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NEWS IN BRIEF

Mahapurush Madhabdev

Assam Rising
Guwahati, September 15 :

Assam celebrates the Tithi of Mahapurush Madhabdev, a disciple of the great Sankardev on Thursday, September 15. One of the most popular Vaishnav saints in Assam, Madhabdev is known as a saint-poet and author. He is famous for his compositions Namghosa and Bhakti Ratnavali, some of the most important spiritual works in Assam. His virtues of aiming for the supreme truth and avoiding entanglement in fleeting pleasures are upheld statewide as philosophical teachings of great importance. Mahapurush Madhabdev was a disciple of the great Srimanta Sankardev. Their meeting is termed a mystic event and a crucial juncture in the spiritual and religious history of Assam.

Junior doctor

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Guwahati, September 15 :

A junior doctor who was recently posted in the Kalain Community Health Centre as part of rural service after graduating from Silchar Medical College and Hospital was found unconscious at his rented apartment in Kalain. The doctor is reported to have attempted suicide. The doctor, a resident of College Road, Silchar, stayed in a rented room near the hospital. The doctor was reportedly drenched in blood and was located on the floor. The doctor's colleagues found his unconscious body when he didn't show up at the health centre for work.

Human foetus

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Guwahati, September 15 :

The recovery of a human foetus early Thursday morning has sent the locals Assam's Golaghat into frenzy. According to initial reports, the foetus was left inside a cardboard box on the roadside at around 3 am last night. Locals said that foetus was delivered in the wee hours last night after a woman came to local clinic complaining of stomach ache. After that, locals suspect the foetus was left there as it might have been due to an unwanted pregnancy. The incident took place at Rangajan Bazar in the Golaghat district of Assam. Meanwhile, local police has reached the spot and initiated an investigation into the incident. Locals have also pointed the finger at a young woman employed as a tea garden worker.

Centre, Assam govt signs peace accord with 8 tribal outfits in presence of Home Minister Amit Shah



New Delhi, September 15 :

The Centre and Assam government on Thursday signed a tripartite peace accord with eight Adivasi militant outfits of Assam in New Delhi. Home Minister Amit Shah, who was present on the occasion, called it an important day for Assam and the North East. "This is an important

day for Assam and the North East. Many initiatives have been taken by the Modi govt to develop the North East region. Around 1100 persons of Adivasi outfits of Assam are surrendering arms and joining the mainstream today," Shah said. Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma was also present during the signing

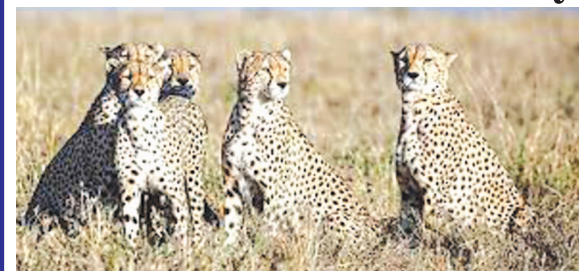


of the peace agreement. Notably, the agreement with eight Adivasi militant outfits was signed 10 years after the peace process started. The eight rebel groups are Birsas Commando Force (BCF), Adivasi People's Army (APA), All Adivasi National Liberation Army (AANLA), Adivasi Cobra Military of Assam (ACMA) and Santhali Tiger

Force (STF). The rest of the three outfits are splinter groups of BCF, AANLA and ACMA. BCF, APA, AANLA, ACMA and STF have been in a ceasefire with the government since 2012 and since then the cadres of the militant outfits are staying in designated camps. Home Minister Amit Shah, who was present on the occasion, called it an important day for Assam and the North East. "This is an important day for Assam and the North East. Many initiatives have been taken by the Modi govt

to develop the North East region. Around 1100 persons of Adivasi outfits of Assam are surrendering arms and joining the mainstream today," Shah said. Earlier, the Assam CM had held a meeting with rebel Adivasi groups regarding the final settlement which is currently under a ceasefire. Union Home Minister Shah in January 2020 also presided over the signing of a historic agreement between the Government of India, the Government of Assam and Bodo representatives in New Delhi to end the over 50-year-old Bodo crisis that has cost the region over 4,000 lives. After the agreement, a total of 1,615 cadres of three National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB) factions laid down their arms on January 30, 2020. Over 4,800 weapons, including AK 47 rifles, light-machine guns and stun guns, were laid down by the NDFB members on the occasion.

8 Namibian cheetahs coming to India on PM Narendra Modi's birthday



New Delhi, September 15 :

The Cheetah Reintroduction Project, which aims to restore the population of cheetahs in the country, will formally take off on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 72nd birthday - September 17, 2022. The last spotted feline died in 1948 in the Sal forests of Chhattisgarh's Koriya district. Starting in the 1970s, the efforts of the Indian government to re-establish the species in its his-

torical ranges in the country led to the signing of a pact with Namibia, which donated the first eight individuals to launch the Cheetah reintroduction programme on July 20 this year. Here are 10 important facts about cheetahs: 1) Eight cheetahs, five female and three male will be brought to Jaipur in Rajasthan on September 17. A specially customised B747 jumbo

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Assam to Convert All Govt Schools to Higher Secondary Level



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grade schools as per NEP (Representational Image) Education Minister Ranaj Pegu said that as per the New Education Policy, the state government has al-

ready upgraded 215 high schools to the higher secondary level. The Assam government plans to convert all its secondary schools to higher secondary levels, the Assembly was told on Wednesday. Replying to a question, Education Minister Ranaj Pegu said that as per the New Education Policy, the state government has already upgraded 215 high schools to the higher secondary level. The preparation to convert another 785

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NHRC directs Assam govt to pay compensation to boy assaulted inside police station

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Guwahati, September 15 :

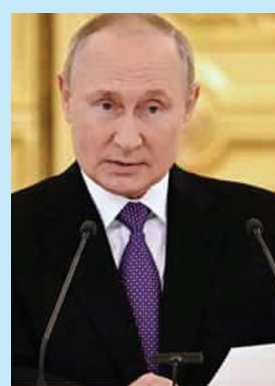
The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has di-

rected the Assam government to pay Rs 25,000 to a boy who was assaulted inside a police station in Morigaon district six

months ago, officials said on Thursday. NHRC Deputy Registrar (Law) Indrajit Kumar in a letter to Assam Chief Secretary Paban Kumar Borthakur on Wednesday asked the state government

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Vladimir Putin Survives Assassination Attempt



Moscow, September 15 :

Russian President Vladimir Putin has reportedly survived an assassination attempt, according to Euro Weekly news. The information was released on the General GVR Telegram channel which said that Putin was travelling in a decoy motorcade when the incident took

place. According to reports, Putin's car was hit by a "loud bang" on its left front wheel followed by heavy smoke. Putin was unharmed as his car was driven to safety by officials. However, the security services have made several arrests over the assassination attempt. It is also reported that some of Putin's bodyguards have "disappeared" amid claims that the Russian President's movements were compromised. According to the information in the Telegram channel, Putin was travelling to his residence on an unspecified date in a decoy motorcade amid growing security fears. Reportedly,

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Committee Formed to Study Justice Sharma's Report on APSC Scam



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Guwahati, September 15 :

The Governor of Assam, Prof Jagdish Mukhi has re-constituted a committee to examine the report of retired Justice Biplap Kumar Sharma regarding the Assam Public Service Commission (APSC) Recruitment Scam 2013. The notice was issued on September 13. The committee comprises Chief Secretary of Assam IAS Paban Kumar Borthakur as Chairman, Additional Chief Secretary of

FCS and CA, Hill Areas departments IAS BR Samal and Director General of Police IPS Bhaskar Jyoti Mahanta as members, Principal Secretary of Personnel department IAS Niraj Verma as member convenor and Learned Additional Advocate General Nalin Kohli to give assistance to the committee on legal matters. The notice read, "In suspension of earlier notification No. HMA-19011/46/2018-Political (A)/291, dated 20th May,

2022 the Governor of Assam is pleased to re-constitute a Committee with the following members to examine the report of the Justice (retd.) B K Sharma Commission of Inquiry with regards to malpractices in conduct of CCE, 2013, by Assam Public Ser-

vice Commission and suggest actions to be taken in this regard. The committee will examine whether the entire results of the 2013 civil services examination are to be set aside or

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Protest Held For Not Including 6 Tribes of Assam in Centre's ST List

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The Matak Youth Students' Council and Students' Union have staged protest on Thursday for not including communities from Assam in the Centre's revised lists of Scheduled Tribe (ST) in Dibrugarh district. According to sources, the protestors blocked National Highway No 37 in Chabua. They protested for depriving six tribes

from the state in the ST list. The effigies of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and many other union ministers were burnt by the protestors. Clashes broke out between the protestors and police. Regarding the matter, Chief of Rajior Dal MLA Akhil Gogoi held a press conference wherein he claimed the centre has

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India-Bhutan border gates to reopen on Sep 23 post pandemic

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India-Bhutan border gates along the Assam frontier will reopen after a two-and-a-half-years. A Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) has been chalked out to facilitate seamless movement of travel. The official appealed to the tourists to bring their voter ID cards and other relevant documents. India-Bhutan border gates at Samdrup Jongkhay and Gelephu along the Assam frontier will reopen for tourists on September 23 for the first

time since the COVID-19 outbreak. A Bhutanese delegation, led by Tashi Penjore, the Himalayan kingdom's Director (law and order) of the Ministry of Home and Cultural Affairs, held a meeting with Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) officials here on Wednesday and announced that the gates will be reopened after a two-and-a-half-year hiatus. As the COVID-19 scenario has improved, the Bhutan government has announced the reopening of its borders for trade, commerce, and official transit from September 23, provided the pandemic situ-



ation does not worsen, Penjore said. "Over the last two-and-a-half years, many officials on both

sides have changed and we were not able to meet and establish friendship and person-to-person contacts

which are essential for people residing along the

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Moscow's local allies were told 'Russia is here for ever'. Now they flee Ukraine



Belgorod, September 15 : Just weeks ago, Irina was working in the Russian occupation administration in Kupiansk, a large town in northern Ukraine that had been captured days after Vladimir Putin launched his war against the country. But then, as Russian troops fled the city and the Ukrainian army retook occupied territories in the country's north, she and her family fled what they expected would be swift punishment for collaborating with the Russian invasion force. Evidence emerging from the newly retaken territories indicates that Russian troops regularly used violence to put down any local dissent and maintain control. At the same time, some have said they welcomed and helped the Russians. Others listened to the insistence by Moscow-installed officials that they were there to stay for ever and

decided to cooperate or simply try to live quietly under Russian rule. For Moscow's local allies, the sudden retreat of the Russian forces, who ceded some villages and towns with little resistance, was a turnaround bordering on betrayal. "Everyone had told us we're here now, we're here, you have nothing to be afraid of," said Irina, recalling promises from officials sent by Moscow. She had taken a job in the accounting department of the new local administration installed by Russia, she said. "Five days ago they were telling us they would never leave. And three days later we were under shelling ... And we don't understand anything [about the offensive]. For months, Russia told people in Ukraine's occupied regions that it was there to stay. The rouble was introduced, retired people were told they would get Russian

pensions, and pro-Russian residents were hired into the ranks of government workers. "The fact is obvious that Russia is never leaving," said Andrei Turchak, a leader of Russia's governing United Russia party, during a visit to Kupiansk in July. "Russia will never leave here. And all the necessary aid will be provided." That vow, along with the threat of violence, was crucial to project Moscow's power into the towns and villages of Ukraine by ensuring willing locals that they would never have to face punishment as traitors or collaborators. Now Russia's retreat has dealt a devastating blow to the image of the Russian armed forces and the Kremlin among some of their most willing supporters in Ukraine. Ukraine has vowed to catch locals who collaborated with the Russian army or cooperated with Russian-installed governments. Cases can carry a prison sentence of up to 15 years. President Volodymyr Zelensky said on Wednesday that Ukrainian forces were seeking to root out "remnants of occupiers and sabotage groups" in the reclaimed towns and villages of the Kharkiv

region. In Belgorod, a Russian region that borders Kharkiv, the governor's office has said nearly 1,400 people are housed at a temporary camp after crossing the border from Ukraine. Many are families with children who have fled fighting. Hundreds more people are likely staying in rented apartments or with relatives. At a small aid distribution centre in the city, a half-dozen Ukrainians who had recently fled to Russia said they were dumbfounded by Moscow's inability to hold on to the Kharkiv region and withstand the successful Ukrainian counteroffensive that has retaken 8,000 sq km (3,100 sq miles) of territory in just several weeks.



