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Victor Das suspended

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Guwahati, September 20:

The Assam government has suspended Victor Das, Assistant teacher of Panitema Radha Krishna Jugal Milan L.P. School who was arrested by Assam Police and later got bail for spreading rumours about a scam in the Assam direct recruitment exam. The Office of the District Elementary Education, Kamrup, in a notification stated that Victor Das has been placed under suspension considering the report of Head teacher of Panitema Radha Krishna Jugal Milan L.P. School with immediate effect. Victor Das was arrested by the Assam police on September 9 on charges of allegedly spreading rumours about a 'scam' in the recruitment process to fill up over 26,000 vacant posts in different departments. The Gauhati high court in Assam has granted an interim bail to Das till September 29.

Registration of NEET PG

Assam Rising
Guwahati, September 20:

The registration process of round 1 for Assam National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) for Post-Graduates has been started by the Directorate of Medical Education (DME), Assam. This is applicable for candidates who appeared the NEET PG 2022 examination and met required cut-off to appear for the counselling. Eligible candidates can log in to <https://dme.assam.gov.in/> and register themselves till 23rd September, 2022. According to DME, the online choice filling will be held between September 25 till September 30, 2022 and the results will be declared on October 10, 2022. To register, candidates will need to fill in their names, date of birth, NEET PG roll number, and security pin. Following, the candidate should proceed with the application process and upload the required documents. An amount of Rs. 1000 for the General category and Rs. 500 for candidates belonging to Reserved categories has to be paid for the registration. For more details, candidates may find access to the official website of DME, Assam.

Shipping minister Sarbananda Sonowal launches multiple development projects in Assam

Assam Rising
Guwahati, September 20:

Union minister for ports, shipping and waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal on Monday launched multiple projects for the development of Bogibeel region near Dibrugarh in Assam. The minister laid the foundation stone for construction of two floating jetties at Bogibeel and Gujjan. He also inaugurated the Bogibeel Riverfront passenger jetty. The two floating jetties at Bogibeel in Dibrugarh district and Gujjan in Tinsukia district will be constructed as state-of-the-art terminals using the most advanced and updated technology. They are being constructed by IWAI over the National Waterways - 2 (NW-2) - the river Brahmaputra. The work has been awarded to Coastal Consolidated



Structures Pvt. Ltd on an EPC contract mode (engineering, procurement, construction). They are estimated to be built at a cost of ₹ 8.25 crores and scheduled to be completed by February, 2023. The Bogibeel Riverfront Passenger Jetty is developed by the Northeast Frontier Railways (NFR) as part of riverfront development near the Bogibeel bridge. Plans are afoot to construct an open platform, a restaurant, 8 bio-toilets and 6 awnings as part of the riverfront site. The entire structure is constructed over rail columns with angle

frame covered by WPC board floorings. The estimated cost of the project is ₹ 2.5 crores. A total of 3,560 square meters are being developed under this project. Following a meeting at the Bogibeel, the riverfront development work has been going on with a vision to make the area a tourist hub. Addressing the event, the minister said the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is to harness the potential of an economic and ecologically sound logistics avenue of inland waterways. The PM Gati Shakti National Master plan is exactly the key that we are using here today, to unlock the huge potential of inland water transportation in Assam using National

Waterways 2, our river Brahmaputra. "We must tap this opportunity and build an economic advantage which will power the whole of Northeast India as the New Engine of growth for India. Our government is also identifying avenues to promote inland navigation, river cruise tourism, and construction of suitable terminals across the Brahmaputra." He also added that India's longest river cruise service will begin from early next year between Varanasi and Bogibeel, traversing a distance of more than 4,000 kms via Ganga, IBPR and Brahmaputra. "This is going to usher in a novel opportunity for people of

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NIA arrests one accused in Assam 'Maoist' case



Assam Rising
Guwahati, September 20:

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Monday arrested a Maoist leader accused in a case in Assam. The accused, identified as Samrat Chakraborty, was nabbed from the Kalyani Expressway in West Ben-

gal. The Guwahati wing of the central probe agency revealed that Samrat was the link man between the Maoist leadership and arrested Maoist leader Arun Kumar Bhattacharjee. The arrest was made in connection to a case in Assam. Arun Kumar

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Indian Army to train Assam Police commando recruits



London, September 20:

2,720 recruits selected as Sub-Inspectors and Constables after more stringent tests for five new commando battalions. The Indian Army will train the recruits for five new Assam Police commando battal-

ions to be raised soon, the State's Director General of Police (DGP) Bhaskar Jyoti Mahanta said on Sunday. The police chief said 5,200 candidates, including 707 women, recruited in May, have been selected to fill vacancies across six wings of the Assam Police. More

than half of them - a total of 2,720 - have been selected as Sub-Inspectors and Constables for the five commando units. "The Army has agreed to provide for our new commandos at its facilities because our training centres cannot take in more than the other recruits currently undergoing training. Our instructors will coordinate with their Army counterparts for imparting training to the new commandos," he told journalists at the police headquarters in Guwahati. Mr. Mahanta said a retired Army Brigadier has been appointed as a special Deputy Inspector General of Police to ensure scientific training for the

new commandos, who came through a test more stringent than that for the others. The five new commando battalions have

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Anti-Corruption Youth Power

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The Anti-Corruption Youth Power Assam has demanded a detailed probe into the alleged anomalies regarding the recruitment exams result declared recently for the Grade III and Grade IV posts of Lakhimpur Medical College and Hospital (LMCH). Addressing a press conference in Guwahati, the Anti-Corruption Youth Power said, "The Assam Police is trying to diverge from the matter. Massive anomalies have taken place in the recruitment process of the medical college. We demand a high-level inquiry into the matter at the earliest." The union also said that the state government and police have to find out the truth into the entire matter.

Assam Govt Working on 1 Lakh Recruitment Process: Ranoj Pegu



Assam Rising
Guwahati, September 20:

Assam Education Minister Ranoj Pegu on Tuesday said the government is expediting recruitment process to fill up over one lakh vacancies. Addressing a press meet the minister

said teachers with grace marks will be appointed. He said, "Although court case is pending, however, obstacles will be removed. It has been decided to recruit those who have passed TET and college teachers." Major appointments will be made again on September 23 and as many as 4,717 teachers will be given appointment letters. The minister said, "As per the court order, 298 selected candidates of TET exam will get appointments and soon education department white paper will be published." He further said, the education department has undergone massive changes since 2011

and work for infrastructure development is also being done. "Meanwhile, speaking on suspension of Victor Das, Minister Pegu said that he has been suspended as per rules. "According to rules, if a person stays in police custody for 48 hours, then he/she is subjected to be suspended. Department investigation will be done against Victor Das," he said. Notably, the Office of the District Elementary Education, Kamrup, in a notification stated that Victor Das has been placed under suspension considering the report of Head

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Arvind Kejriwal's big announcement in Gujarat: 'Will implement Old Pension Scheme if AAP is voted to power'

Vadodara, September 20:

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Tuesday promised to implement the Old Pension Scheme for government employees in Gujarat like Punjab if his party is voted to power in the upcoming elections due in December this year. Addressing a press conference after a town hall meeting here, Kejriwal said Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann has issued an order considering the implementation of the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) in the AAP-ruled state."



Government employees in Gujarat have taken to the streets in large numbers. Their main demand is the implementation of the old pension scheme. I guarantee them that when AAP forms a government, we will implement the OPS in

Gujarat," Kejriwal told reporters. Interestingly, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi earlier in the day assured that if voted to

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IIT Bombay canteen worker arrested for RECORDING female student in hostel washroom

MUMBAI, September 20:

In a shocking incident, a canteen worker at the IIT Bombay has been arrested for allegedly recording a video of a girl student while she was using the hostel washroom, said reports on Tuesday. According to reports, the incident occurred on Sunday night

when the canteen worker was spotted filming a female student while she was in the toilet. A student at the reputed university spotted a mobile phone looming outside the hostel's bathroom window. She then alerted the hostel authorities after which the security staff of the IIT Bombay caught the man

and handed him over to the police. The name of the arrested person is 'Pintu'. The arrested person works in the canteen of IIT Bombay. A case has been registered against the accused under IPC Section 354C, said sources. IIT Bombay also later issued a

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Govt. approves penal provisions for Private Schools

Assam Rising
Guwahati, September 20:

Assam State Assembly has passed an amendment bill to include penal provisions for private schools. Along with this, the state assembly has also passed three bills which would pave the way for the setting up of three universities in the state of Assam. Details shared below. The Assam Assembly on Monday passed an amendment bill to include penal measures for private schools that fail to comply with provisions of an act con-

cerning regulation of fees. The House also passed three other bills, paving the way for the setting up of three universities in the state. 'The Assam Non-Government Educational Institutions (Regulation of Fees) (Amendment) Bill, 2022' was introduced in the Assembly by Education Minister Ranoj Pegu. In the 'statement of objects and reasons' for the bill, Pegu said that it was being introduced in the House to include penal provisions for non-compliance by schools with the provisions of the original Act of



2018. As per the amendment bill, monetary penalty with interest will be imposed on the private institutions that fail to meet the

October 31 deadline to file an application before the regulatory committee giving details of the fee structure that they would want

to implement for a particular academic year. If any private institution

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River cruise service between Varanasi and Assam's Bogibeel to begin next year



Assam Rising
Guwahati, September 20:

India's "longest river cruise service" will begin early next year between Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh

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Myanmar: seven children killed in junta strike on village school



Let Yet Kone, September 20 : Government helicopters have struck a school in north-central Myanmar, killing at least 13 people, including seven children, in what would be the deadliest attack on children since the junta seized power last year, a school administrator and an aid worker have said. School administrator Mar Mar* said she was trying to get students to safe hiding places when two of four government Mi-35 helicopters hovering north of Let Yet Kone village in Tabayin, about 110km (70 miles) north-west of Mandalay, began attacking on Friday. She said the helicopters began firing machine guns and heavier weapons at the school,

which has 240 students from kindergarten to year 8 and is located in the compound of the village's Buddhist monastery. The UN has documented 260 attacks on schools and education personnel since military ousted the elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi in February last year, but this would be highest number of children to be killed. Mar Mar said she had not expected trouble, since the aircraft had been over the village before without any incident. "Since the students had done nothing wrong, I never thought that they would be brutally shot by machine guns," Mar Mar said. By the time she and the students and teachers were able to take shelter in the classrooms, one teacher and

a 7-year-old student had already been shot in the neck and head. "They kept shooting into the compound from the air for an hour," Mar Mar said. "They didn't stop even for one minute. All we could do at that time was chant Buddhist mantras." When the air attack stopped, she said about 80 soldiers entered the monastery compound, firing their guns at the buildings. The soldiers then ordered everyone in the compound to come out of the buildings. Mar Mar said she saw about 30 students with wounds on their backs, thighs, faces and other parts of the bodies. Some students had lost limbs. "The children told me that their friends were dying," she said, adding some injured students told her they were in such pain they wanted to die. She said at least six students were killed in the school and a 13-year-old boy working at a fishery in a nearby village was also fatally shot. At least six adults were also killed in other parts of the village,

she said. The bodies of the dead children were taken away by the soldiers. More than 20 people, including nine wounded children and three teachers, were also taken by the soldiers, she said. Two of those captured were accused of being members of the anti-government People's Defence Force, the armed wing of the resistance to the military. A volunteer in Tabayin assisting displaced people, who asked not to be identified because of fear of government reprisals, said the bodies of the dead children were cremated by the soldiers in nearby Ye U township. Mar Mar has been hiding in the village with her three children since fleeing for safety to avoid the government crackdown after participating last year in a civil disobedience movement against the military takeover. "I am now telling the international community about this because I want redress for our children," Mar Mar said. Myanmar Now, an online news service, and other independent Myanmar media also reported the attack and the students' deaths. A day after the attack, the state-run Myanmar Alinn newspaper reported that security forces

had gone to check the village after receiving information that the members of the People's Defence Force were hiding there. According to the Thailand-based Assistance Association for Political Prisoners, which monitors human rights in Myanmar, at least 2,298 civilians have been killed by the security forces since the army seized power last year.



