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Child Goes Missing

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Guwahati, September 06 :

As many as two children have gone missing from the Bhogeswari Phukanani Civil Hospital premises in Assam's Nagaon district. One of the missing children is three years old, and the other is a ten-year-old girl. Meanwhile, a hospital nurse alleged that the two children were sold. The three-year-old child was sold for Rs 8,000, while the youngster was sold by her brother. According to reports, the mother (Karuna) of the missing children has been admitted to the hospital for the past few days and was being treated for burn injuries.

Fake currency racket

Assam Rising

Guwahati, September 06 :

Assam Police busted a fake currency racket and arrested four people including a woman in this connection in Guwahati on Tuesday. The arrest has been made by the Nagaon police. Based on specific information, a police team from Nagaon conducted raids in Guwahati's Hatigaon area, resulting as recovered of fake currency notes amounted to Rs 20 lakhs along with printing machines. The four arrested people have been identified as Mofizul Islam, Saddiquil Islam, Saddiquil Islam and Rima Baishya.

India, Bangladesh sign seven agreements during PM Modi-Sheikh Hasina talks

New Delhi, September 06 :

India and Bangladesh on Tuesday signed seven agreements for cooperation in areas ranging from sharing of river waters to space and unveiled new connectivity and energy initiatives, as leaders of the two sides held up the bilateral partnership as a role model for the neighbourhood. Following talks with his visiting Bangladesh counterpart Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said both leaders had stressed on cooperation against terrorism and fundamentalism. "In order to keep the spirit of 1971 alive, it is very necessary that we jointly face forces that want to at-



tack our mutual trust," he said. PM Modi described Bangladesh as India's largest development partner and the biggest trade partner in the region, while Hasina said India is the "most important and closest neighbour for Bangladesh". She added,

"Bangladesh-India bilateral relations are known to be a role model for

neighbourhood diplomacy." Hasina held out the hope that the two countries will resolve the issue of sharing the waters of the Teesta River - an agreement on the matter has been pending since 2011 - just as they had settled "many outstanding issues in the spirit of friendship and cooperation". PM Modi noted that two-way trade is growing rapidly and India is the largest market for Bangladeshi exports in Asia, and announced the two sides will

soon start discussions on a comprehensive economic partnership agreement (CEPA) to give impetus to trade. One-on-one talks between the two prime ministers was followed by a meeting with their delegations, with the agenda focused on connectivity, energy, water resources, trade and investment, border management and security, and regional and multilateral issues. The

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Queen Elizabeth II appoints Liz Truss as Britain's new Prime Minister

New Delhi, September 06 :

London: Conservative Party leader Liz Truss was on Tuesday formally appointed as Britain's new Prime Minister by Queen Elizabeth II, becoming the third female premier of the country. Truss travelled to the 96-year-old monarch's Balmoral Castle residence in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, to meet the Queen who formally asked her to form a new government. Earlier, outgoing prime minister Boris Johnson submitted his resignation to the Queen who is currently at Balmoral, her retreat in Aberdeenshire, for her annual vacation. Following her royal audience, 47-year-old Truss will be flown right back to 10 Downing Street in London to de-



liver her inaugural speech as the Prime Minister before going on to unveil some key Cabinet posts. On Monday, Truss defeated former chancellor Rishi Sunak to take charge as Britain's new

Prime Minister. Attorney General Suella Braverman is expected to be the only Indian-origin MP in her top team, as the Goan-origin former leadership contender is expected to be promoted to replace Priti Patel, who resigned as Home Secretary on Monday evening. After enjoying a prominent role in the Boris Johnson Cabinet as

one of his close allies, Indian-origin Patel confirmed that "from the backbenches, I will champion many of the policies and causes that I have stood for both inside and outside of government". Sunak, the British Indian former finance minister who lost his Tory leadership bid 57-43 per cent, said he was "proud" of the campaign he

ran and has indicated he did not plan to serve in a Truss-led Cabinet if offered a job. Among the other key posts in the new Cabinet, Business Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng - a close ally - is being lined up as Chancellor of Exchequer and Education Secretary James Cleverly is to be promoted to take over Truss' current portfolio of Foreign Secretary. Other former leadership hopefuls such as British Pakistani Sajid Javid might be offered Northern Ireland Secretary and Chancellor Nadhim Zahawi could be shifted to the role of Cabinet Office minister. A handful of incumbent ministers, such as Defence Secretary Ben Wallace, International Trade Secretary Anne-Marie Trevelyan and Culture Secretary Nadine Dorries, are expected to retain their jobs. These

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'Our partnership is based on trust, technology and talent': Piyush Goyal on India-US ties



San Francisco, September 06 :

India and the United States are focused on expanding their relationship and for that, both countries are in a dialogue to come up with the next move for enhancing their bilateral ties, said Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal who is on a six-day

visit to San Francisco and Los Angeles. "I believe our three Ts of partnership are based on trust, technology and talent. We (India and US) have a robust trade policy forum... in many ways. We are focused on expanding this relationship. Gina (US secretary for commerce) and I are in dialogue to very quickly come up with our next commercial dialogue. Time is just ripe for all of us to engage in areas of mutual interest," he

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Percentage of Top Performing Govt Schools Dips in Assam: Report

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The percentage of schools placed in A+ grade during an evaluation exercise of government elementary and secondary level institutions in Assam has decreased this year compared to 2018 and 2017, an official report said on Monday. The review was last carried out in 2018. Loss of instructional time due to COVID-19 was cited as the main reason for the percentage of schools obtaining A+ and A grades coming down in 2022 compared to the last evaluation in 2018, the report said. Altogether 11.52 per cent of over 45,000 schools evaluated in 2022 have made it to the top bracket in the evaluation process, 'Gunotsav', a decrease from 23.01 per cent in



2018 and 12.35 per cent in 2017, it said. Schools scoring 86.5 per cent and above are placed in A+ grade in the assessment. According to the executive summary of the quality exercise conducted this year, the percentage of schools in grade A this year was 40.70 per cent, a dip from 46.98 per cent in 2018 and 26.45 per cent in 2017. Institutions scoring between 73.5 per cent and 86.49 per cent are positioned in the A

grade. Altogether 45,735 schools in 33 districts with 42,50,224 students were covered by the process, conducted in four phases from May to August this year. The percentage of students who appeared for the exercise was 91.72. The entire government machinery, including the chief minister and top officials, were engaged as external evaluators

of 'Gunotsav'. All government, provincialised, tea garden management schools of elementary and secondary level were covered in the scholastic evaluation done for Classes 1 to 9. The percentage of schools in grade B at 31.54 per cent in 2022 was an increase over the last two years. Schools scoring between 60.50 per cent and 73.49 per cent are placed in B grade. Institutions graded C (48.50 per cent to 60.49 per cent) and D (0-48.49 per cent) at 11.14 per cent and 5.09 per cent respectively had registered a decrease compared to 2018. In district-wise ranking, as per percentage of A+ schools,

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Gap of around 50 lakh beneficiaries found after linking Aadhaar with ration card

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Guwahati, September 06 :

A gap of around 50 lakh beneficiaries was noticed in Assam after the state government took the initiative to link Aadhaar cards with ration cards, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa asserted on Tuesday. After the linking exercise, we have found that around 50 lakh beneficiaries have not come (for the service). Some people might have died and some might have

moved to other places due to marriages. Unfortunately, there were some fake ones also," Sarma said. He also pointed out that this will give the government to save a good amount of money for these unaccounted beneficiaries and promised to add genuine people to the list. "We will bring a set of new 50 lakh people under the ambit of the National Food Security Act (NFSA). Today's cabinet discussed all these points," he added. For the

state's flagship 'Arunodoi' scheme, around 62,000 people were found to be ineligible while around 2,000 have voluntarily given up the benefits, the CM also notified. Under the scheme, state government provides monthly monetary assistance of ₹1,250 to the beneficiaries. Currently, it covers nearly 20 lakh families. "The Arunodoi month is getting over on September 20. We will know the

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Assam Govt. to observe Bodofa Upendranath Brahma's birthday as Chatra Divas

CM takes stock of the progress of Kokrajhar Medical College

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Guwahati, September 06 :

Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma during his visit to Kokrajhar to chair the cabinet meeting of his government, announced that State government will celebrate the birthday of Bodofa Upendranath Brahma on 31 March every year as Chatra Divas. Paying his visit to the burial ground

of Bodofa Upendranath Brahma before the cabinet meeting, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma paid rich floral tributes at the Samadhisthal of Bodofa at Dotoma in Kokrajhar today. Taking into consideration of the immense contribution of Bodofa Upendranath Brahma towards the socio-cultural and academic empowerment of the people of



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Popular actress and director Aimee Barua at the inauguration ceremony of Trendz salon make up studio and academy at Bhetapara, Guwahati



A Long March-2D carrier rocket carrying a remote sensing satellite group blasts off from the Xichang Satellite Launch Center in southwest China's Sichuan Province

China earthquake kills dozens as tremors shake locked-down Chengdu

Beijing, September 06 : At least 65 people have been killed in a strong earthquake that struck south-western China and was felt by millions of people confined to their homes under a strict Covid lockdown in Chengdu. The 6.6-magnitude quake hit about 26 miles (43km) south-east of the city of Kangding at a depth of about six miles, the US Geological Survey (USGS) said. Chinese state broadcaster CCTV said that 17 people died in Ya'an city, while 29 deaths were reported in neighbouring Ganzi prefecture. "Another 16 people were missing and 50 were injured," CCTV said late on Monday. Tremors also shook buildings in the Sichuan provincial capital of Chengdu and the nearby city of Chongqing. One resident, Chen, said: "I felt it quite strongly and some of my neighbours on the ground floor said they felt it very noticeably." But because Chengdu is under epidemic management, people aren't allowed to leave their residential compounds, so many of them rushed out into their courtyards. "CCTV reported that mountain landslides triggered by the

quake caused "severe damage" in at least one town. A road to another town was blocked and telecommunications lines in areas home to more than 10,000 people were severed, the broadcaster said, adding that shocks also forced some power stations offline in Garzê and Ya'an. A video posted online by the China Earthquake Networks Centre showed boulders plunging down mountainsides in Luding County, kicking up clouds of dust as tremors caused telephone lines to sway. State media reported that several aftershocks were recorded in nearby areas. A smaller 4.6-magnitude tremor struck eastern Tibet less than an hour after the initial quake, according to the USGS. Hundreds of rescue workers were dispatched to the epicentre, CCTV reported, showing footage of firefighters in orange jumpsuits boarding lorries and navigating a motorway littered with rocks and other debris. The Sichuan seismological authority said more than 1,000 soldiers had been

brought in to help rescue workers. Authorities also sent thousands of tents, blankets and foldable beds to the affected areas, according to the broadcaster. 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. China's president, Xi Jinping, called for local authorities to "make saving lives the first priority, go all out to rescue people in disaster-stricken areas and minimise loss of life", CCTV reported. A resident of Chongqing said the quake was "pretty noticeable" and that it had shaken the lights and furniture in his fifth-floor apartment. An 8.0-magnitude earthquake in 2008 in Sichuan left tens of thousands of people dead and caused enormous damage.

Russia buying millions of rockets and shells from North Korea, US intelligence says

Moscow, September 06 : Russia is buying millions of rockets and artillery shells from North Korea to support its invasion of Ukraine, according to a newly declassified US intelligence finding. A US official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said on Monday that the fact Russia's defence ministry had turned to Pyongyang demonstrated that "the Russian military continues to suffer from severe supply shortages in Ukraine, due in part to export controls and sanctions". US intelligence officials believe the Russians could try to acquire additional North Korean military equipment in the future. The intelligence finding was first reported by the New York Times. The US official did not reveal exactly how much weaponry Russia intended to buy from North Korea. The finding comes after the Biden administration confirmed the Russian military took delivery of Iranian-manufactured drones in August for use on the battlefield in Ukraine. The White



House said last week that Russia had faced technical problems with Mohajer-6 and Shahed-series drones, bought as part of what the Biden administration says is likely to be part of a Russian plan to acquire hundreds of Iranian unmanned aerial vehicles for use in the conflict. On Monday, Yuriy Ignat, a spokesperson for Ukraine's air force, said the Iranian-made drones could carry three times more munitions than the Turkish-made Bayraktars used by Ukrainian forces. He said he believed Ukrainian air defence was capable of shooting them down. "The only thing that needs to be (taken into account) is that this is a

modern strike drone. But we do not know the quality of its production, because Iran (made it) from contraband parts, because the country is under sanctions," Ignat said in an appearance on Ukraine's Espresso TV. "Let's hope that (the drones) are not too well made and our anti-aircraft guns will shoot them down like all other enemy (drones)." Any arms sales to Russia by North Korea would be a violation of UN resolutions banning Pyongyang from exporting to, or importing weapons from, other countries. North Korea has sought to strengthen relations with Russia as much of Europe and the west has pulled away. The regime has blamed the US for the Ukraine crisis and claimed the west's "hegemonic policy" justifies military action by Russia in Ukraine to protect itself. The Russian president, Vladimir Putin, and the North Korean leader, Kim Jong-un, recently exchanged letters in which they called for "comprehensive" and "strategic and tactical" cooperation between the countries. 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. Moscow has also joined North Korea in condemning the resumption last month of large-scale joint military exercises

Shashi Tharoor on running for Congress president post: 'Have neither ruled myself in nor...'

