

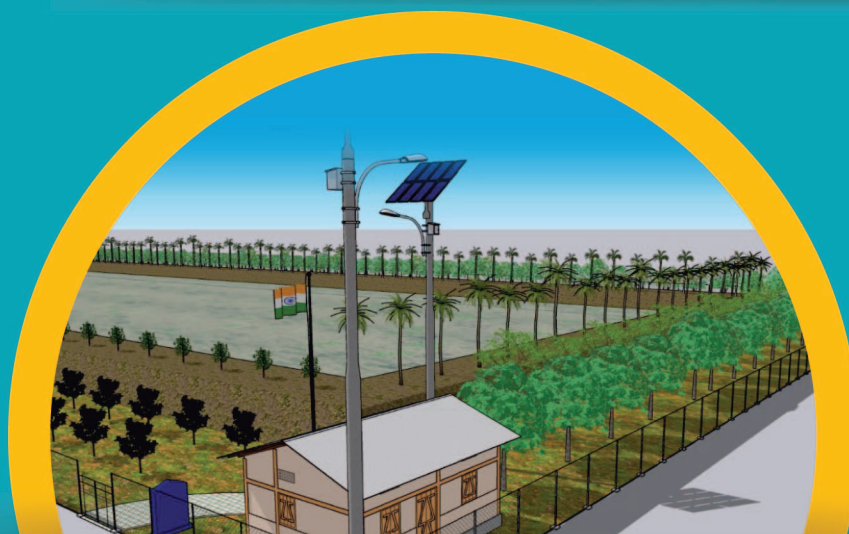


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Mission Amrit Sarovar

A vision of the Karmayogi Prime Minister
Shri Narendra Modi

Construction of 2625 Amrit Sarovars
begin across Assam on 17th September 2022



Fund earmarked

State Government	: ₹669.25 Crore
MGNREGA	: ₹493.66 Crore
Finance Commission Grants	: ₹45.10 Crore
Total	: ₹1,208.01 Crore

Salient Features of the Assam Model

- Minimum 75 Amrit Sarovars in each district
- Minimum 1 hectare area
- Implementation in Convergence Mode involving Chief Minister Samagra Gramya Unnayan Yojana (CMSGUY), Panchayat & Rural Development Department and Fishery Department
- Livelihood avenues through pisciculture and three layer commercial plantation
- Women empowerment through Commercial Activities by Cluster Level Federations (CLFs)
- Provision of solar lights, flag post and working shed for user groups

Chief Guests to attend the district level programmes

Bajali	Shri Ranjeet Kumar Dass Hon'ble Minister, Panchayat & Rural Development, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, General Administration, Law and Justice Departments
Golaghat	Shri Atul Bora Hon'ble Minister, Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary, Border Area Development and Implementation of Assam Accord Departments
Baksa	Shri Urkhao Gwra Brahma Hon'ble Minister, Handloom & Textile, Soil Conservation and Welfare of Bodoland Departments
Nalbari	Shri Chandra Mohan Patowary Hon'ble Minister, Environment & Forests, Act East Policy Affairs and Welfare of Minorities Departments
Cachar	Shri Parimal Shuklabaidya Hon'ble Minister, Transport, Fisheries and Excise Departments
Nagaon	Shri Keshab Mahanta Hon'ble Minister, Health & Family Welfare, Medical Education & Research, Science, Technology & Climate Change and Information Technology Departments
Dhemaji	Dr. Ranoj Pegu Hon'ble Minister, Education, Tribal Welfare, Indigenous & Tribal Faith and Culture Departments (Directorates of Library and Museum)
Sonitpur	Shri Ashok Singhal Hon'ble Minister, Housing & Urban Affairs and Irrigation Departments

Charaideo	Shri Jogen Mohan Hon'ble Minister, Revenue & Disaster Management and Hill Area Development Departments
Tinsukia	Shri Sanjay Kishan Hon'ble Minister, Welfare of Tea Tribes and Labour Welfare Departments
Darrang	Smt. Ajanta Neog Hon'ble Minister, Finance and Women & Child Development Departments
Morigaon	Shri Pijush Hazarika Hon'ble Minister, Water Resources, Information & Public Relations, Parliamentary Affairs and Social Justice & Empowerment Departments
Dibrugarh	Shri Bimal Bora Hon'ble Minister, Industries & Commerce and Public Enterprises and Cultural Affairs Departments
Dima Hasao	Smt. Nandita Gorlosa Hon'ble Minister, Power, Co-operation, Mines & Minerals, Indigenous & Tribal Faith and Cultural Departments
Kamrup	Shri Jayanta Malla Baruah Hon'ble Minister, Public Health Engineering, Skill, Employment & Entrepreneurship and Tourism Departments

The Hon'ble MPs & MLAs will attend the programme of the remaining districts

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Name correction

I am Atikur Rahman S/O: Abdul Bari, Village & P.O: Buraburi, P.S Mayang District: Morigaon (Assam) PIN: 782411. In some of my documents, my name is preceded by Md Atikur Rahman and in others as Atikur Rahman. This has also happened in my father's name. So let me correct the court Affidavit. The Morigaon District Court issued an affidavit stating that Md Atikur Rahman and Atikur Rahman are the same person. And my father Abdul Bari and Md Abdul Bari are the same person.

Name correction

In some documents/papers my name has been recorded as Nabakanta Barman. But in the LIC policy No. 483742054 DoC-28-12-2005 my name has been recorded as Gopal Barman. Both the names same and single person.

Nabakanta Barman
S R Road Narth
Haibargaon,
Nagaon (Assam)

Affidavit

My name is Mahidul Islam, S/O Fazlur Rahman, Vill-Bahmura, P.O.- Sonkuchi, P.S & Dist- Barpeta (Assam). My and my father's actual and correct names are Mahidul Islam and Fazlur Rahman respectively. But in my Educational testimonials my name and my father's name have been wrongly inserted as Md. Mahidul Islam and Md Fazlur Rahman respectively instead of Mahidul Islam and Fazlur Rahman. Mahidul Islam & Md. Mahidul Islam is one & same person. Fazlur Rahman and Md Fazlur Rahman is also one & same person. I have corrected my name and my father's name as Mahidul Islam and Fazlur Rahman before Notary Public, Barpeta on 15-9-2022.

Mahidul Islam
S/O. Fazlur Rahman
Vill- Bahmura
P.O. Sonkuchi
P.S & Dist- Barpeta
(Assam)

CORRIGENDUM

Ref: M/No. BNZ/Condemn/7/2022/168-A Dated Bongaigaon the 17th of August, 2022 of DM, Bongaigaon & this office M/No. BMC-II/2021/69 Dated 03/09/2022 regarding auction of 70 nos of vehicles at Jogighopa PS. The Chassis No. of the vehicle SL No. 5, Hero Honda Passion may be read as 02B21C03697 instead of MDZA92CY68CF23621

Sd/- Circle Officer, Botamari
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Dr. Sagar Boruah endowment lecture held at Khagarijan College

Assam Rising, Nagaon, September 16: Department of History, Khagarijan College, Nagaon today organized the 4th Dr Sagar Boruah endowment lecture. Dr Chandan Kumar Sharma, associate professor, department of history, Dibrugarh University graced the occasion as chief resource person and delivered the keynote lecture on 'New History of India's Partition: A Historiographical Study'. Dr Dilip Bora, professor, Department of Modern Indian Languages, Gauhati University chaired the session while Dr Ramesh Nath, principal of the college delivered the welcome address and laid stress on the importance of awareness of history of its nation as well as country. In his lecture, Dr Chandan Kumar Sharma elaborated on various consequences and implications of partition and highlighted the confusions as well as turmoil of the common people. The lecture was followed by an interactive session where various aspects like border disputes, plight of people, alienation and others were also elaborated in detail. Over hundred participants including students, faculty members, and principals of various colleges were present in the programme, a release added.

Pramod Ch. Literary award conferred to Nandeswar Daimari



Assam Rising, Nagaon, September 16: Nandeswar Daimari, a writer with a difference was awarded by the BTR government with the prestigious literary award for his contribution to literature. The award consists of Rs. 2 Lakhs, a replica and an arnari. The award was conferred by Jayanta Malla Barua the Assam minister in the presence of BTR Chief Pramod Boro. BTR government has also awarded

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Amrit Narayan Patgiri simultaneously for his contribution to Assamese literature. This was the first instance of awarding other than Bodo writers by the BTR government. Nandeswar Daimari has authored Manjubala Devi (Novel), Thangnaini Daoha

Mega Plantation drive held at Chakardo Hill

Assam Rising, Guwahati, September 16: Gauhati University NSS Cell launched a Plantation drive with the theme 'Pahar Bor Xeuj Karo Ahok' - Let's Make Our Hills Green at Chakardo Hill at Mikirpara, Azara in association with Hari Gayatri Das College NSS Unit, S.B. Deorah College NSS Unit, Dispur College NSS Unit and GU Campus NSS Unit. The plantation drive is a part of ongoing year long Mega Plantation drive run by GU NSS Cell. Participating in the programme Dr. Ranjan Kr. Kakati, Director, Students' Welfare, G.U. and Programme Coordinator, GU NSS Cell urged the NSS volunteers to plant trees in nearby hills of Guwahati as the hills are rapidly losing their green cover and said that only through plantation we can mitigate the problem of global warming and rapid de-forestation. Dr. Kakati launched the plantation drive by planting a sapling of 'Red Sandal'. The plantation drive was also attended by Dr. Rituparna Borah, P.O., GU campus NSS Unit and Dr. Swapna Sarmah, P.O., Hari Gayatri Das College NSS Unit along with 50 NSS volunteers. More than 100 plant saplings of different local varieties were planted during the plantation drive.

IIE conducts Convergence Workshop

Assam Rising, Guwahati, September 16: Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE) Guwahati an organization under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India conducted a convergence workshop at its premise today. The convergence workshop was conducted by the IIE in collaboration with different stakeholders like implementing and technical agencies along with Farmer Producers Organizations (FPOs). The workshop was focused on the scope and areas of convergence provided by the various

government departments in the areas of infrastructure, livelihood development etc to the farmers and artisans. The workshop was attended by various government representatives who explained various schemes and facilities available under their schemes and the ways to avail those facilities to the participants. The workshop was also attended by the stakeholders, different technical and implementing agencies representatives and other participants from FPO and FPCs.



The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. Lalit Sharma, Director IIE, while Dr Santanu Mohan Deka, Course Director, Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI) scheme delivered the brief objective of the workshop in the presence of resource persons from different State and central government entities like Directorate of Sericulture, Directorate of Horticulture and Food Processing, NABARD, National Handloom Development Corporation Limited (NHDC) and National Small Industries Corporation Limited (NSIC) etc. The resource persons have highlighted the focused areas of the centrally sponsored schemes where the scopes for convergence with other schemes are available. The representatives from technical agencies like Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts, Assam Don Bosco University Guwahati, Arohan Food Products, SeSTA, ICCSPL/ICCO attended the convergence workshop along with eighty numbers of the participants. The participants from FPOs had the event very insightful.

productive and knowledgeable for their future endeavours. Nilesh Sukhadeva, Sr. Manager (Comm.) NHDC, Sankar Das, AGM, NABARD, Bidyut Nath Choudhury, Scientist-D & Head; Project Monitoring Cell, MESSO from Directorate of Sericulture, Vinit Kashyap, Senior Branch Manager, National Small Industries Corporation Limited (NSIC) and Nipendra Chandra Das, Sub Divisional Agriculture Officer (Hort.) & Nodal Officer, HMNEH Scheme participated as resource person and provided the scope for convergence aspects and scope during the session. The convergence workshop concluded successfully with a vote of thanks provided by the SFURTI Course Director.