A harvester operates in the highland barley field in Rasog Township of Gyangze County, Xigaze, southwest China's Tibet

No US trade deal on the horizon, admits Truss as she flies in for Biden meeting

Washington, September 20 : Britain may not strike a free trade deal with the US for years, Liz Truss has admitted ahead of her first bilateral meeting with Joe Biden. The new prime minister conceded that talks were unlikely to start in the "medium term" as she travelled to New York on her first foreign trip since entering Downing Street. In a move likely to disappoint Brexiters, she downplayed expectations that any trade agreement was imminent amid concerns that overpromising but then failing to get talks off the ground would damage her nascent administration. On the plane to the US, Truss admitted to reporters: "There aren't currently any negotiations taking place with the US and I don't have any expectation that those are going to start in the short to medium term." It is the first time the government has conceded there is virtually no chance of getting agreement on an early bilateral trade deal with the US, Britain's biggest trading partner,

despite it being coveted by Brexit supporters as one of the major potential benefits of leaving the EU. Instead, the new prime minister said her priorities would be joining the trans-Pacific trading partnership of 11 countries, including Australia, Canada and Singapore, as well as striking deals with the Gulf States and India. She added that her "number one" focus in talks with Biden at the UN on Wednesday would be global security, especially working with the US and European partners to deal with Russian aggression in Ukraine. Truss's relations with the US president have already been strained by her threats as foreign secretary to rip up the post-Brexit trading arrangements in Northern Ireland. Biden has warned that peace in the province should not be undermined by the row and has been reluctant to strike a trade

deal with the UK as a result. UK officials have tried to decouple the two issues and highlighted mini trade deals signed with individual states, including Indiana and North Carolina, to boost transatlantic trade. At the White House last year, Boris Johnson's hopes of an early post-Brexit trade deal were dashed after Biden made clear publicly that it was not on the cards. The former prime minister was left talking up "solid incremental steps" achieved on trade after the US started allowing imports of UK lamb for the first time in decades. In contrast, former president Donald Trump had promised a "massive" trade deal to support Brexit, although Washington insiders had warned he would expect concessions in return. 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. During Truss's two-day trip to New York, she will hold a series of bilateral meetings with other key leaders including the European Commission president, Ursula von der Leyen, and the French president, Emmanuel Macron. It will be the first official meeting between the pair since Truss's comments during the Tory leadership race that the "jury's out" over whether Macron was "friend or foe". In what appeared to be a softening of her stance, Truss told reporters she wanted to have a "constructive" relationship with France, working with Macron on migration, Brexit, energy security and Ukraine. However, aides later suggested that a rapprochement was not on the cards and that the prime minister had simply wanted to be diplomatic on the day of the Queen's funeral.

Israel risks crossing Hezbollah 'red line' as it prepares to connect to disputed gas field



Jerusalem, September 20 : Israel is preparing to connect a disputed Mediterranean gas field to its national gas network, a development helping the country cement its new role as a supplier to Europe at the risk of inflaming tensions with Lebanon's Hezbollah. The Israeli energy ministry said last week that it would conduct tests on the rig and natural transmission system in the Karish maritime reservoir, part of which is claimed by neighbouring Lebanon. The work is expected to begin on Tuesday, and London-listed company Energean, which has licensed the field, has said that it is "on track to deliver [the] first gas from the Karish development project within weeks." Discovered in 2013, the relatively small Karish field, together with the nearby Tarin field, is estimated to hold as much as 2-3tn cubic feet of natural gas and 44m barrels of liquids. While what can be immediately exported

is a fraction of what is needed to ease the global energy crisis sparked by Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the operation is nonetheless viewed as welcome by Israel's western allies as prices soar and Europe searches for alternatives to Russian gas sources. But Lebanon, which is still technically at war with Israel, claims part of the Karish field as its own. Events took a dramatic turn over the summer, after Energean brought a production vessel into the field in June despite protestations from Beirut that the reservoir should not be developed until US-mediated maritime border negotiations which began in 2020 are completed. Hezbollah, the powerful Lebanese Shia movement allied with Iran, responded to the Energean move by launching unarmed drones towards Karish on 2 July, which were shot down by the Israel Defence Forces (IDF). The group has repeatedly threatened attacks if Israel proceeds in the disputed area. On Saturday, Hezbollah leader, Hassan Nasrallah, said in a televised speech that Israeli extraction of gas from Karish was a "red line", but that he wanted the US-brokered maritime border talks to

succeed. "We are following up on the negotiations ... our eyes and missiles are locked on Karish," the cleric said. "As long as extraction has not started, there is a chance for solutions." Energean has previously said it has received security assurances from the Israeli government, which has

dealt with threats against its offshore gas installations before from Hezbollah in Lebanon and Hamas in the Gaza Strip. Israeli media has reported the Greek-founded hydrocarbon exploration company is contractually obliged to begin supplying gas to customers, and has accrued significant debt by developing the project.

Madeleine McCann's parents lose challenge over Portuguese libel case

London, September 20 : The parents of Madeleine McCann have lost their European court of human rights challenge to the Portuguese supreme court's decision to throw out their libel case against a former detective who implicated them in their daughter's disappearance. Kate and Gerry McCann sued Gonçalo Amaral, who led the botched police search for Madeleine in 2007, over statements he made in a book, documentary and newspaper interview alleging that they were involved in Madeleine's disappearance. In 2015, a Lisbon court ordered Amaral, a former detective inspector, to pay €500,000 (£440,000) to Madeleine's parents. But an appeal court overturned the decision the



next year and, in 2017, the supreme court also found against the McCanns. The couple went to the European court of human rights to seek redress, relying on the European convention on human rights - including articles conferring the right to a fair hearing and the right to respect for private and family life - to argue that Amaral's statements damaged their reputation, their good name and their right to be presumed innocent. The McCanns now have three months to appeal against the decision. Madeleine was three when she went missing from her family's holiday flat in Praia da Luz on 3 May 2007, while her parents dined at a nearby tapas restaurant, triggering a huge missing person

investigation. Amaral released his book, The Truth of the Lie, three days after the Portuguese attorney general decided to end the search for the toddler in 2008. He later took part in a documentary for Portuguese television. In April this year, officials in Faro named a 44-year-old convicted German rapist, Christian Brückner, as an arguido, or formal suspect. It was the first time Portuguese authorities had officially identified a suspect in the case since Madeleine's parents were declared as such in 2007. They were formally cleared of suspicion in 2008. German police said in June 2020 that Madeleine was assumed dead and that Brückner was probably responsible for her disappearance. However, British officers continue to treat it as a missing person case.

Brad Pitt makes surprise debut as a sculptor at Finland art gallery

London, September 20 : Brad Pitt has unveiled his sculptures in a lakeside art museum in Finland as part of the actor's first-ever public art exhibition that came as an unexpected surprise to the Nordic country. Located in Finland's third-largest city of Tampere, this is the first time the "largely self-taught" US star presented his sculptures to the public, the Sara Hildén Art Museum said. Pitt's sculptures were revealed by the 58-year-old actor himself on Saturday as part of a larger exhibition by British artist Thomas Houseago, alongside a ceramic series by Australian musician Nick Cave. "For Nick and I this is a new world and our first entry. It just feels right," Pitt told Finnish broadcaster Yle at the opening ceremony. Pitt's nine works in the show includes a moulded plaster panel "depicting a gunfight" and a series of house-shaped silicone sculptures that each have been shot with a different gauge of ammunition. "To me it's about self-reflection."



People show pet dogs at PETZOO, a weekend event hosted in Ankara, Türkiye, as the country's biggest pet fair

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The quotation papers may be collected from the Office of the Joint Director of Health Services, Lakhimpur from 11.00 am w.e.f. 22nd September, 2022 at the cost of Rs. 1,000/- (one thousand) only per category. The filled in quotations must be dropped in the box provided in the Office of the Joint Director of Health Services, Lakhimpur on or before 12th October 2022 by 12.00 noon and will be opened from 13th October 2022 in the office chamber of the Joint Director of Health Services, Lakhimpur, North Lakhimpur. The intending bidders or their representatives are informed to be present in the time of opening of the quotations with samples.

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CORRIGENDUM/EXTENSION NOTICE

A. Reference to e-Eol No. DWCD(ICDS)/G/SNP/61/2022/31, dated 13/7/2022 in regard to expression of Interest for supply of Ready to eat (RTE) food items such as Dal Khichdi, Multigrain Suji Halwa as cereal-based Micronutrient Fortified Energy Dense Food for Children of age group (6 months to 3 years), Children of age group (3- 6 years), Severely Malnourished Children of age group (6 months to 6 years) and Pregnant Women & Lactating mothers for various Anganwadi Centres and Mini-Anganwadi Centres at General areas of Assam for implementation of SNP during the year 2022-23. the following modifications are hereby notified through this corrigendum.

(1) In modification of the earlier Addendum issued vide No. DSW(ICDS)/G/SNP/61/2022/61, Dated 5/9/2022. In Clause No. 3 at Page No. 1 of the Tender Document may be read as:

The food product Instant Dal Khichdi should not be in powdered form. The ingredients should be in smaller particles and in whole grain according to the specification of the targeted beneficiaries.

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B. The date and time of tender document to be downloaded and online submission in respect of e-Eol No. DWCD(ICDS)/G/SNP/61/2022/31. dated 13/7/2022 in regard to Expression of Interest for supply of Ready to eat (RTC) food items such as 03 Dal Khichdi, Multigrain Suji Halwa as cereal-based Micronutrient Fortified Energy Dense Food for Children of age group (6 months to 3 years), Children of age group (3- 6 years), Severely Malnourished Children of age group (6 months to 6 years) and Pregnant Women & Lactating mothers for various Anganwadi Centres and Mini-Anganwadi Centres at General areas of Assam for implementation of SNP during the year 2022-23. are hereby changed and rescheduled as follows:

Sl. No.	Schedule	Earlier End Date and Time	Rescheduled End Date and Time
1	Tender download	29/09/2022 at 03.00 PM	28/10/2022 at 03.00 PM
2	Did submission	29/09/2022 at 03.00 PM	28/10/2022 at 03.00 PM
3	Bid opening	30/09/2022 at 11.00 AM	29/10/2022 at 11.00 AM

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Assam CM ceremoniously launches Assam Logistics and Ware Housing Policy 2022



Assam Rising, Guwahati, September 20: Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma ceremoniously launched Assam Logistics and Ware Housing Policy 2022 at an MSME conclave held at Assam Administrative Staff College here on Monday. The policy is an initiative in making Assam a regional logistics hub to augment economic development of the state. In the

same conclave, in presence of Chief Minister Dr. Sarma, Government of Assam entered into an MoU with CGTMSE for ease of financial access for micro and small enterprises. The government signed another MoU with SIDBI Venture Capital for Assam Start up venture fund. The size of the SIDBI Venture Capital Fund is Rs. 200 crore. Rs. 100 crore will be contributed by the

State government, Rs. 50 crore by SIDBI and remaining Rs. 50 crore will be by other contributors. Speaking

on the occasion, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma termed the day as red letter day for the industry sector of the state as the MoUs would lead to rapid industrialization and revamp of the MSME sector. He said that the collaboration with Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE) aims at providing additional guarantee coverage for the loans given by lending institutions to the Micro and Small Units in Assam. He said that in the scheme 80% of the guarantee coverage of loan will be provided by CGTMSE and the balance

20% coverage would come from the State Government. Referring to SIDBI's estimate, a corpus support of Rs. 100 Crore will lead to a portfolio creation of Rs. 5000 Crore and the yearly fund requirement from State Government would be around Rs. 22 Crore to Rs. 26 Crore in the next three years. The Chief Minister also said that under another MoU signed with SIDBI, the SIDBI Venture Capital Fund (SVCL) intends to work as Investment Manager for the proposed Assam Start-up Venture Capital Fund. SIDBI through its subsidiary, SVCL as the partner for the

Assam Start-up Venture Capital Fund, shall facilitate development of a comprehensive plan in association with the State Govt for an organised development and growth of the Start-ups including MSMEs in the State. SVCL shall establish Assam Start up Venture Fund with a total corpus of Rs. 200 crore. Industry and Commerce Minister Bimal Bora, CMD SIDBI S. Ramann, Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister Samir Kumar Sinha and other senior officers of Industry department, dignitaries from MSME sector were present on the occasion.



IIE candidates receives convocation certificates

Assam Rising, Guwahati, September, 20: The Union Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) held a mega national level Kaushal Deekshant Samaroh (1st Skill Convocation) ceremony in an effort to increase motivational level of youth to take up skills, vocational education in the same sense of achievement as that of conventional formal education in New Delhi on September 17 last. PM Modi addressed the Samaroh via video message. The ceremony was graced by the Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Education, GOI, Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, K Sanjay Murthy, Secretary Higher Education, Atul Tiwari, Secretary Skill Development, Ramesh Sippy, Film Producer and Director, Jagadeesh Kumar, Chairman AICTE and host of other dignitaries. Three IIE candidates who completed training on different categories received the convocation certificates are Manjit Thakur on Beauty Therapy, Mrinali Missong on Textile Designing and Temjen Yanger from Nagaland on IT Sector. Manjit Kumar Thakur, who successfully completed skill training on Beauty Therapy under the Skill Hub Initiative implemented by IIE, Mrinali Missong, on Textile Designing of Digi Bunai implemented by IIE in collaboration with Digital India Corporation & Textile Sector Skill Council and Temjen Yanger, from Nagaland a web developer and IT expert who successfully completed TOT on Entrepreneurship Development from IIE received the convocation certificate from Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Education GOI, Ramesh Sippy, Film Producer & Director and K Sanjay Murthy, Secretary Higher Education.