Thiruvananthapuram, September 06 : The Bharat Jodo Yatra' could achieve both "Bharat jodo" and "Congress jodo" as it could also unite Congressmen and women across the country around the party's values and ideals as well as service to the people, senior leader Shashi Tharoor said on Tuesday. Tharoor, who is said to be contemplating running for the post of Congress president, also expressed hope that many leaders would contest the upcoming elections, giving a wide choice to the electors, and stressed he has neither ruled himself in nor out. In an interview with PTI a day before the launch of the 3,570 km-long 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' from Kanyakumari to Kashmir, Tharoor said the message is also that the Congress is the party that can unite India and if the public is sufficiently inspired by this message, it will indeed inaugurate the revival of the party. Asked about former Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad and other critics' swipe that the party should undertake "Congress jodo" instead of "Bharat jodo", the Thiruvananthapuram MP said, "Ghulam Nabi Sahib is a respected elder and I do not wish to comment on his specific remarks." "But I will

say that the Bharat Jodo Yatra could also unite Congressmen and women across the country around our values and ideals as well as around service to the people, by raising issues that matter to the people and showing them that we are fighting for them," he said. "Then it could be both 'Bharat Jodo' and 'Congress jodo'," Tharoor added. Asked about the possibility of him running for the post of Congress president, Tharoor said, "I have only welcomed the fact that an election will be held. I believe that is very good for the party." After all, which other political party has had an open election for its top post among such a large electorate of almost 10,000 voters, he asked. "Of course it is gratifying that this general statement of democratic principle has immediately led to large numbers of people around the country welcoming the prospect of my contesting. But as I have made it clear, I have not declared my candidacy," Tharoor asserted. The 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' is one important contribution to this ongoing effort, he said, adding that he doesn't think the struggle for India's soul will cease after the Yatra ends. Asked if the 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' could have the same sociopolitical impact as BJP leader L.K. Advani's Rath Yatra in the early 1990s albeit for a different cause, Tharoor said it is possible, but its impact can only be gauged as it goes on. "I hope it will attract large numbers of people to the ideals and values the Congress stands for, values that unite our people around the idea of an inclusive India," he said. On whether the Yatra would get popular traction among the common people, Tharoor said no one undertakes such an ambitious nationwide march without expectations of success. "But while our planning and preparations



have been thorough, it is fair to say that we cannot underestimate the ruling forces," he said. "If they see the Yatra having a major impact I have no doubt about their capacity to distract the country in other directions. We should soldier on undeterred," Tharoor said. On whether he sees the Yatra as a beginning of the party's revival, Tharoor said he certainly hopes so. "While we are working with everyone, including other parties, non-political individuals and civil society groups, any such major activity undertaken by a political party undoubtedly has a political message. And that message is that we are the party that can unite India," he said. If the public is sufficiently inspired by this message, it will indeed inaugurate the revival of the party, Tharoor said. Though the 3,570-km yatra from Kanyakumari to Srinagar will be formally launched at a rally in Kanyakumari on Wednesday, it will actually begin at 7 am on September 8 when Rahul Gandhi and several other Congress leaders will embark on the journey on foot. The Yatra will start from Kanyakumari in Tamil Nadu and then move northwards passing through Thiruvananthapuram, Kochi, Nilambur, Mysuru, Bellary, Raichur, Vikarabad, Nanded, Jalgaon, Indore, Kota, Dausa, Alwar, Bulandshahr, Delhi, Ambala, Pathankot, Jammu, and culminate in Srinagar. The tagline of the yatra is 'Mile Kadam, Jude Watan'.

Boris Johnson likens himself to Roman who returned as dictator

London, September 06 : In his departure speech, Boris Johnson likened himself to Cincinnatus a figure who "returned to his plough", apparently suggesting he would return quietly to the backbenches. However, what Johnson - a scholar of classics at the University of Oxford - did not include in his speech was that while the Roman statesman Lucius Quinctius Cincinnatus is said to have left Rome for a bucolic existence on his farm, he was later called upon to return to Rome and lead as a dictator. This detail was seized upon immediately by commentators and historians, such as Tom Holland and Andrew Neil: The satirist Armando Iannucci said: "Johnson expects to be called back. Cincinnatus was recalled from his plow to become leader of Rome a second time. Someone tell the people with microphones at Downing Street." Johnson expects to be called back. Cincinnatus was recalled from his plow to become leader of Rome a second time. Someone tell the people with microphones at Downing Street. The historian Mary Beard points out that Cincinnatus's cause was against the common citizens, known as the plebeians. He was in fact an "enemy of the people". If you are curious about Boris Johnson's reference to Cincinnatus in his goodbye speech - he was a 5th century BC Roman politician who saved the state from an invasion, then - job done - returned to his farm ('to his plough').



Students salute at the opening ceremony of a new semester in Havana, Cuba



Tarawa, September 06 : Kiribati has been left without a high-level court after the government ordered the suspension of the three sitting judges of the court of appeal, worsening the constitutional crisis that has been plaguing the Pacific nation for months. The move came after the suspension and attempted illegal deportation of high court judge, Australian-born David Lambourne last

month. The court of appeal delivered a scathing judgment in the appeal of Lambourne's case, ruling, that the government's efforts to strip Lambourne of his judicial responsibilities and deport him were unconstitutional. The government did not accept this ruling and said it would protect Kiribati from becoming a "judicial tyranny" comparing the court of appeal to the "Nuremberg judges ... aiding and abetting Nazi Germany". The three appeal court justices, all retired New Zealand judges, were suspended from performing their jobs, with the government citing Section 93(5) of the Kiribati

constitution as grounds. This section offers just two reasons for such suspension: infirmity of body and mind or misbehaviour. The appeal justices - Paul Heath, Peter Blanchard and Rodney Hansen - join the ranks of Lambourne and Kiribati Chief Justice William Hastings, who were also suspended by President Taaneti Maamau earlier this year. Kiribati's founding president, Sir Jeremiah Tabai said the government's decision had plunged the country into "crisis". "In my view, this is a total disregard for our judicial system... and my view is that we are in a very bad crisis now because there are no more

courts to which we can ask for a redress so the whole thing now depends on what the government wants and I think it is a very bad situation to be in," Tabai said. Tabai said that he and other MPs would be raising the issue in parliament and raise a confidence motion in respect to the government's handling of the judiciary. "My view is that they are trying to buy time to try and achieve what they were after in the first place ... which is to end the life appointment of a judge," he said. "In parliament, we are going to raise the issue very strongly and we hope the members [of parliament] will understand why we are so interested and keen to raise an issue of this nature at this time.

Assam CM inaugurates 'Parmananda Choudhury Memorial Hall'



Assam Rising, Guwahati, September 5: Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma inaugurated the 'Parmananda Choudhury Memorial Auditorium' of the All Assam Bar Association at a function held at CJM Court building of Guwahati yesterday. The auditorium, built in memory of the leg-

endary advocate, late Paramananda Choudhury, who glorified the judicial sector of the state. On the occasion, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma paid his rich tributes to the late Choudhury. It may be mentioned that his son, Kamal Nayan Choudhury, has dedicated the auditorium in memory of his father. Speaking on the

occasion, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma said that the founder member of the All Assam Bar Association late Choudhury had played an important role in giving shape to the association. He set an example in the judicial field of the state, the Chief Minister added. He also said that late Choudhury set an example

with courage and dedication to solve various problems. He would always be a source of inspiration for all. The Chief Minister also took note of his immense contribution to the Indian freedom movement. The CM added that the All Assam Lawyers association has been playing an important role in creating awareness and providing legal help among the people by organizing workshops, legal aid etc. He announced that Rs.10 crore will provide for corpus funds to the Board of Trustees of the All Assam Bar Association for medical treatment of lawyers. He also said that the State Government wants to start a Universal Insurance Scheme 'Ayushman Assam' in the line of PM Narendra Modi's 'Ayushman Bharat.' The event was attended by Chief Justice of Gauhati High Court RM Chhaya, Judges of Gauhati High Court N Koteswar Singh, Law Minister Ranjit Kumar Das, President of All Assam Bar Association David Ledger, Retired

Justice of Guwahati High Court Biplab Kumar Sharma, Kamal Nayan Choudhury, son of late Paramananda Choudhury and his family members, office bearers and distinguished lawyers of All Assam Bar Association and distinguished guests.



Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma is chairing a Cabinet Meeting, which was held at Kokrajhar on September

Accused lady arrested link to BJP worker murder

Assam Rising, Biswanath Chariali, September 6: Purnima Hazarika, a resident of Itakhola, was arrested with the charge of killing a BJP leader today. According to information Janmani Bora (48), a resident of Shantipur village of No. 2 Itakhola under Itakhola out post was murdered by a group of miscreants on Monday night. Janmani was a young BJP leader and a ward member of Itakhola area. The body

of Bora was spotted by local people on the bank of a nearby pond at around 8 on Monday night and immediately informed local police about the incident. A police team from Itakhola out post reached the site immediately. Later on Sootea MLA Padma Hazarika, Biswanath DC Munindra Nath Nagatey and

police officials also reached the incident site. Sootea police in collaboration with Itakhola out post conducted an investigation immediately and apprehended one Purnima Hazarika for further investigation. She was brought to Sootea police station that night. During the interrogation, Purnima admitted

her involvement with the murder, said a police source. Police investigation is on. Police doubt about the involvement of other people in this murder case as a lady can't kill a man alone. While the old mother of Janmani Bora demanded exemplary punishment for those who were involved in the murder case.

Two children go missing from Nagaon Civil Hospital

Assam Rising, Nagaon, September 6: Sensation prevailed at Nagaon this morning after two children staying with a female patient reportedly went missing from Nagaon BP Civil Hospital. Sources said that one Hasan Ali admitted a woman with burn injury along with two children including a three years old baby boy and a ten years old girl at Nagaon BP Civil Hospital a couple of weeks back and then Hasan Ali fled from the scene. The woman succumbed to her burnt injury last evening and since her

death, her children went missing, sources said. The staff and nurses of the hospital when enquired about the attendant of the patient, the incident of missing the children came into light. Meanwhile, police from the hospital outpost rushed to the hospital ward and recorded all in detail about the missing children as well as Hasan Ali. While speaking to some media persons here, some staff and nurses of the hospital said that the baby boy was found missing a couple of days ago. They said they had learnt from the ten years old girl that the baby boy was sold by the girl herself at Rs 8000 to someone else and the girl absconded right after the death of the woman.

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Assam Governor inaugurates 'Sewa Bharati Institute of Fire, Safety and Disaster Management'

Assam Rising, Guwahati, September 6: Assam Governor Prof. Jagdish Mukhi inaugurated the "Sewa Bharati Institute of Fire, Safety and Disaster Management" and launched a one year long 'Advanced Diploma in Occupational Safety, Health and Environment' affiliated to "Assam Science and Technology University in a function held in Yognilayam, Abhaypur, North Guwahati today. Speaking on the occasion, the Governor said that nowadays special focus is being given on safety, health and environment all over the world, because these are topics related to public concern. Accidents happen due to inattention and ignorance related to industrial work. According to the latest figures of the International Labor Organization (ILO), more than six thousand people die every



day due to this reason. Lauding the efforts of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Prof. Mukhi said that the country is touching new heights of development under his able leadership. Foreign companies are investing extensively in India. The country is progressing very fast in the construction and industry sector. In such times, the introduction of courses on Safety, Health and Environment for the youth aspiring to work in the construction and industry sector is a great achievement of Sewa Bharati. The Governor also urged the officers of the institute to run courses in first aid, fire fighting, personal protection, disaster

management and environmental protection in the coming times, so that the youth of the North-east can get employment in these areas as well. Akhil Bharatiya Seva Pramukh, RSS Parag Abhyankar, Chairman, Governing Body Seva Bharati Institute of Fire Safety and Disaster Management Akhil Kumar Das, President, Seva Bharati Purbanchal Ramen Sharma, MD, Noomaligarh Refinery Limited Bhaskar Jyoti Phukan along with a host of other dignitaries were present in the inaugural function.

