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NEWS IN BRIEF

Man gone missing

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Guwahati, August 14:

A person has gone missing after jumping into the Gelabael River in Golaghat district of Assam on Sunday. The person has been identified as Bijoy Dutta, who was a teacher by profession. He was a resident of Khumtai in Golaghat. According to reports, the person was travelling with his family in a car. He halted the car over a bridge. Taking chance of his family members getting out of the car to get some stuffs, Bijoy jumped into the river from the bridge. As per the family members, the person was suffering from a disease since the past few days. It has been suspected that due to his ailment, the man chose to end his life by jumping into the river. Meanwhile, the Dergaon Police has arrived at the spot and carrying out investigation into the incident.

Woman killed

Assam Rising
Guwahati, August 14:

A woman in Assam's Gossaigaon was allegedly killed by her husband. The deceased has been identified as Manwara Bibi. Her body was found from the bathroom of their residence in Haraputa area of Gossaigaon last night. The deceased's family suspected her husband, Baser Ali, of murdering her. Later on, Police apprehended the accused in connection to the murder. Officials informed that an investigation into the matter has been initiated. Earlier, a woman was severely injured in an alleged attack in Guwahati's Garigaon area. According to reports, an enraged youth attacked the woman with a sharp weapon, and severely wounded her. The assailant was identified as Suraj Ali, a resident of the area. Officials said that he attacked the woman with a machete.

ULFA linkman

Assam Rising
Guwahati, August 14:

With Independence Day around the corner, security has been beefed up in several parts of Assam amid the United Liberation Front of Asom-Independent's (ULFA-I) calls for Bandh. Police suspect the banned militant group to disrupt the celebratory atmosphere and cause law and order situations after the ULFA-I called for a bandh on August 15. In light of that, police in Demow in the Sivasagar district of Assam has been conducting large-scale operations to identify and eliminate disruptive elements before Independence Day. Under the aegis of superintendent of police Subhijoti Bora, massive police-paramilitary operations were carried out at Rupohibam and Nabil in Demow.

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'We will soon make dreams of our freedom fighters, vision of Ambedkar come true'

President Droupadi Murmu



New Delhi, August 14:

Stating that the celebrations being organised to mark 75 years of Indian independence must have made our

freedom fighters very happy, President Droupadi Murmu said, "By the year 2047, we will have fully realised the dreams of our freedom fighters. We will

have given a concrete shape to the vision of those who, led by Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar, drafted the Constitution. We are already on course to build an Atmanirbhar Bharat, an In-

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Cameron Smith chasing world No 1 ranking at St Jude ...

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Nation will celebrate 76th Independence Day today

New Delhi, August 14:

This year, the nation will be celebrating its 76th Independence Day, marking 75 years of the country's independence from British rule. A special event called 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' will be organised by the Indian government to pay tribute to the freedom fighters. The programmes at the event will also honour the history, culture, and achievements of the nation as a whole. The Indian Independence movement began during World War I and it was led by Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi. On 15 August 1947,



India earned its freedom and 200 years of British rule finally ended. The Indian Independence Bill was introduced in the British House of Commons on 4 July 1947

and it was passed within a fortnight. It marked the end of British rule in India on 15 August 1947. After that, it

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Assam's Top Cops To Receive Prestigious Police Medals on I-Day

Assam Rising
Guwahati, August 14:

India will honour 1,082 police personnel for their distinguished service and bravery for the country on the occasion of 75th Independence Day. The awards are divided into three categories which include Police Medal for Gallantry, President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service and Police Medal for Meritorious



Service. Eight Assam police personnel will be conferred with Police Medal for Gallantry on the occasion of 75th Independence Day. The top cops nominated for the

honour are, John Das (SDPO), Jitumoni Deka (SI), Bitupan Chutia (SI), Achyut Nath (SI), Sambhu

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Police Arrests 4 For Having Links With ULFA-I

Assam Rising
Guwahati, August 14:

Tinsukia Police in Assam arrested four people including two women on Sunday on suspicion of having links with the terror outfit United Liberation Front Asom-Independent (ULFA-I). The three suspects out of the four were identified as Mrinali Gogoi, Geetashree Bora and Amarjyoti Barua who is also known as Montu Barua. They were arrested

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NEET UG 2022: Students to protest for JEE Main, CUET at Jantar Mantar after August 15

New Delhi, August 14:

After the continuous online campaigning on social media platforms for the second attempt in NEET UG 2022 and the third attempt in JEE Main 2022, students are now preparing to launch a 'symbolic' protest at Janta Mantar in Delhi after August 15. Students and education activists are flooding the microblogging site Twitter with the call for protest for NEET UG, JEE Main, and CUET. JEE Main and NEET aspirants are consistently stirring online campaigns and urging the National Testing Agency (NTA) to organise one more session for both the entrance ex-



amination. NEET aspirants are demanding re-neet citing the irregularities in the examination and the rigging of NEET paper while some want the NTA to conduct a re-exam for the medical entrance test to improve their scores while engineering aspirants are demanding the third at-

tempt for JEE Main claiming that technical problems hampered the exam for several candidates. As per the digital flyers being circulated on social media, Pawan Bhadana, a student activist is leading the symbolic protest for the NEET UG, JEE Main and

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'Totally unacceptable...'

Kerala governor Arif Mohammad Khan on KT Jaleel's 'Azad Kashmir' remark

Thiruvananthapuram,
August 14:



Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan on Sunday termed as "very unfortunate" and "totally unacceptable"

the recent controversial remarks on Kashmir made on social media by ruling LDF MLA K T Jaleel. "It is very unfortunate. Not only is it unacceptable, I wonder if these comments were made after going through some literature or after knowing something or just out of ignorance. I do not know... I feel very sorry for this kind of comment. It is totally unacceptable. I feel hurt by these kinds of comments," Khan said while speaking to reporters here. The Governor further said, "Do we not realise the

preciousness of our freedom? Do we not realise the importance of our national integrity? How can we afford to say things like this?" Jaleel returned to Kerala early Sunday morning due to some personal reasons. CPI(M) MLA A C Moideen, told reporters in Delhi, that Jaleel returned to Kerala early in the morning after receiving a call from home. On the comments made by Jaleel, Moideen said his stand is that of his party. The ruling CPI(M) has distanced itself from the former minister's remarks, saying they were not the party's view. Senior Marxist

party leader and Minister M V Govindan had on Saturday said that what Jaleel had said was not the CPI(M)'s view and the Left party has a clear stand on India and Kashmir. After his remarks kicked up a row, Jaleel withdrew his statement and at the same time claimed that the same was misinterpreted. "I have only sympathy for those who don't understand the meaning of 'Azad Kashmir' when it is written in

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'Rahul Gandhi is silent...': BJP slams Congress after 9-year-old Dalit student killed for touching water pot in Rajasthan

New Delhi, August 14:

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Sunday (August 14, 2022) slammed the Congress government in

Rajasthan after a nine-year-old Dalit boy was allegedly beaten to death by a teacher for touching a water pot. Taking it to Twitter, BJP National Secretary Y Satya Kumar said that the incident was embarrassing. "Incidents of atrocities on Dalits are increasing continuously in the state. Rahul Gandhi, who has commented on every subject of the country, has been silent," the BJP leader wrote in a tweet. Other BJP leaders also expressed their concern over the incident and



slammed Ashok Ghelot-led Congress government in the state. State's BJP chief Satish Poonia said that a person commits such acts when

they no longer fear the administration. "This countless spate of incidents

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Congress to get three ministers in new Nitish Kumar-led Mahagathbandhan govt

Patna, August 14:

The Congress will get three ministerial berths in the new Nitish Kumar government in Bihar, a senior party leader said on Sunday. Speaking to PTI, AICC's state in-charge Bhakta Charan Das said two Con-



gress MLAs will take oath as ministers on August 16, and one more legislator will be inducted when the next cabinet expansion happens after that. "The number of ministerial berths the Congress will get in the

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Har Ghar Tiranga: 6,600 ft long Tricolour rally taken out in Haryana

New Delhi, August 14:

As India continues to celebrate Azaadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav with the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign, citizens in Haryana carried out a 6,600 feet long Tiranga rally in Jhajjar. Video released by ANI shows men, women and children participating in a



tricolour rally where a 6,600 feet long Tiranga was carried amid the chants of Vande Mataram and Bharat Mata ki Jai. The Tricolour Yatra was a part of the Azaadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations. Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave a call to the nation to unfurl the national flag in their homes to cel-

brate the Har Ghar Tiranga movement ahead of Independence Day. An official statement said that three union ministers and Delhi Lieutenant Governor on Sunday participated in an early morning walk with 10,000 NDMC school

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New Delhi, August 14:

Billionaire investor Rakesh Jhunjhunwala passed away on early on Sunday morning because of kidney ailments, according to sources. The 62-year-old business magnate is worth \$5 billion. He is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter. "Rakesh Jhunjhunwala was indomitable. Full of life, witty and insightful, he leaves behind an indelible contribu-

tion to the financial world. He

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Independence day: High security in Delhi amid threat alerts from Intelligence

New Delhi, August 14 : The Delhi Police is making constant attempts to ensure impregnable security in the national capital on the occasion of Independence Day, by keeping an eye on the potential terror modules and "anti-social elements" in the city, the police informed. The police informed that however, they have tightened the security and vigilance at all the eight borders of Delhi as well as the busy markets of the city, the security near the Red Fort has been beefed up with many layers of protection as the inputs received from International Border are not only specific but are considered strong enough. For enhanced security at the Independence Day programme, the police personnel have deployed anti-drone system to ensure protection against drone attacks. This anti-drone system was manufactured by the Defence Research and



Development Organisation (DRDO) and Bharat Electronics (BEL). The Red Fort is shielded with a Radar system to ensure its safety from the Drones, as it is another threat apart from the Technological dangers for security. The police personnel are also taught the ways to combat suspected objects flying in the sky, the police said. The police received some specifically strong alerts concerning the security in Delhi on August 15. The Intelligence agencies have issued a high alert for a

terrorist attack in the city on Monday. It has been informed that on the basis of the interrogation with the terrorists nabbed from different states including Punjab, a number of Drones from the Pakistan border-carrying numerous Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs)-- have reached various parts of the country. In another alert, it was revealed that deadly weapons including Pistol, Hand Grenades, and AK 47 have been sent to India with the help of Drones from Pakistan.

The Police further, quoting the Intelligence forces, said that the terrorists can also lead to several lone wolf attacks on Independence Day. In the attack, a single person can attack the mob with a sharp-edged weapon or a big vehicle. The police have completely banned the flying of Kites (for as long as the Independence Day programme continues) around the Red Fort after the alert regarding some terrorist attack via a flying object like a kite was issued to the police by the agencies. Delhi Police has further received another input to be vigilant as some suspicious object put along with the crutches can attack the Fort, hence the police have been advised to ensure a very strong screening. "The terror outfits namely SFI, Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM), ISIS Khurasan Module are planning to conduct a massive attack during August 15," Intelligence agencies

informed the police. The police are also keeping a vigilant eye over suspicious activities and persons as the terror modules are also involving local criminals. This year, special kind of Alarm Cameras are installed around the Red Fort, which starts alarming the nearby stationed police personnel of any suspected movement. Apart from around 250 eminent personalities who are expected to arrive at the Red Fort on Monday, nearly 8,000-10,000 people are also likely to attend the programme, hence the police have installed 1,000 cameras with high-resolution quality in the nearby areas. The special cell of Delhi Police has successfully projected the pictures of around 1,000 suspicious persons, anti-national elements, and terrorists to the other unit of the police force, to ensure that every unit and department stays cautious.



