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Cyber crime

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Guwahati, September 07 :

Assamese singer Mayuri Saikia has recently become a target of the fraud. According to sources, the fraudsters called Mayuri posing as employees of ICICI bank and said her that she took loan from the bank. They threatened her that she has to repay back a sum total of Rs. 1,40,000 to the bank and if she failed to do so they will stop her upcoming music video from releasing. Mayuri has lodged a complaint regarding this matter in Paltan Bazar Police Station.

Ferry service suspended

Assam Rising

Guwahati, September 07 :

The Guwahati-North Guwahati ferry service has been suspended from Wednesday amid the rising water level in the Brahmaputra River. According to reports, all the three ghats in Guwahati have been submerged under water and the ferry services will remain suspended till the ghats gets renovated. The commuters are in dilemma due to the suspension of the ferry service as this is the only mode of communication the people of North Guwahati prefer to visit Guwahati. However, they can opt for the ropeway service till the ferry service resumed, the Inland Waterways authority suggested.

Road accident

Assam Rising

Guwahati, September 07 :

One person died in a case of hit-and-run in Guwahati in the intervening night between Tuesday and Wednesday. According to reports, the accident took place in the Machkhowa area of Guwahati. Onlookers said that a speeding four-wheeler hit the person and sped off from the scene. Following the incident, the victim was left in a critical condition. Bharalu Traffic Police immediately rushed him to the Gauhati Medical College and Hospital (GMCH). However, he succumbed to his injuries there, doctors attending him informed. Meanwhile, police have registered a case of rash and negligent driving, though they are yet to identify the culprits.

Governor administers oath to VC of Cotton University



Assam Rising

Guwahati, September 07 :

Assam Governor cum Chancellor of Cotton University, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi administered the oath of office to Prof. Ramesh Chandra Deka as Vice Chancellor of Cotton University at a function held in the Durbar Hall of Raj Bhavan today. Earlier, Commissioner

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Centre likely to sign peace accord with Assam Adivasi militants



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Guwahati, September 07 :

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa said that the Centre is likely to sign a peace accord with militant organisations from the state's Adivasi communities within September. Addressing a press conference after a cabinet meeting here, he said that his government has found a gap of around 50 lakh beneficiaries after linking Aadhaar cards with ration cards across the state. "The central government is likely to

sign a peace accord with militant groups from the Adivasi communities of Assam within this month," Sarma said. Without sharing any detail, he said that the entire process is being carried out under the initiative of Union Home Minister Amit Shah. These groups are All Adivasi National Liberation Army, Adivasi Cobra Militant of Assam, Birsas Commando Force, Santhal Tiger Force and Adivasi People's Army. "These groups have been in ceasefire for many years after announcing

Suspension of Operations. Their cadres live at designated camps under police protection," the official said. The central government in January 2020 signed an agreement - Bodo Peace Accord - with militant group National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB). On the gap in the number of beneficiaries found after the Aadhaar card and ration cards were linked, Sarma said, "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 the government is going to save a good amount of money for these unaccounted beneficiaries and accordingly add genuine

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Go to Pakistan for 'Bharat jodo': Assam CM to Rahul Gandhi

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Guwahati, September 07 :

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Wednesday took a swipe at Congress MP Rahul Gandhi ahead of launching the 'Bharat jodoyatra' from Kanniyakumari. Terming the campaign as a 'comedy of the century', the Chief Minister advised Mr.

Gandhi to go to Pakistan for the campaign. The yatra entails covering 3,500 km across the country in about 150 days. "The Bharat that we live in today is resilient, robust, and united. India was divided in 1947 due to Congress," Mr. Sarma said. "There is no benefit of starting this yatra in India. Rahul Gandhi should go to Pakistan for 'Bharat



Arunachal- Local women selling Vegetables on Wednesday

Congress's 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' begins in Kanyakumari

New Delhi, September 07 :

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has begun the 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' from Tamil Nadu's Kanyakumari on September 7 which is today. According to reports, he will cover the 3,570 km journey in about 150 days from Kanyakumari to Kashmir. This has been viewed as a strategy by Congress to compete with the BJP in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. Rahul Gandhi will be staying in a container for the next 150



temperatures will be different in each part of the country, the living arrangements have been

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'Not afraid': AAP's Sanjay Singh tears L-G's defamation notice

New Delhi, September 07 :

Aam Aadmi Party MP Sanjay Singh on Wednesday tore a defamation notice sent by Delhi Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena over the khadi scam allegations. This was the latest incident in the tussle between the AAP and L-G in Delhi. The Rajya Sabha MP tore the notice and launched a scathing at-

tack on L-G Saxena, calling for his sacking from the Constitutional post. "As a member of the Rajya Sabha, I have the right to speak the truth. I am not afraid of these legal notices sent by a thief, a corrupt man," Sanjay Singh said before tearing the notice into bits. "L-G looted 2.5 lakh artisans of their money. When we uncover

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Cars and bikes worth Rs 1.5 crore burnt after fire breaks out at Benelli & Isuzu showroom in Guwahati

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Guwahati, September 07 :

Vehicles worth over Rs 1.5 crore were burnt in a fire that broke out at a Benelli & Isuzu showroom in Guwahati, Assam on Wednesday morning. No casualties were reported in the incident. According to

reports, Isuzu cars worth Rs 1.5 crore and Benelli bikes of Rs 6-7 lakh value were burnt in the fire. The showroom employees claim a total loss of Rs 4-5 crore. The fire broke out in the showroom near Basistha area of Guwahati. While speaking to media, sales executive manager of

the showroom said, "Isuzu cars worth at least Rs 1.5 crores burnt, while Benelli bikes worth Rs 6-7 lakhs burnt. Totaling with the property loss, we hit a Rs 4-5 crores loss." As many as eight fire tenders were rushed to the site of the incident and after struggling for a while, they were able to

douse the flames. However, several vehicles stored in the backside of the showroom were saved from the flames due to the quick action of the fire department in bringing the fire under control. The showroom reportedly belonged to Prag

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Robert Vadra's Tweet With Photo On 'Bharat Jodo' Posters Sparks Questions

'Joining Congress, Yatra?'

New Delhi, September 07 :

Businessman Robert Vadra, the husband of Congress General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi, today shared posters of the party's 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' with his photo on them, leading to sarcastic comments from the BJP and some questions about what his plans are. "It's quite amusing that Robert

Vadra is joining the Yatra," said BJP's former union minister Ravishankar Prasad in an interaction with reporters, "Will he claim to speak against corruption now?" The tweet by Mr Vadra showed posters being put up with his photo next to those of his wife and Congress's main face Rahul Gandhi, besides those of his in-laws, Congress chief Sonia Gandhi and former

PM Rajiv Gandhi. The posters also had photos of the apparent sponsor, JB Abhijith, identified as a leader of Congress wing National Students' Union of India. Mr Vadra is accused of being a beneficiary of nepotism and corruption by Congress governments, though he has said he's attacked unfairly because of his family connections. The Congress



has, over the years, kept up a stand that Mr Vadra is a "private individual" and the allegations of benefitting him are "political vendetta". In that light, the overtly

political posters in Mr Vadra's tweet - with Congress poll symbol 'hand' on the top - are a conver

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Dressed-up stilt walkers perform during the 2022 Toronto International BuskerFest in Toronto, Canada

China using 'cognitive warfare' to intimidate Taiwan, says president Tsai

Taipei, September 07 : China's military is increasingly using drones to put pressure on Taiwan, the island's president has said, adding to its arsenal of intimidatory strategies including "cognitive warfare" and incursions by war planes and ships. Taiwan's president Tsai Ing-wen said the threat from China's government, which claims Taiwan is a province it will one day retake, remains uninterrupted. "In addition to frequent intrusions by China's aircraft and ships, China also conducted cognitive warfare, using false information to create disturbance in minds of people, as well as the use of drones," Tsai said. The speech, delivered to soldiers during live-fire exercises on Tuesday, came

a day after the first inclusion of a Chinese military drone's flightpath in Taiwan's defence ministry report on daily PLA incursions. Last month the People's Liberation Army (PLA) intensified its intimidation of Taiwan by encircling the island with live-fire military drills. It has since made near daily crossing over the median line - a previously rare act challenging the unofficial maritime border in the Taiwan Strait. On Monday Taiwan's ministry of defence said nine PLA aircraft had entered Taiwan's air defence identification zone (ADIZ), including a BZK-007 reconnaissance drone. It was the first time the flightpath of a drone had been revealed by the ministry. In recent months PLA drones to the east of

Taiwan have been detected and publicly reported by Japan's ministry of defence. They were not initially reported by the Taiwan government, prompting some speculation that they had either not been detected, or that the ministry was not releasing the information. Last week Taiwan's defence ministry said soldiers had shot down a Chinese civilian drone after several days of drones flying over military posts on Kinmen Island. The shooting came shortly after Tsai ordered the military to take "strong countermeasures" against what she termed Chinese provocations. Anti-drone defences are included in the defence budget for next year. Taiwan is set to increase its defence budget by 12.9%, bringing it to about 2.4% of GDP, as it increases its readiness

Release Rs 383 crore to MCDs 'pending' for 2 years: Delhi L-G to Arvind Kejriwal

NEW DELHI, September 07 : Delhi Lt Governor VK Saxena has directed Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal to immediately release Rs 383.74 crore due to the city's municipal corporations under education and health heads, the L-G's office said on Wednesday. "Delhi Lt Governor has written to CM Arvind Kejriwal and asked him to release MCD's amount of Rs 383.74 crores, relating to education and health, pending for 2 years," Raj Niwas Delhi said in a statement. Sharing on Twitter a letter he wrote to the CM, Lt Governor VK Saxena's office said he has asked for the release of the

fund pending for two years. Holding the fund "without any reason" was adversely impacting primary education and health in Delhi, he said in the letter. Delhi L-G and AAP government led by Arvind Kejriwal are at loggerheads over several issues. In AAP's latest fight with Lt Governor Saxena, its Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh today dramatically, and literally, tore a defamation notice sent by Delhi Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena over the "khadi scam" allegations.

Ryan Giggs to be retried next summer accused of assaulting ex-girlfriend



London, September 07 : Ryan Giggs is to go on trial for a second time accused of assaulting his former girlfriend after three years of allegedly coercive and controlling behaviour. The former Manchester United and Wales footballer will face a retrial from 31 July 2023 after jurors in his first trial were unable to reach verdicts last week. Giggs, 48, will have been on bail for more than two and a half years by the time he next faces a jury at Manchester crown court. He was not present at court on Wednesday as the prosecutor, Peter Wright QC, confirmed that the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) would seek a retrial in 11 months. Wright told

Steve Bannon to be indicted on fresh fraud charges over border wall - sources

London, September 07 : Top former Trump strategist Steve Bannon is expected to be indicted on Thursday on state fraud charges connected to his role in a fundraising scheme to build a border wall, according to two sources familiar with the matter, years after he received a presidential pardon in the federal case. The expected move by the Manhattan district attorney's office was quietly communicated to Bannon in recent days, the sources said of the sealed indictment, and indicated the state charges will likely mirror the federal case in which he was

pardoned. Bannon and three others were charged in that case by federal prosecutors in Manhattan with falsely claiming that they would not take compensation in the private "We Build the Wall" fundraising effort to underwrite part of the construction of the wall on the US-Mexico border. The architect of Trump's 2016 election campaign and later White House adviser was accused of personally taking more than \$1m from what people had donated to the fundraising push that promised to secure funding in order to ensure the completion of the border wall. Bannon - alongside disabled veteran Brian Kolfage, Andrew Badolato and Timothy Shea - raised more than \$25m in the online crowdfunding effort, which also promised donors that all of the proceeds would go towards constructing the wall. Though Bannon pleaded not guilty to the federal charges in August 2020, two others, Kolfage and Badolato, pleaded guilty to siphoning off money from the scheme and defrauding others for their own gain. Bannon received a last-minute pardon in the final days of the Trump administration that expunged the federal indictment. But presidential pardons do not apply to state-level charges. The Manhattan district attorney's office started examining whether to



pursue a case against Bannon almost immediately after he received the pardon, one source with knowledge of the matter said, and several close Bannon allies were subpoenaed to testify before a grand jury in recent months. In a statement, Bannon decried the expected indictment as a partisan prosecution that was aimed to hurt Trump politically by going after a political operative involved in uniting the former president's base months before the 2022 midterm elections. "The Soros-backed DA has now decided to pursue phoney charges against me 60 days before the midterm election because WarRoom is the major source of the MAGA grassroots movement," Bannon said, referring to his far-right conservative show War Room. "The SDNY did the exact same

thing in August 2020 to try to take me out of the election. It didn't work then, it certainly won't work now. This is nothing more than a partisan political weaponization of the criminal justice system." "I am proud to be a leading voice on protecting our borders and building a wall to keep our country safe from drugs and violent criminals," Bannon said. "They are coming after all of us, not only President Trump and myself. I am never going to stop fighting." The expected indictment by the Manhattan district attorney Alvin Bragg, earlier reported by the Washington Post, comes weeks after Bannon was convicted on two counts of criminal contempt of Congress for defying a subpoena from the House select committee investigating the January 6 Capitol attack.