A woman buys vegetables at a food fair in Vladivostok, Russia

BSP chief Mayawati expresses shock over Dalit girls' rape and murder in Lakhimpur Kheri



Lucknow, September 15 : Expressing shock over the heartbreaking incident that took place in Lakhimpur Kheri, where two Dalit daughters were abducted and raped and their bodies were hanged from a tree, Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) chief Mayawati on Thursday slammed the Uttar Pradesh government over the law and order situation in the state after the bodies of two minor sisters, belonging to the Scheduled Caste community, were found hanging from a tree in Lakhimpur Kheri district. Taking to Twitter, the BSP chief condemned the incident stating that criminals are roaming free in Uttar Pradesh

because the priorities of the government are wrong. The BSP chief tweeted in Hindi, "The heartbreaking incident that took place in Lakhimpur Kheri where two Dalit daughters were abducted and raped in front of their mother and their bodies were hanged from a tree is in discussion everywhere because the condemnation for such heinous crime is less. Criminals in UP are roaming fearlessly because the priorities of the government are wrong." Mayawati further urged the state

government to make necessary reforms in its policy, methodology and priorities, adding "This incident has exposed the law and order situation in the state and the false claims made by the ruling government on women's safety etc. in UP. Government is busy hiding the truth about such heinous crimes including Hathras and the criminals are fearless. The UP government should make necessary reforms in its policy, methodology and priorities." Expressing her grief over the incident on Wednesday, Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra slammed the state government and said, "The incident of murder of two sisters in Lakhimpur (UP) is heart-wrenching. The relatives say that those girls were abducted in broad daylight. Giving false advertisements in newspapers and TV every day does not improve law and order. After all, why are heinous crimes against

women increasing in UP?" Meanwhile, six people were arrested today in connection with the rape and murder of two Dalit teenage sisters in Nighasan, according to police. Lakhimpur Kheri Superintendent of Police (SP) told reporters, "We have arrested Junaid, Sohail, Hafizur Rehman, Karimuddin, Arif and Chottu in an overnight operation," adding that Junaid and Sohail were in a relationship with the two sisters. "As per the preliminary investigation, the two sisters left their home on Wednesday afternoon on the persuasion of Junaid and Sohail. Junaid and Sohail have confessed that they strangled the girls after raping them," the SP said. "The men took advantage of the fact that they were friendly with the girls and raped them. As the girls then started saying they would have to marry them, the men got angry and strangled them with their dupattas. They later called two of their friends, who helped them hang the girls so that it looked like a suicide," IANS quoted SP Sanjeev Suman as saying. The SP further said that the main accused Chottu had allegedly introduced the girls to three others but was not at the scene of the crime. The three, who carried out the crime, and the two, who helped them in a cover-up attempt, are from another

village close to the girls, adding that one of the men was caught this morning in an encounter with the police, who shot him in the leg. All six have been booked for murder and rape, under the Protection of Children Against Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. The SP, however, said that the girls were 'not forcibly abducted', adding that the post-mortem examination is being conducted by a panel of three doctors. He added, "It will be videographed, and some members of the victims' family will be inside as they wanted to be sure. We will do everything that the family wants. That is important, we understand." Notably, the bodies of the two Dalit minor sisters, aged nearly 14 and 17 years respectively, were found allegedly hanging from a tree outside a village in the Nighasan area of Uttar Pradesh's Lakhimpur Kheri district on Wednesday. The mother of the girls reportedly said that her daughters were kidnapped by three bike-borne men at nearly 3 pm on Wednesday and were later found hanging from a tree in a cane field. On Wednesday evening, local villagers and the family of the girls lodged a protest as they marched and blocked the road demanding justice for the victims. The family of the deceased staged a demonstration at the Nighasan crossing, a few kilometres from the village.

R Kelly found guilty on child pornography and sex abuse charges



Chicago, September 15 : A federal jury on Wednesday convicted R Kelly of several child pornography and sex abuse charges in his home town of Chicago, delivering another legal blow to a singer who used to be one of the biggest R&B stars in the world. Kelly, 55, was found guilty on three counts of child pornography and three counts of child enticement. But the jury acquitted him on a fourth pornography count as well as a conspiracy to obstruct justice charge accusing him of fixing his state child pornography trial in 2008. He was found not guilty on all three counts of conspiring to receive child pornography and for two further enticement charges. His two co-defendants were found not guilty on all charges. The verdict comes months after a federal judge in New York sentenced Kelly to 30 years in prison in June for racketeering and sex trafficking. Based on that sentence, the 55-year-old won't be eligible for release until he is around 80. Two sexual misconduct trials still await Kelly - one in

Minnesota and one in state court in Chicago. Jurors on Wednesday wrote several questions to the judge, at least one indicating the panelists were grappling with some of the case's legal complexities. One asked if they had to find Kelly both enticed and coerced minors, or that he either enticed or coerced them. Over objections from Kelly's lawyer, the judge said they only needed to find one. At trial, prosecutors sought to paint a picture of Kelly as a master manipulator who used his fame and wealth to reel in star-struck fans, some of them minors, to sexually abuse then discard them. Kelly, born Robert Sylvester Kelly, was desperate to recover child pornographic videos he made and lugged around in a gym bag, witnesses said. They said he offered up to \$1m to recover missing videos before his 2008 trial, knowing they would land him in legal peril. The conspiracy to hide his abuse ran from 2000 to 2020, prosecutors said. Kelly's associates Derrel McDavid and Milton Brown were co-defendants at the Chicago trial. Jurors acquitted McDavid, Kelly's longtime business manager, who was accused of conspiring with Kelly to rig the 2008 trial. Brown, an associate for years, was acquitted of receiving child pornography. Kelly faced 13 counts. A conviction of just

one count of child pornography carries a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years, while receipt of child pornography carries a mandatory minimum of five years. Judges can order that defendants sentenced earlier in separate cases serve their new sentence simultaneously with or only after the first term is fully served.

Melanie C alleges she was sexually assaulted before debut Spice Girls performance



Washington, September 15 : Melanie C - the former Spice Girl born Melanie Chisholm and nicknamed Sporty Spice - has alleged that she was sexually assaulted by a masseur the night before the Spice Girls' debut performance. Appearing on the How To

Fail podcast to promote her new memoir Who I Am, Chisholm discussed the incident, which she says took place at a hotel in Istanbul. She told host Elizabeth Day that the experience made her feel "vulnerable" and "violated". "What happened to me, I kind of buried immediately, because

there was other things to focus on," she said, telling Day that the weeks of rehearsals and preparation the band had been doing made her want to focus on performing, rather than the assault. "Everything was leading towards the pinnacle of everything I'd ever wanted to do." "I didn't want to make a fuss, but also I didn't have time to deal with it," she said. Chisholm described the assault as "mild" on a spectrum of sexual assault, and told Day that, although she didn't initially intend to mention the assault in her memoir, she decided to write about it after she recalled it in a dream. "I think it's really important to me to say it and to finally deal with it and process

it." "Terrible things happen all the time, and this situation wasn't as bad as it could have been," Chisholm told Day, noting that being in "an environment where you take your clothes off with this professional person" added to her later confusion around the event. "I felt very vulnerable, I felt embarrassed." In the years since the Spice Girls disbanded, Chisholm has been open about the struggles she faced when she was part of the group. Speaking to the Guardian in 2020, she said that she was "struggling with an eating disorder and suffering from depression" at the height of her fame. Last year, she filed a claim against Rupert Murdoch's News Group Newspapers, alleging that she was a victim of phone-hacking.

Scientists try to teach robot to laugh at the right time

London, September 15 : Laughter comes in many forms, from a polite chuckle to a contagious howl of mirth. Scientists are now developing an AI system that aims to recreate these nuances of humour by laughing in the right way at the right time. The team behind the laughing robot, which is called Erica, say that the system could improve natural conversations between people and AI systems. "We think that one of the important functions of conversational AI is empathy," said Dr Koji Inoue, of

Kyoto University, the lead author of the research, published in Frontiers in Robotics and AI. "So we decided that one way a robot can empathise with users is to share their laughter." Inoue and his colleagues have set out to teach their AI system the art of conversational laughter. They gathered training data from more than 80 speed-dating dialogues between male university students and the robot, who was

initially teleoperated by four female amateur actors. The dialogue data was annotated for solo laughs, social laughs (where humour isn't involved, such as in polite or embarrassed laughter) and laughter of mirth. This data was then used to train a machine learning system to decide whether to laugh, and to choose the appropriate type. It might feel socially awkward to mimic a small chuckle, but empathetic to join in with a hearty laugh.



Volunteers patrol at an old residential area in Nanhu District of Jiaxing City, east China's Zhejiang Province

Volodymyr Zelenskiy makes surprise visit to newly recaptured city

Kyiv, September 15 : The Ukrainian president, Volodymyr Zelenskiy, made a surprise visit to the frontline on Wednesday when he toured the north-eastern city of Izium, which Ukrainian forces recaptured last week as part of their stunning counteroffensive.

Zelenskiy said he was "very shocked" but not surprised by the scale of the damage to the city. He thanked the paratroopers who took part in Izium's



liberation and watched as the Ukrainian flag was raised in front of its gutted administration building. "Our blue and yellow flag is already flying in de-occupied Izium. And it will be so in every Ukrainian city and village. We are moving in only one direction: forward towards victory," he declared. Zelenskiy held a minute's silence for Ukrainian soldiers who died in recent fighting. He said the scene of "destroyed buildings" and "killed people" was reminiscent of Bucha, a Kyiv suburb where the Russian army executed hundreds of civilians in February and March. Tank carcasses with Russia's signature "Z" symbol dotted streets pitted with craters. There were dozens of bombed blocks of flats in the debris-strewn city centre. The Russians turned the inside of a church into an improvised hospital and blew up bridges as they left. Zelenskiy's secret trip underscored the dramatic success of Ukraine's advance since the beginning of the month. His armed forces have reclaimed nearly 4,000 sq km (1,500 sq miles) of territory in the Kharkiv region, including 300 settlements, some of them directly on the border with Russia.

Hindi Diwas celebrated at Biswanath College



Assam Rising Biswanath Chariati, September 15: Biswanath College, a leading higher

educational institution of the North bank of Assam, celebrates Hindi Diwas with a wide range of programmes on

September 14. The event was organized by the Hindi Department and the guests of honor were Shankar

Prasad Sahu, retired Hindi teacher of Kharasimalu Higher Secondary School and Santosh Mahato, assistant teacher of Pratapgarh TE Adarsh Higher Secondary School. The program began with lighting of earthen lamps by Dr. Chinta Mani Sharma, Principal of Biswanath College. Addressing the occasion, Dr. Sharma briefly traced the history of Hindi Diwas. He highlighted why knowledge of Hindi is needed nowadays. Guest Shankar Prasad Sahu in his speech highlighted various aspects of Hindi language at present and urged everyone to embrace Hindi language. The event was attended by students from various departments of the college. Professor Gita Verma,

Head of Hindi Department, Biswanath College, concluded the meeting by emphasizing on increasing the popularity of Hindi language. The meeting was attended by Professor Dr. Naresh Thakur, Head of English Department, Professor Leena Hazarika, Head of Political Science Department, Professor Hem Kumar Gautam, Head of Nepali Department, Assistant Professor Dipjyoti Nath and Bishnu Devi beside others.



Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Chief Minister Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma during signing of tripartite peace agreement with Adivasi militant groups in New Delhi on Thursday

IIE organized workshop on “Skilling and Entrepreneurship”

Assam Rising Agartala, September 15: On the momentous occasion of “Engineer’s Day” the Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE), Guwahati, an autonomous organization under Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India, has organized a workshop on “Skilling and Entrepreneurship” for Engineers and the technically qualified youths at the Visvesvaraya Auditorium, National Institute of Technology (NIT), Agartala on September 14. The objective of the workshop is to create awareness about the significance of “Skilling and Entrepreneurship” and its relevance in the

technological sector in the present day and its scopes and opportunities associated with technological entrepreneurship. Topics on “Social Enterprises Marketing”, factors involved in the role of innovation and entrepreneurship in academics and the various schemes and support for students was highlighted in the workshop. Dignitaries Supriti Chakraborty, Project Coordinator of Skill Development Department, Government of Tripura, Dr Suman Deb, Professor NIT, Dr Anirban Dutta, Professor NIT, Shibendu Debbarma, Addl. Director of Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), Prasanta Goswami, Associate Faculty Member of IIE graced the occasion with their

presentation and gave their insightful inputs as key speaker in the program. The speakers highlighted about the start-up ecosystem and its avenues in context to present market, the scopes associated with skilling in technical stream and the institutional support given to entrepreneurs. Prasanta Goswami, Faculty, Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship gave introductory speech on the occasion and even was one of the key speakers in the workshop. While addressing the gathering he provided information on various schemes and programs implemented by IIE, he also emphasized about the upcoming events of IIE on Drone Application, collaboration with Electronic Sector Skill Council of India

to implement more market suited technical skilling programs. In the discussion session, he highlighted about the incubations of IIE which can be utilized by technical students for skilling and shared the foresight about the technical students. More than 300 students and engineers attended the program from various technical institutes namely National Institute of Technology (NIT), Tripura Institute of Technology, ICAI University, Khumlung Polytechnic College, Girls’ Polytechnic College, even the PG and PhD. scholars of (NIT) attended the program. An interactive session was arranged between the participants and speakers for doubt clearance and opportunistic discussion.