shows blooming sunflowers on the outskirts of Vladivostok, Russia

Ukraine holds breath as Putin turns nuclear plant into frontline

Nikopol, August 14 : On one side of the Dnieper River is the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant, visible in the haze. Six nuclear reactors and a cooling tower loom over a Soviet-built reservoir. On the opposite bank is Nikopol, a city in southern Ukraine known for its Cossack past and modern tube and metallurgical factories. The distance between them is seven kilometres. Or, measured in rocket terms, about 15 seconds: the time it takes for a Grad missile fired by Russian soldiers ensconced in the atomic station to slam into Nikopol's chestnut tree-lined boulevards. It is a small and terrifying interval between life and death. The sprawling nuclear plant is Europe's largest. In March, Russian forces seized it, as part of Vladimir Putin's blitzkrieg operation to capture the whole of Ukraine. They rolled into the nearby city of Enerhodar and took the station's local staff hostage. The plant is now on the frontline between Russian-occupied and Ukrainian-controlled territory. In the first phase of the war Nikopol was peaceful, a place of safety for refugees from the eastern Donbas and other troubled regions. And then, on 12 July, Moscow began lobbying incendiary devices across the river. The Russians are using the nuclear station as cover. They have mined the complex. Multiple rocket launchers and tanks nestle among the reactors. Even by Putin's amoral standards, it is an astonishing

act of recklessness. In his latest address on Friday, Ukraine's president, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, accused Russia of "unconcealed nuclear blackmail". A "terrorist state", it was threatening the "whole world" with armageddon. He

designed to discredit Kyiv and to alienate it from its international partners. The Guardian did not see any evidence in Nikopol of Ukrainian military activity. There were a few thumps in the distance. It was unclear



urged the UN and international community to do something. On Friday, Russia's permanent representation in the UN, Vasily Nebenzia, said the country did not support a call by the UN secretary general, António Guterres, to create a demilitarised zone around the nuclear plant. The situation is perilous. According to Ukraine's state energy company, Energoatom, Russia has fired on the plant several times. Shells landed close to the fire station and director's office, not far from a radioactive sources storage unit. Power cables and a wastewater pumping station were damaged. One worker was hospitalised, a shift rotation cancelled. Moscow blames Ukrainian artillery and claims it is acting responsibly. Zelenskyy suggests the Russians are shelling the plant as a deliberate provocation,

which side was firing. The Kremlin is trying to do something unprecedented: to steal another state's nuclear reactor. Engineers are working to connect the facility to the electricity grid in occupied Crimea and cut it off from Ukrainian homes. One reactor has already been knocked out. It is a ghoulis game of radioactive Russian roulette, in a country that has known the 1986 Chernobyl atomic disaster. Before the invasion Nikopol was home to 106,000 people. About half have fled. On Thursday more were packing up to leave after a devastating and vandalistic night-time barrage. Russia unleashed 120 Grad missiles on the district, killing three people in Nikopol and another 13 in the neighbouring town of Marhanets, and wounding dozens, including a 13-year-old girl. All were civilians.

Salman Rushdie is off ventilator and able to talk, agent says

Washington, August 14 : Salman Rushdie has been taken off a ventilator and was able to talk on Saturday, his agent has confirmed, as the US president hailed the writer's courage and voiced horror at the attack on him. The Indian-

born British novelist remains hospitalised with serious injuries, but fellow author Aatish Taseer tweeted on Saturday evening that he was "off the ventilator and talking (and joking)". Rushdie's agent, Andrew Wylie, confirmed that

information without offering further details. Earlier on Saturday, Hadi Matar, the man suspected in Friday's attack at a literary festival in upstate New York, pleaded not guilty to charges of attempted murder and assault at a brief court

appearance where he was denied bail. Joe Biden, the US president, praised Rushdie for "his refusal to be intimidated or silenced" and said the author stood for the essential ideals of truth, courage and resilience. "These are the building blocks of any free and open society. And today, we reaffirm our commitment to those deeply American values in solidarity with Rushdie and all those who stand for freedom of expression," the president said in a statement. Biden also said he was "shocked and saddened to learn of the vicious attack". European Union foreign policy chief Josep Borrell "strongly" condemned the attack on Saturday night. "International rejection of such criminal actions, which violate fundamental rights and freedoms, is the only path towards a better and more peaceful world", Borrell tweeted. Rushdie lived in hiding and under police protection for years after late Iranian leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini put out a fatwa in 1989 calling for his death in retribution for Rushdie's book *The Satanic Verses*. Many Muslims interpreted the author's book as blasphemous because it included a character they

found insulting to the prophet Muhammad. Rushdie, 75, was at the Chautauqua Institution to speak about the importance of America's giving asylum to exiled writers when he was attacked, and said recently that he believed his life was "very normal again". On Saturday, district attorney Jason Schmidt alleged that Rushdie's alleged attacker took steps to purposely put himself in position to harm Rushdie, getting an advance pass to the event where the author was speaking and arriving a day early bearing a fake ID. "This was a targeted, unprovoked, preplanned attack on Mr Rushdie," Schmidt alleged. Public defender Nathaniel Barone complained that authorities had taken too long to get Matar in front of a judge while leaving him "hooked up to a bench at the state police barracks". "He has that constitutional right of presumed innocence," Barone said. Matar allegedly rushed on stage and stabbed Rushdie repeatedly before being tackled by spectators, institution staffers and two local law enforcement officers providing security. Rushdie suffered a damaged liver and severed nerves in an arm and an eye, Wylie said on Friday evening. He was likely to lose the injured eye.



A Siberian tiger cools itself off in a pool at the Shanghai Zoo in east China's Shanghai

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Canberra airport reopens and gunman in custody after shooting, with no injuries reported

London, August 14 : Passengers have been allowed to re-enter Canberra airport, hours after a shooting incident inside the terminal prompted its evacuation. A man was arrested at the airport after firing as many as five shots inside, some leaving bullet holes in airport windows, about 1.30pm on

terminal was evacuated as a precaution and the situation at the airport is contained. "ACT policing requires members of the public to not attend the airport at this time." The man fired shots into the air near the check-in area, witnesses told Guardian Australia and posted on social media. Online footage



Sunday. ACT policing said one person was taken into custody and a firearm was recovered after the shooting. No injuries were reported. Police were called to the airport following reports of gunshots. Parts of the airport were locked down while others were evacuated. Planes were grounded. The airport was reopened to passengers just before 5pm, but flights in and out of Canberra remained grounded. In a statement about 3pm, ACT policing said: "[One] person was taken into custody and a firearm was recovered. 'CCTV has been reviewed and at this time the person in custody is believed to be the only person responsible for this incident. The Canberra airport

showed the man then being detained by federal police. One witness reported hearing "eight to 10" gunshots while others said it was fewer. There were also reports it was chaotic, with people racing out of the terminal "in a stampede". Police later said about five shots had been fired. A large contingent of police was at Canberra airport on Sunday afternoon, with armed AFP officers barring the doors. At least a dozen police vehicles were present, with hundreds of people gathering outside the terminal. One family told Guardian Australia they heard shooting near the Qantas terminal, suggesting up to 10 shots were fired.

Hotter summers to fuel increase in skin cancers, doctors warn

London, August 14 : Experts have said higher summer temperatures caused by the climate crisis will fuel an increase in cases of potentially deadly skin cancers such as melanoma. The UK recorded its highest ever temperature of 40.2C last month, as climate scientists stressed the heatwave was not a one-off and high temperatures were likely to become more frequent. Now medics are warning that the changing climate will cast a long shadow should people spend more time in the sun and have greater exposure to UV radiation. "As a clinician treating patients with melanoma, I am definitely concerned that a sustained trend in hotter summers will lead to more cases of melanoma and more deaths from melanoma," said Sarah Danson, a professor of medical oncology at the University of Sheffield. Julia Newton-Bishop, a clinician scientist leading the melanoma research group at the University of Leeds, said: "Melanoma is caused essentially by sunburn, and this weather is

so extreme that I am concerned that sunburns will increase and later so will the incidence of melanoma." According to data from Cancer Research UK, skin cancer death rates among men in the UK have more than tripled since the 1970s, with increases also recorded among women.



Villagers harvest peppers in Huayan Village of Dazhou County, Dazhou City, southwest China

Jerusalem shooting: eight wounded as gunman fires at bus near Western Wall

Jerusalem, August 14 : A gunman opened fire at a bus near Jerusalem's Old City early on Sunday, wounding eight Israelis in a suspected Palestinian attack that came a week after violence flared between Israel and militants in Gaza, police and medics said. Two of the victims were in serious condition, including a pregnant woman with abdominal injuries and a man with gunshot wounds to the head and neck, according to Israeli hospitals treating them. The shooting occurred as the bus waited in a parking lot near the Western Wall, which is considered the holiest site where Jews can pray. Israeli



security forces pushed into the nearby Palestinian neighbourhood of Silwan pursuing the suspected attacker. Later on Sunday, police said the suspected attacker turned himself in, without immediately disclosing details about the person's identity. The

Jerusalem shooting followed a tense week between Israel and Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank. Last weekend, Israeli aircraft carried out an offensive in the Gaza Strip targeting the militant group Islamic Jihad and setting off three days of fierce cross-border fighting. Islamic Jihad fired hundreds of rockets during the flare-up to avenge the airstrikes, which killed two of its commanders and other militants. Israel said the attack was meant to thwart threats from the group to respond to the arrest of one of its officials in the occupied West Bank. Forty-nine Palestinians, including 17 children and 14 militants, were killed and several hundred injured in the fighting, which ended with an Egyptian-brokered ceasefire. No Israeli was killed or seriously injured. The Islamic militant group Hamas, which controls Gaza, stayed on the sidelines. A day after the ceasefire halted the worst round of Gaza fighting in more than a year, Israeli troops killed three Palestinian militants and wounded dozens in a shootout that erupted during an arrest raid in the West Bank city of Nablus.

Good Samaritans Can Adopt Anganwadi Centres And Offer Aid : CM Sarma

CM inaugurates 15th BJP office at Batarhat



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Palasbari, August 14: Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa

Sarma, on Sunday inaugurated the 15th BJP office at Batarhat near Bijoynagar un-

der Palasbari LAC in Kamrup district. Inaugurating the BJP office in Palasbari, CM Sarma tweeted, "Glad to inaugurate BJP South Kamrup Dist HQ building at Batarhat. This 15th party HQ building of @BJP4Assam will enable us to serve the public even better and further strengthen @BJP4India that has become the world's largest democratic political party in just four decades." CM Sarma was also present in a meeting, which was held at Palasbari R.B.H.S field near

Mirza. On the other hand, CM Sarma inaugurated Model Anganwadi Centre at Kaitasidhi (A) under Chayani Barduar ICDS Project. Accompanied by Assam cabinet minister Chandra Mohan Patowary, state BJP president Bhabesh Kalita, MP Queen Oja, Palasbari MLA Hemanga Thakuriya, among others, he virtually inaugurated another 1000 centres across the state from there. Speaking on the occasion, CM Sarma said, "In the upcoming days 2000 more anganwadi centres will be inaugurated and by 2026 we aim to inaugurate

15,000 anganwadi centres across Assam." "In Palashbari, 16 new anganwadi centres have been inaugurated," he added. The Assam CM further announced that good samaritans will now be allowed to adopt such centres and to provide for the people there. From now on, CM Sarma said, "People can adopt Anganwadi Centres and if anyone wishes to offer any aid, they can do so. The government will anyway provide all the necessities."

Ajmal Foundation takes out massive Tiranga rally

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Hojai, August 14: Under the aegis of Ajmal Foundation, Ajmal Group of Institutions took out massive Tiranga road rally as a part of "Har Ghar Tiranga" and as part of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" marking the 75th years of India's Independence. The Tiranga rally began from Maryam Ajmal College of Science and Technology located at Jugiajan road in Hojai on Sunday. The rally was led by Badruddin Ajmal, MP, Dhuri and Trustee, Ajmal CSR along with Dr. Khasrul Islam, Director, Ajmal Foundation, Dr. MRH Azad, General Manager, Ajmal Foundation, Khalilur Rahman Laskar, General Secretary, Markazul Ma'arif where hundreds of students and people from all walks of life joined holding the national flags and traverses through major thoroughfares of the town, masij Gali, J.K. Kedia



Road, Islam Nagar, Nilbagan and concluded at Dobaka. During this rally, all were chanting Vande Mataram, Bharat Mata Ki Jai, Mera Bharat Manan which reverberated the ambience of Hojai. On the sidelines of the 'Tiranga rally' while interacting with reporters, Maulana Badruddin Ajmal urged everyone to take pride in the tricolor and display Tiranga at their respective homes. He said it is the

moment of happiness and joy and definitely it will further strengthen the spirit of oneness amongst each one of us, enrich the bonds of brotherhood, amity and harmony and would further lead our nation to progress and prosperity. On the other hand, many other organizations and individuals were seen celebrating the occasion with lots of enthusiasm in a befitting manner.

Seven Sense Communication celebrates Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

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Guwahati, August 14: Leading Public Relations Agency of Guwahati, Seven Sense Communication has distributed over 100 national flags in 5 locations of Guwahati as a part of pre-independence day celebration. Assamese actor Rohit Choudhary also



joined the founder and director Subhankar Banerjee

in this campaign. As India will be celebrating 75 years of Independence day, the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign is getting popular and people are joining this campaign in large numbers. On the occasion of the flag distribution campaign, Subhankar Banerjee said, "There are many people who can't afford to purchase flag so we have de-

cided to give our national flag to people who are unable to purchase it, everyone deserves to celebrate and this is just a small gesture from our end to celebrate independence day together." Assamese actor Rohit Choudhary also was a part of the campaign. Rohit has gained popularity from his latest short movie "Sorry" which featured Assamese heartthrob Ravi Sarma and Barash Rani Bishaya, directed by Mirza Arif Hazarika and the movie is successfully running in Disney+ Hotstar. On the occasion Rohit said, "I am glad to join hands with Seven Sense Communication in this campaign, I wish everyone a very Happy Independence Day".