'New PM, old problems'

Europe's media reacts to Liz Truss's first speech as prime minister

London, September 07 : Liz Truss's purported lack of charisma and the "disastrous" economic situation facing Britain is the focus for much of the European media following the appointment of the country's new prime minister. The apparent differences in style between Boris Johnson and his successor was picked up by newspapers and websites across the political spectrum but the conclusions on Truss's first speech in office were generally generous. Spain's bestselling newspaper, El Pais, suggested that during these dark times there might be an argument for



dispensing with the frivolity of the short but colourful Johnson years. "A lack of charisma can be a political advantage in times of uncertainty, if it is offset by a message of courage and

determination," the paper opines, noting that this was what Truss had promised on the steps of No 10. The Italian newspaper Corriere della Sera emphasises the ominous scale of the challenges ahead. "From the lyric of Boris Johnson to the prose of Liz Truss: the new prime minister of Great Britain presented herself to the nation with a speech devoid of impetus, of catchphrases or cultured quotations, but all focused on the concrete issues to be addressed," the paper says. "Never in recent history has a new head of government faced such a difficult economic and social situation: inflation is at 13% and could exceed 20, the economy is about to enter recession and millions

of people will have to choose this winter whether to eat or heat the house." A similar sentiment of cautious welcome tempered with concern for the future was expressed by Belgium's Le Soir as it took stock of the wet Tuesday afternoon on which Truss was making her first speech. The paper writes: "If the weather was almost like the situation in the country, disastrous, the new head of government showed up confidently and smiling in front of the famous black door." Other words, in which Truss had emphasised "delivery" and promised a response to the catastrophic rise in energy bills, it judged them "restrained but convincing". The French newspaper Le Monde reports that Truss had "promised sunnier days ahead despite the current economic gloom". However, the paper went on to note that "recent opinion polls suggest a sizeable chunk of the British public have no faith in her ability to tackle the cost-of-living crisis". The headline on a piece in Süddeutsche Zeitung, one of Germany's biggest selling papers, was "New prime minister, old problems".

No: TMCH/Miscellaneous Works/97/2015/1052 TENDER NOTICE

Sealed bids (Single envelope system) affixing court fee of Rs. 8.25 (Rupees eight & twenty five paise) only from the authorized Stockiest / Distributors or authorized dealers are invited for supply of the **BATTERIES & UPS along with SERVICING of existing UPS** to Tezpur Medical College & Hospital, Tezpur. The list of the items along with detailed terms & conditions may be collected on payment of **Rs. 500/-** (Non- Refundable) only from the office of the Medical Superintendent, Tezpur Medical College Hospital, Tezpur during office hours on all working days from 05/09/2022 to 16/09/2022.

Prescribed tender documents containing terms and condition can be downloaded from the website www.tmcassam.org which should be accompanied by the requisite tender cost of Rs. 500/- (Non- Refundable) in the form of demand draft payable at Tezpur in favour of "The Member Secretary, SMET, Tezpur Medical College & Hospital, Tezpur" payable at Tezpur.

The tenders are to be submitted to the Office of the Medical Superintendent, Tezpur Medical College & Hospital, Tezpur during office hours. Last date & time of submission will be on **16/09/2022, 2 P.M.** Tenders will be opened on the same day at 2.00 P.M in presence of the intending tenders' or their authorized representatives.

Sd/-
Principal cum Chief Superintendent
Tezpur Medical College & Hospital, Tezpur
Janasanyog/C/9658/22

NOTICE- INVITING TENDER SUPPLY OF INPUTS UNDER PMMSY FOR THE YEAR 2021-22.

Scaled Tender separately for each item under PMMSY for The year 2021-22 in Barpeta district affixing Court Fee Stamp worth Rs.8.25 (Rupees Eight and Twenty Five paise) only along with FMD 2% of the total value (1% in case of SC/ST) in plain paper is hereby invited from intending full seed/ Fish feed supplier/dealer for supply of the following items to the undersigned. The quotations will be received by the undersigned during office period up to 2.00 pm till 16/09/2022 and will be opened on the same day at 3.00 pm in presence of the quotationer or their representative. The quotationer shall have to quote the rate offered both in figure and words. Offered rates should include Taxes and Carrying charges etc. Tax clearance certificate should be furnished along with the quotation. The supplied materials should be of best quality and if the items are found below standard at the time of supply, it will be summarily rejected.

Sl. no	Item	Estimated cost (in Rs.)	Quantity
1	Fish Seed (>5 inch)	5.00/no	96000 nos.
2	Fish Fingerling	3.00/no	4000 nos.
3	Fish Fry (2.5cm – 4cm)	0.30/no	766666 nos.
4	Fish Feed (4mm Pelleted, 50% floating and 50% sinking with 26-28% Crude Protein	46.00/Kg	28000 Kg
5	Rice Polish	10.00/ Kg	6750 Kg
6	Mustard Oil Cake (MOC)	30.00/ Kg	6750 Kg
7	Formulated Duck Feed	40.00/ Kg	2000 Kg
8	Ornamental fish advance fry	2.00/ no	10000 nos.
9	Ornamental Fish Feed	120.00/Kg	100 Kg

The undersigned reserves the right to increase or decrease the items and reject / accept any or all quotation without assigning reason thereof.

For Terms and Condition and other details, quotationer may contact office of the District Fishery Development Officer, . Barpeta during office hours.

Sd/-
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Officer Barpeta
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A village is flooded after heavy rain in Maradi, Niger

Pramod Chandra Brahma Sahitya Puraskar conferred to Amrit Narayan Patgiri



Assam Rising
Chirang, September 7: Renowned Bodo litterateur Pramod Chandra Brahma Sahitya Puraskar for the year 2021-22 was presented to Amrit Narayan Patgiri, a resident of Basugaon, on Teachers' Day on September 5. The award was presented at the RCC auditorium of Dhaligaon Township in Chirang district.

Patgiri was born in December 1951 in Tilakgaon village in the erstwhile undivided Goalpara district and now under Basugaon police station of Chirang district of BTR in the womb of late father Surendra Narayan Patgiri and in the womb of late mother Tanteswari Patgiri. He was educated at Tilakgaon JB School No. 337 in His village.

He gradually studied in various schools and colleges and earned his M.A. degree in "Assamese" (Group B) privately in 1989. In the midst of financial constraints and misery, he joined Kalipukhuri higher secondary school under Kokrajhar district and salakati higher secondary school in 1973 and 1975 respectively after being the

founder headmaster, on October 25, 1976, as an assistant teacher. In 2011, he was awarded the State Award for The Teacher. Patgiri retired as in-charge Vice-principal on December 1, 2011. In 2012, he was appointed as a state award-winning teacher from the Education Department of the Government of Assam for a year. During the academic years 2016 and 17, he diligently served as an Assistant Resource Person (ARP/ Academic Inspector) under the Rastriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) in Chirang district. He continued his relentless literary pursuits even in the midst of such a busy schedule. Apart from writing eight different flavors, he has started publishing a book of short stories written in The Koch Rajbongshi language with a pen in his hand recently met with an accident. The connoisseurs wish good health and a long life in the nectar of the reverence of all those who are determined who are not disappointed even in many sorrows, sorrows, pains and obstacles.

Assam Rising
Bhuraogaon, September 7: The awards ceremony was held at the Morigaon District Library Hall in collaboration with the Secondary Education Department of the Government of Assam and the Morigaon District Administration. The awards ceremony was held at the Morigaon District Library Hall, Information Technology Minister Keshav Mahanta. The minister informed about the decision taken by the state

Anandaram Borooah Award function held at Morigaon



government to reconstruct all the schools in the state. The Chief Minister distributed Rs. 16,000 each to all the outstanding students of the state through DBT centrally from Guwahati. The minister was accompanied by Morigaon MLA Ramakant Deuri, District Commissioner Devashish Sharma, Additional Com-

missioner Arundhati Narah Mipun, District Education Officer Boli Gogoi, social worker Shantanu Sharma, education department officers, employees, teachers, students and parents. The meeting also presented official certificates to 7 out of 637 outstanding students of Morigaon district

IIT Guwahati to conduct JAM-2023

Assam Rising
Guwahati, September 7: Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati will be conducting the Joint Admission Test for Masters (JAM) 2023 on February 12, 2023. JAM 2023 is a qualifying examination for candidates pursuing admission to Masters programs in various Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) and National Institute of Technology (NIT). Online application process for the candidates has started from today, September 7 to October 11. Interested candidates can apply for the exam through the link

- <https://jam.iitg.ac.in>. JAM 2023 will be conducted in over 100 cities across the country as a Computer Based Test in Seven test papers like Biotechnology, Chemistry, Economics, Geology, Mathematics, Mathematical Statistics and Physics. Candidates can appear for either One or Two test papers. Through this exam, over 3000 seats in various IITs and over 2000 seats in various NITs will be filled for Masters programs like M.Sc., M.Sc. (Tech),

M.Sc. - M.Tech Dual Degree, M.Sc. - M.S. (Research), Joint M.Sc. - Ph.D., M.Sc. - Ph.D. Dual Degree and Integrated Ph.D. in various Institutes. JAM 2023 is open to all national candidates with no age restriction. JAM 2023 score will be valid for only one year and might also be used by other centrally funded technical institutions including IISc Bangalore, JNCASR, IIST Shibpur, SLIET Punjab, DIAT and IISERs for admission to their Masters programs- a release added.

Don Bosco College, secures NAAC's 'B+'

Assam Rising
Golaghat, September 7: Don Bosco College Golaghat, a higher education institution in Golaghat has been accredited with B+ Grade by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bengaluru. The college was started in 2015 and is able to score a CGPA of 2.70 out of 4.00 in its first cycle of assessment. The college is affiliated to Dibrugarh University and is run by the Salesians of Don Bosco, Dimapur Province. A three member NAAC peer team

visited the college on September 2 and 3 and applauded the college for its well-equipped IT infrastructure and fully solar powered campus. The various initiatives such as fully digital classrooms and Moodle Learning Management System- BigBlueButton software for uninterrupted learning were appreciated by the team. The team also spoke positively on the student diversity, young and dynamic faculty and discipline of the college. The college is committed to finishing the ongoing Research & Development

Centre and starting various PG courses very soon. It is to be noted that the college is only 7 years old and was able to get such a high score because of the student centric initiatives and focus on development of skilful learning.

Weeklong training on "Sophisticated Instruments used in Scientific Research" held



Assam Rising,
Palasbari, Sept 7: A one-week training program on "Sophisticated Instruments used in Scientific Research" is organising by Institute of Advanced Study in Science and Technology (IASST), an autonomous R & D institute under DST, Govt. of India, Guwahati from 7-13 September. The program was aimed to build human resources and knowledge capacity through open access science and technology infrastructure across

the country under the banner of 'Synergistic Training program Utilizing the Scientific & Technological Infrastructure (STUTI)', Department of Science and Technology (DST) Govt. of India which is implemented under the Program Management Unit (PMU), National Institute of Technology, Agartala. The week-long training program was inaugurated with a welcome address by Prof. A. K. Mukherjee, Director, IASST. Dr. Arup Ratan Pal, Associate Professor, IASST Coordinator of programme briefly described

about the program. Dr. Chiranjit Bhowmik DST-STUTIPMU, NIT Agartala, gave a brief description about STUTI-DST initiatives. The training sessions which includes theory as well as hands on practices. The training was delivered by Prof. A. K. Mukherjee, Director, IASST, Prof. D. Chowdhury, IASST, Dr. Jagat C. Borah IASST, Dr. Biswajit Choudhury IASST, S. Chakraborty, IACS, Kolkata, Prof. N. S. Sarma, IASST.

