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NEWS IN BRIEF

Notice served Assam Rising
Guwahati, September 08 :

The committee appointed to look into the Assam Public Service Commission (APSC) recruitment scam has served a notice to the newly appointed chairman Bharat Bhushan Dev Choudhury. According to reports, IAS officer BB Dev Choudhury was served the notice by the committee formed to probe the matter, headed by retired Justice Biplob Kumar Sarma in connection with the scam in the CCE 2014. Choudhury, who was appointed chairman of APSC on August 18, had served as the principal controller of examination (PCE) during CCE 2014 when the scam took place. Last month, Choudhury had become the first ever APSC chairman who had an ACS background and had later gained the rank of IAS through promotion. He replaced Dr. Ajanta Nath, who had been appointed to the position as an in-charge.

Rigorous imprisonment Assam Rising
Guwahati, September 08 :

Three persons were sentenced to 10 years of rigorous imprisonment by a lower court in Assam's Guwahati on charges of smuggling illegal narcotics. The trio has also been fined Rs. 1 lakh each. The convicts have been identified as Ranjan Sarkar, Akash Mazumdar and Madhu Dey. They were arrested by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) for allegedly smuggling a huge cache of ganja in 2018 in Garchuk area. As per the NCB, the convicts were involved in smuggling a huge quantity of ganja concealed in the rooftop carrier above the cabin of a truck.

Pedestrians injured Assam Rising
Guwahati, September 08 :

Three pedestrians were seriously injured after being hit by a speeding bike at Sontala in Assam's Kamrup district. The injured persons have been identified as Rajibul Islam, Akhtar Hussain and Nabir Hussain. According to sources, the trio was walking by the side of the road when suddenly a speeding bike hit them from behind. Following the incident, they were rushed to Gauhati Medical College Hospital (GMCH) for medical treatment. Meanwhile, local police seized the bike that was involved in the accident.

Supreme Court to Hear Pleas Challenging CAA on Sept 12



New Delhi, September 08 :

The Supreme Court will hear a batch of petitions challenging the constitutional validity of the controversial Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), 2019 on September 12. A bench of the Chief Justice of India UU Lalit and Justice Ravindra Bhat will consider over 200 petitions filed challenging the

amendment. In January 2020, a bench led by the then CJI SA Bobde issued a notice in the petitions. It may be noted that the central government in their affidavit said that the CAA does not impinge upon any existing right that may have existed prior to the enactment of the amendment. It was also argued that the CAA does not seek to affect the legal, democratic or

secular rights of any of the Indian citizens. The Supreme Court will hear over 200 petitions challenging the Citi-

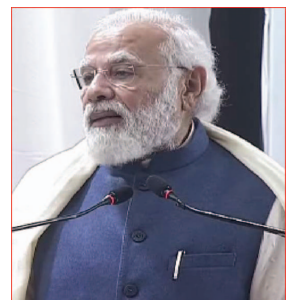
zenship (Amendment) Act 2019 on Monday, 12 September. The pleas will be heard by the bench headed by Chief Justice of India (CJI) UU Lalit and comprising Justice S Ravindra Bhat. The Citizenship (Amendment) Act, or CAA, was notified on 12 December, 2019, and it came into force on January 10, 2020. It aims to give citizenship to migrants belonging to Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, Parsi or Christian communities from Afghanistan, Bangladesh or Pakistan. CAA evoked widespread protests across the country as it was perceived as an attempt to deprive Muslims of Indian citizenship. For the unversed, in January 2020, the apex court had issued notice over the batch of petitions challenging the constitutional validity of the CAA. In December 2019, the top court bench comprising the then CJI Sharad A. Bobde and Justices BR Gavai and Surya Kant had asked the Centre to file a response by the second week of January. The court had said the CAA, 2019, is "uppermost in everybody's minds".

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PM Modi unveils Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose statue

New Delhi, September 08 :

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is all set to inaugurate the much-awaited, revamped Kartavya Path—a stretch from Rashtrapati Bhavan to India Gate today at 7 pm amid tight security. The redeveloped path is a part of the ambitious Central Vista Project by the Centre. PM Modi will also unveil a grand statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose near India Gate. The Culture Ministry informed that a team of sculptors spent 26,000 man-hours of "intense artistic endeavour" to carve a grand



statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. The statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose will be installed in the same place where a hologram statue of Netaji was unveiled earlier this year on Parakram Diwas by PM Modi to mark the 125th birth anniversary of Netaji.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah addressed National Conference of State Cooperation Ministers

New Delhi, September 08 :

The Union Minister for Home and Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah addressed a two-day National Conference of State Cooperation Ministers at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi today. Several dignitaries including Minister of State for Cooperation Shri BL Verma and Cooperative Ministers of 21 States and Lt. Governors of 2 Union Territories were present in the conference. In his address, the Union Cooperation Minister said that this two-day conference will prove to be a step in the coming days to take cooperatives to a new level in this country. He said that cooperative in India is an old idea and culture, but if we do not make timely changes in any activity, it becomes out of date and now the time has come for the cooperative sector to



strengthen itself according to the needs of today. Earn everyone's trust once again. Shri Shah said that the Ministry of Cooperation was formed by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 6th July 2021 and in almost a year, the Ministry has organized many meetings and conferences in all the related areas of cooperatives. Cooperation is mainly a state subject and our constitution has left all the activities of

cooperative to the states, but in a vast country like India, the entire cooperative movement should follow the same path, for this, all the states have to decide their common views about it. Shri Amit Shah said that it is most important to strengthen the

PACS to strengthen the cooperative and for this the Modi government has taken several initiatives. He told the cooperative ministers of the states that all of us together have to inculcate the spirit of Team India in the cooperative sector. If we look at the history of the last

hundred and fifty years of cooperatives, it is known that cooperatives have made a very proud contribution to the economy of India and it is our endeavour that in the next hundred years, cooperatives must

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Minister Pijush Hazarika Ordered to Suspend 6 Officials of Water Resource Department

Assam Rising
Guwahati, September 08 :

A total of six employees of Assam Water Resource Department were suspended on Thursday. According to sources, the suspended employees include assistant executive engineer of Dimov Sub-division Dinesh

Buragohain, junior engineer of Sivasagar Water Resources division Tarun Sonowal, deputy engineer Tarun Borgohain, branch assistant Dhrubajyoti Chetia, and two lower level officials Atul Gogoi and Manik Konwar. These officials were suspended due to negligence of duty. Assam Water Re-



source Minister Pijush Hazarika ordered the suspension of the officials.

IMF Chief Meets India's Finance Minister Sitharaman, Calls India A 'Bright Spot' In The Global Economy

New Delhi, September 08 :

The International Monetary Fund's (IMF) Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva has said that despite global uncertainty, India continues to be a bright spot in the global economy. She made the statement during her meeting with Finance Minister Nirmala



Sitharaman in New Delhi yesterday, in which India's upcoming G-20 Presidency was also discussed and the IMF reiterated its support to India's candidature. Both the leaders shared concerns on key downside risks to the global economy and the cross-border effects due to the geopolitical situation and tighter financial

conditions, the Finance Ministry said in a series of tweets. Sitharaman and IMF Chief Georgieva recognised the fact that the effect of increase in global inflation due to rise in food and energy prices as well as international debt has impacted low-income countries the most. India's Finance Minister reportedly underlined the need for ensuring en-

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Assam Governor Prof. Mukhi & CM Dr. Sarma attends NEP conclave

Assam Rising
Guwahati, September 08 :

In presence of Assam Governor Prof. Jagdish Mukhi, Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma attended a conference on implementation of NEP 2020 in Assam as a follow up of Varanasi Conclave at Assam Administrative Staff College here today. The conference was organized by Raj Bhavan Assam in partnership with the Higher Education Department, Government of Assam. Speaking on the occasion Chief Minister Dr. Sarma while thanking Governor Prof. Jagdish Mukhi for taking the initiative in organizing the conclave on NEP, informed that the State government will set up a State Research Founda-



tion in lines with National Research Foundation as envisaged in NEP-2020.

Sharing his observation on National Education Policy (NEP) at a conference on

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Pakistan rejects Assam CM Sarma's "Akhand Bharat" remark

Assam Rising
Guwahati, September 08 :

On a day when Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma made a com-

ment, over Rahul Gandhi's "Bharat Jodo Yatra", Pakistan on Wednesday rejected the statement made by the senior BJP leader. Pakistan's Foreign Office statement

was referring to Sarma's statement that Congress leader Rahul Gandhi should try to integrate Pakistan

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Ahead of Samarkand SCO summit, Indian, Chinese troops begin disengagement at eastern Ladakh



New Delhi, September 08 :

Ahead of the Samarkand Shanghai Cooperation Organization or SCO summit, India and China started disengagement on Thursday at Gogra-Hotsprings at the Line of Actual Control (LAC)

in Eastern Ladakh. In a brief joint statement, the 2 sides said, "Indian and Chinese troops in the area of Gogra-Hotsprings (PP-15) have begun to disengage in a coordinated and

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Undated file photo shows Kathrin von Rechenberg standing at a drying field for fragrant cloud organza in Shunde District of Foshan, south China's Guangdong

White House warns Truss over efforts to 'undo' Northern Ireland protocol

Washington, September 08 : The Biden administration has sent Liz Truss a message on her second day in office warning against "efforts to undo the Northern Ireland protocol". The warning came from the lectern in the White House briefing room, where spokesperson Karine

Jean-Pierre was asked about new British prime minister Truss's first phone call with Joe Biden and whether a US-UK trade deal was discussed. Northern Ireland was not mentioned in the question, but Jean-Pierre brought it up anyway. "There's no formal linkage on trade talks between the US and the UK and the Northern Ireland protocol, as we have said, but efforts to undo the Northern Ireland protocol would not create a conducive environment, and that's basically where we are in the dialogue," Jean-Pierre said. "Not conducive to a trade deal" is the administration's established position on British threats, spearheaded by Truss, to pass legislation negating part of the Northern Ireland protocol. The protocol is the UK's deal with the EU on how to square Brexit with an open border between the two Irelands established by the 1998 Good Friday peace

agreement. The US helped broker that agreement and there is adamant bipartisan opposition to any move that might jeopardise it. Truss's determined support for Ukraine's defence is welcomed in Washington, but her position on the protocol is seen as the major irritation in bilateral relations. The White House was taken by surprise by Truss's announcement in May, when she was foreign secretary, that the government would proceed with legislation that would rewrite parts of the protocol, in a manner widely considered to be a breach of international law. Boris Johnson had assured the Biden team that no decision had been taken. The legislation is winding its way through parliament



and the US has warned the government not to put it to a vote or risk rupture with both the US and EU. The tension was evident in pointed differences between the official accounts of the Truss-Biden phone call. The Downing Street version said they had "agreed on the importance of protecting the Belfast (Good Friday) agreement". The White House readout said they "discussed

their shared commitment to protecting the gains of the Belfast/Good Friday agreement and the importance of reaching a negotiated agreement with the European Union on the Northern Ireland protocol". Addressing parliament on Wednesday, Truss said: "My preference is for a negotiated solution, but it does have to deliver all of the things we set out in the Northern Ireland protocol bill, and what we cannot allow is for this situation to drift." US officials welcomed her stated preference for talks, and the message delivered from the White House on Wednesday was intended to deter her from giving up on them, warning the tenor of the relationship could be at stake.

read. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh lauded DRDO and Indian Army on the successful flight trials, and exuded confidence that the QRSAM weapon system will be an "excellent force multiplier" for the Armed Forces. During these tests, the Defence Ministry said, all the mission objectives were met establishing pin-point accuracy of the weapon system with state-of-the-art guidance and control algorithms including warhead chain. The performance of the system has been confirmed from the data captured by a number of Range instruments like Telemetry, Radar and Electro-Optical



Tracking Systems (EOTS) deployed by ITR, the MoD said. These tests were conducted in the final deployment configuration consisting of all indigenously-developed sub-systems, including the missile with indigenous Radio Frequency (RF) seeker, mobile launcher, fully automated command

and control system, surveillance and multi-function Radars. "The uniqueness of the QRSAM weapon system is that it can operate on the move with search and track capability & fire on short halt. This has been proven during the mobility trials conducted earlier," the Defence Ministry added.

Suspect arrested over Canada mass stabbing dies from self-inflicted injuries



Ontario, September 08 : The fugitive wanted over a mass stabbing in Canada that killed 10 people and injured 18 has died in hospital after his arrest, police have confirmed, with sources saying his death was the result of self-inflicted wounds. Myles Sanderson went into "medical distress" after his arrest and was taken to hospital where he died, Royal Canadian Mounted police assistant commissioner Rhonda Blackmore said in a press conference on Wednesday night. Police found a knife in the truck, which officers had rammed off the road into a ditch, but Blackmore would not comment on the cause of his death. Sources familiar with the situation earlier confirmed to the Guardian that Sanderson died shortly after being taken into custody, after police rammed his stolen vehicle. They said he had died as a result of self-inflicted



injuries. Police sources gave similar accounts to Canadian media outlet Global News and Associated Press. With Sanderson dead, police may never understand what motivated him in the mass stabbing, Blackmore said. Police launched a renewed search operation, including aircraft, on Wednesday afternoon after being called to a report of a break-and-enter involving Sanderson armed with a knife, where a Chevrolet truck was stolen. The truck was later spotted racing along a highway at 150km/h, sparking 20 calls of sightings. To protect the public, police moved in and "directed" Sanderson off the road near Rosthern, Saskatchewan, at approximately 3.30pm, where the arrest was made. An independent investigation into the circumstances of his death will be held, said

Blackmore. Damien Sanderson and Myles Sanderson, the two suspects in the fatal mass stabbings in Saskatchewan province, Canada. The news came shortly after Sanderson's parents issued an emotional plea for their son to turn himself in. Sanderson, 32, faced multiple murder charges for his role in a knife attack that devastated the James Smith Cree Nation, an Indigenous community, and the nearby village of Weldon. "Myles, my boy, turn yourself in. Please. You can do this," his mother told CBC News. "Come back. Turn yourself in. Do the right thing." "Myles, please, please turn yourself in. We don't want no more hurt. I don't want nobody hurt any more ... please, my son. I love you. Turn yourself in. Be safe," he said. News of the death came hours after the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and provincial coroner released the names of the 10 victims, whose ages ranged from 23 to 78. The victims were named as: Thomas Burns, 23, Carol Burns, 46, Gregory Burns, 28, Lydia Gloria Burns, 61, Bonnie Burns, 48, Earl Burns, 66, Lana Head, 49, Christian Head, 54, Robert Sanderson, 49 and Wesley Petterson, 78.



People gather around their houses damaged during a landslide disaster in Kasika village, Kasese, Uganda

Advertisement.

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for office of the District and Sessions Judge, Nalbari for the following post-

Name of Post	No. of Posts	Category	Scale of Pay with grade Pay
Peon	5	Unreserved- 2 OBC/MOBC- 2 ST(H)- 1	Rs. 12,000- 37,500+ G.P
Day-Chowkidar	1	OBC/MOBC- 1	3,900 (PB-2) with other allowances as per Rules.
Night-Chowkidar	1	ST(P)- 1	

The details of the advertisement is available in the official website of Nalbari District Judiciary <https://nalbarijudiciary.gov.in> and in the official Notice Board of the office. The applications must reach the office of the District and Sessions Judge, Nalbari within 20 (twenty) days from the date of publication of this advertisement in the official website/ newspapers.

Sd/-
District & Sessions Judge,
Nalbari

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NIT: SSFD SOPD/1

SHORT TENDER NOTICE

Separate Sealed Tenders affixing non-refundable court fee stamp worth Rs 8.25 (Rupees Eight & Twenty five paise) only are hereby invited from registered Class I, II & III Contractors/Firms for Maintenance work of Rupkonwar Jyoti Prasaad Agarwala Park, Bholaguri, Gohpur under SOPD Scheme under Sonitpur Social Forestry Division. Biswanath Chariali during the year 2022-23 (as per approved estimate). The details may be seen at the office of the undersigned. The Tender will be received up to 3:00 pm (IST) on 28/09/2022 and will be open on the same day at 3:30 pm (IST) in presence of the willing tenderers or their authorized representative(s) who wishes to attend the same. In the event of any untoward incidents if the office remains close on 28/09/2022, the tender will be received and open in the next working day at the same time and same place. The undersigned reserves the right for accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason thereof. The bidder is liable to pay all the taxes as applicable.

The detailed tender document along with approved estimates, terms and conditions etc. may be collected from the office of the undersigned during the office hours upto 5:00 pm w.e.f. 08/09/2022 on payment of Rs. 500/- (Rupees Five hundred) only being non-refundable processing cost in the shape of Demand Draft/Banker Cheque in favour of Divisional Forest Officer. Sonitpur Social Forestry Division, Biswanath Chariali against each item.

Sl. No.	Name of work	Approved Estimated value	Location	Security Deposit (10%)	Earnest Money 2% (for Genl.)	Earnest Money 1% (for other preferential class of community)	Cost of Bid Document
1	Maintenance of Rupkonwar Jyoti Prasaad Agarwala Park at Gohpur	Rs. 16,00,000.00 (including GST & Labour cess etc.)	Gohpur	Rs. 1,60,000.00	Rs. 32,000.00	Rs. 16,000.00	500/-

**Divisional Forest Officer,
Sonitpur Social Forestry Division,
Biswanath Chariali**

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New malaria vaccine comes a step closer as experts say its 'the best yet'



London, September 08 : The co-inventor of a vaccine that could eradicate malaria has said he hopes it could be approved by as early as next year after the latest trial results were successful. Professor Adrian Hill, co-creator of the AstraZeneca Covid vaccine, said it was "the best [malaria] vaccine yet". He has previously said he believes R21 could help to

reduce deaths from the disease by 70% by 2030 and eradicate it by 2040. But speaking as the success of the R21 vaccine tests were revealed,

Hill, director of Oxford University's Jenner Institute, said it would be tragic if Britain cut funding just as scientists were poised to make "a real impact" against malaria. He has implored the new British prime minister Liz Truss not to squander cutting-edge UK innovation by "turning off the taps" on global health funding. Results from testing in Burkina Faso showed that R21 - already shown to be 77% effective after the initial doses - maintains its high efficacy after a single booster jab. Researchers hope that the vaccine could be approved by the World Health Organization next year, assuming a larger ongoing trial throws up no unexpected problems. But Hill also cautioned that getting the vaccine into the arms of tens of millions of African children who most need it would be a challenge without funding. The body that provides more than half of all financing for the world's malaria programmes, the Global Fund to Fight Aids, Tuberculosis and Malaria, has warned that unless it receives significantly more money from leading donor countries such as the UK at its pledging conference this month, it will not be able to get the fight against those diseases back on track after the Covid pandemic. The UK has not yet said what it will pledge in New York, but the fund is thought to have asked for about £1.8bn. As foreign secretary, Truss outlined a strategy for overseas aid marked by an overall spending reduction and a retreat from the funding of multilateral organisations like the Global Fund. "It's incredibly important

that the Global Fund is properly refunded. What they do is absolutely amazing," said Hill. "I hope the new prime minister will be very keen to recognise the importance of doing what the UK [the fund's third-biggest donor] has done so well in the past." Another British-made malaria vaccine with more modest efficacy levels, GSK's RTS,S, approved by the WHO last year, is poised to be more widely deployed from next year. "The two leading vaccines in the world for malaria are [from] a UK-headquartered company and a UK university," Hill said. "The UK is good at this stuff ... It would be tragic if suddenly, as new tools become available, and we can have a real impact - and that's not hard to see now by getting these [vaccines] out there - if we were to just we turn off the taps on funding. And there is a risk of that."

No. GDB/BTC/15th fin/60/2019-20/

Date-7th September 2022

RE-TENDER NOTICE

The Block Development Officer, Goreswar Development Block, Dist-Tamulpur, BTC, Assam invites bid affixing non-refundable Court fee Stamp of Rs.8.25(Rupees Eight and Twenty Five Paise)only from the approved and eligible contractor(Class I, II or III category) registered with **Assam PWD (R&B)** for the following schemes under Untied Grant of the 15th Finance Commission to BTC 2022-23. Tender Box will be available for dropping tender in the office of the Block Development Officer, Goreswar Development Block up to 2.00 PM on 16/09/2022 and the tender box will be opened at the same day on 3.00 PM in same office. (In the event of date of bid opening being a holiday, the bid will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.)