Pramod Ch. Brahma literary award conferred

Assam Rising, Udalguri, September 6: The BTR governments prestigious literary award was conferred to litterateur Mr. Nandeswar Daimari for his tremendous contribution to literature. Amrit Narayan Patgiri was also honoured with this literary award. Jayanta Malla Barua the minister of Assam has given the award in presence of BTR Chief Pramod Boro in a function held at BRPL auditorium hall in Chirang. Nandeswar Daimari has authored books in Bodo and in Assamese. His short stories were translated in Nepali, Hindi, Assamese,

Kannada and English. His published books are Manjubala Devi (Novel), Thangnaini Daoha (short story), Boxing (short story), Abe Nenai Dalanga Baigrebnaiso (short story), Hadanni Fanjari (short story), Borbad (Assamese Short Stories), Nareshwar Pora Dr. Bhupen Hazarikaloi (biographies), Prasngik Prosonga



and Jiu Safarni Dakhon. He has been recipient of literary pension from

Teachers Felicitated by NHRCCB

Assam Rising, Golaghat, September 6: On the occasion of Teachers' Day National Human Rights and Crime Control

Axis bank deputy manager detained over fraud charges

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Bureau felicitated many teachers in the country. Like the other parts in Golaghat also National Human Rights and Crime Control Bureau felicitated three well known and ideal teachers. NHRCCB Assam State team felicitated three respectable teachers in a ceremony organized by State General Secretary (w) Hema Choudhury Gogoi. The three teachers namely Rameswar Thengal, Headmaster of Navajyoti Gorjan LP School,



Dr. Shankar Prasad Sharma, Ambassador of Nepal to India called on Assam Governor Prof. Jagdish Mukhi at Raj Bhavan on September 6.



Assam Rising, Udalguri, September 6: On the occasion of the 2nd death anniversary of former vice president of Tanga Press Club, socialist and journalist Dhaneswar Rabha, Tanga Press Club organized an award function to commemorate his memory. The award function was organized at Hotel Paradise, Tanga with a day-long program. The tribute program, which was led by Phatik Rabha, was lit by literary pensioner Dhaneswar Rabha at 10 o'clock. The purpose of the Journalist Dhaneswar Rabha Award function was explained by Kaustav Mani Sarmah, General Secretary of Tanga Press Club and the whole program was presided over by Ujjal Kumar Das, president of Tanga Press Club. In this award giving function, journalist Bhargab Kr. Das was awarded with Journalist Dhaneswar Rabha Memorial Best Journalist 2022, Doctor Lakshyan Kr. Das and retired Anganawadi worker Arati Mahanta were awarded with Journalist Dhaneswar Rabha Memorial Best Social Service

Award 2022. Topeswar Rabha, Asst. Secretary of Udalguri district Sahitya Sabha praised the socialist, journalist as well as the first journalist which was dead by causing covid entire Assam. Whereas, Mayur Goswami, reporter of The Assam Tribune from Mangaldai, reporter of News

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Burning trees for energy

EU to satisfy Europe's growing appetite for burning forests for energy. This is an appetite that the existing EU renewable energy directive incentivises. It does this by classifying forest biomass on paper as zero-carbon emissions when in reality, burning forest biomass will produce higher emissions than fossil fuels during the coming decisive decades. The interlinked crises of wars and rising food and energy prices underline the urgent need for policies that enable energy saving and energy efficiency, and the importance of decarbonising the EU's energy sector. It should be obvious that decarbonising can only be done by using non-carbon energy sources. It is critical to phase out fossil fuels, but the energy sources we replace them with are just as important. The EU's renewable energy directive should apply solely to actual renewable energy forms - and forests are not renewable. Forests are ecosystems created by nature that cannot be replanted. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change states that we need to restore and preserve more forest ecosystems - but as internationally renowned scientists have warned, the EU's renewable energy directive incentivises a daily loss of irreplaceable forest ecosystems in favour of the harmful replanting of new trees. There is just not enough time for these tree plantations to regrow to be in line with the Paris agreement. Forest biomass takes minutes to burn, whereas it takes anywhere from decades to centuries for the climate and environmentally harmful tree plantations to reseeker the carbon emitted. This equals decades of carbon debts that we do not have time for. The same goes for the burning of what the industry calls forest residues, such as treetops and branches. Burning any part of the tree means burning carbon. When forestry residues come from an 80-year-old tree, it will take 80 years for an equivalent tree to regrow - and this is time we do not have. For forest residues to become sustainable end-products, forestry needs to be sustainable in the first place; but this is not the case today. Most people would assume a few things about our forests based on what they've been told: first, that Europe has a fair amount of protected forests - and even if not yet as much as the EU has promised, that protection rates are at least moving in the right direction. Other common misconceptions are that forestry is carried out sustainably, that predominantly climate-friendly wood products are produced, and that only forest residues are burned for energy. In reality, none of this is true for the EU today. Strictly protected forests are being logged daily, half of what is logged in EU forests, not just residues, is burned as fuel. Certified and supposedly "sustainable" forestry causes increased emissions, a daily loss of biodiversity and a systematic violation of indigenous peoples' rights in Europe's Arctic regions.

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Under Liz Truss, we'll be careering into petrolhead politics while the world burns



What a strange, heady, anxious summer that was. For all the talk by many journalists and politicians about the cost of living crisis as something that will decisively arrive in the autumn, it is already here. At the same time, the landscape of this small corner of northern Europe is parched and straw-coloured, while those terrifying images of flooding in Pakistan have illustrated the climate emergency's even more nightmarish flipside. The pandemic, it turns out, was merely one more crisis on the way

to something completely convulsive: payback for our fragile dependence on fossil fuels, and a way of living that is no longer sustainable. With perfect timing, next weekend will see the return to London's streets of Extinction Rebellion, whose protests will trigger the usual sneers from climate deniers while hammering home 2022's awful sense of urgency. Meanwhile, as if the immediate future is being decided by a TV scriptwriter who specialises in the bleakest comedy, Liz Truss is seemingly about to move into Downing Street, after two months of surreal and largely pointless debate in which the climate crisis has barely figured. She and Rishi Sunak may have paid lip service to the government's nominal target of achieving net zero by 2050 - but, whatever their other differences, they have largely

spoken with one voice on climate policy: the cursory, slightly bored tone of people who think of it as an optional extra. Both have said they support the lifting of England's current moratorium on fracking. Sunak began the contest opposing more onshore wind turbines, but then changed his mind; Truss has repeatedly said she wants fields to be cleared of solar panels, a position Sunak

✍️ **John Harris**

also supports. Last week, in the wake of a Spectator interview in which Sunak agreed with the contention that "we need more fossil fuels in the short to medium term", there came apparent confirmation that Truss and her team are discussing plans to issue as many as 130 new licences for drilling in the North Sea. Any results might not be

seen for 20 or 30 years: the fact that oil and gas are globally traded commodities would mean that the effects of additional production on prices would be negligible to nonexistent. But, like her fracking stance, the move is performative: a half-cocked answer to some of the questions triggered by the energy crisis, and a signal that even Boris Johnson's limp flirtation with green politics was too much for the Tory party to bear. As Truss prepares to take over, Jacob Rees-Mogg seems to be on the up, and there is very serious talk of him being put in charge of the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy - a move that would hand the climate portfolio to someone who has long met any suggestion of convincing action with weary sneers. "Coal is plentiful and provides the least expensive electricity per megawatt ...

unfortunately, coal-fired power stations are being shut down because of European Union regulations," he said in 2013. He went on: "Common sense dictates that if the Meteorological Office cannot forecast the next season's weather with any success it is ambitious to predict what will happen decades ahead." His media archive contains reams of this stuff, full of a blithe insistence that whatever is happening to the climate is beyond human understanding or control, and we may as well do what we want. In April this year, he said that "every last drop" of hydrocarbons ought to be extracted from the North Sea. Iain Duncan Smith is tipped to return to government, bringing with him the view that net zero is a "new religion".

Blame the greasers, not the piglet, for the mess left by Boris Johnson



It was never going to happen. Boris Johnson was never going to walk into Downing Street, tuck in his shirt, brush his hair and retire the qualities that had defined his life and career: dishonesty, a lack of seriousness, laziness and amorality. The fact that he was carried into No 10 on a wave of media and political support is an indictment of a political culture that saw all of those qualities and thought, you know what, he'll do just fine. He didn't, of course. And it has been a surreal experience watching a nation seeing "Boris" unravel before them. It has been like watching a play in which the actors continually switch scripts - one minute they are Johnson lovers, the next Johnson haters. Overnight, the politicians who brought him to power, who stood by him at his absolute worst moments, switched parts and soberly resigned in disgust at his actions. Papers that cheered for

him as he flew into No 10 and brushed aside his mishandling of the pandemic, turned too. In his final hours, the Daily Mail called him a "greased piglet", and asked if he could "wriggle out of this". A more important question should have been asked: who greased him? What did his supporters expect? A man far more artful than the one they got, I suspect. One thing we were told, over and over, was that Johnson was in fact smart and canny (you don't hear that so much any more), and that the clown show was just his way of disarming people so that he could sneak his gigantic brain past them without alert or threat. His trick was to have people underestimate him, and then, hah! the joke was on them as he pinned them down with his epic political talents. Johnson knew exactly what he was doing, we were told, only last year, by the Atlantic. "His electoral genius lies in his ability to stop his opponents from thinking straight," the interview read. A 2019 New York

magazine profile of Johnson, headlined Boris's Blundering Brilliance, asserted that "he has been serious all along, using his humour and ridiculousness to camouflage political instincts that have, in fact, been sharper than his peers". The problem is, it wasn't an act. And the insistence that it was, that Johnson was not as bad as he seemed, has been the making of him. Perhaps that is why the anger at his failure contained in the resignation

✍️ **Nesrine Malik**

letters of members of his cabinet is shot through with bitter feelings of betrayal. We made you, they seemed to say, and you have let us down. "I have been loyal to you," Rishi Sunak's letter read, but the country needed to be governed "properly, competently and seriously". In short: we made light of your lies, only for you to lie to us too. We indulged your culture war divisiveness, only for you to divide us as well. We discounted your volatility so that you could fortify us against a threat from Labour, only for you to bring chaos and scandal. You were supposed to calm Brexit uncertainty and febrile politics, a candidate who promised change but not real change, nothing that questioned the economic or

social status quo. You were supposed to be disruptive, but only cosmetically so. We "priced in" a huge margin of error for you, only for you to go beyond even that. Note that Johnson's demise was not the result of ethical breaches so numerous that people couldn't take it any more, but the falling out of co-conspirators. Still, it will all doubtless be written into a reassuring morality tale about how there is always a line too far. But the less comforting truth is that Johnson's biggest crime

was that he breached a pact, one strained by the pandemic and its aftermath: his role was to look as if he was on the side of the people, but discreetly work for their overlords to whom the rules did not apply. Then he was caught partying during lockdown and that illusion was shattered. Even then he had a chance; but he couldn't summon the humility to make amends. He simply became too much work, for his party and his media, so he had to go. Ends of stories invite neat narratives. Johnson will probably be written about as a tragically flawed protagonist who flew too close to the sun, or whatever. But his story is bigger than him. His "electoral genius" was to simply be in the right place at the right time when an establishment rocked by an undeliverable Brexit, and given the jitters by a resurgent

Labour under Jeremy Corbyn, needed a candidate to unclog it all and drag the country forward somehow. The problems he was supposed to solve were, in fact, insoluble. Brexit remains unresolved now, with trade wars looming. Economic inequality continues to rise so sharply that a cost of living crisis threatens unimaginable devastation once the temperature cools. The national mood - something that Johnson was supposed to lift with his cheer - is dark. Despite all this, a form of Johnson will come around again. Liz Truss, in accepting her new role as prime minister, paid tribute to him as her "friend". We see in her his ghost: disembodied from reality, picking fights and stoking a culture war to distract from the fact that Britain's problems are not fixable by a clever tax trick that will bring down inflation or new policies on law and order, but by fundamentally reimagining how business is regulated, and how wealth is accumulated and distributed. Johnson's is a cautionary tale of what happens when a society becomes so wedded to the status quo that it will keep repeating the same mistakes, no matter how harmful. Johnson is gone, but we have a new prime minister in whom the fear of change and an attachment to morally bankrupt modes of economy and governance still remain. Johnson was a symptom of failure, rather than a cause of it. His story is not about him, but us.