Webinar on sociological imagination held at GMCK

Assam Rising Kaziranga, September 15: Department of Sociology, Government Model College

Obituary Bosumoti Hazarika



Assam Rising, North Lakhimpur, September 15: Bosumoti Hazarika, a nonagenarian who was a resident of Kharaki village, Panigaon, North Lakhimpur died at her own residence at last night at 1-10 a.m. due to old-age ailments. She was 97. She leaves behind a son, three daughters and a host of relatives. A pious lady, late Bosumoti Hazarika was loved and respected by all. Her death cast a pall of gloom in the area.

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Kaziranga (GMCK) in collaboration with Department of Sociology, Mahapurusha Srimanta Sankaradeva Viswavidyalaya (MSSV) has organized one webinar on September 13 on ‘Sociological Imagination: C.W.Mills’ approach to sociology. The webinar was inaugurated by Prof. Mridul Hazarika, Vice-Chancellor of MSSV. The welcome address was delivered by Dr. Hari Prasanna Deka Boruah, Principal, G.M.C.K. Pusham Azad Babu, PhD Scholar, Centre for the Study of Social Systems, School of Social Sciences, JNU, New Delhi was

the key-speaker of the webinar. He delivered an illuminating lecture on Sociological Imagination and C.W.Mills’ approach to Sociology. The link between public and personal life problems has been observed through the lens of sociological imagination. Mill’s insights on everyday life have been one of the important works in sociology. The sociological imagination allows us to grasp the interconnectedness between the personal challenges and larger social issues. The webinar was coordinated by

Dr. Purabi Bhagawati, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, GMCK. Dr. Karabi Konch, HoD, Department of Sociology, MSSV and Gouri Prasad Sarmah, Assistant Public Relation Officer were the joint-coordinators of the webinar. The webinar was hosted by Dr. Purabi Bhagawati, where Dr. Parmita Khakhlari and Dr. Trinity Borgohain, Assistant Professor (s) of Department of Sociology, GMCK have presented speakers’ details. Dr. Karabi Konch, HoD, Dept of Sociology, MSSV moderated the question hour session. More than 110 participants were joined in the webinar.

USTM to organise 8th Convocation on September 20

Assam Rising Guwahati, September 15: The 8th Convocation of the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya (USTM) will be held on Tuesday, September 20 next at the Central Auditorium of the university. Dr. N. N. Dutta, Founder & Chancellor, Assam Down Town University and renowned ENT Specialist of Down Town Hospital will be receiving Honorary D.Sc.

Degree while Padma Manas Chaudhuri, veteran journalist and former Education Minister of Meghalaya will be receiving Honorary D.Litt. degree from the Governor of Meghalaya in this Convocation. The Convocation will be presided over by Satya Pal Malik, Governor of Meghalaya & Visitor, USTM. Lakhmen Rymbui, Education Minister of Meghalaya and a host of Vice Chancellors will grace

the occasion as Guests of Honour apart from other dignitaries. The Vice Chancellors to be present in the function include: Dr. B. J. Rao, VC, University of Hyderabad; Dr. N. Lokendra Singh, VC, Manipur University; Dr. R. M. Pant, VC, Assam University, Silchar; Prof. Saket Kushwaha, VC, Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh and Dr. V. K. Jain, former VC, Tezpur University. The Convocation Address will be made by Prof. B. J. Rao, Vice Chancellor of University of Hyderabad.

Assam Rising Bhuragaon, September 15: The late Khalifa Hassan Ali of Naxabandi Al Mujadaddia Tariqat of Moritali village under Laharighat Gaon Panchayat of Morigaon district was buried on his first anniversary last night. They organized a memorial service late Hasen Ali’s three son Hydhari Ali, Ishaque Ali and Mushid Ali. The memorial service was attended by Laharighat Constituency

MLA Dr. Asif Mohammad Nazar and many admirers. After exchanging views with the family, the MLA also sat on the stage of the memorial program for a while and listened to the praises of Tariqat performed by the admirers of Naqasabandi Al Mujadaddiya Tariqat. The late khalifa Hassan Ali’s death anniversary was attended by local public and admirers of the Al Mujadaddiyya Tariqat as well as many dignitaries from far and wide.

BHB college observed tithi of Sri Sri Madhabdev
Assam Rising, Barpeta, September 15: Assam celebrates the Tithi of Sri Sri Mahapurush Madhabdev, a disciple of the great Sankardev on September 15. Like other parts of the state BHB College, Sarupeta also observed the tithi with pomp and gaiety. On the occasion devotees offered Nam Prasanga and prayer to seek blessing, peace and social harmony among all sections of communities in the region. Dr. Kalpana Baishya, HoD, Dept. of Assamese, Dr. Namita Das, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Assamese, Preeti Rekha Dutta, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Assamese, Alishree Talukdar, Assistant Professor (contractual), Dept. of Assamese & Prabodh Kalita, Assistant professor, Dept. of Economics of the college were also attend the event as devotee along with others. It is to be noted that one of the most popular Vaishnavite saints in Assam, Madhabdev is also known as a saint-poet and author. He is famous for his compositions Namghosa and Bhakti Ratnavali along with most important spiritual works in Assam. His virtues of aiming for the supreme truth and avoiding entanglement in fleeting pleasures are upheld statewide as philosophical teachings of great importance. The event was jointly conducted by the Students’ Union and the Department of Assamese of the college.

Sootea Khilanjiya Mancha constituted



Assam Rising Biswanath Chariati, September 15: Brihattar Sootea Khilanjiya Mancha was constituted in a public meeting held at Natya Manir Sootea Wednesday with Trinayan Bora in the chair. Addressing the public meeting Sootea MLA Padma Hazarika said, ‘It is the need of the hour that the indigenous people should stand united. If we stand

united then we can challenge any type of anti-social elements which always try to obstruct the peace and harmony of the age-old Assamese society. Due to the lack of our work culture, people sell their ancestral lands to the doubtful voters merely to get money. Now they have become a great threat to our society’. Notably, the southern part of Sootea area has become a shelter house for settlement for doubtful voters. The illegal settlers have constructed houses and dwellings filling the

pits and ponds causing frequent floods in that area. A new committee for the safety and security of the greater Sootea area was constituted with Ananda Handique as president, Banerwar Bora as working president, Pranab Ojha, Dhama Sama, Jiban Sama and Gopal Das as vice presidents, Jiban Bora and Tridip Bhuyan as secretaries along with 31 executive members. The public meeting took various resolutions including freeing the government encroaching land from the clutches of doubtful voters. The meeting was attended by many dignitaries of the area besides the general public.

DDUSY meeting held at Aalo

Assam Rising, Aalo, September 15: The Deen Dhayal Upadhyaya Swavalamban Yojana (DDUSY) 2022-2023 meeting was held under the chairmanship of Penga Tato Deputy Commissioner West Siang Aalo. DDUSY is to encourage entrepreneurship to gain access to low cost capital in various food processing units in Agriculture, Horticulture, allied sectors, Eco-Tourism, Traditional Textile Weaving, small scale industry and establishment of steel fabrication etc. Earlier the application form was submitted offline. With the direction from the Govt. from the year 2022-23 all the DDUSY application forms will be filled through the online mode. Marjum Kargu DPO/DEA presented a procedure of the filling up of applications in PowerPoint (PPT) mode.

4 NEET cleared students felicitated in Laharighat

Assam Rising, Bhuragaon, September 15: The 4 students who passed the recently announced All India level NEET examination in Laharighat area of Morigaon district today were felicitated by Laharighat MLA Dr. Asif Mohammad Nazar personally visiting each of their homes with a fulam gamocha and japi. The MLA also interacted with the families of the students. The students were identified as



Merajul Islam, Azizul Haque, Shakil Mohammad Rakib, Mulla and Mizanur Rahman of Barbori village respectively. The MLA’s administrative actions have doubled the encouragement of the students.

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The disputed Sino-Indian boundary

Chinese and Indian soldiers clashed in the Galwan Valley in Eastern Ladakh. The close-combat skirmish at high altitude, which resulted in twenty deaths on the Indian side and an unknown number of Chinese casualties, was the bloodiest fight along the disputed Sino-Indian boundary in over four decades. John S. Van Oudenaren interviewed NBR nonresident fellow Deep Pal to better understand the context of recent Sino-Indian friction, assess the outlook for relations moving forward, and examine the implications of these developments for both the broader region and the United States. While it is not possible to be certain about what caused the latest flare-up, the escalation of tension is by no means sudden. Over the last few years, there have been a number of such incidents in the congested boundary region, including at Daulat Beg Oldi (2013), Chumar (2013), Demchok (2014), and the Doklam trijunction (2017). However, the current standoff is unique in its spread, with the buildup of People's Liberation Army (PLA) forces reported from the Depsang Plains in the northern end of the western sector to Naku La in the eastern sector. The standoff points to multiple causes, some proximate and some distant. Changes in border infrastructure on the Indian side in recent years are one major immediate cause. The People's Republic of China (PRC) has enjoyed better infrastructure near the Line of Actual Control (LAC) for a number of years. However, India in 2005 announced a project of 61 roads covering 3,400 kilometers near the LAC, which, once completed, will erode China's traditional advantage. The agency in charge, the Border Roads Organisation, expects to complete all roads in 2023. One of the most important of these, the Darbuk-Shyok-Daulat Beg Oldie road, which runs parallel to the LAC and was completed in 2019, is close to the Galwan Valley, the location of the incident on June 15-16. A PLA troop buildup in the area directly threatens the road. However, a more overarching reason could be China's desire to bring India down a notch or two and metaphorically put the country in its place. It is increasingly clear that Chinese leaders have left Deng Xiaoping's "hide and bide" mandate behind and believe that the PRC needs to be considered the leading power in the neighborhood, on its way to global leadership. One consequence of this new approach is that any state that attempts parity on any count with China must be shown its place, which is what the PRC is doing in the LAC. It also means that even if the current incident ends with the two sides disengaging, such standoffs are likely to occur with regularity across the LAC. Beyond the issue of border infrastructure, China is likely to want to show India its place in other respects, amplifying the competitive aspect of the relationship. India and China have reached an understanding on disengagement and de-escalation at their Himalayan border in Ladakh, but no timeline has been set for resolving the conflict, which began two years ago and has seen 15 rounds of talks between senior commanders. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar also said Friday that China had invited Prime Minister Narendra Modi to visit the country for the upcoming BRICS (Brazil-Russia-India-China-South Africa) Summit. He added that China had expressed a desire that bilateral ties "come back to normalcy", while talks on the border standoff continue in parallel.

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Britain likes to consider itself the cradle of free speech - until someone heckles Prince Andrew

Yesterday, police arrested a 22-year-old man in Edinburgh after Prince Andrew was heckled as he walked behind the Queen's coffin. "Andrew," the shout was heard, "you're a sick old man." Hand on heart, I've heard worse. And if Prince Andrew hasn't, he certainly will. Money and position and expensive lawyers can insulate you from a huge number of consequences in our imperfect world, but if some boy in the streets wants to go full Emperor's New Clothes on you, you might just have to suck it up, even if it is bad manners in the circus. Oh, hang on. You don't actually have to. The man

he looks like a boy - was cuffed and later charged. There could be more to it than currently meets the eye, but it is arguably not hugely encouraging that a heckle may be deemed illegal when burglary effectively isn't

Marina Hyde

any more. Then again, do remember that this year's Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act increased the minimum term for various serious sexual assaults to four years, and the maximum term for assaulting a statue to 10 years. If women are going to get sexually assaulted, we should strongly consider doing so while dressed as a living

statue of Winston Churchill. That way we can seek the full force of the law as applied to inanimate materials, as opposed to the lesser versions typically offered to female flesh and blood. So yes: the mores and codes of UK society can seem esoteric - but please consult your Bumper Book of British Etiquette for precise guidance on how to behave on all occasions. There is a time and a place for shouting at men who have paid out many millions of dollars to settle sexual assault cases, you will note, and the experts say it's not while they're walking behind their mother's coffin alongside some bereaved siblings who haven't paid out many millions of dollars to settle sexual assault cases.