Thailand's Ambassador met industry Minister Bimal Borah



Assam Rising, Guwahati, September 20: Ambassador of Thailand to India Pattarat Hontong met Industry Minister Bimal Borah Monday evening at Jaanana Bhawan. The Ambassador was accompanied by Chayanin Sriviseth First Secretary (Economics), Thanchanok Uthaiwan Second Secretary (Political), Vipavee Rangsimaporn and other dignitaries of the business community of Thailand. The Ambassador and other dignitaries discussed various issues relating to potential sector's of trade and business. In the meeting with the Thai envoy Secretary Industries Dr. Lakshmanan S, Commissioner Oinam Saran Kr. Sing, Entrepreneur Abhijit Baruah and other government officials are present. The Secretary Industries Lakshmanan gave a summary to the foreign delegation regarding the trade and business potentially in Assam. He also stated about the nearly completed Jogighopa Logistics park and Act East Policy. He gave emphasis on the border trade between the neighbouring countries of South East Asia. At the beginning Industry Minister Bimal Bora felicitated the foreign delegates with Assamese Sarai, Gamocha and with a replica of one horn rhino.

Seized Burmese supari destroyed in Srirampur



Assam Rising, Gossaigaon, September 20: Srirampur police on Monday destroyed around 2240 kg Burmese supari in Simultapu in presence of Nabanita Sharma, SDPO Gossaigaon, Amar Jyoti Bailing, O/c, Gossaigaon police station, Food Security Officer, Chandra Mita Basumatary and other locals. Sources from the police personnel disclosed. That as per the order of SDJM Gossaigaon around 2240 kg of Burmese supari which was intercepted by Simultapu police in various raids carried Assam-Bengal interstate border Simultapu. It is said that the value of the seized Burmese supari which was burnt to ashes today would be around INR 7 lakhs.

Guest House

A/C Non A/C Rooms with Car Parking At POGI Brahmaputra, Chandmari, Guwahati-21 Ph. WA: 9678009493/9707183470

Stolen gold and silver ornaments traders arrested at Nagaon

Assam Rising Nagaon September 20: Based on a secret tip off, police from Haibargaon

town outpost busted a gang of stolen gold and silver ornaments traders at Nagaon Katimari, on the outskirts of the small town last night of September 19. Besides, police arrested two including a woman identified as Ume Kulsum and Gulzar Hussain. Police subsequently destroyed a factory of gold and silver ornaments at Kulsum's house, sources said. Sources claimed that Gulzar Hussain was a dreaded dacoit and involved long in robbery of gold as well as silver ornaments across the district and used to sell the valuable stolen ornaments at a lower price to Ume Kulsum for over years. Simultaneously, the arrested woman Kulsum remade the ornaments at her factory and used to sell them to some soft targeted customers at comfortable prices, sources said, adding that police also seized a huge

cache of remade ornaments from her house during the operation. Police registered a case in Haibargaon town outpost in this regard and further investigation is on, sources added.

Two-days tabletop exercise on Earthquake starts

Assam Rising, Aalo, September 20: The Two days tabletop exercise and mock drill on earthquake hazard to all District incident team members and other key stakeholders conducted by DDMA West Siang District in collaboration with 12th BN NDRF Doimukh at Mopin Dere Aalo. Dorjee Nima DDMO Aalo welcomed all the participants and requested the participants to get acquainted with how to Mitigate disasters like earthquakes. He said, Earthquake may occur any time. We must get ready for it. On September 21 there will be a Mock drill on Earthquake at 2nd AAP Bn and General Hospital Aalo. Henkir Lollen, SDO cum ADC Aalo, Admin Officers and Head of Department attended the training.

Howrah district in Bengal. The accused Kanchan Da had been assigned the task to establish the organisation in Assam and to further expand the roots Northeast in particular.

GMDJP's sub-divisional committee formed at Margherita



formed for the overall development of the people of the Garia Maria community. Since its birth, the organization has been raising its voice for the people as well as Assamese nationalism. The Margherita sub-divisional committee of the organisation was formally constituted on Sunday. In the meeting held at Margherita block development conference hall the committee of 31-member Margherita sub-division was formed with eminent social activist Ramzan Ali as president, Anjuma Ahmed as executive president and Raju

Hazarika as general secretary. Journalist Abdul Alim presided over the meeting held on the occasion of the formation of the committee. The meeting was attended by Hasibul Islam, General Secretary of the Central Committee of all Assam Garia Maria Deshi Jatiya Parishad, Secretary Shahid Ali Ahmed, General Secretary of Tinsukia District Committee Moon Ali and officials of several regional committees under the sub-division as well as hundreds of local people of the area.

AAGSU stages sit-in demonstration at Guwahati

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Biswanath Chari, September 20: All Assam Gorkha students' Union (AAGSU) staged a sit-in demonstration at Chasal, Six Miles on Monday in favour of GAC (Gorkha Autonomous Council). Today's demonstration was supported by AGS (Assam Gorkha Sammelan), ANSS (Assam Nepali Sahitya Sabha), BGP (Bharatiya Gorkha Parisangha) and other Gorkha organisations. It is to be noted here that GAC is a long pending demand of the AAGSU which remained in a neglected way for a long time. AAGSU feels the need of GAC for safety, security and all round development of the Gorkha community which has been living in the state since pre-historic period. During the sit-in demonstration, the demonstrators shouted slogans in favour of GAC, demanded NOC from the state government for enlisting 11 sub-tribes of the Gorkha community into



the ST list and to include the Gorkha community in the category of "indigenous Assamese" as stated in the clause six of the Assam Ac-

cord. At the end of the demonstration, the students' union submitted a three clause memorandum to the chief minister of Assam

through Amrit Bhuyan, ACP (SB). Addressing a media gathering here, Arjun Chetry, the president of AAGSU said, 'GAC is our constitutional right. We will have it at any cost. We are ready for the supreme sacrifice to get our birth right from the government. If the state government doesn't act on our demand within a stipulated time, then we will go for strikes like hunger, road blockade etc.'

Laharighat Junior College celebrated freshmen social

Assam Rising, Bhuragaon, September 20: The 34th freshmen welcome meeting was held at Laharighat Junior College and Senior Secondary School in Morigaon district yesterday. The first day of the program ended with the launch of the wall magazine, introduction of the first and second year students of the higher secondary classes and an open meeting. Before the opening ceremony, a wall magazine called Lahari was launched in the presence of the college authorities and students and teachers. The wall magazine was launched by retired postgraduate teacher Shahidul Islam. He was accompanied by Principal Faizur Rahman, Post Graduate Teachers Amrul Islam,

Debal Chandra Shaikia, Kamal Uddin Ahmed, Abul Alam Akramur Rahman and Senior cum Assistant Abu Bakkar Siddique. The opening ceremony was conducted by the Chairman Faizur Rahman. The objectives were explained by postgraduate teacher Mojibur Rahman. The welcome ceremony was conducted by Post Graduate Teacher Shahab Uddin. The opening ceremony was attended by the first year and second year students. The event was attended by Nagaon Teaching College lecturer Rafiqul Islam and Katahgrui Junior College Principal Miraj Ali as invited guests. Laharighat Junior College currently has 355 first year students and 464 second year students.

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God Save the King

Thousands of words may have been spoken and sung at the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II, but the most intensely eloquent moment of all was a silence. It came after the mournful last post had sounded, and before the rousing, cheery notes of the reveille, itself followed by God Save the King. That's quite a key change. In that silence hung the scale of what is being orchestrated, and the eternal fragility of it, too. For all the tears shed, all the moving personal respects paid, all the pilgrimages to London, all the uncomplaining hours queued, all the streets lined, all the flowers reverentially laid, these things are not allowed - cannot be allowed - to overwhelm the essential premise of royalty: the idea that no one is bigger than the club. Every royal rite of passage is choreographed to create a sense of renewal. From births to weddings, the populace is encouraged not simply to celebrate, but to take the sense that the institution of the crown is being revitalised and strengthened. Even funerals are not allowed to be any different. We can never quite work out whether we want royals to be just like us or nothing like us, but in this they are wholly other. Among ordinary people, a funeral is a funeral, and doesn't end with the apotheosis of the living. In part, the nine-year-old Prince George and his seven-year-old sister, Charlotte, joined the procession behind the Queen's coffin as it entered Westminster Abbey today to show love for a great-grandmother. But courtiers also welcome the children's high-profile presence as a reminder to the people that the Windsors are long and strong in heirs. It's a family show, and sons and daughters have to be put on the stage. A handwritten card on the Queen's coffin today bore the inscription "In loving and devoted memory. Charles R". Twenty-five years ago, at the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales, an envelope on the coffin had read simply "Mummy". But those at the palaces who coordinate these stunningly beautiful, matchless spectacles - who spend years and even decades rehearsing for them - know there is always jeopardy. The magic sometimes doesn't work. Barely four years ago, you couldn't move for knowing commentators explaining that the marriage of Prince Harry to Meghan Markle had dazzlingly renewed the House of Windsor, as part of a brilliant strategic modernisation by the crown. Those takes were soon retired, either quietly, or loudly and viciously. Meanwhile, the Abbey today contained plenty of representatives of former royal families for whom the ineffable trick at some point stopped working. Fit your own air quotes, but the funeral guest list included people who style themselves as the Prince of Venice, the Custodian of the Crown of Romania, and Tsar Simeon II of Bulgaria. Underpinning much of our crown's bravura pageantry is the painstaking sense that nothing, ever, can be taken for granted. In this abiding enterprise, silence often remains golden. US politicians, a Disneyfied White Rabbit, the mindfulness coaches of today - at different times, all these have uttered a line the Queen never spoke but seemed to spend her life of service embodying: "Don't just do something - stand there." The mourning period and funeral have seen the institution giving a masterclass in enduring and mostly wordless spectacle. Big guns have been brought out, figuratively and literally. Ordinary people who revered her sense of duty have felt it their own duty to pay her their respects. Many have surprised themselves by feeling far more emotional than they'd imagined (though without question this is not universal). They were not ready for a 96-year-old sovereign to go. At the funeral of his agent in 1999, the actor Bill Murray fixed the Hollywood audience with a deadpan stare. "There are so many people here today," he began, "that I would so much rather be eulogising." He then moved to looking directly into the eyes of certain members of the audience. "Like you. And you. And you. And you. And you." You can't do this at a state funeral, of course, despite today's congregation boasting several candidates for getting "the look". Fortunately, Saudi crown prince Mohammed bin Salman seems to have discovered a diary clash at the last minute, while 13th fairy Vladimir Putin was never on the list. But the Chinese vice-president, Wang Qishan, made the cut, as did Brazil's Jair Bolsonaro and the authoritarian Egyptian president, Abdel Fatah al-Sisi. Spare a thought/laugh for the many puffed-up presidents and prime ministers and global bigwigs present in the Abbey imagining their own future send-offs, and realising that compared to this, those would tend toward the low-key.

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Modi-Xi 'cold war' at SCO proves member relationships strained. India must stand on its own



The cold of Ladakh apparently froze the erstwhile bonhomie between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping as they ignored one another even as they stood next to each other and posed for a group photograph during the meeting of the Heads of States of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation in Samarkand. The mutual and intentional display of ignoring one another on a forum that is specifically meant to promote cooperative spirit in diverse fields is naturally not reflected in the Samarkand Declaration, which embodies common perceptions of international affairs and identifies vast areas of cooperation to strengthen security and development. By December, India will take over the presidency of the SCO and host the next meeting of the Heads of States in 2023. Xi has promised full support for India's presidency. The Samarkand Declaration flags the increasing dangers in the international situation and reaffirms its commitment to a more representative, democratic, just and multipolar world order with a central coordinating role for the United Nations. It rules out bloc, ideologised and confrontational approaches to

development and security challenges. However, several recent actions of China and Russia betray the gulf between the spoken/written word and the done deed. Russia's invasion of Ukraine coupled with its endeavours in bloc politics and China's attempts at confrontational approaches in dealing with the international system reflect preferences at variance with those espoused at the SCO. At the meeting of the SCO security council secretaries held in Tashkent on 19 August 2022, Russian Security Council Secretary Nikolai Patrushev revealed the country's aspiration to make the SCO the centre of resistance to the US and its allies. The notion was met with resistance from others, especially by Central Asian countries. With the rise of China and the weakening of US influence, all Central Asian countries have been experiencing the pulls and pressures of China's inroads into the region that are reshaping its political landscape. The Belt and Road initiative (BRI) was the prime vehicle for gaining and then asserting its geopolitical influence. Russia thus finds its traditional hold over resource-rich Central Asia weakening and it is unable to counter the economic goodies China can deliver. But wariness of increased dependency on China

endures even though it lurks in the background. With Russia's Ukraine invasion, the economic logic of BRI's success would be impacted. This is so due to the US and EU's reactions to the invasion and the growing geopolitical friction with the Russia-China nexus that has been hailed as a friendship that has 'no limits.' At Samarkand, Xi made no public reference to Moscow's position on Ukraine. With recent military reverses suffered by Russia, China would be increasingly concerned about its fallout on the larger US-China power play. China can, however, be expected to continue its economic support to Russia without outrightly circumventing sanctions while avoiding the provision of military assistance. For Russia, the prospects seem to be