In The Hon'ble COURT OF ADDITIONAL DISTRICT JUDGE NO.2, Nagaon, ASSAM
NOTICE

Misc. Appeal No.02/2021
(Fixing on 22/09/2022)
Lakhiram Mardi & others - Versus - The State of Assam & others To,

- The State of Assam, Represented by the Commissioner and Secretary to the Government of Assam, Revenue and Rehabilitation Department, Sachivalya, Dispur, Guwahati - 781006
- The Deputy Commissioner, Nagaon, Nagaon, District - Nagaon, Assam
- The Additional Deputy Commissioner, (Revenue), Nagaon, District - Nagaon, Assam
- The Circle Officer, Samaguri Revenue Circle, District - Nagaon, Assam
- The Lot Mandal, Samaguri Revenue Circle, District - Nagaon, Assam
- The Assam Power Distribution Company Ltd., Represented by its Chairman, Bijulee Bhavan, Guwahati - 781001
- Smti. Marami Aidew, Daughter of Late Rajani Kanta Gohain, R/o Vill. Amolapatty, Brindaban Goswami Road, Ward No.7, Nagaon, Mouza- Nagaon Town, Revenue Circle Nagaon Sadar, Dist. Nagaon, Assam
- Smti. Anamika Gohain, Daughter of Late Sarada Gohain, R/o VIII. Amolapatty, Brindaban Goswami Road, Ward No.7, Nagaon, Mouza- Nagaon Town, Revenue Circle Nagaon Sadar, Dist. Nagaon, Assam
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- Sri Jiten Gohain, Son of Late Sarada Gohain, R/o Vill. Patharquarry, VIP Road, Ward No.52, Guwahati, District - Kamrup (M)
- Smti. Aarati Gohain, Wife of Late Mukut Gohain, Daughter of Late Rajani Kanta Gohain, R/o Vill. Amolapatty, Brindaban Goswami Road, Ward No.7, Nagaon, Mouza- Nagaon Town, Revenue Circle Nagaon Sadar, Dist. Nagaon, Assam

WHEREAS the Appellants have preferred an Appeal In this Court against the Order dated 08-01-2021 passed by the Learned Civil Judge, Nagaon, Assam In Misc. Case No.51/2020 arising out of T.S. No.95/2020. So, you are hereby asked to appear before this Court on 22-09-2022 at 10-30 A.M. personally or through your engaged Advocate. Failing which the appeal will be heard & decided ex parte as per provisions of law.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of this Court on this 13th day of September, 2022

Addl. Dist Judge No
Nagaon Assam

IN THE COURT OF THE SPECIAL SUBORDINATE JUDGE, (M.A.C.T) KRISHNAGIRI I.A.NO.5/2020 IN M.C.O.P. NO.176/2018
National Insurance Co., Ltd, Rajapalayam. ...Petitioner/Respondent ...Vs-
N.S.Pradeep Kumar ...Respondent/Petitioner ...Vs--
1. Angaiyarkanni,
2. Gangadhara
3. Reliance General Insurance Co Ltd, Mumbai ...Respondents/Respondents ...Vs--
1. Carrier India Pvt Ltd, Guwahati,
2. Oriental Insurance Co Ltd, Guwahati,
3. Mustafa, Bangalore
4. Ifico Tokio General Insurance Co Ltd, Bangalore, ... Proposed Parties/Respondents
COURT NOTICE
In the above mentioned I.A. No and MCOP No, the case is posted on 29/09/2022, for the appearance of No. 1 & No.2 proposed party/Respondent either in person or through counsel at 10.30 A.M. before the Court and file counter if any. Failing which ex parte orders will be passed. By the Order of this Hon'ble court.
R.Charan Singh, M.A., L.L.B., L.L.M., ADVOCATE, Krishnagiri

IN THE HON'BLE COURT OF ADDITIONAL DISTRICT JUDGE NO.2, NAGADIN, ASSAM

NOTICE

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(Fixing on 22/09/2022)

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WHEREAS the appellants/petitioners have filed a petition under Order 39 Rule 1 & 2 read with Section 151 of the C.P.C. for granting of temporary injunction and also for ad interim temporary injunction seeking certain reliefs against you In connection with Misc. Appeal No.02/2021, this Court after going through the Injunction petition, affidavit, and record of the connected suit hereby asked you to show cause as to why the Injunction as prayed by the petitioners should not be granted against you.

Fixing 22-09-2022 for S.R./Objection/Hearing.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of this Court on this 13th day of September, 2022.

Addl. Dist Judge No
Nagaon Assam

WALK-IN-INTERVIEW

FORE ENGAGEMENT OF CONTRACTUAL STAFF

Application are invited in a standard form of application for engagement on contractual basis for the following post under Watershed Development Component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana 2.0 (WDC-PMKSY 2.0)

Sl. No.	Name of post	No. of post	Age Limit	Qualification	experience	Remuneration Per month (in Rs.)
1	WDT Member (Technical) Contractual	01(One) No.	25-45 Years as on 01-01-2022	Diploma in Civil/ Agriculture Engineering from a recognized University. Minimum 6 (Six) months Diploma / Certificate in Computer Application (Preferably Diploma in Civil Engineering)	Minimum 3(Three) years experience in relevant field , with working knowledge of . Field survey and preparation of Plan & Estimate and Design. Candidates working in . similar capacity in Govt./Semi Govt. Office /Department / Organization or PSUs will be given preference.	20,000.00

Venue : Office of the Jorhat Soil Conservation Division, Atha, Garmur, Assam.
Date : 21-09-2022
Reporting Time : 10.00 AM

Terms & Condition

- Interested candidates may appear before the Selection Committee with all original Documents, all relevant testimonials (Self attested copy of Age Proof Certificate, Pass Certificate, Mark Sheets. Experience Certificate, Two copies of recent Pass port size photographs etc.) including one filled up Standard Form of Application should be submitted on the date of interview.
- Selected candidate in the interview will be informed through e-mail/ Contact number_ Also a copy will be handed in the office Notice Board.
- No TA/DA shall be paid to the candidates for attending the interview.
- At any stage of recruitment , if it is found that the candidate does not fulfill the eligibility criteria and/or that he/she has furnished incorrect/false information / certificate / documents his her candidature appointment will stand cancelled and necessary legal action will be initiated.
- The decision of the selection committee in any matter related to the recruitment at any stage of the recruitment process will be final and binding upon the candidates.
- The selection committee may prepare waiting list of suitable candidate which would remain %mild for 6 months from the date of declaration of result.
- The engagement is purely contractual and coterminous with the end of programme with no provision of regularization.
- Initially the engagement will be made for 11(Eleven) months which may be emended subject to the satisfactory performance.
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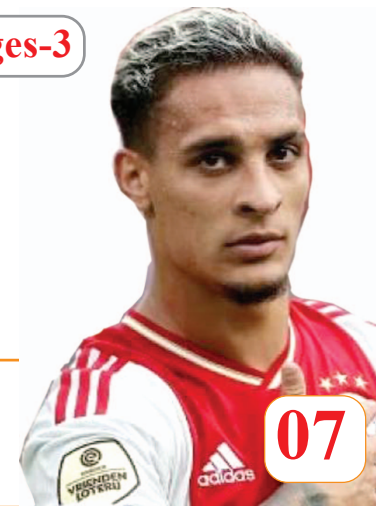
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NOTICE

On the occasion of Vishwakarma Puja, our office will remain close on 17th September, 2022. Hence there will be no issue on 18th September. The next issue of "The Assam Rising" will be published on 19th September, 2022. Wish all of our valuable readers, agents, distributors, advertisers and well wishers happy Vishwakarma Puja.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Exam results Assam Rising Guwahati, September 16:

The results for the Assam direct recruitment grade III and IV posts exams for which were held recently, will be declared on September 18, a government notification issued on Thursday (September 15) said. Earlier, Assam chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma had said that the results for the Assam direct recruitment grade III and IV posts will be declared before the Durga Puja. Notably, exams for the Assam direct recruitment grade III and IV posts grade III and IV posts were held in the month of August. Moreover, the Assam Government has decided to return back the examination fees of candidates who won't be able to qualify in the direct recruitment exam for Grade III and IV posts.

Bail To Victor Das Assam Rising Guwahati, September 16:

Victor Das, who owns a coaching institute in Guwahati, in a tweet claimed that "a huge lobby is running for the backdoor appointment" and that "people are demanding money from 3 lakhs to 8 lakhs depending on the post". The Gauhati High Court on Friday granted interim bail to Victor Das who was arrested for allegedly spreading false rumors over selection to the Grade III and IV posts of the Direct Recruitment examination that was held across Assam on August 21 and 28.

Dogs sized

Assam Rising
Guwahati, September 16:

The Bokakhat police on Friday seized 31 dogs from Kuruwabahi in Bokakhat. The domestic breed of dogs have been seized from the roadside with its mouth and legs tied in sacks. However, the police are now in dilemma as to how and where they should be kept. The police are yet to investigate from where the dogs have been brought and who were behind the smuggling. Notably, dog killing and eating are illegal according to the laws of India but it is still carried out in Nagaland and other Northeastern states, where dog meat is considered to have high nutritional and medicinal value.

SCO 2022: We are focussing on people-centric development model: PM Modi



Samarkand, September 16:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the world is overcoming the Covid-19 pandemic and cited that several disruptions occurred in the global supply chain due to the Covid-19 and Ukraine crisis. He said, "We are focussing on

people-centric development model. We are supporting innovation in every sector. Today there are more than 70,000 start-ups and over 100 unicorns in our country," adding "We want to transform India into a manufacturing hub," while addressing the SCO Summit in Uzbekistan's Samarkand

on Friday. The Prime Minister said that "India's economy is expected to grow at the rate of 7.5% this year. I'm glad that ours is one of the fastest growing economies among the largest economies of the world." In April 2022, WHO inaugurated its Global Centre

for Traditional Medicines in Gujarat. This was the first and only global center by WHO for traditional treatment. India will take an initiative for a new SCO working group on traditional medicines," PM Modi at the SCO Summit. The Prime Minister also called upon SCO member states to give transit access to each other and pitched for boosting connectivity for ensuring resilient supply chains for the region. PM Modi's call for providing transit access comes amid Pakistan's reluctance to give India such facilities for sending goods to war-torn Afghanistan. The Prime Minister said that India supports mutual trust and cooperation among SCO countries, adding "The pandemic and the crisis in Ukraine have caused many

disruptions in global supply chains, leaving the world facing unprecedented energy and food crises." "The SCO should strive to develop reliable, resilient and diversified supply chains in our region. For this, better connectivity will be required, as well as it will also be important that we all give full rights of transit to each other," he said. Prior to his address, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Russian President Vladimir Putin, Chinese President Xi Jinping and other leaders of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) deliberated on the regional security situation and ways to enhance trade and connectivity at

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Assam Assembly adjourned over alleged job scam, ST status to 6 communities



Assam Rising
Guwahati, September 16:

The Assam Assembly was on Monday adjourned after a noisy scene with the opposition demanding discussions on alleged cash-for-job scam in Grade III and IV posts as well as granting ST status to six communities of the state. With Speaker Biswajit Daimary disallowing their Zero Hour notices, the Congress, CPI(M) and Independent

members went to the Well of the House and showed placards, raised slogans and sat on the floor of the hall. After the Question Hour ended, Daimary said three Zero Hour notices will be allowed and asked AGP's Ramendra Narayan Kalita to raise his on the dumping ground on the bank of Deepor Beel lake in Guwahati. On this, senior Congress MLA Bharat

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Nigerian woman tests positive for monkeypox in Delhi, India's tally rises to 13

New Delhi, September 16:

A 30-year-old Nigerian woman in Delhi has tested positive for monkeypox, making it the city's eighth and the country's thirteenth case of the viral infection, sources said on Friday. The woman has been admitted to LNJP Hospital, they said. Another person suspected to be suffering from monkeypox has also been

admitted to the Delhi government-run hospital, sources said. "A total of eight cases of monkeypox have been reported in Delhi so far. The latest being a Nigerian woman, who is aged 30, and admitted at the LNJP Hospital. Her condition is being monitored," a source said. The suspected case, also a Nigerian woman, were admitted on

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Former President Shri Ram Nath Kovind launches book 'Ambedkar and Modi: Reformer's Ideas Performer's Implementation'

New Delhi, September 16:

Former President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind today launched the book 'Ambedkar and Modi: Reformer's Ideas Performer's Implementation' in presence of Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting Shri Anurag Thakur, former Chief Justice of India Shri K. G. Balakrishnan, Union Minister of State of Information and Broadcasting Dr L. Murugan and Director of Bluekraft Digital Foundation, Shri Hitesh Jain. Addressing the gathering on the occasion Shri Anurag Thakur said that



the book is not a just a collection of the lofty ideas and vision of the great reformer Baba Saheb Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar, but also a compilation of how the ideas have been executed by Prime Minister