No war no peace in PP15 but China wants more in Depsang Plains, Charding-Ninglung Nala

The conflict in Eastern Ladakh is slowly grinding toward a 'no war, no peace' situation-as it prevailed along the Line of Actual Control before April 2020-albeit with the addition of demilitarised buffer zones in intrusion areas. Just when defence analysts had concluded that the 16th round of Corps Commander level talks had ended in an impasse, it was announced in a surprise joint statement, "on 8th September 2022... Indian and Chinese troops in the area of Gogra-Hotsprings (PP-15) have begun to disengage in a coordinated and planned way." The disengagement was completed on Tuesday. This disengagement has come 13 months after the last disengagement effort at Patrolling Point (PP) 17/Gogra between 4 and 5 August 2021. It took four rounds of Corps Commander-level talks, two meetings of the Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination on India-China Border Affairs, a visit by Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi to Delhi in March and a number of his meetings with Foreign Minister S. Jaishankar on the sidelines of regional and international events to effect this limited progress. Considering that it took nine years to restore the status quo post the Sumdorong Chu confrontation of 1986-87 which began during Rajiv Gandhi's tenure and ended under the Narasimha Rao government, it is clear that border negotiations with China are a long and arduous process. What then are the prospects of disengagement from more sensitive areas like Depsang Plains and Charding-Ninglung Nala to the south of Demchok? In my view, diplomatic rhetoric notwithstanding, the volatile 'no win' situation prevailing for over two years in Eastern Ladakh has forced both countries to adopt a pragmatic approach toward disengagement and eventual de-escalation. It is important to analyse the undeclared give and take with respect to the disengagement from PP15 to predict the future course of events. In the Chang Chenmo sector, where the LAC and the 1959 Claim Line coincide, there were no areas of differing perception as such. This sector is the gateway to the three southern approaches that lead to Aksai Chin. One approach to the east leads to Lanak La,



through which the Tibet-Xinjiang highway passes. Two approaches are to the north via the Changlung Nala - PP17A and Kugrang River - PP15, which lead to the upper reaches of the Galwan River. The Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) has its main post at Karam Singh Hill at the junction of Kugrang and Chang Chenmo rivers and an outpost at Gogra. PPs 15, 16 and 17A were patrolled but not physically held. Alarmed at the rapid development of roads by India to PP15, PP17A and towards Kongka La, the People's Liberation Army (PLA) intruded 3 to 4 km across the LAC between PPs 15 and 16 and PPs 17A and 17. These intrusions were contested by Indian forces and a stalemate ensued. During negotiations, the Chinese gave a new version of the 1959 Claim Line up to their intrusions, running along the middle as opposed to the well-established LAC, which runs along the crest of the ridge to the north of the Kugrang River. Disengagement with respect to the Changlung Nala intrusion took place between 4-5 August 2021, after the 12th round of military talks on 31 July. However, China refused to budge on the intrusion between PPs 15 and 16. It insisted on a buffer zone of 30-35 km along the entire length of the Kugrang River up to Karam Singh Hill. This proposal was also mooted during Wang Yi's visit to Delhi earlier this year in March. Our apprehension to cut off PLA forces in the Galwan Valley was the driver for this outlandish proposal. As per my assessment after the current disengagement, India and China have agreed to a demilitarised buffer zone of 3-4 km between PPs 15 and 16. Since the PLA had the first mover advantage, the buffer zone is entirely on our side of the LAC. While the PLA has moved to its permanent post across the Jianan Pass/PP15,

in all likelihood, India has established a new post on the edge of the buffer zone between PPs 15 and 16. It is to the credit of our military and diplomatic negotiators that we have bargained the best solution for a

Lt Gen H S Panag (retd)

disadvantageous military situation. PLA enjoyed the terrain advantage in both the intrusion areas in this sector. Due to terrain configuration, the Chanchenmo sector, dependent on a tenuous 100 km long road from Lukung which can be cut off at several places, is untenable in war unless disproportionate forces are deployed. Two small buffer zones are a small price to pay for our political and military lapses of not deploying forces before developing border infrastructure in sensitive areas. It is pertinent to mention that post-1962, at no place has China physically attacked any of our ITBP or Army posts to carry out an intrusion. As a superior power, China cannot trigger a war with an uncertain outcome. Salami slicing and strategic embarrassment are due to India not establishing adequate number of Border Outposts (BOP) and leaving vast areas upheld. The antidote is to dot the entire border with BOPs. The situation prevailing in Eastern Ladakh can best be described as a strategic stalemate. China exploits the border dispute to impose its hegemony and militarily embarrass India, which hesitates to reciprocate due to an unfavourable military differential. At the operational level, China did achieve its

limited politico-military aim of securing the 1959 Claim Line and preventing the development of border infrastructure in sensitive areas. However, India's massive deployment to limit the intrusions and counter manoeuvre to secure the Kailash range denied absolute victory and stalemated China. Neither side can alter the situation-short of a limited war that India does not want to initiate due to capability differential and China due to uncertain outcomes. In any case, the nuclear backdrop forecloses the option of inflicting a decisive defeat on India. It is the strategic stalemate, which is the driver for negotiations, that have led to disengagement at the north/south banks of Pangong Tso, Gogra/PP17A and PP15 apart from Galwan, where the sheer ferocity and scale of the 'unarmed clash' forced a disengagement. The same logic holds good for future disengagement in Depsang Plains and Demchok. The 1959 Claim Line is central to China's strategy in Eastern Ladakh. It had secured the same in 1962 before unilaterally withdrawing 20 km behind. Over the years, India gradually began patrolling up to the 1959 Claim Line and in some areas east of this line. As per India, the LAC runs along the areas that were physically held or patrolled at the time of signing the 1993 Border Agreement. As per China, it runs along the 1959 Claim Line. It is the development of border infrastructure in the areas east of the 1959 Claim Line that triggered PLA's pre-emptive manoeuvres from April to May 2020. The Indus Valley is a special case. While the 1959 Claim Line runs 30 km to the west of Demchok, LAC has been

accepted by China due to the number of well-settled villages in this area. Its intrusion is restricted to a small zone-Charding-Ninglung Nala to the south of Demchok to deny the opportunity for offensive operations to India. It is unlikely that China will settle for anything short of buffer zones in Depsang Plains and the Charding-Ninglung Nala. In my view, India is not averse to such an arrangement-as is evident from the four buffer zones already accepted-to diffuse the situation. The only issue is to get the best bargain. The government's majority and political narrative safeguard it from any adverse political fallout. A host of other international developments favour a negotiated interim settlement. China has noted that its actions are cementing India's alliance with the US. It has also been noted that India, as an emerging power, will retain its strategic autonomy in international relations. This is evident from its policy for Ukraine and its economic and military relations with Russia. China itself has been chastened by the Taiwan crisis, where its bluff and bluster have been called out by the US and its allies. It would prefer to avoid a two-front situation in the future. China needs India to give credibility to the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) and Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa (BRICS). The SCO meet in Uzbekistan scheduled between 15-16 September, and the G20 meet in Indonesia in November open a window for Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping to meet face-to-face after three years. Negotiations for disengagement in Depsang Plains and Demchok will be arduous and prolonged. I predict that India will accept the 1959 Claim Line with buffer zones in areas of disagreement except in the Indus Valley. This, along with the fairly well-settled Central sector (except for Barahoti Plains) and the well-recognised McMahon Line in the Northeast, will de facto demarcate the LAC along the entire northern border. The rest is for India to safeguard it by establishing BOPs in all un-held areas to prevent salami slicing and military embarrassments short of war. Unless there is political collapse, there is no chance of India ever recovering its territories lost to China. It may be prudent to take the clock back to 1959 and bargain these for recognition of the McMahon Line for a final settlement.

Absence of a space force huge gap in India's security cover, must be filled on priority

In the 21st century, dominance over space, as modern strategic thinkers will tell you, will define any nation's survival. For defence, economic growth or offense, space capabilities are increasingly becoming more critical for nation states. Satellites will run the future of our economy. They are the basis of the fourth wave of industrialisation. The global

space economy's value reached \$424 billion in 2020, having expanded 70 per cent since 2010. India's share in the global space economy stood at approximately two per cent in 2019. Morgan Stanley estimates that the global space industry could generate revenue of more than \$1 trillion or more by 2040, so one can imagine the potential for overall economic growth if a country is able to develop a vibrant space sector. With such potential, it is indeed unsurprising that every country is working to get a piece of the pie. As agriculture, banking, communications, and even scientific testing are getting increasingly dependent on space assets, those who have the force to protect their own shall thrive. Therefore, the space sector would play a huge role in India's bid to become the foremost global power, and to safeguard the space sector, we would need a dedicated armed force - the Indian Space Force. We can learn from history here. The reason why the commercial and political power of the United Kingdom became dominant over all other powers in the 19th century was because of their naval superiority. Similarly, from the mid-20th century until now, the airpower of the United States has made it the global hegemon. In times ahead, it would be armed superiority in



space that will define whether a nation can grow economically, without being

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harassed by adversaries. India still lacks a military space service akin to the Space Force in the United States (US Space Force), Russia (Russian Aerospace Forces), and even Iran (The Revolutionary Guard Corps Aerospace Force). The military doctrine is that a nation must have a force for each dimension of conflict. Beyond the traditional conflict dimensions such as land (Army), sky (Air Force), and water (Navy), there is an imperative to develop capabilities for non-traditional and hybrid warfare in the dimensions of space, cyber, and information warfare, given the changing nature of the great

power competition. The US Space Force's first combat operations as a new service included providing early warning of Iranian Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Aerospace Force missile strikes against US troops at Al Asad Airbase on 7 January 2020 and also monitored Russian Space Forces spacecraft, which had been tailing US government satellites. Such challenges will, in time, also emerge for India and we will need a dedicated force to deal with them. Currently, while India is a space-faring nation, it is still considered a lightweight in the global space sector. The Indian Space Force will put us right in the top brass of the global space superpowers, and in general, among the top global military powers. Adversaries like Pakistan and China can impact India's space capabilities through jamming, lazing,

hacking, or spoofing, and they now also have an additional weapon in the form of anti-satellite weapons (ASAT), which can be destructive in space and to the economy on the ground. India conducted its first ASAT test in 2019, dubbed Mission Shakti, becoming the fourth country after US, Russia, and China. It was a direct kinetic attack on its defunct satellite, at 300 km in the Low Earth Orbit (LEO)-a great achievement but still more than a decade behind China, which conducted its ASAT test at an altitude of 865 km. Beyond ASATs, there is always the looming threat of a rogue State placing weapons of mass destruction in space, flouting international agreements. Given the breakdown of the global power hierarchy, there is always the possibility of a nation-State or even a non-State actor, planting a weapon of mass destruction in space that might go undetected for a long period of time - until it's too late. Further, according to experts such as James Clay Moltz, leading advisor to the US military on space defence, we are entering a new phase where space conflict will be one of the most defining aspects of global security but the game will be defined by "deterrence by denial strategies" rather than by simple offensive strategies.

HBO reclaims its Emmy crown with 'Succession'

London, September 15 : Following is a summary of current entertainment news briefs. Quinta Brunson helps broadcast break through at TV's Emmy awards. Network sitcoms have rarely won Emmy awards in recent years as Hollywood has showered honors on shows at streaming outlets. On Monday, Quinta Brunson helped change that when she won the prize for best comedy writing for ABC show "Abbott Elementary." Brunson, 32, is the first Black woman to be nominated three times within the comedy category in the same year. She received nominations for writing, lead actress and series for the show that she created. "Succession," "Ted Lasso" repeat as winners of top Emmy awards. Media dynasty drama "Succession" and feel-good comedy "Ted Lasso" took the top trophies at the Emmy awards on Monday, and a "Squid Game" actor landed a major acting prize as Hollywood handed out the highest honors in television. "Succession" was named best drama series, an award the HBO show had won in 2020 before the COVID-19 pandemic disrupted its production schedule. The show, which secured four trophies overall, tells the story of the wealthy and backstabbing Roy family as members jockey for power. Factbox-Key winners at the 2022 Emmy Awards. The Emmy awards, the highest honors in television, were handed out at a live ceremony in downtown Los Angeles on



Monday. Following is a list of winners in key categories. Ohio man sentenced for threatening, stalking actress Eva LaRue. An Ohio man, who was accused of threatening and stalking television actress Eva LaRue and her daughter for 12 years, was sentenced to over three years in federal prison, prosecutors said. The 12-year campaign of harassment by James David Rogers, 58, of Ohio, via letters and phone calls included threats of torture, rape and death, prosecutors said in a statement. It lasted from March 2007 until the man's arrest in November 2019. Duchess Meghan pauses Spotify podcast during mourning for Queen Elizabeth. Meghan, the Duchess of Sussex, has paused new episodes of her Spotify podcast during the official mourning period for Queen Elizabeth, according to an alert on the platform on Monday. Earlier in the day, her husband Prince Harry paid a highly personal tribute to the late queen, saying how he cherished the time he had spent with his grandmother and promising to honour his

father King Charles as the new monarch. Leading New Wave film director Jean-Luc Godard dies aged 91. Film director Jean-Luc Godard, the godfather of France's New Wave cinema who pushed cinematic boundaries and inspired iconoclastic directors decades after his 1960s heyday, died on Tuesday aged 91, his family and producers said. Godard was among the world's most acclaimed directors, known for such classics as "Breathless" and "Contempt", which broke with convention and helped kickstart a new way of filmmaking, with handheld camera work, jump cuts and existential dialogue. German reboot of famous war novel premieres at Toronto film festival. German director Edward Berger said the world needed a reminder of the horrors of war as his remake of the anti-war classic "All Quiet On The Western Front" premiered at the 47th Toronto International Film Festival on Monday. It is the first German cinematic treatment of the

epic 1928 novel by German author Erich Maria Remarque, which depicts the devastation of World War One from the perspective of a German soldier and helped to change the narrative around the glorification of war. Documentary on activist photographer wins rare top film prize at Venice. "All the Beauty and the Bloodshed", a documentary about U.S. photographer Nan Goldin and her fight against the wealthy Sackler family, won the top Golden Lion award at the Venice Film Festival on Saturday. Made by investigative journalist Laura Poitras, the film interweaves the remarkable story of Goldin's life with her campaign to hold the Sacklers and their pharmaceutical firm accountable for the U.S. opioid crisis. Chinese actor Evan Li detained on suspicion of soliciting prostitutes - CCTV. Chinese actor Li Yifeng, who played former Communist Party leader Mao Zedong in a 2021 movie, was detained

recently by Beijing police on suspicion of soliciting prostitutes, China's state broadcaster CCTV reported on Sunday. CCTV said it was citing a Beijing police statement on the agency's Weibo social media account on Sunday that it recently detained an actor with the surname Li for multiple instances of soliciting prostitutes. CCTV said it confirmed the person is Li Yifeng. HBO reclaims its Emmy crown with 'Succession,' 'White Lotus' wins. The dysfunctional dynasty of "Succession," the teen drama "Euphoria" and a comedy series set in the fictional White Lotus resort helped propel HBO to the top of the Emmy Awards heap Monday, surpassing streaming rival Netflix Inc. The Warner Bros Discovery Inc division entered the night with the most nominations of any network or streaming service, with a total of 140 nominations for HBO and its companion online offering, HBO Max.



