the substance of the classified documents. Other materials removed from Mar-a-Lago included binders of photos, information on the "President of France", and a grant of

clemency for the Trump political operative Roger Stone. Caught at the center of a rapidly escalating controversy, Trump lashed out at the justice department on Friday, saying in a statement that he had declassified all of the records in question. "It was all declassified," Trump asserted. The former president's claim was met with immediate scepticism, partly because the seized documents appeared to retain their original classified markings, according to a source familiar with the matter who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss an open investigation.

Ex-Khashoggi lawyer Asim Ghafoor freed in UAE after money laundering conviction

London, August 13 : The US citizen and civil rights attorney Asim Ghafoor, who had represented Jamal Khashoggi before the Saudi journalist was murdered, has been freed from custody in the UAE where he was convicted on money laundering charges. Ghafoor was headed home to the US, said his lawyer, Faisal Gill, having been freed after paying a fine and with help from the US embassy in the UAE. A court on Wednesday upheld Ghafoor's earlier in-absentia conviction, ordering him to pay a fine but revoking a three-year jail term handed down in May. UAE officials had no immediate comment. Ghafoor - former lawyer of Khashoggi, the dissident Saudi journalist who was murdered at Saudi Arabia's consulate in

Istanbul in 2018 - had been transiting through Dubai airport on 14 July when he was detained for the in-absentia conviction, handed down in May, for money laundering and tax evasion that followed a 2020 request for assistance by US authorities. Abu Dhabi's

judicial department said on Wednesday that the court had confiscated funds illegally moved through the country. He would also be deported, it said. Habib Al Mullah, a lawyer for Ghafoor, said the court confiscated 18 million dirhams (\$4.9m). US officials

have not confirmed the assistance request, but said the arrest was not made at the request of Washington. Media reports in the US said Ghafoor, who lives in Virginia, had in the past come under US surveillance due to work representing Muslim Americans in civil rights cases.



A farmer drives a farming machine in a field in Mantova, Lombardy region, Italy

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Guwahati Lions Club celebrated AAZADI KA AMRIT MOHATSAV



Assam Rising
Guwahati, August 13: On the auspicious occasion of Independence Day, Raghunath Bn of Indian Army celebrated AAZADI KA AMRIT MOHATSAV

along with LIONS CLUB GUWAHATI METRO including 600 personnel's from the Raghunath Bn Indian Army, NCC Cadets and School Children. A Cycle Rally was also organized

which started from Narengi with 50 Army Personnel at 5 AM. And from Paltan Bazar, NCC Camp, approx 600 Army Personnel's, NCC cadets and school children

joined the rally. Lions Club of Guwahati Metro under the campaign of our Prime Minister Narendra Modi of Har Ghar Tiranga, distributed 500 Flags to all the cyclists present in the rally celebrating the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. Shaurya Veer Chakra Col Ajay Singh Kushwaha of the Raghunath Bn has inaugurated the Rally. Raghunath Bn is one of the oldest Bn of the Indian Army since 1856. The Rally was a successful event followed by a cultural programme by the INDIAN ARMY BAND. The Rally ended at Durgapur Mandir Ground, Dharapur at 8 AM. The main purpose of the Rally was to spread awareness of one India

and clean India. There was commendable cooperation of the Raghunath Bn and NCC cadets to spread the message of clean environment. Chairperson of the event Lion Rajesh Surana was the key person behind the success of this wonderful rally. President Prabha Kothari, Secretary Manoj Jain and Treasurer Mohit Baid along with many other members of Lions Metro attended the event. Lions Sushil Agarwal of Lions Club of Guwahati Metro gave this information through a press release.



"Glorious Journey to Freedom" in Margherita

Assam Rising
Margherita, August 13: On the occasion of the 75th anniversary of Independence, the Congress party today took out the "glorious journey of independence" in Margherita. On the eve of the 75th Independence Day, an auspicious

marked the "Glorious Journey of Independence" has been taken out across the state from August 9 to 14 to coincide with the 75th anniversary of India's independence. The "Padyatra" programme was also implemented in Margherita Assembly constituency at the initiative of

Margherita Block Congress Committee this morning on the directions of the All India Congress Committee. Assam Pradesh Congress Committee General Secretary Arun Jain and several office-bearers of Congress parties participated in the programme.

Celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav & Har Ghar Tiranga

Assam Rising
Golaghat, August 13: To mark the occasion of 75th year of India's independence which is named as 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' and also to promote Har Ghar Tiranga campaign a program was held at Golaghat Jatiya Vidyalaya, one of the pre-



mier vernacular medium schools in Golaghat. Total 75 National Flags were unfurled at the school premises and every student carrying a National Flag in hand performed together the patriotic song 'Vande Mataram'. After that a special session was held at the Jogen Punyaprabha Auditorium of Golaghat Jatiya Vidyalaya where the President of the Education Trust

and renowned writer Dr Ajit Baruah delivered a speech on how India got freedom from the British rule through violent and non violent ways and also described about the role of Golaghat and Assam in the freedom movement. Principal Smritirekha Bora, Vice Principal Banashree Kakaty, all the teachers and students were present in both the programs.

Police marches huge Tiranga rally in Gossaigaon

Assam Rising
Gossaigaon, August 13: The Gossaigaon Sub-divisional police administration in collaboration with 129 Battalion CRPF under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav for successfully completing the 75th glorious years of Independence carried out a huge Tiranga rally

and toured around 5 kilometers of route holding tricolour in everyone's hand. The Tiranga rally was ceremonially flagged off by Nabanita Sharma, Sub Divisional Police Officer (SDPO) Gossaigaon. The Tiranga rally which started from Gossaigaon police station premises and toured the entire Gossaigaon Town. Holding tricolour in hands the CRPF jawans and police personnel shouted slogans like-Bharat Mata Ki Jay, Bande Matram etc. Students from different educational institutions within Gossaigaon sub-division took active participation with joy and pride in the Tiranga rally. Amar Jyoti Bailing, O/C, Gossaigaon police station was also seen encouraging the police personnel as well as the other police officers to make it a grand success.



Day-long exporter conclave held in Aalo



Assam Rising
Aalo, August 13: One Day exporter Conclave was organized by the Department of Trade and Commerce West Siang District Aalo. The Conclave was organized under the guidance of Henkir Lollen SDO i/c ADC Aalo. The conclave was attended by Penga Tato, West Siang Deputy Commissioner and entrepreneur under the guidance of Henkir Lollen SDO i/c ADC Aalo. The conclave was attended by Penga Tato, West Siang Deputy Commissioner and entrepreneur under the guidance of Henkir Lollen SDO i/c ADC Aalo. The conclave was attended by Penga Tato, West Siang Deputy Commissioner and entrepreneur under the guidance of Henkir Lollen SDO i/c ADC Aalo.

their hard work, in which some of their products should be also available in the departmental store. The Department of Horticulture and Agriculture attended the program and shared the govt. schemes to the farmers and one of the Progressive Farmers Yayum Gangkak shared her problems during the initial stage of her tea estate. She encourages the farmers to focus on tea cultivation which is more profitable. Her tea product is popularly known as Siru Tea. Boken Organic Tea estate also shared the procedure of making organic tea and also high-

lighted the benefit of Organic tea. During the Day Various departments and entrepreneurs participated and showcased their product. Farmers and entrepreneurs were given the certificate from the Deputy Commissioner. Inspector (T&C) thanked all the participants.

Batadroba PS arson: SIT files charge sheet in Nagaon CJM Court

Assam Rising
Nagaon, August 13: In connection with the sensational Batadroba PS arson case, the Special Investigative Team (SIT) constituted by Nagaon police filed its 79 pages long charge sheet in the Chief Judicial Magistrate Court, Nagaon here today. While addressing a press conference at the office of Superintendent of Police, Nagaon this evening here, SP Leena Doley said the district police administration will appeal to conduct the trial of the sensational Batadroba PS arson case in a fast track court so that the justice can be carried out as early as possible. SP Doley accorded it too that during investigation, SIT identified a total of 25 persons who were involved in the incident and among those 25 accused persons, police arrested 12 persons including two juveniles while one accused was killed in a unfortunate road mishap just after his arrest. Besides, other 13 accused persons including the prime accused of the incident - Jyotsnara Begum were absconding till the time of filing this report, She added. She however claimed that there might be hands of Jihadi or some Islamic fundamentalist organizations behind the sensational Batadroba PS arson case.

Motorcycle Rally conducted at Doomdooma



also left messages calling for national unity and brotherhood. Local student bodies, ladies and Gaon

Buras thanked the Indian Army, local administration and MLA Rupesh Gowala for their

utmost service and were seen very ecstatic to have participated in the event.

Negligence in the duties of the Headmaster of Lachan Chapari LP School

Assam Rising
Majuli, August 13: The Headmaster of Lachan Chapari Primary School under Luitparia Gaon Panchayat in Upper Majuli has been upset with the irregular performance of his duties by the parents of the students. According to the complaint, he does not attend the school until 10 am every day. The residents

have repeatedly urged him to attend the school at the right time but he has not paid any attention. Therefore, the quality of education of the students is very stagnant. On Friday, local parents investigated and observed again and found that neither of the two teachers arrived until 10:30 am. Notably, both the teachers joined

the school with TET recruitment. Mintu Handique took over as an incharge headmaster after the retirement of former headmaster Ramkrit Singh Yadav. Mintu Handique, who was an assistant teacher, emphasized quality education. There is a lot of concern among the

conscious community about the issue of negligence in their duties. Therefore, the local conscious people have urged the Education Minister of Assam Government, Majuli MLA Bhuban Gam and the Commissioner of Majuli to investigate the matter properly.

Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav: Lokra Bn. organised bike rally in Sonitpur

Assam Rising
Biswanath Chariali, August 13: Lokra Battalion under the aegis of Headquarter 21 Sector Assam Rifles and Headquarter Inspector General Assam Rifles (East) organized a Bike Rally in Sonitpur Dist on August 13 as part of the celebrations for Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Troops of Lokra Battalion, in accordance with the Indian Government's 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign, took the campaign to the streets of Sonitpur district. 40 bikes from the Lokra garrison undertook a

60 Km bike rally covering all the major junctions of Sonitpur district including Balipara, Rangapara, Mission Chariali and Tezpur city. The bike rally also took a halt at Rangapara College, where the team was felicitated by the locals of Rangapara. The team received huge applause for spreading the message of 'Har Ghar Tiranga' and inspiring the locals and youth of Sonitpur district. The conduct of the bike rally by the Lokra Battalion



was highly appreciated by the civil administration.

The rally was warmly welcomed by locals of the entire

Sonitpur district and highly appreciated by one and all.