Lt General Prakash Menon

enhanced dependency on China and the growing prospect of being reduced to a junior partner. The possibility of growing wariness of China may also be inevitable. A prospect that raises Russia's need to keep India as close as possible and one that could open up some opportunities for India in the Eurasian landmass. Modi's remarks to Putin during their bilateral interaction at Samarkand, "these are not the days for war," have received global attention. A point, Modi clarified, was also conveyed during earlier interactions between the two. This sentiment echoed the Indian position that differences must be resolved through dialogue and discussion and violence must be eschewed. It also highlights the

point that India has retained its position of having the potential to mediate between the warring parties as it has so far refrained from taking sides. Viewed from a geopolitical perspective, India has managed to weave a complex web of relationships that are also varied in terms of the continental and maritime spaces of Asia. The continental tie-ups are mostly with nations that are coalescing under China's initiatives. The maritime tie-ups on the other hand, are led by the US. For India, such preference of alignments serves its long terms interests of security, growth and development. It provides better prospects for strengthening India's strategic autonomy. It also provides flexibility to cope with a world order that has been described as being 'between or-

ists like Sajid Mir involved in the 26/11 Mumbai attacks. Similarly, Modi's call for transit trade access at the SCO is unlikely to find fruition as can be judged from Pakistan's reaction to it. Notably, even, the last consignment of food to Afghanistan remains unduly delayed due to Pakistan delaying requisite permission. China-India trade relations have so far weathered the geopolitical storms. But it is also an Indian vulnerability that China can exploit as it does its military vulnerabilities on the northern border. Addressing the economic vulnerability is where India should seek membership in multilateral economic groupings like the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP). A revisit of India's economic strategy is warranted. It must attempt to leverage India's geopolitical image that is not allied to any camp and therefore does not inhibit its trade relations. For India, the perennial thrust should be that the logic of geoeconomics must constantly seek to weaken the tyranny of geopolitics. Simultaneously, the opening up of trade relations must not fall a victim to the quest for self-sufficiency. The personal coldness between Modi and Xi displayed at the SCO is unlikely to thaw in the near future. This is likely to be so since the forces generated from the frictions of the global geopolitical landscape make China-India relations loaded with mistrust and growing wariness regarding inimical intentions. India assumes presidency of the SCO at a time when the relationships between its members are likely to be stressed. It would therefore be prudent to lower India's expectations from the SCO. However, being at the head of the table could bring opportunities that are not visible now. Hope must endure.

I have never felt more lonely in my republicanism, or more wedded to it

I have always harboured a secret fear that I could be a "soft royalist". The ingredients were all there: I'm a history buff who is fascinated by the machinations - and sordid gossip - surrounding Britain's monarchs of yore; I have a weakness for nostalgia; I own the updated version of Tina Brown's 2007 biographical opus of Diana, Princess of Wales. I have no particular personal dislike of the royals as individuals and I have found myself feeling truly sympathetic, such as when Queen Elizabeth II lost her husband of 73 years during lockdown. But the past 12 days have revealed just how staunch my republican principles really are; they fortified them, in fact. It seems obvious: rather than passing the sceptre, we should be taking this opportunity to throw it on to the scrapheap of history. Never has the fiction of a divine right to rule seemed so threadbare. Sandwiched between wall-to-wall coverage paying tribute to the deceased monarch, or the live blogs dissecting the meaning of the pearl choker sported by the Princess of Wales in Westminster Abbey, multiple stories testify to the suspension of common sense required to maintain the existence of the royals, justifying cancelling medical appointments in the middle of a deadly NHS backlog, or arguing for the right of the new king not to pay inheritance tax on the hundreds of millions he has inherited from his mother. Yet while reaction to the Queen's death has entrenched my republicanism, it

seems to have done the opposite to much of the country. The overwhelming might of tradition has worked its hegemonic magic and rallied support for the royals, even among my peers, the much touted "young Brits" who had supposedly "turned their backs on the monarchy". YouGov polling from 11 September found that while 18- to 25-year-olds were more unsure about the monarchy than older cohorts, 40% still supported its existence; this figure hits 53% among 25- to 49-year-olds. King Charles has enjoyed a significant boost in popularity since suffixing his name with III - the same survey found the percentage of



Moya Lothian-McLean

people willing to agree with the statement that he would "make a good king" had increased from 32% in May to 63% last week. Younger respondents are less effusive in their support for him, but it is still there. Data also suggests that republican sentiments held while younger are likely to be eroded by age. Only 14% of under-35s were willing to say the monarchy was "very important" to Britain in 2021, in contrast with 44% of those aged 55 and over. According to the poll maven John Curtice, this is a historical pattern - that gap is much the same as it was in 1994. Those who have cautioned republicans essentially to wait out a short-term boost of support for the royals after the Queen's death may find themselves disappointed. Even armed with that realism, it is still jarring to watch so many fall into line, on cue. There are different subsections, of course: from the diehard, committed Royalists-with-a-

capital-R, to those who claim republican tendencies but have found themselves capitulating in the face of the state machine, seeing it as a mark of "respect" to Elizabeth not to actively oppose the continuation of the monarchy via her son. Mini culture wars are playing out via public mourning. As a friend theorised earlier this week, for some (mostly centrist and rightwing media pundits, it has to be said) monarchism has become a means of "left bashing" - see the likes of Dan Wootton of GB News, who has long paired his tireless "war on woke" with royal coverage so sycophantic you suspect even the Windsors may find it distasteful. One interesting exercise in tracking political fragmentation is looking at the supporters of the pressure group Republic from 2012 - it's hard to imagine those

names uniting for any common cause today. Then there's the "royalist or not, it's hard not to be moved by this celebration of the Queen" approach, which seems to include younger people wanting to partake of some - partly manufactured - collective feeling. It's a surreal feeling to be suddenly so out on a limb for thinking: "Well, actually, it's very easy not to be moved." If I'm moved to any particular emotion, it is anger that enforced mourning will bring further suffering to the already struggling, that dissenting voices are being repressed, that the concept of "respect" is being invoked by so many and yet afforded to so few. On Saturday, I pushed my way through throngs of royal mourners in central London on my way to a smaller gathering, just yards away, outside New Scotland Yard. The demo was to protest at the police shooting of an unarmed 24-year-old

Black man, Chris Kaba. As we stood there, listening to the heartache of Kaba's bereaved family and friends, along with relatives of some of the 1,833 people who have died after contact with the police in England and Wales in the past 32 years, a woman stalked past and shouted, "Someone's mother has died." It was a moment so surreal, the violence - and I don't use that word lightly - of it so shocking, it was hard to fully comprehend. The sentiment, so often silent had been uttered, loud and clear. One life is not equal to another. To live in a country governed by royalty means fealty not just in deed but in thought. It means a commitment - often unconscious - to preserving inequity, whether the royalism is "soft" or not. Perhaps some day soon, republicanism will regain its non-partisan footing. But until then, I know where I stand, and I have never been more sure of being wedded to such an unpopular belief.

51st Naga students' meet in Bangalore concludes



Nagaland, September 20 : The 51st Annual Freshers-Meet of the Naga Students' Union Bangalore (NSUB), under the theme "Becoming the Change", was conducted successfully on Saturday at the India Campus Crusade for Christ, Bangalore. The event was attended by more than 700 Nagas residing in and around Bangalore, marking it as one of the biggest freshers' meet in NSUB's history. The first session was opened by a folk dance by the Tangkhul Naga Welfare Society Bangalore, followed by an invocation prayer by Pastor Nikato Yephtho of the Naga Christian Fellowship, Bangalore. NSUB President D Thopulou welcomed the gathering and expressed his gratitude to all the subunits of NSUB for their relentless support. He acknowledged the foundation laid by the former leaders, and said that the union will work hand in hand with all Naga fellowships and churches in the city to foster unity and welfare of the Naga people. Executive Director of BR Innovations and Proprietor of BNS Enterprises, Bendang Yanger, graced the event as Chief Guest. Sr Manager - HR Operations HCL Technologies Neite Kapfo, Assistant Vice President, and Head of Financial Analytics, MBB Labs - MAYBANK Vijay Joseph Kapanee, were the guests of honour. Rev Yarngam Muivah of the Tangkhul Baptist Church Bangalore offered prayers for the 100 freshers that were present at the event. A speech on behalf of the freshers was delivered by Jeviholi Swu. Thanking the NSUB, Swu urged all

freshers to stay connected with the union family, and give their best in whatever they do. Naga students studying in different institutions in the city presented group and folk songs, and dances were performed by subunits of the NSUB. A vote of thanks was given by NSUB Cultural Secretary Stoilung Rangeina, followed by a closing prayer by Wijonbou Dirinamai, Pastor of the Liangmai Christian Fellowship Bangalore. The first session was followed by a Naga feast. The second session of the programme included solo and group performances by various Naga artists. The NSUB Mr and Miss Freshers was one of the special events of the evening. The contest was judged by Vijay Kapanee, Rubaru India 2020-21 Songashim Rungsung, and Gloria Tep, a former MTV Model. The titles of Mr and Miss Freshers were bagged by Elow Kayina representing the Mao unit, and Aileen Samjaila of the Maram unit respectively. JN Langa Standhope of Poumai and Dindin Newmai of Zeliangrong, won the best traditional costume title. The event concluded successfully with a closing prayer by Pastor Levi Maheo of the Mao Fellowship Bangalore. The event was co-sponsored by YellowBerry School of Digital Arts, Cut Mate Academy of Hair and Skin, Hm Artistic Flo, and Maven Kitchen. The media partners were Eastern Mirror, Imphal Free Press, and Hornbill TV. Ekhe Entertainment and Visual Perception were the photo and videography partners. The office of NSUB along with

Apex Naga body hails unity pledge of NSCN-IM, NNPGs



Imphal, September 20 : The United Naga Council (UNC) on Monday welcomed the pledge of "overcoming cynicism" and "moving forward in peace" by the two warring militant groups - NSCN-IM led by Thuingaleng Muivah and the umbrella organization NNPG led by N Kitovihzimomi. In a statement issued by its publicity wing, UNC stated that the Council welcomes the signing of the September Joint Accordant in the presence of the Forum for Naga Reconciliation (FNR) on Wednesday, September 14, 2022, between NSCN/GPRN represented by Gen (Rtd.) VS Atem and Alizo Venuh, Co-Ordinator, Working Group. NNPG said that they will honour the Covenant of Reconciliation (CoR) of June 13, 2009, signed by Late Isak Chishi Swu, Late SS Khaplang and Brig. (Rtd.) S Singnya in letter and spirit. Both parties will also work together towards common goal of Naga peace talks. "They pledged to work together in the spirit of love and will guard against all rifts that will further divide the Nagas and will also refrain from all forms of rhetoric, assumptions and agendas that are divisive," said the UNC. "The UNC appreciated the leaderships of NSCN/GPRN and NNPG for taking the bold steps in the interest of the Naga people as 'One Nation, One People'. With this, we hope with confidence that the light of the day will soon be seen," it stated. The Naga apex body further expressed its appreciation to the Forum for Naga Reconciliation (FNR), a group of social workers and intellectuals, for the initiative for the joint meeting of the two Naga groups and to chart a path forward. "The UNC expresses our deep appreciation to the FNR that make it possible today and also since its inception under the able leadership of Dr Wati Aier and his team, particularly for their ceaseless and tireless efforts till today," it stated.

all its subunits expressed its gratitude to all the Nagas in the city for coming together on this occasion. This was the first offline event after the pandemic, with a large number of Naga students and professionals turning up for the event.