Review: A big budget movie Brahmastra: Part One

Mumbai, September 15 : As one of the most expensive Indian films to date, Brahmastra: Part One - Shiva was promised eight years ago and had an expenditure budget exceeding Rs 400 crore. Given the time and money invested in the project, designed as a trilogy, nothing less than a breathtaking spectacle unveiling on screen is expected. If you've never read fantasy books like Game of Thrones or Harry Potter, this 'astraverse' spectacle that combines Hollywood-style superhero flicks with Hindu

lore may astonish you. Junoon, played by Mouni Roy as the Queen of Darkness, is attacking Mohan because she wants a part of the Brahmastra he holds. The special effects are stunning, and just as you're about to lose yourself in them, the film shifts to Mumbai, where its true hero is worshipping at a Durga shrine. And his gaze is drawn to a lovely young lady with a rose delicately placed behind her ear. In the contemporary world, there is an old-fashioned, chaste romance between Shiva (Ranbir Kapoor) and Isha (Alia Bhatt). Consequently, the performers do not seem all that sold on it. He's a lower-middle-class kid with a heart of gold, and she's a wealthy young lady. This is the extent of the characterisation. Not only is the protagonist learning more about how this skill functions, but so is the audience. Under what conditions and to what degree does it work? How might it be kept under control or destroyed? In Brahmastra, Shiva appears to have known for a long time that fire cannot hurt him, but it never appealed to him to investigate why or explore it. Everything happens within the back-

drop of a pretty mundane and dull love tale, which slows the film's pace. Although the producers make an effort to make you drop your jaw to the ground with the visual effects, the film remains a distant spectacle since we never sympathise with the characters on screen. The action moments are expertly scripted and performed. Even if you view them without any tension or feeling of urgency, they are still entertaining. Other characters, such as Nagarjuna's character, appear and depart without emotionally immersing you in their fate. There is one Dumbledore (Harry Potter)-character in the movie, played by Amitabh Bachchan. The lack of creativity extends beyond the narrative to how the characters are envisioned and presented. Like Greek mythology, Hindu mythology is also rich with entertaining narratives about deities with human characteristics and conflicts. Using these influences to build a cinematic universe is a fantastic concept. But in Brahmastra, there is a problematic lack of confidence to go full speed. As a film, it will be recognised for its technical skill, but it will not leave anybody waiting for Parts 2 and 3.

Shah Rukh distanced himself from Hrithik during K3G

Mumbai, September 15 : Karan Johar once revealed that while shooting KabhiKhusiKabhieGham was 'the easiest thing ever', there was one major problem: Nobody seemed to be interested in HrithikRoshan. In his autobiography, An Unsuitable Boy, Karan wrote that Hrithik required hand-holding on the sets of the film, for a variety of reasons. He

revealed that Shah Rukh Khan had experienced some career setbacks around the time, and wasn't his usual self. He also noted that the Bachchans - Jaya and Amitabh Bachchan - didn't have an 'equation' with him, and that Hrithik was unfairly being projected in the media as Shah Rukh's successor. His first film, KahoNaa... PyaarHai, had been released by then, and he had already been given star status. This created a 'negativity' on set. The comparisons to Shah Rukh, Karan wrote, were 'unfair' because Hrithik was a newcomer. "It was unfair because he was too junior, and Shah Rukh was already such a big star. But that was a phase when one or two of Shah Rukh's films had gone wrong and the media had started projecting Hrithik up there. The negativity that crept in was not just-

fied or correct, and it was really sad. I felt Hrithik was the only one during the course of the shooting who needed a little hand-holding. See, the Bachchans didn't have that equation with him. Shah Rukh was a bit distant at that time because of everything that was happening. Kajol was Team Shah Rukh," he wrote. Karan added, "I felt I needed to hold his hand a bit. And we developed a really good friendship. We got close to each other - he was a bit of a lost child in this whole lot. And Hrithik, anyway, is slightly awkward around people. He's not the most people-friendly person. Now he's become a lot better." Kabhi Khusi Kabhie Gham was released in December 2001, and quickly became a box office behemoth. Hrithik remains one of Hindi cinema's biggest stars, and will next be seen in VikramVedha.

When Shah Rukh Khan's Jawan met Rajinikanth's Jailer



Mumbai, September 15 : Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan, who is shooting for his upcoming movie Jawan in Chennai, reportedly had an opportunity to catch up with superstar Rajinikanth. Both the actors were shooting at Aditya Ram Film City, ECR. Shah Rukh Khan has never

missed an opportunity to show his love for Rajinikanth. It's worth noting that when he made Chennai Express, he included a special dance number, Lungi Dance, as a tribute to Rajinikanth, who is fondly called 'Thalaiva.' Rajinikanth has also made no secret about his admira-

BhanuSuryam Thakur to play lead in web series

Mumbai, September 15 : Actor BhanuSuryam Thakur who has completed 8 years in the industry has always dreamt of being an actor. The young lad who is from Dharamshala has done many shows on different platforms. Bhanu who has done TV shows like Taarak Mehta KaOoltah Chashmah, EkRishtaSaajhedariKa, ChidiyaGhar, EkShringaarSwabhimaanetc, is now working on a web series in the lead role. Bhanu will be seen in the web series Awful Night produced by Ashwameg Creations and helmed by AbhishekGogoi. We at IWMBuzz.com have reported exclusively about actors Nishigandha Wad, Pankaj Berry, SusheelParashar, ReshamTipnis being part of the cast. When contacted, Bhanu told IWMBuzz.com, "Yes, I play the lead in the web series Awful Night.

Ajay Devgan's movie Tanhaji helped Harsh Poddar to win Rs 50 lakh



Mumbai, September 15 : After diamond merchant BrijKishor Singh's short-lived game on Amitabh Bachchan's Kaun Banega Crorepati, the next contestant Harsh Poddar made it to the hot seat and won big. Poddar made it to the Rs. 50 lakh question and surprisingly Ajay Devgan's movie

Tanhaji helped him give the right answer. The 35-year-old contestant is a movie buff and he answered the questions relating to movies within seconds. For the Rs. 20,000 question, Harsh was shown a scene from the movie Kabir Singh and was asked the name of the original film that this Hindi film is a remake of.

He was quick to answer as he said it was a remake of Arjun Reddy. Coming from a family of doctors, Harsh is in the business of medical supplies. He then took a wild guess and went with his gut feeling for the Rs. 25 lakh question. It was, "Which businesswomen's first major venture started in a garage and involved extracting an enzyme from papayas?" He said KiranMuzumdar Shaw and Big B appreciated his confidence. By the time Harsh reached the 14th question which was for Rs. 50 lakh, he had exhausted his three lifelines-Video call a friend, audience poll and 50-50. He was then asked, "John Dryden, England's first

poet laureate, wrote a play named after which Mughal emperor in 1675, while the emperor was still ruling? Harsh took reference from Ajay's movie Tanhaji and applied some logic and answered Aurangzeb. After he celebrated his win, Harsh requested parents to let their kids watch movies.

Producer Chandrasekaran marries popular actress Mahalakshmi



Mumbai, September 15 : 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 presence

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. NeelimaEsai wrote, "Congratulations. god bless." DivyaShridhar 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.

Web series on Rajiv Gandhi's assassination



Mumbai, September 15 : A series detailing the assassination of former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi is under development with acclaimed filmmaker NageshKukunoor attached as director. Content studio Applause Entertainment has greenlit "Trail of an Assassin", which is based on former journalist AnirudhyaMitra's book "Ninety Days: The True Story of the Hunt for Rajiv Gandhi's Assassin". The forthcoming crime procedural series will be a blow-by-blow account of how the CBI's Special Investigation Team cracked the assassination plot, identified the assassins and chased the mastermind, to his final hideout. NageshKukunoor, who previously created "City of Dreams" for Applause Entertainment, said he is looking forward to working on the show. "I look forward to taking on this gritty and thrilling piece of storytelling, adapted from 'Ninety Days: The True Story of the Hunt for Rajiv Gandhi's Assassin'." It has always been an enriching and creatively satisfying experience collaborating with Applause Entertainment and excited to see how this one unfolds," the two-time National Award winner said in a statement. Sameer Nair, CEO, Applause Entertainment said the studio is pleased to once again collaborate with Kukunoor to bring this gut-wrenching story to a contemporary audience. "Driven and guided by our values of being ambitious, audacious and disruptive, we believe the adaptation of AnirudhyaMitra's book certainly makes for a compelling story to tell.



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8 Namibian cheetahs coming to India

jet is going to bring the cheetahs as part of an inter-continental translocation project.3) They will then be flown from Jaipur to their new home - Kuno National Park in the Sheopur district of Madhya Pradesh - in helicopters.4) Prime Minister Narendra Modi will release these cheetahs into the Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh on his birthday on September 17.5) Cheetah will have to spend their entire air transit period empty stomach, a senior Indian forest department official said, reported PTI. This is done because long journeys can create nausea-like feelings in animals leading to other health complications.6) The aircraft bringing the cheetahs to India has been modified to allow cages to be secured in the main cabin but will still allow vets to have full access to the cats during the flight.7) The aircraft in which the cheetahs are travelling has been painted with the image of a tiger. 8) The aircraft is an ultra-long range jet capable of flying for up to 16 hours and so can fly directly from Namibia to India without a stop to refuel, an important consideration for the well-being of the cheetahs.9) The government of India declared the cheetah extinct in the country in 1952.10) Under the Species Recovery Program of the Government of India, species that become extinct are restored in their historic natural habitat.

Committee Formed to Study

whether the candidates will be entitled to notice and consequential hearings following basic principles of natural justice. The committee will also examine whether the action will be uniform or graded depending on the nature of irregularity. Customized Tiger-Faced Aircraft To Fly Cheetahs From Namibia To India The committee may also consult with other stakeholders (retired, or serving civil servants, etc.) to arrive at a conclusion. The committee has to submit the report within a period of three months from the date of issue of the notification. It may be noted that the former Principal Controller of Examinations (PCE) of APSC, ACS Babul Saharia was served a notice by the committee probing the massive recruitment scam case. He had been in-charge of the main exams, as well as the declaration of results in 2014. The former PCE also had the responsibility of the strong room. Saharia has been alleged to have not come forward even after having full knowledge the scam.

Protest Held For Not Including 6

betrayed the tribes of Assam. He urged everyone in the state to raise voice against this betrayal. Gogoi said, "The Bill was introduced in the Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha in 2018 itself. If the Centre wishes, they can include tribes from Assam in a day. Even after passing the bill in the cabinet, they are deceiving us." "The Centre has formed secret alliance with several ministers and this is the reason for not including the tribes in ST list," he alleged. He further said that the ethnic group leaders from the six tribes should move away from collusion and if they wish to be included in the list then there should be strong agitation. Gogoi has demanded the inclusion of six tribes from Assam in the ST list. Notably, the Central Government on Wednesday approved the inclusion of various communities in the lists of Scheduled Tribes (ST) of five states namely Chhattisgarh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh. The decision was taken at a meeting of the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and was welcomed warmly by the states concerned.

Assam to Convert All Govt

high schools to the higher secondary level is underway, he added. The initial upgradation list was prepared by the Education Department, based on the availability of logistics, manpower, etc. and gradually, the other schools will also be upgraded, Pegu said. The minister also said that operationalisation of classes in the newly-upgraded schools will be looked into at the district level. The required administrative machinery will be provided by the state government. Earlier, a majority of the state government schools in Assam had classes up to 10 only while a few could take students at 10+2 level also. The state government colleges in the state have the facility to teach higher secondary standard students.