Shri Narendra Modi in the past eight years. It's a documentation of the herculean

efforts being made to realize the vision of Dr Ambedkar. Shri Thakur recalled the contribution of Dr Ambedkar and said that he was a statesman par excellence whose ideas, interventions and philosophies have formed the very foundation of our nation and country as we know it today. "Ambedkar dedicated his whole life championing for equality, human rights and social justice. He was the

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Mizoram, Assam CMs to hold border talks on September 19



but the venue is yet to be decided. The two chief ministers conversed over the phone on Friday and de-

cided to hold a meeting on the border issue on September 19 in New Delhi, the official told PTI. They had earlier held a meeting on the issue in November last year in New Delhi in the presence of Union Home Minister Amit Shah. In an earlier telephonic conversation on August 10 this year, the

two chief ministers had decided to hold the talks in the later part of August or early September. Three districts of Mizoram -- Aizawl, Kolasib and Mamit -- share a 164.6-km-long border with three districts of Assam: Cachar, Hailakandi and Karimganj. The long-standing border dispute between the two neighbouring states stems from two colonial demarcations of 1875 and 1933. Mizoram holds that a 509 square mile stretch of inner line reserved forest notified in 1875 under the Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation (BEFR) 1873, a certain section of which now falls in Assam, is the actual boundary of the state. Assam, on

the other hand, claims that the boundary as per survey of India's map in 1933 is the constitutional boundary of the state. Certain areas, which are now in Mizoram, fall under the 1933 demarcation. The border dispute between Mizoram and Assam turned ugly on July 26 last year when police forces of the two states engaged in a gunfight, leading to the death of seven people, including six policemen from Assam, and injuries to around 60 people. Following the violent clash, the delegations of both the states held a ministerial-level meeting on August 5 last year and decided

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Profits Over Rs 33 Crores Made This Year: APDCL

Assam Rising
Guwahati, September 16:

After years of incurring losses, the power department made profits this year, Assam Power Distribution Company Limited (APDCL) informed on Friday. Ad-

ressing the autumn session of the Assam Assembly, the power department released several facts. They said that the daily electricity consumption of the state of Assam is around 2,400 megawatts. In comparison to the electricity consumption, the production in

Assam is only around 350 megawatts, said APDCL, adding that the remaining 2,000 megawatts is purchased from other states. They said that earlier the state used to purchase electricity at a rate of Rs

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MoU Signed between Tribal Welfare Department, Government of Tripura and NEDFi

Assam Rising
Guwahati, September 16:

Tribal Welfare Department, Government of Tripura and NEDFi signed an MoU on 15th September, 2022 under the Advancing North East project for career mentoring of students of the schools run by the Department. Advancing North East is an initiative of North Eastern Council, Ministry of DoNER and NEDFi for mentoring of the youths of North East in terms of Education, Employment and Entrepreneurship. The MoU was signed by Dr. Vishal

Kumar, Director, Tribal Welfare Department, Government of Tripura and Shri S K Baruah, Executive Director, NEDFi at a ceremony organized at office of the Directorate of Tribal Welfare, Govt. of Tripura at Gurkhabasti, Agartala. Under the collaboration, 30 teachers from the schools run by the Department will be trained under the Advancing North East project as Career Mentors who will guide the students through a systematic approach. The initiative will ensure availability of in-house support in the schools in terms of career mentoring and Advancing North East will act



as resource centre for them. Further within 6 months, the students will be connected to the career ecosystem through career

talks with various experts, entrance exam talks with toppers, entrepreneurship mindset development sessions and exposure to pre-

mier national level institutions such as IIT, IIM, NID, NIFT, NIT etc. During

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Climate change: Assam has 15 of India's 25 most vulnerable districts



Assam Rising
Guwahati, September 16:

Policymakers stare agape at fresh climate change data for Assam which has 15 of India's 25 most vulnerable districts. Southern

Assam's Karimganj district, which shares a border with Bangladesh, tops the all-India chart, the state's Minister of Science, Technology and

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Not much certainty there

After the funeral of Queen Elizabeth, what's in store for post-Elizabethan Britain? Whatever you think of the institution of monarchy in a democracy, there must be huge respect for her 70 years of dedicated service as an impartial head of state and a unifying figure in Britain and beyond. Yet so much of what she represented is now in doubt. She stood for the almost paradoxical unity of four nations in a single nation, the United Kingdom. But now the Scots are quite likely to leave the British union in order to rejoin the European one. Northern Ireland increasingly sees its future with the Republic of Ireland, as a kind of informal member of the European Union. Even if Britain doesn't go all the way back to being just England and Wales, it will need a constitutional reordering. She represented continuity, security, certainty. But Britain today faces a cost of living crisis, a soaring national debt, a probable recession and a chronic productivity problem, and it faces them under an inexperienced prime minister, Liz Truss, with a largely untried cabinet. Not much certainty there. Despite Truss's trademark optimism, 69% of those asked in a recent opinion poll said Britain is "in decline". The Queen commanded global attention and respect. In fact, for many decades she was probably the most famous woman in the world. An estimated 1 billion people watched her cameo appearance with James Bond at the 2012 London Olympics. On the news of her death, Nasa tweeted: "As we join the planet in marking her passing ...". Some of this magic rubbed off on the UK, the state she embodied. But after Brexit, Britain's international standing and influence is at a new low. She smoothed the transition from empire to Commonwealth and, for the UK, from imperial great power to middle-sized Euro-Atlantic power. But several of the former colonies and dominions of which she was still head of state are actively considering dispensing with the services of her successor, King Charles III. One expert on the Commonwealth even suggests that there may be a "rush for the door". Charles III will also face growing calls to acknowledge and atone for the harms done by that empire. More serious than any potential loss of those largely symbolic overseas offices is the geopolitical uncertainty about Britain itself. In 1962, Dean Acheson, a former US Secretary of State, famously quipped that Britain had "lost an empire and not yet found a role". Forty years later, at the time of the Queen's golden jubilee in 2002, it was possible to believe that Britain had finally found that role. Somewhat in the spirit of today's French president, Emmanuel Macron, it was a case of "as well as and". Britain would be firmly anchored both in Europe and in the Anglosphere. It would have a special relationship with the US, but also with countries such as France, Germany and Poland. Few outside Britain think it has a clear and strong strategic position today. This is the tragedy of my country: to have found a post-imperial role and then to have lost it again. Since the vote for Brexit in 2016, the UK has descended from a hapless but still relatively pragmatic Conservative prime minister (Theresa May) to a parody of Winston Churchill (Boris Johnson) and thence to a parody of Margaret Thatcher (Liz Truss). The proportion of grandiose bluster has increased as that of fact-based realism has declined. There's a lot of waffle about "global Britain"; nobody knows what it means.

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Dissenting voices on royal mourning have been silenced. This is 'cancel culture'

This is what "cancel culture" really looks like: businesses, shops and charities, colleges, schools and public servants, any minor figure in the public eye has been rendered petrified, terrified of doing the wrong thing during days of mourning. Cancel culture has paralysed the country, but the culprits are not the hundreds of thousands quietly queueing good-humouredly for miles to experience a moment in history. Intimidation comes not from the citizens, but as usual from Britain's self-appointed bullies, often with absurd consequences. The mighty weight of authoritarianism comes not just from the Conservative party that has governed most of my life, but the overwhelmingly rightwing press and its social media, ready to terrorise any hapless victim caught in its sights. TalkSport's Trevor Sinclair, a former England footballer, was just one, tweeting: "Racism was outlawed in England in the 60s & it's been allowed to

thrive so why should black & brown mourn!! #queen", and later deleting it with a grovel. A period of mourning is for grief or quiet contemplation, but that hasn't quite been the way of it. Instead, beneath the dignity and pomp, a kind of panic clutches a very large part of society. What's the right thing to do in these 12 long days? The mourning police are watching you. I doubt any of this is willed by the royal family, would be by the late Queen, who made her own funeral plans. But it exposes the nature of Britain's bullying culture as its intimidators hunt out any victim they can find. Fear of the Daily Mail, the Sun, the Telegraph, GBNews or TalkTV shockjocks and their social media followers has frightened common sense out of a great swathe of organisations. Center

Polly Toynbee

Parcs decided to evict all its guests on funeral day, until sanity prevailed. The Premier League bent over, but golf and cricket, perhaps more class-confident, carried on. Politicians are the most frightened of uttering a single word out of place, so they fall silent in the depths of a cost of living crisis, despite a chancellor reportedly planning to end the cap on bankers' bonuses and Liz Truss offering an energy bills support package that will barely touch the sides of many people's spiral into poverty. Even so, political presenter Adam Boulton tweeted that it was worth asking the question: "Why are MPs and their hangers on boozing away on the terrace as our sovereign lies in Westminster Hall?" One moment of unalloyed joy came from the much-mocked video of GBNews's Dan Wootton performatively laying flowers at Buckingham Palace. Strikers and Extinction Rebellion dared not continue their protests.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's first post-Covid in-person attendance at the 22nd summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit in Samarkand, Uzbekistan is coming at a time when the region is in the grip of economic and geopolitical upheavals. The China-sponsored SCO with Russia and four Central Asian countries as members began as a regional grouping. India and Pakistan joined in 2017 and Iran in 2021 with Belarus all set to be inducted as a full member. Interestingly, the Secretary General of the SCO, Zhang Ming, a seasoned Chinese diplomat, has already set the tone and tenor of the group's agenda; a forum that aspires to emerge as a "non-aligned" group to counter NATO, which China and Russia blame for the Ukraine crisis. So far, there are no attempts to conceal the group's 'anti-West' mindset. India will chair the group next year and is likely to hold a summit at Varanasi - PM Modi's Lok Sabha constituency in Uttar Pradesh - to highlight the venue as SCO's first "Cultural and Tourism Capital". Notwithstanding India's interest and contribution to the SCO, Secretary General Zhang has elevated SCO to the status of a global organisation and is not interested in creating "small circles" like the US-initiated



Quad of which India is an important member. India's objectives behind joining the SCO was primarily to increase its share in regional trade, counterbalance cross-border terrorism laced with religious extremism, safeguarding its interests in Afghanistan, improve connectivity through Iran and Central Asia, and manage relations with China. None of these objectives have seemingly been achieved so far. As far as terrorism emanating from Pakistan is concerned, it is doubtful if China (or even Russia for that matter) would allow this subject to be raised at the SCO summit, especially in the wake of Beijing's heavy investments in the highly

strategic China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) that runs through Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK).

Seshadri Chari

India's engagement with Iran and development of the Chabahar port is not because of SCO but despite stiff competition from China. Again, as far as India-China border issues are concerned, the subject is bilateral and nothing to do with the overall agenda of the SCO. Lastly, New Delhi's wish to establish trade links with Central Asia is not going to be easily fulfilled nor a combined

multilateral effort facilitated by the SCO mechanism. The strategic locational importance of Central Asia can be overlooked only at a great geopolitical loss to our regional energy and security strategy. From the pre-British period to colonial times, Central Asia played an important role in determining the geopolitical course of events. But the region continued to be driven and controlled by stronger powers like Britain and the Soviet Russia (then USSR) first and later the US. After 9/11 terror attack, the US turned its attention on Central Asia to enlist as partners in its war on terror. But in the last two decades, it is China which has turned towards Central Asia with much greater interest and to tap its natural resources. Central Asia, like large parts of Africa, is sitting over large deposits of rich mineral wealth and rare earth elements, which are essential for manufacture of processors, electronic parts used in defence, aerospace industry, medical appliances, nuclear plants and clean energy applications equally. According to a US Geological Survey report, these former Soviet Union territories are endowed with as many as 17 rich rare earth elements and rare metals. Central Asia has ample deposits of other resources also, such as 38.6% of global

manganese ore reserves, 30.07% of chromium, 20% of lead, etc. according to a 2021 research study. And all these materials are used in a wide range of clean energy technologies. The 'Connect Central Asia Policy', unveiled in 2012, was revived by PM Modi in 2015 when he visited all five Central Asian countries-Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan. Greater soft-power economic diplomacy needs to be practiced and a gateway to Central Asia-on the lines of the historic land routes that existed before the tragic Partition-has to be created. But it is difficult to imagine the SCO facilitating the creation of such a seamless land route between India and Central Asia. Russia's neo-Eurasianist policy impacting the energy security of Europe and the West, and China's economic expansionism are at the root of New Delhi's continued engagement with the SCO keeping the fundamental principles of democracy, multilateralism and strategic autonomy as cornerstones of its foreign policy. The Modi government's foreign policy has been recalibrated to address the needs of the changing geopolitical dynamics. The foreign policy establishment at the South Block has successfully mastered the art of balancing between the Quad and the SCO, between 'sanctioned' countries and democracies, between the neo-Socialist bloc and the free-market economies, and between the liberal and autocratic hegemonies.