Prof. Mahuya De IIT Guwahati, Prof. H. Bailung Bodoland University, Dr. Roshan M Borkar NIPER Guwahati, Dr. A. Devi, IASST, Dr. Sarathi Kundu IASST, Dr. S. Kamatchi, IASST, Dr. Suman Kr. Samanta, IASST, and Prof. A. K. Khare IIT Guwahati. The training was focused on the instruments Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM), High Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC), BET Surface Area Analyzer, Transmission Electron Microscope (TEM), Basic Electronics and Instrumentation, CHNS/O Elemental Analyzer, Vacuum Techniques and Systems for sophisticated Analytical Instruments, Liquid Chromatography with Tandem Mass Spectrometry (LC-MS/MS). A total of thirty-three participants from various educational and research organizations of this region participated in the program.

Police rescue the children missing from Nagaon Civil Hospital

Assam Rising
Nagaon, September 7: Nagaon police finally got the breakthrough and were able to rescue the children including 3 years old baby boy and 10 years old girl who went missing from Nagaon Civil Hospital this afternoon and also found

out the identity of the female patient who succumbed to her burnt injury on Monday evening at her hospital bed, sources added. Nagaon police rescued the missing girl first and on basis of her statement, subsequently police rescued the 3 years old baby boy from a household of Samaguri Dijubasti area this afternoon, sources said, adding that the

woman who succumbed to her injury had been identified as Karuna Murda, wife of one Munna Ghoria of Dhekiajuli Batastipur near railway station. Meanwhile, police also picked up three persons including two women identified as Idrish Ali, his wife Nurnehar Begum and Rahima Begum in this regard. Sources claimed that Idrish Ali's sister in law Rahima Begum, a resident of Nagaon Shiyalmari area purchased the 3 years old baby boy at Rs 3000 from the girl a couple of days back and handed over the child to Idrish Ali. Police recovered a blank paper with a thumping signature from the possession of Idrish Ali too.

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Foundation day observed at Biswanath College

Assam Rising, Biswanath College, September 7: The 63rd foundation day of Biswanath College was observed at Biswanath college with pomp and gaiety today. The day-long programme began with hoisting of the institutional flag by Kokil Hazarika, president of the governing body followed by lighting of ceremonial lamps by Pramod Borthakur, MLA Biswanath LAC. Ramananda Bora, vice principal Smritirekha Bora and Ajit Dutta planted saplings. An open session was held at the conference hall of the college with Kokil Hazarika in the chair. Dr. Chintamani Sharma, principal of the college forwarded welcome speech which was attended by Prabin Hazarika, former minister as chief guest, Apurba Kumar Das, President of the Alumni Association of the college, Chandana Lahan, Biren Bhagawati as guests. The open session began with a chorus. Nareish

Thakur, coordinator of IQAC conducted the proceedings of the open session. Anjan Ozah, former principal of Chaiduar College graced the occasion as a resource person of a training session organized for the professional development of non-teaching staff of the college. The day-long event concluded with lightning of earthen lamps in the evening by office bearers of the Students' Union of the college

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Headmaster Nazrul Islam felicitated

Assam Rising, Bhuraogaon, September 7: On the occasion of 61st National Teachers' Day Morigaon district administration and the district education department organized a felicitation programme. The event was

attended by District Commissioner Debashish Sharma (IAS), Inspector of Schools and District Primary Education Officer Buli Gogoi Bhuyan, officers along with officials of the district administration. The district education department presented a gamocha and a letter of appreciation to Headmaster Nazrul Islam. School management committee and the students of the school felt proud for getting the felicitation.

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NOTICE FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, BOOK CLOSURE AND ELECTRONIC VOTING

NOTICE is hereby given that the **60th Annual General Meeting (AGM)** of the members of **India Carbon Limited** scheduled to be held on **Friday, the 30th day of September, 2022 at 11:00 A.M. (IST)** through Video Conferencing ("VC") or other Audio Visual means ("OAVM"), to transact the businesses, as set out in the Notice dated 23rd May, 2022 convening the AGM (the "Notice").

In view of the prevailing COVID-19 pandemic, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (the "MCA") vide its General Circulars Nos. 14/2020, 17/2020, 20/2020, 02/2021 and 2/2022 dated April 8, 2020, April 13, 2020, May 5, 2020, January 13, 2021 and May 5, 2022 respectively (hereinafter, collectively referred as the "MCA Circulars") read with SEBI Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD/1/CIR/P/2020/79 dated May 12, 2020 and SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD/2/CIR/P/2022/62 dated May 13, 2022, have allowed companies to conduct their AGMs through VC or OAVM, in compliance with the said circulars and the relevant provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 (as amended) (the "Act") and Rules made thereunder and the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (as amended) (the "Listing Regulations").

In accordance with the aforesaid Circulars, the requirement of sending physical copies of Annual Report has been dispensed with and hence the Notice convening the AGM along with the Annual Report including the Audited Financial Statements for the financial year ended March 31, 2022 has been sent on Thursday, September 8, 2022, only through e-mails to those Members whose e-mail addresses are registered with the Company or the Registrar and Share Transfer Agent (the "RTA") i.e., C B Management Services (P) Ltd or the Depository Participant(s) and holding Equity Shares of the Company as on 19th August, 2022. The Notice of the 60th AGM and the Annual Report is also hosted on the Company's website at www.indiacarbonltd.com and at the website of CDSL at www.evotingindia.com and also on the website of the Calcutta Stock Exchange Limited at www.cse-india.com where the Equity Shares of the Company are listed.

Members who have not registered or updated their e-mail addresses are requested to refer to the Newspaper advertisement dated 24th August, 2022 in "The Assam Rising" (English newspaper in Assam/ Guwahati), "Dainandin Bartar" (Assamese newspaper in Assam/ Guwahati) and "Business Standard" (English newspaper in Kolkata/ West Bengal). The said advertisement is hosted on the Company's website at www.indiacarbonltd.com.

Members are also hereby informed that:

- Pursuant to Section 108 of the Act and Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 (as amended), Regulation 44 of the Listing Regulations and the Secretarial Standard on General Meetings ["SS-2"] issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India, as amended from time to time, the Company is pleased to provide e-voting facilities through CDSL to its Members, in respect of the businesses to be transacted at the AGM. The manner and instructions to cast votes through remote e-voting system during the Meeting have been provided along with the Notice.
- The businesses set out in the Notice shall be transacted through e-voting only. The Members, whose names appear in the Register of Members or in the Register of Beneficial Owners maintained by the Depositories as on the cut-off date i.e. Friday, the 23rd day of September, 2022, shall be entitled to avail the e-voting facility. Once vote(s) on Resolution(s) are cast by any Member, the same cannot be changed subsequently. The remote e-voting will commence on 27th September, 2022 at 9:00 A.M. IST and ends on 29th September, 2022 at 5:00 P.M. IST. The remote e-voting module shall be disabled by CDSL for voting thereafter. A person who is not a Member as on the cut-off date i.e., Friday, the 23rd day of September, 2022, should treat the Notice for information purpose only.
- Members attending the AGM, who have not cast their votes by remote e-voting, shall be eligible to exercise their voting rights during the AGM through e-voting system via www.evotingindia.com. Members who have exercised their voting rights by remote e-voting prior to the AGM may also attend the AGM through VC or OAVM but shall not be entitled to cast their votes again during the AGM.
- Any person, who acquires equity shares of the Company and becomes a member after dispatch of notice of AGM and holds shares as on the cut-off date i.e. Friday, the 23rd day of September, 2022 may obtain the login id and password for e-voting, by sending a request to CDSL at helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com or to the Company at compliance@indiacarbonltd.com
- All documents referred to in the Notice and Explanatory Statement thereto shall be made available for inspection by the Members of the Company, without payment of fees, upto and including the date of AGM. Members desirous of inspecting the same may send their requests at compliance@indiacarbonltd.com from their registered email addresses mentioning their names and folio numbers / demat account numbers.
- In case of any queries / grievances regarding attending AGM & e-Voting from the CDSL e-Voting System, you can write an email to helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com or contact to Mr. Rakesh Dalvi, Sr. Manager, (CDSL,) Central Depository Services (India) Limited, A Wing, 25th Floor, Marathon Futorex, Mafatal Mill Compounds, N M Joshi Marg, Lower Parel (East), Mumbai - 400013 or send an email to helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com or call toll free: 1800 22 55 33.

Mr. Anant Kashliwal, Practising Chartered Accountant (Membership No.- 302972) of M/s. Anant Kashliwal & Co. (Firm Reg. No. 328654E) has been appointed as the scrutiner to scrutinize the e-voting process in a fair and transparent manner, whose email ID is kashliwalanant@yahoo.in

The Results on resolutions shall be declared within 2 working days of the conclusion of AGM of the Company. The results declared along with the Scrutinizer's Report shall be placed on the website of the Company at www.indiacarbonltd.com and also available at the Registered Office of the Company and on the website of CDSL at www.evotingindia.com and would also be communicated to the Calcutta Stock Exchange Limited at www.cse-india.com

Book Closure / Record Date

Notice is also hereby given that pursuant to Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rules framed thereunder and Regulation 42 & 47 of SEBI (Listing Obligations & Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the **Register of Members and the Share Transfer Books of the Company shall remain closed from Saturday, 24th September, 2022 to Friday, 30th September, 2022 (both days inclusive)** for the purpose of the AGM. The Company has fixed Friday, 23rd September, 2022, as the cut-off date/ record date.

For **INDIA CARBON LIMITED**
Sd/-
RAKESH HIMATSINGKA
(Managing Director)

Place: Kolkata
Date: 08.09.2022

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Waterborne Disease

Waterborne diseases remain leading causes of human morbidity and mortality worldwide. Over 95% of waterborne diseases are preventable, and their elimination represents specific Millennium Goal targets. Although the principles of sanitation and treating drinking water are well known, a lack of capital resources, leadership, and appropriate priority setting prevent billions of people from having access to these basic resources. Challenges include emerging pathogens resistant to conventional water treatment, chemical contaminants, quantifying endemic as well as epidemic waterborne disease, and understanding linkages to the environment. Novel methods for studying waterborne diseases, such as satellite imaging and new mathematical tools, are providing new insights. Waterborne diseases remain as leading causes of human morbidity and mortality worldwide. Over 95% of these are preventable. Ensuring universal access to water and sanitation, the major preventive action for preventing these diseases, is one of the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals for 2030. Although the principles of sanitation and treating drinking water are well known, a lack of capital resources, leadership, and appropriate priority setting has prevented billions of people from having access to these basic resources. Challenges include emerging pathogens resistant to conventional water treatment, chemical contaminants, identifying endemic as well as epidemic waterborne disease, and understanding linkages to the environment. Novel methods for studying waterborne diseases, such as satellite imaging and new mathematical tools, are providing new insights. Waterborne disease resembles diseases resulting from contamination of food and can be caused by pathogens generally associated with foodborne transmission. Waterborne disease can be the cause of outbreaks associated with meals or events in which food was initially suspected.