NHRC directs Assam govt

to start prosecution proceedings against the accused police officer and pay the compensation to the 13-year-old within four weeks, he said. An assistant sub-inspector of police of Lahorijan police station, Upen Bordoloi caught the boy when he was trying to take the case property from a seized vehicle parked inside the police station on March 9 this year. The NHRC order said it has taken serious note of the incident as this kind of human rights violation caused to a minor person by a police officer indicates the sorry state of affairs. The report submitted by state police authorities admits and acknowledges the occurrence of the incident wherein the public servant has been found guilty, it said. A show cause notice under Section 18 of the Protection of Human Rights Act was issued to the chief secretary calling upon him as to why the interim relief of monetary compensation amounting to Rs 25,000 shall not be recommended by the Commission to be paid to the victim in the present case. In response to the show cause notice issued by the Commission on July 22, no response has been received so far. Therefore, it appears that the authority concerned has nothing to say in respect of the payment of compensation to the victim of the present case. Hence, a recommendation is made for payment of Rs 25,000 to the victim child by the Assam government through its chief secretary, the order stated. The chief secretary had failed to reply to the show cause notice issued by NHRC in the case on July 22. The rights body also directed the chief secretary to ensure disbursement of the compensation amount in four weeks and forward the compliance report along with the proof of payment of the compensation amount to the Commission by October 22. Morigaon superintendent of police, Aparna N in her report submitted to NHRC said that a case under sections of the Juvenile Justice Act was registered at Laharighat police station and after investigation a charge sheet was filed against Bordoloi on May 25. The ASI had been placed under suspension for indiscipline, gross misconduct and dereliction of government duty. Counselling sessions by trained mental health counsellors have been arranged for the minor boy to ensure that there was no mental trauma post the incident, the report added.

India-Bhutan border gates to reopen

border areas of the two countries. We look forward to more such visits," he said. He urged Indian tourists to visit different places in Bhutan after entering the country through the Gelephu and Samdrup Jongkhar gates. "Earlier, we only issued entry permits through Phuentsholing and Paro but now we have added three additional entry gates for tourists," he said. A Substantial Development Fund (SDF) will be charged for improving services and infrastructure, besides environmental conservation, he said. The Bhutan government has planned eco-tourism, bird-watching, and other packages for visitors. A Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) has been chalked out to facilitate the seamless movement of travelers. He said visitors who intend to halt the night and travel beyond the designated points will be charged Rs 1,200. The official appealed to the tourists to bring their voter ID cards and other relevant documents while visiting the Himalayan country. Besides BTC officials, the deputy commissioners and superintendents of police of Kokrajhar, Chirang, Baksa, and Udalguri districts were also present at the meeting held at the BTC Secretariat here.

Vladimir Putin Survives

Putin was travelling in the third of his five vehicles. The Telegram channel claimed that the first escort car was "blocked by an ambulance" and the second car was travelling without any hindrance. It claimed that the body of the person driving the ambulance which blocked the first escort vehicle of Putin was found. In 2017, Putin publicly disclosed that he had survived at least five assassination attempts.

LZSJBP conference held in North Lakhimpur

Assam Rising, North Lakhimpur September 15: The 11th biannual conference of Lakhimpur Zila Sadharon Jati Bikash Parishad (LZSJB) was held with a day-long programme at Chaboti Multipurpose Higher Secondary School, North Lakhimpur on Sunday, informed here by the chief secretary of LZSJB Harakanta Bhuyan. The open meeting was presided over by the Principal of Chaboti Multipurpose Higher Secondary School Ratul Sarma. The meeting was inaugurated by the Founder President of Sadharon Jati Bikash Parishad, Asom (SJBPA) Devendra Nath Bhuyan where SJBPA Executive President Pradip Baruah, Ex-president Biren Bhagawati, Retired Principal of North Lakhimpur Govt. Higher Secondary School Padma Sarma, LZSJB Ex-president Nabin Chandra Dutta, Ex-secretary Munin Bhuyan, SJBPA Ex-chief Secretary Monuranjan Sarma, Sadou Asom Mahila Parishad Secretary Purnima Rajihowa, SJBPA Assistant General Secretary Sushanta Bhuyan and Chief Organising Secretary Harakanta Bhuyan lectured. The speakers, in their speeches, demanded the Government to make reservations on the basis of merit and poverty. Earlier, in the delegates' meeting where 11 regional committee under LZSJB participated, a new committee of LZSJB was formed with 31 members for the next two-year term, including Biren Hazarika as the President and Harakanta Bhuyan as the Chief Secretary, Harakanta Bhuyan further informed. Moreover, he informed that, in the morning, President of the celebration committee Madhav Hazarika planted the sapling, LZSJB President Mahendra Hazarika unfurled the flag and Smriti Tarpan was done by the President of Nakari Anchalik Sadharon Jati Bikash Parishad Jiten Saikia.

Awareness program on the use of tobacco in Lakhimpur



Assam Rising, North Lakhimpur, September 15: Lakhimpur Cancer Centre under Government Of Assam, and a Unit of Assam Cancer Care Foundation, AlnA Welfare Foundation and Assam Chah Mazdoor Sangha in association with Assam Cancer Care Foundation, organized an awareness programme on the USE OF TOBACCO AND ITS RELATION WITH CANCER at ACMS District headquarter Lakhimpur today. Sonjit Tanti, ACMS District Secretary led the meeting and senior dignitaries, District President of women committee Gayatri Nayak, District Secretary of women Committee Puneswari Karmakar, Branch President ACMS- Jagadish Das were also present in the programme. Dr. Ankita Ghosh, Dentist of Lakhimpur Cancer Centre talked about Cancer and its symptoms. She mainly focused on Cancer and health. She said, "From a cross sectional study it is found that people from tea industry in Assam have high access to tobacco and alcohol. People suffering from cancer must visit Lakhimpur Cancer Care Centre for the best treatment". She also pointed out that with the help of available facilities one can save his or her lives if the treatment started during the initial stage of the disease at low cost. District health manager, Community outreach programme, Assam Cancer Care Foundation Sanjeev Kumar Baitha briefed about the advanced lab services in the Centre, along with other best services such as Chemotherapy, Radiation Oncology, CT scan, MRI, Mammography, Cancer Screening, Lab investigations etc. He also mentioned that any non-cancer patients who are in need of Diagnostic services can do their test in Lakhimpur Centre only. AlnA Welfare Foundation Chief Executive Director Krishna Pratim Bordoloi promised that best of the best services will be provided to the needy ones for the treatment, services like ambulance facility, any information regarding Cancer, whom to contact first and helping them in every possible manner. They also have plans to organize Cancer screening camps in all the Tea Gardens of Lakhimpur. AlnA Welfare Foundation has been working for the last 3 years for the betterment of socio economic status of the tea tribe community and it mainly focuses on the health, education & livelihood sector. It was very much welcoming as more than 60 participants were present in the awareness camp. Mahila Samiti representatives from each of the tea gardens of Lakhimpur District were present.

AAEA greets on Engineer's Day

Assam Rising, Guwahati, September 15: Realizing that each individual has an inherent engineering mind irrespective of their adopted professions, All Assam Engineer's Association (AAEA) greets everyone on the auspicious occasion of Engineer's Day, which is celebrated on 15 September in India. The forum of graduate engineers wishes a productive life for every professional engineer across the country, even after their retirements from professional work. The auspicious day marks the birth anniversary of India's finest civil engineer Mokshagundam Vishweshwaraya, who was honoured with Bharat Ratna in 1955. Born on September 15 in 1861 at Muddenahalli village in Karnataka, Vishweshwaraya completed his graduation in civil engineering from Pune Science College. As an honour to his great achievement and contributions to the field of engineering and education, the government decided to observe Vishweshwaraya's birthday as Engineer's Day. Engineers are considered as the backbone of every nation. India continues to produce more than 1.5 million engineers every year from its over 4000 institutes and it is one of the largest producers of professional engineers across the world. Indian engineers are always welcomed in various countries for their meticulous thought process and skills to solve various problems. Millions of aspiring students appear in entrance examinations every year for getting admissions to favoured engineering colleges & universities in India, where the students are offered several streams of engineering like civil, mechanical, electrical, aeronautical, chemical, environmental, electronics, computer science, etc. "Once engineers were projected only as corrupt professionals in various Indian literary works and movies, the people now start recognising the contributions of engineers. The annual celebration helps the engineers to reorganize their commitment for innovative contributions to the nation," said AAEA president Er Kailash Sarma, working president Er Nava J. Thakuria and secretary Er Inamul Hye. The forum also wishes every Indian for the forthcoming Vishwakarma Jayanti (17 September is scheduled for worshipping the god of engineering), the divine architect of the universe, adored by numerous engineers, mechanics, smiths, artisans, craftsmen, factory workers, etc.

Six men gang-rape minor girl in Nagaon

Assam Rising, Nagaon, September 15: Sensation prevailed in Nagaon town this afternoon here after a gang of unidentified miscreants abandoned a class 9 standard girl near at Morigaon bus stand in a very critical condition after gang-raped. Sources claimed that the girl hailing from Juria Dagaon area was kidnapped by the gang of miscreants a couple of days back while she was coming back towards her home after school. She was being gang-raped for last two days in a secret place by over 6 kidnappers and then abandoned her today near at Morigaon bus stand. Meanwhile the victim girl was brought to Nagaon civil hospital by an e-rickshaw in a critical condition and admitted to the emergency ward of the hospital by two persons who fled from the scene just after admitting to the emergency ward, sources added.



RPF rescued 31 minors during last few days

Assam Rising, Guwahati, September 14: The Railway Protection Force (RPF) of N. F. Railway successfully rescued 31 minor boys and girls from different stations in different drives and checks conducted from September 10 to 13 over N. F. Railway. The rescued minors were later, handed over to their respective parents/guardians, Childline/NGO for their safe custody and further course of action. In a drive, conducted on September 13 against human trafficking, unauthorized hawking, begging etc. at Katihar railway station, RPF of Katihar (East) rescued 05 runaway minor boys. On the same day, RPF of New Coochbehar conducted drive against human trafficking at New Coochbehar railway station. During the drive, they rescued one minor boy who did not seem to be in his right frame of mind and was missing from home. Again on the same day, RPF Quick Response Team of Rangiya conducted checking at Rangiya railway station and rescued one runaway minor boy. In several incidents on September 12, RPF rescued 5 minors from different railway stations. On that day, RPF of Katihar (East), while checking under operation 'Nanhe Faristey' at Katihar railway station rescued 02 minor boys begging at the station area. RPF staff and CIB team of Guwahati while checking at Guwahati railway station jointly with member of Railway Child Line, Guwahati, rescued 02 runaway minor boys. RPF staff of New Jalpaiguri, while checking at New Jalpaiguri station, rescued one runaway minor girl. Moreover, RPF of N. F. Railway also rescued 19 minors during different drives and checking conducted on September 10 & 11 at Katihar, Agartala, Hasimara and Falakata stations. RPF train escort parties and staff deployed at stations have been alerted and sensitized to be vigilant and on the lookout for suspected persons involved in human trafficking as well as the movement of children in a suspicious manner, travelling alone, without proper guardian etc. A new initiative under "Meri Saheli" has been formed over N. F. Railway and functioning round the clock to make aware women/child passengers about the safety/security and use of Helpline No. 139 in case of any exigency.

Karam Sanmillan held at Kakopather

Assam Rising, Kakopather, September 14: Like every year Brihottor Karam Sanmillan was also organised this year with a two day programme from September 10-11 at Kakopather Sanskritik Sangha. The Sanmillan started with a marathon race of 13 km from Rupai Siding to Kakopather Sanskritik Sangha. About two hundred participants took part in the race. The marathon was inaugurated by the OC of Kakopather Thana Nabin Chetia. The flag of the programme was hoisted by the president of the sanmillan Jugal Kishor Das followed by smriti tarpana by the secretary Monbor Mahatta. The stage of the sanmillan was inaugurated by the chairman of the Kakopather Co-operative Kishore Chetia. A dozen of competitions were held throughout the whole day such as Drawing, Dance Jhumur and Domkois, Bihu Geet etc. At about 8 p.m. in the evening the Karam Worship was done with all ethnic rituals. The Akhra of the Sanmillan was inaugurated by Aчит Sahu at about 10 p.m. where more than two hundreds of people took part in it. Moreover, Riyans S also joined the Akhra. The second day started with a cultural possession inaugurated by international artist Tapan Mahatta. A group dance competition was held in the evening on the second day which was inaugurated by Sishu Bhaskar Hemanta Raj Moran. An open meet was held at about 8 p.m. which was presided by Jugal Kishore Das and welcomed by Monbor Mahatto. Jagat Nayak and Konok Kurmi from district AATSA along with Hoonmoni Chaliha from AJYCP, Puheswar Sonowal from AASU, Rajendra Nath Koiri from Tinsukia Zila Parishad, renowned writer Bipul Boibhav were present in the open meet. A magazine was inaugurated at the meet named 'Bhado Ekadoshi' by the president of Tinsukia District Sahitya Sabha Arjun Baruah. The cultural night of the program was inaugurated by the winner of the jhumur competition group 'Samoguri Jhumur Nritya Dal'. Kamal Nag, Dipjyoti Mahali, Rupa Karmakar and Siakandar Harpal were the invited artists of the cultural night program who gave their best performance and made the night fruitful. People of Kakopather appreciate the committee and people engaged with the Sanmillan for carrying out such a great initiative.