Four implications of a Russian defeat in Ukraine-one affects India the most

Russia's setbacks in Ukraine have come as a surprise to all, which quite likely includes President Vladimir Putin as well. This is surely not how he imagined his invasion to go, with Russian forces now back-peddalling from the Kharkiv region of Ukraine. It is difficult to imagine a power like Russia losing the war entirely but it is now in the realm of possibility. Some observations and implications follow from this. First, if Russia loses-either by being ejected from all Ukrainian territory or through some peace agreement that favours Ukraine-it would represent a rare outcome in international politics. Great powers have frequently lost wars against weaker adversaries but these have usually been in guerrilla wars. In such wars, irregular forces use hit-and-run tactics to frustrate and foil much more powerful conventional forces, wearing down great powers that deploy them. But rarely have smaller, weaker countries defeated stronger powers in a conventional war. When they do-as in the Six Day War when Israel defeated the combined Arab forces-such exploits become legendary. This is one reason why state power in international politics is measured by crude indicators

of military equipment and personnel, and the wealth that underlies it. Though such indicators are not always useful in predicting outcomes, especially in the everyday business of international politics, they are expected to at least give us a fair sense of what might happen in a direct test of arms. And they usually do-with the exception of guerrilla war-which is one reason why such measures of strength are used despite their limitations. Sure, Ukraine has received huge quantities of arms from the US and Europe. Ukrainian victories may not have been possible without these. But equally, Ukrainian determination, skill and sacrifice were necessary for its spectacular performance, aided by Russian incompetence. Western arms are not the only variable here. So, if Ukraine does win, it will still remain an unusual outcome in international politics. Second, regardless of the type or extent of Russian defeat, one thing is for sure: it will likely be a temporary setback for Moscow. Russia can recover from a defeat in Ukraine. A large country with considerable natural resources and population is a natural candidate for great power status, assuming it has the leadership that can convert this potential to reality. This has been another constant in international politics: potential power is not

actual power. India has the potential, for example, but converting it into actual power has eluded Indian leaders since independence. Brazil has an even longer history as a potential great power, which suggests that converting potential into power is easier said than done. Russia could wallow as a potential power for a long time, joining its other BRICS partners with the obvious exception of China. For Indian foreign policy, a weakened Russia is a mixed bag: it is likely to be more beholden to Beijing, but its

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support to China in the Indo-Pacific and on other issues would matter less. A third implication is regarding the long debate about American 'liberal hegemony', with a number of American 'realists' castigating the US for its aggressive foreign policy. They are not wrong about Washington's expansive, global definition of its self-interest and its ideological promotion of liberal values. What is puzzling is that they are puzzled by this: Realists should know that great powers seek to dominate, and they promote their own ideology to grease the



wheels of hegemony. What is equally puzzling is that they would identify liberalism as particularly aggressive. Liberal democracies are not immune from aggressive behavior but aggressiveness is not limited to liberal democracies either. As Russian behavior demonstrates, states that are stronger seek to dominate others, especially in their neighbourhood. Power imbalance is the problem, not the ideology of the domestic regime. The implications for Asia should be clear. A fourth point to keep in mind is that aggressive behavior will make those threatened to react and respond, most likely aggressively. Other powers will not be concerned about justifications of behavior or justice but only the consequences. They will seek

to counter any accretion of power by other powers, unless such accretion is beneficial to themselves. So, the US reaction to both the Russian invasion of Ukraine and to China's aggression is understandable. As Moscow and Beijing come together to oppose the US, it is foolish not to expect the latter to respond and counter both, especially when they make such obvious mistakes and make themselves vulnerable as Putin did. Putin's invasion was foolish but Joe Biden would have been equally foolish not to exploit the opportunity. Helping Ukraine and undermining Russia may not take Moscow off the board but wounds it sufficiently to allow the US to pay greater attention to China. Equally, the logic of power suggests that a Russia-China partnership was inevitable.

Letter to the Editor

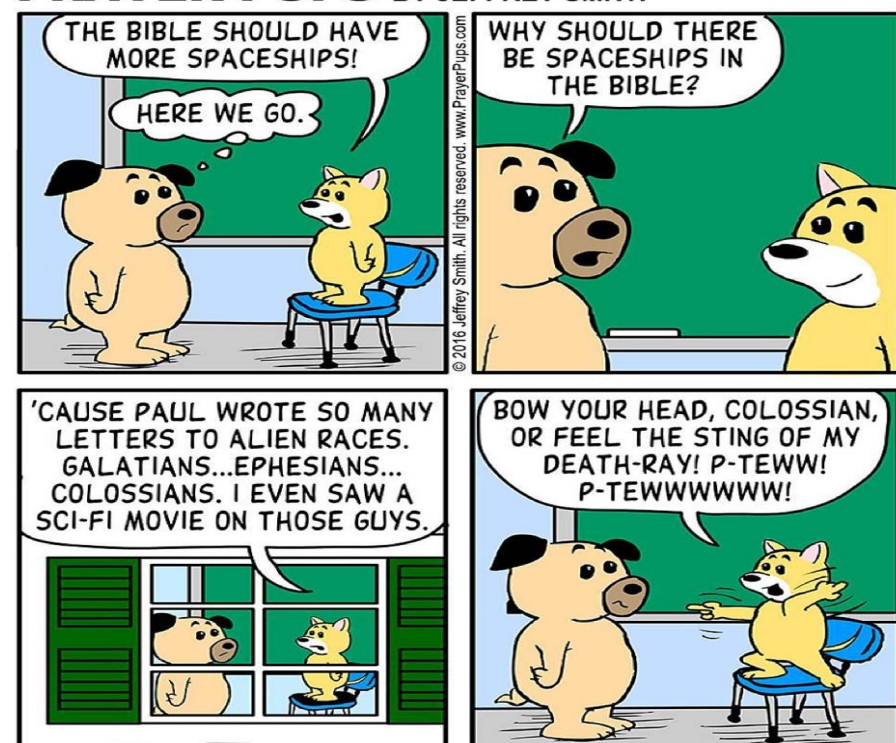
Road accident

Dear Editor,

It is disheartening to note more than 1.5 lac persons died during 2021 in Road Accidents. Over speeding, Overloading and Overtaking are the Main Causes for Road Accidents. Not following the Traffic Rules, Drunken Driving, using Mobile Phones etc too lead to Accidents. I would like to highlight the Plight of the Pedestrians. Foot Paths are usually full of Shops or Trees, not allowing the Pedestrians to walk. Absence of Zebra Lines and Lack of Signals for Pedestrians forces them Cross the Road while Vehicles are moving which is dangerous and killing them on the spot. It is the case in most of the cities these days. I appeal to the Traffic Police to take care of the lives of Pedestrians. I want to bring this aspect through the columns of this Esteemed Newspaper.

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Home work : Fill the picture with colour



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CHHOTA BHEEM

The series is set in the fictional kingdom of Dholakpur, somewhere in rural India. The series revolves around Bheem, sometimes referred to as Chhota Bheem (little Bheem) due to his young age, a boy who is strong and intelligent. Bheem's rival is Kalia, who is envious of Bheem's popularity. Kalia, along with his sidekicks, twin brothers Dholu and Bholu, always plot to embarrass and defeat Bheem, but never succeeds. Most of the initial stories revolved around Bheem and his friends Chutki, Raju and Jaggu's rivalry with Kalia and his friends Dholu and Bholu. However, as the series has progressed, this topic has been adopted as the subject less often, although Kalia is still just as eager to prove himself superior to Bheem. A large number of episodes, along with all the films, also focus on Bheem and his team solving various problems affecting the village, unravelling mysteries, fighting evils that seek to harm Dholakpur or its inhabitants, and on their antics, which often get them into trouble. Bheem and his team participating in various competitions in Dholakpur or in adjoining kingdoms are also a common theme, as is the celebration of Indian festivities. Bheem, who plays the central role in the story, is an adventurous and fun-loving boy who is gifted with extraordinary superhuman strength. He likes to eat Laddu, and he gets his power by eating them. This power is a boon for his village, Dholakpur, which is constantly beset by all kinds of problems. Almost all the people from Dholakpur look up to Bheem for solutions to their problems. Bheem is kind and always uses his strength to help those who are poor, wronged, or needy, and may be considered a little guardian of the villagers and the animals in and around Dholakpur.



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QUIZ

- Q.1- How many primary colors are there?
Ans-
Q.2- What do you call a house made of ice?
Ans-
Q.3- Which festival is called the festival of light?
Ans-
Q.4- Who is the power minister of Assam?
Ans-
Q.5- How many medical colleges are there in Assam?
Ans-

Those who will give all the 5 correct answers, his/her name and photo will be published next week. You can send your answers to : assamrising@gmail.com

Last week quiz Answers IPL stands for Indian Premier League, hockey, 6 Players, Thailand, Zoo (also called zoological garden or zoological park)



Panchurika Sarma, Class-IV, L.F.S., Dibrugarh

Saraswati Puja

Saraswati is one of the Hindu goddesses. The Vedas also mention her name. She is the goddess of speech, learning and knowledge. The legend states that she created the Sanskrit language and invented the vina, a musical instrument similar to a lute. The legend also says that she is the wife of Brahma, one of the gods of the Hindus. Saraswati was born from the Samudra Manthan that was arranged between the Devatas and the Asuras. She was born from the sea and was married to Lord Brahma thereafter. In another legend, Brahma created her by his imagination. However, she turned out to be so beautiful that he could not take his eyes off her. Since he had five heads - four in the four cardinal directions - and one on top, his head kept turning in whichever direction Saraswati went. Saraswati is mentioned in the Vedas, the Brahmins, the Aranyakas, the Upanishads and the Mahabharat. She is dressed in white, carries a book and a lotus. Her favorite instrument is a lute and she rides a swan. Generally, an image or a statue of Saraswati shows her with four arms. Two arms hold the vina. In other arms she holds a book and a lotus flower.



■ **Maa Saraswati is called the mother of all Vedas. Just like Wikipedia is a repository of a lot of knowledge, Maa Saraswati is the repository of Brahma's all knowledge and intelligence.**

■ **Maa Saraswati also has another popular form Gayatri. Gayatri was so much attracted by the brilliance of Sun God Surya, that she dissolved herself to become the Gayatri Mantra dedicated to Surya.**

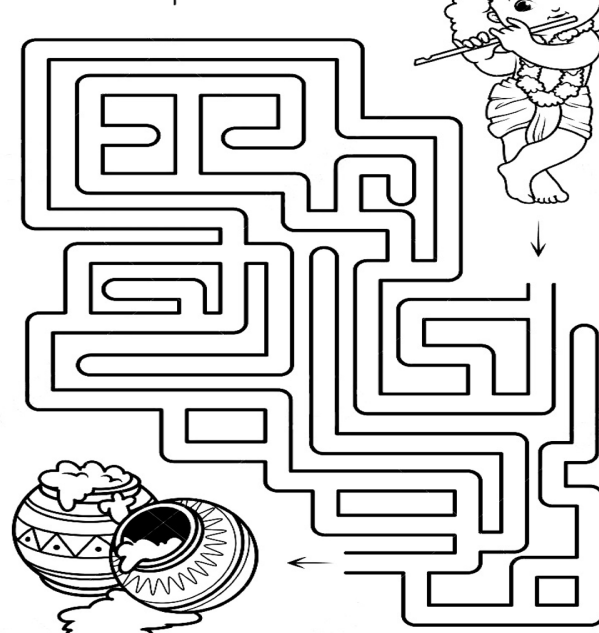
■ **Maa Saraswati is known by another name Vagdevi. Brahma gave this name to her because she is the epitome of oratorical speech and sound.**

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Let's help little Krishna to find a pot of the butter



Dear Bhaity, Bhonti,

I came across a powerful quote by Herbert Hoover- the 31st President of the United States. He wrote - "Children are our most valuable resource." You all have equal power, talent, Knowledge and ability, but it depends upon how, where and why you utilize your skill and talent. Knowledge without action is meaningless. Be positive, think positive and do your duty honestly. Always mind it- failure is not the opposite of success. It is part of success. With love, as always,
You can contact me on : assamrising@gmail.com

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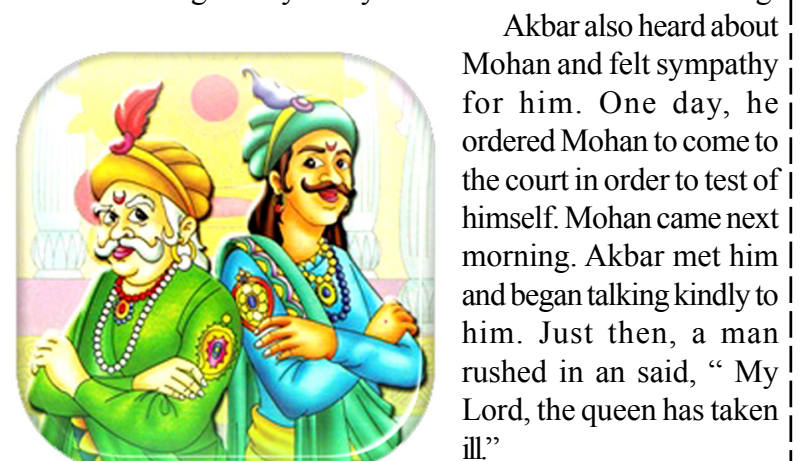


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Short-Story

Unlucky face

There was an young man named Mohan whom everyone thought to be very unlucky. They avoided him and misbehaved with him. Everybody thought that they would meet bad luck during the day if they saw Mohan's face in the morning.