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Attack on Salman Rushdie

Acclaimed British-Indian author Salman Rushdie had just arrived onstage for an event at New York state's Chautauqua Institution when he was rushed by an assailant and stabbed multiple times in the neck and abdomen. The gory incident was caught on video, and soon after, the 75-year-old author was flown to a hospital where, as of this writing, he is reportedly undergoing surgery. Though little is known about the suspect, who was detained by police and identified as 24-year-old New Jersey resident Hadi Matar, observers were quick to recall the death sentence that's hung over Rushdie's head for over three decades: an edict from the Iranian government calling on Muslims to murder the writer over his award-winning novel *The Satanic Verses* for alleged blasphemy against Islam. Rushdie has had little issue with public appearances in recent years, but throughout the 1990s, he was one of the most endangered authors in the world. After the Iranian government called for his death in 1989, Rushdie went into hiding, and violence over his novel persisted: bomb threats in bookstores that carried *Satanic Verses*, attacks on the book's translators, communal clashes in Britain and India, heightened bounties for his capture. Though Rushdie came out of hiding in the late '90s, Islamic fundamentalists and hard-line religious groups harbored a vendetta against the author, and in 2007, the Iranian government stated that its fatwa cannot be revoked (it repeated this again in 2019). Attacks against Rushdie and those associated with *Satanic Verses* abated throughout the 2010s, with Rushdie even appearing on *Curb Your Enthusiasm* to joke about the matter. But with today's stabbing, speculation regarding the fatwa and Iran has reemerged. Police believe Matar acted alone, but Iran's state media still referred to Rushdie as an "apostate" who "insulted the prophet" in its official coverage of the attack. To recount this history and understand what may have led to this moment, I spoke on the phone with Nader Hashemi, director of the Center for Middle East Studies at the University of Denver and author of a 2019 piece on the legacy of *The Satanic Verses*. Our conversation has been edited and condensed for clarity.

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In Bihar, both BJP and Nitish Kumar camp happy. But 'Sushashan Babu' has invited trouble

Nitish Kumar creates a new record in Indian politics by becoming the chief minister of Bihar for the eighth time. In a sudden move, he broke away from the BJP and joined hands with his once-bitter opponent Lalu Prasad Yadav's Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD). Lalu's son Tejashwi Yadav is the deputy chief minister now. How the RJD's return to power in Bihar will influence the state's politics is not clear. The Congress and the Left parties also came along and lent their support to Nitish Kumar, thus forging a grand alliance—Mahagathbandhan—against the BJP. The new political platform jointly has 164 MLAs in the 243-member state assembly. The comfortable arithmetic in the assembly is safe enough for the government to be in office till 2025. But will the single-largest party, the RJD with 79 MLAs—keep Nitish in the hot seat till then? The BJP with 77 MLAs has to lie low and wait till the tide turns in its favour. The height of irony is that workers and leaders alike in both camps are jubilant. The Nitish Kumar camp feels that in the Lok Sabha elections, the Janata Dal (United) or JD(U) would have got a raw deal like contesting lesser seats than the BJP. While the Kurni and 'Mahadalit' vote bank that Nitish nurtured was intact, he was worried about the Yadav and OBC castes moving away to the RJD. With the BJP making a comeback in Bihar, the OBCs would have turned towards it and the Muslims would have deserted the JD(U) because of its partnership with the BJP. The 2020 assembly elections emphasised the power of the Muslim-Yadav (MY) vote bank combination,

with 83 per cent Yadav and 76 per cent Muslim votes going to the UPA while the NDA got just 5 per cent of each. The emerging caste calculations would have benefitted the RJD and the BJP, leaving Nitish Kumar with single-digit or zero seats in the Lok Sabha. In such a situation, the BJP cadre would begin demanding his ouster and want to anoint a BJP chief minister. By joining hands with his adversary, Nitish Kumar has pre-empted such a scenario.

Seshadri Chari

Lalu Yadav, this was his only chance to move closer to power and keep his family's hold over politics in Bihar. There is every reason for a large section of the BJP to feel happy that Nitish Kumar has decided to leave the coalition on his own. By playing the victim card, the BJP will be able to retain its vote share and sympathy votes. BJP's Bihar Unit chief Sanjay Jaiswal said, "The BJP fought the 2020 polls together under NDA, the mandate was for JD-U and BJP, we won more seats despite that, Nitish Kumar was made the CM. Whatever happened today is a betrayal of Bihar's people and the BJP". This betrayal-by-Nitish narrative and his joining hands with "chara chor" (fodder thief) Lalu will ensure a good number of voters veers towards the BJP once the clean image of Narendra Modi is juxtaposed. JD(U) supporters are blaming the 'anti-federal' attitude of the BJP for the split in the alliance. To blame the BJP in political meetings among (new) friends is one thing. But it is doubtful if such allegations will cut ice with people in the next election. The Lok Sabha elections will be held a

year before the assembly elections. The real test of Nitish's actions will be put to test then. Nitish Kumar will soon realise that the coalition with the RJD is like laying a fresh foundation for Goondaraj and opening the doors of the exchequer to corrupt elements. If he tries to rein in the RJD, there will be friction leading to destabilisation of the government. If he allows them to have their way, his image as "Sushashan Babu" (good governance man) will take a beating. Nitish will realise his folly, but it will be too late. The next Lok Sabha elections will be fought on these themes. Besides, the entire non-BJP votes scattered among nearly 150 castes will be chased by half-a-dozen parties whereas the consolidated votes of the rest will be easily mopped up by the BJP. The so-called 'secular' parties have found a new leader in Nitish Kumar after they lost Shiv Sena's Uddhav Thackeray to his party colleague Eknath Shinde. The Maharashtra experiment of keeping the BJP out at the cost of giving up one's own ideological moorings and carefully cultivated vote bank has cost the Shiv Sena dearly. The Congress-NCP combine and non-Congress opposition parties desperately needed another willing partner who can bring a winning caste combination to the negotiating table. So, Nitish Kumar became the best bet for them, especially after the mercurial Mamata Banerjee started focussing on her own agenda. Her party abstained from voting in the Vice-President election because she was "not consulted" on opposition candidate Margaret Alva. Her lukewarm response to Yashwant Sinha's selection as Presidential contestant proves she will have no links with the Congress-CPM strategy, her adversaries in West Bengal.

Anti-CAA to farmer protests-India's productive masses are giving real meaning to Tiranga

On the occasion of India's diamond jubilee celebration, there is a significant discussion about the importance of our national flag. The Bharatiya Janata Party has showcased the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign along with the photo of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on its Twitter account. The Congress has showcased the national flag with the first PM Jawaharlal Nehru's photo next to it. The Communists, as usual, have remained indifferent to the national flag debate as they love their own red flag more. The Congress and the BJP have their own party flags to hoist high and keep on their persons. And if necessary, on the top of their own ghar (home) to declare their political identities. However, it is important to look at the national flag from the point of view of India's productive communities who, in caste terms, constitute the Shudras, the Dalits, and the Adivasis. Quite interestingly, the 2019 protests against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act exclusively used the Tricolour and the Constitution. Even the recent nationwide protests against former BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma's remarks on Prophet Muhammad saw the national flag being used. While the 2020-2021 farmers' movement did see the Khalistani and various associations' flags making their way into the protests, the Indian flag flew high. Only a few other movements in the last 75 years of Independent India have held the national flag as dear to themselves as these protesters did. These movements were a new landmark in the nationalist ownership of the Tricolour. Now, it is more genuine and authentic. The Rashtriya



Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), Kancha Ilaiah Shepherd

for a long time, opposed the current Indian flag with the Ashoka Chakra at its centre. M. S. Golwalkar, the second sarsanghchalak of the RSS, in his book *Bunch of Thoughts*, said: "Our leaders have set up a new flag for our country. Why did they do so? It is just a case of drifting and imitating. How did this flag come into being? During the French Revolution, the French put up three stripes on their flag to express the triple ideas of 'equality', 'fraternity' and 'liberty'. The American Revolution, inspired by similar principles, took it up with some changes. Three stripes, therefore, held a sort of fascination for our freedom fighters also. So, it was taken up by the Congress." The RSS guru was opposed to the idea of liberty, equality, and fraternity, as they would dismantle the caste and varna-dharma structures that it upholds. The RSS saw the red-dish saffron (different from the RSS saffron) in the Tricolour as Communist and the green as

Islamic. The Communists, since the early days, have no respect for any other flag except the red flag, which symbolises the proletarian revolution. They have written hundreds of songs on the red flag, as it is the global representative of the working class. Having approved the three colours—deep saffron, white and green—for the national flag, B.R. Ambedkar, in the Constituent Assembly debates, asked for the Ashoka Chakra to be placed at the centre of the flag instead of the charkha (spinning wheel) that many, including M.K. Gandhi, proposed. Ambedkar, by then, was inclined towards Buddhism. The national flag was finally adopted in its current form on 22 July 1947 and hoisted at midnight on 15 August. If the BJP were around and in power then, the Tricolour with Ashoka Chakra would not have been the Indian national flag. It would have been a simple saffron flag, maybe with the swastika on it. We do not know what would have happened to India

in such troubled Partition times. And we don't know what it would have meant to the vast masses of Shudras, Dalits, or Adivasis either in such a Divija-dominated Hindu/Hindutva environment. Ambedkar chose the blue colour for the flag of the party floated by his Scheduled Castes Federation of India in 1942. It is now the flag colour of the Bahujan Samaj Party. The new meaning of the national flag comes from the 2020-2021 farmers' struggle against the farm laws. The Shudras, Dalits, and Adivasis have no other flag to depend so much on as the national flag because it was only after the Tricolour was hoisted at midnight on 15 August 1947 that the victims of the varna system entered a new phase of life. This flag meant liberty, equality, and fraternity—the ideals that Ambedkar also repeatedly upheld while drafting the Constitution. From Golwalkar's statement above, we can understand how much they hated these ideals that are the lifeblood of the Shudras, Dalits, and Adivasis today. The deep

saffron colour on the top of the Indian national flag indicates the revolution of the masses. The white represents peace that was needed to put an end to caste oppression, exploitation, untouchability, and violence. The green does not mean Islam, as the RSS intellectuals thought, but the greenery of crops, positive, eco-friendly life, food for people and cattle, and so on. It means what the contemporary world is aiming for right now—environmentalism. Farmers are its human personification in India. In modern Indian history, the most authentic representative of farmers was Jyotirao Phule. All his writings focused on the problems of farmers whom he called Shudras and Ati-Shudras. His book *Gulamgiri* (1873) was the first to reflect the liberty, equality and fraternity aspirations of the productive masses. Ambedkar, as I said, approved the flag by inserting the Ashoka Chakra. The farmers owned it as a part of their national self in their struggle to protect the agrarian economy. The Constitution, the national flag, and democratic institutions should be protected and continued—they are India's lifeblood. The freedom fighters, with their diverse views and aspirations, created a 'modern India' with its current democratic structures, constitutional ideology, and national symbols. The Constitution is the living embodiment of all that India stands for. The national flag is an expression of the people's spirit. While hoisting the flag on every house in villages, towns and buildings, we must keep the spirit of the freedom struggle alive and constantly commemorate the sacrifices of the freedom fighters.