Sl. No	Particulars of work	Tender value	Time of Completion	Tender Cost & Earnest Money & Date of Tender
1	2	3	4	5
1	Const. of brick boundary wall alongwith E/F at Naokata UN Brahma Aijw Gejer Foraisali.	20.00 lakh	3 months from the date of issue of final work order	1. Tender cost (@ 0.03%) Rs 600/ (Rupees six hundred) only to be pledged by demand draft in favour of Principal Secretary, BTC, Kokrajhar payable at SBI, Kokrajhar 2. Earnest money @ 2% (In case of ST/SC 1%) of estimated value to be pledged by demand draft/FDR in favour of B.D.O. Goreswar Development Block.

Details NIT may be seen at Office of The B.D.O Goreswar Development Block, Goreswar, Dist-Tamulpur, BTC on all working days. Tender papers will be issued to the contractors or their authorized agent from 09-09-2022 (Accept holidays). Sd/-

Block Development Officer
Goreswar Development Block

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CM pays floral tributes to Dr. Bhupen Hazarika



Assam Rising, Guwahati, September 8: Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma on Thursday paid floral tributes to the late music legend Bhupen Hazarika on the 96th birth anniversary of the "Bard of Brahmaputra" at his Samadhi Kheta at Jalukbari. Paying tributes to the late music legend at the official event organised by the Department of Cultural Affairs, the Chief Minister stated that Bharat Ratna Dr. Hazarika's life is an inspiration for the people of Assam. Dr. Hazarika will continue to flow like a perennial stream in the hearts and minds of the young genera-

tion forever, the Chief Minister added. The Chief Minister also expressed his gratitude to the "Bard of Brahmaputra" for working tirelessly towards the unity of people belonging to the region. Today's event was also attended by Cultural Affairs Minister Bimal Bora, PHE Minister Jayanta Malla Baruah, Rajya Sabha MP and Political Secretary to Chief Minister Pabitra Margherita, MLA Manab Deka and a host of senior officials of the government.

Minister Bimal Borah inaugurated Rang Dhemali kshetra at Kalakshetra



Assam Rising, Guwahati, September 8: Cultural minister of Assam Bimal Borah today formally inaugurated the newly installed Rongdhemali kshetra, an amusement park for children at Srimanta Sankardev Kalakshetra, Panjabari. In the inaugural program noted singer Pulak Benarji, Artist Nuruddin Ahmed, Jitil Sonowal and Sudarshan Thakur Vice President and Secretary of Sankardev Kalakshetra respectively are present. Thereafter in a separate program at the premise of Sudhakantha Dr. Bhupen Hazarika Museum Cultural Minister Bimal Borah Inaugurated the already com-

pleted extended part of the same museum. Minister Borah took a look at the Museum after the Inauguration. In his discussion with Vice President Jitil Sonowal and Secretary, Sudarshan Thakur the minister also extended his wholehearted support for the development of the Kalakshetra. In this event along with the authority of Srimanta Sankardev Kalakshetra Samaj actor Purnima Pathak, Noted writer Anuradha Sarma Pujari, Singer Pulak Benarji were present.

Birth anniversary of Dr. Bhupen Hazarika celebrated at Nagaon

Assam Rising, Nagaon, September 8: Along with the rest of the state, with a day-long agenda, various cultural organisations of Nagaon observed the 96th birth anniversary of great legendary musical maestro - 'Sudhakantha' Dr. Bhupen Hazarika here at Nagaon today. Silpi Somaj, Asom, a prominent cultural organization of the state celebrated the birth anniversary of 'Bhupen Da' centrally with three long various programmes. The programme was initiated here at the compound of Nagaon district library with an unfurling flag. Over five hundred artists, teachers as well as students from various educational institutions participated in a chorus in which the participants sang together the evergreen song of Dr. Bhupen Hazarika - 'Manuhe Manuher Babee'. Similarly, with a day-long programme, 'Asomiya Sahitya Sammilani' also observed the birth anniversary of 'Sudhakantha' at Nagaon

Pensioners' Bhavan. Retired physician and former Joint Director of Nagaon District Health Services and district president of Sahitya Sammilani, Dr. Risheshwar Thengal Saikia chaired the programme and Dr. Praneshwar Nath, social activist Mukut Bhuyan graced the occasion as chief as well as special guests respectively. Besides, Dr. Sagor Boruah, the state president of the organization also present in the

programme. Noted Assamese story tellers Sibananda Kakoti and Bhadreswar Rajkhowa respectively ceremonially released two books penned by Suren Kr Bora and Pritishmita Bora. Besides, a host of programmes as well as competitions on Dr. Bhupen Hazarika's songs and music were also conducted among the students during the day. 'Silpi Karon' Asom, another leading cul-

tural organization also observed the day here at Nagaon Swahid Bhavan where the members as well as other dignitaries of the town paid floral homage and tribute at the portrait of Dr. Bhupen Hazarika. Srimanta Sankardev Mission, a prominent human welfare organization of Northeast India also celebrated the birth anniversary of Dr. Bhupen Hazarika at its Panigaon Chariati based head office. The president of the organization - Premeswar Das and other portfolios of the or-

ganization paid floral tributes to the portrait of great musical maestro Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhupen Hazarika. Similarly, Silpi Mancha, Nagaon also observed the birth anniversary of Dr. Hazarika and also felicitated three noted singers as well as artists of the district on the occasion for their outstanding dedication and performance in the field, a release added.

NSS orientation programme starts at GU

Assam Rising, Guwahati, September 8: Gauhati University NSS Cell has been organizing an Orientation Programme for NSS Programme Officers w.e.f. September 8-10 at university Campus. Nabaneet Mahanta, APS, Deputy Commissioner of Police, West Guwahati Police District attended the programme as Chief Guest

and enlightened different aspects of drug abuse prevention and cyber crime. Mahanta highlighted the role of NSS volunteers for prevention and control of drug abuse in the society. Dipak Kumar, Regional Director, NSS, NER, Guwahati attended the programme as a guest of honour and focused on different aspects of NSS including the role of NSS Programme Officers to be carried out in their respective institutions. As a resource person Dr. Hemanta Rabha, Training & Capacity Building Specialist, ARIAS Society (under Govt. of Assam) said we should follow the path of Mahatma Gandhi for upgrad-

ing villages during village adoption by every NSS unit. Dr. Rabha further explained different resources in Atma Nirwar Bharat and scope of Entrepreneurship Development for the unemployed youths. Dr. Ranjan Kr. Kakati, Director, Students' Welfare, GU & Programme Coordinator, GU NSS Cell coordinated the programme and appealed to all the NSS Programme Officers to carry out community and social service with a full spirit and dedication. Nandini Kakati, APS, ACP Azara and NSS Programme Officers from different colleges under GU NSS Cell attended the programme.

International day of clean air for blue air observe at Aalo



Assam Rising, Aalo, September 8: The 3rd International Day of Clean Air for Blue Air with the theme "The Air We Share" was observed at General Hospital Aalo, West Siang District today. On the Occasion, a Cycling Adventure cum Mass Awareness Programme on air pollution was organized by National Programme on Climate Change For Human Health (NPCCHH) West Siang District Aalo in collaboration with the team of West Siang Cycling Association (WSCA). Dr. Dubom Bagra, DMO, West Siang District Aalo flag off the Cycling

team from General Hospital Aalo. The Cycling Team consists of members from

West Siang Cycling Association and General Hospital, Aalo led by Dr. Jumbom Kato,

District Nodal Officer (NPCCHH) cum Medical Superintendent, and President WSCA. Cycling team covered around 8kms from General Hospital Aalo to Different Colonies and back to GH Aalo. The Team Spread Message regarding the impact of Air Pollution in human health and appealed to "Say 'No to Plastics and Sedentary LifeStyles' for a

healthy body and also encouraged to adopt Cycling in place of Cars and Motorbikes etc. During the Day a tree was planted near the OPD Building by all dignitaries led by Dubom Bagra DMO. The Plantlets were supplied by the Forest and Wildlife Department, West Siang Aalo. A certificate of participation were distributed to all the Participants

USTM organized workshop on Recent Treatment of Osteoarthritis

Assam Rising, Guwahati, September 8: The Department of Physiotherapy, University of Science and Technology Meghalaya (USTM) in collaboration with Narayana Superspeciality Hospital, celebrated World Physiotherapy Day today by organizing a Workshop on Skill Development on Recent Treatment on Osteoarthritis as well as an awareness skit presented by students of physiotherapy at NKC Auditorium of the university. The workshop has been sponsored by Surgical Solutions, Guwahati. Dr. Dickey Richard Marak, Senior Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, Narayana Hospital delivered a lecture on Recent Advances in Surgical Management

of Osteoarthritis. He emphasized the need of physiotherapy rehabilitation post surgically and explained about the surgical management of Osteoarthritis along with various other newer techniques. Dr. Surabhi Kalita Khanikar, Senior Consultant Anesthetist, Narayana Hospital delivered a lecture on newer modalities on treatment of osteoarthritis. She emphasized on platelet rich plasma therapy for arthritis to repair damaged cartilage, tendons, ligaments, muscles or even bone. She also spoke about the importance of healthy lifestyle maintenance for prevention of Osteoarthritis. Earlier, the workshop was inaugurated by Dr. RK Sharma, Principal Advisor, USTM along with other dignitaries.



The welcome address was made by senior Professor Dr. Habibul Islam. Dr. Pooja Saikia, Asst Prof, Dept of Physiotherapy, USTM delivered a lecture on the effect of VMO strengthening on OA knee patients with hands-on training. A skit on awareness about Physiotherapy was performed by the students of Physiotherapy. The skit show-

cased various case scenarios and showed the importance of Physiotherapy in preventing various lifestyle related conditions. The skit was followed by a quiz competition among the students of BPT on the theme of Osteoarthritis. The programme ended with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Pooja Chaudhuri, HoD, Dept of Physiotherapy, USTM.

Training camp of Jal Jeevan Mission inaugurated in Morigaon

Assam Rising, Bhubraon, September 8: The Public Health Technical Department of Morigaon district has launched a training program to strengthen the water supply schemes under the Jal Jeevan scheme in Morigaon division. T.S. The third batch of the 10-day training program for water friends was inaugurated by Morigaon District Commissioner Debashish Sharma yesterday. The inauguration ceremony was attended by Executive Engineer in charge of Public Health Technical Department Morigaon Division Dilip Kakati,

Assistant Executive Engineer Mahadev Deka, Principal of ITI Morigaon Pranchuman Das and other

officials of Public Health Technical Department, Morigaon Sub-Division Divesh Raymedhi.