Bisa Nong Singpho honoured by Margherita Administration

Assam Rising
Margherita, August 14: As a part of the celebration of



India's freedom struggle Bisa

Nong Singpho the great grandson of freedom fighter late Bisa Bom Singpho was honoured by the Office of the Sub-Divisional (civil) Officer, Margherita at his residence Bisa Gaon, Margherita on Sunday. Freedom Fighter Bisa Bom Singpho was the prominent ring leaders who revolted against the British Government. He was captured in the year 1830 and later sent to Dhaka jail. The Bisa Gaon is also known for another revolutionary leader of the same clan Late. Beesa Gaum, who was also captured by the British in the year 1843 and imprisoned for life in Dibrugarh Jail. Bisa Nong Singpho was presented with an traditional Assamese Phoolam Gamosha and National Flag by Binay Kumar Deka, SDAO, Margherita and Gurmeet Suri, SDIPRO, Margherita. Along with the close and extended family members of Bisa Nong Singpho noted Social worker, Retired Headmaster of Sankardev High School, Ledo and renowned Journalist of Ledo Jagat Changmai was also present during the time of honour.

8th Assam Bn NCC organizes cultural programme at ADP College

Assam Rising
Nagaon, August 14: On occasion of the country's 75 years of Independence, Army wings of the 8th Assam Battalion, NCC today organized a cultural event at the college auditorium of Nagaon Anandaram Dhekial Phookon College. The programme was initiated under special pursuance of coordinator to ANO, lieutenant Dr Jalin Chetia. Hundreds of NCC cadets from various colleges and schools of the town participated in the programme. Commanding officer of the 8th Assam Battalion, NCC Colonel Amar Singh delivered the welcome address while Jai Kr Singh, principal of Nagaon ADP College graced the occasion as the chief guest. While addressing the occasion, professor Jai Kr Singh elaborated the dedications as well as selfless sacrifices of the freedom fighters across the country for the country's independence and also urged the NCC cadets to be dedicated themselves in the service of nation building. Administrative officer of the battalion Colonel Sukhadev Singh, vice principal of ADP College Dr Mridul Kr Hazarika, Major Bhupal Kalita, Captain Ghanashyam Tide and other officials of the battalion participated in the programme, a release added.

Maharam: Subahi Madrasa organizes competitions among students



Assam Rising,
Bhuranagaon, August 13: The Arabic lunar month of Muharram is currently un-

derway. In fact, the actual day of Muharram passed in August. However, this program can be remem-

bered throughout the month of Muharram. Therefore, in conjunction with that, the Management Committee of Subahi Madrasa South Rajagadhowa, a leading religious education institution in Laharighat area of Morigaon district, organized various competitions to encourage the students. A total of 124 students of the madrasa won prizes in 15 competitions and 45 students won prizes according to their places. However, all the students who did not receive

the awards were also presented with Nichukni awards. The awards were presented by Abul Kalam, Shahidul Islam, Ah Hai and Abul Kashem. The competition was judged by Aughari and two Maulanas from Tinsukia. The awards ceremony was conducted by Principal Maulana Abul Khair, Secretary Shahidul Islam, Secretary Rafiqul Islam and Burhan Uddin.

GU Organised Partition Horror Remembrance day and AKAM

Assam Rising
Palasbari, August 14 : Gauhati University organised Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and Partition Horror Remembrance Day on 13 and 14th August on the eve of 75 years of Independence Day. A Prabhat Pheri was flagged off by GU Vice-Chancellor Pratap Jyoti Handique on 13th August. The Prabhat Pheri was joined by Students, NSS volunteers, faculty members, Officers and employees which showcased a big response of mother love and respect for the country. As per direction from UGC, New Delhi "Partition Horror Remembrance Day" was also organised at Phanidhar Datta Hall of Gauhati Uni-



versity followed by an exhibition on the topic. Dr. H.K.Nath, Registrar, GU welcomed to all the guests and participants to the program. Inaugurating the PHR Day program Prof. P.J. Handique, Vice-Chancellor, GU said that the day has been envisaged to bring to light the agony, suffering and pain of millions of people who were the sufferers of partition. It is to remind the country of

the largest displacement of human population in the last century, which also claimed the lives of a large number of people. Attending as an invited speaker Retired Prof of Gauhati University, Dept of Assamese Dipti Phukan Patgiri said every citizen should feel the sufferings and sorrows of the people who sacrificed their lives for India's Independence. Inaugurating the exhibition Patgiri explained starting from discov-

ery of India till the Independence era and able to touch the real feelings of partition to the august gathering. Dr R.K. kakati, DSW, Gauhati University coordinated the program and around 150 GU fraternity participated the program.

2nd edition of "Mukordommar Tadanto" released

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Guwahati, August 14: The second edition of the book titled "Mukordommar Tadanto", published in 1973, was released at the Guwahati Press Club on August 13. Releasing the second edition of the book, Pradip Barua, editor and Publisher of Prantik said that such books are very necessary for our society today. Former ADGP Dilip Bora and Joint Commissioner of Police Partha Sarathi Mahantadev attended the event as guests

of honour. It is to be noted that on this occasion, Bimal Chandra Lahkar and Shankardutta Lahkar also

Dinesh Ch Deka, retired Associate Professor, Birjhora College delivered the valedictory address at the event.



expressed their feelings about the book. Writer Monalisa Pathak and publisher Hemen Nath also made their comments on the same occasion. Dr.

The event was anchored by announcer Sangeeta Talukdar. It is to be noted that the book is published by Ankuran Prakashan, Jorhat.

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Happy Independence Day

India is celebrating its 75th year of Independence on August 15th, 2022. The celebration has been titled 'Azaadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, fronted by the Ministry of Culture and the Government of India. As we gear up for the biggest festival of democracy on Monday, here are a few speech ideas to help you and the kids to perform and celebrate the Freedom Festival with all pomp and show. Independence Day is the biggest festival of democracy for all Indians. We celebrate Independence Day every year on August 15 because on this day, we got freedom from British rule and elected our first Prime Minister - Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. This is just not to mark our freedom from the invaders who ruled the country for 200 years but also to celebrate each Indian's right to live freely and enjoy all other constitutional rights that shine gloriously in the Constitution of India. India is a diverse country with 28 states, over 121 languages and 270 mother tongues and Independence Day is the day to celebrate this diversity and the sprawling cultures that we cherish and preserve. It is the day to remind all that freedom never comes easily to anyone. It is the day to remember the sacrifice of the millions of freedom fighters who fought bravely against the Britishers, not just to reclaim their land back, but also to fight the oppression, the elitism, the sheer cruelty of their rule and various rights to debilitate Indian citizens introduced by the British Raj. The celebrations begin early in the morning at Delhi's Red Fort where the Prime Minister of India delivers a quick speech and addresses the nation about the development and the policies that the government has introduced, and the upcoming efforts that the government has planned to take to boost the nation further. Before arriving at the Red Fort, the PM also visits India Gate to honour the sacrifice of our martyrs by giving a Shradhanjali. The PM then hoists the tricolour flag in which each colour signifies a different spirit of the nation. While saffron stands for glory and happiness, white is for peace and green is for faith. In the centre of our flag, there is an Ashok chakra that contains 24 evenly distributed spokes. As we celebrate the 75th Independence Day, we remember the glorious sacrifice of our freedom fighters with a hand on our hearts and promise to maintain the spirit of brotherhood and peace in the nation. Happy Independence Day.

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Partition Horrors Remembrance Day
PM Modi pays homage to those who lost lives

News Desk
Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday paid homage to all the people who lost their lives during the partition of India and Pakistan. "Today, on #Partition Horrors Remembrance Day, I pay homage to all those who lost their lives during partition, and applaud the resilience as well as grit of all those who suffered during that tragic period of our history," PM Modi said in a tweet. PM Modi had last year announced that August 14 will be observed as 'Partition Horrors Remembrance Day' to remind the nation of the sufferings and sacrifices of Indians during the partition in 1947. "Partition's pains can never be forgotten. Millions of our sisters and brothers were displaced and many lost their lives due to mindless hate and violence. In memory of the struggles and sacrifices of our people, August 14 will be observed as Partition Horrors Remembrance Day," PM Modi had said. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Monday inaugurated an exhibition on the theme 'Horrors of Partition' at the Parliament Library

Building. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi and Union Culture Minister G. Kishan Reddy were among the leaders present. Last year, while talking about the government's decision, to celebrate Partition Horrors Remembrance Day on August 14, the Prime Minister said, "We celebrate independence,



but the pain of partition still pierces the chest of India. It is one of the greatest tragedies of the last century and to remember the people who lost their lives during the partition, to honour the pain and sufferings faced by the people of India during the partition, we have decided to

celebrate Partition Horrors Remembrance Day. "May the #Partition Horrors Remembrance Day keep reminding us of the need to remove the poison of social divisions, disharmony and further strengthen the spirit of oneness, social harmony and human empowerment," the Prime Minister had tweeted after an-

hoist it. Earlier, Indian citizens were not allowed to hoist the National Flag except on selected occasions. This changed after a decade-long legal battle by industrialist Naveen Jindal culminated in the landmark SC judgement of January 23, 2004 that declared that the right to fly the National Flag freely with respect and dignity is a fundamental right of an Indian citizen within the meaning of Article 19(1) (a) of the Constitution of India. Lauding the Centre and the Prime Minister for the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign, Naveen Jindal has appealed to every Indian to make 'Har Din Tiranga' their motto. The programme envisages inspiring Indians everywhere to hoist the national flag at their homes. The aim of the programme is to make the relationship with the national flag a more personal one rather than just keeping it formal or institutional. The campaign is launched under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, whose official journey commenced on March 12, 2021, which started a 75-week countdown to our 75th anniversary of independence.

Is Indian Constitution an elite document?
Bheels, Kalbelias changing this one song at a time

The Indian Constitution, as American historian Granville Austin remarked, is an elite document. Despite its enactment and endurance for 75 years, the Constitution did not become a people's book. But that is changing now. Communities and protesters are slowly owning and celebrating it. "Gita se na chalta hai na chalta Quran se, chalta hai desh hamara Bhim ke Samvidhan se (our country is neither governed by the Gita nor the Quran, it is governed by Bhimrao Ambedkar's Constitution)." With this catchy song, the Bheel community in Udaipur, Rajasthan is not only engaging with the Constitution but also owning its chief architect, Bhimrao Ambedkar. Through folk songs, small gatherings and redressal of daily life issues, the Bheels, and many other communities, are increasingly finding meaning in the Constitution. The Bheels form small groups of volunteers and reach out to communities to prompt conversations around the Constitution, preamble values and address problems by invoking constitutional principles. Another such group operates out of Jodhpur and is led by youth from the Kalbelia community—a tribe of snake charmers left to scramble on the margins after the enactment of the Wildlife Protection Act 1971. It is interesting to see how these communities about whom there is hardly any discourse in mainstream Indian society are engaging with the Constitution through tribal songs and daily activities. These youth-led groups are invoking fundamental constitutional principles to address problems of representation, access to ration, birth certificates and proof of residence—issues common among historically nomadic communities like the Kalbelias. These initiatives are also taken by a network of civil societies, which acts as a capac-

ity builder. They train individuals through cross-learning workshops and community gatherings while acting as knowledge-sharing platforms. Constitutional democracies around the globe are facing an existential crisis, but this community-driven engagement can allow us to reshape the idea of constitutional endurance and see it from the broader perspective of engaging with people who are real custodians of this document. As we celebrate the 75 years of India's independence, it is crucial to move ahead with the indigenisation of our first document. Despite its importance, the Indian Constitution cannot be called accessible. However, it has performed well in the endurance test. Scholars Tom Ginsburg, Zachary Elkins and James Melton argue that the average lifespan of a written Constitution is 19 years. The Indian Constitution has survived almost four times of what their research suggests. But is this survival the sole reason for such endurance? Professors Pratap Bhanu Mehta, Sujit Choudhary and Madhav Khosla argue that Constitutions persist for a variety of reasons. One of the most important reasons is that it provides space for the

settlement of elite aspirations while including groups that were previously excluded and sidelined. However, literature on the endurance of the Constitution does not take into account the issue of civic engagement. As important as it is to them, the common person's

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interaction with the Constitution is limited at best. For instance, a Constitution Connect survey conducted across 93 schools in India found that only 33 schools practised reciting the preamble or engaging with the Constitution in morning assemblies. This is despite a clear government mandate on reciting the national anthem in school assemblies. While students do engage with the Constitution in their political science courses, it is not from a perspective of practice. British constitutional scholar Ivor Jennings called the Indian Constitution a "lawyer's paradise" because of the complex language and phrases it has adopted. Jennings' assertion isn't wrong. The lexical complexity of the Constitution has kept its values and principles away from the com-

mon people. In the last 75 years, neither the State nor the civil society has endeavoured to take the Constitution to the people. However, after 2014, we have witnessed increased engagement. In 2015, the Forum for Popularising the Constitution of India began hosting public events in multiple languages on Constitutional issues. Gradually, civic organisations like the Centre for Law and Policy Research began curating texts on the Constitution, while those like Constitution Connect began working in regional languages to make the text more accessible. Academics like professor Tarunabh Khaitan and lawyer-researcher Surbhi Karwa have curated online videos and podcasts to disseminate knowledge of constitutional theories to the masses. Recitation of the preamble and carrying copies of the Constitution have emerged as popular means of dissent in recent years, especially witnessed during the anti-CAA protests between 2019 and 2020. These efforts were restricted to non-State actors until the Kerala government started efforts for constitutional literacy. In January, the Kollam district panchayat, district planning committee and the Kerala Institute of Local Administration took the initiative to impart basic knowledge of the preamble and fundamental rights. Supporters of constitutional literacy initiatives argue that acquaintance with the State's power allows individuals to perform the role of constitutional guardians. Christopher Dreisbach in his book, Constitutional Literacy: A Twenty-First Century Imperative, says that the "knowledge of (the) Constitution (is) sufficient to invoke it properly". These invocations strengthen the role of citizens as constitutional guardians. Thus, as India completes 75 years of independence, we must push to make the Constitution simple, jargon-free and most importantly, accessible.