Nitish Kumar is looking for his Phoenix moment in 2024



announcing Shanker Arnimesh

the only constant in Bihar, someone who cannot be taken out of calculation when harbouring the dream of returning to the PM's office. And that is why Nitish Kumar is ThePrint's Newsmaker of the Week. Nitish Kumar is no Deve Gowda, or Inder Kumar Gujral or even Chandra Sekhar who enjoyed power despite having fewer seats in the Lok Sabha. But he has achieved something similar in Bihar for nearly 17 years. Parties with more seats than JD(U) have no choice but to back Nitish. This is the power of this astute politician. And it's the Sushann Babu image that makes his allies and opponents realise his price in Bihar's political market. Now, in the absence of a viable alternative to Modi, his worth may be realised nationally. His strong credentials vis a vis handling corruption and grip over Bihar's 16 per cent voteshare comprising the extremely backward class (EBC) too is irresistible for players in the state and beyond. Upendra Kushwaha, member, JD(U) parliamentary board, says Nitish has all qualities that require him to become the PM. And that's a template that interests the opposition too. A track record of good governance, secular credentials and clean image helps his case. And he is a Hindi-speaking politician from north India, unlike TRS' Chandrasekhar Rao or even Mamata Banerjee who too have

national ambition. But KCR has only 17 seats. NCP's Sharad Pawar is too old. And Congress is in double mind to lead the opposition battle against Modi. In the opposition camp, Kejriwal maintains safe distance from Mamata and others. Delhi CM's silence on Nitish is also defining—suits his politics. Those who know Nitish from up close find the JD(U) leader an introvert. He never speaks his mind, and starts to withdraw if pushed beyond a threshold. In February 2020, Nitish was in Delhi to attend Rohan Jaitley's marriage—his old friend Arun Jaitley's son. When an entourage of businessmen and Bollywood celebrities arrived, Nitish was quick to head out. He withdraws immediately, if he does not find the company suitable. Various BJP leaders are levelling the charge against the Bihar CM that he had vice-presidential ambitions. Now he could have held a press conference and cleared the air. But he didn't. That's Nitish Kumar for his opponents. He will keep them guessing. There are many reasons being cited for Nitish's exit—from BJP's recent morcha meet in Patna where the party announced to fight more than 200 seats alone in the next assembly election, to J.P. Nadda's anti-regional party remark. BJP was caught napping. It never thought Nitish would go the RJD way—a party unable to shed its corrupt, dynastic tag and that may come under the scanner

of central agencies. Nitish spent his initial days with Lalu, helping him become chief minister in 1990. But as soon as he sensed an overreaching influence of Lalu in Janata Dal, he parted ways to form Samta Party with George Fernandes. Samta Party did not take off smoothly and Nitish got only seven seats in the 1995 election. Later, when he realised that aligning with the BJP will give him leverage against Lalu, in 1996, he joined alliance with them, becoming a cabinet minister under Atal Bihari Vajpayee. Arun Sinha, Nitish's colleague and biographer, writes in his book *Nitish Kumar and Rise of Bihar* that "in fact, he was with Lalu, who took on Karpooi Thakur in the inner-party battle in 1987 even though Nitish Kumar had a perfect relationship with Thakur. Nitish thought of categorisation of 22 most backward castes as Mahadalit came from Karpooi Thakur only". After Karpooi Thakur and Lalu, George Fernandes became the third victim of Nitish's change of heart. In 2009, he denied the veteran leader Lok Sabha ticket from Muzaffarpur on the ground that he was ailing. Nitish changed his heart again in 2010 when Gujarat chief minister Narendra Modi was visiting Patna and the BJP published an advertisement in local newspapers showing Nitish and Modi in the same frame. Protective about his secular credentials, Nitish led his first separation from BJP in 2013. Change of heart again happened in 2013 when he made way for Jitan Ram Manjhi to make him the chief minister. But that didn't last long and Nitish was back as the CM by early 2015. Former deputy chief minister says: "even RJD will not trust Nitish knowing his past track record, second Nitish with 17-20 Lok Sabha seats can't become a challenger to Modi." However, Bengal, Maharashtra, Bihar can spoil BJP's chance of a bigger mandate. Modi, who knows Nitish from 1977 and has worked closely with him, says even he failed to understand the former's mind.

'Independence Day'

■ **Rupak G. Duarah**

It is the day of Nation's pride
Recollecting the prolonged struggle of freedom
Selfless rebel of millions of brave souls
Against British-raj
We pay homage
To those great leaders and civilians
For whose sincere efforts and sacrifice
The Nation achieves the goal of
Political liberty and sovereign status

The Tri-colour reflects
The strength and courage of the nation
Along with peace and truth
We never forget the fertility,
growth and auspiciousness
Of this holy land
We should tighten our bond
With peace, harmony and brotherhood
To make our society
Strong enough
Boosting towards outstanding growth.

Assam Sahitya Sabha elections and Yeshe Dorjee Thongchi



The Assam Sahitya Sabha is the oldest literary and cultural organization in Assam and is a well-known name in Assam and the whole of India. It was born in 1917. The 'Assamese Language Promotion Society' and the 'Asomiya Bhasha Unnati Sadhini Sabha' were formed by a group of Assamese students studying in Calcutta earlier. The "Assamese Language Promotion Society" founded in Calcutta in 1888 can be said to be the seed of the Assam Sahitya Sabha. They are mainly like Lakshminath Bezbarua, Hemchandra Goswami and Chandra Kumar Agarwala etc. The Assamese students of Calcutta at that time established this organization in Calcutta for the development of Assamese literature. And in time, finally, the "Assam Sahitya Sabha" was born. The Assam Sahitya Sabha is an organization that involves the emotions of Assamese people in Assam and abroad. The Assam Sahitya Sabha has had a glorious history since its inception. The Assam Sahitya Sabha remains the main literary institution of Assam to this day. They are actively working to preserve the Assamese language, literature and culture. But it has been occasionally criticized. There are many complaints against the Assam Sahitya Sabha during this long period. That sounds unpleasant, but it is absolutely true. The people of Assam have repeatedly said that the Assam Sahitya Sabha will regain its former glory only under the supervision of qualified writers and office bearers.



■ **Pranjal Gare**

It's a pity that, for some people, the glory of this oldest literary institution in Assam has faded. Some of them have also used the Assam Sahitya Sabha for political purposes. There has been a long controversy recently. Meanwhile, the central session of the Assam Sahitya Sabha is also approaching. The session will elect the President, Vice-President and General Secretary of the Assam Sahitya Sabha. There is now a widespread campaign inside the national organization for the election of the next president, vice-president and general secretary. The election committee has been formed under the chairmanship of former Justice Biplab Kumar Sharma. The announcement will be made at the Seventh Plenary Executive Committee of the Sahitya Sabha Assembly at the end of November. The names of the next President, Vice-President and General Secretary of the Assam Sahitya Sabha. Then some members raised the issue of financial scam in the Assam Sahitya Sabha assembly. Why did the office bearers of the Assembly open fake accounts in the name of repairing the Dibrugarh regional office? There were many questions about how and why two accounts were opened in parallel. There were also some delegates who spoke out against the financial scam of expelled former General Secretary Drlagdish Patgiri. Patgiri, who is involved in a Rs 45 lakh financial scam, was rumored to

be the presidential candidate this time. The vice-president of the assembly, Mrinalini Devi, was insulted by the executive. After such controversy, Yeshe Dorjee Thongchi's announcement that he intends to become the President of the Sahitya Sabha has naturally given hope to every Assamese who has the last respect for the Assam Sahitya Sabha. He is a writer who represents the eternal love of Thongchi, Assam and Arunachal Pradesh. Yeshe Dorjee Thongchi was born in Arunachal but he is known to every Assamese. He received his higher education from Cotton College and Guwahati University in Assam and continued to write in Assamese. He has written several novels, collections of short stories and autobiographies. He has been enriching Assamese literature and keeping ties with Assam. He lives so close to the Assamese reader through literature. There is a lot of joy among the literary lovers of Assam after receiving the news that, this renowned writer has decided to become the President of the Assam Sahitya Sabha this year. While some people hope that Thongchi will bring the often controversial Assam Sahitya Sabha back to real literature and reform it as a whole, a few selfish people are criticizing him. Thangchi had been openly invited by the educated community of Assam for many years to take over the leadership of the darkened national organization Sahitya Sabha, but he always politely rejected the offer! But this time the situation is different. The veteran writer has expressed his interest in taking over as the president of the Sahitya Sabha with a great message of harmony among the seven sisters of the North East. Unfortunately, the reference to him as a foreigner instead of supporting him has hurt literature lovers. A writer who was educated in Assam, wrote in Assamese language with excellent content and tech-

nique, for whose works Assam received awards like the Sahitya Akademi. It is a shame and sadness to call that great writer a foreigner! It was only in 1987 that Arunachal Pradesh was separated from Assam. There are many people who have been writing in Assamese language in undivided Assam since then. The fact that a former Indian administrative officer does not have organizational skills is also very insignificant. He was awarded the Padma Shri, the Kalaguru Bishnu Rava Sahitya Award of the Assam Sahitya Sabha in 2001, the Sahitya Academy Award in 2005 for his novel 'Moun Oth Mukhar Hriday'. He was awarded the Chukapha Award by the Government of Assam in 2021, the Assam Valley Literature Award by Megar in 2017 and the Special Excellence Award by the Sadin-Pratidin Group in 2017. He has been awarded the Bhupen Hazarika National Award, the Basudev Jalan Award of the Assam Sahitya Sabha, the Lakshminath Bezbarua Literary Award, the Dr. Moyidul Islam Bora Literary Award, the Rangbang Terang Samanya Award and the Borochra Award. He has contributed immensely to the social life of Assam by enriching the repository of literature and folk culture. Therefore, it is a matter of great pride for the Assam Sahitya Sabha to have such a President. There are many examples of great personalities who have advanced the field of nation and language literature by holding this title like the Sahitya Sabha. The Assam Sahitya Sabha has existed and will continue to exist among the Assamese people as the main and unique national literary institution of Assam. Therefore, it is essential that the Assam Sahitya Sabha be free from political influence. There is a lot of hope that the Assam Sahitya Sabha will regain its former glory only under the supervision of worthy writers and office bearers like Yeshe Dorjee Thongchi.



■ **Shahnaz Husain**

To remove kajal from the lower lashes use a cotton bud that has a little cleanser on it. Also, clean the corners of the eyes with a cotton bud. Use very gentle movements on the lashes. Brush your lashes with an eyelash brush, so that they are not entangled. Heavy eye make-up, too much mascara and even eyelash extensions can damage and lead to loss of lashes. If you have very thin or sparse eyelashes, it may become a problem and you may wonder how to encourage their growth. You can apply very little oil on the eyelashes, using a cotton bud. You may apply almond oil, coconut oil, or olive oil. Leave it on for 15 to 20 minutes and wipe off very gently with moist cotton wool. Do not go to sleep with oil on the eyelashes, as this can lead to puffy eyes. Curry leaves are also said to help. Keep curry leaves in hot water and leave it to cool. Then make

a paste of the curry leaves and apply to the lashes, again using a cotton bud. Apply very little and wash off with water after 15 minutes. You can also apply aloe vera gel. You can take the gel from the aloe vera growing in your house. The gel obtained from the plant itself is the leaf pulp and is found in the inner portion of the leaves. First, wash the leaf well and observe total hygiene while ex-

tracting the gel. Apply a small amount of aloe vera gel on the eyelashes before bed and wash it off in the morning. Castor oil: Apply a small amount of castor oil on the eyelashes each night before bed and wash it off in the morning. Eyelid massage: Gently massage eyelids along the lash line. Nowadays new eyelash serum is available, to help enhance the growth of natural eyelashes.