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After PM Modi, Pinarayi Vijayan has a new friend in Amit Shah. But Congress can't take it

The 'top-notch' bureaucrat who used to be Additional Chief Secretary (Home) in Uttar Pradesh could not get an extension. Instead, the state government ordered simultaneous transfer of the Additional Chief Secretaries and Principal Secretaries of 16 departments. Now, in another surprise move, a 1995 batch IAS officer has been appointed as the Principal Secretary of both Home and Information and Public Relations Department in order to 'balance the bureaucracy'. The Additional Chief Secretaries and Principal Secretaries of the Departments under both UP Deputy Chief Ministers have also been changed. The decision to remove the 'high-profile' Additional Chief Secretary, who held the Information and Public Relations department, created a buzz similar to the time of his appointment that came two years ago. Now, it is being said that the state bureaucracy's power balance has been well disturbed after the latest reshuffling. The Congress party recently held a rally in Delhi raising the issue of inflation. Although workers from all over the country had turned up,

Haryana had a larger presence among the audience. When Haryana Congress workers reached the rally - breaching the police barricades - the crowds were heard whispering if inflation was a Haryana-only problem. Responding to this, a leader said: "This crowd belongs to Hooda ji only. Those protesting against inflation are in a different corner." Get it? Deepender Hooda attended Union Minister Piyush Goyal's Ganapati Puja, which was

Bharat Agrawal

also attended by the PM along with all top BJP and RSS leaders. Interestingly, Hooda's father, Bhupinder Singh Hooda, has also been actively supporting Congress rebels such as Anand Sharma and Ghulam Nabi Azad. Fake accounts created on Twitter in the name of big personalities emerge every now and then. People start following such accounts without verifying the details. Now, someone has created a Twitter account by putting a picture of the National Security Advisor. Turns out, the fake account had many followers, including BJP leaders, even former ministers. This 'fake' story does not end here- just as the account in the NSA's name is fake, so are the accounts made in the name of

the 'ministers' who follow it. NSA Ajit Doval was in Mumbai recently and visited CM Eknath Shinde's residence for Ganapati Darshan. But when Home Minister Amit Shah went to Mumbai, he preferred Ganapati Darshan at a temple and visited Devendra Fadnavis' house for meals. Now NSA visiting the CM but home minister going to the Deputy CM's house- does this have a message? Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma has grabbed headlines recently. In Assam, madrasas are being demolished in a rampant manner. Earlier, Sarma had also ordered demolition of several encroachments in the state. He has now been called the 'Bulldozer Baba of the Northeast', the moniker bestowed upon him by none other than the 'national Bulldozer Baba' i.e. Yogi Adityanath. The grapevine has it that Yogi addressed Sarma as 'Bulldozer Baba' in a phone conversation. The assembly elections for Himachal and Gujarat are likely to be held in the next 90 days. But claimants for tickets from these states are nowhere to be seen at the BJP headquarters. This is because those seen pleading their case at the party headquarters will surely lose their chance, even if they were originally in the list.

Sheikh Hasina's Teesta water calls turn desperate. But Modi is weighing national interest



government pushed forward with the Farakka barrage, a more complex project involving power-generation and irrigation infrastructure meant to catalyse development in West Bengal. Fifty-four rivers ran from India to East Pakistan and the smaller country feared the Farakka barrage would become a template for a thoroughgoing choking of its water resources. In response, Pakistan announced plans to build its own barrage downstream of Farakka. The fraught relationship between India and Pakistan ensured there was no serious effort to arrive at a sensible resource-sharing arrangement. Even after Bangladesh won its independence, though, arriving at a water-sharing deal proved difficult. Law scholar Bikramjit De has noted that an interim agreement signed in 1975 lasted for just 41 days. A five-year deal brokered by the United Nations in 1977 gave Bangladesh an 80:20 share of dry-season flows, but that deal proved unsustainable. Then, in 1979, Bangladesh completed work on its own barrage, at Dalia, designed to irrigate over half a million hectares of land. Five years later, Bangladesh opened the 4,500 kilometre canal network carrying water from the Dalia barrage to the country's rice and maize farms. In just a few years, though, the canals had run dry. Across the border, India had completed another barrage, at

Gajoldoba in Jalpaiguri, supplying water to 228,000 hectares of farmland. From 1996, economists Yoshio Higano and Muhammad Fakrul Islam have observed, India's "exclusive control of

Praveen Swami

the Teesta's water in the dry season at Gajoldoba made the Dalia barrage useless." In the monsoon, by contrast, releases of water from the overflowing barrage caused "floods and bank erosions, leading to serious suffering". Ever since 1996, a framework for resolving disputes over the Ganga and Teesta waters has been in place: The Ganges Water Treaty, signed in 1996 by Hasina and Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda, committed India to release water from Farakka to farmers in Bangladesh. In practice, political scientist Fahmida Aktar has noted, flows often fall below the minimum Bangladesh is entitled to in the dry months. The lack of a dispute resolution mechanism in the treaty, moreover, made it ineffectual. Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's government hammered out a compromise in 2010. The draft agreement proposed giving

Bangladesh and India 40% of the flow each, with provision for arbitration of disputes by the International Court of Justice. For months, then-National Security Advisor Shivshankar Menon worked to win West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee's consent for the deal, winning her assent. Then, for reasons that have never been made public, Banerjee pulled out. Prime Minister Singh-whose government depended on the support of the Trinamool Congress (TMC)-was forced to pull out of the deal. According to some accounts, Banerjee believed the deal would lead to farmers in West Bengal losing some 8,000 cubic feet per second of water in the critical dry months-hitting agriculture in Coochbehar, Jalpaiguri, South Dinajpur, North Dinajpur, and Darjeeling. Instead, West Bengal pushed for a 70:30 division of the water in the driest months, from December to April. Even though TMC leaders no longer have leverage over the Union government, the political factors standing in the way of a Teesta deal remain. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which is working to expand its electoral presence in West Bengal, is reluctant to back a treaty which would hurt farmers in the state. The Modi government is, moreover, reluctant to risk popular unrest in strategically sensitive regions like Jalpaiguri, Cooch Behar and Darjeeling, which are key to the link between India and its North-East. The problem on both sides of the border, meanwhile, is becoming more intense each year. The hydrologist Kalyan Rudra, who conducted a study of the issue for the West Bengal government on the Teesta issue in 2011, has observed that

siltation is reducing storage capacity in existing barrages and dams. The demand for water is also increasing-and that means more friction between India and Bangladesh. The Bangladesh prime minister's calls for action are becoming increasingly desperate. Elections are due in Bangladesh in 2023, and Hasina knows her close relationship with India is giving ammunition to an increasingly aggressive opposition. Ever since she took office, Hasina has extinguished jihadist threats, provided unprecedented counter-terrorism cooperation and crushed anti-India insurgencies. The prime minister's failure to do a deal on the Teesta, though, hurts Bangladesh farmers, and is weakening her hold. Evidence that Hasina is being forced to make concessions to India's enemies isn't hard to come by. Islamists supported by the ruling party are waging a tenacious culture war-mobilising against women wearing western clothes to campus, and purported blasphemers. Bangladesh has also sought support from China for water-management projects on the Teesta, an obvious strategic concern for India. Experts say there are things India can do to ease the situation, short of a treaty. Gauri Noolkar-Oak has suggested that better management of releases of water from dams in Sikkim, for example, can make more water available for use in both West Bengal and Bangladesh. The two countries could also work to enhance groundwater availability, and rationalise agricultural water demand. A deal on the Teesta will have real costs for poor and marginal farmers in West Bengal- costs the Modi government needs to engage with and address. The cost of a hostile government and civil society in Bangladesh, though, will far outweigh that burden.

No vision, no charisma, no real plan: Labour has nothing to fear from Liz Truss

How Liz Truss handles today's first Commons clash at PMQs will mould the tone and style of her reign. It's not the be-all and end-all - but it matters as she sets out with the lowest public expectations. Few like her, few wanted her, few of her MPs back

her. Just 13% of voters trust her to make the right cost of living decisions. Only 12% expect her to be a good prime minister. Even among Tory voters, the more they see of her, the faster her ratings tumble. Yet her party has foisted her on an unwilling country, a rightwinger wildly out of step with the mood of the times, when people want more from government, not less. How ill-judged her extravagant praise of her disgraced predecessor, whose sins are not forgiven by voters. No wonder a majority now wants an election and the chance to be rid of her. The truism is that she has nowhere to go but up. She is destined for a bounce because new prime ministers always get one. Voters always live in hope and they will be relieved at her promise to tackle energy bills - the only part of her pedestrian speech outside Downing Street likely to engage the public at all. The rest was that heart-sink "aspiration nation" copper-plate politico-speak that gives politics a bad name, alarmingly lacking any sense of the country's imminent peril. Voters will notice that her expected price freeze is stolen straight from Labour, again making the running from opposition benches. They will certainly notice that she takes the money from taxpayers' funds, her "no new taxes" and "no windfalls" ignoring strong public support for Labour's plan to pay with a windfall on energy companies' monster £170bn profiteering. In the face of failing public services, her tax cuts - she told Laura Kuenssberg it was "fair" to take billions from the public purse to reward the richest with £1,800 and the poorest with just £7.66 - will look perverse, and grotesquely unjust. That kind of extremism will shock most people in a country already Europe's most unequal (bar Bulgaria). Politically, her tax cuts will contrast badly with the shadow chancellor Rachel Reeves's pledge to abolish billions in tax relief for the rich. Nor does cutting tax grow the

economy: Ben Zaranko of the Institute for Fiscal Studies points out to me how Europe's highest taxing countries have the strongest growth. The upshot of all this? Labour will surely win the next election. Truss will be battered from a damaging campaign, and Labour will be gifted victory by a Tory party that began losing its marbles long ago. Governments also lose elections

Polly Toynbee



codes listing her disasters, such as closing down gas storage and her £235m "efficiency saving" that crippled the Environment Agency's testing of rivers and seas. Labour's mood is chipper. And so it should be. Consider Truss herself, her rebarbative style and tin ear for the public mood. Her leaked recording attacking British workers for lack of "graft" while praising more productive Londoners has hit home with voters. In focus groups, Labour finds half the

participants raise it with spontaneous indignation, with the other half outraged when the tape is played. That helps Labour to promote its own key policies. When Truss confronts strikers, pledging to restrict the right to strike and cancel EU working protections, she hopes the blame for disruptions lands on Labour. But rail staff have public support and two-thirds of voters back a strike by nurses. Her aggression will shine a contrasting spotlight on Labour's strong employment rights policy. For those complaining about Starmer barring shadow ministers from picket lines, look at the radicalism of Labour employment policies, worth listing in detail: a new right for unions to recruit in every workplace will send membership soaring where people need unions most. Fair pay agreements across every sector to reset decades of low pay, turning the tables on bad employers of delivery drivers and warehouse workers.

Letter to the Editor

Birthday of Bhupen da

Dear Editor,

The birthday of Bhupen (Dr. Bhupen Hazarika) da is celebrated on 8 September in various parts of the state as well as abroad. This is a good thing. If we take Bhupen's songs to our heart and apply them in various aspects of personal and social life, then it will be true respect and honor to him. It is worth mentioning an unpleasant truth that many people do not understand the meaning of the words of Bhupen da's songs. So, it is not possible to take the songs in heart and apply them in personal and social life. The reason is that many people do not know how to read and write the Assamese language and the number is increasing day by day. Now the point is, it would be better to make arrangements that every person living in Assam can read and write the Assamese language correctly regardless of the medium of study. Then everyone will be able to understand the meaning of Bhupen's songs.

Dr. Buljit Buragohain,
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Empowering women in shaping Northeast India through entrepreneurship



Uruli Bhatta
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Women being an integral part of the society, it is seen how entrepreneurship has brought women in today's society to limelight.

Entrepreneurship has helped women in making their own name in a patriarchal society that regulates with the male domination. It has acted as a punch back to those who tries to frame women as weaker part of a society. North eastern re-

gion of India comprises of 8 states - Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland, Tripura, Meghalaya and Sikkim. This region is one of the bio diverse regions of the entire country. North east India faces many problems in respect to its infrastructure, geographical area, poverty, insurgence and other problems like slow growth of industrial sector etc. Therefore, under such circumstances there is a need to engage

the local people in developing the expected problem areas. Women, in this aspect, are regarded as traditional expertise to promote and achieve a better future. The part taking of women facilitates the economic growth as well as empowers women in doing something productive in their life apart from doing only the kitchen works.

According to the sixth economic census (2013-14), the total no. of women establishments owned by

women in 2013-14 was 80,50,819 out of which 65.12% were located in rural areas and 34.88% were located in urban areas. It can be said that, women has a great potential in shaping the growth structure of an economy and entrepreneurship is such a career that can be of help to women. It is seen that, the rural women in north eastern regions face many challenges, some of which are their personal problems like they lack confidence, they are scared to step into business, they lack the proper education needed for working etc. Those challenges can be tackled by the empowerment of women and bringing them into the frontline of business. North eastern region of India has rich human and natural resources, there is a scope for agro-based industries, handicraft and handloom, or-

ganic fruit, dairy farm etc. But to bring it into the industrial sector it will need some realisation. There are reasons women in north-east coming forward to becoming an entrepreneur. Those factors can be uplifted more to bring in more women into entrepreneurship. Women has innovative thinking skills and has the urge to be independent and make their self identity, which helps them to grasp the opportunities in the field. By the use of local resources and manpower various industries can be opened in this region. Women's skills and innovations can make the industry grow faster and smooth in the North eastern regions. But, to empower the women skill development is required so that actual participation of women occurs in the growth of industry.