How do Muslims celebrate Independence Day? The many loyalty tests since Nehru

How do Muslims celebrate Independence Day? This absurd question irritates me. As a Dilliwalla, I know how 15th August celebrations begin in Jama Masjid area each year. The bangle sellers, or Churiwale, display tricolour bangles at their stalls to attract girls, especially young married women. The kite shops are packed with different kites and manjhas. Almost all Muslim households put a Tiranga on their rooftop—even without the Har Ghar Tiranga call. Families invite their children, especially the mar-

ried daughters, and relatives at home to have a mandatory annual feast. Young men participate in kite competitions in the morning, and the evening is marked by atishbazi, or fireworks. This is what I have observed and experienced in my own family. My everyday experience, however, should not be exaggerated to paint a sweet, rosy picture of Muslim patriotism. The question "how do Muslims celebrate Independence Day?" is not as innocent as we think. It is serious political anxiety, which is inextricably linked to the idea of national

Independence and the expected role of Muslims in it. National Independence, at least in a political sense, is not a fixed phenomenon. It is always defined in relation to changing political realities and electoral requirements. For this reason, Muslims' association with official commemorative practices must be explored as an ever-changing discourse of expectations. In other words, we must look at the ways in which different generations of Muslims are asked to prove their loyalty; and how these 'loyalty tests' contribute to the dominant notions of national independence. Three watershed moments are significant in this regard. Jawaharlal Nehru offered a very interesting conceptualisation of India's Independence, especially in the early 1950s. He was keen to define India as a 'Leviathan State'—a State that represents a social contract among different communities to protect their distinct collective interests. In this schema, British rule was seen as a 'state of nature', in which every community was fighting for its own parochial interests. The Indian State, being the outcome of a national consensus, was committed to protecting Indian communities from the danger of this parochialism. In other words, an informal doctrine of unity in diversity was established—if Indian communities fail to protect the State, their individual existence would cease to exist. Muslims had an interesting placing in this framework. They were asked to remain committed to the Nehruvian project of nation-building. An interesting binary between good nationalist Muslims and the bad anti-national Muslims was established to justify a set of expectations. Unlike other communities, Muslims had to participate in national life, especially in national celebrations in a way that their Muslim identity could easily be noticed. A new meaning was attributed to the idea of national Independence in the post-1965 war period. Unlike Nehru, Indira Gandhi relied heavily on external threat from neighbouring countries to legitimise the vulnerability of the Indian State. The Independence, therefore, was to be protected not

merely to uphold the values of social contract in a strictly abstract Nehruvian sense but also to secure Indian territories from external aggression. This renewed imagination of the ever-vulnerable and threatened State became a source of inspiration for Indira Gandhi. She used it even to silence her opponents in the post-Bangladesh period and eventually imposed National Emergency between 1975-1977 to protect India from "external aggression" and "internal disturbance". The famous song, Dulhan Chali, Behan Chali from the 1970

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Manoj Kumar starrer Purab Aur Paschim, perhaps best captures this imagination. It defines India's Independence as a bride/sister in overtly Hindu terms to remind Indian communities that they should adhere to their official national identity. A different and more profound set of expectations was posed for Mus-

lims. It was understood in relation to what is now known as national security. A more concrete and workable definition was produced by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) in later years. It now identifies four types of internal security issues: Terrorism in the hinterland, Left-wing extremism in certain areas, insurgency in the Northeastern states and cross-border terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir. This new imagination of Independence has produced what I call 'Muslim politicophobia'. The global anti-Islamism and anti-Muslim communalism led to a new political consensus in the early 2000s, especially in the aftermath of the 9/11 events. Political parties adopted this refined mode to address Indian Muslims not merely as a problematic religious minority but also as part of a global Islamic umma. The scope of this 'loyalty test' has also been expanded accordingly. Muslim communities now have to demonstrate that they are committed to



lims in this period. They were, as usual, asked to prove their anti-Pakistan stand. At the same time, it was expected from them to wholeheartedly accept all political decisions taken by the Congress regime without any protest or criticism. Nazima Parveen's recent book, Contested Homelands, shows that whenever Muslim communities refused to abide by official orders in the 1970s, they were systematically targeted and punished by the Indira Gandhi government, especially during the Emergency period. The assassination of Indira Gandhi in 1984 and militancy in Kashmir and the Northeast gave a new twist to the idea of Indepen-

the unity and integrity of the nation. They also have to overwhelmingly show their anti-Pakistan attitude. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, they have to assert that the Islam(s) they practice is different from the Jihadist Islam propagated by terrorist organisations like al-Qaeda. It is important to remember that this discourse of expectations does not affect any other religious community except Muslims. There is no pressure on a Hindu to come forward and say that they are committed to national integration and do not support the version of Hinduism that is used to justify the lynching of innocent Muslims.

Paytm Shares Dip Despite Loan Disbursals Jumping 296% YoY

Delhi, August 14 : Paytm shares were trading lower in early trade on Friday even as the company's loan distribution business (in partnership with top lenders) continues to witness accelerated growth with disbursements through our platform now an annualised run rate of over Rs 25,000 crore in July. The company reported that consumer engagement is at its highest on Paytm Super-App with average monthly transacting users (MTU) at 77.6 million for the month of July 2022, up by 41 per cent on a y-o-y basis. The company witnessed an 82 per cent yoy jump in merchant payment volumes (GMV) for the month at Rs1.06 lakh crore (\$13 billion). At around 10.35 AM, One 97 Communications was trad-



ing at Rs780 down by 5.51 per cent from its previous closing of Rs 825.50 on the BSE. The scrip opened at Rs 820 and touched intraday high and low of Rs 820 and Rs 775 respectively. It also comes a day after the Advisory firm Institutional Investor Advisory Services India Limited (IIAS) flagged the proposal to reappoint Vijay Shekhar Sharma as the Chief Execu-

tive Officer (CEO) of Paytm for another five years and also opposed the remuneration decided for the position. The advisory firm advised shareholders to vote against the move, ahead of Paytm's annual general meeting (AGM) on August 19. ICICI Securities said in the report that there will be no change in the revenue model for Paytm due to the new regulatory framework as all

charges are already transparently disclosed and paid directly to the lenders. "Convenience fee is paid by customers to lenders and lenders pay it back to LSPs as a part of distribution or collection revenue sharing. Paytm does not collect any charges directly from the borrowers. Also, MDR is paid by merchant to LSPs and the regulation does not have any bearing on MDR earned," it said. The brokerage maintains a 'buy' rating on the Paytm stock with an unchanged target price of Rs 1,285 based on the customer lifetime value methodology. Meanwhile, Goldman Sachs has also said that Paytm's financial services business practices are in line with the key points, per the final guidelines issued by

the RBI on digital lending. It believes that the guidelines should result in a limited-to-no impact on Paytm's monetisation model and should help remove one of the key overhangs on the stock. "Regulations have remained a key focus area for Paytm investors, and recent developments such as digital lending guidelines, UPI through credit card, RBI's payments vision document, etc. are largely neutral/positive for Paytm in our view. "Apart from this, on the regulatory front, removal of any overhang on MDR (merchant discount rate; timeline unclear) could be another catalyst," it said. The foreign brokerage has a 'buy' rating on the stock with a target price of Rs 1,100 per share.

Linking Of UPI With Credit Card Likely To Begin

Delhi, August 14 : The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) is likely to operationalise linking of RuPay credit cards with the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) in the next two months. "We are hoping that the RuPay credit card linking to UPI should get operationalised in couple of months' time. We are talking to BoB Cards, SBI Cards, Axis Bank, and Union Bank of India," NPCI MD and CEO Dilip Asbe said at an event. "We should be in a position to submit our proposal to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in 10 days." UPI, launched by the NPCI in 2016, currently allows users to link bank accounts that are linked to a mobile number. Using various third-party apps such as Google Pay, PhonePe, among others, users can make payments through their debit cards. Last month, the Reserve Bank of India revealed plans to allow linking credit cards with UPI. "To start with, RuPay credit cards will be enabled with this facility," the central bank said in June. As per another report by The Indian Express, the NPCI is in talks with public sector card companies to begin a pilot project by the end of August or September. As part of the pilot, the NPCI is also looking to integrate UPI AutoPay feature with credit cards in order to reduce the risk of defaults on credit card

payments, the report said. "Today, banks cannot issue a physical credit card to someone with a smaller credit limit because of the cost of issuance involved. That's why the digital approach is necessary. With the UPI AutoPay, it adds a lot of value. With this the dis-

tribution and collection costs come to near zero. Technically, banks can do step-up credit once they understand consumer behaviour, and expand their base," an NPCI official was quoted as saying. According to experts, linking credit cards with UPI would further boost UPI payments in the country and lead to higher utilisation of credit cards. However, it is not clear if the merchant discount rate (MDR) would be charged for the usage of credit cards through UPI. "We may have to take care of the smaller merchants and protect them from the MDR. The existing credit card servicing merchants can continue to pay," Asbe said at the event. For the uninitiated, all merchants processing transac-



credit cards is at 2%-3%, and MDR has been one of the most important means to earn money for credit card issuers. "The objective is how we can go back to the 250 Mn users and how the bank can start doing smaller credits. Also, we are looking at how the 50 Mn merchants can start accepting credit," Asbe added. Meanwhile, India is also mulling providing UPI to other countries. Speaking at an event earlier this month, IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said that India is already in talks with 30 countries for UPI, while three countries have signed memoranda of understanding (MoUs). UPI transactions in the country stood at INR 10.14 Lakh Cr in June, a slight drop from INR 10.4 Lakh Cr in May.