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The global crisis

After two years of global crisis, the genie is well and truly out of the bottle when it comes to work: employees in the UK no longer want the 9-to-5, bookended by an exhausting and expensive commute. Anecdotal, that might seem obvious. But having documented the changes to organisational life through the Covid-19 pandemic as part of the Work after Lockdown project (funded by the Economic and Social Research Council), what is significant about these findings is that this mindset shift appears to be permanent. Figures show nearly 40% of working adults in Great Britain are now working across multiple locations in a hybrid working model. However, as the energy crisis threatens to bite, there are warnings that this winter's looming energy crisis could kill off our new working "culture". So, which one is it? Amid the detailed calculations being made, one aspect is already clear: socio-economic circumstances will be a main driver in whether working from home remains firmly rooted in our way of life, and people's decisions about work are still the product of their circumstances. One public sector graduate trainee told me that, by her calculations, the cost of train fares, coffees and snacks left her better off working from home. But if energy costs rise sharply, she will probably switch to travelling into the office over shouldering a punitively high heating bill. It is precisely this fluctuating picture that makes this winter so difficult to plan for. Another senior manager working for a London local authority told me that while some of her staff had indicated that they might want to be coming into the office more often in the coming months, there was a lack of concrete information or certainty. When we consider how working trends might be affected by the rising cost of living, the geographies of labour markets cannot be ignored. With the UK having some of the longest commutes in Europe, financial savings from reduced commuting were some of the most notable markers of lockdown delivering some measurable benefit to working people. And as train fares continue to outstrip inflation, organisations staffed by suburban commuters are likely to find employees continue to be more attached to working from home to save money, while those who live closer to offices may find the lure of a heated space outweighs the benefits of home working. Of course, these financial decisions are rarely made in isolation. In our research, we saw people adapt the quality of their workspace over the lockdowns, working in separate rooms where possible to prioritise privacy and maximise concentration. But as heating becomes more expensive, this looks less feasible, while merging home workspaces could provoke personal tensions, damage productivity and even have a disruptive effect upon family relationships.

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Letter to the Editor
Spitting in public places

Respected sir,

We are like uncivilized citizens of a civilized Country. The character of some people in recent times proves this. We often see them on the streets unknowingly and sometimes we meet again in a public places, footpaths, etc., in a very ugly way. Spitting are sometimes observed on the walls of office compound also. I dare say that even educated people behave in such an abusive manner. Recently, I saw an educated man spitting betel-nut on the wall of Mangaldoi Circuit House in Darrang district. I protested against him for spitting on the wall, but I was saddened to see that he had no feelings, and I hated him. After that I left the place sadly. However, spitting is a big nuisance to public health and hygiene and it represents a pauper picture of our living standards to the outsiders. We Assamese must first correct ourselves to be recognized as a civilized nation in our own Country. So I think the measures to stop this should be enforced strictly and isolate provisions of law providing for imposition of cogent fines along with imprisonment for those who spit in public places should be made available. Specially, the installation of powerful CCTV Cameras in all public places may help identify the violators. Otherwise, the cities and public places in front of our eyes will remain unclean.

 **Heramba Nath**
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Why Nepalese Gorkha recruits deserve better than Agnipath scheme



Carrying forward a 72-year-old tradition, Indian Army Chief General Manoj Pande was conferred with the title of Honorary General of the Nepal Army by President Bidya Debi Bhandari in Kathmandu on Monday. Unfortunately, the 207-year-old tradition of Nepali soldiers serving in the Indian Army's Gorkha Regiments is facing an uncertain future due to the controversial Agnipath short-term recruitment scheme. Even before the British Indian Army recruited Gorkha in 1815, Maharaja Ranjit Singh also known as the 'Lion of Punjab' recruited them into his army after the battle of Kangra in 1809. Precisely why to this day, a Gorkha soldier or ex-serviceman in Nepal goes by the nickname of 'Lahure'-the one who returned from Lahore. On 24 August, five days before the traditional month-long recruitment process of Gorkhas from 26 August to 29 September, Nepal's Foreign Minister Narayan Khadka informed Indian ambassador to Nepal Naveen Srivastava that the recruitment of Gorkhas under the Agnipath scheme does not conform with provisions of the Tripartite Agreement, which was signed by Nepal, India and Britain on 9 November 1947. The Tripartite Agreement allows Nepalese soldiers to serve in the Indian Army while assuring them of financial security and benefits. "This is not a final decision of the government, we will get back to India after a broader understanding is formed after wider consultation with political parties and all

stakeholders," assured a source close to Khadka, but there is widespread apprehension in Nepal about 75 per cent of its soldiers returning without pension on demobilisation and the impact of these out-of-job young men on society and economy. It is evident that India did not inform or consult Nepal regarding the Agnipath scheme also applying to the recruitment of Gorkhas. India also seems to have not visualised the adverse impact of this decision on the 'special relationship' it shares with Nepal. Such actions uphold the traditional perception in Nepal that India takes the Himalayan country for granted. It was national interest to foster good relations and not the fighting prowess of the Gorkhas or the manpower needs of the Indian Army, that allowed the recruitment tradition under the Tripartite Agreement to continue. It would be prudent to keep the same in mind while finding a mutually acceptable solution. India's relations with Nepal have come a long way since 1947. Economic dependence, common religion and freedom of employment in India made Nepal a committed ally. Personnel of the Indian Army Liaison Group, in conjunction with Nepal Army, used to man the latter's northern borders till 1969. There was a popular Nepalese saying, "Shree paanch le chinknu mang chha bane, bhariya dhoot lai sodnu pard cha." Roughly translated, it means that if his majesty wants to sneeze, he has to seek permission from the Indian ambassador. Internal political upheavals, Maoist insurgency, the end of monarchy and the influence of China have brought Nepalese sovereignty to the fore. India too has followed realpolitik to keep Nepal in its sphere of influence. The

economic blockades of 1989 and 2015 are classic examples. Today, the relationship is at crossroads and Nepal is not averse to exploiting the India-China power play in its national interest. What has not changed is the pervasive influence that the 35,000 Nepal domicile Gorkha soldiers in the Indian Army and the 1.35 lakh ex-servicemen have in Nepalese society. Every village in Nepal has ex-servicemen who have spent their youth in the Indian Army and are receiving a pension from it. Their personalities were shaped by the ethos of the Indian Army. As soldiers, they took an oath on the Indian Constitution and while in service, were driven by a sense of duty and regimental loyalty. They are highly respected and their counsel is sought to cut across political affiliations in the countryside. Their financial contribution to the economy enhances their clout. The salaries of serving soldiers and pensions of ex-servicemen amount to \$620 million, which is 3 per cent of the Nepalese GDP and more than the country's defence budget of \$430 million. The absence of this resource will adversely affect Nepal's economy. Gorkha soldiers and ex-servicemen are India's ambassadors to Nepal and have made an immense contribution toward maintaining good relations. China is waiting in the wings and India cannot afford to forsake this diplomatic leverage. Agnipath recruitment scheme is still a reform in progress, as was

evident from a host of measures hastily announced post facto as incentives for Agniveers after demobilisation from service. Inadequate incentives and the non-assurance of a second career are the main flaws of this scheme. I am a supporter of a viable short-term engagement scheme of five years, plus a voluntary extension of another five years without pension but with gratuity, a handsome severance package, a contributory pension scheme and attractive incentives for education, entrepreneurship and jobs in the public/private sector. I predict that in the course of the next few years, the Agnipath scheme will be refined to incorporate all or most of these expectations. From a military reform, it will eventually become a politically inspired mega employment generation scheme. But what is considered politically beneficial for India may not be perceived as such by Nepal. India has two options with respect to Gorkha soldiers. The first is to make an exception and let the existing system of recruitment and terms/conditions continue for Gorkha soldiers. The original decision in 1947 under the Tripartite Agreement itself was an exception and there would be no loss of face for the Indian government to continue with the same. This will generate a lot of goodwill in Nepal and India will continue to enjoy the benefit of an indirect influence in Nepalese society. The second option is to make no distinction, but offer similar incentives for a second career in India to all Nepalese origin

Agniveers as are available to their Indian counterparts after demobilisation. As I said, Agnipath is a reform in progress. The current incentives do not inspire confidence and will not be acceptable to the government of Nepal. A piqued Nepalese government may terminate the Tripartite Agreement, which mentions that "subject to satisfactory performance and conduct, all soldiers should be allowed to serve for sufficient time in order to qualify for a pension." The opposition is already clamouring for the same. Nepal may allow Gorkhas to be recruited by other countries in their police/armed forces. Precedence exists of their employment in Singapore and Brunei police even without formal treaties. It would be a shame if the People's Liberation Army (PLA) recruits Gorkhas to spite India. The numbers are small. Saving on 1,400 annual pensions at the cost of good relations does not befit the conduct of a potential superpower like India. The Gorkhas consider themselves to be part of the Indian civilisation. In rural Nepal, India is referred to as 'Desh' or country. "Ma desh bata aye ko (I have come from desh, that is India)," would be the common response of Nepalese soldiers returning from duty. Ironically, if he returned from Kathmandu, he would invariably say, "Ma Nepal bata aye ko (I have come from Nepal)." I have had the privilege of serving for six years in the 5/5 Gorkha Rifles. I have no hesitation in saying that Gorkha soldiers and ex-servicemen are loyal citizens of Nepal, but are also united by an umbilical bond with the Indian Army. It is a bond we must not forego.