AE aspirants want exam cancelled after APPSC paper leak

Itanagar, September 20 :

The aspirants for the posts of assistant engineers, the exam of which was conducted by the Arunachal Pradesh Public Service Commission (APPSC) on August 26 and 27 last, have demanded the state government for cancellation of the exam and speedy investigation of the paper leak fiasco. Addressing reporters at the Press Club here on Sunday, the issue Chairman Tachi Puru informed that the aspirants demanded for cancellation of AE (Civil) examination 2021-22 conducted by APPSC. They also demanded for suspension of the present APPSC Chairman and Secretary if the examination cannot be cancelled by the commission, he added. "We demand the police department for speedy investigation of the case in order to re-conduct the examination at the earliest and to reveal the names of the culprits involved in public domain," he said. Puru further informed that there was conflict between prelims and mains students regarding re-conduct of the examination for which he blamed the Commission for its mistake and trying to create chaos among them. "Re-conduct of examination, whether it is prelims or mains should be decided as per the police investigation, therefore, we urge for fast-track investigation", Puru said. "How can you demand for re-conduct of prelims or mains ex-



amination without the arrest of culprits?" Puru questioned to all aspirants and organisations for demanding re-conduct of particular (prelims or mains) examination. He appealed to those organisations showing interest in the issue, not to mislead and misguide the students. "The commission needs to filter its officers", said Puru while alleging involvement of 'multi-crore racket' run by some high profile APPSC officers resulting to such malicious practice in any examination conducted by the commission. He also appealed to the aspirants to fight together against the commission and not to be divided, saying, "Let us trust the investigation team and allow it to decide on the re-conduct of examination as per facts and findings." The core-committee of aspirants would be conducting its own way of investigation along-side the police investigation as we no longer trust the commission, he said. The aspirants have approached the students' organisations including, AAPSU and ANSU to which they have

sincerity and seriousness. So, we all need to work collectively to maintain our forest cover and our forests will remain only if we conserve our wildlife. It should not be just the duty of the government but each and every individual. If we resolve to do this and mobilise people in their own capacity, we can maintain the glory of our beautiful state," he said. State Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Mama Natung, vice-chairman of the State Board for Wildlife, Principal Secretary Sharat Chauhan and newly joined PCCF Jitendra Kumar also attended the meeting. Khandu suggested the introduction of alternative livelihood options like



ecotourism, incorporation of environmental education in academic institutions and encouraging clean energies like hydro-power and solar, thereby creating a holistic balance between conservation and development. "We need sustainable development in the state. Our developmental efforts need to be supplemented with a stable ecosystem," he insisted. "I am also happy to inform you that we have adopted a collaborative approach for sustainable development in the state and for this we are collaborating with various stakeholders in achieving our develop-

mental vision. In the State Board for Wildlife also multiple stakeholders have their representation. Our collective efforts will certainly yield the expected result of a carbon-neutral state," Khandu pointed out. Meanwhile, several proposals - all for forest clearance - were approved by the Board for submission to the central government for further perusal. Some of the major proposals approved by the board include forest clearance for the establishment of a new Border Outpost (BOP) at Balua and Helipad; BOPs at Bruniand Andrala, all in the Dibang Valley district; forest clearance for widen-

ing and strengthening of Itanagar to Jote road of 20 km in Papum Pare district; for construction of 135 M span permanent bridge at Pinjoli Nallah on BCT road in West Kameng; for construction of flood protection work near the general ground at upstream of Decorai Irrigation Project at Seijosa in Pakke-Kessang; for construction of Mipi-Andrala road in Dibang Valley; for augmentation of water supply at Roing and forest clearance for the widening of NH-415 (old NH-52A) from Papu-Nallah to Banderdewa. The State Board for Wildlife, constituted under Section 6 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, is the highest advisory body in the state to advise the government on wildlife preservation. Any proposal for developmental activity in protected areas (wildlife sanctuaries, national parks), eco-sensitive zone, or wildlife-bearing forests is first placed on the board and then sent to the National Board for Wildlife for clearance.

8,000+ applicants were rejected from filling govt vacancies in Sikkim

Gangtok, September 20 :

Social media in Sikkim was abuzz over the past week with the news that the Sikkim Public Service Commission (SPSC) rejected over 8,000 applicants for the advertised vacancy of 50 posts for Assistant Revenue Surveyor and 100 posts for Lower Division Clerk. The last date for submission was August 23 for ARS and September 4 for LDC. The rejected list published on September 5 (for ARS) and September 14 (for LDC) showed a whopping 8,000 applicants being rejected. To put an end to speculations, EastMojo reached out to SPSC Secretary Deepa Rani Thapa on Monday. She said, "The huge number is because there have been over 25,000 applicants. For other vacancies or posts advertised, the numbers of applicants are far less. Hence, it never gets noticed. But, even among the 8,000 plus rejected, the issues are minimal such as wrong name, address, education qualification or not mentioning being a Certificate of Identification (COI) holder. The rejection list published is a routine process for any



vacancy or subsequent examination. Once, the applicants clarify the error, their forms for application are once again accepted." October 21 is the last day for the re-submission of forms for grievance redressal in case the applicant stands on the rejected list. "SPSC is equally concerned about the applicants and we won't reject their applications just like that. There is an online preliminary procedure, where the forms usually get rejected when it fails to meet up the education qualification criteria or the documents required," the SPSC secretary said. Yet, the issue of applicants needing to

come from far-flung areas of the State to 'physically' correct the errors meant unnecessary hardship for the applicants. "The submissions so far have been online from the applicants, so it notifies if there are errors. But, the same can be rectified online. The over 8,000 applicants rejected, can submit the necessary documents and rectify the error online. They need not come physically to Gangtok to submit the correction. They can do so both online and offline. We would prefer lesser applicants coming to Gangtok and for those in far-flung areas can do so online," the SPSC secretary said.

HNLC leaders return to Bangladesh after tripartite peace talks

Shillong, September 20 : The tripartite peace talks between the Government of India, Meghalaya government and the outlawed Hynniewtre National Liberation Council (HNLC) officials ended in Shillong last week. Five representatives of the HNLC reportedly arrived in Meghalaya on August 5 and returned to Bangladesh on September 16 after the peace talks. Speaking with media, Sardon Blah, a representative of the HNLC and also president of the Hynniewtre National Youth Front (HNYF) said that they have returned to Bangladesh for further consultations before the second round of talks. The five HNLC members, including the group's purported vice chairman Manbhalang Jyrrwa, political secretary Aristerwell Thongni, foreign secretary Phrangkupar Diengdoh and two of their bodyguards Aiborlem Marbanian and Storgylengdoh, took part in the peace talks with the central and state governments under protection of safe passage. Blah informed that two rounds of talks were held during their stay in Shillong in the presence of officials from the Union Home Ministry and government-appointed interlocutor Peter Dikhar. "The talks were so far so good and now the HNLC members have gone back to Bangladesh to hold a central executive committee and general meetings and take a decision on the matter," said Blah. Stating that there were political issues pending for more than three decades that the HNLC wants to raise, Blah said it was not appropriate to reveal more as the talks had just started. Asked if he feels the peace talks would be successful, he said, "As of today, everything is on the right track and everything went on smoothly."



No land buy, business sans permit: Mizoram tells Myanmar refugees

Aizawl, September 20 : The Mizoram government has instructed Myanmar nationals, currently taking shelter in the state, not to purchase land and run business without prior permission from the state government. An order issued by Aizawl district administration recently said that no refugees from Myanmar should purchase land or house without the knowledge and prior permission from the state government. The order also said that Myanmar refugees should not run any business without the permission of the government and also not be involved in any illegal business. The refugees should inform about their vehicles, which they have brought from their country, to the concerned local or village level committee on Myanmar refugees, it said. They should not enrol for Aadhaar, state voter list or obtain driving license,

among others, the order said. The government also instructed all local or village level committees to ensure that the order is strictly implemented and report to the chairman of the district task group on Myanmar refugees in case of violation of the order. Home minister Lalchamliana had recently informed the state assembly that 30,401 Myanmar nationals have so far taken shelter in Mizoram since the military junta seized power in February last year. Mizoram shares a 510 km long porous border with Myanmar. The Myanmar nationals, who took shelter in Mizoram, are mostly from Chin communities, who share ethnicity and ancestry with the Mizos. The majority of refugees are lodged at makeshift camps set up by the government and village authorities, while some have taken houses on rent on their own and some



others live with their local relatives. About 156 relief camps have been set up in different parts of the state, according to officials. The Myanmar nationals are provided with food and other relief by the state government, NGOs, churches and village authorities. The state government has so far provided Rs 380 lakh as relief to the Myanmar nationals, officials said. Last year, Chief Minister Zoramthanga had urged the Centre to provide humanitarian assistance to the Myanmar refugees. In De-

cember last year, the state government had constituted a high level committee chaired by Lalchamliana to monitor the Myanmar refugees due to a continuous rise in the number of Myanmar nationals fleeing to the state. Apart from this, the government also set up a task group on Myanmar refugees, district level committees chaired by deputy commissioners and village or local level committees (under the chairmanship of village council president) to oversee the refugee issue.

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NIA arrests one accused in Assam

Bhattacharjee, alias Kanchan da of Bengal, is a Central Committee member and an ideologue of the banned outfit CPI (Maoists). He was tasked with establishing Maoist networks in Assam to further spread the roots of the organisation, especially in the North East, the NIA said in a statement. On September 2, the NIA filed a chargesheet against six persons and arrested Bhattacharjee. But, further probe revealed that Samrat Chakraborty was also an active member of the CPI (Maoists), an outfit based in Bengal. "He was a linkman in clandestine communication between the top hierarchy of the organisation and Arun Bhattacharjee, who was operating from his hideout in Assam," the NIA said. Samrat also visited Assam's Cachar to assist Arun Kumar Bhattacharjee in establishing activities for the banned outfit. CPI (Maoist) activist Samrat Chakraborty alias "Nilkamal Sikdar" was arrested in West Bengal in a case related to setting up units of the outlawed group in Assam, an National Investigation Agency (NIA) spokesperson said on Tuesday. Chakraborty (37), a resident of Seth Bagan Road, North 24 Parganas district, was also known as "Amit, Argha, Nirmal and Nirman". He was arrested from Mahispata, near Narayana School on the Kalyani Expressway, the National Investigation Agency spokesperson said. The NIA said the case is related to the arrest of veteran Maoist leader Arun Kumar Bhattacharjee alias "Jyotish" alias "Kabir" alias "Kanak" alias "Kanchan da" of West Bengal, a central committee member, and an ideologue and strategist of the CPI (Maoist). Bhattacharjee had been assigned the task to establish CPI (Maoist) organisation in Assam and to further spread the roots of the group in the state in general and the northeast in particular, the spokesperson said. On September 2, the agency had filed a charge sheet against six arrested accused, including Bhattacharjee, in the special NIA court in Guwahati. "Further investigations in the case revealed that accused Chakraborty was an active member of CPI (Maoist) organisation based in West Bengal. He was a linkman in clandestine communication between the top hierarchy of CPI (Maoist) organisation and the arrested accused, Bhattacharjee, who was operating from his hideout in Assam," the spokesperson said. The official said Chakraborty had visited Cachar district of Assam on several occasions to assist Bhattacharjee in furthering the activities of the CPI (Maoist) organisation in the northeastern states on the specific instructions of the eastern regional bureau of the party.

Shipping minister Sarbananda Sonowal

Assam to use inland waterways to promote their trade & livelihood in tourism and cargo transportation. "Further to the floating jetties, ferry ghats, floating restaurants, public eating stalls, tourist visits, picnic spots, and eco resorts are also being planned. A permanent cargo terminal at Bogibeel is also being planned for transport of cargo from the neighboring industries like Brahmaputra Cracker & Polymer Limited, Brahmaputra Valley Fertilizer Corp etc. A detailed project report (DPR) is being prepared. The proposed tourist terminal in the vicinity of the Gujjan Ghat is located on the banks of the river Lohit. The Project Influence Area (PIA) for Bogibeel terminal is in the upper part of Assam which forms Dibrugarh and encompasses districts of Golaghat, Jorhat, Sibsagar, Dibrugarh, Tinsukia and parts of Nagaland.

Indian Army to train Assam Police

been envisaged for specific roles. Two of these will focus on urban operations while the other three will concentrate on raids in terrorist hideouts and jungle warfare. The DGP said 17 Bangladeshis have been arrested from the Baghmari area in northeastern Assam's Biswanath district for flouting tourist visa norms and engaging in religious preaching. Eight of the arrested are in police remand and the rest in judicial custody, he said. "Investigation revealed that they entered India on tourist visas but had no connection with any tourism-related activity," he said, adding the police had not yet found any evidence of their involvement in "preaching for radicalisation".

IIT Bombay canteen worker

statement claiming that "there was an attempt to violate the personal space of women residents of a hostel by an employee of the hostel night canteen." The "culprit was caught and handed over to the police," it added. Mumbai Police have launched an investigation into the matter, which also includes a cyber probe, the IIT Bombay said in the statement. The fresh incident at the IIT Bombay comes days after an MMS scandal rocked Chandigarh University. At least three persons who were earlier arrested in connection with the 'leaked objectionable videos' case were sent to a seven-day police remand by a court on Monday. All three arrested persons were sent on seven-day police remand and their mobile phones are being sent for forensic investigation, sources said. According to advocate Sandeep Sharma, some videos found will also be probed. The three accused were arrested following massive protests by the students in Mohali. Protesting students alleged that a student made videos of girl students who were bathing. The videos were allegedly also posted on social media. The protesting students claimed that after the videos went viral, some girl students living in the hostel attempted suicide. However, the police refuted the claim. Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, on his part, ordered the setting up of a three-member-all-women Special Investigation Team (SIT) of police officials to probe into the case. Three accused including a girl student from the college were arrested in connection with the case. The SIT team will be under the supervision of senior IPS officer Gurpreet Kaur Deo. "SIT will go to the bottom of the conspiracy. No person is to be spared if found involved. One student and two others were arrested. Thanks to DGP Himachal Pradesh for excellent co-operation. Electronic devices were seized and sent for forensic examination," said DGP Punjab, Gaurav Yadav. He further appealed to everyone to maintain peace and said, "Don't fall to unverified rumours. Let's work together for peace in society. Appeal to everyone to maintain peace and harmony." Earlier in the day sources said that the Chandigarh University varsity has been shut to students till September 24.