Akbar at once went

inside the palace asking Mohan to wait. The queen was really very ill. The royal physician gave her medicine. The emperor sat beside the bed till the afternoon.

A servant came and informed the emperor that his lunch was ready. Akbar felt hungry but he found the food was tasteless and cold. Being very much angry, he left the food without eating a piece of them.

When he saw Mohan waiting for him in the court, he, too thought him to be unlucky. So, at once ordered his guards to put Mohan in prison. Birbal witnessed what happened to Mohan. He felt very sorry for the helpless young man. He took Mohan aside and whispered a few suggestion in his ear.

In the meantime, Akbar had eaten fresh lunch prepared again for him. He was in a good mood. But he got angry when he saw that the jailor brought Mohan in front of him.

"My Lord", said Mohan, "You have sent me in prison because you think my face is unlucky. What do you say to my question that your face has brought imprisonment for me?"

Akbar thought for a while and then began to laugh loudly, "You are right, young man", said Akbar, "I will surely spare you and I can guess from whom you have got such idea."

So Mohan was set free with some gifts. Later, Akbar thanked Birbal for checking him in right time when the emperor was about to do wrong. Birbal too felt happy and laughed.



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Assam Assembly adjourned over

Chandra Narah wanted to know if their notice on alleged cash-for-job scam in the recently held Grade III and IV post written examinations and the arrest of whistleblower Victor Das is allowed. Independent MLA Akhil Gogoi too wanted to know if his Zero Hour notice on granting of ST status to six communities from Assam will be taken up for discussion. The Centre this week granted ST status to several communities from different states. The list did not include Assam's Moran, Motok, Chutia, Tai-Ahom, Koch-Rajbongshi and Tea-Tribes communities, which were given multiple assurances by many senior BJP leaders for many years. The Speaker then said all members would come to know when the permitted Zero Hour notices will be allowed one-after-another. On this, the Congress, CPI(M) and Independent MLAs went to the Well of the House holding placards with their demands and raised slogans. Gogoi also raised the issue of alleged irregularities in the recently declared results of several posts of Lakhimpur Medical College and Hospital and said that "the name of the local MLA has cropped up in the anomalies". First-time MLA Manab Deka of the BJP represents the Lakhimpur constituency. Surprisingly, all BJP legislators, led by Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pijush Hazarika, also rushed to the Well just in front of the Speaker's dais and engaged in a verbal duel pointing fingers at the opposition. "The Assembly is not an agitation site. You should not display placards here. All of you please take your seats. All the topics in the House are important," Daimary said, yielding no result. With no side accepting his requests to cool down, he adjourned the House for 10 minutes. The Deputy Speaker Numal Momin was on the Chair when the House reassembled. The opposition continued raising their demands and again went to the Well of the House with placards. As Momin did not accept their demands, Kalita kept speaking about the Zero Hour notice. Aggrieved by this, several opposition members sat on the floor of the House and continued shouting slogans. Congress demanded a probe by a sitting High Court judge into the alleged irregularities into the recruitment process. "The opposition has a specific role in parliamentary democracy. You have many devices to raise an issue. If parliament is hijacked by misusing public money, then it is not proper use of parliament," Momin said. Protesting the Deputy Speaker's statement, Congress Legislature Party (CLP) Deputy Leader Rakibul Hussain announced a walkout by the opposition members. Earlier this month, Victor Das had tweeted tagging Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and Director General of Police Bhaskar Jyoti Mahanta and alleged that some officials and former MLAs were demanding Rs 3-8 lakh for giving jobs in the ongoing recruitment exercise. Following this, he was called for interrogation and eventually arrested by Guwahati Police on September 9. He was later remanded to seven days of police custody by a local court. The Gauhati High Court granted him bail on Friday. This has led to huge backlash with all political parties and the public in general criticising the government action on social media. More than 14.30 lakh candidates had applied for over 26,000 Grade III and IV posts of various government departments, with the examinations taking place on August 21, 28 and September 11.

SCO 2022: We are focussing

the annual summit of the grouping. It is for the first time Modi and Xi came face-to-face at the summit in this historic Uzbek city since the start of the border standoff between India and China in eastern Ladakh around 28 months back. The summit is also being attended by Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi and leaders of several central Asian countries. Ahead of the deliberations at the restricted format of the summit, leaders of the permanent members of the grouping posed for a group photo at Samarkand's Congress Centre. At the venue of the summit, Modi was warmly greeted by Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev. "President Shavkat Mirziyoyev of Uzbekistan welcomed PM@narendramodi to the Congress Centre in Samarkand for the 22nd SCO Summit. India has been working closely with Uzbekistan towards the success of their Chairship," External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi tweeted. In another tweet, Bagchi said, "PM @narendramodi joins the leaders of SCO Member States for discussions on topical, regional and international issues, including regional peace and security, trade and connectivity, culture and tourism."

Mizoram, Assam CMs to hold

to maintain peace along the inter-state boundary and resolve the dispute through dialogue. So far, the delegations have held two rounds of talks in Aizawl and three virtual meetings. In the last meeting held on August 9, both the delegations agreed to maintain peace and take necessary measures to prevent any untoward incident along the border. They had also decided to meet again in Guwahati next month. Last week, Mizoram State Boundary Committee had unanimously approved an "Approach Paper" to be tabled in the next round of talks as the government's standpoint on the boundary. Last week, Mizoram State Boundary Committee had unanimously approved an "Approach Paper" to be tabled in the next round of talks as the government's standpoint on the boundary. Notably, chief ministers of Assam and Mizoram had earlier agreed to hold talks in September. Assam and Mizoram share a 164.6-km-long inter-state border. Border dispute between Assam and Mizoram have been going on since 1987-the year when Mizoram attained full statehood. The decades-old boundary dispute between Mizoram and Assam mainly stemmed from two colonial demarcations in 1875 and 1933. While Mizoram accepted the demarcation under the Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation (BERF) notified in 1875, which covers vast stretches of area now falling under Assam, as its actual boundary, the Assam government said that the demarcations made under the 1933 notification was its constitution boundary.

Nigerian woman tests positive

September 14, another source said, adding, the seventh and eighth confirmed cases and the suspected case are admitted at present, "all three patients are doing fine. These eight cases also include three men. The early six cases have been treated and discharged, a senior doctor said. Monkeypox is a viral zoonotic disease having common symptoms such as fever, skin lesions, lymphadenopathy, headache, muscle aches, exhaustion, chills or sweats and sore throat and cough. According to a study done recently by the Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Narayan Hospital (LNJP) and the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), patients in the first five cases showed "mild to moderate grade intermittent fever, myalgia (muscle pain) and lesions on the genitals, groins, lower limb, trunk and upper limb. Four of these cases had non-tender firm lymphadenopathy (swelling of lymph nodes). No secondary complications or sexually transmitted infections were recorded in these cases except for Hepatitis B in one case, it had said. In Delhi, the first case of monkeypox was reported on July 24. LNJP Hospital has been made the nodal facility to treat patients with the viral infection.

MoU Signed between Tribal Welfare

the ceremony, Dr. Vishal Kumar stated that the 30 teachers nominated by the Department will act as master trainer in Department's effort to empower the students with informed career decision making and they will create a cascading effect in the coming days by developing more number of teachers to make the whole effort sustainable and process driven. The project in its first phase is expected to impact approximately 2500 students studying in the schools run by the Department. In his remark, Shri S K Baruah, Executive Director, NEDFi stated in that Advancing North East aims to create a strong career and livelihood ecosystem in the North Eastern region through collaboration with critical stakeholders in all the NER states. The event was also attended by Shri Prithviraj Neog, Team Leader, Advancing North East project, Shri Dinesh Kumar Lahoti, Head Career Coach, Advancing North East project and other senior officials of Tribal Welfare Department and Tripura Rural Livelihood Mission.

Former President Shri Ram Nath

mouthpiece of the marginalized and socially oppressed. His life and influence continue to have an overarching impact on the making of Modern India", the Minister added. He further said that as the first Law Minister, Dr Ambedkar had envisioned a society bereft of discrimination, that has mainstreamed the marginalized, that distributes the fruits of development equally to all, but the efforts of Governments since Independence fell short in realization of these ideas. The Government since 2014 has relentlessly pursued these very objectives. Underlining the basic philosophy of the Government, Shri Thakur said that at the very onset, after forming the Government, the Prime Minister had proclaimed that he will be dedicated to the cause of the Dalits, the downtrodden and deprived sections of society. Since then, the actions and policies of the Government have marched to the tunes of Antyodaya. Be it Make in India or Production linked Incentive Schemes, these are initiatives of the Government to realise a modern India, the way Dr Ambedkar had imagined. Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar's life mantra of 'bahujan hitay, bahujan sukhay' (for the happiness of the masses, for the welfare of masses) has always been at the core of PM Modi's development model. In the field of education, the country has seen a rise in number of IITs, IIMs, IIITs and other higher educational institutions. Prompted by Ambedkar's vision, and his own similar beliefs, PM Modi has left no stone unturned in transforming the education sector at a rapid pace, with focus on primary, higher and medical education. Over 208 medical colleges have opened in last eight years and the number of medical seats has risen to over 1 lakh from 78 thousand, an unparalleled feat, we are also working to bridge the gap in number of doctors in the country and the poorest of the people have access to good medical facilities. The Minister underlined the improvements in basic infrastructure of the country and said that electricity has reached the remotest corners to the country, over 45 crore bank accounts have been opened, over 31 thousand crore rupees were transferred to accounts of women during crisis, and said that these are the actions that identify this Government. Where on one hand BHIM has set an example for a robust digital payment system, we have built over 11 crore toilets built and over 3 crore houses on the other. Shri Thakur cited PM Modi's idea of Women centric and women led development as one of the core pillars of this Government and said that the Government has ensured that 12 crore women have received gas cylinders under Ujjwala yojana and maternity leave has been increased to 26 weeks from 12 weeks earlier. Speaking on the benefits for backward communities, he said that the MUDRA yojana has helped provide loans without guarantee worth 18 lakh crore rupees to 34 crore SC, ST and other backward community members. Members of SC and ST communities comprise 3.1 crore beneficiaries of Ujjwala yojana and 1.31 crore pucca houses have been provided to members of such communities. "Building upon Dr. Ambedkar's vision to uplift SC youth, Ambedkar Social Innovation and Incubation Mission (ASIIIM) was launched in 2020. PM Daksh yojana has trained 2.27 lakh youth to add them to skilled manpower. Employee's State Insurance wage limit which was merely rupees 15,000/- before 2014 has been increased to rupees 21,000", the Minister has said. As a mark of respect to Baba Saheb the Government under PM Modi has formed the Panch Teerth and also installed Dr Ambedkar's image in the Parliament. Former President of India Shri Ramnath Kovind in his speech delved into the multi-dimensional persona of Dr Ambedkar. Recalling his contributions in the formative years of Independent India, Shri Kovind said Baba Saheb's contributions shaped the policies related to banking, irrigation, electricity system, education system, labour management, revenue sharing system etc. Shri Kovind recalled the time, the then Chief Minister Narendra Modi had organized a Gaurav Yatra in 2010 in Gujarat. Atop a decorated elephant was seated a large copy of the Indian Constitution, while CM Modi was walking with the people on foot. There is no better example of reverence to the Constitution and respect to Baba Saheb Ambedkar. Drawing parallels between vision of Dr Ambedkar and the policies of PM Modi, Shri Kovind said that the new education policy, which has stemmed from over two lakh ideas submitted from across the country, and which provides for education in one's mother tongue is in line with Baba Saheb's ideas. He further added that the four labour codes to replace a multitude of complex laws, universal account number for labourers are a fruition of vision of Dr Ambedkar. Former Chief Justice of India Justice Balakrishna recalled Dr Ambedkar's contributions as one of the greatest thinkers of India. He recalled the ideas of Baba Saheb on industrialization, women empowerment, education and modernization of India. He further emphasized that the policies of the current Government are implementing the essence of the idea of India put forth by Dr Ambedkar. Ahead of the event, Justice K G Balakrishnan and Shri Anurag Thakur inaugurated a three-day Digital Interactive Multi-media Exhibition with focus on the life, teachings and contributions of Dr. B.R Ambedkar on Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav by Central Bureau of Communication. The exhibition is designed to give the visitors an immersive experience, while creating awareness about Dr Ambedkar's ideals and Government's developmental initiatives. It comprises Holocubes, digital interactive puzzles, RFID based digital interactive displays, interactive touch walls, and display of flip books. The book has been carefully and expertly compiled by Bluekraft Digital Foundation, one of the leading organisations that harness Indian talent and empowers Indian society by creating awareness and implementing out-of-box ideas for social welfare. It features a foreword by Rajya Sabha MP Ilaiyaraaja (also an acclaimed music composer and lyricist) that offers a valuable insight into the vast expanse of wisdom that may be found in Dr. Ambedkar's works while drawing a parallel with the policies and reforms unleashed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to ensure India's progress is in line with Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar's vision. Ambedkar & Modi serves as a vital addition to the continuous research on Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar's thoughts and works and will be an important contribution to the policy landscape of the country. It serves as a milestone in India's journey as an independent nation and analyses how the vision of personalities like Dr. Ambedkar is finally coming to fruition under the visionary and dynamic leadership of PM Modi. The book delves deep into the life, works and achievements of Dr. Ambedkar from a scholarly perspective and presents an undeniable convergence between the ideals of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and New India's development journey.