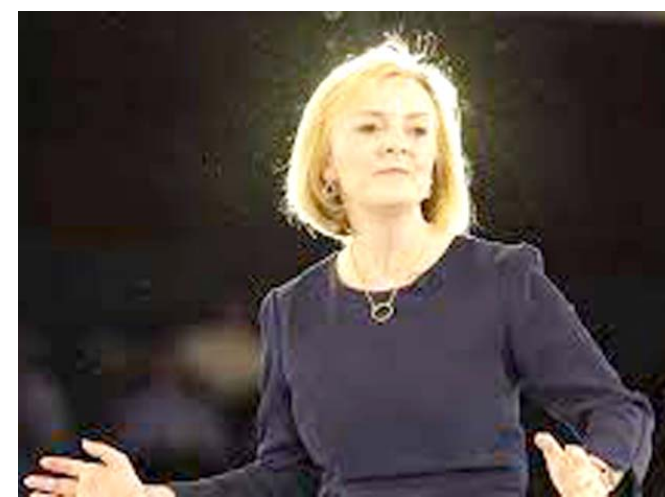
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 **Lt Gen H S Panag (retd)**

Liz Truss: this energy crisis may spark a climate revolution we can all get behind

It's not looking great for the climate, our change of prime minister: Liz Truss, who has about as much expertise in British geomorphology as she does in cheese, seems to think we can crack our way out of the energy crisis by Christmas, and that nuclear power is a similarly quick answer. Her newly appointed chief economic adviser, Matthew Sinclair, wrote a book entitled Let Them Eat Carbon in 2011, in which he argued that "the temperatures we face today may not be the ideal conditions for humanity to live and flourish". Let warming go wild, in other words. It might be fun. Sure, it was over a decade ago and don't let's cancel him for ever over a tiny little book - all he did was mindlessly risk the end of the species. However, beneath these morbid symptoms the global energy crisis has sparked conversations that are real, perhaps for the first time - certainly, it's the first time that so many nations have been having them simultaneously. It seems likely that the prime minister's first move will be to tear up everything she campaigned on and roll over to the opposition's suggestion that energy bills be frozen at April 2022's levels. Partly because of her inelegant flip-flopping, partly due to harsh economic realities, it is obvious that this sticking plaster, while necessary, is

insufficient. The competing alternative narratives are red (sequester North Sea gas and let wholesalers take their rampant profiteering elsewhere) and green (ramp up renewables until fossil fuel supply is no longer relevant - 45% of UK electricity is already from renewables). Crucially, these narratives don't compete with each other. You don't need to gate off the conversation about the pros and cons of retaking gas at source before you can start talking about expanding renewables. It would be reasonable to split the energy market into clean power and fossil power, so that the price of gas was not setting the price of solar and wind, and the incentive to lean heavily on the latter and reduce consumption of the former became universal. Ideas that seemed unthinkable radical a year ago now look much less extreme than the reality we're facing this winter. We've now spent 12 years living this cognitive dissonance, where we have longstanding net-zero ambitions enshrined in law, a climate crisis unfolding with alarming speed, and successive Conservative prime ministers making asinine remarks about "green crap", then throwing the environmental agenda to the wind whenever they needed to assuage their sociopathically short-termist party members. Any progress we've made has been despite our own government, and so much of our collective mental energy has been



lost to denial: denying that we're not moving fast enough, denying that the heatwave was of our own making,

 **Zoe Williams**

denying that we've probably already left it too late to save the things we love - whether that's beaches or biodiversity. We needed Vladimir Putin's energy war to get serious about how stark our situation is. This is not to predict any sudden conversion to sense from Truss, but rather to point out that the brass-necked irrationality of Tory arguments - that somehow net zero targets were pushing everyone's bills up, and woke warriors had started it all by cancelling Nigel Lawson - will no longer fly. Having given the opposition a lead in the polls, the Conservatives have also

given it an electorate sick of rhetoric and inaction, ready for bold ideas. Even with an energy bill freeze, the cost of living crisis has already moved the dial. The idea that hardship is mainly down to personal inadequacy has become fanciful. The notion that people can scrimp their way to solvency, which is given in justification for so many harmful policy decisions, has been comprehensively overturned. There are the green shoots of a new solidarity across all nine bottom deciles. For goodness sake, this woeful party has radicalised centrist dad Martin Lewis, and they don't even seem to understand how serious that is, what it means for their prospects. Putin, meanwhile, has overplayed his hand: his threat of disruption to energy supply has historically been

enough to keep his neighbours docile, and maintain the scratchy equilibrium between democratic states and his increasingly authoritarian one. Actually disrupting the energy supply, conversely, will force us and the EU towards renewable alternatives, and once that gains momentum, the link between geopolitics and carbon resources will ultimately be severed. Good luck with strongman politics when there's nothing underpinning them but bot farms tweeting mean things. No one would ever wish to have been brought to a place where there are no alternatives. It would be better if Russia had not invaded Ukraine, if inflation were under control, if energy bills weren't spiralling into impossibility. It would be better if the UK's situation weren't so particularly, idiosyncratically, bad. This is what a country looks like after 12 years of people who don't believe in government, being in government. It turns out if you focus all your energy and resource on cronyism and getting re-elected, you can make life much harder for millions of people in a relatively short space of time. But, for the want of alternatives, we will emerge from the next election with not only a new government but a radical and uncompromising plan for energy that will transform the way we live. We'll look back on this as the inflection point that got us to net zero.

Climate change and global warming



Climate change is one of the most significant changes the world is facing right now and it's effect is bringing about a lot of changes in our surroundings. Global warming is the unusually rapid increase in Earth's average surface temperature over the past century, primarily due to the greenhouse gases released by people burning fossil fuels. The greenhouse gases consist of methane, nitrous oxide, ozone, carbon dioxide, water vapor, and chlorofluorocarbons. The weather prediction has been becoming more complex with every passing year, seasons more indistinguishable, and the general temperatures hotter. The number of hurricanes, cyclones, droughts, floods, etc., has risen steadily since the onset of the 21st century. The

supervillain behind all these changes is Global Warming. The name is quite self-explanatory; it means the rise in the temperature of the Earth.

No one can be blamed for global warming except for humans. Human activities such as gases released from power plants, transportation, and deforestation have increased gases such as carbon dioxide, CFCs, and other pollutants in the earth's atmosphere. The main question is how can we control the current situation and build a better world for future generations. It starts with little steps by every individual. Start using cloth bags made from sustainable materials for all shopping purposes, instead of using the high-watt lights use the energy-efficient bulbs, switch off the electricity, don't waste water, abolish deforestation and encourage planting more trees. Shift the use of energy from petroleum or other fossil fuels to wind and solar energy. Instead of throwing out the old clothes donate them to someone so that it is recycled. Donate old books, don't waste paper.

Above all, spread awareness about global warming. Every little thing a person does towards saving the earth will contribute in big or small amounts. We must learn that 1% effort is better than no effort. Pledge to take care of mother nature and speak up about global warming.

Global warming isn't a prediction, it is happening! A person denying it or unaware of it is in the most simple terms complicit. Do we have another planet to live on? Unfortunately, we have been bestowed with this one planet only that can sustain life yet over the years we have turned a blind eye to the plight it is in. Global warming is not an abstract concept but a global phenomenon occurring ever so slowly even at this moment. It's high time we look into this matter with utmost concern and do our bit for the best of mother nature.

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Assamese film 'Boomba Ride' to be released on 16 Sept.

One of the much anticipated and acclaimed movies of the year, Assamese Director Biswajeet Bora's 'Boomba Ride' will be released on 16 September. Earlier, the film was screened in a number of prestigious national and international film festivals and widely appreciated by viewers and critics.

Moreover, 'Boomba Ride' had been officially selected for screening at 'Marchu Du Film, Cannes Film Festival' in the month of May this year. This Missing dialect film is a caustic humorous satire of corruption of rural education system of the country. The story of the film is based on the journey of a rural boy named Boomba, who is the only student of a government primary

school. To run the establishment smoothly, Boomba's presence is very much important in the school. Teachers pay much attention to him because they are able to draw their monthly salaries regularly only for Boomba. For earning extra amount of money, teachers of

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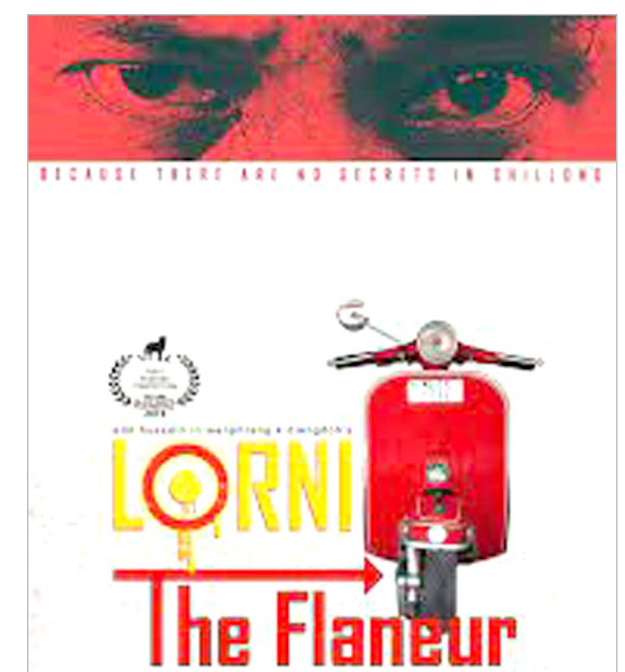
that school are also involved in the scam of the mid-day meal scheme. As a cunning boy, Boomba knows his importance in the school and he takes the opportunity to blackmail the teachers and fully enjoys his student life. Biswajeet Bora told in an interview that he wanted to give a message through the film to the society as to how education could play a major role in transform-

ing the lives of people in rural areas. Though the government had been providing all necessary helps and initiatives but the common people were not ready to take that seriously and the teachers were also not much conscious about their duties and responsibilities. 'Boomba Ride' is produced

by Luit Kumar Barman, Koushik Hazarika, Biswajeet Bora and Binod Lal Das under the banner of 'M.L. Entertainment' and 'Quartermoon Production'. Executive Producer: Ashim Saikia, Cinematographers: Jiten Boro & Atul Swargiyari, Costumes: Lopamudra Gogoi Bora and Sound: Jyoti Chetia. Story, Screenplay, Dialogues & Direction: Biswajeet Bora. The music is arranged by Nayan Mani Barman. Indrajit Pegu plays the lead role as Boomba and other characters are played by Hiranya Kumar Pegu, Sadagar Daw,