Rich countries caused Pakistan's catastrophic flooding. Their response? Inertia and apathy

What we've witnessed this summer in Pakistan is nothing short of a climate catastrophe. First came the early heatwaves that brought an end to spring, reducing crop yields and increasing the rate of glacial melt. Then came the monsoon downpours that lasted for days on end and wreaked havoc across the country. One-third of Pakistan is now underwater. More than 1,200 people have been killed and more than 33 million people affected. And the monster monsoon isn't over yet. Experts say the heavy rainfall was caused by higher than average warming of the Arabian Sea. In Sindh province, which produces half the country's food, 90% of crops are ruined. More than 75% of Balochistan, which covers half of Pakistan, is partially or completely damaged. People's homes and patches of land are inundated. Of the 650,000 pregnant women who have been directly affected in flood-hit areas, 73,000 will be delivering their babies this month. The sheer scale of destruction those children will be born into is unimaginable. The "third pole", as

it is often called, is a vast mountainous region that stretches from Myanmar to Afghanistan. This frigid wall of ice separates China and seven south Asian countries, including Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, Nepal and Bhutan. The region is home to the world's highest peaks and countless glaciers. The flights from Islamabad, the capital of Pakistan, to the northern cities Gilgit and Skardu take barely an hour. In the good old days before Pakistan's national carrier ran into financial difficulties, it also used to run a weekly flight called the air safari. If you were lucky enough to get a window seat, the journey was a visual feast. The flight would give passengers a tour of the snow-capped "eight-thousanders" (mountaineers' lingo for peaks above 8,000 metres) and glaciers from the comfort of their seats. Five of these peaks are in Pakistan; our country also has the highest number of glaciers outside the polar regions. The air safari was an impressive, comfortable alternative to months of training, weeks of trekking in treacherous terrain, and frostbite. Little grows at such high altitude. But the third pole functions as a water reserve whose

10 major rivers flow downstream from these mountains and sustain more than 1.5 billion people. When you understand this, you start to see the mountains, valleys, and continuously flowing streams and rivers in a different light. The prediction that this magnificent, awe-inspiring landscape will in

✍️ **Mustafa Nawaz Khokar**

time be transformed into bare rocks is terrifying. By 2100, a third of the ice sheets in this region will be gone, even if the world limits itself to the global warming target of 1.5°C. Temperatures are rising higher than that, bringing the doomsday closer. This is a crisis hardly anyone talks about. The floods that Pakistan has experienced are one of the early signs of this crisis. Climate catastrophe is now in plain sight, for everyone to see. Despite this, major economies have failed to reach a consensus on emission reductions. There have been countless summits and international meetings, and yet we are still not on track to reach

net zero by 2050. For countries such as Pakistan, which falls into the unfortunate category of "most vulnerable to climate change", every failed climate summit is bad news. It is frustrating for us to see rich countries haggle with each other over cutting back emissions while we continue to pay the costs in lives and livelihoods at a far greater frequency than before. The results of western economies' inertia and apathy are now glaringly obvious. Pakistan contributes less than 1% in global emissions and yet it is one of the countries most at risk due to

climate change and global heating. We can only hope that Cop27, which will be held this year in Egypt, won't fall short on expectations. But we've been here before: at Cop26, the response of major polluters failed to match the scale of the climate crisis. If this happens again, the message for countries such as Pakistan will be clear: the biggest polluters, despite mounting evidence of deadly climate events such as heatwaves, droughts and floods, are still not willing to compromise on a trade-off between economic growth and saving the planet.

Letter to the Editor

Mental harassment by higher authority

Respected sir,

Some Assam government employees are sometimes found to be mentally abused by higher level officers. Sometimes even an employee who can't stand the mental torture of a higher level officer commits suicide. In Assam, there are many instances of employees committing suicide for this reason. In fact, there are very few examples in our country of protesting and taking legal action against the mental torture of officers in the workplace. This is because workplace torture is generally not subject to any penal code. In this case, we are in dire need of a new law. I would like to point out that there is no evidence of verbal insults by the officers to the employees as a result of which the victims are often observed to be in danger. However, in today's age of technology, not everyone has the convenience of video recording on their mobile phones. On the other hand, not all employees dare to protest against some tyrant officer. In general, an in-depth analysis of events can lead to the conclusion that suicide and the mental abuse of employers by those tyrant officers are both possible for mental illness. That is why there is a great need to create awareness, of course. In this regard, I think both the angry nature (Sadist?!) The officer and the aggrieved employee need to consult a Psychiatrist or Psychologist. Sometimes, there is domestic disturbance and some distorted mentality officers who are emotionally distant from their wives are found to be abusing the lower class employees of their office! In addition, due to the power gained through corruption, lack of awareness of the law, lack of anti-workplace law, the torture of employees is increasing day by day. It is noteworthy that such incidents are more common in the departments of the Government of Assam. Most recently, the Health Department of the Government of Assam has a complete and authentic example of such an unfortunate incident. However, the state government should enact a strong and strict law against mental torture of employees.

✍️ **Heramba Nath**
Kamrup

Nongmaithem Gautam conferred with National Award



Imphal, September 06 : NongmaithemGautam Singh, a primary teacher at Eastern Ideal High School in Manipur's Imphal East, was conferred the prestigious National Awards to Teachers 2022 by President DroupadiMurmu in New Delhi on the occasion of the Teachers' Day celebration on Monday. The award was given to Nongmaithem Gautam for promoting innovative experiments in teaching and his creative skills while renovating classrooms with colourful art and designing a chalk-free whiteboard for the students. "Shri Nongmaithem Gautam Singh, a primary teacher at Eastern Ideal High School

teacher demonstrates, and the great teacher inspires." She said that an ideal teacher has all four qualities. Such ideal teachers build a nation in the true sense by building the lives of the students. The President also urged teachers to encourage the habit of asking questions and expressing doubts in the students. She said that by answering more and more questions and solving doubts, their knowledge would also increase. A good teacher is always enthusiastic about learning something new. Along with NongmaithemGautam, six other teachers from the Northeast also received the prestigious National Teachers' award. Altogether, 45 teachers from across the country were selected for the award by the Ministry of Education. In 2019, Nongmaithem Gautam Singh was also awarded the Smart Teacher Award by Navodaya Kranti Parowar in recognition of his tireless efforts and support for government education in India.

Govt schools refurbishing to be over by 2030: Arunachal CM

Itanagar, September 06 : Chief Minister PemaKhandu on Monday said that the rebuilding and refurbishing exercise of government schools in Arunachal Pradesh has already begun and all infrastructural requirements of the institutions would be fulfilled by 2030. "The Arunachal government, under the National Education Policy, is committed to rebuilding all dilapidated schools and providing basic facilities for students as well as teachers so that they can concentrate on quality education. The process of rebuilding and refurbishing of schools has already begun in a phased manner," the chief minister said. Khandu, who was addressing the State Awards 2022 for teacher's event at the state banquet hall here, further asked the chief secretary to call upon the deputy commissioners and DDSEs to take stock of each school in their jurisdiction and submit the reports to the

government for further action. On complaints of shortage of teachers in the state, Khandu revealed that there are 3,600 government and government-aided schools in Arunachal as of date with 16,000 teachers. He summarized that if the posting of teachers is rationalized there would be an adequate number of teachers for all schools. While directing the education department to evolve and implement a robust mechanism for rational transfer and posting of teachers, Khandu urged the Arunachal Teacher's Association (ATA) to cooperate and assist in the department's endeavour in this regard. He, however, informed that the state government has already approved the recruitment of a sufficient number of teachers through the state public service commission to meet the demand. On poor management of schools, especially in rural areas, Khandu advocated reviving the system of school management commit-



tees involving local community members. He viewed that earlier schools were looked after by village community members that ensured the proper functioning of the schools. The chief minister on the occasion also informed that the lone Arunachal State University at Pasighat will start functioning this year. Earlier, Khandu along with education minister TabaTedir and chief secretary Dharmendra gave away the State Awards 2022 to 31 selected teachers working in government and government-aided schools in various parts of the state for their meritorious service in imparting quality and moral education to the students. The event also marked the Teachers' Day celebrations. The 31 state awardees for this year included five lady teachers and two from government-aided Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya. Congratulating the awardees on behalf of

the people, Khandu commended the role of teachers in shaping the future generation of the state, especially those posted in interior places. He expressed gratitude to the teachers for imparting quality education to students despite facing several hardships in terms of facilities. "Though Arunachal Pradesh has been a late starter in almost all sectors, including education, the contribution of our teachers in making education a vibrant sector is immeasurable," he said. "We cannot avoid the influence of the internet on a student's formative years but as teachers, we can surely guide them to use the web for positive development and knowledge gain," he said. Minister Tedir congratulated the teachers for their hard work that has resulted in a better pass percentage in this year's class 10 and 12 examinations. He said after dismal performances in previous years and the Covid-19 hindrance, the pass percentage this

year was 40% and 79% respectively for class 10 and 12 examinations. "Though we are below par of the national average, it is a positive sign. With our concerted efforts we aim to touch at least the national average next year," he said. He informed that the regularization of 118 Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and 400 Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) teachers is under process and soon the APPSC would be recruiting 482 teachers, both PGT and TGT included. He also informed that the government has already requested the Arunachal Pradesh Public Service Commission to recruit a sufficient number of lecturers and assistant professors for colleges in the state. Tedir sought cooperation from all stakeholders to revitalize the education scenario in the state and assured that the government will leave no stone unturned for a massive turnaround in the coming years.

Disabled woman held as 'sex worker' at RimpuBagan writes to NHRC

Tura, September 06 : Immediately after getting bail from the Tura District Court, the disabled woman accused of sex work, who was also amongst the last to leave the District Jail, has written to the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) seeking an intervention into the matter. The NHRC complaint was filed on September 4. In the report filed on Sunday, the 28-year-old woman, who was allegedly with her would-be husband when the raid took place on July 22, has raised serious questions on the entire 'raid' conducted by the police. "I went there with my fiancé as I had returned from Chennai and his sister had come from Bangalore and there was not enough space in our rented house. We reached the place at about 6:30 pm and took up lodging for the night," said the disabled accused. The West Garo Hills police raided the property at about 7 pm after which the much reported incident began, she said. "The police asked me and all the other girls to cooperate with them and



promised to let us go after a medical. We cooperated with the police who made us wait in the premises from 6:30 pm to 1:30 am on Jul 23. We were lined up and photos of all of us taken by the police," stated the woman in her complaint. They were then taken to the Tura PS and thereafter for the Maternity and Child Hospital at about 7:30 am. She added that no calls were made to her parents or guardians by the police to inform them of her detention. Her brother, however, went to the PS on Saturday and signed in the register. The next day, her parents reached the PS af-

ter being informed by well wishers. "As I have a speech disorder, my fiancé informed the authorities on the situation and wanted to speak on my behalf. However, they were not willing to listen. "I was then sent to the Tura District Jail along with the rest of the girls where warden, Purabi Das, assaulted me the next day without any form of provocation. Again during my statement, the I/O,

ManmataHajong, asked me to falsely state that I was not with my to-be husband but someone else. They later accused me of being a sex worker," she added. "Her attempts at getting bail in the case were allegedly thwarted by the I/O who had sought more time to question me as she had already told the Court that I was a sex worker despite there being not even an iota of proof," said the complainant. She further added that she remained wrongly incarcerated from July 22 to September 3 and is amongst the last to be released despite the police and Court knowing of her disability. "This wrongful arrest and incarceration has led me to suffer mental trauma. Being a person with disabilities, there was no reason for me being arrested when the police had no proof of any wrongdoing from our end," she as-

serted. Seeking action against the SP of WGH, Vivekanand Singh, the IO as well as the jail warden, the woman added, "I have been termed a prostitute by the police in the case filed against me despite me being a person with disabilities (PWD) and my bail applications were rejected on the ground of me being a sex worker. This is not only wholly wrong but absurd. Those responsible for such harassment and trauma should face the consequences." Meanwhile, another 6 cases by those arrested during the RimpuBagan raid have also written to the NHRC seeking action against the people responsible for what they termed wrongful arrest, harassment by the police and mental trauma. The total number of cases to the NHRC currently stands at 22, with more likely to come forward to add to the numbers.