Profits Over Rs 33 Crores Made

4.05 per unit from 2016 to 2019. However, now the price has increased to Rs 5.13 per unit. APDCL further informed the Assembly that the power department incurred losses to the tune of Rs 3,398.04 crores, while in 2020, the amount was Rs 29,242.19. In a turn of fortunes, the power department made profits this year. APDCL turned profits of Rs 33,635.19 crores this year, the department told the assembly.

Climate change: Assam has 15

Climate Change Keshab Mahanta told the Assembly on Friday. The 14 other Assam districts in order of vulnerability are Goalpara, Dhubri, Darrang, Sonitpur, Golaghat, Cachar, Barpeta, Kokrajhar, Tinsukia, Baksa, Morigaon, Dibrugarh, Sivasagar and Haikandi. The minister, who did not cite the reasons behind vulnerability, said the state government was taking some steps to mitigate the problem. He said the government launched the Chief Minister's Institutional Plantation Programme to enhance carbon stock through the plantation of native species and create awareness among government officials on climate change mitigation. "The uniqueness of the programme is that the saplings planted have been geo-tagged for the monitoring of their growth for three years. So far, 50,780 institutions under the state government have participated in the programme and 2,43,451 saplings have been planted," Mahanta said. He said all departments had been involved in the plantation drive and the performance of the Public Health Engineering was the best. "Under the Chief Minister's Climate-Resilient Village Fellowship Programme, 100 fellows will undertake a study in 100 villages to develop climate resilient models specific to these villages which could be taken up for developing as climate-resilient villages," Mahanta said. Assam is highly vulnerable to climate change due to its geographic proximity to the delta region and poor socio-economic conditions. According to climate projections in the State Action Plan for Climate Change, extreme rainfall events will increase by 38% in the state. The annual mean temperature in the state has increased by 0.59 degrees Celsius in 60 years (1951-2010). A study by the Centre for Environment, Social and Policy Research, 2012, in collaboration with the Indian Network on Ethics and Climate Change, noted the widespread loss of livelihood options across Assam due to climate disasters, particularly floods and erosion. "Assam has the highest overall vulnerability index in the country (Council on Energy, Environment and Water, 2021). The rainfall intensity is changing. Golaghat district has not witnessed a normal monsoon in the last 30 years. Severe drought also hit Assam's wet regions in 2021," the minister said in his written reply. He said there has been an exponential increase in the frequency of flood events in Assam since 2010. He admitted the ban on plastic could not be enforced effectively.

Obituary



Late Shri Nripendra Sarma
(1 May, 1943 -7 September, 2022)

He was born at Bamunpara, Sualkuchi bearing the rich legacies of the 'Bakhtoriya Brahman Samaj Goyaroh' or the 72 Brahmin families, originally belonging from Kannauj of present Uttar Pradesh, whom King Dharmapal of the mighty Pal Dynasty brought for conducting Vedic rites and hence, resettled them there. Brought up in a priestly family, he was a devout and proud 'Shakta-Hindu' and from his childhood onwards, used to serve the 'Bamunpara Ganesh Mandir', situated in front of his ancestral home, along with his father late Shri Jogendranath Sarma. He spent most of his bachelor life at his maternal uncle's home of the late Shri Bhakta Sarma near the Kamakhya Mandir, atop Nilachal Hill. After passing the IA examination from Pragjyotish College, he got a job at the State Bank of India's Guwahati Branch at Panbazar and served there till his voluntary retirement as Bank Teller Officer. Married to Joyashree Devi, he left for the heavenly abode leaving his wife, elder daughter, two sons, son-in-law and grandson at his home near the Darpal Ganesh Mandir, Kamakhya Mandir road.

He had a multifaceted, charming personality as an intrepid cum honest bank servant with deep interests in music, books and foods. He passed 'Madhyama' on Tabla from Luknow's erstwhile Bhatkhande Music School. He was one of the leading social servants of Bamunpara, Sualkuchi, playing a pivotal role in solemnizing annual 'Manasha Puja', 'Lakshmi Puja', 'Kali Puja' etc. He was deeply rooted in Sanatan-culture, along with its scientific outlook. Above all, he was a great foodie who knew how to cook delicious, healthy traditional Assamese cuisines and even just days before his death cooked 'Xaak-Bhoja' with fish. He was a passionate fish and mutton lover. He showed us how to live a tension-free honest life and enjoy the festival called 'life' unto death with joy, true to the Charvak's philosophy - 'Yatha Jivet Sukham Jivet - Rinam Kritha Ghritham Pivet'!

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Screening of Private Registered Troupes and Independent artistes held

Assam Rising, Guwahati, September 16: The Regional Office, Central Bureau of Communication Guwahati organized a screening session for the fresh empanelment of Private Registered Troupes (PRTs) and Individual Artistes (IAs) on September 14-15 at Shilpgram, Guwahati. The Screening committee was chaired by B. Narayanan, Director General, NE Zone, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting. The committee was composed of eminent personalities from various fields like Suvra Baishya, Programme Executive, AIR, Smt. Sushma Sarma, Programme Executive, AIR, . D. P Deori, Research Officer, DIPR, Govt. of Assam, Abinash Sarma, Renowned drama expert and Binay Das, acclaimed musician were the members of the screening committee. A total of 51 cultural troupes and 4 individual artistes across the State applied for the registration process, out of which, 27 troupes and 3 artistes secured the pass marks. After being empanelled, these troupes and artistes will be engaged for Government communication programmes on various flagship schemes like Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat and many others. Earlier, the first-ever screening and registration programme for PRTs was held in Arunachal Pradesh by CBC, Itanagar on September 7 last. A similar programme will also be held in Imphal, Manipur by CBC, Imphal in the coming week.

Grand felicitation to signatories of historic Tribal Peace Accord in Chirang

Assam Rising, Chirang, September 16: The historic agreement ended on September 15 to meet the long-standing demands of adivasis. No ethnic group should be afraid of the historic agreement with eight armed organizations of the backward and oppressed tribal community. Akma chairman Jabrias Khakha alias Asim Hasda said that the agreement without causing any harm to any ethnic group will contribute to the creation of a greater Assam. He thanked the Prime Minister of India, the Home Minister and the Chief Minister of Assam for taking the lead in the historic Tribal Agreement. The agreement will fulfill a lot of aspirations of the adivasis though tribalisation is the main demand of the adivasis. The demand for tribalisation will be fulfilled one day in a phased manner. Expressing this hope, Akma Deputy Chief of Army Staff Chunda Hasda, BCF Chairman Tirkur Tudu and UPPER Chairman Mangal Hasda thanked the Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and the Chief Minister of the state Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma. The reception ceremony held at Champavati Bazar ground under Sidli police station of Chirang district arrived much later than the scheduled time but in the midst of utmost enthusiasm, the tribal culture group welcomed the signatories of the agreement with dance and song. Various party leaders and workers of Adivasis were present on the occasion.



Ronaldo off the mark with penalty in Manchester United's win over Sheriff

London, September 16 : This was not an evening that will live long in the memory but Manchester United got the job done professionally and there were individual morsels of good news, too. They needed to give themselves a foothold in Group E and, against a bright but blunt Sheriff Tiraspol, that was achieved with ultimate ease. A third goal of the season for Jadon Sancho paved the way and perhaps provided some consolation for his latest omission from the England squad; before half-time Cristiano Ronaldo, not used to waiting this long, broke his duck for the campaign with a penalty and a strong United side eased home after that. Erik ten Hag had not taken chances with his starting XI, perhaps mindful that minutes for his better players were more useful than not given they will not play together again until the derby on 2 October. It was a productive enough runout, performed without the need to over-extend against opponents who were not recognisable in any sense from the side that defeated Real Madrid in the Champions League almost a year ago. He serial Moldovan title winners caused shockwaves back



then but such is the flux of their squad that none of the starters on that unfathomable night in the Bernabéu began this game. Some have moved on to bigger things while the manager who masterminded the feat, Yuri Vernyduh, left to serve in the army of his native Ukraine and now coaches FC Kryvbas. Russia's invasion had a more direct impact on this fixture: it was played in Chisinau, the capital of Moldova, because Uefa has blocked Sheriff from playing home games in the

Russia-backed breakaway state Transnistria. Sheriff began at speed, the Burkina Faso pair Cedric Badolo and Abou Ouattara offering energy and quick feet on either side. Mouhamed Diop dipped an effort well over from range and there was enough to enthuse the home crowd. "A difficult start," admitted Ten Hag, who was unhappy at the number of second balls Sheriff won early on. But United quietened them quickly enough by scoring with their first moment of genuine threat. The goal

was smartly wrought and taken, Christian Eriksen finding space before chopping a clever ball inside for Sancho to control with his instep. Sancho lost Armel Zohouri with a deft turn on to his left foot and drilled crisply across Maksym Koval. "I'm really pleased [for him]," Ten Hag said of Sancho, whose United career is beginning to take off. "He's doing well, but I think there's much more room for improvement for him because he has so many skills." He used them again to beat Koval, who had played his team into trouble, from an angle but was denied by a heroic goalline clearance from Stjepan Radeljcic. That appeared to keep Sheriff, who had kept United honest when Iyayi Aiemwen shot narrowly wide, in the contest but it was put beyond them within seconds. Diogo Dalot, perhaps United's best

performer on the night, ran on to a chipped Bruno Fernandes pass and was clipped needlessly by Patrick Kpozio; the award of a penalty was not in doubt. Ronaldo had come close when lashing over after a fine lofted pass from Antony, but had no problem finding his bearings from this most conventional of positions. He shot straight down the middle and now sits one short of 700 club goals, a target he tried to meet in the second period with a sidefooted effort that floated off target. "He's really close, when he gets his fitness he will score more," Ten Hag said. "Ronaldo needed that goal. Many times he came close, but he wanted that so much. We are happy for him and the team wanted to bring him a goal. You know that Cristiano will score a penalty."