Shillong, September 08 : Shem (Adil Hussain) is a private investigator in the town of Shillong. He is dealing with a horrific incident from his past that constantly plays on his subconscious mind but has not taken away anything from his inquisitive nature and keen eye for details. Sadly, all these attributes haven't made him successful in the career that he has chosen for himself after apparently failing in other career choices. Things take an interesting turn for Shem when he meets Esther (Dawiat Syiem) who hires him for her mother to track down a thief who stole valuables from their home. As Shem tries to follow multiple leads to track down the thief, more robberies happen that point to something strange taking place in a town that was born out of mythical legends and is still engulfed in the pristine beauty and dangers that come with being a town from fairy tales. Lorni - The Flaneur is a kind of film that demands your attention in every frame. I wouldn't have appreciated it as much as I did, had it not enveloped my senses with its storytelling, visual and constantly engaging per-

formances. If you look at it superficially, there isn't a lot happening here but hidden among the ordinary is a series of events, sequences, dialogues, and nuances that deal with a plethora of issues that are relevant to modern Khasi life and the various external influences on it. Some of these issues have to do with the dynamics of the modern Khasi society while certain aspects of it point us to the inception of the Khasi society, its beliefs, and how its mystical past still holds sway over the people even though they have come a long way from the way of life, values, rituals, and beliefs of their ancestors. I liked the film for the simple reason that it was able to tie in all its messages and subtle nuances pointing to the different aspects of the Khasi society and its relevance in modern times through an interesting and investing story. The story successfully incorporates all the three key ingredients that make a successful mystery-drama film. Who did it? How he did it? Why he did it? Using the robberies as the plot point, the tale moves forward. At each juncture, we are introduced to a different aspect of Khasi life unfolding in the city of Shillong as our protagonist, Shem investigates the robberies and spends his time looking, listening, and experiencing. I love the fact that the film doesn't withhold infor-



complemented with rice cakes served by girls wearing traditional attire. Thus, every scene and action in Lorni-The Flaneur appealed to me at a different level. I was able to connect with the character of Shem and his predicament at a level that will not be easy for others to connect on. The city of Shillong, which is as much a character as any other in the film also appealed to me in every frame. The cinematographer has done an outstanding job of capturing the city in its organic flow and vitality. It wouldn't have been the best approach to capture Shillong using glamorous angles and flattering views. Instead, the cinematographer is able to capture the city at junc-

tures when the city puts its guard down and bares its true self. Seen through the eyes of Shem, someone who has lived and seen the city for its true self, the knowledge, and understanding of Shem of Shillong is successfully transposed to visual representations of those aspects of the city, people, emotions, and voyeuristic looks on the people and their inner workings. This is one of the great strengths of the film. Adil Hussain is one of the best actors in this region and he proves yet again why he is so beloved. As Shem, he not only brings to the fore the vulnerabilities of the character but is also able to wonderfully portray the duality of the character and also its inherent desire to break free from the feeling of guilt that has taken control of his subconscious mind. How does he go about doing that? By engaging himself in his work. By giving up something that was at the root of his tragedy. By trying to find solace in the company of someone that he has just met. In each of these actions, we see his reservations. We see him deal with himself as he was the teacher and the student at the same time. These subtle nuances are so beautifully realised by Hussain that they make the character of Shem even more endearing and interesting. By achieving that, he also ensures that we are interested in Shem's story and are hooked to see how it ends.

Aamir Khan is currently holidaying in San Francisco



Mumbai, September 08 : Aamir Khan, whose latest release 'Laal Singh Chaddha' tanked at the box-office, is currently holidaying in San Francisco. Earlier media reports claimed that

the superstar is on a two-month break and is holidaying in the US. He will start his next film after he is back in Mumbai following his break. A picture of Aamir doing the rounds

on social media shows that the actor is currently not in the country. The photograph has been shared by a fan named Natasha on Twitter, where the two are seen posing for a selfie. She captioned the image: "Yesterday in unexpected unbelievable i'm still unwell twists (sic)." In the image,

Aamir is seen flaunting a salt and pepper look. He looks dapper dressed in a navy blue full sleeved T-shirt. He has a sweater tied around his waist and is seen carrying a beige-coloured cross bag. He kept it casual and completed his look with spectacles. 'Laal Singh Chaddha', which also stars Kareena Kapoor Khan, is a remake of the Hollywood film 'Forest Gump' starring Tom Hanks.

Need to care of our mental health

Suffering from mental health disorder has become a common issue nowadays. Many people in the world are now suffering from this disorder, especially teenagers. It is created by the combination of thoughts, emotion and behaviors of human beings. Mental health includes emotional, psychological, and social well being it effect how we act, think feel, make choices, and relate to others.

According to World Health Organization In 2019, 1 in every 8 people, or 970 million people around the world were living with a mental disorder, with anxiety and depressive disorders. In 2020, because of the COVID-19 pandemic the number of people living with anxiety and depressive disorders grows significantly. Initial estimates show a 26% and 28% increase respectively for anxiety and major depressive disorders in just one year. Naturally, we are not as conscious about physical health, but some time it is more dangerous and become worse but we don't pay attention to it. Most people with mental disorders do not have access to effective care and most of them do not take any kind of service or advice. The negative effects of mental health can disrupt our daily activities and even leads to Suicide. Every day more than 6,000 thoughts come to a person's mind. It depends up to person which thought he/she will receive, those May be positive or negative for him or her. Negative thoughts can damage our mind. Generally, if you have good mental health, you will be able to face various challenges, carry out your daily activities smoothly, make quick and accurate decisions on various issues and play a greater role in the development of the society and the country.

Things to do to improve mental health are, self confidence, eating nutritious and healthy food, stay hydrated, staying active, do what makes you relax and refresh, getting enough sleep, regular exercise, medications, spending time with loved ones, being grateful, stay connected with your friends and family members who can provide emotional support and can take care of your mental health.

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Producer Chandrasekaran marries popular actress Mahalakshmi

Mumbai, September 08 : Producer Ravindar Chandrasekaran is a popular name in the south industry who has produced films like Natpuna Ennanu Theriyuma and Murungaikai Chips among a few others under his Libra Productions banner. Ravindar on Thursday took to Instagram and shared a series of pictures as he tied the knot with actress Mahalakshmi. Reportedly, the couple married in an intimate wedding ceremony which took place at 11 am in the pres-

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ried in an intimate wedding ceremony which took place at 11 am in the presence of close family members and friends. Sharing the pictures, Ravindar penned a heartfelt note. Indeed the pictures screamed happiness as the duo looked like a match made in heaven. Both of them were dressed in traditional attires. Mahalakshmi looked breathtakingly beautiful in a red saree. She completed the look with heavy jewels. Several celebrities took to the comments section and congratulated the newlywed couple. Neelima Esai wrote, "Congratulations. god bless." Divya Shridhar commented, "Congratulations dear." Another user said, "Congrats dear." For the unversed, Mahalakshmi was previously married to Anil but divorced him due to various issues in 2019. She also has a son from her previous wedding.



Culture, The way of life

Every individual has their own definition of describing themselves. But the one common factor that describes a person is their culture, a culture from which they belong. There are different beliefs and different point of views of culture which varies in different forms. Culture can be rigidly can be defined as a way of life of a person along with its arts, beliefs, habits that have been passed down from generation to generation. The main responsibility comes down with it as to believe in culture is a must but to pass down the culture is what has been keeping it alive. An individuals belonging feeling to a certain culture is the identification of one. The presence of culture is very important as it shapes in the way we work, play in a society and communicate with a different individual.

The values of a culture helps us to associate with what is wrong and what is right! This is how a society is influenced by it. We people acquire culture through the process of interaction and socialisation, which is shown by the diversities in different cultures across societies. A single person

can belong from a culture but cannot form a culture alone which is why because the amount of information in a culture is too large for any one or single individual to master. A new generation have evolved where people want to learn more about various cultures across the globe, which can be achieved by various techniques such as storytelling, art, song, dance which also helps to bridge the gap by sharing aspects of social influences. Learning culture is not genetically transmitted but is encoded in vocabulary and semantics of language. Some other factors such as skin colour, ancestry, religion, class, profession, skill etc affects culture and thus leads to hiding our culture and adopting a different culture. To be honest if there is no culture left people would turn out to be animals with no principles and discipline. The main causes of loss of cultural identity is immigration and industrialisation and globalisation as when people migrate to a new country they often have to assimilate to the culture to survive. The unique cultural influences a person goes through from

birth, including customs and beliefs for food, artistic expression, language and religion affects the way they develop emotionally, socially and physically. The means of rich culture is measured through its historic, aesthetic, scientific, social values for past, present and future. Culture brings out the best in us but at the same time under a different situation it brings us to our worst for example when a person attempts to merge in too many different cultures into one, the individual ends up with no culture at all, usually because of the change in the environment.

Bringing out facts of cultural diversity there are officially 122 languages but 22 languages in the eight schedule of the constitution. This country has a unique charm, unique history and a unique culture which makes it stand apart from the rest. Culture emerges itself in many forms in us. "Behaviour is controlled by the consequence or response it receives". It is what culture teaches us since the day we are born, it is impossible to be without culture.



Carlos Alcaraz prevails over Jannik Sinner in latest ever US Open finish

Washington, September 09 : Carlos Alcaraz won a spellbinding battle of the young guns against Jannik Sinner to reach his first grand slam semi-final in the US Open's latest ever finish. Spanish teenager Alcaraz finally clinched a 3-6, 7-6 (7), 7-6 (0), 5-7, 6-3 victory at 2.50am after five hours and 15 minutes of full-throttle tennis, setting up a clash with Frances Tiafoe on Friday. Remarkably, three matches had previously finished at 2.26am, while this was the second time Alcaraz had played beyond 2am in succession, after his fourth-round win over Marin Cilic finished at 2.23am. The 19-year-old saved a match point in the fourth set and came from a break down in the decider against his 21-year-old opponent to show once again what a special talent he is. He could yet leave New York as the world No 1 but, in a tournament that appears to have finally signalled a real changing of the guard, this match was more than anything a demonstration that men's tennis need not be scared of a future without its ageing superstars. The fans that remained until the end cheered loudly for Alcaraz, and he said: "Honestly I still don't know how I did it. The level of the match, high quality of tennis. It's unbelievable the match today. Jannik Sinner is a great player. I will never be tired to say that all the wins I have in this amazing court is thanks to the support I receive. I just believed in myself, believed in my game. I knew to close a match is really difficult, I have to stay in the match, try to stay calm." Sinner's spell as the brightest young talent in tennis was swiftly cut short by the emergence of Alcaraz, who swept past his rival and into the top 10. But the Italian had come out on top in their two recent meetings, in the fourth round at Wimbledon and then at the ATP tournament in Umag, Croatia. Sinner made a nervous start, double-faulting three times in his opening service game, and, although he quickly broke back, Alcaraz was hitting his shots with the greater conviction and deservedly took the first set. The second was arguably the best of the tournament so far. This time it was Sinner who moved into an early lead, his flat hitting giving him the initiative, and he maintained his advantage until he came to serve for it at 5-4, when Alcaraz broke back. The Spaniard looked poised to take the set when he moved to 0-40 in Sinner's next service game only for the Italian to produce some clutch serving when he needed it most. With Sinner at game point to force a tie-break and after another excellent serve, Alcaraz pulled off the shot of the tournament, wrapping his racket around his back to send the ball flying low over the net and then passing his opponent with a winner. The fans in Arthur Ashe could not believe what they had witnessed but Alcaraz then dumped a forehand into the net on set point as Sinner held on.