Tier II & III cities to become the epicenter of digital revolution in India



and equip them with all the required facilities to further augment the growth. A report by IAMAI-Kantar ICUBE 2020 estimates that active internet users will grow by 45% in India over the next five years and reach 900 million users by 2025, up from 622 million in 2020. Tier-II & III cities constitute a larger part of the population that is joining the digital world steadfastly for its day-to-day needs, making digital revolution firm in India. According to reports, rural India will have more internet users than urban India by 2025. As a result, the digital ecosystem would have to adapt to cater to the needs of this new demographic. As per the estimates of the McKinsey Global Institute (MGI) Digital Adoption Index, India is the second-fastest growing digital economy among the 17 leading economies of the world. A NASSCOM report titled 'Future of Technology Services- Winning in this Decade' highlights that over 50 digital initiatives in diverse sectors such as finance and banking, healthcare, IT/ITES are fueling India's digital dream and are contributing 8% to the economy. Moreover, the Covid-19 pandemic too has accelerated digitization and tier-II and tier III cities are the strongest force behind this thrust in the digital economy of the country. Earlier, most of the business activities, especially IT/ITES, used to remain centered around metropolitan cities such as Gurugram, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, etc.

■ **Arvind Kumar**
Director General, STPI

With several conducive factors including superior infrastructure and skilled workforce, Tier-II and III cities have emerged as new loci of growth recently. The groundwork laid by the Electronics Commission envisaged the creation of regional computing centers to spur software and intellectual capital development in India. And, the establishment of the National Task Force on Information Technology and Software Development and New Telecommunication Policy provided the roadmap further to catalyze the growth of the IT/ITES sector. Meanwhile, a spate of infrastructure development has also made these cities the most sought-after destinations for IT/ITES investments and other businesses. Likewise, the Digital India and Startup India campaigns, the JAM trinity, and Smart Cities Mission have also accelerated the transformation of these cities. It is estimated that there are more than 61,000 recognized startups in India, across 55 industries, with 45% of them located in Tier II and Tier III cities. The state governments have undertaken various initiatives to attract IT firms and provide a conducive ecosystem by establishing industrial clusters, SEZ, and various skill development initiatives to stay ahead in the digitization process. Industry

bodies such as NASSCOM, ASSOCHAM, TIE have created access to financial assistance, mentorship, incubation, and network opportunities to support path-breaking ideas from the hinterlands. According to an estimate by Zinnov (a leading management consultancy), about 976 MNCs have set up 1,257 Global In-house Centres (GICs) in India, out of which 68 GICs are in Tier-II locations. The relaxation in the Department of Telecommunications' compliance guidelines allowing IT firms to work from anywhere amid Covid-19 is also set to provide a fillip to this trend. Moreover, with an aim to foster an IT ecosystem in tier-II and III cities, STPI has launched the India BPO Promotion Scheme (IBPS). This scheme seeks to incentivize the establishment of 48,300 seats in respect of BPO/ITES operations across India. The government provides financial support of up to Rs 1 lakh per seat under two plans-India BPO Promotion Scheme and North East BPO Promotion Scheme. The scheme is distributed among each state in the proportion of state and population with an outlay of Rs. 493 crores. There are special incentives in the scheme to promote employment for women and specially-abled persons, the participation of local entrepreneurs, setting up operations in non-capital cities, etc. Such a combination of the rising middle class, a shift in consumption patterns and technological innovation augurs well for tier-II and tier III cities to emerge as growth engines of the Indian economy. The upcoming large-scale developments such as Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC), Metro Neo and Metro Lite, Haryana Orbital Rail Corridor will bolster connectivity and put tier-II and tier III cities such as Sonapat, Jaipur, Dehradun, etc. on the infrastructure map. On the technological front, the proposed roll out of 5G technology also augurs well for the IT/ITES industry in these cities. A Datacenter Policy is also in the pipeline that will escalate the digital transformation process in India. Also, the 'work from home' model amid the Covid-19 pandemic has set

off a trend of reverse migration. As a result, firms are moving to tap talent in Indian hinterlands instead of workforce migrating to Tier I cities for employment. It has led to the emergence of the 'hub and spoke' and 'edge' model wherein tier I cities serve as hubs while tier II and tier III towns form the spoke network, and the edge implies the work that can be done remotely. This model allows leading IT firms to diversify their operations at comparatively lower costs in Tier II and Tier III cities while retaining their clientele in tier I cities. Another emerging trend is the gig economy, wherein firms are looking to diversify their workforce through contract employees who impart flexibility and agility to their operational models. Moreover, leading multinational firms are embracing the idea of expansion in these cities due to multiple advantages including cost-effectiveness, lower land and labor costs, availability of a large talent pool, and low attrition rate of the workforce. Besides serving as a consumer market, the cities such as Jaipur, Indore, Lucknow have emerged as an education hub, thereby generating skilled human capital employed in various firms. Bolstered by these factors, tier II and tier III cities will emerge at the forefront of the digital revolution. This trend will have a multiplier socio-economic impact in the region in terms of employment generation, curbing migration to metropolitan cities, boosting the local economy, improving living standards, and bridging regional disparities in economic development. This will also lessen the burden of mega cities which are facing problems due to limited resources and influx of people from around the corner of the country in the pursuit of quality life. However, it will be critical for these cities to sustain the digitization wave. Focusing on strengthening infrastructure, encouraging skill development among the youth, fostering an entrepreneurial ecosystem, and catalyzing innovation through ground-breaking ideas, and augmenting industry-academia collaborations, efforts will help these cities to reap tangible benefits of digitization.

Rakhike Bandhan : Non-breakable chain of protection

India is the most culturally enriched country in the world. It is the land of religions, faiths, fairs and festivals. Some festivals are common to the masses, whereas some reinforce the bond between two particular relations, such as Karva Chauth (Wife & Husband), Haritalika or Teej (Wife & Husband), Jivitputrika or Jivita (Mother & Child), Bhaiya Dooj (Brother & Sister), Guru Purnima (Teacher & Pupil) etc. One of such bond reinforcing festival between Brother and Sister is Raksha Bandhan, in which the sister ties the sacred thread called "Rakhi" on her brother's right wrist to pray for his prosperity & well-being and in return the brother offers to take responsibility for proper care of the sisters. The festival is celebrated every year on Purnima (Full Moon), the last day of Shrawan month of Vikram Samvat Panchang, traditionally used in the Indian sub-continent. In broad sense, Raksha Bandhan festival is the symbol of seeking protection from powerful ones by weaker ones. The two Sanskrit words "Raksha" and "Bandhan" i.e. "Bond of protection", symbolizes sincere and lofty human emotions. The occasion also has a pledge for spiritual, cultural and moral values.

There are several mythological and religious stories regarding Raksha Bandhan. There was a battle between Devtas and Demons, in which Devraj Indra was in fear to lose. Then Indrani, the wife of Devraj, prepared a sacred thread with her religious power and tied it around Indra's right hand with a wish that it will protect him from demons. Her wish came true when later day Devtas defeated

domons and Indra along with other Devtas returned safely. Mahabharat narrates that once Bhagwan Krishna was flying a kite, during which his finger got cut with the thread. Seeing the blood, Draupadi immediately tore a piece of cloths from her Saree and tied it on Krishna's wounded finger. Krishna promised to protect her against all odds throughout his life-time which were fulfilled.

■ **Er. Prabhat Kishore** Humayun asking for his help. Humayun immediately set off, but by then the Sultan had already conquered the fortress and Rani had immolated herself as Jauhar. Humayun restored Karnavati's son, Vikramjit, to the throne. In 18th century, Sikh Khalsa armies initiated Rakhi system as a promise to protect peasant farmers from Afgan invaders. Raksha Bandhan is celebrated in India, Nepal, Mauritius, Fiji, Pakistan, Bangladesh and South Asian countries. Although it is said to be festival of Hindus along with its other originating sects Sikh, Buddhist, Jain; but in various parts of the country it can be seen to be celebrated among Muslims, Christians and Parsis too. The brother-sister bond in celebrating Raksha Bandhan do not mean just blood relation, but cousins, sisters, sister-in-laws, fraternal aunt, nephew, and other equivalent relations. A sister is the gift to the heart, a friend to the spirit and a golden thread to the meaning of life. The brother and sister try to visit each other in order to bring back the solidarity of the family and binding the family in emotional bond of love. In addition to real life, the festival has been portrayed in reel-life



of movies too. The big as well as small screens acted as a catalyst to spread the festival vibes among the people. The scenes and songs have connected the people to understand the brother-sister relation more prominently. As trees are the life supporting natural system for human beings by absorbing harmful gases like Carbon Dioxide and releasing oxygen; so on this day, the environmentalists tied Rakhi around the trees with a messages to protect it and conserve the nature. In rural areas, the priests tie sacred Bandhan on their Yajman's wrist, give blessings and in return obtain Dakshina for their livelihood. In present era of globalisation, Raksha Bandhan could not be restricted to just bond between brother and sister, the relationship could be generalized in every sector of life, i.e. from bond of protection between privileged and under-privileged sections of society to developed and underdeveloped nations. The thread of Rakhi is considered as non-breakable chains and it binds the pious relationship in an inseparable bond of love, trust and care. It has social significance as it underlines the notion that everybody should live in harmonious co-existence with each other.

Home Remedies for Longer, Thicker Eyelashes Naturally

Eyelashes protect the eyes from light debris. They also act like sensors that warn the eyes of potential danger when objects come close. In fact, more attention is being paid to eye make-up, especially during this Covid crisis. Masks are mandatory, while eyes are visible. This has increased the importance of protecting the beauty of our eyes and eyelashes. Leaving mascara, eyeliner and eye shadow on right through the night can affect the beauty of the lashes. In fact, it can lead to infection of the lashes and eyes. At night, use a cleansing gel and cotton wool to remove eye make-up gently. For upper lashes, put a cleanser on cotton wool and wrap it around your index finger. Brush through the lashes from underneath. To remove mascara from the lower lashes, use a cotton bud with a little cleanser on it.

To remove kajal from the lower lashes use a cotton bud that has a little cleanser on it. Also, clean the corners of the eyes with a cotton bud. Use very gentle movements on the lashes. Brush your lashes with an eyelash brush, so that they are not entangled. Heavy eye make-up, too much mascara and even eyelash extensions can damage and lead to loss of lashes. If you have very thin or sparse eyelashes, it may become a problem and you may wonder how to encourage their growth. You can apply very little oil on the eyelashes, using a cotton bud. You may apply almond oil, coconut oil, or olive oil. Leave it on for 15 to 20 minutes and wipe off very gently with moist cotton wool. Do not go to sleep with oil on the eyelashes, as this can lead to puffy eyes. Curry leaves are also said to help. Keep curry leaves in hot water and leave it to cool. Then make

a paste of the curry leaves and apply to the lashes, again using a cotton bud. Apply very little and wash off with water after 15 minutes. You can also apply aloe vera gel. You can take the gel from the aloe vera growing in your house. The gel obtained from the plant itself is the leaf pulp and is found in the inner portion of the leaves. First, wash the leaf well and observe total hygiene while ex-

tracting the gel. Apply a small amount of aloe vera gel on the eyelashes before bed and wash it off in the morning. Castor oil: Apply a small amount of castor oil on the eyelashes each night before bed and wash it off in the morning. Eyelid massage: Gently massage eyelids along the lash line. Nowadays new eyelash serum is available, to help enhance the growth of natural eyelashes.