Eddie Butler, former Wales rugby union captain and journalist, dies aged 65

Lima, September 16 : The former Wales captain who, after retirement on the field became a much-loved, iconic voice for the BBC and also graced the pages of the Guardian and Observer, died in his sleep on a charity trek on the Inca Trail in Peru. The ex-England hooker and Butler's BBC colleague Brian Moore offered a touching social media farewell. "I am devastated by this news," Moore tweeted. "Ed, I'm sorry I never told you how much I admired you as a broadcaster and as a man. Well, it wasn't like that between us, was it. Condolences to Sue and your family. Sport has lost an iconic voice. I have lost a very dear friend. Goodbye Edward." Butler was a key part of the Pontypool side which dominated Welsh club rugby in the late 1970s and early 1980s, captaining the side between

1982-85. The imposing back-row forward made his Wales debut in the 18-9 victory over France in January 1980 and went on to win 16 caps between 1980-84. After rugby, Butler had a stint as a teacher, then with a property development company before finding another niche in journalism, becoming a much-respected figure with the Guardian and Observer and joining up with the BBC. He would excel for the broadcaster in commentary on rugby, but also added colour, wit and knowledge to other major sporting events, notably the Olympic coverage. "The Prostate Cymru charity is devastated by the passing of its much loved ambassador Eddie Butler," read a statement announcing the news. "Eddie was the voice of Wales and we were honoured to have him as part of our charity. We will cherish



the many memories we have of him." Over the last week Eddie once again showed his generosity and steadfast commitment to good causes by joining 25 Prostate Cymru fundraisers, including his daughter Nell, on the Inca Trail Trek to Machu Picchu. In the early hours of Thursday, September 15, Ed passed away peacefully in his sleep at Ecoinka base camp in the Peruvian Andes. "He leaves behind his wife Susan and six children, who are very much in our thoughts."

Jos Buttler vows to 'raise spirits' of Pakistan as England return after 17 years

Karachi, September 16 : After 17 years away, England were welcomed back to Pakistan with a flurry of warm applause for their captain, Jos Buttler, as he spoke about the floods that have devastated the country in recent months. "We know the tough times that the people of Pakistan are facing with the floods," Buttler said. "We hope that our being here to play some exciting games of cricket will be a small tonic to help raise spirits, and help shed some light on what is happening." Buttler revealed that the England players agreed between them to make a five-figure



donation to the Disasters Emergency Committee appeal, and that the gift will be matched by the ECB. Buttler, who was still bleary-eyed from his overnight flight, has never been to Pakistan before, but said that he had learned that "sport has a great power to

give a distraction at times of need" from his experiences playing in the IPL during the pandemic. "It won't be enough, but any small part we can play is important," he said. "Especially here, now, in Pakistan, with the England team back after a long

period of time. The people of Pakistan have been starved of international cricket at home so hopefully, even in the midst of tough times with the floods, we will be able to play a small part in uplifting them." His words went down well. It may be the only ovation Buttler gets for a while: he is still recovering from a calf injury, and he says the best case scenario is that he will be available for the last two of these seven games. But he wanted to come on tour anyway, stating: "Coming back to Pakistan after a long time, I felt like it was important to be here whether I played the games or not." The ECB caused a lot of irritation and offence to the Pakistan Cricket Board when they pulled out of a two-match series this time last year; Buttler's experience and diplomatic touch will be crucial on what could be a fraught tour. Part of the reason England withdrew last year was that the New Zealand team who were touring Pakistan at the time left midway through the series after they received what was described as a "specific, credible threat" to their security. The West Indies and Australia have both visited since and, like them, England will spend their time here living with a suffocating level of security, including being guarded by a cordon of 7,500 soldiers. It will be a tour soundtracked by sirens, metal detectors, motorcycle outriders and the thrum of the helicopter that

will follow the team coach. Buttler also wanted to come because he has one eye on the upcoming T20 World Cup, and his nascent relationships with England's coach, Matthew Mott, and his new assistant, David Saker. "Just being around the guys is important. Whether fit to play games or not, I felt there would be a lot of value in me being here." It's an odd squad, with five uncapped players who aren't part of the World Cup as well as three older ones - Chris Woakes, Mark Wood and Alex Hales - who will be, but are trying to find their feet after a stretch of time out of the team. Wood and Woakes are both returning from injury. Hales hasn't played for England since he was dropped in 2019. Hales was exiled by Buttler's predecessor, Eoin Morgan, because of what he described as Hales's "complete disregard" for their team culture. The decision to drop him was taken together by a group of senior players, and Buttler confirmed that he had canvassed opinion in the squad before he agreed to recall him as a replacement for Jonny Bairstow. "I spoke to lots of the senior players to make sure that no one would have any issues with Alex being back in the team if we wanted to select him," he said. "No one did. There's been a lot of water under the bridge, I think. It's been a long time and I am sure Alex is a different person."

Skyrocketing fares mean diehard Collingwood fans make pilgrimage to SCG, any way they can

London, September 16 : Diehard Collingwood fans lucky enough to secure a ticket to Saturday's AFL preliminary final against the Swans at the SCG have taken elaborate measures to make it to the match, making the long pilgrimage from Melbourne to Sydney by bus, train and car after plane fares blew out in excess of

\$1,000. Deborah Putt was already on the road on Friday morning with her partner and young son, braving the nine-hour journey from Brighton East for the big game. "Our seven-year-old, Brooklyn, thought he was going to school for his last day for term three for footy dress-up day, but in fact we surprised him and are driving to

Sydney instead," she said. "He had no idea. It was the most incredible moment seeing his face. After the excitement, he broke down in tears and just couldn't believe it was happening." Brooklyn was among hundreds of Collingwood punters flying the flag up the Hume from Melbourne on Friday.

Dunkley and Capsey steer England to T20 series win over India

Bristol, September 16 : England sealed their T20 series against India in emphatic fashion at Bristol, winning by seven wickets with 10 balls to spare as Sophia Dunkley (49 off 44) and Alice Capsey (38 not out off 24) easily chased down the 123 runs required. England's series win came despite them missing three of their senior players - Heather Knight, Nat Sciver and Katherine Brunt. "It's been different but we've all taken it upon ourselves to do our bit," Capsey said. "It's a real confidence booster for us younger ones when we do get it right." Two days on from being dominant with the bat

in Derby, India were bafflingly poor on Thursday, stuttering to 35 for five in the opening 10 overs. Two of their top five made ducks, while none of their Derby match-winners - Shafali Verma, Smriti Mandhana and Harmanpreet Kaur - could get out of single figures. Richa Ghosh, perhaps with a point to prove after her bizarre omission from India's Commonwealth Games squad earlier in the summer, did her best to rescue the innings with a quickfire 33 off 22 at the back end. But Sophie Ecclestone (three for 25), having already seen off Sneha Rana and Deepti Sharma, added to her list of scalps by trapping



Ghosh lbw in the penultimate over. In reply, England raced to 45 without loss in the powerplay thanks to more powerful hitting from Dunkley. Their only wobble came after Danni Wyatt was caught at long-on in the 10th over; a wicket that seemed

somehow to shake Dunkley's confidence. The 11th over became a maiden for Radha Yadav, with Dunkley trying in vain to find her 50th run, as she consistently played and missed. She was bowled by Pooja Vastrakar in the 12th, trying to slog across the

line; while Amy Jones then came and went in the space of five balls, bowled by Yadav. At that point England needed 44 from 43 balls, but - helped along by some fumbles in the deep from the chilly Indian fielders - Capsey and Bryony Smith (13 not out) saw England home. "I felt nervous today," Capsey admitted. "I didn't know whether to play the reverse sweep or not, because this was a series decider! But I've still got the backing from the staff to play with that freedom. Bryony was great to have out there to calm me down." Earlier, England had won the toss and chosen to field first - a decision that

proved a good call in the cool of a Bristol September evening. Issy Wong, back in the side after a difficult Hundred tournament, began with a wicket maiden, after Verma moved across her stumps only for Wong's slower ball to ricochet off her pads and bowl her. Smriti Mandhana guided the only two boundaries of the powerplay square of the wicket, but departed in the fourth over after Ecclestone claimed a diving catch running around from long-on. Replays later suggested she might not have been entirely in control of the ball when she hit the ground, but the umpires failed to refer it.

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IPL: Trevor Bayliss Appointed Head Coach Of Punjab Kings



New Delhi, September 16: Punjab Kings on Friday confirmed the appointment of Trevor Bayliss as their new head coach, starting IPL 2023. Bayliss was the coach of England when the Eoin Morgan-led side won the 2019 World Cup at home. Bayliss will bring his experience of winning the 2019

World Cup with England, 2 IPL titles and a Big Bash League (BBL) title with the Sydney Sixers. "I'm honoured to be given the Head Coach's role with the Punjab Kings. A foundation franchise with an appetite for success. I look forward to working with a talented squad of

players determined to compete for silverware," said Bayliss in a statement issued by Punjab Kings. Bayliss has replaced India great Anil Kumble, whose contract was not renewed by the franchise after failing to make the play-offs in his three-year term. Punjab's only final appearance in IPL history came in 2014 when they lost to Kolkata Knight Riders. Punjab Kings have finished sixth in the last four seasons of the IPL. In this year's tournament, Mayank Agarwal had taken over the captaincy from KL Rahul but he could not meet the expectations with the bat. Mayank and Arshdeep Singh were the only two players Punjab had retained ahead of the IPL 2022.

"Always Looked Up To You": Serena Williams Welcomes Roger Federer To Retirement

Washington, September 16: Serena Williams welcomed Roger Federer to the tennis "retirement club" on Thursday, saying she has always admired and looked up to the Swiss legend. Federer, a 20-time Grand Slam champion, said Thursday he would retire after playing next week in London at the Laver Cup. Among those sending congratulations to the 41-year-old icon for his tremen-

dous career was 23-time Grand Slam winner Williams, who said she was "evolving" away from tennis, with last week's US Open expected to be her final tournament. "I wanted to find the perfect way to say this, as you so eloquently put this game to rest -- perfectly done, just like your career," Williams said in an Instagram post. "I

have always looked up to you and admired you. Our paths were always so similar, so much the same. You inspired countless millions and millions of people -- including me -- and we will never forget." Williams came as close as she has come to firmly saying her own career is complete by welcoming Federer into "the retirement club."