British Paints introduces new campaign with fresh brand colors

Assam Rising, Guwahati 14 : The year 2022 led the way for new product launches and fresh brand colors as British Paints says 'HarGharMuskuraye, Jab Rang Gungunaye' in the newly launched campaign. British Paints as a brand has always been on the forefront when it comes to new innovative campaigns, the launch of products that suit consumer needs with the best prices and various social or partner empowerment programs. On the advent of their new campaign, they put forth a rationale for everyone to sing to the tune of happiness with their high-spirited colors for homes and personal spaces. Knowing how big of a step it is for an established company to make changes in the existing brand color and campaign, looks like British Paints must've had a very strong reason to do so after persisting with the previous brand color for more than 100+ years. The great revelation clarified that the brand has chosen a 'dark yellow' and a 'navy blue' as their remarkable replacement of the previous maroon, while stating that yellow swings on the strings of happiness whereas navy blue walks the path of reli-



ability. When combined, they form the foundation of British Paint's new campaign. 'HarGharMuskuraye Jab Rang Gungunaye' which is in continuation of their primary communication and campaign 'Rang Gungunaye'. "We at British Paints aim to offer joy and optimism to our key stakeholders. We want people to feel happy when they see their dream house in long-lasting and protective colors. And our range of coatings for every solution plays a pivotal role in capturing this joy and making it last forever. It is important for us that our motto of painting hues of happiness into the lives of people gets reflected in our communication," says Yogesh Bhatia Singh, COO, British Paints. In addition to this, British Paints paves the way for the inauguration of 3 fresh and innovative products to their existing range of colors, namely, Shingar All Rounder Hi-Sheen which is one solution for exterior and interior walls gifting high sheen finish to them, Expa Cool Ad-

vanced Hi-Sheen Exterior Emulsion which cools surfaces unto 5-Degree Celsius, and Optima 7 Water-proofing Exterior Emulsion with 7 years of warranty. British Paints looked out for all the problems related to wall paints and furnished a solution to maintain ever-smiling consumers. It can be mentioned that headquartered in New Delhi, British Paints service 12000+ channel partners, OEMs, and Institutional accounts over the length and breadth of the country. This is supported by a dedicated network of 4 manufacturing units located in Uttar Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Andhra Pradesh, and Assam, and 59+ branch offices. The offerings include the complete range of Architectural Coatings covering all price points and functionalities, & also a range of General Industrial Coatings plus Water Proofing Solutions. The firm plans to come strong in tier 2, 3 & 4 markets to engage all Indian Consumers with their new strategy.

PNB wins the first prize under the Agri Infra Fund Campaigns

Delhi, August 14 : Punjab National Bank (PNB), nation's leading public sector bank, won the first prize for the Target Achiever's Category at the 'Agri Infra Fund Award Ceremony 2022' organized under the Agri Infra Fund Campaigns launched by Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India. PNB also won the 2nd prize for its overall performance under the Agri Infrastructure Fund Scheme. This award was presented by Hon'ble Union Cabinet Min-

ister for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar. Also present were, Shri Kailash Choudhary Minister of State, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, GOI, Shri Arun Sharma GM PNB, and Shri Kuldeep Singh Rana, DGM, PNB along with other dignitaries. Agri Infra Fund under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Package is a dedicated scheme providing a medium-long term credit facility for the creation of post-harvest management infrastructure and community farming assets. As of now, there has been a sanction of 13,700 projects, with a sanction of Rs 10,131 crore loans. On this occasion, the bank was complimented by dignitaries and officials of



Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare for its achievements and further motivated to continue working harder towards building a stronger nation.

DSP Investment Managers launches DSP Silver ETF

Mumbai, August 14 : DSP Investment Managers announced the launch of DSP Silver ETF which will invest in physical silver and silver related instruments. This new ETF offers investors an easier way to buy or sell silver compared to the physical version with the freedom to trade easily. Demand for silver is higher than supply and mainly driven by industrial, investment and jewellery. Supply (997 million ounces) of silver depends on limited mine production capacities but demand (1049 million ounces) may potentially increase further due to its application in new age tech, among many other use cases like photovoltaic cells (solar) and as the main electrical connector material in battery packs and control modules of Electric Vehicles. Silver offers other advantages to investors as well. It aims to hedge against a standard 'equity-debt portfolio' due to its low correlation with

equity and negative correlation with debt. This may make it a favourable diversifier, especially in troubled times. Silver can also potentially act as leverage against the depreciating rupee. Silver in INR terms has outperformed Silver in USD due to currency depreciation. This is because silver prices in India are derived from international silver prices but are then converted after adding currency

most equity-oriented actively managed mutual funds. However, investing in silver is a high-risk strategy and is more suited for experienced investors who understand precious metals or commodities cycles. Investors must be prepared to face short term fluctuations and stay resilient through such times. The New Fund Offer for the Silver ETF opens for subscription on August 1st, 2022 and closes on August 12th, 2022. "Investing in silver via an ETF is a modern and smart way for investors to gain exposure to this precious metal in an easy, digital form. Increasing demand for silver in industries, newer technologies and a shift to renewable sources of energy and the safe-haven demand can also act as favourable tailwinds for the metal. However, investors should expect fluctuations in short-term returns, especially during times of market volatility.



effects and other costs of buying. Further, compared to landings expensive jewellery, silver in an ETF format gives you the flexibility to buy even with small amounts of money and that too at a relatively lower cost than

Bajaj Allianz breaks GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™ title at Plankathon

Delhi, August 14 : Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance, one of India's leading private life insurers, created history by breaking the Guinness World Records title for 'Most number of people holding the abdominal plank position'. 4,454 people held the plank for a minute together at the Bajaj Allianz Life Plankathon event held in Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium Delhi today. The company achieved this feat by beating the earlier record of 3,118 held by China. Chandramohan Mehra, Chief Marketing Officer, Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance, on the world record, said, "The Plankathon initiative reflects our commitment to enable good health and holistic fitness. #PlankToThank movement anchored and conceived to express gratitude towards the Armed Forces - our real heroes, has garnered an overwhelming response and massive participation across India. Healthier and happier Indians are the best insurance of India's life goals." Kapil Dev, Captain of India's first ODI world cup winning team, said, "I congratulate Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance for taking up the initiative to encourage fitness and, uniquely, leverage



the platform to demonstrate gratitude for our real heroes. I look forward to many joining the Plank movement and embracing holistic fitness for oneself, their loved ones and India." The new world record set at the current third edition of Plankathon event is part of company's #PlankToThank initiative that commenced on 1 July, 2022. On occasion of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations, to demonstrate gratitude for Indian Armed Forces, the company invited sharing of planking videos or pictures on social media platforms. The company made monetary contribution towards facilitating entrepreneurship amongst ex-servicemen. The implementation of reskilling program, which encompasses providing technical skills, business mentoring and access to capital, will be done in collaboration with iCreate India. To promote fitness, the company has been conducting the unique, high-engaging Plank initiative since 2018, also contributing towards societal causes in collabo-

ration with relevant partners. The first edition, #36SecPlankChallenge was linked to curing heart disorders amongst economically disadvantaged kids in association with Hrudaya Foundation. The first edition of Plankathon was conducted in Pune on November 2018, with Shilpa Shetty as its event ambassador. The second edition, #PlankForIndia, supported the young Indian Olympians in association with OGQ. The second edition was conducted on 26th January, 2020 in Mumbai, which had Anil Kapoor as its event ambassador.

Tata Motors celebrates 1st anniversary of Tiago NRG

Delhi, August 14 : In line with its New Forever philosophy and celebrating the first anniversary of Tiago NRG, Tata Motors, India's leading automotive brand, launched the Tiago NRG XT variant today at INR 6.42 lakhs. The Tiago NRG since its launch has received a phenomenal response from its customers. Contributing to 15% of the Tiago petrol sales, it has been appreciated for its SUVish design, tough roader ability along with its best in segment safety rating

(4 star by GNCAP). With the addition of this new variant, the Tiago NRG will now be available in two trims - the Tiago XT NRG and the Tiago XZ NRG. The new Tiago NRG XT variant comes with new 14" Hyperstyle Wheels, 3.5" Infotainment System by Harman T.M, Steering Mounted Controls, Height Adjustable Driver Seat, Front Fog Lamps and many other features along with carrying forward the NRG design elements such as High Ground

Clearance of 181 mm, Rugged Claddings, Infinity Black Roof with Roof Rails & Charcoal Black Interiors. Commenting on the occasion, Mr. Rajan Amba, Vice President, Sales, Marketing and Customer Care, Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Ltd. said, "The Tiago NRG has been captivating the imaginations of our customers since its launch and has become a preferred hatchback that offers tough terrain performance for the go-getters and those who live life on the edge. Kick start-

ing the festive season, we are elated to introduce our customers to the Tiago XT NRG. Priced attractively, this variant is well-packaged, and aims at enhancing the drive experience. We are confident that the addition of this feature-rich XT variant will further strengthen the NRG and the overall Tiago portfolio, propelling their sales performance ahead. Adding to the celebration, Tata Motors also announced the upgradation of its existing Tiago XT variant with the addition of new features to

step. In light of these developments, Ganesh Super TMT, the state's only listed TMT enterprise, has planned an expansion of its production capacity to 25000 MT. The new facility will be located in Muzaffarpur district. Speaking on the company's expansion plan, Shri Ashok Kumar Bajoria, Managing Director, Ganesh Foundry and Casting Limited said, "Ganesh TMT has been contributing to the growth of Bihar for 35 years. Being one of the pioneering TMT companies of the State, we want to support the Government's efforts of bringing in industrial growth in the State. Our production capacity expansion will help us meet rising demands from our patrons. This will also help create em-

largest steel manufacturer. The Union Steel Ministry predicts that India's steel output would double in the next decade, rising from 120 million tonnes to 240 million tonnes. The Government has waived customs duty on the import of some raw materials used by the steel industry, a move which will lower the cost for the domestic industry and reduce the prices. Also, to increase domestic availability, the duty on exports of iron ore has been hiked up to 50 per cent, and a few steel intermediaries to 15 per cent, according to a notification. This has given the industry a much-needed boost, thereby, encouraging steel and TMT companies to expand their operations. Ganesh Super TMT bars are distinguished by their high tensile strength. Due to their increased flexibility and improved characteristics, the TMT bars provide a secure grasp that can withstand severe calamity and provide protection. Ganesh Super is the ideal combination of flexibility and strength, outperforming all competitors in terms of quality. The greatest degree of quality is maintained in the products and services owing to meticulous attention to detail at every stage of the manufacturing or delivery process.



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Kerala governor Arif Mohammad

double inverted commas," Jaleel had said in a Malayalam FB post after withdrawing his earlier controversial remarks. However, he kept mum on the other comment: "Indian adheena Jammu and Kashmir" (India-Occupied Jammu and Kashmir)" in his explanatory note. Union Minister of State for External Affairs V Muraliedharan said that the Kerala government should not think that making Jaleel withdraw his comments was the end of the matter. Speaking to reporters in the state, Muraliedharan said that BJP will take the issue forward till a permanent solution is found. Meanwhile, a complaint has been made to the Thiruvananthapuram City Police Commissioner by the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) seeking strict action against the MLA for his remarks. The complaint by ABVP state secretary N C T Sreehari was sent to the police commissioner on August 12, the day the controversial remarks were made by Jaleel on his Facebook page. The complainant has contended that the remarks are allegedly anti-national as they would adversely impact the unity of the nation. In his post on Friday, the Kerala MLA had said, "The part of Kashmir annexed to Pakistan was known as 'Azad Kashmir' and it was an area where the Pakistan government does not have direct control." Jaleel, who was a minister in the previous CPI(M)-led LDF government, had also said "Indian adheena Jammu and Kashmir" consists of parts of Jammu, Kashmir Valley and Ladakh. "The comments had invited severe criticism from several people, especially BJP leaders.

Rakesh Jhunjhunwala passes away

was also very passionate about India's progress. His passing away is saddening. My condolences to his family and admirers. Om Shanti," tweeted Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Jhunjhunwala was brought dead at Breach Candy hospital in Mumbai at 6:45 am on Sunday. He was suffering from kidney disease and ischemic heart disease. The hospital certified that cardiac arrest was the cause of death. "Shri Rakesh Jhunjhunwala is no more. Investor, bold risk taker, masterly understanding of the stock market, clear in communication - a leader in his own right. Fondly remember several conversations we've had. Had strong belief in India's strength and capabilities. Condolences," tweeted Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. He was also the promoter of Akasa Air and Star Health & Allied Insurance. Rakesh Jhunjhunwala was born on July 5, 1960 and grew up in Mumbai, where his father was posted as an income tax officer. After graduating from Sydenham College in 1985, he enrolled at the Institute of Chartered Accountant of India. He is married to Rekha Jhunjhunwala, who is also a stock market investor. Kotak Mahindra Bank Managing Director Uday Kotak missed a friend. "Rakesh Jhunjhunwala: my school and college mate. One year my junior. Believed stock India was undervalued. He is right. Amazingly sharp in understanding financial markets. We spoke regularly, more so during Covid. Will miss you Rakesh!" he tweeted.

Har Ghar Tiranga: 6,600 ft long

students to celebrate the ongoing 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign. The 'Prabhat Pheri' began from Janpath Radial and culminated at the National War Memorial at India Gate to celebrate the campaign under 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' to mark 75 years of India's independence. Union Ministers Piyush Goyal, Smriti Irani and Meenakshi Lekhi attended the event. Delhi LG Vinai Kumar Saxena, Chairman New Delhi Municipal Corporation Ashwani Kumar, members of NDMC Kuljeet Singh Chahal and Vishakha Sailani also participated in the march. A 108 feet tall National Flag was installed at Hyderbeigh in Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla on Sunday, which is a first of its kind in North Kashmir. The move was made as part of the Centre's Har Ghar Tiranga campaign which encourages the citizens to hoist the tricolour marking the 75th year of the country's Independence. Speaking to the reporters on the occasion, GoC Kilo Force Major General SS Slaria said, "This is the first of its kind installed in North Kashmir. I thank the citizens of this region to take forward the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign.