Humiliation for Liverpool as vibrant Napoli rip them to shreds

Liverpool, September 09 : A rupture occurred in the shadow of Mount Vesuvius. It was Liverpool, ripped apart and destroyed by Napoli on a humiliating night when Jürgen Klopp's team resembled Champions League novices not seasoned finalists from three of the past five years. The worst European performance of Klopp's near seven-year reign - it is hard to think of another that comes close to the unwanted accolade - produced one of Liverpool's heaviest European defeats. And a rare, necessary apology from Klopp to the travelling fans afterwards. Liverpool were torn open from the outset and unrecognisable in every facet of a Klopp team, leaving the manager to admit: "We need to reinvent ourselves." The rupture will extend from the performance to the fall-out. Klopp stated beforehand that he wanted Liverpool to extinguish the emotion and aggression that Napoli feed off inside their stadium through football principles and

compact defending. His players never read the memo. They poured oil on the incendiary atmosphere inside Stadio Diego Armando Maradona instead with a passive, chaotic performance in which their defence was shredded time and again. By the time Andre-Frank Zambo Anguissa scored Napoli's second in the 31st minute it could easily have been 5-0 to Luciano Spalletti's vibrant side. They had missed a penalty, hit a post and had a shot cleared off the line. The hosts sliced through at will in the first half especially. Liverpool, abysmal from back to front, offered little resistance and were flattered by a 4-1 defeat. The Liverpool manager's instructions were abandoned after 42 seconds. Amir Rrahmani and Stanislav Lobotka brought the ball out of defence with casual ease before Giovanni Di Lorenzo sent Victor Osimhen racing into a 50-50 with Alisson. The pacy striker got there first but swept a shot from a tight angle against the



base of a post. Napoli had revealed their hand to play quick, incisive passes behind the Liverpool defence. The visitors paid no attention. Osimhen had almost been played through again before the home side took a deserved fifth minute lead from the penalty spot. Khvicha Kvaratskhelia, or Kvaradona as the Georgian has been christened following his explosive start to life in Naples, teed up Piotr Zielinski for a shot that deflected just wide of Alisson's goal. It was deflected via the outstretched hand of James Milner, Liverpool's captain for the night, and Zielinski sent Alisson the wrong way from the resulting, clear penalty. Milner soon went into the book for a heavy lunge on Zambo Anguissa. Napoli were awarded a second penalty when VAR advised Spanish referee Carlos Del Cerro Grande to revisit a challenge by Virgil van Dijk on Osimhen. Play had continued after the striker's attempt to turn inside the Liverpool defender but, on his pitch-side monitor, the

referee spotted contact between Van Dijk and Osimhen's right foot. Osimhen, not Zielinski, took the second spot kick and in the same direction as the first. Alisson sprang to his right to make a fine save and Di Lorenzo skied a gilt-edged chance from the rebound. While Del Cerro Grande consulted his monitor Klopp railed at Fabinho and his defenders for their shambolic opening. Yet it got worse after the penalty miss. Kvaratskhelia embarrassed

Chelsea hold positive talks with Graham Potter after sacking Thomas Tuchel

London, September 09 : Chelsea have held positive talks with Brighton's Graham Potter over their vacant manager's job after sacking Thomas Tuchel in the wake of Tuesday's 1-0 defeat at Dinamo Zagreb in the Champions League. Potter is Chelsea's first choice, with Mauricio Pochettino their preferred backup option should talks break down and Zinedine Zidane another on the shortlist. Potter has a release clause that is believed to decrease each year and is currently about £16m.

transfer window. The pair had all but stopped communicating. Chelsea have spent a record £266m in one window to bring in Wesley Fofana, Marc Cucurella, Raheem Sterling, Kalidou Koulibaly, Carney Chukwuemeka and Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang among others. That increased the pressure on Tuchel but not all were his signings and there were other instances of the ownership attempting to foist players on him. One example was the case of Anthony Gordon, whom

Tuchel did not want. Boehly's data analysts had pushed for the Everton midfielder after being impressed by some of his performance metrics. Tuchel came to feel he had too many players to accommodate and not enough he could count on. Chelsea paid £55m for Cucurella despite having the England left-back Ben Chilwell in their ranks. It is unclear quite how badly Tuchel wanted or needed Cucurella, who Manchester City had chased before deeming him too expensive.

England's ageless pace pair key to ending memorable summer in style

London, September 09 : And so to the Oval for a decider that will cap off an already memorable summer of Test cricket. England, reborn under Ben Stokes, could register their best home season for 18 years with a sixth win, while South Africa hope to reclaim the Basil D'Oliveira Trophy with what would be their third series win on these shores since readmission. So far we have witnessed the two sides register a thumping innings

draw still feels like an outside bet. At the Oval there is a rich sense of history and in recent times plenty between the two teams, be it Devon Malcolm's nine-wicket display of shock and awe in 1994, Hashim Amla's masterful triple century in 2012 - the first by a South African - or the joyful scenes that followed confirmation of Moeen Ali's hat-trick five years ago. The ground has also seen a few titans head off into the sunset over the years, with Don Bradman, Viv Richards,

Curtly Ambrose, Andrew Flintoff and Alastair Cook among them. Cook did it best, of course, practically ensuring his retirement would be irreversible with a farewell century against India in 2018 that had the crowd swooning. But there is currently no sense of an impending swansong this week despite Jimmy Anderson recently entering his fifth decade and Stuart Broad's broadcasting talents being much coveted by Sky. Certainly Stokes does not

anticipate a quiet word from either, not least with an Ashes series next summer that is done by the end of July. "I honestly just can't see a point where they decide it's time to step away," said the captain. "Jimmy has said how much fun he's had and Broady's influence in the dressing room is the best I've seen while playing with him over the years. The conversations he has had with the other bowlers is something he's taken to another level." It's great to see Jimmy at 40 and Broady at 36 having a new lease of life and honestly I can't tell you when the end will be. We've got the Ashes coming out next summer and I'm pretty sure they've got their eyes set on that but I'm not 100% sure." Things could change - Broad, a dad-to-be, may well miss December's tour of Pakistan - but their current desire says plenty about the environment Stokes and Brendon McCullum have fostered as captain and coach.

finally, on the biggest court of those same grounds, Tiafoe made his move to the top of the sport in his own time. He embraced this enormous opportunity with a faultless display of attacking tennis, serving tremendously and constantly moving forward. In the process, Tiafoe completely outplayed Rublev, the ninth seed, in all of the decisive moments to reach the US Open semi-final in front of a rowdy home crowd, winning 7-6 (3), 7-6 (0), 6-4 without losing serve. Tiafoe is the first American men's semi-finalist at the US Open since Andy Roddick in 2006. "Man, this is wild, this is crazy," said Tiafoe during his on-court interview. "Had the biggest win of my life [two days] ago and came out and got another big win. Andre's a hell of a player, but to back it up is huge. That's huge growth. It's tough to turn the page, but I did and now I'm in the semis." Tiafoe, the 22nd seed in New York, had arrived in the fourth round of US Open to widespread praise for the feat of reaching the second week three years in a row. But he did not know how to feel about the plaudits; he wanted much more than just another fourth-round finish. Despite the tough task before him, the 22-time grand slam champion Rafael Nadal, he pulled off the best win of his career on Monday. Afterwards, he made it clear that he was not finished. Both players arrived on Arthur Ashe Stadium playing extremely sharp tennis, serving well and calmly navigating their service games.

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Top seed Iga Swiatek sees off Jessica Pegula to reach first US Open semi-final

Washington, September 08 : Iga Swiatek's game is most effective, her mind most at ease, on red clay courts, where her two grand slam titles so far arrived. She sure seems to be getting the hang of this hard-court thing at the US Open, though. The No 1-ranked Swiatek moved into her first semi-final at Flushing Meadows by pulling out a 6-3, 7-6 (4) victory over American Jessica Pegula on Wednesday night in a match filled with a combined 13 breaks of serve, 10 in the second set alone. "I wasn't expecting that at the beginning of the tournament," said Swiatek, never before beyond the fourth round in New York. "Trying to keep my expectations low." Swiatek, a 21-year-old from Poland who won the French Open in 2020 and this June, twice failed to serve out the victory, at 5-4 and 6-5. But she was better in the tiebreaker, and when No 8-seeded Pegula missed a backhand to close the contest, Swiatek ran toward her guest box, flung her white racket away and yelled. This marked Swiatek's eighth win in a row against an opponent ranked in the top 10, all in straight sets. "I'm



super proud of myself. Goal, basically, is to be consistent," she said. "I remember when I was an underdog and every match like that was surreal. Now it feels pretty routine." Pegula, a 28-year-old whose parents own the NFL's Buffalo Bills and NHL's Buffalo Sab-

res, dropped to 0-4 in Grand Slam quarterfinals, including a trio of losses at that stage this season. All three of those came against a player atop the rankings at the time: Ash Barty at the Australian Open in January and then Swiatek at Roland Garros and now. Swiatek will face No 6 seed Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus in Thursday's semifinals. The other

women's semifinal is No 5 Ons Jabeur against No 17 Caroline Garcia, who eliminated 18-year-old American Coco Gauff on Tuesday. Of the four players remaining in the bracket, only Swiatek already owns a major championship. And only Sabalenka, who defeated two-time Slam runner-up

Karolina Pliskova 6-1, 7-6 (4) earlier Wednesday, ever has been this far in New York previously; she lost in the semifinals last year. "I'm ready for it," Sabalenka said. "I'm ready for another fight." Sabalenka was bounced from the semifinals at Wimbledon last year by Pliskova. Sabalenka made sure from the start that this one would be different, racing to a 4-0 lead. This year, Sabalenka could not participate at the All England Club, because all players from Russia and Belarus were banned over the invasion of Ukraine. Sabalenka spent that fortnight in Miami, practicing and preparing for a return to the tour. "It was a tough time, especially when I was working out in the gym and there was Wimbledon playing on the TV," Sabalenka said. "I was always turned it off, because I couldn't watch it."