Tripura ready for RajyaSabha by-polls, BJP searches for suitable face

Agartala, September 06 : With barely two weeks to go for the by-polls for the lone RajyaSabha seat of Tripura, the ruling BharatiyaJanata Party has started its search for a suitable candidate. The by-election was necessitated following former MP DrManikSaha's elevation to the post of Chief Minister. Saha was also the President of the party's state unit. However, as he rose to the top post, he resigned from his RajyaSabha berth and RajibBhattacharjee relieved him from the organisational top post. The formal announcement of the party's nominee for the RajyaSabha by-polls would be made from Delhi but before that, the state has been asked to send a list of people who are the best fit. "RajyaSabha by-polls are the first elections that the state BJP is going to face under the leadership of new president RajibBhattacharjee. Although RajyaSabha elections do not require a high-octane political campaign and organisational strength as BJP already has the desired numbers in the state Assembly, victory in any form fills new enthusiasm among the party workers. As soon as the poll schedule was out, the new



president exchanged views with the central leadership and started working per the instructions of the party high command," said a senior party source. Speaking on the condition of anonymity, a senior BJP leader said, "So far no official meeting in this regard took place owing to the Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations all over. Hopefully, the first sitting of the state committee will be held before September 10." On being asked about the possible candidates, he said, "There are several leaders who are suitable for the post. We have former Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb, General Secretary Tinku Roy, Vice President Dr Ashok Sinha, and Vice President Patal Kanya Jamatia among the front runners for the post." Meanwhile, Chief Minister Dr

ManikSaha has reached Delhi and met Prime Minister NarendraModi. "Delighted to meet with Adarniya PM Shri Narendra Modi Ji at New Delhi, today. Discussed with Hon'ble PM about Health, Education, Trade, infrastructure development and the present status of various ongoing Central and State government schemes. Hon'ble PM assured about extending the Centre's necessary assistance for overall development in Tripura. Under his dynamic leadership, vision and guidance we are committed to work hard for the people of Tripura", he wrote in a social media post. The Chief Minister is also scheduled to meet several senior leaders during his Delhi visit and possibly preliminary decision about the

by-polls may come up during the meetings. If sources are to be believed, former Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb is also leaving for Delhi on Wednesday. "Both the leaders have been invited for discussions which gives a clear impression that the party would not take much time for the announcement of the candidate", said a BJP source. On the other hand, the opposition is likely to repeat fielding former minister BhanuLalSaha who was defeated by Dr ManikSaha in the RajyaSabha polls held in March this year. The opposition Bench back then was only constituted by Left party MLAs while now the Congress has a sitting MLA. It is to be seen whether Congress extends its support to the Left nominated candidate or chooses otherwise. Even though the BJP is winning for sure, the new political chemistry developing between Congress and CPIM may get a formal shape in the RajyaSabha polls. The by-polls are scheduled on September 22 and the notification for the polls has been issued on Monday.

GamchiTimreMarak receives National Award on Teachers' Day

Shillong, September 06 : GamchiTimre R Marak from Meghalaya on Monday received the 'National Awards to Teachers' honour which she calls a hard-earned title and her lifetime achievement. Marak was among the 45 selected awardees honoured by the President of India, DroupadiMurmu, at



VigyanBhawan, New Delhi. She has been bestowed with this honour for her work as the Head Teacher of Educere Higher Secondary School at Samanda in Williamnagar, East Garo Hills District, Meghalaya. "I am really very happy. This honour is not easy to get. It is a hard-earned and a lifetime achievement for me," said Marak, while sharing her story of shaping lives from a remote place. While giving an account of her journey, Marak highlighted the role of education in moulding Williamnagar from its underdeveloped past to the developing present. "In the beginning our area was backward and people were poor... Very few were educated back then. My husband and I decided to shift to this place after he got a government job. We had two options to choose from and Williamnagar was one of them. Since Garo Hills needed us more, we chose this place," shared the National Award recipient. Her experience in the social sector helped Marak further realise the need for education in the area. "People needed education. The area had to be developed. Since I was working with NGOs, people started looking up to me. They wanted me to be a

teacher and so, I finally decided to open a school," she said. Marak said since the school's inception, her goal was to make the children competent and confident enough to be able to walk shoulder-to-shoulder with the rest of the world. And she was able to achieve this with the 'social approach'. "What is education if the social factor is not looked after? Everything starts from home. And the home was suffering. We had to look after the children's mindset and their psychology. We have looked after them physically, socially, mentally and also spiritually," Marak shared. The Head Teacher introduced soft skills in the curriculum for the overall development of the children. "I tried to incorporate counselling. I conducted youth counselling wherein experts came in and interacted with the children. I invited youth counsellors so that they are aware of concerns like mental health, etiquette, HIV, drugs, etc." "Understanding a child's mental makeup is very important to be able to properly teach them. I try to make our School a need-based one and not just about the academics," Marak said.

Limboo-Tamang committee submits memo on reservation to MP

Gangtok, September 06 : The Limboo-Tamang Voluntary Committee (LTVC) has proposed the reservation of seats for members of the Limboo and Tamang communities in the 32-member Sikkim Legislative Assembly. The LTVC on Sunday submitted a 22-point memorandum seeking LT seat reservation in the state assembly to Lok Sabha MP Indra Hang Subba in a meeting held at Yakthung Heem in Gangtok. Notably, the Limboo and Tamang communities



have been fighting for the reservation of seats in the Sikkim Legislative Assembly since 2003. A consultation committee, SKM Consultation Committee on Limboo&Tamang Seat Reservation, has also been constituted for pursuing the matter, headed by Lok Sabha MP Indra Hang Subba. The consultation committee, as per the direction of Chief Minister Prem Singh Golay, has been conducting a series of meetings with various associations of Limboo and Tamang communities and stakeholders across the state to collect inputs, which will be later submitted to the Chief Minister. The Limboo-Tamang Voluntary Committee has requested the SKM Consultation Committee to disclose all memoranda on the Limboo-Tamang seat reservation issue in the Legislative Assembly for transparency purposes. Besides, the committee has also requested to present the formula for seat reservation in the Sikkim Legislative Assembly before the panchayat polls scheduled on November 14. "If the outcome is not up to the expectations, we will be compelled to think that all these meetings for LT seat reservation are just a political gimmick and stunt by the SKM party eyeing the upcoming panchayat election," LTVC stated. In case of an increase in assembly seats from the existing 32, the LTVC has demanded that the seats for the two communities should also be increased proportionately.

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Locals of Goalpara district raze

its alleged use for anti-national and 'jihadi' activities. The move came a few days after a cleric associated with the madrasa was held for alleged anti-national activities. This is the fourth madrasa to be demolished in Assam in the last few weeks with the first three being pulled down by government authorities. The first one, Jamiul Huda Madrasa at Moirabari in Morigaon district, was demolished on August 4 by government authorities. On August 29, the authorities pulled down the Jamiul Huda Academy Madrasa at Howli in Barpeta district while on August 31, the Markazul Ma-Arif Quariayana Madrasa at Bongaigaon district was demolished. Speaking to indianexpress.com, Goalpara Superintendent of Police V V Rakesh Reddy said, "The residents of the area were agitated over the alleged anti-Indian and 'jihadi' activities involving the Darogar Alga Pakhiura Char Madrasa after Jalaluddin Sheikh, 49, a religious cleric associated with the madrasa was arrested on August 20 for his role in 'jihadi' activities." Reddy further said two members of the Bangladeshi Al Qaeda in Indian Subcontinent (AQIS) and the Ansarul Bangla Team (ABT), who were introduced as "knowledgeable teachers from West Bengal" to the unsuspecting locals, used to teach at the madrasa between 2020 and 2022. "Later, after the people came to know that they were involved in jihadi activities, the duo, Aminul Islam alias Usman and Jahangir Alam, absconded," Reddy said. "The locals developed strong resentment. The area, their village and the madrasa were used for jihadi activities without them having any knowledge about any of it. The madrasa being demolished was a strong message from the public that they are against anti-national elements and they don't want to be party to such activities," the official said. Asked if the police had intervened or were deployed during the incident, the SP said, "It was a voluntary act. The district administration or police weren't a part of it." Asked about the anti-Indian and 'jihadi' activities exposed through the crackdown on these madrasas, the SP said, "After busting the Goalpara module of the AQIS, we found clues that there were links between the Barpeta, Morigaon and Goalpara modules. There were similar training activities at the madrasas and a common Bangladeshi contact who tried to indoctrinate people and set up bases at various points of time. ""We feel these terrorist sleeper cell modules were probably trained by the same group of people since similar kind of bases were being set up in different parts of Assam. The investigation has so far suggested that the modules were usually set up by establishing bases through madrasas or by using local logistics," Reddy said. He added, "Although one module was not aware about the presence of the other, they were not isolated. The madrasas were in touch only with a limited group of jihadists but the absconding AQIS members were aware of the bigger plan."

India, Bangladesh sign seven

two sides seven memorandums of understanding (MoUs) include the withdrawal of water from the cross-border Kushiya river, cooperation in space technology, collaboration on IT systems used by railways in areas such as movement of freight, science and technology cooperation, training of Bangladesh Railway personnel and Bangladeshi judicial officers in India, and cooperation in broadcasting between Prasar Bharati and Bangladesh Television. PM Modi and Hasina noted that the two countries share 54 rivers, and the Indian prime minister said these have been linked to the livelihoods of people on both sides for centuries. The agreement on sharing the waters of Kushiya river will benefit southern Assam in India and the Sylhet region of Bangladesh, PM Modi said. The two leaders unveiled the first unit of the Maitree super thermal power project being built in Khulna division of Bangladesh with concessional funding from India. The unit was synchronised with Bangladesh's power grid in August, and the project will generate 1,320MW when it is completed. They also inaugurated the 5.13-km Rupsha rail bridge, a key part of the 64.7-km Khulna-Mongla port broad gauge railway project. The bridge was built by an Indian contractor at a cost of \$169million, and the total cost of the project, also being constructed with an Indian line of credit, is \$389 million. It will increase connectivity with Mongla, Bangladesh's second largest port. India has provided concessional loans worth \$9.5 billion for development projects in Bangladesh, especially connectivity initiatives. These initiatives include improving rail connectivity between Khulna and Dhaka, Chilahati and Rajshahi and connecting Mongla port with Darshana-Gede at a cost of \$312million, the Parbatipur-Kaunia rail project to facilitate the transportation of fuel that is being built at a cost of \$120million, and the supply of road construction equipment and machinery worth \$41million to repair and maintain Bangladesh's road network. PM Modi said there were talks on connecting power transmission lines between the two countries. "India will continue all kinds of cooperation for the development and expansion of Bangladesh's railway system," he said. The two sides also discussed enhancing cooperation for flood mitigation. "India has been sharing flood-related data with Bangladesh on a real time basis and we have also extended the period of data sharing," PM Modi said. PM Modi pledged India will continue to walk step by step with Bangladesh in realising "Bangabandhu" Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's vision of a stable, prosperous and progressive country. "Our conversation today was an excellent opportunity to reiterate this core commitment," he said. Hasina said the talks had focussed on ways to "materialise our commitments and accommodate each other's priorities in a mutually beneficial manner". Referring to the issue of sharing of river waters, she added, "I know as long as Prime Minister Modi is here, Bangladesh and India will resolve all these problems."

Assam Govt. to observe Bodofa

BTR, Dr. Sarma during the visit said that the State government has decided to celebrate 31 March every year which is the birthday of the Bodofa as Chatra Divas. He also laid the foundation stone of infrastructure development involving an outlay of Rs.10 crore in the burial ground of Bodofa Upendranath Brahma. The Chief Minister also visited the residence of Bodofa at Dotoma and spent some time with his family members. During his visit, Dr. Sarma enquired about the wellbeing of the family members and assured all government assistance to them. While talking to the family members, the Chief Minister recalled Bodofa's contribution to socio-economic, cultural and academic empowerment of the Bodos and the people belonging to BTR. Going through the memorabilia of Upendranath Brahma, he stressed on the need for a museum to preserve all his memoirs. Chief Minister Dr. Sarma also inaugurated the Bodoland Administrative Staff College at Gaurang Cultural Complex in Kokrajhar. He said since an efficient administration is key to development and people's welfare, the administrative staff college will help immensely to the government employees. He also said that the college would be helpful in infusing administrative acumen among the government servants of BTR and outside and train them in several facets of administration more particularly in the 6th schedule and Autonomous Council administration. The staff college will help to empower the government officers to render their best with regard to policies pertaining to Tribal belts and blocks and serve the people better. Chief Minister Dr. Sarma also visited the construction site of Kokrajhar Medical College and took stock of its progress. While stressing on adhering to all building protocols, he asked the construction agency to ensure its timely completion. He also said that considering the current progress it has made, Kokrajhar Medical College can start its academic activities from 2023. The Chief Minister also laid the foundation stone for VCDC Bhawan of 229 numbers of VCDC Offices in the premises of BTC Secretariat. It may be noted that Rs.25 lakh each has been earmarked for the construction of 229 VCDC Offices under Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan. It may also be noted that BTR has 420 VCDCs for five districts. Out of these, 229 VCDCs do not have permanent office buildings. With the foundation stone laid today all VCDCs will have their own office buildings. Dr. Sarma also laid the foundation for EM and MCLA Towers which will accommodate quarters for EMs and MCLAs at Harinaguri in Kokrajhar. Health and Family Welfare Minister Keshab Mahanta, Water Resources etc Minister Pijush Hazarika, BTC Chief Pramod Boro, his cabinet colleagues, EMs and MCLAs were present on the occasion.