River cruise service between

and Bogibeel in Assam, traversing a distance of more than 4,000 km, Union minister Sarbananda Sonowal has said. The route will connect rivers Ganga and Brahmaputra via Indo Bangladesh Protocol Route (IBRP), the minister of ports, shipping and waterways (MoPSW) stated. The service will usher in a novel opportunity for the people of Assam to use inland waterways for promoting their trade, tourism and for cargo transportation, he said on Monday, launching multiple projects for the development of the area in and around the Bogibeel bridge in Dibrugarh district. The Union minister laid the foundation stone for the construction of floating jetties at Bogibeel and Gujjan, besides inaugurating the Bogibeel Riverfront Passenger Jetty which has been built by the Northeast Frontier Railways (NFR) as part of the development initiatives near the bridge. Sonowal, on the occasion, said Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision to harness the potential of an economic and ecologically sound logistics avenue of inland waterways is being realised through the Gati Shakti National Master plan. "The Gati Shakti plan is exactly the key to unlock the huge potential of inland water transportation in Assam using National Waterways 2 on our river Brahmaputra. We must tap this opportunity and build an economic advantage which will power the whole of North-east India as the New Engine of growth for India," he said. The BJP government is also identifying avenues to promote inland navigation, river cruise tourism, and construct suitable terminals across the Brahmaputra, he maintained. The two floating jetties at Bogibeel in Dibrugarh district and Gujjan in Tinsukia will be constructed as state-of-art terminals at an estimated cost of Rs 8.25 crore, using advanced and updated technology. The project is scheduled to be completed by February, 2023, the minister said. Plans are also afoot to build an open platform, a restaurant, eight bio-toilets and six awnings as part of the riverfront development initiatives near the bridge, he added. The Union minister of state for petroleum and natural Gas and labour, Rameswar Teli and the General Manager of NF Railways Anshul Gupta were among those present on the occasion.

Assam Govt Working on 1 Lakh

teacher of Panitema Radha Krishna Jugal Milan L.P. School with immediate effect. Victor Das was arrested by the Assam police on September 9 on charges of allegedly spreading rumours about a 'scam' in the recruitment process to fill up over 26,000 vacant posts in different departments however, Gauhati high court had granted an interim bail to Das till September 29.

Arvind Kejriwal's big announcement

power in Gujarat, his party will restore the old pension scheme. The AAP chief is in Vadodara to address a town hall meeting as part of the campaign to reach out to various sections of society ahead of the elections. "Like Punjab, we will implement OPS in Gujarat," the Delhi chief minister said. Kejriwal asked the protesting employees of the state government to continue their struggle. "If this (BJP) government does it (implement the OPS), then fine. If not, then we will implement it when the incumbent government changes after two months," he said. Kejriwal said state employees play a big role in electing or defeating a government. He urged them to promote AAP and work to dethrone the BJP government, which has been in power in Gujarat for the last 27 years. "As soon as AAP forms a government, we will resolve all your (government employees) issues," he said. Queried on a group of retired bureaucrats questioning his alleged attempt to 'induce' public servants in Gujarat to help AAP in the upcoming polls, Kejriwal said they never raised the issues of protecting employees and corruption in Gujarat. "I would like to ask them (retired bureaucrats) to write once for the implementation of the OPS. All these forest guards, ex-servicemen, and NHM health workers are all citizens of the country and have democratic rights... If they are unhappy and want a change in government, then why can't this be done?" he asked.

Govt. approves penal provisions

fails to submit the proposal before the start of academic session, the regulatory committee will suo-moto determine the fee structure which shall then be binding on the school. The amendment bill was passed by a voice vote in the House. The Assembly also passed 'The Auniati University Bill, 2022', under which a teaching and research university will be set up in the state. The proposed varsity will be a non-profit making institution which will co-relate education with Indian tradition and value systems, according to the bill. Under the Assam Private Universities Act, 2007, the House also passed 'The Girijananda Chowdhury University, Assam Bill, 2022' and the 'Pragjyotishpur University Bill, 2022'.

8th Convocation of USTM concludes



Assam Rising, September 20: The Eighth Convocation of the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya (USTM) was held successfully here today in the presence of a galaxy of Vice Chancellors, heads of institutions and dignitaries. Altogether 1305 graduates were awarded degrees, out of which 15 scholars were awarded PhD degrees, 775 students were awarded Post Graduate degrees and 515 students were awarded Undergraduate degrees. Honorary Doctorate of Science (D.Sc.) was conferred upon Dr. N. N. Dutta, Founder and Chancellor, Assam Down Town University while Padma Manas Chaudhuri, former Editor of The Shillong Times and former Education Minister of Meghalaya received Honorary D.Litt. degree from the Governor of Meghalaya at the Convocation. The convocation was presided over by Satya Pal Malik, Governor of Meghalaya & Visitor, USTM. Education Minister of Meghalaya, Lahkmen Rymbui, and a host of Vice Chancellors graced the occasion as Guests of Honour. The distinguished dignitaries present in the Convocation include, Dr. B. J. Rao, VC, University of Hyderabad; Dr. N. Lokendra Singh, VC, Manipur University; Dr. R. M. Pant, VC, Assam University, Silchar; Prof. Saket Kushwaha, VC, Rajiv Gandhi University, Aunachal Pradesh and Dr. V. K. Jain, former VC, Tezpur University, apart from Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor and Prof GD Sharma, VC, USTM. In his Convocation Address, Prof B. J. Rao, Vice Chancellor of University of Hyderabad said, "A degree is no longer a passage to certain employment. There is a need to add new skills with latest technologies. Innovation and creativity are the keywords of our times". He urged the students to realize their responsibilities towards the Country and the Society at large. Addressing the gathering, Meghalaya Governor Shri Satya Pal Malik said, "The university is an outcome of its founder Mahbubul Hoque vision to change lives of the people of the region by empowering them with education". He congratulated all the awardees including Padmashri Manas Chaudhuri and Dr NN Dutta, the recipients of the Hon. D.Litt & D. Sc. and thanked USTM for giving recognition of great works done by the awardees. The Chancellor of USTM Mahbubul Hoque welcomed all for their participation and said, "We aspire to become a world class university and appeal to all the stakeholders to join us in our endeavor to transform this university into a world class institution and participate in the nation-building process". He also expressed his gratitude to the Government of Meghalaya for its help in the creation of USTM. Earlier, the University report was presented by the Vice Chancellor of USTM Prof G. D. Sharma. This was followed by award of degrees and gold medals. Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Best PG Student award went to Ajungla Kundang, MA Rural Development and PA Sangma Best UG student award went to Ms Yashodhara Goswami, B. Sc. Biotechnology. Apart from this, 24 gold medals were awarded to the best Post Graduates of the respective departments while 21 gold medals were given away to the best undergraduate students from different departments. Dr. N. N. Dutta, the recipient of the Hon D.Sc. degree has made an enormous contribution in the field of Healthcare & Research Sector & Academic Administration specially in establishing higher educational institutions in the North East. Padma Shri Manas Chaudhuri is well known for his immense contribution in the field of Literature, News-Media, Political Reforms and Social Transformation. The Convocation began with the grand and elegant Academic Procession which was participated by the Registrar of the University, Academic Council members, members of Board of Governors, Deans of different schools, Heads of different Departments and the Award recipients. The Convocation came to close with administration of oath and the signing of the National Anthem.

Awareness meeting on intoxicant abuse held

Assam Rising, Nazira, September 20: An awareness meeting on drug and alcohol abuse was organized for students by Nazira Recovery Foundation in collaboration with the State Anti-Drug and Prohibition Council (SADPC) and the Nazira College on Monday. The meeting, held at the Nazira College, was attended by SADPC vice-chairman Jitu Borgohain as the special guest and Nazira Assistant Commissioner Pritam Gogoi, Nazira SDPO Subhalakshmi Dutta, Nazira Model Police Station OC Bhaban Das, mediaperson Dilip Hazarika and Madhuri Bora as guests. Borgohain and other guests discussed the ill-effects of drug addiction and alcoholism in the presence of hundreds of students. They spoke about how drugs, alcohol and

tobacco products like gutkha were taking a toll on youths and their families. They pointed out that drugs and alcohol were responsible for many anti-social activities. The speakers at the meeting advised the youths to stay away from the menace of alcohol and drug abuse. They also praised youth activist Tuhiin Hazarika for his initiative to form the Nazira Recovery Foundation with the noble aim of bringing drug and alcohol abusers back to the mainstream of society. The

"Nebcus " Creative National Journalist Award-2022



Assam Rising, Dhakuakhana, September 20 : The seventh annual Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhupen Hazarika National Awards 2022 was presented at Jyoti Chitraban, Guwahati on Sunday to encourage distinguished personalities involved in the fields of literature, culture, education and environment for the past six years. The event was attended by NEBCUS " President Gagnastam Gogoi, General Secretary Barsha Kashyap and other office bearers. The awards ceremony began with the performance of folk songs by folk musician Minu Das Bora. The awards ceremony was attended by cultural activist Manisha Hazarika, prominent actor Pranjal Shaikia, Dr. Hemant Kumar Das, Dr. Amia Patar, Biraj Gogoi and many other distinguished personalities. The awards ceremony was also attended by Dr. Hemant Kumar Das, Minu Das Bora, Biraj Gogoi, Amarjyoti Ghosh, Premanand Talukdar and Mintu Kumar Medhi. The 7th Annual Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhupen Hazarika National Award for Best Creative Journalist 2022 was presented to Amrit Pawan Barah, senior journalist of " Assamese Pratidin " and Assamese Pratidin Digital " Dhakuakhana. The award winners were presented with certificates of appreciation, flower gomochas, mementos and medals.

Day-long Gramalok programme held at Balipukhuri



Assam Rising, Biswanath Chariali, September 20: Gramalok is a literary programme initiated by the national academy of letters to upload and uplift the village level writers by giving a platform. This time, the gramalok programme was held at Basanta Smriti Sangsthan, Balipukhuri with a day-long programme on Sunday with Hari Upadhyaya in the chair. The literary programme began with lighting of ceremonial lamps in front of the portrait of Basanta Nepal by Pradip Upadhyaya. Sanjib Upadhyaya briefed the objectives of the meeting which was followed by a chorus. Dr. Khemraj Nepal, advisory member of Sahitya Akademi for the Nepali language explained the aims and objectives of the gramalok programme. Dr. Jagannath Upadhyaya, former vice principal of Chayduwar College inaugurated the poetry session. Poets including Rudra Das, Anup Sarma, Jamuna Sarma, Wittik Sarma, Bedadip Upadhyaya, Sudakhina Devi, Numal Bhattarai, Neha Bhattarai, Hemsagar Sarma, Dipannita Gajurel, Ram Krishna Kafil and Sarada Parajuli read out their self-composed poems. Arjun Nirola forwarded a critical analysis of the poems. Child artists Kirtika Upadhyaya, Arnab Bhattarai, Dibya Bhattarai, Dikshya Bhattarai, Barnali Devi, Yashraj Powdel and Kabita Devi performed cultural activities. The meeting was also addressed by Chandra Luitel, Cheban Sarma and Hemanta Bhattarai.

Oath taking ceremony and educational awareness meeting held

Assam Rising ,Bhuragaon, September 16 : The oath taking ceremony and educational awareness meeting of the newly formed regional committee of Laharighat regional AMSU was held at Laharighat recently. The new committee was formed on August 7 and all the office bearers and members were formally sworn in in the presence of the District AMSU President and Central Committee observers . The opening ceremony was conducted by AMSU District President Ashadul Islam. The objectives were explained by the District Committee Azaharul Islam. The welcoming ceremony was conducted by the Regional President Zahurul Islam and General Secretary Ashrafur Rahman Alamin. An educational awareness meeting and special felicitation ceremony is held before moving on to the main programme. The event was attended by four outstanding teachers of Laharighat area namely Fazal Uddin Bhasani, Nurul Hussain, Ajit Banik and Nazrul Islam and NEET Exam success five students of Laharighat area namely Merajul Islam, Azizul Haque, Owahidur Rahman, Shakil Mohammad Rakib Mulla and Mizanur Rahman were felicitated with a flower gamocha, japi and letter of congratulations. The event was attended by Ikramul Hussain, District AMSU President Ashadullah Islam, General Secretaries Rafiqul Islam and Mansur Ahmed as invited guests, prominent social worker Javed Ali Ahmed, District AMSU Executive President Advocate Harun Al Rashid, DB News Reporter Khairul Islam and many other dignitaries.



programme was moderated by Nazira College vice-principal Jogal Bharali. Prof. Dr Jyoti Ranjan Mili and activists of Nazira Recovery Foundation also attended the meeting.