Congress to get three ministers in

Mahagathbandhan government in Bihar has been finalised. The Congress will get a total of three ministerial berths," he said. "Two Congress legislators will take oath on August 16, when the chief minister is expected to expand his cabinet. One more party legislator will be inducted in the Nitish Kumar cabinet when the next expansion takes place after August 16," he added. Das said the Congress MLAs who will become the ministers are yet to be decided. "We will finalise the names of our legislators who will be part of the Nitsih Kumar cabinet on Monday," he said. Earlier, Congress sources had indicated that the party was looking for four ministerial berths in the new government. The cabinet, which at present comprises only the chief minister and his deputy Tejashwi Yadav, is due for expansion on August 16. Kumar had taken oath on Wednesday, a day after the JD(U) snapped ties with the BJP-led NDA and joined hands with the RJD, the Congress and some other parties to form the Mahagathbandhan government. The Grand Alliance at present comprises seven parties -- JD(U), RJD, Congress, CPIM(L), CPI, CPI(M) and HAM, which together have more than 160 MLAs in the 243-member assembly.

Assam's Top Cops To Receive

Ronghang (LNK), Hondor Sing Tokbi (CT), Greatson Marak (CT) and Sambor Rongpi (CT). Moreover, Himangshu Das (Asstt. Commissioner of Police, Guwahati), will be conferred with the President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service. In addition, 14 Assam Police personnel will be awarded with the Police Medal for the Meritorious Service. They are, Diganta Kumar Choudhury (Deputy Commissioner Of Police), Biraj Das (Superintendent Of Police), Amrit Chandra Kalita (Dy Sp), Ashim Borah (Inspector), Jayanta Kumar Barman (Inspector), Debendra Nath Das (Asstt. Sub Inspector), Purna Chandra Das (Lance Naik), Kamal Chetry (Lance Naik), Khargeswar Nath (Lance Naik), Dipak Bhuyan (Lance Naik), Dandadhar Brahma (Constable), Ranjit Sarmah (Constable), Junmoni Kurmi (Constable), And Dipali Gogol (Woman Constable). This year India is going to celebrate its 75th Independence Day. A campaign 'Har Ghar Tiranga' was initiated under the aegis of Azaadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav wherein all government offices, houses, are urged to unfurl then tricolor flag which has already started from August 13.

'Rahul Gandhi is silent...': BJP slams

shows that the state Chief Minister and Home Minister are helpless. The guilty must be brought to book," he said. The incident happened in a private school in the Jalore district of Rajasthan. A nine-year-old Dalit boy died on Saturday allegedly after he was beaten up by a teacher for touching a drinking water pot, police said. Police have arrested the teacher, Chail Singh, 40, and charged him with murder and under sections of the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act. Indra Meghwal, a student of the private school in Surana village, was beaten up on July 20 and succumbed to his injuries at a hospital in Ahmedabad on Saturday. Earlier, on Saturday, BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh wrote to the chairman of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes and requested them to probe the incident and ensure justice to the family of the victim. Meanwhile, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot called the incident tragic and said that the case has been taken up under the Case Officer Scheme for speedy investigation. "Justice will be ensured to the victim's family at the earliest. An assistance amount of Rs 5 lakh will be given to the kin of the deceased from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund," Rajasthan CM said.

Police Arrests 4 For Having Links With ULFA-I

from Panitola in Nagaon district. The fourth suspect, Sourav Chetia, was arrested from Panimudia area. Earlier, today under the aegis of superintendent of police Subhijyoti Bora, massive police-paramilitary operations was carried out at Rupohibam and Nabil in Demow. They managed to take into custody one accused in the matter. The accused was identified as Mohendra Baruah. Police suspected Baruah of having links to the proscribed militant organisation. He has been kept at Demow Police Station.

Nation will celebrate 76th Independence

became a free country and split into India and Pakistan. Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Bhagat Singh, Chandra Shekhar Azad, and Subhas Chandra Bose are few of the prominent names who played a major role as freedom fighters and no doubt, there were many more. India's Independence Day is observed as a national holiday for the entire nation since it is a reminder that many freedom fighters made sacrifices for our freedom and to get independence from British rule. The national holiday is usually observed throughout the nation. The tricolour is hoisted and various cultural events are organised. India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru raised the Indian national flag above the Lahori Gate of Red Fort in Delhi on 15 August 1947 and since then, it has become a tradition followed by the incumbent prime minister hoist the flag and address the country. The song 'Bharato Bhagyo Bidhata' was composed in 1911 by Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore and was renamed as 'Jana Gana Mana.' It was adopted by the Constituent Assembly of India as the national anthem on 24 January 1950. The Indian national flag was hoisted on 7 August 1906 at Parsee Bagan Square in Kolkata. The first variant of India's national flag was designed by freedom fighter Pingali Venkayya in 1921. The current flag was officially adopted on 22 July 1947. Four other countries that celebrate their independence day on 15 August along with India - Bahrain, North Korea, South Korea, and Liechtenstein. The Indian flag is manufactured and supplied from only one place in the nation. The Karnataka Khadi Gramodyoga Samyukta Sangha (KKGSS), located in Dharwad in Karnataka has the authority to manufacture and supply the Indian national flags. The flag is manufactured only with handspun and handwoven cotton khadi wafting. After India's independence, Goa was still a Portuguese colony which was annexed to India by the Indian Army only in 1961. Thus, Goa was the last state to join the Indian territory.

We will soon make dreams of our

and Covid warriors for this," she added. "Covid played havoc with the global economy, but India's economy is growing fast. We are the world's start-up capital and the credit goes to our government and policymakers," the president stated. The president said when India won independence, there were many international leaders and experts who were sceptical about the success of the democratic form of government in India due to poverty and illiteracy at that time. "But we Indians proved the sceptics wrong. Democracy not only grew roots in this soil, it was enriched too," she said as she asked citizens to pledge to give everything for the sake of the safety, security, progress and prosperity of the country. Mentioning that farmers and labourers deserve credit for the country's robust economy, Murmu said: "Country's economic growth has become more inclusive, with narrower disparities. The National Education Policy (NEP) and digital India initiative played a major role here." "Apart from the economy, we also focus on welfare measures too, such as housing and tap water schemes," she said and added "keyword for India today is compassion for the downtrodden, the needy and for those on margins." Asserting that the source of the country's new confidence is youngsters, farmers, and women, Murmu said: "Gender inequalities are reducing and women are breaking many glass ceilings. Women have made a mark in the Panchayati Raj system too. Our daughters made us proud in the recent Common Wealth Games (CWG) as well. They are becoming fighter pilots and space scientists." The president also stated that despite having a lot of diversity, something ties Indians together, and inspires the people to go ahead with the sentiment of Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat. "We need to preserve our environment and water resources, for future generations. Looking after the nature has been a part of our civilisation and we should continue that," Murmu said before concluding her address.

NEET UG 2022: Students to protest

CUET exam. Link for the google forms is also seen being shared on Twitter in which students are asked if they are willing to participate in the protest. As per the digital flyers, students are being called for a symbolic protest at Jantar Mantar after August 15, however no specific date for the protest has been mentioned yet. The call for the protest comes after several reports of technical problems in CUET and JEE Main, changing of exam centre and rigging of NEET UG 2022 paper. Meanwhile, the University Grant Commission (UGC) has sent out a proposal to merge the NEET UG and JEE main exams into the Common University Entrance Test (CUET). As per the proposal only one entrance examination for all the JEE NEET and CUET will be conducted in CBT mode, twice a year. If accepted, students might have the chance of appearing for the examination once in say May - June (after the boards) and another in December. However, UGC's proposal has invited mixed reactions to the integration of NEET and JEE Main exams into CUET and has sparked debate among students, teachers and all other stakeholders. Several students across the country are opposing the UGC's proposal to merge JEE and NEET UG exam citing various fact including that level of Physics paper in JEE is tougher than in NEET and the pattern is also different for both the paper.

Pakistan to attend SCO counter-terror drills in India: Foreign Office

Islamabad, August 14 : Pakistan has confirmed that it will attend the international counter-terrorism exercises in India later this year despite simmering tensions between the two nuclear-armed neighbours. The counter-terrorism exercises are scheduled to be held in Haryana's Manesar in October under the banner of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO). Pakistan and India are part of the regional body that also includes China, Russia and Central Asian Republics (CARs). While Pakistan and Indian military contingents have taken part in counter-terrorism exercises together, this will be the first time that Pakistan will be attending such drills in India, The Express Tribune reported. At the weekly briefing, Foreign Office (FO) spokesperson Asim Iftikhar confirmed Pakistan's participation. "Yes, there will be exercises under the ambit of SCO RATS (Regional Anti-Terrorism Structure)," the spokesperson said, adding that India was chairing the SCO RATS this year. "These exercises are scheduled to be held in India in Manesar in October, and as Pakistan is a member, we will participate," he confirmed. "At what level, I think when we approach that, we will let you know," the spokesperson added. Pakistan downgraded its relationship with India after New Delhi revoked the special status of the illegally occupied Kashmir region in August 2019. Since then, there has been no structured dialogue between the two sides though backchannel talks did produce a renewal of ceasefire understanding in February last year. The trust is still holding but there is no progress or indication of any thaw in the relationship. Backchannel talks have met a dead end with both sides sticking to their respective positions. The Express Tribune reported. There was renewed optimism for a possible breakthrough when there was a change of government in April in Pakistan. There were quick exchanges between Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and



his Indian counterpart Narendra Modi, but things could not move further. The two leaders will have at least two opportunities in the coming weeks for possible interactions. Both Modi and Shehbaz will be first attending the SCO summit in Samarkand and then the UN General Assembly (UNGA) session. "The SCO meeting is in Samarkand in mid-September; there is nothing with me about the meeting you are referring to," the FO spokesperson said when asked to comment on the possibility of a Modi-Shehbaz meeting.

Huge felicitation to DID winner Navjit at Silapathar

Assam Rising

Dhemaji, Aug 14: Navjit Narzary arrived in Silapathar for the first time today after becoming the final winner of Dance India. A felicitation meeting was held at Baligaon at the initiative of Silapathar Anchalik ABSU to felicitate Navjit, who made the people of Assam proud by being able to wear Vijay Tilak at the all-India level competition. Secretary Uday Basumatary was speaking at the meeting held at Silapathar. A large number of people greeted the television screen with Gamosa and wished for a bright future as



he arrived in the scorching sun to see the child who made a splash with a unique performance. Vice President Agsuli Basumatary, Mochesh Basumatary, Harbinda Gyari, Dhananjay Daimary, Kata Swargiyari and several prominent personalities were also present.

Foundation stone laid of Cricket Academy at Barhampur

Assam Rising,

Nagaon, August 14 : DGP Bhaskar Jyoti Mahanta ceremonially laid the foundation stone of a cricket academy at Barhampur near the Headquarters of the 9th Assam Police Battalion. The land for the proposed cricket academy will cover over 25 bighas belonging to 9th Assam Police Battalion. Portfolios of Assam Cricket Association and Assam DGP Bhaskar Jyoti Mahanta inked in a MoU for the proposed cricket academy at Barhampur near the Headquarters of 9th Assam Battalion following which DGP Mahanta ceremonially laid foundation stone of the academy today. While addressing the occasion, DGP Bhaskar Jyoti Mahanta said the academy will boost the spirits of the police personnel in the field of cricket. Barhampur is a historic place with a cluster of



cultural as well as political heritage and it is pride of Assam police that the state police is going to set up a cricket academy at this heritage site like Barhampur, DGP Mahanta accorded. In the foundation stone laying ceremony, local MLA Jitu Goswami, the president and secretary of Assam Cricket Association - respectively Ramen Dutta and Debajit Lan Saikia, IGP Nitul Gogoi, Superintendent of Police, Nagaon Leena Doley, 9th AP Bn battalion, commandant Bibekananda Das and other officials of the district police administration as well as the battalion, portfolios of Nagaon Sports Association were present. Meanwhile in the afternoon, DGP Bhaskar Jyoti Mahanta visited the residence of Ratnamala Gohain, the youngest daughter of swahid Bhugeshwari Phokonani, the martyr of the Quit India movement in 1942 at Nagaon Amolapaty. During his visit, DGP Mahanta felicitated her and also handed over the Indian tricolour to her. Significantly, DGP Mahanta unfurled the tricolour at her residence too.