Gap of around 50 lakh

exact number of exclusions then only. I hope one lakh new beneficiaries will be added in place of the exclusions," he added. Besides, the chief minister said that the central government is likely to sign a peace accord with the Adivasi militant groups of Assam in September. Without sharing any detail, he said that the entire process is being carried out under the initiative of Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

Queen Elizabeth II appoints

Coffey, a close friend of Truss, is expected to replace Steve Barclay as Health Secretary. According to UK media reports, besides the Cabinet, a widespread change of guard is also due within Downing Street with some of Johnson's senior-most aides set for an exit or reshuffle.

Percentage of Top Performing Govt

Sibsagar topped the list with 52.77 per cent of its schools falling in the top bracket. Majuli (27.15 per cent) and Nalbari (23.50 per cent) were placed in the second and third positions respectively. Karbi Anglong has the highest percentage of schools in the lowest D grade as 28.85 per cent of its schools came in that category. The other two districts with second and third highest percentage of schools placed in grade D are West Karbi Anglong (23.39 per cent) and Bongaigaon (15.93 per cent). Quoting a National Achievement Survey, the report pointed out that the performance of schools all over the country was found to have decreased in 2021 from 2017 due to the learning loss suffered as a result of the pandemic. Changes in the grading system under the guidance of a key person involved in Gunotsav' in Gujarat have also led to the decrease in the percentage of schools in the top bracket, the report said. As the major objective of the evaluation exercise is the assessment of learning outcomes of students, the share of the scholastic part has been increased to 90 per cent in the current exercise, with 5 per cent each set aside for co-scholastic and community participation. Scholastic performance was given 60 per cent and 85 per cent weightage during the assessment in 2017 and 2018 respectively, while the categories of availability' and 'use of infrastructure facilities' that carried 10 per cent and 5 per cent marks respectively were completely done away with in 2022. The remedial support plan, included in the report, has proposed coaching after school hours for students with grades C and D as the evaluation process has also analysed the learning gap both subject-wise and cluster-wise. Teachers will be trained in imparting special support to the children, and continuous support and follow-up action will be done from cluster to state level, the report said.

'Our partnership is based on trust

said at US-India Strategic Partnership Forum. Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal are in the US from September 5-10. Speaking on the India-US trade partnership, Goyal said that both the countries are focused on international trade and engagement. "I'm just sharing this to maybe tickle and excite your imagination so that maybe you can start pushing the American government to rethink their (Free Trade Agreement) FTA policy so that they don't miss the bus. Because we're very clearly focused on our international trade and engagement," he told to the members of US ISPF. While addressing the forum, the Union Minister said that India and Canada are expected to seal an Early Progress Trade agreement by December. "Canadian Minister (Minister of International Trade) Mary and I are very confident that we would be done with our Early Progress Trade agreement by December," he said. Further speaking over Israel, Goyal said: "Israel is right to be done, but I still don't think we have got a good enough deal or a proposition that is attractive because of the small population size and their unwillingness to open up on services otherwise Israel could also have been done. Both of us are keen to do it, let's see how it goes." The Union minister mentioned that the EU's second round of discussions will happen soon. "There are 27 countries so it will take longer. But India is opening up discussions on never before subjects like gender, environment, SMEs, labour and anti-corruption laws," he said.

4th National Water Awards Launched on Rashtriya Puraskar portal (www.awards.gov.in)

Last Date For Submitting Application Is 15th September, 2022
New Delhi, September 06 : The Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti has launched the 4th National Water Awards on the Rashtriya Puraskar portal. All the applications will be received through the online Rashtriya Puraskar portal (www.awards.gov.in) only. General public may refer to this portal or the website of this Department (www.jalshakti-dowr.gov.in) for further detail. The last date for submitting application is 15th September, 2022.

Eligibility for the awards:

Any State, District, Village Panchayat, Urban Local Body, Media, School, Institution, Industry, Non-Governmental Organisation, or Water User Association that has done exemplary work in the field of water conservation and management are eligible to apply.

Trophy and Citation:

For the categories - 'Best State' and 'Best District', winners will be felicitated with a trophy and citation. In the remaining categories - 'Best Village Panchayat', 'Best Urban Local Body', 'Best Media', 'Best School', 'Best Institution for campus usage', 'Best industry', 'Best NGO', 'Best Water User Association' and 'Best Industry for CSR activities', winners will be felicitated with cash prize along with trophy and citation. The cash prizes for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd rank winners are Rs.2 lakhs, Rs.1.5 lakhs, and Rs.1 lakh, respectively.

Selection Process:

All applications received for the 4th National Water Awards are placed before the Jury Committee which is constituted by the Department of Water Resources, River Development, and Ganga Rejuvenation. No Award is conferred except on the recommendation of the Jury Committee. The recommendation of the Committee is submitted to the Union Minister (Jal Shakti) for approval. Thereafter, the names of the winners are announced on a suitable date.

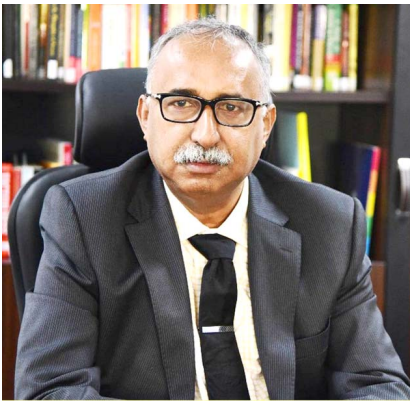
CBI officer died by suicide as he was pressured to frame me: Manish Sisodia

New Delhi, September 06 : In a sensational claim, Delhi deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia on Monday said a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) officer died by suicide after he was pressured to frame the AAP leader in a false case. Sisodia also asked Prime Minister Narendra Modi why officers are being pressured so much. "A CBI officer was pressured to frame me in a false case. He could not take the mental pressure and died by suicide... I want to ask the PM why officers are being pressured so much that they take such extreme steps," Sisodia said at a press conference. A deputy legal advisor with the CBI, identified as Jitendra Kumar, allegedly committed suicide at his south Delhi residence last week, police said. A senior police official said they got a call at the Defence Colony police station at around 6.45 am on Thursday about a man found hanging, and a crime team, along with a forensic mobile team, reached the spot. The CBI had last month raided the Delhi residence of Sisodia after it registered an FIR to investigate alleged irregularities in the formulation and execution of the Delhi Excise Policy brought out in November last year. Sisodia held the press conference shortly after the BJP turned the heat on the AAP government over the liquor case and released a 'sting video'. BJP leader Sambit Patra also urged liquor traders in Delhi to not get scared and make videos on how much commission they had to pay to Sisodia and chief minister Arvind Kejriwal. "Now, there is no escape route for you, Manish Sisodia ji," Sambit Patra said. "When Kejriwal ji came to power, he asked people to do sting operation against any corruption, this is exactly what happened. There has been a sting operation against Sting master Kejriwal ji," Patra said. "The modus operandi as revealed in the video is that 80 per cent profit will go to Kejriwal and Sisodia and their friend. First, you give us our 80 per cent commission and then sell the 20 per cent however you can, we don't care. This has been the policy of Kejriwal," Patra said, after playing the alleged sting video. "Even if they were giving one bottle free with a liquor bottle, they were making profits. Consider how they were looting," Patra said. The 'sting video' was of Kulvinder Marwah, father of Sunny Marwah, accused number 12 in the scam. "It is an open and shut case because Marwah ji himself is admitting all these in this video," the BJP leader said adding that now Sisodia has no escape route now. Sisodia has rejected the allegations.

All India CBSE National Award of Excellence - 2022 conferred to Dr. N. K. Dutta

Assam Rising, Rupohi, September 6:

Dr. N. K. Dutta, Principal, Miles Bronson Residential School, Guwahati is conferred with the CBSE National Award for Excellence 2022 in Teaching and Leadership by the Union Ministry of Education (MoE), Govt. of India in collaboration with the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), New Delhi on September 6. The award was presented by Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh, Minister of State, Govt. of India in presence of Annapurna Devi, Minister of Education (State), Govt. of India and Dr. Subhas Sarkar, Minister of Education (State), Govt. of India at an award ceremony held on 6th September, 2022 at Ambedkar International Center, New Delhi organized jointly by Ministry of Education (MoE), New Delhi, Govt. of India and CBSE. Along with the Award Dr. Dutta received a Merit Certificate and a cash prize of Rs. 50,000/-. It is to be mentioned that covering all the CBSE affiliated schools in India and abroad, three School Principals are selected for this award namely Dhavala Suseela, Akshara School, Andhra Pradesh; Minakshi Kushwaha, Birla Vidya Niketan, Delhi and Dr. Nripen Kumar Dutta, Principal, Miles Bronson Residential School, Guwahati.



Pramod Ch. Brahma literary award conferred



Assam Rising, Udalguri, September 6: The BTR governments prestigious literary award was conferred to litterateur Mr. Nandeswar Daimari for his tremendous contribution to literature. Amrit

Narayan Patgiri was also honoured with this literary award. Jayanta Malla Barua the minister of Assam has given the award in presence of BTR Chief Pramod Boro in a function held at BRPL auditorium hall in Chirang. Nandeswar Daimari has authored books in Bodo and in Assamese. His short stories were translated in Nepali, Hindi, Assamese, Kannada and English. His published books are Manjubala Devi (Novel), Thangnaini Daoha (short story), Boxing (short story), Abe Nenai Dalanga Baigrebnaiso (short story), Hadanni Fanjari (short story), Borbad (Assamese Short Stories), Nareshar Pora Dr. Bhupen Hazarikaloi (biographies), Prasngik Prosonga and Jiu Safarni Dakhon. He has been recipient of literary pension from Assam government and also various awards for his dedication to literature.

Medical awareness programme held

Assam Rising, Palasbari, September 6: CAPF composite hospital Patgaon (Guwahati) organized an awareness and checkup camp On Tuesday at BSF Frontier HQ campus on "breast cancer, its prevention, detection and cure" for the welfare of BSF families. Under the chairmanship of Dr. Shekhar Jaiswal, Inspector General (Medical) Composite Hospital, team of doctors of Dr Bhubneshwar Barooah cancer institute, Guwahati organized an awareness and checkup camp on "breast cancer, its prevention, detection and cure" for benefit of BSF families. During this event, families of Frontier Headquarters BSF Guwahati, Composite Hospital, Patgaon and 1 Bn NDRF in large numbers attended the special camp. Such types of programmes are regularly organized by the Border Security Force for the welfare of the Border Security Force personnel and their families.

Assam Rifles organized training on army recruitment

Assam Rising ,

Biswanath Chariali,

September 6:

Lokra Battalion under the aegis of Headquarter 21 Sector Assam Rifles and Headquarter Inspector General Assam Rifles (East) conducted a vocational training on Army recruitment for the local youths including an exposure of ground test at Lokra Battalion today, stated a press release. Screening tests to include Physical Efficiency Test and Written Test conducted by Lokra Battalion for 17 aspiring candidates both male and female. The aim of the screening tests was to check their stamina and knowledge to give them the real exposure of recruitment rally. Awareness about eligibility criteria, guidance about how to apply for the vacancies, Documents requisite, Various tests needed to undergo, the benefits and privileges was amplified in the lecture. The overwhelming response of the youth showcased the interest and zeal to join SF. The role played by Lokra Bn is widely appreciated by the locals.



Morigaon DC inspected the flood affected areas in Moirabari

Assam Rising, Bhuragaon, September 6 : The newly appointed Commissioner of Morigaon Debashish Sharma today visited Mouwamari in Moirabari area. They also visited Barchapari and Bhajakhaiti villages. The Commissioner was accompanied by District Additional Commissioner Garga Mohan Das, Executive Engineer, Assistant Engineer of District Water Resources Department and Circle Officer of Laharighat Revenue Circle Swaraj Bharat Lagachu.



Frances Tiafoe stuns Rafael Nadal in four sets to reach US Open quarter-finals



Paris, September 06 : Frances Tiafoe took an enormous step towards fulfilling his great potential as he pulled off by far the biggest win of his career, upsetting the second seed Rafael Nadal 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3 to reach the US Open quarter-finals for the first time. In front of a rowdy home crowd at Arthur Ashe Stadium, the 22nd seed became the first man to beat Nadal on court in a grand slam this year. It also marks the first time since Wimbledon 2017 that Nadal has lost before the quarter-final stage of a grand slam. After Nadal's final backhand struck the net, Tiafoe was in disbelief as he tried to reckon with the significance of his achievement. "I don't even know what to say right now.