Two Dalit minor girls found hanging from tree in UP's Lakhimpur Kheri; six arrested

New Delhi: Two Dalit teenage sisters were found hanging from a tree in a field in Uttar Pradesh's Lakhimpur Kheri on Wednesday (September 14, 2022), police said and added that six people have been arrested. The bodies were found hanging from a tree in a sugarcane field in the Lalpur Majra Tamoli Purva village, which comes under the Nighasan police station of Lakhimpur Kheri district. The bodies have been sent for post-mortem. "We have arrested Junaid, Sohail, Hafizur Rehman, Karimuddin, Arif and Chottu in an overnight operation," Lakhimpur Kheri Superintendent of Police (SP) told reporters. All six have been booked for murder and rape, and under the Protection of Children Against Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. Junaid and Sohail were in a relationship with the two sisters, the SP said. "As per the preliminary investigation, the two sisters left their home on Wednesday afternoon on the persuasion of Junaid and Sohail. Junaid and Sohail have confessed that they strangled the girls after raping them," he added. Meanwhile, Opposition parties including Samajwadi Party (SP), Congress and Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) attacked the Yogi Adityanath-led government over "increasing" crimes against women in the state. "Murder of two Dalit sisters after kidnapping them in Nighasan police station area. Their father's allegation on the police is very serious that they carried out 'panchnama' and post-mortem without the family's consent. After farmers in Lakhimpur, the killing of Dalits is now a repetition of the murder of 'Hathras' daughter," SP chief Akhilesh Yadav said. "The killings of the two sisters in Lakhimpur is heartbreaking. The family says the girls were abducted in broad daylight. Law and order in the state doesn't improve by giving false advertisements in newspapers and TV every day. After all, why are heinous crimes against women increasing in Uttar Pradesh? When will the government wake up?," Priyanka said. "Criminals in UP are roaming fearlessly because the priorities of the government are wrong," BSP supremo Mayawati said and urged the state government to make necessary reforms in its policy, methodology and priorities.

Graham Potter left frustrated in first Chelsea match after Salzburg draw

London, September 15 : After everything that has gone on over the past week or so, all of the upheaval, sparked by the sacking of Thomas Tuchel, Chelsea needed something here. Graham Potter needed something here. It was the new manager's first experience of a Champions League tie, a detail to highlight his sudden ascent. It would be a wild night for him. For plenty of the second half, it seemed as though Raheem Sterling had kickstarted Potter's tenure. With a roll of his studs to set the ball and a swish of his right boot, the wide attacker found the far corner of the Red Bull Salzburg net and Chelsea could sense a similar ignition point for their Champions League campaign - following the trauma of the defeat at Dinamo Zagreb in the opening game. Salzburg had other ideas. As Potter directed his players in fresh shapes, it was a battle for cohesion, for clarity, and the sucker punch would arrive. Thiago Silva had been a case study in how to defend, a model of composure, hearing praise from the home support.

Napoli's Politano ends 10-man Rangers' resistance after McGregor's heroics

London, September 15 : A record of 11 goals conceded and none scored in three games can never bode well for a Rangers manager. Nonetheless, on a curious night at Ibrox, Giovanni van Bronckhorst took heart from the competitiveness of his team against Napoli before Rangers were reduced to 10 men. Napoli ultimately emerged as



deserved winners but the whiff of controversy filled the Govan air from the moment of James Sands's dismissal. Rangers felt wronged, as opposed to the embarrassment suffered by back-to-back 4-0 losses to Ajax and Celtic. Wayne Rooney had notched a late winner from the penalty spot for Manchester United the last time Ibrox staged a Champions League group-stage match. Almost 12 years on, penalties defined Rangers' return to this environment. Allan McGregor twice denied Piotr Zielinski from 12 yards - the Polish midfielder had been ordered to retake his spot kick - before Matteo Politano made no mistake from the same position. Napoli had the platform from which they pressed home their superiority. "Until the red card I thought we gave Napoli a really tough game," said Van Bronckhorst. "I don't think a 3-0 defeat reflected the difference in quality today. The manner of this defeat was clearly different to the last two." The point was a fair one. The death of the Queen inevitably registered more at Ibrox than at many other football grounds across the UK. Rangers' cultural identity is intrinsically linked to Britishness and, in turn, the royal family. A large tifo display paid tribute to the Queen as the teams emerged. A minute of perfect silence was punctured by the playing of God Save The King over the stadium's loudspeaker system; it remains to be seen whether Uefa take action against that, given advice offered to British clubs before this week's Champions League fixtures. The match started with frenetic pace. Rangers should have been ahead within 30 seconds, Alfredo Morelos instead heading wide from a James Tavernier cross.



Then he erred. The ball was his to win on the left hand side of the Chelsea defence only he mistimed his challenge on the substitute Junior Adamu, sliding in but failing to make the needed contact. Salzburg were in. Adamu crossed low and Noah Okafor made his move. Moments earlier, the substitute Dijon Kameri had flicked a header at Kepa Arrizabalaga. Now Okafor's shot deflected off César Azpilicueta to beat the goalkeeper. Chelsea tried to respond, Potter likewise. He threw on substitutes, searching for the solutions, the desperation increasing. His system was fluid, difficult to

categorise at times. Reece James pushed high on the right, Sterling even higher on the left. Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang struggled as the focal point. In between them, midfielders drifted and scurried. Two of the substitutes had openings. Hakim Ziyech could not get on to a cross while he also shot weakly at the

goalkeeper, Philipp Kohn. In between times, Armando Broja lashed a shot high when he might have done better. It added up to frustration for Potter, a smattering of boos greeting the full-time whistle. Chelsea remain bottom of their group and next up are home and away ties against Milan. With Sunday's home game against Liverpool postponed because of the pull on police resources ahead of the Queen's funeral, Chelsea do not play again until after the international break - at Crystal Palace on 1 October. There will be lots of time to stew on this result. The atmosphere had been subdued counting down to kick-off; the music in the stadium slow and doleful, thoughts with Her Majesty. It was a pair of Chelsea pensioners who emerged

first from the tunnel to lay wreaths and there were loud renditions of God Save The Queen. The pre-match minute of silence was impeccably observed - save for a broadcaster talking into his headset in the press box. The Chelsea bench shot him ugly looks. Potter's entrance was the definition of low-key - out of necessity. Wearing a black suit and tie, he ducked into his technical area, where he briefly applauded all four corners of the stadium. The response was decent. Potter wants assurance on the ball, the confidence to play out of tight situations but Kepa almost unhinged his team early on with a heavy pass to Jorginho on the edge of the area. Benjamin Sesko jumped in to win it and Salzburg looked as if they were in. Sesko, though, was penalised for a soft foul.

London, September 15 : Celtic failed to build on a dominant start to their Champions League contest against Shakhtar Donetsk as they were held to a 1-1 draw in Poland. Reo Hatate's run beyond the home defence led to Celtic taking an early lead but Mykhaylo Mudryk equalised against the run of play in the 29th minute. Off the pitch, anti-monarchy banners and chants from travelling Celtic fans led to an on-air apology from BT Sport. In the early stages of the game, a banner in the Celtic end was unfurled that read "Fuck the Crown" while another one said "Sorry for your loss Michael Fagan", a reference to the intruder who broke into the Queen's Buckingham Palace bedroom in 1982. The away fans also chanted "If you hate the Royal Family, clap your hands" during the



game in Warsaw. There was no minute's silence for the Queen following discussions between both clubs and Uefa, but both sets of players wore black armbands. On the pitch, Celtic made a bright start as Matt O'Riley played in Kyogo Furuhashi in the opening minute but Shakhtar goalkeeper Anatoliy Trubin got a foot to the striker's shot to divert it wide. Greg Taylor's driven cross was deflected beyond the Japan forward and O'Riley had an effort saved before Celtic took the lead in the 10th minute. Josip Juranovic's diagonal ball found Sead Haksabanovic, who was making his first start for the club. The winger fed Hatate's forward run and the midfielder's shot took a

deflection off Artem Bondarenko and went in. Furuhashi could have tapped it home but chose to leave it only for it to be credited as an own goal. Celtic continued to cause Shakhtar numerous problems with their passing and movement but the Ukrainian side levelled out of the blue. A pass inside former Legia right-back Juranovic gave left-winger Mudryk a clear run at goal and he fired high into the net. The goal gave Donetsk a major lift and former Celtic winger Marian Shved soon had the ball in the net. Shved, who only made three appearances for the Hoops, was denied his dream goal by an offside flag against provider Mudryk.

Worcester's home game against Exeter in doubt over unpaid wages and bills

Worcester, September 15 : Worcester's home fixture against Exeter on Sunday is in serious doubt over unpaid wages to staff and suppliers bills while the owners admitted on Wednesday night the sale of the club had not been completed. The Warriors are due to stage their first home match of the season against the Chiefs but suppliers, who are required to run a matchday at Sixways, had set a deadline of 5pm on Wednesday to be paid. Senior figures at the club had separately called for the outstanding salaries of staff members - some of whom were yet to receive any of August's wages - to be paid first. It is understood the 5pm deadline came and went and if Worcester are unable to provide those payments in time to stage Sunday's match and have to forfeit, Exeter would be awarded five points. The club's owners, Jason Whittingham and Colin Goldring, announced on Tuesday that they had agreed the terms of a sale, giving rise to optimism over the short- and long-term future, but on Wednesday revealed the deal remains in the hands of legal representatives from both sides. Meanwhile the club's director of rugby, Steve Diamond, said: "If people aren't paid, and suppliers aren't paid, then I don't think, logistically, the game can go on. Let's hope it's not another false dawn. These people [buyers] have got to deliver and I think they're in the last throes of that. If they're not then I probably won't be sat in front of you again."

Shane Warne TV miniseries 'beyond disrespectful', daughter says

Melbourn, September 15 : Shane Warne's eldest daughter has spoken out against plans to dramatise her father's life in a two-part miniseries, calling Channel Nine "beyond disrespectful".

In a story posted to Instagram on Wednesday, Brooke Warne, 25, targeted the network, saying: "Do any of you have any respect for Dad? Or his family? Who did so much for Channel 9 and now you want to dramatise his life and our families (sic) life 6 months after he has passed away? You are beyond disrespectful." At a 2023 programming launch at Sydney's Luna Park on Wednesday, Nine confirmed the miniseries, called Warne, would screen over two nights next year. It has described the show as a fitting tribute to one of the greatest Australians of all time and its must-see drama event of next year. Brooke's comments followed what would have been her father's 53rd birthday on Tuesday. She shared on Instagram: "Today will always be Your day." Brooke Warne, daughter of Shane Warne, speaks during the state memorial service for the Australian cricket legend at the MCG on 30 March 2022. His second-eldest daughter Summer Warne, 20, said she would do anything to see his big smile one last time. "Thank you for the 20 years of memories we shared together. I will cherish them always," she posted on Instagram. On Thursday a Nine spokesperson told



Guardian Australia: "Our Warne mini-series we know will be a celebration of the life of an extraordinary Australian - a man who lived life large and loved passionately. We have enormous respect for Shane and all his achievements, and our hope is all Australians including Warne's family will feel the program honours his legacy and life." Warne's longtime manager, James Erskine, has previously spoken out against plans to dramatise the cricketer's life, telling News Corp earlier this year he would write to chairman Peter Costello about the matter. Our Australian morning briefing email breaks down the key national and international stories of the day and why they matter. Privacy Notice: Newsletters may contain info about charities, online ads, and content funded by outside parties. For more information see our Privacy Policy. We use Google reCaptcha to protect our

website and the Google Privacy Policy and Terms of Service apply. "His life was so intriguing, and a work in progress," Ryan told TV Tonight in April. "It became more intriguing and interesting with every passing year and it's a tragedy that Shane died so young. But the outpouring of grief adds an extra dimension. He's definitely flawed, but a genius, a rogue and a rascal." "Our relationship with him at the

time, and now, has ebbed and flowed ... we've seen the best and worst of ourselves in him. At the core, he was a genius cricketer but we don't want to tell just a story about a genius cricketer. He was also a cultural icon but we don't just want to tell a story about a cultural icon." The former cricketer died on the Thai resort island of Koh Samui on 4 March. A televised state memorial was held at the MCG later that month.