It can be said that, women could be a great source of development in the industrial sectors with the help of economic and social assistance in the North eastern regions. The skills and talents of a large number of women are still unexplored in these areas, so by enhancing their participation North east India can form a better economical shape.



Women : An Epitome of Poise and Power

It's a man's world, women are inferior and weak this is something that each of us ladies, are immune to hearing right since the second we are born." Sailing through the years of growing up from school to college and then university, our 'patriarch' society never made us forget that we are just a waste of resources. It's pretty saddening to learn about girls who haven't ever had the privilege of attending school, forget about colleges or universities. Are women only meant for household chores?

In today's fast moving tides, we see a lot of women rising above their boundaries. Still, like two sides of a coin there are also a considerable amount of girls

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made of sugar, spice and everything nice; someone is also made up of adventure, vigour and no fear. A woman has immense mental strength, is physically compatible to men but is emotionally, quite vulnerable. Even though, in the varied field like sports, entertainment academics or even - science, women are steadily missing, in stride to teach the male dominant

society a lesson. Women are like colourful butterflies spreading illuminating colours everywhere. What restricts our movements is the die-hard male mentality which desperately needs to be brushed up!

It is only in India, where a woman is referred to as Goddess Laxmi and yet treated

like inferiors' where people talk about equality and yet don't let them step out of their houses. Government initiatives and women movements are just an eyewash. We are independent and self-reliant, so, it's our duty to make our importance felt, we've done a great deal in achieving what we deserve, but the journey is not over yet. We still have a long way to go!!!

Therapy Through Music

The language of all people is music. It serves as a channel for communication, which may be a fun and therapeutic experience. Every feeling imaginable can be evoked by music. Its greatness is only increased by the fact that it can also enhance our health and wellbeing. According to researchers, the many musical components of rhythm, melody, harmony, and pace generate a cognitive and emotional response that makes up the affective component of pain. This helps to enhance mood, which in turn leads to improved recovery. As we all know, Modern Science and Medicine are now rediscovering the therapeutic benefits of music, and "Music Therapy" is the best example of how to treat a variety of physical and mental illnesses in people. Indian Ragas in particular have been beneficial in the treatment of numerous physical and mental conditions. Raga performance, listening, and even playing can be effective treatments. In a nutshell, we can state that studying music has great benefits for people and helps to shape society's ideals. This study examines the music's scientific basis.

India has a rich history of musical innovation. Music is the spirit of every civilization. It is said that Narad Muni brought the art of music to the planet. The locals are also taught about "Naad Brahma," the sound that permeates the entire cosmos. The term "music" is derived from the Latin word "musica," which the Greek language took as "Moyseike" from "Muse." Because of the persistence of these ideas in the Roman society, music could refer to both poetry and music. The name "Sangeet," which is a Sanskrit word, is commonly used to refer to music in India. Sanskrit's translation of the word sangeet is "sang together." To put it simply, Sangeet is the art of blending sounds in a way that is pleasing to the ear. All major civilizations have been aware of the power of music for a very long time. In antiquity, music was seen as the most significant branch of knowledge, the key to attaining religious enlightenment, the foundation of a harmonious society, and a reflection of the nature of man. The majority of bodily processes are impacted by music, according to science. It is a very potent weapon for both the physical and spiritual change of people. It has the power to alter one's mood and to either intensify or lessen one's feelings. "Music has healing power. It has the ability to take people out of themselves for a few hour" (Elton John)

Perception of sound "AUM/OM"

Our minds are easily taken in by sound. This is why everyone enjoys listening to music, including children and animals. Both quiet and sound have their origins in one another. All sound fades into quiet, and silence often takes the form of sound. The esoteric musical philosophy recognised two complementary elements known as "struck sound" means

heard. The word "AUM" (or "OM") is so potent that just saying it can send forth strong, uplifting vibrations that enable us to feel the entire cosmos. As a result, "AUM" (or "OM") is regarded as the most sacred emblem in Hinduism. Thus, the mantra "OM" is highly helpful to us when chanted. Ayurveda, the holistic Indian science that encourages a happy and

the subject (published in February 2016). When she realised that she could use music to support others in the same way that it had supported her throughout her life, she made the decision to become a music therapist.

The many musical components—rhythm, melody, harmony, tempo, etc.—stimulate an emotional and cognitive response that makes up the affective com-



that we can hear and "un-

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struck sound" means that we cannot hear because of this concept of sound and silence. These two sounds are referred to as "Aahat naad" and "Anahat naad" respectively in Sanskrit.

We discover in Nada Yoga that sound's origins might be either internal or external. As is well known, the sound is referred to in the Sanskrit tradition as "Anahat Naad" (un-struck sound), which implies the sound that is not produced by two objects impacting one another. Consequently, all sounds that fall within our audible range are produced by visible or unseen objects colliding or vibrating together, which results in pulsating waves of air molecules that our ears and brain perceive as "sound." In other words, the source of all struck sound is un-struck sound. The sound most similar to this unstruck sound in ancient times is the phrase "AUM" (or OM). This mantra's traditional components are A, U, M, and the last sound—the silence that before and follows the audible sound and surrounds it—which is not

healthy living, has an ancient component called Music Therapy. Both Vedas and the Samaveda are replete with music. Music has always been a significant component of Indian culture. A recognised health profession called "music therapy" uses music in a therapeutic setting to help people with their physical, emotional, cognitive, and social needs. The goal of this therapy is to raise the client's quality of life through the use of clinically proven musical interventions. One of the best methods for regulating emotions, blood pressure, improving liver function, treating headaches and tension, and many other things is this therapy. Music has been an element of human culture since the dawn of man. It was believed to have the ability to aid in the healing of the mind, body, and spirit in Greek mythology. At Michigan State University, the nation's first official music therapy programme was started in 1944. The National Association for Music Therapy was then founded in 1950. Holly Chartrand, a music therapist at the Harvard-affiliated Massachusetts General Hospital, was first trained as a vocalist, according to a Harvard Medical School article on

ponent of pain, which helps to improve mood and promotes recovery. Non-lyrical music with a tempo of 60–80 beats per minute, a steady repetitive rhythm, and a straightforward harmonic or chord progression are utilised for relaxation. The vibrations of sound can affect the body's rhythm as it synchronises with the beat of the song.

The human body and mind respond favourably to music, which is a really strong and amazing tool. There are very few people who do not have a deep connection to music. Music therapy goes beyond being a great bonus. Numerous avenues exist for it to enhance health outcomes and quality of life. In all parts of recovery, it has become increasingly important. According to scientific research, music can have a tremendous impact on people, improving recovery of motor and cognitive function in stroke patients, reducing depressive symptoms in dementia patients, and even assisting surgical patients to feel less pain and recover more quickly. We can therefore conclude that music is an essential component of our lives, and since it appeals to us so readily, music therapy is frequently used to treat or identify issues relating to people's physical health, mental health, and souls.

Rising of cruelty to animals

Animal cruelty refers to brutal and savage actions of humans. Every living being is creation of God and we humans have no rights to beat on be cruel to them. Animals are also a living creatures who are equally important in ecosystem like us. These days animals cruelty had increased and become a nationwide problems. Cruelty towards animals has led to many deaths. It is sad to hear the news related to the animal cruelty on television or in the social media. The seriousness and dangerousness of animal cruelty go unnoticed in today's fast moving world. To go as a nation , we must fight for these abused animals rights. It is up to us to speak for the animals that lack of voice. Who will, if we won't. Animals are important in our society we have dozens of native and brought over animals fault, sometimes owners have no money to care for their pet , though that is no excuse for not turning their pet in to a nice shelter. Animals have feelings too and it is essential to treat them with the respect that we give humans. If we don't care for the animals, the life cycle will change and they will become extinct. Animals provide us with many things in

life, like happiness and learning new things. Now a days animals are becoming smarter and more helpful, we are teaching them new tricks and they can help save people. It doesn't just appeal to inside pets, animals made for breeding then slaughtered the wrong way. This not only affects the animals, but the witness too.

Treating animals with love and compassion is the moral duty of every individual. However, we often fail to fulfil this duty. Instances of animal cruelty are in abundance in our society. Poachers mercilessly kill animals for their skin, fur and teeth. This has led to the extinction of several species of animals which, in turn, has affected the ecological balance of our planet. Some families buy exotic pets without any knowledge of how to care for them. This leads to neglect of pets, which further leads to them getting abandoned on the streets. We saw a stray dog beaten to death by groups of boys. This results in increase of stray animals that are subjected to all kinds of intentional cruelty.

A recent incident that an

elephant named Joymala, who was transported from Assam to Tamil Nadu was reported to be on the verge of death due to the brutal torture by its caretaker. How strange isn't it. We forget that they are also living creatures. We keep on harassing them and these poor creatures can't even express their feelings and grief. Cruelty towards animals have become an international matter of concern. This needs to be addressed as soon as possible and should be eliminated for ever. We become cruel towards animals for two reasons - one to fulfill our needs and other for fun. Sometimes, people apply colours on them which harm their skin, we also burn crackers without thinking about them. Sometimes , the shopkeeper pours the hot water on the street dogs, which is a great example of cruel behaviour towards the animals. Most often, street dogs are beaten up by some boys if they are found to roaming around. Many times many animals are hit by the fast moving

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traffic animals such as cows, goats and dogs. These are the examples of cruelty towards animals.

But now it's enough! We, the human beings, who are considered as the most intelligent creatures on Earth have to stop playing with these poor creatures' lives. We have to raise our voice and stop being cruel to the animals. We have to bring new strong laws to protect the animals. Every school should teach students how to respect and protect our fellow creatures - animals. Parents themselves should treat the animals with respect and love and should teach their wards the same.

Cruelty to animals has become a nationwide problem nowadays. The government has already imposed a few laws and a few more are needed. Along with that, social awareness is also required. Our planet Earth is a very beautiful place. Here, all the living organisms are dependent on each other and live together. We, humans, are considered the most intelligent species on Earth. But, we sometimes become very insensitive to the creatures who cannot express themselves, especially the animals. We harm them just to fulfil our needs.

Origin and history of Bharatnatyayam

Bharatnatyayam one of the most popular classical Indian dances. Bharatnatyayam is more popular in South Indian states of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. Bharatnatyayam dance is almost 2000 years old. It is believed that Bharatnatyayam was revealed by Lord Brahma to Bharata, a famous sage who then codified this sacred dance in a Sanskrit text called the Natya Shastra. Bharatnatyayam, is the oldest Indian classical dance form originated in the Tanjore district of Tamil Nadu and regarded as the mother of many other classical dance forms of India. Firstly, it was initiated in the Hindu temples of Tamil Nadu and eventually flourished in South India. It was performed with excellent footwork and impressive gestures and it includes nritya, nritya and natya. Bharatnatyayam was per-

formed by certain families of Tanjore district and these inheritors were known as 'Nattiyans'. With the origination of temples in Tamil Nadu, Bharatnatyayam soon became an important part of South Indian temples around 300 BCE to 300 CE. Temple dancers are known as

Devadasis who were dedicated to serve the lord as dasis or servants, performing the dance form and became an important part of rituals in South Indian temples. The art was handed down as a living tradition from generation to generation under the Devadasi system under which women were dedicated to temples to serve the deity as dancers and musicians forming part of the elaborate rituals. These highly talented artists and the male gurus [nattuvanars]



Tanushree Hazarika

were the sole repository of the art until the early 20th century when a renewal of interest in India's culture heritage prompted the educated elite to discover its beauty. By this time the Devadasis had fallen upon evil days due to lack of state patronage and changed social mores. The revival of Bharatnatyayam by pioneers such as E Krishna Iyer and Rukmini Devi Arundale brought the dance out of the temple precincts and on to the

proscenium stage through it retained its essentially devotional character. Today Bharatnatyayam has attained an exalted status and immense popularity. Learning of Bharatnatyayam has become the status symbol for most, irrespective of social status and rank. Within a short period of five decades, this art form has reached the masses from the four walls of the temples. It is attained worldwide fame and has become part of the international dance forums.