I'm beyond happy, I'm almost in tears," said Tiafoe during his on-court interview. In his press conference on Monday night, Tiafoe recounted those emotions. "I was telling my agent, I felt like the world stopped. I couldn't hear anything for a minute. Even shaking [Nadal's] hand, I don't even know what I said to him. It was such a blur. I was already tearing. I could barely see him and my team." As he contested his third straight fourth-round appearance at the US Open, and having reached the fourth round of Wimbledon earlier this summer, Tiafoe arrived inside the biggest tennis stadium in the world full of confidence in his ability to pull off a big win. He served brilliantly

from the beginning while pairing nerveless attacking tennis with all his typical variety and flair. Even after Nadal levelled the match at one set all and then looked to pounce as Tiafoe showed nerves late in the third set, Nadal kept pressuring him. He refused to falter. Tiafoe served out the second set with two audacious down-the-line forehand winners followed by an unreturned serve. After trailing 3-1 in the fourth set, Tiafoe rolled through five games in a row, slamming down an ace after a tense, tight service game for 4-3 and then playing the return game of his life to snatch the win without hesitation. "My legs were like cement," said Tiafoe of the lengthy 4-3 game. "I was like, 'Just get out of the

game, get out of the game', and I did." He will face Andrey Rublev in the quarter-finals after the No 9 seed defeated Britain's Cameron Norrie in straight sets earlier on Monday. Tiafoe is the son of Sierra Leonean immigrants and he was drawn into tennis after his father was janitor at a tennis club in Washington. Hype has followed him since he was a teenager but he has had to be patient in adulthood, watching as his contemporaries rise up above him in the rankings and waiting to experience such moments himself. "For a while there, I was like, 'Jeez. You see all these young guys get Rafa, Fed, Novak. Am I ever going to be able to say I beat one of them?' Today I was like, 'No,

I'm going to do that.' So now, it's something to tell the kids, the grandkids, 'Yeah, I beat Rafa.' Hopefully I never play him again, but hope I end with a win." The NBA star LeBron James, Tiafoe's idol, was among those to pay tribute to Tiafoe's display on Twitter. "CONGRATS Young King!!! You earned it!" James tweeted alongside a video of the match-winning moment. "I was losing it in the locker room," said Tiafoe, laughing. "I was going crazy." That's my guy. So to see him post that, I was like, 'Do I retweet it as soon as he sent it?' I was like, 'You know what, I'm going to be cool and act like I didn't see it and then retweet it three hours later.'"

Seven and Foxtel to keep AFL rights in record \$4.5bn seven-year deal

London, September 06 : Seven West Media and Foxtel have confirmed they have secured the AFL media rights from 2025 to 2031 in a historic deal worth \$4.5bn. The outgoing AFL chief executive, Gill McLachlan, announced the seven-year deal which will give the code full control over the production of games including the scheduling of the grand final. "Footy is the greatest game in the world and we have the best broadcast partners and our announcement today is the biggest partnership in the history of Australian sport," McLachlan said. A Foxtel camera man during an AFL match between the Brisbane Lions and the Fremantle Dockers at the Gabba in 2020. "We are very proud to once again be hand in hand with Seven Network, Foxtel, Kayo and Telstra." The league had been weighing up offers from Channel Ten and its streaming partner Paramount+, and Channel Nine and its streaming partner Stan. "For the first time, fans will be able to access the best AFL games and video content, live and free, in a way that suits them," Warburton said. "This partnership is an incredible result, unprecedented and the biggest in Australian sport." Seven said it would pay a 14% increase on the 2024 rights in 2025 and "with indexation over the term this represents a 3.6% compound annual growth rate in rights fees across the period". Seven and Foxtel have broadcast the AFL since 2012, signing for a



further two years during the pandemic in a deal worth \$946m. In 2015, Seven, Foxtel and Telstra teamed up for a then record seven-year deal worth \$2.5bn. 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. Under the deal every AFL and AFLW home and away match, final - excluding the grand final - and pre-season game will continue to be aired on Fox Footy on Kayo. Last month the federal government weighed in on the negotiations, asking the governing body to keep games available to watch on free-to-air TV. The communications minister, Michelle Rowland, directly addressed the AFL Commission and broadcast stakeholders, in a rare move for a federal government which could impact the direction of negotiations as they enter the advanced

London, September 06 : Lewis Hamilton has insisted he can still fight for a win this season after his performance at the Dutch Grand Prix, despite his anger and frustration at his Mercedes team's strategy call that cost him a shot at victory in Zandvoort. The seven-time champion delivered several expletive-heavy messages to his team as his race in the Netherlands fell apart, dropping him from the lead to finish fourth. He later apologised to his team and the race was won by Red Bull's Max Verstappen but for the first time this season Mercedes' original tactical plan and pace had put



Hamilton in with a shout of taking a victory. Lewis Hamilton is passed by Max Verstappen as he slipped from first to fourth in the closing stages of the Dutch Grand Prix. The Mercedes has been off the pace this season, a handful to drive and unable to compete with Red Bull and Ferrari. Yet on Sunday until a late safety car intervention Hamilton delivered genuinely competitive race pace, which he was optimistic could be converted to a win. The seven-time world champion remains the only driver to have taken a victory in every season he has competed in F1 since his debut in 2007. With seven races remaining this season he felt it was a streak he could keep going. "We have got so many positives to take from this weekend. Yes, I got fourth in the end but the car felt great," he said. "If the car feels like this at the other races we're going to be fighting for a win and that's amazing." He also confirmed that his mercurial Mercedes W13 was working perhaps better than it has all season. "We had pace. The car was different to how it had been all year long," he said. "When I

got up to second, I had that hard tyre on and I was catching them and I was thinking: 'We might be fighting for a win here and potentially a one-two.' "However his optimism at Zandvoort was undermined when the team left him out on older, slower tyres and his rivals all pitted under safety car for fresh rubber toward the end of the race. Hamilton was left vulnerable and was passed by Verstappen, his Mercedes teammate George Russell and Ferrari's Charles Leclerc. The win for Verstappen, who vied so closely with Hamilton and ultimately took his first title at the final race last season, ensured he is on course to secure a second championship sooner rather than later this year. Red Bull's Max Verstappen was the race winner and leads the drivers' championship by 109 points with only 190 available. The Dutchman is now 109 points in front of Leclerc and his Red Bull teammate Sergio Pérez, with seven meetings remaining and 190 points available. The next race is at Monza on Sunday and Verstappen could now wrap it up in two or three meetings' time in Singapore or Japan.

Wales sense 'gamechanging moment' in key Women's World Cup qualifier



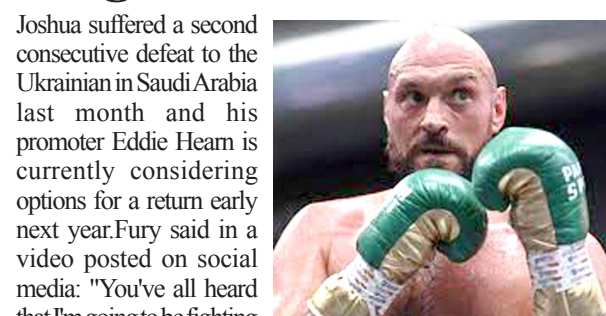
Wales, September 06 : "Here for the weather! We're only here for the weather!" chanted the band of travelling Wales fans on Thursday night, in wry acknowledgment at the sheer magnitude of the fixture. It wasn't a classic, but it didn't need to be. After a 1-0 win over Greece in hot, thundery Volos, Wales need only a point from their game against Slovenia in Cardiff on Tuesday to secure a playoff place for the 2023 Women's World Cup in Australia and New Zealand. Having lost only to Euros semi-finalists France so far in this campaign, the momentum is with Gemma Grainger's squad. Almost three months to the day after the Welsh men qualified for their World Cup in Qatar, the Cardiff City Stadium is set for another emotional occasion. With 10,000 tickets having been

sold already, doubling the previous record attendance for a women's fixture, Tuesday feels like a defining moment for this team. The players will have spent the summer feeling that Welsh est of emotions, the unique disappointment that comes from watching as spectators a tournament they came agonisingly close to qualifying for. With all the inevitability of an exercise bike purchased in lockdown being used as a clothes horse, Wales missed out on Euro 2022 in the most heart-breaking of circumstances. Finishing third in the group on equal points with Northern Ireland and with a far superior goal difference, they lost out by virtue of having a worse head-to-head record, as the away goals rule favoured Northern Ireland after a 2-2 draw in Newport before a 0-0 stalemate in the

return fixture in Belfast. Having lost narrowly to France in both fixtures in this World Cup campaign, this team know they can compete with some of Europe's best sides. For a fanbase that is so hungry for success, Welsh supporters could be forgiven for staring at the final table for Women's Euro 2022 qualifying Group C with disbelief as the eyes of the world focused on England this summer. Failing to qualify by virtue of the away goals rule in a head-to-head. We go again. Much has changed since that disappointment. Grainger was appointed Wales manager in March 2021, having spent 11 years working with the England age group setup. She was part of England's coaching staff for the Women's Euros in 2017, where England reached the semi-finals. Grainger can call upon a squad that has a healthy blend of youth and experience, with a talented core of senior players for whom this campaign offers a final chance of World Cup qualification. Carrie Jones - the scorer of Thursday night's winner - is only 19, and her place in the starting lineup might not have come if Jess Fishlock, who has a record 119 caps, had not taken a knock in training.

Tyson Fury offers Anthony Joshua WBC title fight in December

London, September 06 : Anthony Joshua said he will "be ready in December" after Tyson Fury offered him the chance to fight for his WBC heavyweight title. Joshua responded on social media after Fury posted a video earlier on Monday in which he gives the Londoner "a few months' notice" to prepare for "a battle of Britain". Joshua said: "Yea calm. I don't do the online discussions just for clout, so if your really about it shout 258mgt. I'll be ready in December. Khalas." Fury is searching for a high-profile opponent for his next bout after rival champion Oleksandr Usyk indicated he does not intend to return to the ring until 2023.



Joshua suffered a second consecutive defeat to the Ukrainian in Saudi Arabia last month and his promoter Eddie Hearn is currently considering options for a return early next year. Fury said in a video posted on social media: "You've all heard that I'm going to be fighting within the next few months, and before I announce an opponent I need to do this just in case. Anthony Joshua, I know you've just lost a fight to Usyk, and I know you're belt-less at the moment, and I'd like to give you an opportunity to fight me for the WBC heavyweight championship of the world and the lineal

championship in the next few months." "You're coming off a 12-round fight so you're match-fit, you're ready, I'm giving you a few months' notice. If you're interested I'll send you the date over and we can rumble - a battle of Britain for the WBC heavyweight championship of the world.





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Women's Super League 2022-23 previews No 5: Everton

London, September 06 : Pretty much everything that could have gone wrong for Everton last season did. With just five wins all year, and two managers and an interim coach later, they finished 10th having flirted with relegation. A strong 2020-21 campaign had provided a sense that Everton could be the club to break up the established top four. However, a tough series of losses to Manchester City, Chelsea and Arsenal saw Willie Kirk sacked after five games. Disaster followed with the appointment of Jean-Luc Vasseur who lasted just three months. Assistant Chris Roberts stepped up to steady the ship and ensure Everton stayed in the top division. It is, therefore, difficult to know what to expect this year. For starters, they have a new manager in Brian Sorensen. The Dane is highly regarded but will need time to mould a much-changed squad, something his two predecessors were not afforded. Everton have lost several players over the summer, including Danielle Turner and Simone Magill, who have been constants over the last decade. Claire Emslie, Kenza Dali and Anna Anvegård, Everton's attacking core, have also departed. Sorensen has recruited smartly, however. Speedy Dutch striker Katja Snoeijis has arrived from Bordeaux while Katrine Veje returns to the WSL



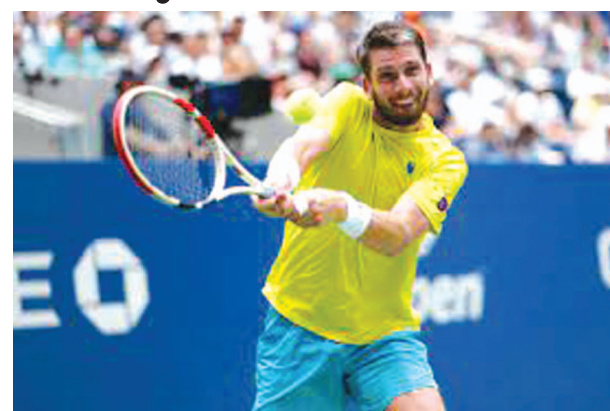
from Rosengård. Equally, the arrival of the Danish Holmgård twins, Sara and Karen, from Potsdam offers cause for optimism. Sara will head straight out on loan to Fortuna Hjørring but Karen is part of the first team set-up. Meanwhile, the highly-rated Manchester United goalkeeper Emily Ramsey has arrived on loan to fill the gap left by Sandy MacIver while Jess Park and Aggie Beever-Jones have also come in for the season, two of the most exciting young attacking talents in English football. In comparison to last year, Everton have a relatively comfortable start to the season. They would expect to win their first three fixtures, against Leicester, West Ham, and newly promoted neighbours Liverpool. If they do, the club's ambitions of a top-half finish should not be far off. Sorensen arrives from Danish club Fortuna Hjørring with titles to his

name and is known for building a strong culture at clubs. He has already called on his players to know their identity and will have pinpointed the need for them to improve their productivity. He likes his sides to play possession-based football, creating different passing options. Out of possession he sets up his teams to defend from the front while the midfield area is the key component. Captain Izzy Christiansen is one of those that makes everything tick. A leader both on and off the pitch, she has embraced the captaincy despite its difficult moments last season. Forward-thinking in attack, she has the vision and delivery to move her team forward. Christiansen is also tenacious and will not shy away from a tackle. Her experience is key, and she will have a calming influence on the younger players around her. Privacy Notice:

Newsletters may contain info about charities, online ads, and content funded by outside parties. For more information see our Privacy Policy. We use Google reCaptcha to protect our website and the Google Privacy Policy and Terms of Service apply. The arrival of the Holmgård twins is an exciting prospect for Everton. However, Katrine Veje is probably the Toffees' star signing of the summer. The veteran Danish full-back brings a wealth of experience with her; she has 140 caps for her country, previous WSL exposure from a spell at Arsenal, and has won trophies in multiple countries.