London, September 16:

Time and simple human wear-and-tear told us Roger Federer had to stop playing professional tennis at some point. Here is a man who was winning grand slam tournaments before the iPhone was invented, while Tony Blair was still a very popular prime minister, and who first won Wimbledon two months after Carlos Alcaraz was born. And yet the news that Federer intends to retire now at the ludicrously advanced age of 41 still feels like a shock, an oversight, a rumour that got out of hand. Is everyone really sure about this? It is always tempting when a champion leaves the stage to announce that we will not see their like again, that the book is now closed. It is also tempting to overdo the mawkish viking funeral stuff, to drown in sickly-sweetness, to transform every departure into a tug on the sleeve from Paddington Bear, to conclude that the sporting life really will never be the same again. On this occasion both of these responses seem appropriate. Federer's retirement certainly brings the end of one shared span a little closer. There has never been a period of dominance in any global sport quite like the Federer-Nadal-Djokovic triad of power. At the same time his departure also puts an end note on a more per-

sonal era, because even in this grand company Federer was the outstanding presence, the greatest player in the greatest time in men's tennis. And by extension, and without any reasonable cause for argument - the word reasonable must cover a lot of ground here - the greatest tennis player ever. It is a measure of the brilliance of Nadal and Djokovic that both now shade Federer on the basic tally of grand slam wins. Nadal's invincibility at Roland Garros is the backbone of his 22 titles. Djokovic is a fellow all-court master and one ahead on 21. As a triple-godhead they have been the most irresistible source of entertainment, income and basic relentlessness, circling the sporting globe like mobile one-man city states. What is it with these guys? Do they ever weary of seeing their own reflection in that pewter surface? Apparently not. Juan Carlos Ferrero won the French Open in May 2003, the last grand slam tournament of the old world. Federer, a year younger, won his own first at Wimbledon a month later and within five years would win 12 out of 18 from a standing start. Before long Nadal had joined him. Across the intervening years up to Wimbledon this summer Federer, Nadal and



Djokovic have dominated the sport in an astonishing pitch of shared annihilation. Djokovic is 35 now, still in peak condition but a little distracted by Covid stuff, culture war noise and generally being a kind of magic energy truther. Nadal is 36 and held together with twine, staples and glue. With the retirement also of Serena Williams there is undeniably a sense that something is ending, the time of giants passing. And yes, Federer really was the best of them. We know this because Nadal and Djokovic were great enough to make this such a point of fevered discussion, and to elevate every contest along the way, producing such a wonderfully more-ish contrast of style, manner

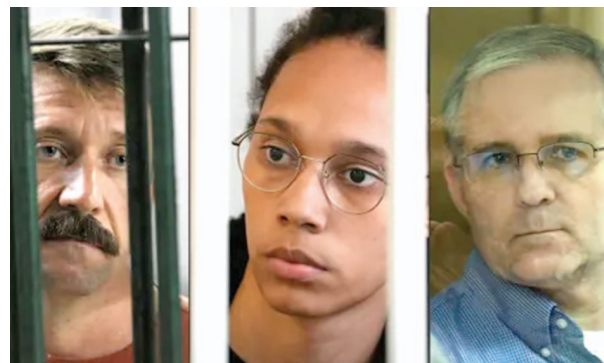
and execution, the same greatness playing the same game in the same space, but in a way that somehow never really felt the same. And with Federer greatness was as much about style and form and texture. There was a sense in his talent of something that never quite reached its end point. Even at its most concentrated pitch one never felt one got to the limits of what Federer might do. There is probably still a bit in there, Rog, if you ever feel like giving it another go. Even in defeat this was like watching some perfectly geared high-spec machine purring through its paces. Federer does not lose. He regroups. At his best there was a sense of genuine ultimacy, of sport as good as sport gets. His backhand was frankly ridiculous, overblown, hilariously good. This, one thought, watching that thing - the flex of the knee,

the flourish of the wrist - is a kind of artefact, a European cultural treasure, like a Bach cantata or a complete acorn-fed Iberian ham, the kind of backhand a power-crazed Bond super villain might try to steal from its laser-guarded case and transport to the moon. 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. In many ways tennis is the most difficult of all sports. Firstly because of its technical and physical demands. But also because it is just always you, every point; and every point comes right after the last, a constant pressure with no shadow, no margin, nowhere to hide. Why was Federer the best at this? Because he had that all-surface game. Because he felt like the default in every tournament, the one player for whom defeat was of significance to everyone else in the draw; and because his game was so complete he would have been a champion in any era, plus all the eras to come. There was something more, of course. For all the titles and the great matches - the 2008 Wimbledon final against Nadal, in the gloom, both men reaching close to the end of something, is surely the finest tennis match ever played - the lasting memory will be the way Federer made one feel.

Joe Biden to meet families of Brittney Griner and Paul Whelan over release efforts

Washington, September 16: Joe Biden plans to meet at the White House on Friday with family members of WNBA star Brittney Griner and Michigan corporate security executive Paul Whelan, both of whom remain jailed in Russia, senior administration officials told the Associated Press. The separate meetings are to be the first in-person encounter between Biden and the families and are taking place amid sustained but so far unsuccessful efforts by the administration to secure the Americans' release. The administration said in July that it had made a "substantial proposal" to get them home, but despite plans for the White House meetings, there is no sign that a breakthrough is imminent. Biden plans to speak at the White House with Griner's wife, Cherelle, and with the player's agent in one meeting and with Whelan's sister, Elizabeth, in the other. Griner has been held in Russia since February on drug-related charges. She was sentenced last month to nine years in prison after pleading guilty and has appealed the punishment. Whelan is serving a 16-year sentence on espionage-related charges that he and his family say are false. The US government regards both as wrongfully detained, placing their cases with the office of its top hostage negotiator. Friday's meetings, which both families have long sought, are intended to underscore the administration's commitment to bringing home Griner, Whelan and other Americans jailed abroad, as well as to "connect with them on a human level as they undergo an ordeal that the Russian government has imposed on them," said one official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity as the meetings had not been publicly announced. Negotiations have been complicated by the tense relations between Washing-

ton and Moscow over Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Antony Blinken, the secretary of state, took the unusual step of announcing two months ago that the administration had made a substantial proposal to Russia. Since then, the administration has followed up in multiple ways to press its offer and get serious negotiations underway, one administration official said on Thursday. The Russians, who have indicated that they are open to negotiations but have chided the Americans to conduct them in private, have come back with suggestions that are not within the administration's ability to deliver, said the official, declining to elaborate. But the US has been following up through the same channels that produced an April prisoner swap that brought Marine veteran Trevor Reed home from Russia, the official said. The administration has not provided specifics about its proposal, but a person familiar with the matter previously confirmed it had offered to release Viktor Bout, a convicted Russian arms dealer now imprisoned in the US. It is also possible that, in the interests of symmetry, Russia might insist on having two of its citizens released from prison. Biden spoke by phone in July with Cherelle Griner and Elizabeth Whelan, but both families have also requested in-person meetings. The meetings are being done separately to ensure that each family has private time with the president. But the fact that they are happening on the same day shows the extent to which the two cases have become intertwined since the only deal



that is presumably palatable to the US is one that gets both Americans home together at the same time. In the past several months, representatives of both families have expressed frustration over what they perceived as a lack of aggressive action and coordination from the

administration. Cherelle Griner told the AP in June that she was dismayed after the failure of a phone call from her wife that was supposed to have been patched through by the American embassy in Moscow left the couple unable to connect on their fourth anniversary. Whelan's relatives have

sought to keep attention on his case, anxious that it has been overshadowed in the public eye by the focus on Griner, a two-time Olympic gold medalist and seven-time WNBA all-star. They also conveyed disappointment when Whelan, despite having been held in Russia since December 2018, was not included in the prisoner swap that brought home Reed. Friday's meeting was scheduled before news broke this week of an unconnected trip to Russia by Bill Richardson, a former US ambassador to the United Nations who has been a veteran emissary in hostage and detainee cases. Administra-

tion officials reacted coolly to that trip, with State Department spokesman Ned Price saying Wednesday that dialogue with Russia outside the "established channel" risks hindering efforts to get Griner and Whelan home. Administration officials say work on hostage and detainee cases persists regardless of whether a family receives a meeting with the president, though there is no question that such an encounter can help establish a connection. Biden met in the Oval Office in March with Reed's parents after the Texas couple stood with a large sign outside the White House calling for their son's release.

Pakistan Pacer's "Cheap Selection" Tweet Over World Cup Team Slammed On Twitter

New Delhi, September 16: Pakistan announced its 15-member squad for the upcoming T20 World Cup on Thursday and, contrary to what was expected, decided to stick to most of the players who were part of the squad that recently lost to Sri Lanka in the Asia Cup final. The announcement was followed by scrutiny from fans and former cricketers alike. Mohammad Amir, the former Pakistan fast bowler, also tweeted after the squad was announced but he has since been slammed by fans of Twitter for his choice of words. "chief selector ki cheap selection," is what Amir tweeted. This has not gone down well with the fans who criticised him for his comments. Amir had in the past retired from international cricket accusing the team management of being unfair towards him. While he has received sympathy from fans in the past, this tweet of his has not gone down well with the Pakistan cricket faithfuls.

ICC T20 World Cup: Full Squads Of Teams Announced So Far

New Delhi, September 16: The ICC T20 World Cup will begin in Australia from next month and most of the teams have announced their 15-member squads for the event. The Aussies under Aaron Finch will be looking to defend their title at home while the likes of New Zealand, England, India and Pakistan will look to the Aussies a tough fight. A rejuvenated Sri Lankan side also looks threatening while the quality of South Africa and West Indies in this format can also not be ignored. West Indies remain the only team to have won this trophy twice and it will be interesting to see if any other among India, Pakistan, England, Sri Lanka and Australia can do the same. Here are the full squads for T20 World Cup of the teams that have made the announcement so far:

Afghanistan:

Mohammad Nabi (c), Najibullah Zadran (vc), Rahmanullah Gurbaz (wk), Azmatullah Omarzai, Darwish Rasooli, Farid Ahmad Malik, Fazal Haq Farooqi, Hazratullah Zazai, Ibrahim Zadran, Mujeeb ur Rahman, Naveen ul Haq, Qais Ahmad, Rashid Khan, Salim Safi, Usman Ghani. Reserves: Afsar Zazai, Sharafuddin Ashraf, Rahmat Shah, Gulbadin Naib

Australia: Aaron Finch (c), Ashton Agar, Pat Cummins, Josh Inglis, Josh Hazlewood, Tim David, Mitchell Marsh, Glenn Maxwell, Kane Richardson, Steven Smith, Mitchell Starc, Marcus Stoinis, Matthew Wade, David Warner, Adam Zampa

England: os Buttler (c), Moeen Ali, Harry Brook, Sam Curran, Chris Jordan, Liam Livingstone, Dawid Malan, Adil Rashid, Phil Salt, Ben Stokes, Reece Topley, David Willey, Chris Woakes, Mark Wood, Alex Hales. Reserves:



Bangladesh: Shakib Al Hasan, Sabbir Rahman, Mehidy Hasan Miraz, Afif Hossain, Mousaddek Hossain, Litton Das, Yasir Ali, Nurul Hasan, Mustafizur Rahman, Saifuddin, Taskin Ahmed, Ebadot Hossain, Hasan Mahmud, Najmul Hossain, Nasum Ahmed

Standby players: Shoriful Islam, Shak Mahedi Hasan, Rishad Hossain, Soumya Sarkar

Pakistan:

Babar Azam (c), Shadab Khan (vc), Asif Ali, Haider Ali, Haris Rauf, Ifthikhar Ahmed, Khushdil Shah, Mohammad Hasnain, Mohammad Nawaz, Mohammad Rizwan, Mohammad Wasim, Naseem Shah, Shaheen Shah Afridi, Shan Masood, Usman Qadir

Reserves: Fakhar Zaman, Mohammad Haris, Shahnaaz Dahani

South Africa:

Temba Bavuma (c), Quinton

de Kock, Heinrich Klaasen, Reeza Hendricks, Keshav Maharaj, Aiden Markram, David Miller, Lungi Ngidi, Anrich Nortje, Wayne Parnell, Dwaine Pretorius, Kagiso Rabada, Rilee Rossouw, Tabraiz Shamsi, Tristan Stubbs. Reserves: Bjorn Fortuin, Marco Jansen, Andile Phehlukwayo.

West Indies:

Nicholas Pooran (c), Rovman Powell, Yannic Cariah, Johnson Charles, Sheldon Cottrell, Shimron Hetmyer, Jason Holder, Akeal Hosein, Alzarri Joseph, Brandon King, Evin Lewis, Kyle Mayers, Obed Mccoy, Raymon Reifer, Odean Smith

Zimbabwe: Craig Ervine (c), Ryan Burl, Regis Chakabva, Tendai Chatara, Bradley Evans, Luke Jongwe, Clive Madande, Wessly Madhevere, Wellington Masakadza, Tony Munyonga, Blessing Muzarabani, Richard Ngarava, Sikandar Raza,

Milton Shumba, Sean Williams

Reserves: Tanaka Chivanga, Innocent Kaia, Kevin Kasuza, Tadiwanashe Marumani, Victor Nyauchi

Namibia:

Gerhard Erasmus (c), JJ Smit, Divan la Cock, Stephan Baard, Nicol Lofthe Eaton, Jan Frylinck, David Wiese, Ruben Trumpelmann, Zane Green, Bernard Scholtz, Tangeni, Lungameni, Michael van Lingen, Ben Shikongo, Karl Birkenstock, Lohan Louwrens, Helao Ya France, Netherlands: Scott Edwards (c), Colin Ackermann, Shariz Ahmad, Logan van Beek, Tom Cooper, Brandon Glover, Timm van der Gugten, Fred Klaassen, Bas de Leede, Paul van Meekeren, Roelof van der Merwe, Stephan Myburgh, Teja Nidamanuru, Max O'Dowd, Tim Pringle, Vikram Singh