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Centre likely to sign peace accord

people to the list."We will bring in 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.Sarma also informed reporters that around 62,000 people were found to be ineligible for its flagship 'Orunodoi' scheme, while around 2,000 have voluntarily given up the benefits of the programme.The state government provides monthly monetary assistance of Rs 1,000, which will be enhanced to Rs 1,250 from October, to the beneficiaries under the scheme, covering nearly 20 lakh families."The Orunodoi month is getting over on September 20. We will know the exact number of exclusions then only. I hope one lakh new beneficiaries will be added in place of the exclusions," he added.The cabinet also approved rolling out a financial package for the people belonging to communities like Adivasis, Bodos and Koch-Rajbongshis displaced by riots that took place in the state.The chief minister said that the state government is for giving more power to elected bodies like the Kamatapur Autonomous Council and Rabha Hasong Autonomous Council."We need to give land rights to Kamatapur Autonomous Council in the areas excluding the BTR (Bodoland Territorial Region) and Rabha Hasong Autonomous Council region. However, we are not in favour of division of Assam to create a new Kamatapur state as demanded by a few people," he added.The CM said that the government has also decided that it would allow students to write examinations in Bodo language till class 12 from the next academic session. Currently, it is allowed up to class 10.On the other issues discussed at the cabinet meeting, Sarma told reporters that Rs 500 crore will be spent as part of CM Goodwill Project in developing road communication in the BTR area during the next two fiscals."We have also decided to permit Bodoland Territorial Council administration to provincialise 10 colleges in BTR. This exercise was so far being done by the state government only. This shift is made as per the Bodo Peace Accord," he added.Sarma said there will be no reservation from now on in appointing college teachers for the Bodo department."We were finding it difficult to fill vacancies in the Bodo department because of reservations. Usually, SC, OBC and general students do not study Bodo. Because of this, many faculty positions across the state are lying vacant," he said.Sarma also said that the Assam government has requested the Centre to start the delimitation work in the state.He further said, "We have decided to form District Police Accountability Commission as announced earlier. With this, people will be able to complain against erring police officials in the district itself. A law will be passed in the Assembly for this." Sarma further said that the cabinet approved the repeal of 48 old and obsolete acts during the next session of Assembly later this month.On August 31, the cabinet had approved repeal of a total of 316 obsolete and unused acts by introducing two sets of repeal bills during the forthcoming Autumn Session of the Assam Assembly, beginning from September 12.Sarma said the government will give appointment letters to around 12,000 youths on September 22, followed by recruitment of 4,500 'Jal Mitras' on the next day."We are also preparing to advertise 10,000 more posts, of which 5,000 will be from the Assam Power Distribution Company Ltd (APDCL). We will set up a new forest battalion too. We are on track to fulfil our promise to give jobs to one lakh youths," he added.

Congress's 'Bharat Jodo Yatra'

organized accordingly. Full-time Yatriss who stay with Rahul Gandhi will eat together and stay close," said the sources.The sources further said that Rahul Gandhi considers the Bharat Jodo Yatra journey as a way to connect with the common people." So he wants to complete this entire journey in a simple way away from the glitz and glamour. Rahul Gandhi calls it a journey but political analysts consider it a preparation for 2024," the sources added.Rahul Gandhi addresses the gathering at the Bharat Jodo Yatra rally in Kanyakumari. Blaming BJP for diving the country, he said that we need to unite India.Sonia Gandhi, Congress interim president, could not attend the launch of the Bharat Jodo Yatra as she is still abroad for her treatment. However, she sent a message for Rahul Gandhi's journey from Kanyakumari to Kashmir. In her statement, she said, "Bharat Jodo Yatra a landmark occasion for Congress, confident that our organization will be rejuvenated." She said that she will be participating daily in thought and spirit.Rahul Gandhi was seen marching along with top Congress leaders and workers and marking the beginning of the 150-day long Bharat Jodo Yatra.Before beginning the 'Bharat Jodo Yatra', Rahul Gandhi visited the Vivekananda Memorial in Kanyakumari in Tamil Nadu. This is where he will begin his journey as well.

'Not afraid': AAP's Sanjay Singh

the corruption, he sends a legal notice. There should be a CBI-ED probe against L-G Saxena to find out where the looted money is kept. I can tear and throw away such notices 10 times," he said in the press conference.L-G Vinai Kumar Saxena on Monday sent a legal notice to AAP leaders including Atishi, Saurabh Bhardwaj, Durgesh Pathak, Sanjay Singh and Jasmine Shah, for levelling "de-rogatory and malicious" charges against him.The notice had asked the AAP leaders to issue a press release "directing all members of the party and all persons associated with it, whether directly or indirectly, to cease and desist from spreading and circulating false, defamatory, malicious and unsubstantiated statements".

CM Distributes Anandaram

the year 2005, those who will be appearing in HSLC examination in coming years. Referring to AnandaramBorooh as one of mother Assam's ablest children of all times, the Chief Minister spoke about the short but extraordinary life of the first Assamese graduate and member of the coveted Indian Civil Service. He appealed to the students of the state to look up to Anandaram Borooh as an inspiration in life, and strive for excellence in whatever field they opt for as their career path. Born in 1850 at North Guwahati's Rajaduwara area, Anandaram Borooh, who left for his heavenly abode at the young age of 39 years, achieved some extraordinary feats, including becoming the first ever Indian District Magistrate/Deputy Commissioner in British India. The Chief Minister stated that the achievements of Anandaram Boroohwere manifestations of the inherent capabilities of the youths of Assam in their pursuit for success. The Chief Minister also spoke about the initiatives being taken by the government of Assam towards bringing in an educational revolution in the state, and expressed hope these steps would prove decisive in transforming the state into one of the leading states among its peers in days to come. Today's event at Shrimanta Sankardev Kalakshetra was also attended by Education Minister RanajPegu, Education Advisor to Government of Assam Nani Gopal Mahanta, among others.

Robert Vadra's Tweet With Photo

sation starter. He has been putting out social media posts supporting the Congress in the past, but this is being seen as pitch to stand next to the Gandhi family on the political stage. Unsurprisingly, in replies to his tweet, some Twitter users asked if he had joined the party. He did not respond.In this file photo, Robert Vadra is seen accompanying his wife, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra. Similar questions were asked before the 2019 elections when posters in his hometown Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh, "welcomed" him to contest from there. He had then told : "It's not OK that because I am a part of this family I should just go and adorn a certain kind of attire and be a part of the surrounding and say, 'Hey, I am also somebody important or significant.' I have to earn it. That's what my mother taught me. That if you earn it yourself, it will last longer."As for the 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' or Unite India March, Congress MP Rahul Gandhi will launch it from Kanyakumari today. The 3,500-km yatra will be covered in nearly 150 days.Rahul Gandhi started his day with a visit to his father Rajiv Gandhi's memorial in Tamil Nadu's Sriperumbudur, where he was killed in a suicide attack by a Sri Lanka-based extremist organisation in 1991.Mr Gandhi will walk all the way from Kanyakumari to Kashmir, where the yatra will conclude. He will be staying in a shipping container - it has a bed, toilet and an air-conditioner. Such containers have been set up for other 'Bharat Yatris' as well, who will walk the entire route along with Mr Gandhi, sources said."I lost my father to the politics of hate and division," he later tweeted, "I will not lose my beloved country to it too. Love will conquer hate. Hope will defeat fear. Together, we will overcome."

Cars and bikes worth Rs 1.5 crore burnt

News owner Sanjiv Narain. The building was entirely gutted in the fire.Officials who were present at the spot said the reason behind the fire is believed to be an electrical short circuit. Moreover, a cylinder inside the premises also caught fire and exploded, spreading the flames further.

Police Gun Down Dacoit In Guwahati

interrogated him to understand that he had help from another person in the robbery incident.Launching a manhunt against the second accused, police took Kumar along with them. However, he reportedly tried to flee from custody at the time.As a result, police officials were left with no option but to fire at him. In the firing, Kumar was hit with two bullets, officials informed.He was immediately rushed to Gauhati Medical College and Hospital (GMCH) by the police following the incident, where he succumbed to his injuries after being treated on for a while.

Governor administers oath to VC

and Secretary to the Governor S S Meenakshi Sundaram sought the permission of the Governor to start the proceedings of the ceremony. The ceremony was attended among others by the Education Minister of the State, Dr. Ranaj Pegu, Advisor Education, Govt. of Assam Prof. Nani Gopal Mahanta, Advisor Chancellor's Secretariat Prof. M.K.Choudhury, Vice Chancellors of different universities, and senior officers of the state government.

Huge cache of arms, ammunition recovered in Sonitpur



Assam Rising, Guwahati, September 7: Assam police recovered a huge cache of war-like stores including explosives and weapons from a tea estate at Missamari under Assam's Sonitpur district on Wednesday. According to sources, the operation was launched on specific intelligence, resulting in the recovery of a large number of pistols, rifles including live ammunition and explosives. The cache was buried underneath the banks of Belsiri River inside a forest area of Kamengbari tea estate, sources added. The official suspected that the guns and explosives were allegedly hidden there by a militant group to carry out illegal activities. Further investigation is on. Last week also, Assam police seized a huge amount of explosives at Rani village in Kamrup Rural district. A total of 2800 gelatin sticks and 1500 electronic detonators were seized from a four wheeler vehicle that was intercepted in the area. One person, identified as Jahlul Islam (32), was arrested for possession of it.

BJP attacks Nitish Kumar, says 'country will never trust opposition's "opportunistic" alliance

New Delhi, September 7: The BJP on Wednesday made light of Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's attempt to unite opposition parties, saying the country has moved beyond such "opportunistic" alliances and is now strongly behind the strong and decisive leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Terming his first visit to the national capital after snapping ties with BJP-led NDA last month as a "political pilgrimage", former union minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said he is travelling while Bihar has been hit by drought as well as overflowing rivers amid daily occurrences of serious crimes like murder.Kumar, who has generally enjoyed a clean image in his long political and administrative career, is now standing with those accused of grave corruption charges, the BJP leader said, in a reference to allegations against leaders of opposition parties including the Aam Aadmi Party and the Congress.Bihar's longest-serving chief minister has been meeting opposition leaders since arriving here on September 5, claiming that a united non-BJP formation can oust the ruling party from power in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls."He is trying to cobble together these parties but the country has moved beyond such opportunistic alliances after 2014 and will never trust another one," Prasad said. The country has since 2014 enjoyed stability and decisive leadership under PM Modi's leadership which has infused hope and new energy in the society while ushering in development, he asserted.PM Modi has enhanced India's prestige and the country has left behind the UK to become the fifth largest economy, he added. The Patna Sahib MP also mocked Kumar over the speculation spurred by his own party colleagues and the ally RJD that he could be the opposition's prime ministerial face, wondering if the likes of Mamata Banerjee, K Chandrasekhar Rao and Arvind Kejriwal will relinquish their claim to the projection.The BJP leader also ridiculed Kumar's claim that a united opposition can reduce the BJP to a 50-seat tally in Lok Sabha and said he cannot object to someone daydreaming when asked about a JD(U) press release quoting Kumar as saying that the BJP will not get more than 50 seats in 2024 Lok Sabha seats if opposition parties unite.Kumar had later clarified that he would not comment on numbers but insisted that the BJP will be ousted from power if the opposition unites.Prasad also noted how the Congress had brought down previous coalition governments headed by Chandra Shekhar, Deve Gowda and I K Gujral.

Cabinet approves reduction in railway land licence fee to 1.5%, allows lease up to 35 years

New Delhi, September 7: The Union Cabinet announced on September 7 that it has approved the policy on long-term leasing of Indian Railways' land and has cut the land licence fees from 6 percent to 1.5 percent, Minister of Information and Broadcasting Anurag Thakur said. The lease period has also been increased from five years to 35 years. The Cabinet's approval for the much-awaited amendment to the Railway Land Policy would ease the strategic divestment process of Container Corporation of India (Concor) and make it more attractive to private investors. The development is in line with NITI Aayog's recommendation to keep the railway land leasing fee for containers below 3 percent. The proposed changes will pave way for the privatisation of Concor because it will help strategic buyers pay much less amounts as land rentals to railways for a longer period. This was one of the key suggestions put forward by the investment advisors of Concor. The Cabinet had in November 2019 approved the divestment of the government's 30.8 percent shareholding in the company, along with the transfer of management control. While stating the benefits of the policy, the government said the move will help increase railways' modal share in freight transportation and reduce the logistics costs of the industry. The government also said that the revised land policy will bring more revenue to railways and create 1.2 lakh jobs. Further, as part of the new amendment, existing entities using railway land for cargo terminals will have the option to switch to the new policy regime after a transparent and competitive bidding process.