Paul Pogba's brother Mathias reportedly in police custody amid extortion claims

London, September 15 : Mathias Pogba, the older brother of the France and Juventus footballer Paul Pogba, is reportedly being temporarily detained and questioned by police after the Juventus midfielder said he was the target of extortion attempts and threats. "Mathias Pogba presented himself to the investigators in the early afternoon and was taken into custody," a source close to the investigation said on Wednesday. Three other people are

also in custody, added a legal source who asked not to be named. The formal probe follows preliminary investigations and will look into allegations of blackmail by an armed gang, kidnapping and membership of a criminal conspiracy. Paul Pogba has told the Paris prosecution office he had been the target of extortion by childhood friends since March. The former Manchester United player paid £100,000 euros (£86,460) to that group in the spring, judicial sources

told Reuters this month. Mathias Pogba denied the allegations in statements posted on social media. His lawyer reiterated on Friday that he denies any involvement in the alleged extortion. That denial in a statement issued by his lawyer, Richard Arbib, came after Mathias Pogba published a bizarre video online on 27 August - in French, Italian, English and Spanish - promising "great revelations" about his younger brother.

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Tickets For India vs Pakistan Clash In 2022 T20 World Cup Sold Out

New Delhi, September 15: Tickets for India's match against arch-rivals Pakistan at the Melbourne Cricket Ground in the T20 World Cup 2022 on October 23 have been sold out, the International Cricket Council (ICC) said on Thursday. Even additional standing room tickets were "snapped up within minutes of going on sale", the ICC said. The global cricket body said that over 500,000 tickets have been sold for the upcoming mega event in Australia, which gets underway next month. India and Pakistan will face off in their opening Super 12s fixture. "The ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2022 is set to welcome fans of all ages and backgrounds, with over 500,000 fans already securing their place to the event that begins in one month's time," the ICC said in its release. "Fans from 82 different countries have purchased tickets to watch the world's best players from 16 international teams, marking the return of full stadiums at ICC events for the first time since the Women's T20 World Cup in 2020,



which culminated with 86,174 fans for the final at the MCG," it added. "The India v Pakistan fixture at the MCG on 23 October is sold out, with additional standing room tickets snapped up within minutes of going on sale. An official re-sale platform will be launched closer to the event, where fans can exchange tickets at face value," ICC said

about the clash between subcontinent rivals. Tickets for South Africa's match against Bangladesh as well as that of India and the runners-up of Group A have also been sold out, although additional tickets may be made available. "Only a very limited number of tickets remain for Australia's opening Super 12 fixture against New Zealand at the SCG on 22 October, the double-header featuring Pakistan v Group A runner-up and India v South Africa at Perth Stadium on 30 October, and Pakistan v South Africa at the SCG on 3 November," the ICC added.



World Wrestling Championships: Vinesh Phogat Wins Bronze In Women's 53kg

New Delhi, September 15: India's Vinesh Phogat made history at the World Wrestling Championships in Belgrade on Wednesday as she joined an elite list of Indian wrestlers to win multiple medals at the marquee event. She beat Sweden's Emma Malmgren 8-0 to win the bronze medal. It was her second medal at the World Championships. She had earlier won bronze in the 2019 edition too. Vinesh, a triple Commonwealth Games champion, is the first Indian female wrestler to win two medals at the World Championships. It was a remarkable comeback for Vinesh after her shock qualification round defeat to 2022 Asian championships silver medalist Khulan Batkhuyag of Mongolia. The Indian wrestler trailed Batkhuyag 3-0 at the end of the opening round and conceded another four points in the final moments to lose the bout. Khulan Batkhuyag stormed through to the final by winning her next matches, thus giving Vinesh a shot at the bronze medal. However, the road was not easy for Vinesh as he had to win three repechage round matches on her way to claiming the medal. In her first repechage match on Wednesday, she defeated 2018 Asian Games silver medalist Zhuldyz Eshimova of Kazakhstan by 4-0. She attained a Victory by Fall (VFA). Her next match saw her win against Azerbaijan's Leyla Gurbanova on basis of Win by injury (VIN). After winning this match, she progressed to the bronze medal match. Also, 2021 World U-23 bronze medalist Nisha Dahiya will be wrestling for a bronze medal. Nisha had advanced to the semi-final after winning over Bulgaria's Sofiya Hristova Georgieva. She attained a win on basis of Superiority aka Technical Fall (VSU) by 11-0. But in the semifinal, she lost to Ami Ishii of Japan by 5-4 on basis of VPO1 (Points and the opponent scores). She will have to contest for the bronze medal. Her opponent is not decided yet. The 2022 World Wrestling Championships started in Belgrade on September 10 and will go on till September 18.

Helena Rowland bags hat-trick as Red Roses beat Wales and set winning record

London, September 15: A Helena Rowland hat-trick helped England to a 73-7 win over Wales at Ashton Gate which means the Red Roses will head to the upcoming World Cup on a winning run of 25 consecutive matches. They are the first international rugby team to win 25 in a row - the perfect springboard from which to launch their World Cup campaign on October 8 against Fiji. A key moment in the match came around the 70-minute mark when the Red Roses went down to 14 players. Player of the match Rowland was hooked off in what was described as a precautionary measure and she could not be replaced as England had already emptied their bench. "She started to cramp," head coach Simon Middleton said post-match. "The last thing we want is for the cramp to turn into a tear. Medical were concerned. Yes it gives you a chance to look at a 14-player scenario and get Holly [Aitchison] some time. We wanted to look at Holly at 13 and what we didn't want to do was disrespect Wales in any way. "We would never do that. I would rather have that finger pointed at me than leave my 12 on the field and the cramp turns into a tear. We were never going to take a chance on that." After a minute's silence for Queen Elizabeth II the match got underway. England had good early possession but the lineup was sloppy five metres out which



gave Wales a foothold. The visitors won another penalty and fly-half Elinor Snowsill showed their intent with a kick to the corner. However, the tides quickly turned with England gathering the ball from the Welsh lineout and running it upfield. In the 22 Helena Rowland ran a beautiful line to bypass two defenders to crash over, which had the 11,961 crowd on their feet. Rowland had a try ruled out due to obstruction just a few minutes later after a TMO check. Wales were the next to strike with a driving maul seeing Gwen Crabb reap the rewards. Snowsill added the extras to level the game after 15 minutes. England hit back quickly with Lydia Thompson working a play straight off the training pitch to rip open the Welsh defence, eventually winning a penalty. The ball was whipped out from the maul to Emily Scarratt who

leaped to England's second try. The hosts' driving maul came into play next but Alex Callender brought it down illegally and was sent to the sin bin. The hosts took full advantage of being a player up with Marlie Packer crashing over off the back of a maul. England's fourth of the evening came through a penalty try. There was a worry for the team shortly before as Lark Davies was replaced by Amy Cokayne and Middleton did not have a conclusive answer on Davies' injury post-match. Ellie Kildunne wrapped up the first half with the Red Roses' fifth as England outnumbered Wales on the wing. The Red Roses continued their scoring ways immediately after the break with Cokayne going over from a driving maul and the replacement hooker was instrumental in their next try, running a

great line to feed Rowland, who sprinted over. Scarratt lodged her complaints after her conversion was charged down by Callender but referee Aurelie Groizeleau was happy. England kept hammering the Welsh line and found another score through Scarratt. A slick team try followed with the likes of replacements Claudia MacDonald, Holly Aitchison and Hannah Botterman putting it through the hands to put Rowland through for her hat-trick. Botterman and Zoe Aldcroft finished off an impressive display with their fire firmly lit to win back the trophy they haven't had their hands on since 2014. Wales too will be on a plane to New Zealand for the World Cup and captain Hannah Jones said: "We have a bit of time now to hurt, to reflect. We have got to pick ourselves up, there is a quick turnaround."



Hummels cut out a cross just as Haaland was about to pounce, and was greeted with back-slaps, high-fives and celebrations worthy of a goal. But even this was something of a tell: an admission of the slimness of their margins, the sheer enormity of their task. Simply keeping Haaland quiet for 75 minutes felt like an act of heroism. Bad news: there were still 15 remaining. And what to say about that goal, really? Perhaps that it was not so much a goal as a feat of physical architecture: an entire frame winched off the ground, the left leg raised like a battering ram, João Cancelo's brilliant cross nudged in from a great height. There is, perhaps, an incongruity in the fact that Haaland can look so peripheral and then come up with a finish like that. But then you realise that those long minutes spent jogging and soft-pedalling are in the service of these moments: energy

conserved, defenders sapped, a patience that is its own devastating form of self-belief. This is not the sort of game that City used to win, or at least not the manner in which they used to win them. But they have been doing it more and more of late: Arsenal away last season, Aston Villa in the title decider and here again, a comeback victory borne of pure aura, the mental fortitude of a team that have conquered the mountain so many times that they no longer really know how to lose. This, perhaps, is why it is Guardiola's most interesting team. There is little of the flourish or splendour of its predecessors. Nothing is spoiled and nothing is wasted: a small squad who know their jobs and do just enough. A cynic might call them a flawed team, a team of moments, perhaps even a betrayal. An optimist might counter that this is football distilled to its purest and most perfect essence.

Serena Williams praises Tom Brady return as she says she is 'evolving' not retiring

Washington, September 15: Serena Williams says she "will not be relaxing" after playing what is likely to be her final competitive tennis match, and can now find time for "things that I've been wanting to do for so many years". The 23-time grand slam champion said that her reported "retirement" from the sport was "more of an evolution of Serena" and it was time for her to explore her other passions. "Tom Brady started an amazing trend. That's what I want to say." The 40-year-old bowed out of the third-round of the US Open tournament earlier this month after losing in three sets to Ajla Tomljanovic. Speaking about her tennis career on The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon, she said: "I think retirement is something that is super earned and that people work really hard for. 'I feel like I'm at an age where I definitely have a lot more to give and there's a lot more that I want to do so I'm not going to be relaxing, there's so much more for me. I feel like it's more of an evolution of Serena.' Williams has business interests away from tennis, and has spoken about becoming a mother again. "There's so many things that I've been wanting to do for so many years and I've had such a passion for tennis for so long that I've never done them," she said. "Now it's time for me to start to enjoy those things."

Williams Driver Alex Albon Out Of Hospital After Respiratory Failure

London, September 15: Alex Albon has been released from hospital after the Williams driver suffered respiratory failure following complications from appendix surgery. Albon missed the Italian Grand Prix in Monza with appendicitis on Saturday and was transferred to nearby San Gerardo Hospital for treatment. The 26-year-old underwent surgery, but then ended up in intensive care and required assistance with breathing. London-born Albon, who races under the Thai flag because of his mother Kankamol's nationality, was removed from a ventilator on Sunday before being allowed to leave hospital and travel home in Monaco on Tuesday. "We are happy to confirm that Alex Albon has now returned home," a Williams spokesperson said. He initially felt unwell on Saturday and was replaced by the team's reserve driver and Formula E champion Nyck de Vries in the Grand Prix. Albon will hope to return to the track in the next race in Singapore on October 2. He spent last year on the sidelines after he was dropped by Red Bull. But he has steadily impressed since his transfer to Williams, scoring his first point for the British team at the Australian Grand Prix in April, with two further top-10 finishes in Miami and Belgium.



Suryakumar Yadav Birthday: Virat Kohli Leads Birthday Wishes As Star Batter Turns 32

New Delhi, September 15: The members of the Indian cricket team came forward to extend birthday wishes to batter Suryakumar Yadav, who turned 32 on Wednesday. Suryakumar has been an integral part of Team India, whose powerful knocks took the team across the line on many occasions. The stars like Virat Kohli, Kuldeep Yadav, Yuvraj Singh, were among those who shared wishes for



Suryakumar on their social media on his special day. Taking to Instagram, Kohli

posted a picture with Suryakumar and wrote, "Happy Birthday SKY. Wishing you great success." "Happy Birthday @Surya_14kumar. Keep working hard and do your best. All eyes on World Cup now. Stay blessed!" wrote former India batter Yuvraj Singh on his Instagram. "Wishing the dashing and stylish #TeamIndia batter @surya_14kumar a very happy birthday," tweeted Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). India spinner Yuzvendra Chahal posted a picture with Suryakumar on

Twitter and captioned it, "Happy birthday BHAAU." "Happy birthday big brother @surya_14kumar God bless you always," tweeted Kuldeep Yadav. Ever since his debut in 2021, Suryakumar has played 13 ODIs and scored 340 runs with two half-centuries. In T20Is, has played 28 matches and smashed 811 runs. His most recent memorable knock was of 68 runs off 26 balls against Hong Kong in the

Group Stage match of Asia Cup 2022. Apart from the international career, Suryakumar has also left a long-lasting impact in the Indian Premier League. In 123 matches, he has scored 2644 runs at an average of 30.05 and a strike rate of 136.78. He also registered 16 half-centuries to his name. Suryakumar Yadav has been picked in India's squad for the upcoming T20 World Cup in Australia.