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India slams China's defence of top

Arindam Bagchi said, "I want to emphasize that it is unfortunate that when it comes to our collective battle against terrorism and the international community has been unable to speak in one common voice." Moreover, Bagchi highlighted that India will continue to pursue its principled position of bringing terrorists to justice including through the UNSC resolution. He reiterated that India's permanent representative in United Nations in New York during the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) open debate on August 9, had flagged this concern categorically to all members. "We note with regret that a technical hold has been placed on the listing proposals," Bagchi added. Bagchi while quoting the Indian envoy to UN Ruchira Kamboj said, "there should be no double standards in dealing with terrorists. The practice of placing holds and blocks without giving any justification must end. It is most regrettable that genuine and evidence-based listing proposals pertaining to some of the most notorious terrorists in the world are being placed on hold. Double standards and continuing politicizations have rendered the credibility of the sanctions committee regime at an all-time low." "As you are all aware Abdul Rauf Azhar, the deputy chief of Jaish-e-Mohammad which is a UN proscribed entity was actively involved in terrorist acts such as the hijacking of Indian Airlines flight IC 814 in 1999 as well as the terror attacks on the Indian Parliament in 2001 and the terror attacks at Indian Army camps in Kathua in 2014 as well as the Indian Air Force (IAF) base in Pathankot base in 2016. Abdul Rauf Azhar has been proscribed in Indian and US laws already therefore the placing of the technical hold against such unwanted terrorists is most uncalled for. India will continue to pursue its principled position of bringing these terrorists to justice including through the UNSC resolution 1267 sanctions regime." India and the United States wanted Azhar to be designated as an international terrorist and be subjected to a global travel ban and freezing of his assets, a proposal that would need to be agreed by all members in the 15-nation UNSC body but China, a permanent veto-wielding member of the UN and a close ally of Pakistan, delayed the move by putting a hold on it. Reuters cited a spokesperson for China's mission to the United Nations as saying that the delay was done as China needed "more time to study the case." "Placing holds is provided for by the Committee guidelines, and there have been quite a number of similar holds by Committee members on listing requests," the Chinese spokesperson was quoted as saying. Azhar has been under US sanctions since 2010 after the United States accused him of urging Pakistanis to engage in militant activities and organize suicide attacks in India. On Tuesday, India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations Ruchira Kamboj made these remarks during a UNSC debate on Tuesday on threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts. China on repeated occasions has put the listing of Pakistan-based terrorists under the UNSC Al-Qaeda and ISIL Sanctions Committee on hold. Earlier in June, India slammed China after it blocked the proposal to list terrorist Abdul Rehman Makki under the Sanctions Committee, also known as the UNSC 1267 Committee. Ambassador Kamboj said India has suffered from the menace of terrorism for decades and has learned to counter this threat with resolve and firm determination. "We hope that the international community will stand united in addressing this threat to humanity with zero tolerance," she added. A spokesperson of the US mission to the United Nations told Reuters, "The United States respects other countries' needs to verify that a sanctions proposal meets their domestic evidentiary threshold to justify a listing at the UN." "The United States values cooperation with our Security Council partners to effectively use this tool in an apolitical way to stop terrorists from exploiting the global order to do their misdeeds," the spokesperson added.

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recruitment of professors. Advertisements will have to be put up in at least four national newspapers. "The governor also asked universities to ensure quality of education and infrastructure is at par with international standards. Moreover, a panel will be constituted under the supervision of the Governor for the selection of the Vice-Chancellor of universities, added Prof Mukhi.

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

of the Cycle Rally to spread the message of independence and help the younger generation to imbibe the feelings of patriotism among them. The Chief Minister also called upon the people that on the occasion of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav they should take a resolution to make the society greener. He also said that on the culmination of the 75th year of India's independence, the period of the country's journey towards the 100th year of its independence has been marked as 'Amrit Kal'. On this occasion people should take a pledge to work to make the country a Viswa Guru. Earlier, on the occasion of the celebrations of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma also participated in a Prabhat Pheri taken part by the school and college students and others to mark the beginning of the nationwide Har Ghar Tiranga campaign. The procession started from Kamrup Academy School where every student wielded National Flags traversed through Guwahati Club, Ambari, Dighalipukhuri etc. chanting Vande Mataram which reverberated the ambience of the city. The Chief Minister thanked the students for their spontaneous participation which really made the 'morning march' successful. Education Minister Dr. Ranoo Pegu, Advisor to Education Dr. Nani Gopal Mahanta and a host of other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

Assam CM unveiled 'Moran

as well as the people of Assam. Various steps have been taken to preserve and develop their tradition, culture, customs and literature. For that purpose the government of Assam has created the department of Indigenous and Tribal Faiths and Culture. He also called upon the young generation to earn knowledge about the powerful and colourful history of Assam. He also said that the government has decided to introduce Assam and Indian history and geography in the school curriculum from class VIII. MP Pabitra Margherita, Professor of Dibrugarh University and editor of "Moran Janagosthir Buranji" Nirode Baruah also spoke in the meeting. MLAs Balin Chetia and Suren Phukan, President of Asom Moran Sabha, President of All Moran Students Union and other dignitaries were also present in the meeting.

Har Ghar Tiranga: Families of terrorists in Kashmir unfurl national flag

Jammu, August 13 : As Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call to the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign reverberates in India with people across the country taking out Tiranga rallies, and displaying the flag in their homes however, in a rare show of patriotism, the families of two fugitive terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda hoisted national flag to mark the 75 years of India's independence and register their support to the prime minister's movement, reported ANI. According to ANI, the brother of the reported terrorist said that they always unfurl the national flag on Independence Day and said that his brother, who is a terrorist in Pakistan, went to join the anti-national forces when he was a minor and they want them to come back. "We always hoist the Tiranga on Independence day. My brother is a terrorist in Pakistan. He was underage when he went. We want him to come back," the man told. Meanwhile, the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign is being celebrated in full swing in the country and rallies, and celebrations taking place at all corners. Markets and public places are swamped with buyers who are actively participating in the movement. However, political barbs and verbal back and forth are on between the BJP and Congress over the Tiranga movement.

SP among 3 cops suspended over allegations of negligence in 13-yr-old girl's death case

Guwahati, August 13: CM Himanta Biswa Sarma ordered the suspension of the top brass of Darrang police, including Superintendent of Police Rajmohan Ray, over allegations of police negligence in a death case of a 13-year-old girl. Additional SP Rupam Phukan and Dhula Police Station Officer in-charge were also suspended until further notice. The orders came after Sarma visited the girl's family in Dhekiajuli on Friday. "Visited the house of a 13-year-old girl, who died under mysterious circumstances, at Praja Pathar village in Dhekiajuli. Ordered an SIT probe into the matter & suspension of Darrang SP, Addl SP, and OC of Dhula PS for their alleged negligence in investigation into the case," Sarma tweeted following the visit. The 13-year-old was found dead on June 11, "hanging" at the home of one Krishna Kamal Baruah, an SSB jawan residing in Dhula, where she was employed as a domestic help. "The family [of Baruah] alleged that she was found hanging. A newspaper report had claimed that the police did not want to register FIR. The police recorded it as a suicide and no further investigation was done," Sarma told reporters, adding that he was "unhappy" with the way case was followed. A statement from the Chief Minister's Office said that Sarma was accompanied by Assam Director General of Police Bhaskar Jyoti Mahanta. "The Chief Minister interacted with the relatives of the deceased and inquired about the allegations they had labelled against Darrang police administration. It has been alleged that the police displayed extreme dereliction of duty in collecting of photographic and videographic evidence of the incident," the statement said. "It has been further 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." DGP Mahanta told The Indian Express that the district police had not followed "even the basics" while registering the case. "First it was registered it as an unnatural death case, then as a suicide. After the relatives of the girl lodged a complaint alleging murder, both husband [Baruah] and wife were sent to judicial custody. No custodial interrogation was done," he said. A three-member Special Investigation Team (SIT) has been constituted to investigate the incident. Two of three members are women. "While the police registered the FIR, there were procedural loopholes," said state minister Ashok Singhal. "The CM was not comfortable with the investigation ... that is why he visited." On Friday, following the suspensions, the Assam government appointed Prasanta Saikia and Nirupam Hazarika as SP and Additional SP of Darrang, respectively.

The Satanic Verses: 'fatwa' of death was issued 33 years back for controversial book

New Delhi, August 13: Famous writer Salman Rushdie has been attacked with a deadly weapon yesterday. He was going to address an event in New York, USA. He was admitted to the hospital soon after the attack. Salman Rushdie was threatened 33 years ago over his book, now this issue has come alive once again. Criticism of Islam and Salman Rushdie, today it is very difficult to separate these two from each other. Famous writer Salman Rushdie was attacked with a knife in New York, USA. Traces of blood were seen at the site of the attack testifying to this. Salman Rushdie has been admitted to the hospital by air ambulance. It is reported from Reuters that he has undergone surgery but is still on ventilator. How much hatred was for Salman Rushdie in the mind of the attacker, it can be understood from this that the body of 75-year-old Salman Rushdie was stabbed several times with a knife. The attacker has been arrested and his interrogation is on. Let us tell you that the person who interviewed Salman Rushdie also has a minor head injury. The Governor of New York has given information about Salman Rushdie. New York police said the attacker's name is Hardy and he is 24 years old. The help of the FBI is being taken in the investigation. Our job right now is to help Salman Rushdie's family. We are working with the FBI to understand the purpose of this attack. Significantly, this series of hatred towards Salman Rushdie starts from 1988. Salman Rushdie's book The Satanic Verses has been banned in Iran since 1988 because many Muslims consider it blasphemous. This trend continued and in 1989 the late leader of Iran Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini issued a 'fatwa', calling for the death of Salman Rushdie. The attack on Salman Rushdie is being condemned. A large section of writers and thinkers are calling the attack on Salman Rushdie cowardly. Know that Salman Rushdie has done four marriages. Salman Rushdie married Padma Lakshmi, Marianne Wiggins, Elizabeth West and Clarissa Luard. Although even after doing four marriages, he is single today. Salman Rushdie has been divorced from all four.