The 31-year-old is versatile and can play further forward if the need arises. Swedes Hanna Bennisson and Nathalie Björn were both integral to Sweden's advance to the semi-finals in the summer. Björn provided vital solidity to a Covid-ravaged squad. Meanwhile, Bennisson scored one of the goals of the tournament with a rocket against Switzerland. Veje, Rikke Sevecke and the Holmgård twins featured heavily for Denmark but did not progress past the group stage. Everton have been engaged in fan activation over the summer to try to capitalise on the increased interest in the women's game. They held an open training session in front of around 1,000 fans at Goodison Park and have been engaged in community projects across the summer. They have increased their content output, including a piece penned by Christiansen highlighting her hopes for a Euro 2022 legacy. Their home games are played at Walton Hall Park, a stadium that Everton have done a lot of work on to make their own.

Cameron Norrie out of US Open after straight-sets defeat to Andrey Rublev



London, September 06 : Over the course of his glistering summer, Cameron Norrie's steady, gradual improvements have taken him to heights most never thought were possible two years ago. As he established himself as a Wimbledon semi-finalist, an undeniable top-10 player and an opponent who will grind you to dust and relish every moment of it, one of his greatest qualities has been the consistently high base level of his game. He has played few poor matches and he rarely takes bad losses. In his first appearance in the fourth round of the US Open against one of the best players in the world, though, Norrie threw in a rare poor performance and was punished for it. Norrie fell routinely, with only a brief, angry surge at the close, losing 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 to Andrey Rublev. "I started the match very well, very relaxed and playing good, serving well," said Norrie. "I felt maybe a little bit too relaxed and too low energy. I don't know why. But, yeah, I went through a stage in the second set, I wasn't hitting my backhand, I was

missing a lot. Errors on my backhand side was not like myself." After a solid start from both players on Armstrong, Norrie became progressively flat as his unforced error count rose. By the end of the first set, he had struck 12 unforced errors, exactly double the number of Rublev. Norrie particularly struggled with his range and timing on his backhand wing, normally a rock-solid stroke, which floated errors long throughout. Across the net, Rublev did not let up. He was extremely sharp and focused every time Norrie threatened to pull himself back into the match and establish some momentum. Even as rain began to fall over Queens in set two, leading to two

long delays, Rublev eased through to victory. "It can happen. I felt like Rublev was the better player, and he really didn't give me a chance whenever I did have momentum, to kind of get back in the match, and he was very solid. Yeah, I did some things very well today but not enough," said Norrie. In the end, Norrie produced one of his worst performances of the summer at an inopportune time. Despite performing far below his high standards, though, one difficult day does not dim the shine around Norrie and the immense progress he has made. There will be no time to dwell on the defeat as the group stages of the Davis Cup Finals begin in Glasgow next week.

Nick Kyrgios and Ajla Tomljanovi? fly flag for Australia as US Open draws open up



Washington, September 06 : A lot has happened for Australian tennis players at Flushing Meadows in the past 38 years. There has been heartbreak and breakthroughs, near-misses and titles. Sam Stosur went all the way in 2011, Lleyton Hewitt in 2001, Pat Rafter in 1997 and '98. One thing, though, hasn't happened. Australia has not had both a man and woman in the final eight of the US Open singles competition at the same time. Not since Pat Cash and Wendy Turnbull in 1984. In 2022, Nick Kyrgios and Ajla Tomljanovi? have ensured it will occur again, with both to continue their tilt in earnest on Wednesday morning (AEST). And the purple patch could yet continue, as the pointy end of the draw opens up for both players. Kyrgios, on the fast track to qualifying for a second consecutive grand slam final after his run to this year's Wimbledon decider, is in a rich vein of form after stunning world No 1 Daniil Medvedev in four sets on Monday. The 27-year-old's fourth-round win not only means he moves back into the world's top 20 but

also that he replaces Alex de Minaur as Australia's No 1. He will next meet another Russian in 27th seed Karen Khachanov, who has a 1-1 record against Kyrgios but is backing up from a taxing five-setter against Spaniard Pablo Carreño Busta. Success against Khachanov will mean a semi-final against 13th seed Matteo Berrettini or fifth seed Casper Ruud. Given Rafael Nadal's loss to American Frances Tiafoe on Tuesday, the sole favourite on the other side of the draw is now Carlos Alcaraz. "Now I've won two against two quality opponents I've been able to showcase [my talent]," Kyrgios said. "There's a lot of celebrities here, a lot of important people here watching. I wanted to get on that court and show them I am able to put my head down and play and win these big matches." For the tennis world I think it's important as well. People were really starting to doubt my ability to pull out matches like this at majors. It hasn't been easy dealing with all the criticism. I'm just proud of the way that I've bounced back after everything, honestly. I've been in some really tough situations mentally, and in some really scary places. "I just sat there in the locker room after and I'm just super proud of the performance because there was really a time where I didn't think I was capable of producing and doing this any more." Tomljanovi? is on a similarly head-turning roll, having ended Serena Williams's decorated career in round three before executing a round-of-16 fightback from 5-2 down in the first set against

Ljudmila Samsonova to claim it on a tie-break and then beat the Russian 6-1 in the second set. The win guarantees her a career-high ranking inside the world's top 35. The 29-year-old will now face Tunisian fifth seed and Wimbledon finalist Ons Jabeur on the hunt for maiden grand slam semi-final berth, in the knowledge she has the resilience to win under the spotlight.

New Delhi, September 06 : After scoring 60 against Pakistan in the Asia Cup 2022 Super 4 clash on Sunday, Virat Kohli held a very emotional press conference. The former Indian cricket team captain said except MS Dhoni nobody got in touch with him after he quit Test captaincy last year. "I can say one thing that when I announced my resignation from Test captaincy, I got message from only one person with whom I played earlier, that is MS Dhoni. Many people have my number... many people give suggestions on TV... but the people who had my number, nobody messaged. The respect, the connection that you have with somebody, when that is genuine, it shows this



way," Kohli said. Former Indian cricket team captain Sunil Gavaskar has now said that the 'other persons' who did not get in touch with Kohli should have been 'named'. "I don't know what the dressing

room inside-situation was with all these other players. Ideally, if he has named one person who got in touch, then maybe the other persons who didn't get in touch should have also been named. That would

have been a little bit fair to everybody concerned, rather than thinking that everybody else didn't get in touch with him," Gavaskar said in a discussion on India Today. In a separate discussion, on Sports Tak, Gavaskar added: "What message did he want?" he questioned. "Encouragement? But then he is done with cap-

taincy, so why would he need encouragement? That chapter (captaincy) is already closed." He felt rather when one leaves captaincy, the best part is about being able to focus solely on one's game. "Now you are playing only as a cricketer. So focus on that role because when you are the captain, you think about and worry about your mates. Once captaincy is over, it's time to focus on your own game," the legendary opener said. He didn't forget to mention that when he quit captaincy in 1985 after winning the Benson & Hedges World Championship of Cricket in Australia, there were no special messages or calls for him. "Now I left captaincy in 1985 after (B&H) World Championship of Cricket. That night we celebrated, hugged each other but beyond that what else do you expect?"

Liz Truss's desire to 'channel spirit of Don Revie' may be bad news for fan-led review



London, September 06 : At Conservative party hustings in Leeds six weeks ago, Liz Truss declared she wanted to "channel the spirit of Don Revie". Which suggests she wasn't entirely familiar with his experience of leading his country. Still, as she takes office amid dismal poll ratings, with a sceptical parliamentary party and an election looming in 2024, the new prime minister may just regard three years in the job, followed by a lucrative and widely reviled sinecure in the Middle East, as a pretty decent outcome. Of course, political coverage in this country has long been influenced by the confected drama and basic unseriousness of its sport-

ing counterpart. And sure enough much of the recent coverage of the Conservative leadership "race" has been essentially indistinguishable from the media flurry that usually greets big managerial appointments in football. The soft-focus features on her background and upbringing. The feverish speculation over spending plans and backroom appointments. The customary references to her in-tray, as if the monumental responsibilities of a prime minister are somehow akin to items of office admin. One: make Downing Street a fortress again. Two: get Jacob Rees-Mogg firing again. And so on. There is, nevertheless, a serious point to be made here. Perhaps one of the rea-

sons political culture in this country has developed such an air of impermanence is the insistence on covering it as if it were a rolling entertainment product: the obsession with personality clashes and snap judgments, the fixation on crises and instant fixes, the impatience and wild mood swings of a football club chasing a morale-boosting three points every Saturday. Who "won" prime minister's questions? Can Boris Johnson turn it around? What is the Sue Gray report, what time does it start and what channel is it on? In many ways, Johnson was the logical culmination of this process: a lightweight and unprincipled politician who treated the job as if it were pure sport, a game in which the primary objective was simply to outmanoeuvre the opposition and win at any cost. Naturally, he was fully prepared to harness the popular appeal of football to this end. He enthusiastically opposed the European Super League despite hosting Manchester United's Ed Woodward at Downing Street just days

earlier and declaring it - according to a government source - "a great idea". Likewise the abortive joint British-Irish 2030 World Cup bid, which was in many ways the ideal Johnsonian project: an opportunity to wear hi-vis jackets, blazon his patriotism and make lavish spending promises without having to answer for a single one of them. In contrast to her predecessor, who as mayor of London once declared that he supported "all the London clubs", Truss is a Norwich fan. It has become de rigueur to ridicule politicians for their ham-fisted attempts to engage with the nation's most popular sport, and naturally there are far more important and pressing reasons to be distrustful of a Truss premiership. But if - as was widely reported last week - one of her first moves as prime minister will be to ignore the recommendations of the fan-led review into English football promised in the 2019 manifesto and published last November, it may just offer a quietly chilling portent of how she will approach government.

Jessica Pegula dismantles Petra Kvitova to make debut in US Open quarter-finals

Meadows, September 06 : It may not be immediately obvious from the minimal fanfare she generates compared with many of her compatriots, but Jessica Pegula is the highest ranked US tennis player, man or woman, and throughout this summer she has continued to back it up. On Arthur Ashe Stadium against an in-form multiple grand slam champion, Pegula, the No 8 seed, took another significant step forward in her career by routinely dismantling Petra Kvitova 6-3, 6-2 to reach the US Open quarter-finals for the first time. Ajla Tomljanovi? celebrates after winning match point against Ludmila Samsonova in the US Open fourth round. "It feels amazing. I'm so happy," she said. "I knew Petra would be really tough, just the way she can hit winners from anywhere in the court. I thought I handled my nerves really well and that was the first time I have beaten her as well and that's always nice." In a career-best season defined by her consistency, clean ball-striking off both wings and the high base level she has produced throughout the year, Pegula has now reached the quarter-finals of three grand slam tournaments this year, after also doing so at the Australian Open and the French Open. Kvitova burned hot and cold, struggling to control her unforced error count, Pegula dismantled her opponent with her brand of calm, controlled aggression. After conceding a tight first set, Kvitova started the second set well, breaking for a 2-0 lead. Pegula responded by winning six games in a row to set up a quarter-final meeting with Iga Swiatek.