Nick Kyrgios fined again for racket-smashing finale at US Open

New York, September 08 : Nick Kyrgios has been fined \$14,000 for unsportsmanlike conduct following his US Open quarter-final loss to Karen Khachanov, when the fiery Australian demolished two rackets after the defeat. The fine was the largest levelled by the tournament so far this year and brings Kyrgios's total up to \$32,500 for his five offences in New York. Nick Kyrgios reacts during the US Open quarter-final against Karen Khachanov at Flushing Meadows. The money will be automatically deducted from the \$473,200 Kyrgios earned - \$445,000 for singles and \$28,200 for doubles - at the year's final grand slam. Kyrgios, who defeated world No 1 Daniil Medvedev in the round of 16 at Flushing Meadows, said he felt like his efforts in New York counted for nothing after losing to Khachanov. "All people remember at a grand slam is whether you



win or you lose," he said. "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."

Commonwealth Games and India

The term Commonwealth brings mixed emotions. For some, it is a shared history under the British Empire with shared culture, language, and others. However, for others, it signifies British occupation of these countries and domination over countries. The Commonwealth games is one major sports event, and it draws participation from many sporting powerhouse nations such as Australia, Canada, New Zealand etc. India has been performing well in the Commonwealth over the years. India also hosted the games in the year 2010 and the performance of the country was good in that year. In terms of the competition, Commonwealth games can be placed just below Olympics and Asian Games and a good medal tally signifies the increasing sporting acumen of the country. India ended its Commonwealth Games 2022 campaign in Birmingham with 61 medals, which included 22 Gold, 16 Silver and 23 Bronze Medals and was placed fourth in the tally. However, it is in the details of the medal tally that the importance of it comes. India had medals from 12 different sports, which shows the growing importance of various sports that have been undertaken in the country. What also stood out in the headline-grabbing medal wins was the fighting spirit. Athletes from India are known to develop frayed nerves at big events save for a few like Chopra. But this time, in the Birmingham Games, the players held their nerves and won crucial matches to win many medals. Prior to this game, the medal haul of India in Athletics has been very few. In recent times, however, Indian sportspersons have been performing well in various events. After a gap of around 20 years, India had a medal in the World Athletics Championship. Neeraj Chopra, India Olympic hero, won silver in the Javelin Throw event. Apart from Neeraj Chopra, many other athletes have emerged and have made a name for themselves and country. The support system for the sportsperson in the country has also improved a lot over the years. The investment in sports has also increased and the injury management system has been made better. These are signs of better days to come for Indian sports. From the days when participating in the Olympics was itself a talking point, now we are into getting medals in double digits. This is a great improvement and great days are ahead for Indian sports.

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Assam Win in 2nd Match Subroto Cup International Football International



Assam Risingm, Gogamukh 8 Sept: Assam won the 2nd match against Monipur United Kendriya Vidyalaya in the Subroto Cup Inter-

national Football Tournament U -14 in new Delhi on Thursday which is being repre-

sented by Mingmang Nalbari High School of Dhemaji. With the relentless efforts of Nijwm Basumatary found the back of the net a goal at last minutes of the game and qualified for the next round. Dr Ranoj Pegu, Hon'ble Minister Govt of Assam & Jotin Buragohain, Secretary of District Sports Association, Dhemaji has extended their gratitude and warm congratulations to the Assam U-14 team for their outstanding winning and reaching the next level.

Rigoberto Urán wins Vuelta a España stage 17 after Primož Roglic withdraws

London, September 08 : Rigoberto Urán held off Quentin Pacher and Jesús Herrada in a thrilling sprint finish to win stage 17 of the Vuelta a España on Wednesday as overall leader Remco Evenepoel maintained his advantage and edged closer to a maiden Grand Tour title. Herrada, of Cofidis, looked set to win with under a kilometre to go before EF Education-EasyPost's Urán chased him down with 200m remaining to claim his first Grand Tour stage victory since 2017. The Colombian has now won a stage in each of cycling's three Grand

Tours: the Tour de France, Giro d'Italia and the Vuelta. "It's beautiful to win in the Vuelta. I've been looking for this for several years because I'd already won at the Tour and the Giro," said Urán after the 162.3km ride from Aracena to Monasterio de Tentudia. "I was against some quick riders, I had to preserve some energy to ride against people like (Marc) Soler. At 300m to go, I said 'I have to go now,

it's now or never.' This win shows that we always have to believe and fight." Back in the peloton, Evenepoel never looked like relinquishing his red jersey despite a late surge from Enric Mas as the Belgian cashed in on the absence of main rival Primož Roglic who had been in second place. Roglic, bidding for a fourth straight Vuelta crown, withdrew from the race following a heavy crash on Tuesday's stage 16. "Pretty tough, it was not easy at all.

Shoaib Akhtar, Ex Afghanistan Cricket Chief's Twitter Spat Over Unruly Fans



New Delhi, September 08 : Pakistan and Afghanistan played out a nail-biting thriller on Wednesday at Sharjah in the Super 4 stage of the ongoing Asia Cup. Naseem Shah hit back-to-back sixes of the first two balls of the final over as Pakistan sealed a one-wicket win to assure themselves a place in the final alongside Sri Lanka. However, after the match came to an end, the Sharjah Cricket Stadium was witness to unsavoury scenes as Afghanistan fans, clearly disappointed with the loss, were seen breaking chairs and assaulting Pakistan fans. In a video shared by former Pakistan pacer Shoaib Akhtar, Afghan fans can be seen breaking chairs and then throwing them towards the Pakistan supporters. "This is what Afghan fans are doing. This is what they've done in the past multiple times. This is a

game and it's supposed to be played and taken in the right spirit." @Shafiq Stanikzai your crowd & your players both need to learn a few things if you guys want to grow in the sport," Akhtar wrote in a Twitter post. Shafiq Stanikzai, who happens to be the former Afghanistan Cricket Board chief, gave a reply to Akhtar, saying nobody can control the emotions of fans and he should not be bringing an entire nation when talking about such a type of incident. "You can't control

the emotions of the crowd and such incidents happened in the world of cricket multiple, you should go ask Kabir Khan, Inzamam Bhai and @iRashidLatif68 how we treated them. Am giving you an advice next time baat ko nation pe Mat lena," wrote Stanikzai. Talking about the match between Afghanistan and Pakistan, the former batted first and posted 129/6 in 20 overs. Chasing 130, Pakistan were cruising at one stage with the score being 87/3 in the 16th over. However, Pakistan collapsed from there on, and they went to 118/9 in the penultimate over. In the final over, they needed 11 for a victory, and it was Naseem Shah who turned out to be the hero for Pakistan. After the win that sealed their berth in the Asia Cup final, Pakistan players also celebrated in an ecstatic fashion and there were some wild scenes that unfolded in Sharjah.

"Too Much Crap":

Rohit Sharma Says Team India Ignores Social Media

New Delhi, September 08 : Young pacer Arshdeep Singh showed great resolve on Tuesday as he gave it his all in trying to defend seven runs in the final over against Sri Lanka in the Asia Cup Super 4 match. He managed to take the game to the penultimate delivery, but it was Sri Lanka who ended up winning the match by six wickets. It is important to note that the left-arm seamer was subjected to severe criticism and trolling on social media after he ended up dropping a relatively easy catch in the game against Pakistan, which India ended up losing by five wickets. After the loss against Sri Lanka, skipper Rohit Sharma spoke about Arshdeep's mindset and how the young pacer is pretty confident and likes to deliver in pressure situations. He also said that the team does not pay much heed to social media trolls. "Honestly, guys here don't look too much into social media, these days it is too much



crap happening there," Rohit Sharma said in the press conference. "Few losses here and there, a few games here and there, and one dropped catch, I do not think we look too much into it. Yes, he was himself disappointed with the catch that could have been taken but again, we saw the confidence when he came and bowled that last over, he nailed that yorker very well and got Asif Ali out. So that shows, if he was down and out, if you are not mentally there, execution doesn't

happen," he added. "So, in his case, he came out and he was pretty confident to execute. In fact, he just ran to his place and took the ball because he wanted that over to be bowled by him and even today, I thought he bowled pretty well the last two overs. He is a very confident lad which is why he's here. He has been with the team ahead of a lot of guys who are sitting back home," he added. Further talking about Arshdeep, Rohit said: "The reason being,

it's pretty simple, he is very clear in his mind. He is a confident lad, I have not seen many guys like that in their early days, he is very confident, he wants to do well and he is quite hungry for success. It is a good sign, even Rahul Bhai will tell you, we are very happy with how he takes his game and approaches it." Talking about the game against Sri Lanka, Team India registered a total of 173/8 and Sri Lanka chased down the target with six wickets in hand and one ball to spare.



London, September 08 : The Rugby Football Union has issued referees with guidance on dealing with threats such as "I'm going to punch your lights out" and "I'm going to smash your car up" as part of a crackdown on the abuse of match officials for the new season. Amid a significant rise in incidents of abuse at all levels and fears of a shortage of referees in the lower leagues and grassroots game, the RFU has contacted all referee societies and disciplinary panels, emphasising the need for a

"zero tolerance" approach. The guidance highlights five different categories - disrespecting the official's authority, verbal abuse, using threatening words or actions, making physical contact and physical abuse - and provides examples of what would classify as each one. "Are you fucking joking, ref?"

would be considered disrespecting the official's authority, while "are you are retard?" or "you're a cheat" would fall under verbal abuse. For the more serious offence of using threatening words or actions, examples such as "I'm going to punch your lights out", "I'm going to smash your car up" and "I wouldn't come into the club house if I was you", are given. Moving a referee out of the way to make a tackle or at a breakdown would constitute physical contact, while physical abuse is described as a player charging at a referee, pushing the referee with force and any punch, strike or kick. The RFU has also told all disciplinary panels they are obliged to follow World Rugby sanctions in the event of a red card for match officials abuse. In accordance with

law 9.28, disrespecting the official's authority, verbal abuse and physical contact can all lead to bans of up to 12 months while threatening words or actions can be punished by a suspension of up to five years. The top-end sanction for physical abuse is a lifetime ban. When acts are committed by coaches, backroom members of staff, spectators or parents, the disciplinary charge of "conduct prejudicial to the interests of the game" can be brought. "We take the abuse of match officials very seriously and will act decisively whenever and however it occurs," said the RFU's head of discipline, David Barnes. The discipline panels at both the RFU and local level all follow the same process to ensure consistency of approach across the country.