Suspected Jaish terrorist tasked with killing Nupur Sharma arrested in UP's Saharanpur

Lucknow, August 13: The Anti-Terrorist Squad of Uttar Pradesh Police on Friday arrested an alleged terrorist linked to Jaish-e-Mohammed, who was tasked with killing suspended BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma. Accused Mohammad Nadeem is a native of Kunda Kala village under Gangoh police station area in Saharanpur district, Uttar Pradesh Additional Director General of Police (Law and Order) Prashant Kumar said in a statement. The ADGP claimed that the police recovered chats and voice messages from Nadeem's phone and these messages were traced to Pakistan and Afghanistan. The accused was allegedly tasked with murdering Nupur Sharma, whose objectionable remark on Prophet Muhammad triggered wide-spread protests and condemnation. During interrogation, Nadeem admitted that he was in direct contact with JeM since 2018 and that the outfit had invited him over to Pakistan and Syria for special training. The Uttar Pradesh police booked Mohammad Nadeem under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

Azadi Ka Amrit Festival in Laharighat

Assam Rising, Bhuragaon, August 13 : The country is celebrating the 75th anniversary of India's independence. Har Ghar Tiranga Program is being celebrated from August 13 to 15 in conjunction with the government's directive. The flag was hoisted by Javed Ali Ahmed, a prominent social worker of Laharighat and Fazal Uddin Bhasani, a social worker and chairman of Laharighat. The event was moderated by the Secretary of the Management Committee of the Madrasa, Ruhul Amin. 1 km. They also created awareness about the tricolor flag with patriotic slogans.

Freedom fighter felicitated at Samar Dalani

Assam Rising, Biswanath Chariali, August 13: The RPF (Railway Protection Force) of Northeast Frontier railway has taken an initiative for felicitation of freedom fighters and the family members of freedom fighters under the jurisdiction of NF railway as a mark of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. In this connection, a team of RPF from Rangapara Railway station visited the house of Hari Prasad Mishra, Samar Dalani and felicitated him with a shawl, memento and gamosa. The RPF team had felicitated Mishra as per the direction of RPF Rangia division today. The team was headed by SA Khan, inspector of Rangapara RPF along with SL Pradhan, R Rajbanshi, Dibakar Barman and D Borgohain.



Archery bookies arrested in Laharighat

Assam Rising, Bhuragaon, August 13: The 3 arrow bookies were arrested from Laharighat bazaar in Morigaon district yesterday in a joint operation by Morigaon and Laharighat police. The arrested were identified as Krishna Chandra Mandal, 48, of Laharighat, Akbar Ali, 55, of Hugalitali and Ishaq Ali, 47, of Dhingrati respectively. Police also seized Rs 11,650 in cash, three mobile phones and archery equipment from the bookies.



IIE organizes exhibition on Partition Horror Remembrance Day



Assam Rising, Guwahati, August 13: Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE) an organization under Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India is organizing a five day (10-14 August) exhibition titled "Partition Horror Remembrance Day" at its campus to highlight the agony of partition as a part of the celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav on the occasion of 75 years of India's Independence. A series of lectures are also being organized to mark the occasion. The exhibition was inaugurated by veteran journalist and Chief Guest of the event Dharendra Nath Chakravarty in the presence of Dr Lalit Sharma, Director-IIE, senior faculties and officials of IIE and invited guests. Speaking to the gathering Shri Chakravarty said that India achieved Independence on 15 August in 1947 after grueling agony of British rule. The patriotic Indian citizens fought against the British in a non violent manner under the great leadership of Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of our Nation. But it was unfortunate that under the leadership of Mohammed Ali Jinnah a blatant demand for a separate state of Pakistan was raised and thus a partition of India Pakistan happened. Lots of bloodshed took place. The agony of partition still continues to exist in the mind of the people of India, he said. Veteran journalist and State Information Commissioner, Assam, Dr Samudra Gupta Kashyap joining the event on the second day as Guest of Honour gave an overview of the participation of people of the North-eastern region in the anti-colonial movement, and specifically mentioned about the great patriots who had laid down their lives for throwing off foreign yoke and restoring the sanctity of this land. Dr Kashyap particularly referred to the role and sacrifices of Maniram Dewan, Khamti chief Ranuwa Gohain @ Chow Pha Plung Lu Gohain, the 185 unidentified mutineers killed in Cachar in 1857, Dimas hero Sambhudhan Phonglo, U Tirof Sing and Pa Togan Sangma of Meghalaya, the heroes of the Anglo-Manipur War of 1891, and the unidentified brave warriors of the Naga Hills and Lushai Hills - who had all embraced death while defending their motherland against the British aggression. While addressing the gathering on the occasion Dr Lalit Sharma Director-IIE spoke at length on India's freedom struggle and the purpose of organizing such an exhibition to realize and feel the contribution of our great leaders who sacrificed their lives to attain the country's independence from British rule. The footfall at the exhibition was very remarkable with the presence of students, senior citizens, people from the nearby localities, officials from various government and private institutions thus bringing in the patriotic ambience to the event.

Biswanath College conducts Bike Rally



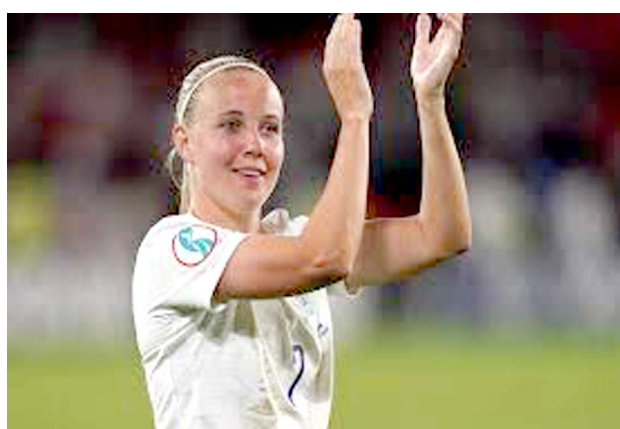
Assam Rising, Biswanath Chariali, August 13: A bike rally was organized today by Biswanath College Students' Union from Biswanath College to Biswanath Ghat to mark the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, a nationwide campaign initiated by the central government. The rally was formally inaugurated by Biswajit Saikia, ADC, Biswanath. The rally was headed by Dr Chinta Mani Sharma, Principal of the college and joined by Ramananda Bora, Vice Principal, Prof Ajit Dutta, Prof Taranath Mahanta besides all office bearers of Biswanath college students union and other teachers and employees. A procession too was brought out by the students of the Zoology department today. Teachers, students, and other employees of the college also participated in the rally.

Jumbo killed in Rani area

Assam Rising, Palasbari, August 13: A full grown female elephant's (15) carcass was found inside the Belguri in Rani area under West Guwahati Constituency on Saturday. According to the forest department, the jumbo was killed by poachers and had bullet injuries on the body. It has been claimed that the jumbo was killed around 14 days ago. An investigation is going on by the Rani forest into the incident and locals are being questioned if they have any lead on the incident. The elephant was suspected to have been killed for its meat and especially the trunk.



England's Bronze, Mead and Bright nominated for Ballon d'Or



London, August 13 : European Championship winners Millie Bright, Lucy Bronze and Beth Mead are among the nominees for the Ballon d'Or Feminin. Mead was the top scorer and named player of the tournament as England triumphed on home soil last month. Chelsea's Sam Kerr and Vivianne Miedema of Arsenal also make the shortlist, along with Barcelona star Alexia Putellas, while the headline from the men's nominations was the absence of seven-time winner Lionel Messi. Messi won the prize in 2021 and 2019 - it was not held in 2020 because of the Covid-19 pandemic - but, following his move to Paris

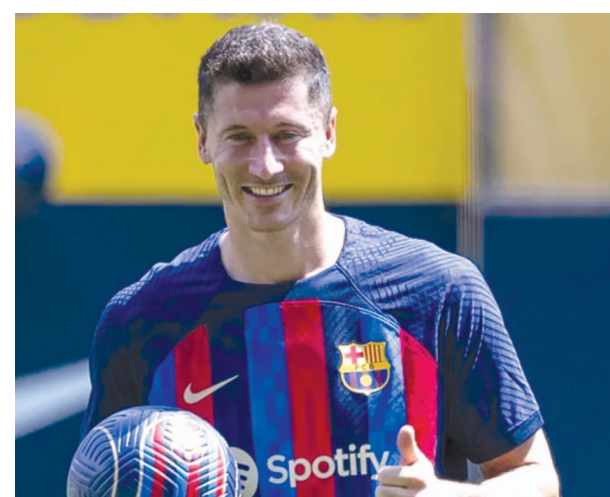
Saint-Germain, the Argentinian has been omitted. Messi's long-time rival for the Ballon d'Or, Cristiano Ronaldo, is included as the only Manchester United nominee while English trio Trent Alexander-Arnold, Phil Foden and Harry Kane also make the 30-strong line-up. Foden is one of six Manchester City players on the list including new signing Erling Haaland while Liverpool quintet Mohamed Salah, Luis Diaz, Fabinho, Virgil van Dijk and Darwin Núñez - as well as the recently departed Sadio Mané - are also included. Son Heung-min joins his strike partner Kane while the favourite to win

for the first time is Real Madrid striker Karim Benzema. Champions League winners Real are well represented, with Thibaut Courtois, Casemiro, Luka Modric, Vinicius Junior and recent recruit from Chelsea Antonio Rüdiger also included. Arsenal's Bukayo Saka and fellow England international Jude Bellingham of Borussia Dortmund are among the nominees for the Kopa Trophy for the best players aged 21 and under. The Premier League is well represented in the shortlist for the Yashin Trophy for best goalkeeper, meanwhile, with Man City's Ederson, Alisson Becker of Liverpool, Chelsea's Édouard Mendy and Hugo Lloris of Tottenham joining Courtois on the 10-man shortlist.

Barcelona's race against time amid desperate grasp at short-term levers

Barcelona, August 13 : Joan Laporta has always followed Johan Cruyff. Growing up, he cut his hair like Cruyff; in his first spell as president at Barcelona the Dutchman who changed the club and the game like no one else was his advisor, an ideologue and spiritual leader. And now, in Laporta's second spell, he still is, even after his passing. "I always have Johan with me because of all he taught; deep down he's still guiding us," Laporta says. Cruyff's son, Jordi, is the club's sporting director, and there is a recurring question that those touched by Cruyff ask often, especially in moments of uncertainty: what would Johan say? One of Cruyff's most famous maxims was "the money on the pitch, not in the bank". As it turned out, that advice

has not proven simple. Last Sunday 83,021 people packed the Camp Nou for the Gamper trophy, Barcelona's traditional presentation game, and watched a hugely impressive demolition of Pumas, optimism flooding back. It was a first, exciting glimpse of a new era and new signings: Robert Lewandowski, Raphinha, Franck Kessié and Andreas Christensen and Jules Koundé. Six days on there were fears that when the season starts against Rayo Vallecano tonight, they wouldn't get a second. In the end, only Koundé will not be there. Including variables Lewandowski cost Barcelona •50m. Koundé's cost could rise to •62.5m and Raphinha's total fee should reach around •70m. There was also the resigning of Ousmane



Dembélé on •16m plus variables per season, a fortnight after he had become a free agent and six months after being told to leave. This summer no one has spent more than Barcelona and they continue to pursue other signings, including a right-back, Marcos Alonso and Bernardo Silva. All of which poses a

question: how? How could a club •1.3bn in debt, whose salary limit was set at minus •144m in March and returned losses of over •400m last year, a club described by its own directors as "clinically dead" and then "in intensive care", field a team like this? The short answer is: they couldn't, not until less than 24 hours before their opening game of the season. And even then, Koundé was still waiting to be included as Barcelona seek to complete their bid to make sufficient cuts by reducing salaries or moving players out, or bring in enough money to comply fully with La Liga's financial

fair play criteria and register all their players. An automated system that is preventative rather than punitive, far from Barcelona being allowed to get away with doing whatever they want, as the ill-informed complaint has it - remember Lionel Messi? - La Liga has the strictest control in Europe. Based on income and outgoings, a limited salary is set by the league that defines what a club can spend on its playing staff, across transfers, salaries and amortisations and, if it does not comply, it simply cannot register on the system. That explains in large part the way they have moved over the last two months and why, on Friday night, against the clock, they had managed to register Lewandowski, Christensen, Raphinha, Kessié, Dembélé and Sergi Roberto but not yet Koundé, providing a portrait of the difficulties they face and the risk they take, how fine the margins are as Laporta tries to kickstart what he refers to as a virtuous cycle, pulling Barcelona from the crisis he inherited.

