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NEWS IN BRIEF

Salaries of employees

Assam Rising
Guwahati, September 22:

The Assam government has decided to pay the salaries of its employees from September 29 onwards ahead of the upcoming Durga Puja festival. The decision was taken as there are continuous holidays from October 2. Taking to Twitter, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma tweeted, "To ensure unhindered celebration during upcoming Puja season by State Govt employees, we've decided to start paying salaries from 29 Sept onwards, since there are continuous holidays from Oct 2. This is in appreciation of their commitment & dedication. We care for our employees!"

Appointment letters

Assam Rising
Guwahati, September 22:

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma will distribute appointment letters to over 11 thousand people in various government departments on September 23 in a step towards his promise to provide one lakh jobs in the state. The appointment letters will be distributed at a ceremonial event to be held at the Khanapara Veterinary field in Guwahati. New appointments will be given to a total of 11,202 candidates in as many as 21 departments of the state government. CM Sarma took to Twitter to inform that these appointments will be in addition to the already appointed 27,737 candidates.

Suspensions of child lifter

Assam Rising
Guwahati, September 22:

A man in Assam's Cachar district was beaten up by a group of people on suspicions of being a child lifter, police informed. According to reports, the mob brutally thrashed him and set his vehicle on fire after that had suspicions that he was a kidnapper. Speaking on the incident, SP Numa Mahanta said, "Some people attacked a person and set fire to a vehicle. The person was seriously injured and police rescued him and rushed him to hospital. We have registered a case in connection with today's incident and we will take stern action against the culprits."

Anti-Terror Raids: PFI's Northeast Secretary Among 10 Detained in Assam



Assam Rising
Guwahati, September 22:

Popular Front Leader (PFI)'s northeast regional secretary was picked up from his residence in Assam on Thursday as the National Investigation Agency (NIA) launched massive crackdown on the outfit for alleged involvement in terror activities in the country. A total of 10 PFI members have been detained from Assam. The NIA

carried out the raid in the wee hours of September 22 at House No. 26 in Friends Path of Hatigaon area in Guwahati and took PFI's northeast regional secretary Aminul Haque into custody in connection with terror funding, organising training camps and radicalising people. One Rahmatullah Khan was picked up from his residence in Samaguri of Nagaon district during the NIA searches. The Assam

Police released a statement in the afternoon, "These leaders of the organisation were arrested as there is reliable information that they were making all out efforts to foment communal strife throughout the state of Assam. They were indulging in whipping the communal passion and sentiments of the religious minority by

criticising every policy of the government with communal overtones which include the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), the National Register of Citizens (NRC)..." The leaders have been extensively using social media to provoke the people for defying the government and to divide the society on religious lines. They were instigating people against the government with the aim to spread mistrust among public, the police stated further. "These leaders were also trying to spread communal feelings in Muslim-dominated pockets of Barpeta, Goalpara, Badarpur by whipping their sentiments on the issue of communal violence, Ram Navami and Hanuman Jayanti that took place in Rajasthan," the statement read. Others held during the NRI raids in Assam are

Aminul Hoque, Abdul Razzak, Robiul Hussain, Nazrul Islam Bhuyan, Rafiqul Isla, Abu Sama Ahmed, Farhad Ali, Khalilur Rahman, Mufti Rahmatullah and Bazul Karim. The detainees have been taken to the Special Branch of the Assam Police where they are being interrogated. In 2019, the Assam Police arrested PFI's Assam Chief Aminul Haque for conspiring, planning and facilitating violence in the state during the CAA protests in Guwahati. They then also arrested Haque's close aide and press secretary Mujamil Haque. According to the police report, both were involved in the attack on Dispur Secretariat. Sources in 2019 hinted that the banned Islamic organisation along with few others played a key role in

'Prefer to die in free democracy of India than artificial China': Dalai Lama



Dharamshala, September 22: Tibetan spiritual leader Dalai Lama on Thursday said that he would prefer to breathe his last surrounded by the genuine and loving people of India, a free and open democracy, rather than among "artificial" Chinese officials. He made

these remarks during a two-day dialogue with youth leaders at his residence in Dharamshala in Himachal Pradesh at an interaction organised by the United States Institute of Peace (USIP). "I told former Indian Prime

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Non-communicable diseases claim 1 life in every 2 seconds in the world: WHO



New Delhi, September 22:

The World Health Organization on Thursday released a new report which brings together information on the non-communicable disease from 194 countries. Along with the report, it has also launched a data portal,

The report is called "Invisible Numbers: The true scale of non-communicable diseases." This report shows a clear picture of deaths that are occurring in the world due to non-communicable diseases. Non-communicable diseases have now become the world's leading cause of disability and death. Almost nine out of ten of these deaths occur in low and middle-income countries. These are diseases that do not have a single cause, have long-term health consequences, and frequently