Lat Mandal Caught Red Handed While Accepting Bribe In Darrang

Guwahati, September 07: In yet another arrest of government officials for corruption, a team of the Directorate of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption arrested one Hari Das Singha, Lat Mandal of office of the circle officer, Patharighat revenue circle, Darrang while taking bribe on Wednesday.According to sources, a complaint was received that Das had demanded a sum of Rs. 20,000 for mutation of land measuring half bigha in the name of the complainant.However, Singha was arrested while accepting Rs 18,000 from a man identified as Pankaj Deka for land mutation.Currently, Singha is under interrogation by the police team.Taking to twitter, ADGP (Law & Order) GP Singh wrote, "Sri Hari Das Singha Lat Mandal of Patharighat Circle Officer Darrang District has been trapped and arrested red handed today by team of @DIR_VAC_ASSAM while accepting demanded money for land mutation of the complainant."The tainted bribe money was recovered from Das's possession. A case has been registered in ACB PS on 07/09/2022 vide ACB P. S Case No. 36/2022 u/s 7(a)of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (as amended in 2018) against Hari Das Singha, Lat Mandal of Office of the Circle Officer, Patharighat Revenue Circle, Darrang.Last month, the Lat Mandal of Sapekhati Revenue Circle in Charaideo district, Hari Prasad Das was arrested for demanding bribe of Rs. 10,000.

Robbers loot Rs 45 Lakh from ATMs in Dibrugarh

Assam Rising, Dibrugarh, September 7: A gang of unidentified men robbed more than 45 Lakh 61 thousand from two ATMs in Dibrugarh. State Bank of India's stolen amount is Rs 30,81,000 and Punjab National Bank's stolen amount is Rs 14,80,000. The ATMs had roughly Rs 45 lakh and 61 Thousand in cash, which was stolen using gas-cutters from the devices. The ATMs were looted in a unique style by burning the ATM machine. The CCTV cameras were also badly damaged by the gang. According to police accounts, the incident happened yesterday at midnight at about 2.15 am. ASP Bitul Chetia said an investigation is underway.

State horticultural society's general meeting postponed

Assam Rising, Guwahati, September 7: Assam horticultural society organized an executive council meeting at its head office here on September 7. Executive council decided to postpone its upcoming bi-annual general meeting from September 11 to October 12 next due to some unavoidable circumstances. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Nazrul Kazi, president, Assam horticultural society. Moreover the executive body gave the responsibilities to Tankeswar Sharma as president and Zulfikkar Ali as secretary of organizing Committee to conduct the upcoming bi-annual general meeting smoothly- a release added.

35 pieces of teak logs seized at Nagaon



Assam Rising, Nagaon, September 7: Based on tip off, forest protection squad led by forester Hemanta Saikia from Nagaon protection range seized over 35 pieces of teak wood logs from Putani Panigaon village last night. Sources claimed that the logs of those teak wood were being stored in secret at a jungle of the village with a view to transport secretly to somewhere for sawing them. Meanwhile, the protection squad brought all the valuable logs to the office of Nagaon Forest Division for further legal proceedings, sources said, adding that the owner of the seized logs of the timber are yet to be ascertained by the officials of the department concerned till the time of filing this report.

Gautam Adani to export power to Bangladesh

Adani Power will commission 1600 MW facility in Jharkhand

New Delhi, September 7: Tycoon Gautam Adani plans to start exporting electricity from a coal-fired plant in eastern India to Bangladesh before the end of the year, helping to alleviate energy shortages in the South Asian nation. Adani Power Ltd. will commission a 1.6 gigawatt facility in Jharkhand state and a dedicated transmission line for the exports by Dec. 16, Adani said in a Twitter post late on Monday after meeting Bangladesh's Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in New Delhi. The project underscores India's push to use infrastructure as part of its diplomatic outreach to neighbors. Adani - Asia's richest person controlling a business empire spanning ports, infrastructure and energy - is also involved in investments in Sri Lanka. Bangladesh has been suffering energy shortages as the price of fuels like gas and coal surged following Russia's invasion of Ukraine. It remains heavily dependent on imported fossil fuels for electricity and is aiming to double its power generation capacity by 2041 to support its export-oriented economy, according to the US Department of Commerce.Jharkhand is one of India's biggest coal-mining regions, but the plant will mainly use fuel imported from overseas, according to a 2017 approval document from the environment ministry. Adani's project has been criticized due to the high costs of transporting the coal by sea from places like Australia and South Africa and then by train to the plant.

Casper Ruud has No 1 slot in sight after US Open rout of Matteo Berrettini

Meadows, September 07 : As Frances Tiafoe basked in the glory of his quarter-final upset of Rafael Nadal on Monday night, he was reminded that at some point soon the big three would retire, with more opportunities to come. He responded with a cynical smile, not missing a beat: "Been saying that for how many years now?" But what is clear is that a new men's grand slam champion will be crowned at the US Open, and this tournament will provide another glimpse into the future of men's tennis. In the first match since Carlos Alcaraz dismissed the final former champion, Marin Cilic, at 2.24am day morning, the 23-year-old Casper Ruud made the first statement of intent as he took apart the 13th seed, Matteo Berrettini, winning 6-1, 6-4, 7-6 (4) to reach the semi-final of the US Open for the first time. Ruud, the fifth seed, will face either Nick Kyrgios or Karen Khachanov next in his second grand slam semi-final of the year after finishing runner-up at the French Open. Despite boasting more experience at this stage of a grand slam tournament than all other men left in the draw,



having reached three previous semi-finals, Berrettini was dire from the beginning, struggling to land backhands and haemorrhaging unforced errors from all parts of his game. Less obvious, though, was how Ruud helped those errors along with his own industry. He continually locked Berrettini in his backhand corner with his heavy, vicious inside-out forehand, defended extremely well and made a high number of returns along with a high first-serve percentage. "That was a better start than I've ever

had before in a match," said Ruud. "Everything was going my way, I was hitting the spots that I needed to." By the time Ruud led 6-1, 5-1, he had struck just two

unforced errors in the entire match. But as his nerves provoked a few rare mistakes Berrettini slowly worked his way into the match. In the third set Berrettini led 5-2 and held two set points a game later, but he simply did not have enough confidence in the tight moments. While Ruud is humble, understated and pleasant, he has had plenty of detractors since his emergence for his early specialisation on clay courts and the way he initially built his top 10 ranking by tearing through clay court ATP 250 events last year, leading some to brand him a "vulture". But the Norwegian kept his head down and focused on improving, eking out more from his first serve and backhand. The results have

been emphatic - Ruud has won 13 of his past 16 matches on hard courts, having also reached a Masters 1000 final in Miami, a semi-final in Montreal and the semis of the ATP finals last year. Incredibly, he could now stand a win away from becoming the ATP's new No 1. Nadal is currently top of the live ATP rankings after Daniil Medvedev's defeat, but should Ruud or Alcaraz reach the final, either of them would become the world No 1. If they both reach the final, the tournament winner would also take the top ranking. "I don't want to think too much about it, honestly," said Ruud. "It's of course something that all young players dream about. If I'm in a position to do it, let's see if I can accomplish it."

'Devastated' Nick Kyrgios exits US Open after thriller against Karen Khachanov

Moscow, September 07 : It is the overcooked forehand in a thriller that might have cost Nick Kyrgios a grand slam title. As gallant as the Australian was when edged 7-5, 4-6, 7-5, 6-7 (4), 6-4 by Karen Khachanov at the US Open, one wonders whether such a golden chance will ever come again. The frustration he showed on exiting the court suggested he realised as much. Smashed rackets. And more. It is a shame, because although beaten, he put up a strong fight. Kyrgios was shattered by the loss, saying he felt "mentally distraught". "There really wasn't anything in it," he said. "I'm just devastated, obviously. I [just] feel like it was either winning it all or nothing at all, to be honest. I feel like I've just failed at this event right now. That's what it feels like." But back to the forehand. The favourite for the US Open title after the exit of Rafael Nadal, the Australian looked finally to have found his rhythm in what proved a moody yet electric quarter-final on Tuesday night at Flushing Meadows. Deep in the third set of a tight encounter at four games-all, two break points arose against the rangy Russian who played superbly to produce his career-best performance in a grand slam. On the second of those points, Kyrgios worked into position to punish a forehand. Instead of searing a line, as so many of his shots had throughout the first week in New York, the 23rd seed blasted it well beyond the baseline. Bereft, it drained



his belief for a period. The Wimbledon finalist was extremely fortunate to receive a reprieve from Khachanov, who held his nerve and concentration for long enough to break his rival, in the next game. But the Russian, who had previously reached quarter-finals at Roland Garros and Wimbledon, was relentless. He used his reach well to blunt Kyrgios's spectacular serve. And the same reach came to the fore when Khachanov, whose forehand technique resembles "The Crane" kick deployed by Daniel LaRusso in The Karate Kid, whipped one up the line that proved too heavy for Kyrgios to handle on set point. Had Kyrgios made the forehand at 4-4, percentages suggest he would have won the match to set up a semi-final against Casper Ruud. But tennis is a sport of fine margins. The tougher competitor, both physically and mentally, came up trumps. While Kyrgios played a superb tiebreaker in the fourth set to extend the match, it was Khachanov who finished too strongly in the decider to reach his first grand slam

semi-final. Kyrgios had started the match a heavy favourite following his dismantling of

London, September 07 : A top US chess player accused of cheating after Magnus Carlsen quit a prestigious tournament has admitted to doing so as 12 and 16-year-old - but insisted that he was now "clean" and was even prepared to play naked to prove his innocence. Hans Niemann, the 19-year-old who stunned world champion Carlsen by beating him with the black pieces at the \$500,000 Sinquefeld Cup on Sunday, promised that he was a reformed character after revealing that he illegally benefited from computer assistance while playing chess on the internet as a child. And in a remarkable interview on Tuesday night, Niemann also accused Carlsen and others - including the world's best blitz player, Hikaru Nakamura



- of trying to ruin his career as he offered to go to extraordinary lengths to show he wasn't using a device to help him cheat during his games. "If they want me to strip fully naked, I will do it," said Niemann. "I don't care. Because I know I am clean. You want me to play in a closed box with zero electronic transmission, I don't care. I'm here to win and that is my goal regardless." The chess world was plunged into confusion and turmoil on Monday when Carlsen withdrew from the tournament less than 24 hours after he was beaten by Niemann in the third round. The Norwegian did not explain why he had taken such an unprecedented step, but announced his departure in a tweet with a video of José Mourinho saying: "If I speak I am in big trouble." Shortly afterwards Nakamura made the stunning claim that Carlsen had pulled out because he suspected that Niemann had "probably cheated" - before revealing that Niemann had been previously banned by the world's most popular chess

website, Chess.com. Speaking on Tuesday evening, Niemann denied any wrongdoing at the Sinquefeld Cup. However he did admit that he had cheated in the past - first as a 12-year-old when a friend gave him some help in an online tournament and then as a 16-year-old playing unrated games while he was streaming. However he insisted that the improved standard of his play in the last year was down to wanting to redeem himself. Explaining what had happened when he was 12, Niemann said he had wanted to get a higher rating so he could play some stronger players. "I cheated on random games on Chess.com. I was confronted. I confessed. And this is the single biggest mistake of my life. And I am completely ashamed. I am telling the world because I don't want misrepresentations and I don't want rumours. I have never cheated in an over-the-board game. And other than when I was 12 years old I have never cheated in a tournament with prize money."