Salman Rushdie attack a 'wake-up call' on Iran, says UK PM candidate Rishi Sunak

London, August 14 : Rishi Sunak, one of two candidates seeking to become Britain's next prime minister, said Friday's attack on author Salman Rushdie should serve as a wake-up call to the West over Iran, Reuters reported. Indian-born author Rushdie, who spent years in hiding after Iran urged Muslims to kill him over his novel "The Satanic Verses", was stabbed in the neck and torso on stage at a lecture in New York state. After hours of surgery, Rushdie was on a ventilator and unable to speak as of Friday evening. There has been no official government reaction in Iran to the attack on Rushdie, but several hardline Iranian newspapers praised his assailant. "The brutal stabbing of Salman Rushdie should be a wake-up call for the West, and Iran's reaction to the attack strengthens the case for proscribing the IRGC (Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps)," Sunak, the former finance minister, said, according to the paper. The IRGC controls Iran's elite armed and intelligence forces. Sunak, referring to stuttering talks between Iran and the West to revive a nuclear deal, said, "We urgently need a new, strengthened deal and much tougher sanctions, and if we can't get results then we have to start asking whether the JCPOA is at a dead end." The JCPOA, or the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, is the 2015 agreement under which Iran curbed its nuclear programme in return for relief from U.S., EU and UN sanctions. "The situation in Iran is extremely serious and in standing up to (Russian President Vladimir) Putin we can't take our eye off the ball elsewhere," Sunak said. Meanwhile, Salman Rushdie remained hospitalized on Saturday with serious injuries a day after he was repeatedly stabbed at a public appearance in New York state, while police sought to determine the motive behind an attack that drew international condemnation. The accused attacker, 24-year-old Hadi Matar of Fairview, New Jersey, entered a not guilty plea at a court appearance on Saturday, his court-appointed lawyer, Nathaniel Barone, told.



European roundup: Lewandowski and Barça frustrated by Rayo Vallecano

London, August 14 : Robert Lewandowski's Barcelona debut ended in a goalless home draw against Rayo Vallecano at Camp Nou in their first La Liga game of the season. It was a disappointing night for Barça whose fans showed up at an almost sold-out stadium to see their new team headlined by the Poland striker Lewandowski, the twice the Fifa Player of the Year, and the Brazil winger Raphinha. Barcelona dominated the match with almost 70% of possession and 18 goal attempts against two for Rayo. But the two best chances fell to the visitors, Álvaro García thwarted by a brilliant save



by Marc Andre ter Stegen and Sergio Camello shooting wide. As the frustration mounted for Barça, their captain, Sergio Busquets, lost his cool and was sent off for an elbow to the face of Radamel Falcao in stoppage time. In Italy, the champions Milan turned an early one-goal deficit into a

4-2 win over Udinese at San Siro, ensuring a winning start to their campaign in an electrifying Serie A opener. Two goals by Croatia international Ante Rebic plus strikes by Theo Hernandez and Ibrahim Diaz helped the Rossoneri to recover from their early shock after Udinese defender Rodrigo Becão put

the visitors ahead 90 seconds into the game. The Brazil defender, who nodded in a corner from a tight angle, scored for the fifth time in Serie A at the start of his third season in Italy. "What didn't we like? Surely the fact that we conceded a goal in such a short time, we have to start games better," the Milan coach, Stefano Pioli, said. "Then we played half an hour of great football." Milan equalised in the 11th minute through a penalty from Hernandez, after the referee pointed to the spot following a VAR review when captain Davide Calabria was fouled by Udinese defender Brandon Soppy. Four minutes later

Rebic made it 2-1 with a powerful first-time shot, but Udinese defender Adam Masina levelled with a diving header to stun the home crowd just before half-time. One minute into the second half midfielder Diaz again put Milan ahead after a mistake by the Udinese defence. Diaz rifled in the ball from close range after Hernandez sent a cross into the box and it bounced off Masina. The goal fired up Udinese, but Rebic smashed another shot past keeper Marco Silvestri into the top left corner in the 68th minute to give the hosts breathing space and match his tally of two goals in the whole of last season.

Gabriel Jesus brace helps Arsenal outgun Leicester in six-goal thriller

Paris, August 14 : Whisper it quietly but Arsenal may just have found exactly what they were looking for. A virtuoso display from Gabriel Jesus on his home debut yielded his first two competitive goals for the club and a second victory to begin the season for Mikel Arteta's side in perfect fashion. Even Leicester's late fightback after William Saliba's own goal and James Maddison had cut the arrears to a single

disappointed in that dressing room because he knows he could have scored more goals," said a delighted Arteta, who also paid tribute to the home fans for sticking by Saliba after his own goal. "That shows the connection and it was exactly the kind of support he needed." On a roasting day in north London, every Arsenal player had received an enthusiastic welcome before kick-off as Arteta picked the

took control. Jesus was at the heart of everything, just failing to convert a free-kick inside the first 10 minutes before Khaka powered a header from Bukayo Saka's cross against the post and Oleksandr Zinchenko ballooned the rebound over the bar. The moment all Arsenal supporters had been waiting for came soon afterwards, Jesus adjusted his feet brilliantly after receiving the ball inside the area, then curled a superb shot past Danny Ward via a small deflection. It was the 25-year-old's sixth goal against Leicester in eight matches and they did not have to wait long for the next. Lurking at the back post for a corner, the ball seemed to be drawn to Jesus's forehead like a magnet after Leicester's defenders had failed to clear. How Jesus did not end the afternoon with a hat-trick only he will know. The first opportunity came within 60 seconds of his second goal and he was still trying in the 83rd minute before he was replaced by Eddie Nketiah to a standing ovation. Two excellent saves from Ward to deny Jesus the match ball will sadly be overshadowed by his mistake for Khaka's goal. Earlier, Leicester had been denied a penalty when Jamie Vardy hit the deck after reaching the ball before Ramsdale. The referee, Darren England, instantly pointed to the spot but that was swiftly overruled by VAR after replays showed there had been minimal contact, although Vardy escaped a booking.



goal could not stop the hosts as Granit Xhaka - courtesy of a howler from the goalkeeper Danny Ward - and Gabriel Martinelli made sure of the points in the second half. It is certainly some contrast to the start of last season, when two defeats left Arsenal bottom of the Premier League table and Arteta facing serious questions about his future. Yet despite the disappointment of missing out on Champions League qualification in May, there is already evidence of his team's progression following a busy summer in the transfer market that included the purchase of Jesus from Manchester City. "We know what Gabby can do - he is

same side that started from the win over Crystal Palace last week. But, as if to underline the expectation surrounding his arrival from City, there was an extra loud roar reserved for Jesus. Having blown a 2-0 lead in their opening game against Brentford last week, Brendan Rodgers also opted for an unchanged side and arranged his team in to a formation that was designed to soak pressure and hit Arsenal on the break. That plan almost paid dividends inside the opening three minutes when Aaron Ramsdale had to make a save to deny the marauding Wesley Fofana. After that early wake-up call, Arsenal

Teófilo López makes winning return with seventh-round wipeout of Campa

Las Vegas, August 14 : Teófilo López made a triumphant return to the ring, stopping Pedro Campa in the seventh round Saturday night at Resorts World Events Center in Las Vegas. López made his debut as a 140lb junior welterweight in his first fight since suffering the only loss of his career. Moments after putting Campa on the canvas at the start of the seventh, López (17-1, 13 KOs) obliterated his outmatched opponent with a flurry of punches, prompting referee Tony Weeks to stop the fight at the 2:14 mark. "I am grateful for this, I have returned," López said. The 25-year-old López looked much more like the promising young fighter who captivated the world when he beat Vasily Lomachenko to claim the unified lightweight championship in 2020. Campa, who relies on a straightforward approach and hard-firing punches, struggled to land much, as López stayed active throughout the fight and displayed impeccable defense. On the attack, López was much faster and crisper with his punches, landing 52% of his power punches, per Compubox. "I got to work a little bit more on some things, but overall it was good," López said of his performance. "It's been a while. There was a lot on my mind. I nearly almost died (in) the last fight, so that was weighing on my mind, I had to clear it out." Going in there, I'm not afraid to die, but the last thing I want to do is not have my son have a father. "It was only nine months ago López hit a career low when he lost as a huge favorite to



George Kambosios Jr by split decision. But the loss to Kambosios in New York City on 27 November was later overshadowed by the news he fought with a condition called pneumomediastinum and had extensive air in the retropharyngeal space, per a report by ESPN, something he didn't learn about until after suffering his first-ever loss. "That was weighing on my mind, but I had to get that guy out, somehow, somehow," the Brooklyn fighter said. Leading up to the seventh, López was the aggressor, staying in pursuit and consistently peppering Campa's face while absorbing shots and shaking off apparent ring rust. López appeared to back off in the fourth and fifth a bit, perhaps logging rounds while preserving energy, but returned to an active role and landed several combinations in the sixth. "Little by little those punches are gonna add up and eventually it's gonna hurt them," López said. "It may not do it right away, but in due time it'll get them out." This is a blessing, man. Time is something we don't get back. "Earlier, Xander Zayas (14-0, 10 KOs) stopped Elias Espadas (22-5) in the fifth round, delivering a devastating right hook to the jaw to claim the vacant WBO NABO junior middleweight title.

Cameron Smith chasing world No 1 ranking at St Jude Championship

London, August 14 : Cameron Smith has a huge chance to win the opening PGA Tour FedEx Cup playoffs tournament and claim the world No 1 ranking, as he surges into the final round two shots from the lead. As speculation continues to swirl about whether he'll jump to the rebel LIV Golf circuit, Australian world No 2 Smith birdied two of the last three holes to shoot a three-under 67 at the FedEx St Jude Championship in Memphis on Saturday. Already the winner of the Tournament of Champions, Players Championship and British Open this year, 28-year-old Smith trails only American leader J.J. Spaun (68) and second-placed Austrian Sepp Straka (68) and is in a three-way tie for third with Americans Will Zalatoris (65) and Trey Mullinax (66). He is keenly aware that a victory would take him to the world No 1 ranking for the first time after current No 1 Scottie Scheffler missed the cut on Friday. "That's been one of my goals probably since the start of the year is to try to get to that top spot," Smith said. "Try and chase it down." Fellow Australian Adam Scott fell to tied 25th, six shots from the lead, after a round of 70, while countryman Cam Davis (67) is tied 36th at five under. Spaun had a two-putt



birdie on the par-five 16th and holed an 18-foot birdie putt on the next hole to claim the 54-hole lead a 13-under 197. Straka was right there with him until he failed to save par from the bunker on the 18th. Both are first-time winners on the PGA Tour this year, and a victory in a FedEx Cup playoffs even carries even more weight - \$A3.78 million to the winner and a guaranteed spot at East Lake for the FedEx Cup finale. But there are a host of players in contention, with 16 within four shots of the lead, including stars Sam Burns and Tony Finau. But no one stands out like Smith, for so many reasons. Not only is it Smith's first start since being

introduced at St. Andrews as the "champion golfer of the year," the UK's Daily Telegraph reported on Tuesday that the Queenslander had signed with LIV and would join the defectors outside Boston after the PGA Tour playoffs are over. Smith has steadfastly refused to talk about it, only to say he's only thinking of the FedEx Cup. "I'm a man of my word and whenever you guys need to know anything, it'll be said by me," Smith said on Tuesday. That was shortly before a California federal judge denied a request by three LIV golfers to play in the FedEx Cup playoffs.

'England's style can go two ways. It can go south quickly'

London, August 14 : "I've got absolutely no interest in the style that they've played," Dean Elgar, South Africa's bullish Test captain, will not be drawn on the hype surrounding England's swashbuckling batting this summer. "I think it can go one of two ways for them and it can go south very quickly. [Talking about it] is a waste of energy. Their own coach doesn't even like the slogan they've come up with. I'd like to see them do it against our seamers." The Proteas captain and long-serving opener - speaking before his team's warm-up match against the England Lions ended in a shocking innings defeat - has been happy to shoulder arms to the Bazball chatter that has dominated the discourse ever since Ben Stokes teamed up with Brendon McCullum. He is now surely taking the threat England's primary batters pose more seriously, after a group of reserves amassed 672 at 5.74

runs an over, albeit against a South Africa XI lacking the pace trio Kagiso Rabada, Anrich Nortje and Lungisani Nkidi, plus the world-class spin of Simon Harmer. As the first of three Tests starts at Lord's on Wednesday, he will have to find a way of dousing the promised pyrotechnics. Not that he will hide from the

people say or write about me. Maybe that's made me the character I am today." Some of Elgar's best Test runs - 4,864 at just under 40 - have been scored on difficult pitches in challenging circumstances. His unbeaten 96 against India in the fourth innings at the Wanderers in January was one of the great knocks by a South



challenge. Elgar is a cricketer from a previous age. A red-ball specialist who has built a 10-year career with little more than a nudge off his hips and an inelegant drive, he shuns celebrity and avoids social media. "I've got better things to do than tweet," he says. Raised by a disciplinarian father in the mining town of Welkom in the heart of the country, he favours frugality over flamboyance, both with his words and his approach to his craft. "People can say what they want, trust me, I don't really give a shit," he says when asked how he felt about the words "nuggetty" and "combative", adjectives that have followed him ever since he made a pair on debut, against Australia in Perth in 2012. "It never bothered me. I don't have my head in my arse and I don't read anything

Africa captain. That five-hour marathon included numerous blows from Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Shami, and helped square the three-match series. A week later his team won again, securing a 2-1 triumph despite suffering a crushing defeat in the first Test. But captaining an international cricket team often requires a soft touch. Factor in the extra political and social baggage that comes with the job in South Africa and people skills become just as important as the ability to set a field or rejig a bowling attack. "That was definitely a weakness of mine at first," Elgar says, reflecting on his appointment in June last year after the short-lived experiment with the wicketkeeper-batter Quinton de Kock at the helm. "I'm man enough to say that it was a weakness and that I needed to better myself.