Emperor Spirit can rule after Great St Wilfrid draw

London, August 13 : The draw has added an extra layer of complication to the William Hill Great St Wilfrid Handicap at Ripon on Saturday as Blackrod and Summerhand, the front two in the early betting, have been handed stalls one and three, respectively. Both have definite claims on form but no horse has won from three or lower this century and 18 of the 22 winners since 2000 were in double-figure stalls. Front-runners that grab the stands' rail can be very tough to pass over six furlongs at Ripon and Emperor Spirit (2.50) has an excellent pitch in 13 to attack from the off. He had no chance from a wide draw at Chester last time, but his two-length second at Ascot in early July is strong form and Archie Watson's gelding is definitely worth an interest at around 10-1. Newbury 1.20: The bare form of General Lee's 10th of 16 at Goodwood last time is not encouraging but he was returning from a four-month break and did not get any luck in running. He is 11lb lower here and promising claimer Mohammed Tabti takes off another 7lb. Ripon 1.40: Keith Dalgleish rarely has his juveniles pin-sharp first time up and Prince Of Pillo was only his second winner from 60 two-year-old debutants since July 2019. At around 3-1, he is a decent bet to progress further and remain unbeaten.

South Africa fall over easy as England Lions thrash tourists in warm-up



Johansberg, August 13 : South Africa will head into next week's first Test against England already burned by the so-called "Bazball" approach after suffering a crushing defeat by their Lions side in their solitary warm-up match. Speaking in the latest edition of Wisden Cricket Monthly, Dean Elgar, the Proteas' captain, said that England's ultra-

aggressive methods under Ben Stokes and Brendon McCullum had no "longevity" and risked leaving them with "egg on their faces". However, his side's first encounter with the approach during a non-first-class fixture in Canterbury ended with an innings and 56-run loss to England's understudies, whose victory was built on a rapid 672 all out scored at more than 5.5 runs per over

courtesy of centuries from Harry Brook (140) and Ben Duckett (145). Birmingham Phoenix's Will Smeed en route to scoring the first century in the history of the Hundred against Southern Brave. Ollie Robinson finished with match figures of five for 105 as South Africa were bowled out for 183 on the last day. But after a five-wicket haul in the first innings, Craig Overton, the second Lions seamer in

England's squad for the first Test at Lord's that begins on Wednesday, left the field on the final morning with a back problem. Meanwhile, Darren Stevens will leave Kent at the end of the season after 17 seasons but reports of the 46-year-old's retirement from cricket may be premature. Kent announced on Friday that Stevens will leave the club he joined from Leicestershire in 2005, prompting suggestions the all-rounder was also calling time on his playing career altogether. But speaking to BBC Sport, Stevens stated his desire to continue a playing career that has brought 16,676 runs and 591 wickets in first-class cricket, even if he is yet to find a new club. "I don't feel like I'm ready to give up," he said. "I love the game so much. I have that passion for it. That is why I'm still playing now. I still feel like I can do a job with the bat and the ball."

What has gone wrong with the All Blacks and can they fix it?

London, August 13

: Endless threats and yet the All Blacks cannot find a way to ignite them despite sacking their attack coach, Brad Mooar, with embattled head coach Ian Foster assuming that brief for the South African tour. This year's first Test victory against Ireland, when the All Blacks created space by using wider forward runners and feasted on mistakes to launch counterattacking strikes, seems a lifetime ago. In four Tests this season, three of which ended in defeat, that opening Eden Park win is the exception to the rule. Last week in Mbombela the All Blacks had minimal answers for the Springboks' suffocating rush defence. They could not muster a try until the 78th minute, and spent almost the entire first half pinned in their territory. Beauden Barrett sparked one counterattack movement; Will Jordan broke the line in the second half from an Ardie Savea assist and when the Springboks were reduced to 14 men, Caleb Clarke made a brilliant burst to set up Shannon Frizell's late try. Otherwise, though, the All Blacks were easily contained. Even when they did forge overlaps their once revered catch-pass skills failed to stick in the face of Springboks defenders shooting out of the line. New Zealand have won two of their past three ventures to the venue of Saturday's Test, Ellis Park, scoring 11 tries in those epic contests. To have any chance of delivering a revival at the South African rugby mecca this weekend, they must somehow rediscover their attacking mojo. South Africa's aerial assault on the All Blacks is underlined by the ugly challenge on Barrett that resulted in Springboks wing Kurt-Lee Arendse receiving a four-week suspension. Arendse took Barrett out mid-air while he attempted to field one of many towering kicks. The All Blacks playmaker tumbled to the turf, landing on his neck in a frightening challenge. Barrett drops to the bench this week after scans showed no damage to his neck but he offered an insight into the scary nature of the incident, saying: "It was quite a big collision and I did think the worst instantly, especially when I was on the ground and told to stay still."



Dan Evans rolls into Montreal semis with comeback win over Tommy Paul

Washington, August 13 : Dan Evans's run of upsets has continued in Montreal with a stinging 1-6, 6-3, 6-4 comeback victory over the American Tommy Paul that has the Birmingham right-hander through to an ATP Masters 1000 semi-final for the second time in two years. However, the dream of an all-British semi-final fizzled out earlier

with Jack Draper's straight-sets defeat by Spain's Pablo Carreño Busta. Both Evans and Paul were unseeded entering this Canadian Open, only to progress with shock wins over more fancied opponents to set up their quarter-final showdown. Evans's steely form in the early rounds had seen him knock out the eighth-ranked Andrey Rublev to progress to the last 16

and, one day later, dismantle the American Taylor Fritz, seeded 10, 7-6 (7), 1-6, 7-5 to make the quarter-final. But although only five ranking places separated them, it was Paul, the world No 34, who took early control, breaking Evans's serve with his pacy returns and powerful ground strokes, to run away with the first set. Even then Evans did not lose

heart. "I just didn't think he could carry that on," he said later of his opponent's blistering start. "If he did, I had to walk off and shake his hand." Instead, Evans rediscovered the victorious formula of his earlier rounds, capitalising on the slightest of openings in the second set to break Paul and snatch back the ascendancy by taking the next

set 6-3 and forcing the game into a decider. The 32-year-old then secured an early lead in the third, crucially escaping a 15-40 clutch moment to move within one game of victory at 5-3. One match point went begging in spectacular fashion on return as Evans absorbed a flurry of Paul backhand passes on serve before the Briton completed

the turnaround by serving it out. Evans saved six of eight break points in the contest over two hours and 17 minutes as he withstood 41 winners from Paul, who had stunned the second seed, Carlos Alcaraz, on Wednesday and entered this quarter-final a heavy favourite. "The crowd, that's what they buy their tickets for.

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Alice Capsey fires Invincibles to victory against Superchargers on 18th birthday



London, August 13 : The first problem with the brave new world of the second edition of the Hundred, whereby the women's match will (on occasion) take the primetime slot, became apparent 30 minutes before the start of play: 6pm came and went, and the men had still not finished their match, let alone vacated the field. In a sport where men have taken up more than their fair share of resources for over a century, there was something rather symbolic about that. On the other side of the equation, the crowd seemed largely content: Surrey had proclaimed the day a sell-out, and the overwhelming majority of ticket-holders (approximately 16,000 out of 21,339) stayed on to watch the women's game. "I struggled in the field because I could not hear a thing!" Oval Invincibles' Suzie Bates said afterwards. "We've been there when it has just been your mum, your dad and the dog. And this is the norm now - how cool." More evidence, if it were needed, that the ECB has (if largely by accident) found a sweet-spot for double-headers via the identical team brands of The Hundred. And we did finally get a toss, albeit six minutes later than planned. Invincibles won and would bowl first - despite the absence of the leading pace bowler Marizanne Kapp through illness. There was just time for a crowd chorus of "happy birthday" for Alice Capsey, 18 years old on Thursday, before play got under way. Taking a wicket in the opening powerplay seemed as good a way for Capsey to celebrate as any - Bess Heath caught at backward point attempting the reverse. Minutes

later, though, Capsey was limping from the field, having twisted her ankle diving awkwardly at backward point. She returned for the final 30 balls of the innings to help take the crucial wicket of top-scorer Jemimah Rodrigues (51 from 32 balls), running in from the cover boundary to hold the catch, though she did not bowl again. Would she bat? At one stage, with Bates (46 from 34) and Lauren Winfield-Hill (74 not out from 42) unleashing a flurry of boundaries as they hared after Superchargers' target of 144, it looked like the question would be moot: the Invincibles opening pair added 104 runs in 67 balls before Bates finally slog-swept into the hands of deep midwicket. But with 40 needed from the last 34 balls, the stage was set for a birthday cameo. Off her third ball, Capsey carted Jenny Gunn for six down the ground. Then came not just one but two, three and four consecutive boundaries off Linsey Smith and just like that - with 16 balls still remaining of the innings - the job was a good 'un. "The birthday cake is in the fridge and will be eaten later," Capsey joked at the end of the match. "I am OK. Lots of strapping and ice this evening, and then we'll assess tomorrow but I'm sure it'll be fine." Earlier, her absence from the attack had meant that the Invincibles captain, Dane van Niekerk, relied heavily on the Welsh 17-year-old

left-arm spinner Sophia Smale. The teenager was called up to play in the tournament at the eleventh hour, after an injury to Emma Jones, and Van Niekerk admitted to not even being confident of how to pronounce her name in the eve-of-match press conference (it rhymes with "gale", in case you were wondering). But tasked with bowling the second set of the match, Smale delivered. Alyssa Healy, who had celebrated her debut in 100-ball cricket by smashing Mady Villiers for six over long-on, miscued her to mid-off. Meanwhile at the other end Shabnim Ismail - clocked at 78mph during the match - bowled the Superchargers captain, Hollie Armitage, leaving the visitors 38 for three after 26 balls. It was left to Rodrigues, fresh from seeing India to victory against England in the semi-final of the Commonwealth Games, to spearhead the rescue operation; while the South African Laura Wolvaardt ensured a strong finish (27 runs from the final 15 balls), despite being caught at extra cover off the final ball of the innings, one run short of a half-century.