Chelsea 'lacked smell of blood' in dismal defeat in Zagreb, admits 'angry' Tuchel



London, September 07 : Thomas Tuchel has admitted Chelsea "lacked the smell of blood" after his side slumped to a 1-0 defeat against Dinamo Zagreb and insisted he must find a solution to their slow start to the season. Mislav Orsic's first-half goal was enough to seal victory for the Croatian champions on home soil as Chelsea began their Champions League campaign with an erratic performance. Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang was virtually anonymous on his debut but Tuchel acknowledged the buck stops with him. "I'm angry with myself and I'm angry with our performance," the German said. "This is a huge underperformance from all of us. It's not precise enough, it's not clinical enough, it's not aggressive enough. It's not determined enough and not enough individually and not enough as a team and that's why we lose this game. It was the story of the last few games: we start OK for 15-20 minutes but then lacked determination, precision and maybe even lacked the smell of blood." Tuchel, who dropped goalkeeper Édouard Mendy for Kepa Arrizabalaga, added: "It's for me to find the solution and find the reason why. Obviously they are underperforming individually and I don't really know where this performance today comes from. A lack of determination, a lack of hunger and a lack of intensity to actually do the things that we need at the highest level. We are clearly not where we want to be." Wesley Fofana, the new £70m signing, was at fault for the goal on his Champions League debut but Chelsea were disappointing throughout against opponents who were determined to cause an upset. Unlike Saturday's victory over West Ham, however, there was no VAR to save them. Asked why he blamed himself for Chelsea's poor performance, Tuchel answered: "Because I didn't see it coming."

Erling Haaland continues hot streak as Manchester City burn past Sevilla

London, September 07 : Erling Haaland is inevitable. That, at least, is how it felt in Sevilla, and how it is starting to feel in stadiums all over the place. Pep Guardiola had insisted that it is not just about the Norwegian and that if Manchester City don't play well they will not win. Here, they did play well - reflected in Ederson's first save, an easy one, not arriving until the 80th minute - they did win, and he did score. Well, of course. Twice, in fact. The man who was running at a goal every 44 minutes got two more in a 69 en route to a 4-0 win as another Champions League campaign opens with the demand that it ends with the trophy. "I love this routine, and it's a routine after every game, talking about him and his goals," Guardiola said. "He's always there, always. There's always the feeling that he can score more goals." That this was

expected should not eclipse the quality, even as Guardiola admitted that it didn't always feel like a 4-0. For Sevilla, certainly, there was a sense that this was always going to happen. "And to cap it all off, Man City," one headline had said beforehand. Sevilla came into this in a crisis, suffering their worst start to a season in 41 years. The last thing they wanted was Guardiola's team turning up: the last thing they wanted was him. The last time they had faced him, Haaland scored four of Dortmund's five in a 5-4 aggregate victory. That night in this stadium, you could hear the fear every time he got up and running, the intake of breath audible, the sound of boot against ball a boom echoing around. It had been empty then, which may have exaggerated that feeling; it was not empty now but the net result was much the same. For all their



problems, the home fans raised the roof. There was a roar when Papu Gómez produced an early nutmeg and they tried to carry their team through the crisis. By the end, though, they were chanting for the president to resign. Sevilla's start was bright. It was also brief, the nervousness inside their area on 11 minutes an indication that they already realised that this would be a long night. *City settled into control, Jack Grealish hitting the side-netting. When Haaland accelerated from deep, Sevilla had a familiar

feeling, a flash of déjà vu, backing off as that stampede started. Twice Kevin De Bruyne struck over, Marcos Acuña nicked one off Phil Foden's toe. It was relentless, in its own way: not intense as such, and not a storm, but insistent. And then the goal came, which felt obvious - as much in execution as expectation. A move that has been seen a thousand times before and might be seen a thousand more, saw Foden roll that little diagonal pass to one side of the full-back. De Bruyne went past him on the other to collect and pulled across the six-yard box. Diving in, leg out, was Haaland. "He has that innate instinct to be in the right place at the right moment: not a second too soon, not a second too late," Guardiola said. Whistles from Sevilla's fans followed soon, frustrated at City keeping the ball.





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India Lose To Sri Lanka By 6 Wickets, Stare At Elimination



New Delhi, September 07 : Defending champions India went perilously close to elimination after a six-wicket defeat against Sri Lanka in their super four stage match of the Asia Cup at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium on Tuesday. The result left the Men in Blue at the mercy of the other teams to have a chance of making it to the final. It also meant that India skipper Rohit Sharma's scintillating 41-ball 72 went in vain, as the islanders completed a chase of 174 with a ball to spare. Needing 21 in 12 balls, Sri Lanka scored 14 runs off the penultimate over bowled by Bhuvneshwar Kumar, almost sealing it in their favour. India will be out of the tournament if Pakistan beat Afghanistan on Wednesday. Chasing what looked like a par score at the innings break, the Sri Lankans were off to a blazing start with openers Kusal Mendis (57 off 37 balls) and Pathum Nissanka (52 off 37 balls) putting on 91 runs at

a brisk rate. The fifty was up in the sixth over with both batters regularly finding the gaps and the boundaries with consummate ease, putting tremendous pressure on the Indian bowling attack that looked clueless against the positive approach adopted by the two Lankan batters. However, leg-spinner Yuzvendra Chahal had other ideas as he struck twice in the 12th over to put the brakes on Sri Lanka's march. Ravichandran Ashwin sent back Danushka Gunathilaka (1) to leave Sri Lanka in a spot of bother at 110 for three in the 14th over. In the first ball of the next over, Sri Lanka suffered a body blow as Chahal got the big wicket of Mendis, who was trapped lbw in front of the wicket. But Sri Lanka skipper Dasun Shanaka and (33 not out) and Bhanuka Rajapaksa (25 not out) remained till the end to complete the task for their team with a match-winning,

fifth-wicket partnership of 64 runs. Earlier, Rohit led by example with his fine knock. Rohit blazed away after India lost two early wickets, hitting five fours and four sixes during his entertaining knock. He was well supported by Suryakumar Yadav (34 off 29 balls) during a stand of 97 runs for the third wicket. But Rohit's dismissal triggered a slide as India added 63 runs after being 110 for three in the 13th over, when the skipper got out. Sri Lanka were off to a dream start as they removed opener KL Rahul (6) and one-down Virat Kohli (0) in quick succession, leaving defending champions India in early trouble at 13 for two in the third over. Right after getting a boundary with a lofted drive over extra over, Rahul was trapped in front of the wicket by off-spinner Maheesh Theekshana's arm ball in the second over of the game. Having failed to connect with the ball after coming down the wicket,

Rahul had opted for a review but it did not go his way as replays showed the ball going on to hit the leg stump. In came Kohli, only for the Indian star to walk back to the dressing room after facing four deliveries for his zero, bowled neck and crop by left-arm fast bowler Dilshan Madushanka at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium. Trying to slog a length ball over midwicket, Kohli missed and his off and middle stumps were disturbed. Rohit though remained positive and kept the scoreboard moving at a healthy rate, making his intention clear when he played Chamika Karunaratne over wide mid-on for a boundary. Fast-medium bowler Asitha Fernando was introduced into the attack, and Rohit smashed him for a six and a four off successive balls as 14 runs came in the fifth over. The Indian captain then hit Theekshana for a

four over square leg, helping India score 44 runs in the six powerplay overs. Leg-spinner Wanindu Hasaranga and Karunaratne then bowled a couple of tight overs, succeeding in containing the duo of Rohit and Suryakumar Yadav. Meanwhile, Rohit was dropped at extra cover when batting on 40, off Hasaranga's bowling. Suryakumar brought up his first boundary after playing 12 balls, which was also India's first after a quiet period. In the next over, Rohit took advantage of his reprieve and whipped Asitha Fernando over deep square-leg for a six, and then reached his half century with a four. Suryakumar also got into the act, striking Madushanka for a maximum. It was then again Rohit's turn to get a six as the Indian captain danced down the wicket to loft Hasaranga over long-on. He followed that up with a four and then another six.

Scotland end qualifying with Faroes win

London, September 07 : Sarina Wiegman's Lionesses concluded their World Cup qualifying campaign atop Group D with 10 wins in 10 games, having scored 80 goals and conceded none, after this 10-0 demolition of Luxembourg. "I don't think it could be much better than this, so I'm really happy," she said. "After the Euros it always seems to be a hard one but I think the team has done a tremendous job coming out of the summer." Two goals each from Georgia Stanway and substitute Beth England alongside goals from Alessia Russo, Rachel Daly, Beth Mead, Ella Toone, Nikita Parris and Lauren Hemp sealed the emphatic win at Stoke City's Bet365 stadium. It was not quite the homecoming the FA would have wanted for the team's first home game since winning Euro 2022. At kick-off the stands were sparsely occupied as supporters decried a "park and ride trip from hell" with heavy traffic, insufficient park and



ride buses and breakdowns, leaving huge numbers of fans stranded and the ground taking an age to reach the eventual attendance of 24,174. Any expectation that Wiegman would field a vastly different starting XI after qualification for the World Cup was secured against Austria on Saturday night was misplaced. The manager has been clear that she does not want to kill the momentum of a team unbeaten during her tenure and that was coupled with a desire to put on a show. "You think about performing, about how the players come in and what's next," said Wiegman. "People come to the stadium to see the En-

gland team they see a lot, so we balance all these things." There was room for three changes to the XI that faced Austria, with Ellie Roebuck starting in goal ahead of Wiegman's first-choice, Mary Earps, Alex Greenwood replacing Millie Bright alongside Leah Williamson at the back, and Parris in place of Hemp. It took 11 minutes for England to break the deadlock, but the goal should have come sooner. Luxembourg are a young team in international football, having been founded in 2003 before playing a first game three years later, and the starting XI included three 18-year-olds and two 16-year-olds.

The Oval hoping to beat Lord's to World Test Championship final hosting rights

London, September 07 : The Oval could seize next summer's World Test Championship final from Lord's after emerging as a serious contender to stage the one-off showpiece. Lord's has long been considered the likely host venue for the fixture in June 2023, not least having missed out last year when the Covid-19 pandemic forced the International Cricket Council to move it to Hampshire's bio-secure Ageas Bowl. Pre-existing commercial agreements at Lord's are understood to be proving problematic - the

ICC requires a "clean" venue for its own sponsors and partners - and has led to a growing belief that Surrey may be able to take over. 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. While New Zealand's triumph over India at the Ageas Bowl last year was deemed a success in the

circumstances, the ICC has long coveted Lord's as a potential host venue for the WTC final due to the history and prestige it would offer a tournament that is trying to establish its place in the global calendar. It has already been confirmed in the next ICC Future Tours programme that England - or rather the England and Wales Cricket Board - will host the finals in 2023 and 2025, with Lord's still desired for the second of these if the current contractual problems can be overcome in the longer term. As

the birthplace of the Ashes in 1880, the Oval is not short on history and Surrey's chief executive, Steve Elworthy, has a strong record in this field. The former South Africa international has overseen the staging of seven global events in his previous roles with the ICC and ECB, including the 2019 World Cup. The start date for the 2023 World Test Championship is still to be decided - it will begin on either 6 or 8 June - with Australia and South Africa occupying the top two places in the league

table. South Africa will remain second even if they lose the third Test with England that starts on Thursday tomorrow but that would open up the field to others. Should Australia make the final, it would mean they would head straight into their defence of the Ashes that is expected to start at Edgbaston on 16 June. Though not confirmed, the series is likely to then follow the same pattern as 2019, with Tests at Lord's (from 28 June), Headingley (6 July), Old Trafford (19 July) and the Oval (27 July).

UEFA Champions League: Mbappe, Haaland Shine In PSG, Man City Wins As Chelsea Lose In Zagreb

London, September 07 : Kylian Mbappe and Erling Haaland starred Tuesday as Paris Saint-Germain and Manchester City made winning starts in the Champions League group stage, but big-spending Chelsea suffered a shock 1-0 defeat away to Dinamo Zagreb. Real Madrid rode their luck at times before demonstrating their class to kick off their title defence with a 3-0 win at Celtic despite the loss of Karim Benzema to injury. Mbappe showed why PSG were so desperate to keep him at the end of last season when he seemed set to depart for Real by scoring both goals in PSG's 2-1 victory at home to Juventus, to launch the French champions' quest for the biggest prize in European club football. "We played well and we got a win in a tremendous atmosphere at home," Mbappe told Canal Plus. "We always want to play against big teams -- that's why you play in the Champions League. It's that sort of atmosphere we love; matches like this, in which you have to show character." The France forward volleyed Neymar's delightful scoop past Mattia Perin in the fifth minute at the Parc des Princes before adding another brilliantly-worked goal midway through the first half. Substitute Weston McKennie headed Juventus back into the game but PSG held on and are level with Benfica in Group H.



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