All Blacks ease pressure on coach Ian Foster with away win over Springboks

Johannesburg, August 14 : David Havili and Scott Barrett scored late tries as New Zealand eased the pressure on their coach, Ian Foster, with a stirring comeback victory over the world champions in Johannesburg. The All Blacks captain, Sam Cane, who has also been under severe scrutiny back home after three successive defeats, and the hooker Samisoni Taukei'aho also scored tries as New Zealand silenced the 61,519 crowd at Ellis Park to claim a deserved win. The Springboks were not as clinical as they had been in their 26-10 victory over the visitors last week as they scored tries through their sublime centre Luthanyo Am and the wing Makazole Mapimpi but faced inspired opponents. Whether the victory is enough to save Foster's job will become clear in the coming days, as New Zealand prepare to host



Argentina in their next Rugby Championship encounter in a fortnight. The Springboks will travel to play Australia in a chastened mood. Foster himself said he had no idea about his future. "There's no doubt it's been a pretty stressful time. We've been trying to find our feet as a team. The stress has been good for me, I think I lost one kilogram over the last week, so a couple more weeks I'll be in good shape," he said. "We worked hard. It's never easy when you're coming off a

couple of losses, but I'm just so proud of the effort. It swings in roundabouts, but we hung in and finished strong. I know I got mocked for saying it after a loss, but we made a big shift through our forward pack last week." The work [the assistant coach] Jason Ryan's done there was strong, and I felt we were creating a few opportunities. We wanted it so much, we were rushing things, while today we were just more patient." The All Blacks were

better in the scrum, breakdown and under the high ball, all areas they had struggled in seven days ago in Mbombela. "Proud is an understatement," Cane said. "Adversity really challenges your character and this group has that. We had to get a few parts of our game right as this

is one of the toughest places in the world to come and play. We were a lot better at the breakdown and dealt with the contests better. We defended the maul well. That is what Test footy is all about, getting the small things right to build pressure." It took until the second quarter for New

Zealand to open the score with a penalty but they accelerated into a 15-0 lead that stunned the home crowd. The All Blacks kept possession from a Caleb Clarke break and Cane crossed in the corner, before Taukei'aho barged over from close range after incessant pressure.

Todd Boehly has deep pockets but Chelsea need more nous in the market

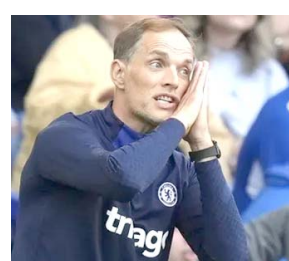
London, August 14 : It emerged this week Chelsea's new owners are investing in major upgrades to Stamford Bridge, with renovations to the West Stand in the works and plans to install new murals around the ground leaving supporters excited about what the future will look like now Todd Boehly and Clearlake Capital are running the club. It is an encouraging move from the new regime. Admittedly, there

has been no update on increasing Stamford Bridge's capacity of 41,600, which would help Chelsea close the revenue gap on rivals with much bigger grounds, but the thinking is long-term. The board has sought out Janet Marie Smith, whose work on improving some of the most famous venues in US sport includes the rebuild of Dodger Stadium, home to the Boehly-led consortium's Major League

Baseball side, the LA Dodgers, and the aim is to improve the match-day experience for fans. That said, those supporters can be forgiven for feeling anxious when they leave Fulham Broadway tube station and head down Fulham Road on Sunday. This, you sense, is not a good time for Chelsea to be hosting a resurgent Tottenham. Weirdly, given Spurs were miles off the pace when they lost three times to Chelsea last

January, it seems they have swapped roles: whereas Spurs feel calm and settled after moving away from their usual approach under Daniel Levy by sorting out their transfer business briskly, the season almost seems to have crept up on Chelsea, who are still hunting for signings with less than a month of the window left. Much of Chelsea's scramble for attacking and defensive reinforcements is

down to the mistakes made on Roman Abramovich's watch. Is everyone still in awe of Marina Granovskaia's negotiating skills?



The starting point was zero': Chelsea's Emma Hayes marks 10 years of glory and growth



London, August 14 : "I feel like I don't need to shout the loudest any more," says Emma Hayes. On Sunday, Hayes celebrates 10 years at Chelsea, and the manager has had to do a lot of shouting to push the development of the women's game and grow her own team. When Hayes walked into the club's Cobham training ground for the first time she was on her own. "We're talking about 10am on Sunday, no one on site," she says. "What do you mean we don't have an office? What do you mean there's no full-time players or staff?" There wasn't a single member of staff that worked for the women's section, let alone had an office, let alone had a desk or a filing cabinet. The starting point was zero, and that was terrifying and exciting all at once. "All that was there was a single chair. Now the women's side boast five Women's Super League titles, four FA Cups, two

League Cups and some of the best players in the world, including four newly crowned European champions. They also have an entire building at the back of the training ground, which was gradually taken over by Hayes's expanding football empire. Her first decade at Chelsea will be celebrated against West Ham at Stamford Bridge on 11 September, in their opening game of the WSL season, alongside 30 years of the women's team. The 45-year-old has used her voice to grow the game more than most. Now more and more people are picking up the megaphone, too. Players are moving beyond a culture of gratitude and recognising they have the power to inspire change. The Lionesses writing to Liz Truss and Rishi Sunak to demand greater access for girls to sports in school is one example of that. "I don't think I've ever struggled

with that," Hayes says about speaking out. "But I do feel lonely at times being the voice in this country. Sometimes I wanted more from my colleagues in the game, I wanted them to shout as loud as I did. That was happening in private, but I felt like I put my head above the parapet. Whether it was to create minimum standards, demand more for officials or professionalise the game, I figured: 'You've just got to do it. That's a sacrifice you've got to make.' And I know that sometimes you have to do that as a leader. I didn't always want to, and sometimes I felt like [she exhales wearily]: 'It's always got to be me.'" 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. Chelsea manager Emma Hayes celebrates with the trophy at Wembley Stadium after her side beat Notts County 1-0 to win the 2015 women's FA Cup final. Advocating for her players, for women's football, for women, has meant Hayes has been labelled as outspoken, opinionated and loud. "All of a sudden, as I've got an opinion to improve something for women, I get called outspoken," she says. "Come on, I just want to make it better for everyone." "I'm someone who's felt that women should be paid what they're worth. People say: 'You have a big budget, you spend money' - why shouldn't I try and get the most [for] women I represent? I don't feel ashamed of that. I wish everybody would have that mentality instead of a fear mentality, that we're always going to face expulsion or fold as a club. I know all those things have happened as part of the game, but I've always wanted to go strive for something bigger." Many times I've had to sacrifice myself and just push. Even if I was like: 'I'm going to get punched,' at the same time. It's been lonely doing that for such a long time. However, I look across us now, the Lionesses, everybody else, the coaches across the game, and I feel like I don't need to shout the loudest any more." Picking the battles for her and the women's side's general manager, Paul Green, isn't easy. "It's so crucial to have good



sounding boards and I have that," says Hayes. "Paul and I sit side by side. I don't know how many offices where the general manager and the head coach sit in the same office. We've sat in the same office for 10 years for this reason - we're sounding out all the time what's worth pushing and what's not worth it." "What I will say is every time there has been a sense from the team, and that includes everyone in it, where there's any injustice or we wanted a little bit more, if it was absolutely clear we had to do something, we would do it." "I haven't felt hamstrung. Of course, everybody always wants more, but my glass is half-full. I'm happy. I have got great people, great staff, working here. Our staff and player retention is exceptional because culture is the thing that matters the most to us, and we've cultivated that over time because, Paul and I always say this, we spend money here like it's our own. Because of that we value what we do with absolutely everything. "But we listen. We listen as well as push when it's time. The players will tell me when they really, really need something and I will do my best for them." "What's the next step? "The league leaving the FA and going to the Premier League or an independent body," says Hayes. "And that there is a vision around the women's game so we don't just have single big moments - single events once every two years or once a year - [but] that they're every week."

British rowing bounces back with four golds in European Championships


Munich, August 14 : Glorious history placed a weighty burden on the shoulders of the UK's rowers at the Tokyo Olympics. A measly return of one silver and bronze was as good as sinking without a trace. Tough questions were asked, and a refit undertaken. Four golds on a single sunny morning at the European Championships in Munich on Saturday provided a potent, if still incomplete, answer to whether the ship has been rapidly righted. For Louise Kingsley, British Rowing's new performance director, cycling along the riverbank for a close inspection as the regatta resounded to her squad's victories, this is a promising foundation in the rebuild. There were enough fourth places in Japan that marginal gains might be transformative. Triumphs in rapid succession in the women's fours and quadruple sculls and the men's fours and eights suggested promotion from within for the former coach has nudged the sport forward. "There's more structure," said Rebecca Shorten, among a fours crew also made up of Heidi Long, Sam Redgrave and Rowan McKellar that extracted a modest revenge by holding off Ireland, almost 12 months after supremacy was reversed in a narrow chase for Olympic bronze. "We've got a lot more people in place. Whereas in the year before the Olympics, it was a lot of people stepping in. It's just nice to have someone that's

got a goal. There's one shot, one commitment. That's been really good. Everyone's really bought into it. "A string of second bests were inflicted upon the Netherlands. The women's quad sculls pack of Jess Leyden, Lola Anderson, Georgina Brayshaw and Lucy Glover were brutally dominant, clear of the Dutch by more than three seconds. Four seconds was the margin of victory for the men's eights while the fours won by two seconds, leading early and finishing strong. These were markers laid down, not just for next month's world championships in the Czech Republic, but for Paris in 2024. "We are a fresh crew of young guys who have never been to an Olympic Games," said Sam Nunn, fours champion with Will Stewart, Matt Aldridge and Freddie Davidson. "These are massively important to find out about the pressure of a major championships, performing on multiple days and stepping up through the rounds. We managed to pull together as a crew and buy into collectively achieving something as a crew." There were British silvers in the men's and women's pairs and a bronze for Ben Pritchard in the PR1 men's single sculls. There was silver for the British women in the gymnastics team event with Alice Kinsella, Georgia-Mae Fenton, Ondine Achampong, Jennifer Gadirova and Jessica Gadirova scoring a total of 161.164pts to seal second behind Italy with Germany in third. After Olympic bronze last summer, the feelgood factor remains intact.

"I feel like we always just try and start new and we start a clean slate," Jessica Gadirova said. "We just do our job and do the best we can. I think this makes us more confident." Atop an artificial hilltop constructed on the rubble of buildings destroyed in the second world war, Kieran Reilly fed off a festival atmosphere on Saturday night to earn silver in the men's freestyle BMX. A 720-degree double tailwhip propelled the 21-year-old Georgie toward the podium as France's Anthony Jeanjean retained his title. "It's not something that so many people do in a competition," Reilly said. "I haven't done it that many times because it's pretty high-risk. So I'm stoked to get that one done." In the velodrome, Pfeiffer Georgi earned silver in the women's elimination race behind Belgium's Lotte Kopecky. In Rome, the British women defended their 4x100m freestyle relay title at the European Swimming Championships with the quartet of Lucy Hope, Anna Hopkin, Medi Harris and Freya Anderson surging clear of Sweden and the Netherlands to win in 3min36.47sec. "This is a relay that we are really focusing on going into Paris," said Hopkin. "We've put together really good relays throughout the year, and to come out at the end of it with a gold at the European Champs and defend our title, it puts us in a really good position."

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