La Liga acts on racist abuse of Vinícius amid call for Atlético fans to be banned



Madrid, September 20 : La Liga will deliver a formal report to the Spanish Football Federation's disciplinary committee and the state's anti-violence commission, denouncing the racist abuse directed at the Real Madrid winger Vinícius Júnior by Atlético Madrid fans before the derby on Sunday. The mayor of the city, José Luis Martínez-Almeida, has expressed his desire that those responsible are identified and not allowed to return to football stadiums in Spain. A group of fans were filmed chanting "Vinícius is a monkey" before the game at the Metropolitano stadium on Sunday night. Although the incident that was caught on

camera occurred outside the ground, La Liga will include it in the report on fan behaviour that it prepares and delivers to the anti-violence commission for it to act upon each week. The Movimiento Contra la Intolerancia (Movement Against Intolerance) has also presented a formal complaint to the state body responsible for investigating hate crimes. "There is no place for them, not just at a sporting event but in any sphere of life," said Martínez-Almeida. "What I think has to be done is for these people to be identified because I don't think they deserved to be allowed in. It is absolutely reproachable and must be condemned." I

say this as mayor of Madrid but also, as you know, as an Atlético fan. It shames me that there should be Atlético fans capable of shouting that type of racist abuse." The Atlético forward Matheus Cunha has insisted that Vinícius's pre-game statement denouncing racism was not directed at the Atlético captain Koke but at the TV guest, Pedro Bravo, who had accused him on the Spanish show Chiringuito of "hacer el mono" - roughly, monkeying about - after a debate had been built up surrounding Vinícius celebrating goals by dancing. The clip went viral, especially in Brazil, prompting statements in support of Vinícius from throughout football, including from Neymar, Dani Alves and even Pelé. Bravo apologised, saying he used the phrase "figuratively". Koke was subsequently asked about the likely reaction should Vinícius score and celebrate the goal by dancing, and he responded by saying there would be a "lio for sure" - a lio is trouble, a fuss, or a mess. "They say that happiness annoys people," Vinícius said in a statement

Moeen Ali proud to lead England in Pakistan as T20 World Cup looms

Karachi, September 20 : Moeen Ali has been waiting for this tour. He has been dreaming about it since he felt he had earned his place in the England team. But he never imagined he would be captain when it finally happened. "It's a great honour regardless of who it's against," Moeen says, "but to do it in Pakistan when the team are coming back here, that's amazing for me personally, especially when I have family who migrated from here back in the day." His grandfather moved to England from Kashmir after the second world war and his mother was born here. He spent time playing here as a child and again, more recently, in the Pakistan Super League. "I'm somebody that wants to play cricket in every nation," Moeen says, "and Pakistan especially, after so long." It has been 17 years since England were last here. His decision to play in the PSL in 2020 was, he says, because he wanted to help play his part in "putting Pakistan cricket back on the map". He sees this tour as an extension of that. "I wanted to be part of

this. It's a big thing when England come to Pakistan, more than any other country, England's the one that the Pakistan fans really love to see coming here." His phone has not stopped ringing since he arrived. He has an uncle who lives here and plenty of friends too. "I've had so many messages" - most of them asking if he can help dig up tickets - "that it's a bit of a killer for me." But he is happy to have the distraction. He is obviously frustrated with the tight security for the tour and the way he and the team are sealed off from the city in Karachi. He brought his wife and children out when he was playing in the PSL and they spent time visiting friends and going to cafes. In between training this week he has been stuck in the team room, reading, chatting, playing cards. He says the restrictions are going to shape his decision about whether or not to make himself available for the Test matches here in December. He had seemed enthusiastic when Brendon McCullum floated the idea of picking him earlier in the



summer but he seems to have pulled back from that. "I'm not sure yet," he says. "I want to see how this goes. I don't like being stuck in a hotel for so long so I'm going to see how I cope with this as well." It was frustrating for him that England pulled out of their planned tour here last year but he is phlegmatic about it now. "Obviously there was still a little bit of Covid then, so you don't know what the restrictions might have been. At least now everybody can come. I'm a big believer that when things aren't easy, if you have a bit of patience, then they become easy." That idea seems to be on his mind. It comes up again when he is talking about the state of the team before the T20 World Cup next month. "It's not my style to be desperate for something," Moeen says. "It is important we don't put pressure on ourselves and say: 'We are going to win a World Cup.' We have been such a good side over the last two or three years but we have missed out too, which is about weight of expectation. I think we need to focus on one game. Let's play our best cricket and not worry about the end result. That will take care of itself. The World Cup in 2019 was different. We were the

favourites, but I don't think we are favourites now. I think we are one of the better sides, not favourites." England have brought an odd squad here. It has been picked with one eye on the World Cup and the other on bringing new players through for the years after. It includes four players - Jos Buttler, Chris Woakes, Mark Wood, and Reece Topley - who will miss the opening game on Tuesday because they are working their way back to fitness in time for the World Cup, and six more - Will Jacks, Tom Helm, Jordan Cox, Luke Wood, Ben Duckett and Olly Stone - who were not picked for the tournament. All that uncertainty means Moeen has taken on a different role. This is Buttler's team but it is clear, listening to Moeen here, that he is leading, too, and not just at the toss. 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. He has some strong ideas about what went wrong this summer, when the team lost series against South Africa and India. "This summer was quite poor for us. We didn't

play very well at all." He says they spent too much time talking about the way they used to do things when Eoin Morgan was captain. "We used to do this", 'We used to do that' or 'The reason why we were so good was this'. We have to move on from that now. It is not easy for Jos coming in and taking over from Eoin but it is Jos's side now. I think this is going to be the starting point. You are going to see a real change in the way the side goes about things. "They will still want to be "brave and be aggressive, like we always have been" but "there also needs to be more of a method to it", he says. "This summer we were going out and trying to be really aggressive and we were being bowled out." It's hardest for the more inexperienced players. "They've seen the way we've played over the last four or five years and they think they need to come in and go bang, bang, bang with the bat. But actually it doesn't need to be that. We need to get that balance right." Pakistan are in a similar position, with Shaheen Shah Afridi and Fakhar Zaman out injured and three debutants in this format in their squad, including Shan Masood, who made so many runs for Derbyshire this summer. "Both teams are probably on the same level at the moment. We've got players missing, they've got a couple missing, they're also having a bit of a transition even though they're playing well, I'm expecting a really hard series, a tight series." And an exciting series. It is the nature of T20 that games come and go but he, at least, will surely remember these seven long after they are over.

Bayern's defeat sours the mood and deepens the doubts over Nagelsmann

London, September 20 :Manuel Neuer has been the hero on so many occasions but here, he very nearly found a new way to be so. His 95th minute header from Joshua Kimmich arrowed towards the corner but his opposite number, the outstanding Rafa Gikiewicz, twisted on his line and dived to push it away with his left hand. Seconds later, Neuer lurched at the ball after Alphonso Davies lifted it back in, and Gikiewicz palmed away again, to the fevered acclaim of his teammates. The plaudits belonged to the Polish goalkeeper, rather than the German one, this time. But since when were Bayern reduced to this? Neuer's very presence in the Augsburg penalty area, as Bayern Munich sought desperately to slip out of a first defeat of the Bundesliga season, was an admission of desperation. They were not able to but that their highly decorated last line of defence was almost able to make the difference at the other end was jarring. One of the headlines in Bild on Sunday did not miss the opportunity to highlight that Neuer had more efforts on target than Sadio Mané in a deflating loss to local neighbours, an hour to the

north-west of Munich, who may have established themselves in the top flight but do not have the stature to be described even notionally as rivals. The second half of Tuesday's Champions League victory over Barcelona had soothed simmering disquiet around Bayern after three straight Bundesliga draws. This extension of the domestic winless run to four turned the volume of those dissenting voices all the way up to 11, louder than ever. Robert Lewandowski's spurning of a series of chances in the first half of his first return to Allianz Arena had done Julian Nagelsmann - with whom he didn't always see eye-to-eye - a favour, allowing the coach parity in which to tighten up at half-time, to rearrange and to go on and win the game. That Lewandowski had recovered from his midweek frustrations to bag another couple of La Liga goals in a stroll of a Barcelona win over Elche did not escape Bavarian gazes. After such a result, the hole left by Lewandowski's departure, real or perceived, yawns larger than life, fuelling yearning to a simpler time when everything was clearer. Lewandowski plays, Lewandowski scores. Mergim



Berisha's smart finish for Augsburg's winner at the other end just before the hour, giving Enrico Maassen's men a not undeserved win, was only one of a series of pointers towards the view that Big Number Nines Rule OK. This, paired with the drama of Bayern looking human, all glosses over some actual facts; that Oliver Kahn and Hasan Salihamidzic, who both made clear their displeasure with the performance and result after the game, are happy with the composition of the squad, that Nagelsmann's football is more set to flourish without a more traditional number nine, and that Bayern had 19 shots on goal without making them count, just as Borussia Mönchengladbach's Yann

Sommer had made a Bundesliga-record 19 saves against Bayern at the start of this frustrating winless run. Yet just as Nagelsmann retains the confidence of the club - and they really need this to work having spent a world record £25m to break him out of his RB Leipzig deal last year - he is smart enough to know that all the good process in the world means little if the results won't fall. It's not bad enough yet for Thomas Tuchel to really loom in the background, but having a recent German Champions League winner in the background is not ideal for Nagelsmann. "It doesn't really matter what I answer now," he said in response to the question of if his team

still needed Lewandowski. "If I say no, then it says he doesn't see the problem. If I say yes, then everyone's going to write he misses Lewandowski." Statistically, you can see the point of the naysayers. Augsburg, who have been an occasional fly in the Bayern ointment in the last decade - just ask Pep Guardiola - brought an end to Bayern's Bundesliga record run of consecutive scoring games (86), and if it isn't yet panic stations, there is reason to reflect over the international break. The coach retains the confidence of his superiors. Salihamidzic insisted Nagelsmann's future was "not a topic" while Kahn defended the club's recruitment. "We have everything we need," he said, and enthused about "our attacking players with enormous speed". Finding clarity and reason while Bayern are on this run, though, is not easy. The atmosphere around Sunday's traditional visit to Oktoberfest was strained, and it will take weeks of convincing performances to blow that feeling away. "I'm thinking about everything," said Nagelsmann. "About the situation.

Tottenham's Hugo Lloris an injury doubt for north London derby

London, September 20 : The Tottenham captain, Hugo Lloris, has emerged as an injury concern in the lead-up to the north London derby at Arsenal next month. Lloris impressed during the 6-2 win against Leicester on Saturday, making a crucial save to deny Patson Daka in the second half that prevented the visitors from drawing level at 3-3. The 35-year-old goalkeeper joined the French national team on Monday before the Nations League fixtures with Austria and Denmark this week but he has since left the camp in Clairefontaine. He has been

diagnosed with an injury to his right thigh, which will concern the Spurs manager, Antonio Conte, with a trip to Arsenal on the horizon for 1 October. "Arriving on Monday morning at the National Football Centre in Clairefontaine, Hugo Lloris consulted Dr Franck Le Gall," a statement from the French Football Federation read. "A small injury to the right thigh has been diagnosed for the Tottenham goalkeeper." He is therefore unavailable for the two matches against Austria on Thursday at the Stade de France and in Denmark on Sunday. "Lloris is the second



Tottenham player to pull out of international duty after Ben Davies was forced to withdraw from the Wales squad following an injury to his knee.

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Todd Boehly's arrival marks the end of Premier League's era of quiet Americans

London, September 20 : Bob Dylan once had a piece of advice for aspiring artists: write 10 songs a day, and then discard nine. In a way this also appears to be Todd Boehly's approach to improving English football. He is just putting stuff out there, you see. Running ideas up the flagpole and seeing if anyone salutes them. Throwing them out on the stoop and seeing if the cat licks them up. Not necessarily good ideas. Or practical ideas. Or popular ideas. Or ideas that really bear the weight of a moment's logical thought. But ideas nonetheless. As such it is not necessary at this stage actually to engage what the Chelsea owner said on stage at Bros, Brews and Brunch business conference in Jerky Falls, Connecticut last week. Spoiler: none of this is actually going to happen. To soberly assess the merits of a north/south all-star game, or relegation playoffs, would be to lend these ideas more consideration and seriousness than Boehly has probably lent them himself. More interesting is the shrillness and scorn of the subsequent discourse: why the throwaway comments of a man named Todd seem to have created such a bruise on the psyche of English football. In large part this appears to boil down to Boehly being American but more specifically, a very particular kind of American. Boehly is by no means the first American guy trying to make his fortune in English football or to dream of changing it. But he is perhaps the first to be overtly, unashamedly, vocally ... American about it. In so doing he is tugging at a largely unresolved tension in our game: between the culture and outlook of the game itself



and that of the people who through ownership and viewership exert a greater influence on it than probably any other foreign nation. Most of Boehly's predecessors, of course, neatly sidestepped this tension with distance and deference. A strategic and affected deference, perhaps, but deference all the same. Randy Lerner at Aston Villa made a point of downplaying his Americanness, immersed himself in the traditions and history of the club and rebuilt the decaying Holte pub across the road from Villa Park. John Henry at Liverpool has strived to depict himself as a benevolent custodian rather than a career profiteer. Stan Kroenke and the Glazers, in common with many other foreign owners, have made a point of saying and doing as little as possible. There is an unspoken, often duplicitous compact here: hey, this is your thing, and we don't want to change it. And so for almost two decades, this has been the palpable extent of the American influx: a procession of wrinkly guys in baseball caps only ever glimpsed through the searching