Australia to lead cycling nations in push for improved safety after shocking crash

Melbourn, August 13 : Australia is leading a group of cycling nations pushing for better safety measures to prevent a repeat of the horror crash at the Commonwealth Games on Sunday, when the English rider Matt Walls was catapulted over the velodrome railings and into the crowd. The AusCycling performance director, Jesse Korf, who is in Birmingham for the 2022 Games, said he was speaking to a number of his counterparts about presenting a "united front" to the governing body, the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI). "You're not going to get to a point where you're going to eliminate crashes from bike racing," he said. "But people going over a railing - that's a different story in my mind." During the final lap of a qualifying heat for the men's

scratch race at the Lee Valley VeloPark on Sunday, Walls was involved in a crash with half a dozen riders. The Tokyo 2020 gold medalist was lifted over the railing by his momentum and sent hurtling towards shocked spectators. Walls received medical attention for almost an hour before being taken to hospital, but was subsequently discharged with only minor injuries. Two other riders were also taken to hospital, while spectators - including a young girl and a man covered in blood - received treatment for injuries. The remainder of the morning session was cancelled. "It's not the first rider to go over a railing or the first track where it has happened," Korf said. The performance director indicated Australia and other nations intended to lodge a proposal with the UCI about



mandatory improvements to velodrome safety measures. "We all feel strongly that from a safety perspective, consideration [is required] around increasing heights of railings or looking at a plexiglass solution or something of that nature," he said. "[We want to] make a push for something like that to be considered, because it's not the first time." Rules in ice hockey have been set such that there is a plexiglass wall there to protect the athletes and the spectators. So there is some precedent in other sports and it's certainly a conversation worth having. "On Sunday, the British cyclist and five-time Olympic champion Laura Kenny urged the sport to do more to prevent such incidents. "I think the crashes are getting worse and it's because the speeds are getting higher, the positions are getting more extreme," she said. "Maybe

there should be screens because [Walls] should not have been able to go over the top and into the crowd - that's pretty damn dangerous." Track cycling at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics last year was also marred by a number of crashes, including a high-speed incident for the Australian team pursuit squad after a freak handle-bar snap, and a collision between the Danish and British teams. Korf suggested the sport had to take more steps to protect riders. "Cycling is not too dissimilar to where Formula One was a decade, a decade and a half ago in terms of advancements in equipment, technology, safety, rider welfare," he said. "There are steps being made, but there is a lot more ground that can get covered and surely will get covered in years to come." Australia have

endured a number of mishaps in Birmingham. The bid by Matthew Glaetzer, the two-times sprint world champion, to defend his Commonwealth Games keirin crown came undone on Saturday with a high-speed crash that left England's Joe Truman in hospital. The Tasmanian Josh Duffy was involved in the incident on Sunday, but escaped with minor scrapes. AusCycling said: "Rider safety is at the heart of everything we do to coach and prepare our riders for competition. "While we are making continuous improvements, these are incredibly powerful athletes moving at high speeds and accidents will sometimes occur." Despite these incidents Korf insisted morale in the team was high, helped by the seven gold medals already won by Australia in the velodrome. "The team is doing really well on and off the boards," he said. "The vibe is generally very good."

Cristiano Ronaldo beats Man United teammates in sprint ahead of Brentford clash

New Delhi, August 13 : Cristiano Ronaldo may have started the Premier League season from the bench for Manchester United last weekend, but he has answered back to his fitness critics after being sidelined from the starting eleven against Brighton. The 37-year-old recently outclassed his Man United teammates in a footrace in training. In what was a shocking decision by manager Erik ten Hag, Ronaldo started on the bench for United in their opener of the EPL season against Brighton & Hove Albion F.C. New signing Christian Eriksen was preferred first after Anthony Martial was sidelined due to an injury. Eriksen, who is an attacking midfielder failed to make an impact in the first half as a result United lost the match after the full-time whistle with a score of 2-1. (Premier League: Erik ten Hag era starts with a loss as Cristiano Ronaldo's Manchester United get thumped by Brighton) Erik ten Hag left Cristiano Ronaldo on the bench due to issues with his fitness but was forced to get him in the 53rd minute as United were trailing starting the second half as well.

James O'Connor among several forced Wallabies changes for Argentina Test



London, August 13 : There was a time when it seemed like Australia could whistle up a fresh world class playmaker at will but those days are long gone and Wallabies flyhalf stocks are looking threadbare with little more than a

year to go until the World Cup. James O'Connor will be the third starter in five Tests this season against Argentina on Saturday (Sunday AEST), coming in for Quade Cooper after his fellow 30-something was injured again in last week's win over the Pumas in their Rugby Championship opener. The 32-year-old O'Connor has much to prove after returning from one of a

string of injuries to put in a poor display against England in July as a second-half replacement for Australia's designated flyhalf of the future, Noah Lolesio. "We talked about him needing to sharpen up and he's been doing that," coach Dave Rennie said. "It's really around acceleration and sharpening up his skill set. Attitude wise he's been brilliant, he couldn't have been more supportive.

Irish Lions and plumped for O'Connor. O'Connor was banished from Australian rugby at the end of the 2013 season for off-field indiscretions just as Bernard Foley, who had not been in contention for the Lions series, emerged to make the position his own for five years. Foley fell out of favour before the 2019 World Cup campaign and Michael Cheika chopped and changed his starting flyhalf before the humiliating quarter-final exit at the hands of England. Rennie accepted that flyhalf was the position of most concern with the World Cup on the horizon, not to mention the more immediate challenges of Tests against world champions South Africa and New Zealand when the Wallabies head home. "Ten is the skinniest [position]," he

said. "We've got some good young kids coming through but not ready for this level yet. It's certainly an area of focus, we need to develop our young 10s." Reports this week suggested that 32-year-old Foley, who now plays in Japan, would be recalled to the squad for the first time in three years. "We haven't made a decision around that," said Rennie. "We'll get home and we'll pick a new squad for South Africa." Wallabies: Tom Wright, Jordan Petaia, Len Ikitau, Lalakai Foketi, Marika Koroibete, James O'Connor, Nic White, Rob Valetini, Fraser McReight, Jed Holloway, Darcy Swain, Rory Arnold, Taniela Tupou, Folau Fainga'a, James Slipper (captain). Reserves: Lachlan Loneragan, Matt Gibbon, Pone Fa'amausili, Nick Frost, Pete Samu, Tate McDermott, Irae Simone, Reece Hodge.

Benzema becomes 2nd highest goal-scorer for Real after Cristiano Ronaldo in UEFA Super Cup win over Frankfurt



Frankfurt, August 13 : UEFA Super Cup 2022: Champions League winners Real Madrid outclassed Eintracht Frankfurt 2-0 on Wednesday (August 10) to clinch the UEFA Super Cup for a record-equalling fifth time and kick off their season with a trophy. A first half goal from David Alaba and another from Karim Benzema in the 65th that lifted him to second in Real's all-time scoring list with 324 goals, wrapped up the title for the Spaniards. Cristiano Ronaldo remains at No. 1 for Real with 450 goals, followed by Benzema and then Raul with 323 goals for the Spanish giants. Europa League winners Eintracht had offered some resistance in the first half and had chances to score but were eventually overrun by the Spaniards. The win also means Real's Carlo Ancelotti becomes the first coach to lift the trophy four times. "Eintracht

were very closed and we found it difficult to find our rhythm, but we did it well then," the Real coach said. "It's difficult at the beginning of the season to be in top form but we now have won to start the season well." The Italian, who had named the same starting 11 that began their winning Champions League final in Paris in May, had special praise for captain Benzema, last season's top scorer in the Champions League. "He's a very important player, a team leader," he said. "If we're here it's largely due to his merits, he scored a lot of goals, he finished the season well, he scored a goal today and now he's going for the Ballon d'Or award," said Ancelotti. Eintracht were without playmaker Filip Kostic who is close to a move to Juventus, but looked more disciplined than in their 6-1 loss to Bayern Munich last week in

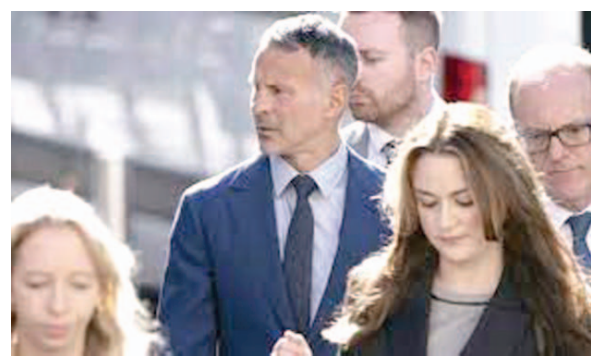
their Bundesliga season opener. They also carved out the first chance of the game when Daichi Kamada broke clear but could not beat Real keeper Thibaut Courtois with his low drive in the 14th minute. Real responded three minutes later but Vinicius Jr's effort was cleared on the line by Tuta. Eintracht keeper Kevin Trapp did well to palm another Vinicius Jr effort wide. The keeper, however, misjudged a cross in the 37th and was well out of position when Casemiro headed on for Alaba and the Austrian tapped in from close range for the lead. Real stayed in control after the break, forcing another good save from Trapp in the 55th, knocking away a deflected Vinicius Jr shot before Casemiro rattled the crossbar with a shot from the edge of the box two minutes later.

Ryan Giggs trial jury shown police video of his arrest

London, August 13 : The jury at the trial of Ryan Giggs has been shown police video of the moment he was arrested for allegedly assaulting his then girlfriend after admitting he had hit her on the lip in what he described as a "tangle" over a puppy and mobile phone. On the fifth day of the trial at Manchester crown court, the former footballer could be heard in the video saying Kate Greville had kicked him first in the head in a "struggle" in the couple's home in Worsley on 1 November 2020. He said they were rowing about a puppy and Greville's refusal to return Giggs's mobile phone. Giggs, 48, could be heard telling an officer: "We got into a

little bit of a tangle - rumbled on the floor there." He added: "She kicked me in the head - busted my lip ... I hit her on the lip." Greville was found by police with such a bruised lip that she had problems speaking, the jury was told. In another body-worn camera video played to the court she could be seen with her head in her hands as she sat on the home's kitchen floor. Asked by the officer if Greville would give the same version of events, Giggs said: "She's just going to say I attacked her." Giggs told the officer that before the struggle he had asked Greville, 38, to leave after an argument about a recently born cocker spaniel. When she refused, he moved her possessions outside the

property. Recounting the argument, Giggs could be heard saying: "It's my puppy, no it's my puppy, that sort of thing. Then I went into the garage and looked after the dog. I come back. I've just said let's go. She won't go. I've told my neighbour: 'Can you please help me? Please ring the police because Kate isn't going.' She [the neighbour] is not getting involved." Giggs could also be heard saying he withheld Greville's phone from her. "I'm not giving her her phone stupidly. There's been a struggle. I got injured first then calmed down." Later in the video Giggs summarised the incident for the officer. He



could be heard saying: "We had an argument. She was insistent on taking back our puppy. She wouldn't leave. She had my phone. She wouldn't give me my phone for about half an hour." Giggs told the officer he had been in a relationship with Greville, a

PR executive, for about three years. Asked for her date of birth he said he did not know it. The jury was also played audio from two 999 calls made by Emma Greville, 26, raising the alarm about what she said was an assault on her sister. She said: "Please come quickly."