long lens of a Sky camera. On the pitch it was a similar story: insofar as Americans were tolerated it was as stalwart goalkeepers, burly defenders, technically limited strikers with large brows. In essence English football was basically fine with Americans as long as they silently wrote cheques or stayed in goal. Tonally Boehly is different. Boehly is neither distant nor deferent. If the Glazers are largely content to milk English football, Boehly wants to fatten it, clone it, put it on a diet of alfalfa and steroids and create the world's most decadent bionic steaks. Let's do all-star games and cheerleaders and the metaverse and a super league that we are not going to call a super league just yet. Let's buy Cristiano Ronaldo. Let's sack the weird gawky German guy. Let's install a bowling alley in Buckingham Palace. This, perhaps, explains the acid reflux that has greeted Boehly's ideas: not simply the ideas in themselves, but what it means to utter them, the discourtesy of saying the quiet part out loud. In many ways he strikes at English football's primal fear, what one might even call its

central delusion: that even as it sold off pieces of itself, flung out its sails and embraced the trade winds of global finance, danced and contorted itself for the market, it could retain its basic essence. That for all its foreign stars and foreign money the Premier League could somehow remain fundamentally, authentically English. And so whenever an overtly American influence reared its head - the rise of analytics, ageing players moving to MLS, Bob Bradley - it was invariably met with a mixture of defensiveness and derision. We saw it again last week, with Jürgen Klopp quipping about the "Harlem Globetrotters" and Gary Neville claiming that US investment was "a clear and present danger" to the game. We saw it in the ridicule that accompanied Jesse Marsch when he was appointed at Leeds United, in Adrian Chiles's deliciously over-the-top monologue as he introduced ITV's coverage of England v USA at the 2010 World Cup. "We really love Americans," he quipped. "We just couldn't eat a whole one." 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. And so, as a thought exercise, what might an Americanised Premier League look like in practice? Perhaps you might start seeing loud music after goals, big furry mascots, steadily rising ticket prices, an explosion in corporate hospitality and a relentless focus on the customer experience, a competitive model that increasingly resembles a closed shop. You might start seeing Hollywood actors buying up a local club and turning it into streaming content, an American Premier League coach in charge of American players, being analysed on Monday Night Football by an American-owned broadcaster. You can celebrate these developments or lament them. But either way you would be casting judgment on something that has already happened.

ICC Announces Changes To Playing Conditions, Saliva Use Completely Banned

New Delhi, September 20 : The International Cricket Council (ICC) on Tuesday announced several changes to its playing conditions after the Chief Executives Committee (CEC) ratified recommendations from the Sourav Ganguly-led Men's Cricket Committee, which discussed MCC's updated 3rd Edition of the 2017 Code of the Laws of Cricket and shared its conclusions with Women's Cricket Committee, who endorsed the recommendations to CEC. The main changes to the Playing Conditions will come into effect on October 1, 2022. "It was an honour chairing my first meeting of the ICC Cricket Committee. I was pleased with the productive contribution of the Committee members which resulted in key recommendations being made. I thank all members for their valuable input and suggestions," Ganguly stated in an official release. The ICC Cricket Committee comprises -- Sourav Ganguly (Chair); Ramiz Raja (Observer); Mahela Jayawardena and Roger Harper (Past Players); Daniel Vettori and VVS Laxman (Representatives of Current Players); Gary Stead

(Member Team Coach Representative); Jay Shah (Full Members' Representative); Joel Wilson (Umpires' Representative); Ranjan Madugalle (ICC Chief Referee); Jamie Cox (MCC Representative); Kyle Coetzer (Associate Representative); Shaun Pollock (Media Representative); Greg Barclay and Geoff Allardice (Ex-Officio - ICC Chair and Chief Executive); Clive Hitchcock (Committee Secretary); David Kendix (Statistician). The changes that will come into effect from October 1, 2022 are: Batters returning when caught: When a batter is out Caught, the new batter will come in at the end the striker was, regardless of whether the batters crossed prior to the catch being taken. Use of saliva to polish the ball: This prohibition has been in place for over two years in international cricket as a Covid-related temporary measure and it is considered appropriate for the ban to be made permanent. Incoming batter ready to face the ball:



An incoming batter will now be required to be ready to take strike within two minutes in Tests and ODIs, while the current threshold of ninety seconds in T20Is remains unchanged. Striker's right to play the ball: This is restricted so as to require some part of their bat or person to remain within the pitch. Should they venture beyond that, the umpire will call and signal Dead ball. Any ball which would force the batter to leave the pitch will also be called No ball. Unfair movement by the fielding side: Any unfair and deliberate movement while the bowler is running in to bowl could now result in the umpire awarding five penalty runs to the batting side, in addition to a call of Dead ball.

La Liga: Real Madrid Triumph Against Rivals Atletico Madrid In Spiky Derby

London, September 20 : Rodrygo and Federico Valverde scored to earn Real Madrid a 2-1 win over neighbours Atletico Madrid in a heated derby on Sunday to return to the top of La Liga. Carlo Ancelotti's side have started their title defence in perfect fashion, with a 100 percent record from six games. This victory took Real two points above Barcelona, who had leapfrogged into first on Saturday. The game was marred by racist chants aimed at Real Madrid's Brazilian forward Vinicius Junior outside the stadium before the game, sparked by criticism of his dancing goal celebrations and a subsequent debate over whether that criticism was racist. Fans also threw objects at Vinicius after a Real goal and aimed racist chants at him in the closing stages. After another Brazilian, Rodrygo, broke the deadlock in the 18th minute, he danced in celebration with Vinicius, to the chagrin of Atletico's enraged sup-



porters. Some threw objects, including lighters, at the duo. "Derbies are always important but today was a bit different for what happened during the week," said Rodrygo. "We responded on the pitch, and I only talk for myself. I am very happy to play well and to score another goal." Madrid were missing the injured Karim Benzema

while the hosts picked Antoine Griezmann in the starting line-up for the first time this season, and they were on top in the opening stages. Spurred on by the rowdy atmosphere, Diego Simeone's side pressed high up the pitch and put Los Blancos on the back foot, with Felipe heading over and Dani Carvajal deflecting a Yannick Carrasco

shot into the side netting. Geoffrey Kondogbia launched an effort at goal which missed narrowly, but with Atletico dominant, Madrid landed a sucker-punch. Aurelien Tchouameni scooped a delightful pass over the defence and Rodrygo smartly dispatched it past Jan Oblak. Atletico tried to fight back, with a fierce

drive from Griezmann flying past the post and Thibault Courtois denying Carrasco, before Madrid struck another killer blow. Vinicius, persistently whistled by Atletico fans, combined with Luka Modric before hitting the post and Fede Valverde followed up to slam into the net from close range after 36 minutes. The Uruguayan has four goals and two assists in seven games across all competitions, cementing himself as an essential presence on the right flank for Ancelotti. "Vinicius and Rodrygo are very special players, because they are what the modern footballer has to be," said Ancelotti. "They can play in various positions, they have something that stands out, technique, physique, we are delighted with them." Real Madrid have now won all nine matches they have played this season across all competitions. They took the sting out of the game in the second half by trying to keep the ball. Atletico midfielder Koke was booked for a wild hack at Rodrygo. It was Koke's 553rd game for the club, equalling the all-time record set by Adelardo, who retired in 1976, but it was one to forget. Mario Hermoso pulled a goal back when Courtois flailed at a corner and the defender finished with his shoulder into the empty net in the 83rd minute, but Atletico could not complete an unlikely comeback. "This Real Madrid reminds me of the team that we had, with Diego Costa," noted Simeone. "When there is that forcefulness, football is marvellous." Further racist chanting was aimed at Vinicius from some home fans, and Hermoso was sent off in stoppage time for battling with Dani Ceballos at a corner to earn a second yellow card. It was a dismal end to a dismal night for Atletico, both on and, shamefully, off the pitch.

Nations League Games Offer Last Chance To Prepare For FIFA World Cup

New Delhi, September 20 : A hectic schedule of club football ahead of the World Cup is interrupted this week as national teams get a last chance to finetune their preparations before travelling to Qatar for the start of the tournament on November 20. Holding the World Cup in the middle of the European season is having major consequences for clubs but also for coaches of national teams. While domestic competitions bear the brunt of the upheaval to the calendar as

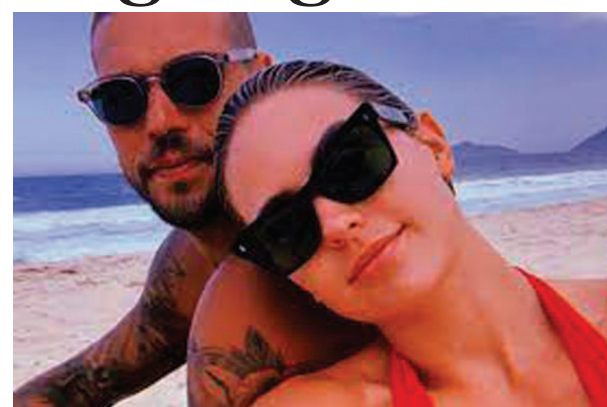
they are forced to halt a week before the opening game in Qatar, that also means there will be next to no time for squads to work together before beginning their World Cup campaigns. Extra importance is therefore placed on events over the next week, as European sides complete the UEFA Nations League group stage while other contenders play friendly matches, including back-to-back games for Brazil on

French soil against Ghana and Tunisia. Reigning world champions France are preparing to defend the crown they won in Russia in 2018 while simultaneously trying to avoid being relegated from the top tier of the Nations League. Les Bleus, who won the Nations League last year, host Austria on Thursday and visit Denmark on Sunday needing to win both games to be sure of remaining in League A.

Lance Franklin considered retiring from AFL before re-signing with Swans

London, September 20 : Lance Franklin says he contemplated ending his AFL career at the conclusion of this season before deciding he had "unfinished business" with Sydney and signed a one-year contract extension. After months of conjecture about whether or not he would retire after Saturday's grand final or join a rival club, the star forward made the announcement a few short days out from the decider against Geelong at the MCG. Tom Papley and Luke Parker celebrate after the siren in Sydney's preliminary final win over Collingwood at a raucous SCG. Rumours swirled this season that Franklin was on his way out of the club with whom he signed a hugely lucrative nine-year deal in 2013, as coach John Longmire juggles a salary cap and a list heavy on young

talent. But the Swans announced late on Monday that the 35-year-old would play on, tweeting a two-word statement which simply read: "One more." But as the year went on and I spoke to the people I care about, the decision was made clear that I need to go on, there's obviously unfinished business," he said, referring to a Swans premiership. "I feel like I still have a little bit to give. It's been a long process to come to this decision. It hasn't been easy. I've been in the game a long time, I have a young family now, so it was a hard decision." But my passion for the game, my love for this football club, my heart is still here and I wouldn't want to be anywhere



else. "The decision means Franklin will enter his 10th season with Sydney and 19th overall, in a continuation of one of the most illustrious careers the game has seen. When he joined the Swans as a free agent, days after playing in the grand final that won Hawthorn the 2013 flag, he had already won two premierships with

the Hawks. That also included 2008, a campaign during which he kicked 113 goals. As it stands, Franklin has kicked 1,047 career goals over 340 games, having eclipsed the 1,000-goal mark against the Cats at the SCG in March to become the sixth player in AFL/VFL history to do so. He has now overtaken Gary Ablett Snr's tally of

1,031 this season and sits behind only Doug Wade (1057), Jason Dunstall (1254), Gordon Coventry (1299) and Tony Lockett (1360). There have been signs of Franklin's mortality in recent years, when soft-tissue injuries kept him sidelined for extended periods. In 2022, however, he kicked more than 50 majors in a season for the 13th time in his career. After being held goalless for the first time this season in Sydney's qualifying final win over Melbourne, Franklin kicked two crucial goals in last weekend's one-point preliminary-final win over Collingwood. He has not yet won a flag with the Swans, having been a part of the 2014 and 2016 grand final-losing teams.

Aces win WNBA title to land Las Vegas' first major pro sports title

London, September 20 : Chelsea Gray scored 20 points to lead the Las Vegas Aces to their first WNBA title in a 78-71 road win over the Connecticut Sun in Game 4 on Sunday. Gray went 9 of 13 from the floor, and was named MVP after averaging 18 points over the run. The Aces improved to 4-0 in this year's playoffs with two days rest. Riquna Williams added 17 points Kelsey Plum added 16 points for the Aces, Jackie Young had 13 and league MVP A'ja Wilson added 11 points to go with 14 rebounds. Vegas finished on an 8-0 run. As the buzzer sounded Wilson grabbed the ball and stomped the floor before being mobbed by her teammates. "We champs! We champs! We champs!" Wilson screamed at teammates as they pulled on their championship hats and T-shirts before the trophy ceremony. It's the first major pro sports title for a team from Las Vegas, and Wilson surely hopes this is just the beginning. "You see it. You see it," Wilson said in the on-court celebration. "This is what we're building. This is what we're doing. This is it. I'm so happy right now." Courtney Williams had 17 points to lead Connecticut and Alyssa Thomas had her second straight triple-double with 11 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds. Jonquel Jones added 13 points and DeWanna Bonner had 12. For Aces coach Becky Hammon, who didn't get a title in her standout WNBA playing career, the ring completed a decades-long quest.