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Assam Man Gets Life Sentence For Raping 11-Year-Old Girl

Assam Rising
Guwahati, September 22:

A man was awarded life imprisonment for raping his own minor relative, on Wednesday by a local court in Dhubri. Atul Biswas raped an 11-year-old minor girl, who happened to be his own relative, in Assam in August 2021 at Ramnathpara under the Tamarhat police station. The order was passed by P Katak, Additional Sessions Judge cum Special Judge POCSO (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act), Dhubri. "Before parting with the judgement, with deep concern, we may

point out that though all sexual assaults on female children are not reported and do not come to light yet there is an alarming and shocking increase of sexual offences committed on children. This is due to the reasons that children are ignorant of the act of rape and are not able to offer resistance and become easy prey for lusty brutes who display the unscrupulous, deceitful and insidious art of luring female children and young girls. Therefore, such offenders who are a menace to the civilized society should be mercilessly and inexorably punished in

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Vice President inaugurates Lokmanthan 2022

India nurtures one of the oldest civilizations of the world: CM



Assam Rising
Guwahati, September 22:

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankar inaugurated the 3rd edition of Lokmanthan

2022 in presence of Governor Prof. Jagdish Mukhi and Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma at Srimanta Sankardev Kalakshetra here today.

Organised by Prajna Pravah along with Intellectual Forum for North East in association with Assam Tourism Development Corporation, Lokmanthan 2022, a na-

In a first after split with JD(U), Amit Shah to address rallies in Bihar's Seemanchal on Friday



Patna, September 22: On a two-day visit to Bihar beginning Friday, Union Home Minister Amit Shah is set to participate in a 'Jan

Bhavna Mahasabha' and chair the BJP State Core Committee meeting. Shah

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Russia protests : more than 1,300 arrested at anti-war demonstrations

Moscow, September 22: Security forces detained more than 1,300 people in Russia on Wednesday at protests denouncing mobilisation, a rights group said, hours after President Vladimir Putin ordered Russia's first military draft since the second world war. The independent OVD-Info protest monitoring group said that according to

information it had collated from 38 Russian cities, more than 1,311 people had been held by late evening. It said those figures included at least 502 in Moscow and 524 in St Petersburg, Russia's second most populous city. Unsanctioned rallies are illegal under Russia's anti-protest laws. Russian interior

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Bamboo booster: Assam refinery bets big on bioethanol

Assam Rising
Guwahati, September 22:

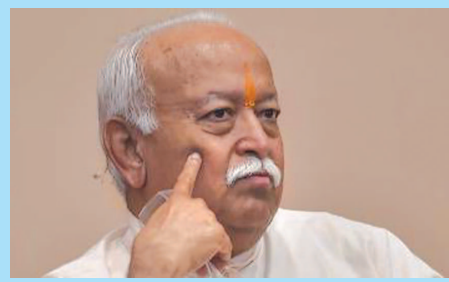
The public sector Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL) in eastern Assam's Golaghat district has taken major strides in setting up a ₹1,750-crore biorefinery unit for producing bioethanol from 5-lakh metric tonnes of bamboo per annum. The Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) holds about 70% share of the refinery in which the Assam government is a stakeholder. The biorefinery is a part of NRL's major integrated expansion project to treble its capacity from the current 3 mil-

lion metric tonnes per annum to 9 MMTPA entailing an investment of more than ₹28,000-crore. The project includes setting up of a crude oil import terminal at the Paradip Port in Odisha. The eight northeastern States grow more than 65% of the country's bamboo, but NRL would initially source the raw material from areas within a 300 km radius of the refinery. "The Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers says the vehicles in the country can run smoothly on fossil fuel blended with 10% ethanol, which is

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Mohan Bhagwat is 'rashtra pita', says All India Imam Organisation head after meeting RSS chief



New Delhi, September 22:

All India Imam Organisation head Umer Ahmed Ilyasi on Thursday (September 22, 2022) met Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat and called him the "rashtra pita" (father of the nation). The two held a closed-door meeting for around an hour at a mosque

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Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) John Lee (4th R) poses for a group photo with guests attending a financial forum held by Phoenix TV and other institutions in Hong Kong, south China

Small number of huge companies dominate global food chain, study finds

London, September 22 : The dominance of a small number of big companies over the global food chain is increasing, aided by the rising use of "big data" and artificial intelligence,



new research has found. Only two companies control 40% of the global commercial seed market, compared with 10 companies controlling the same proportion of the market 25 years ago, according to the ETC Group, an eco-justice organisation. Agricultural commodity trading is similarly concentrated, with 10 commodity traders in 2020 dominating a market worth half a trillion dollars. Food prices have risen sharply in recent months, after the disruptions caused by the Ukraine war, and

the continuing impacts of the Covid pandemic, sending the profits of key commodity traders and grain producers soaring. Chinese companies are also coming to the fore, according to the ETC Group's latest 141-page report published on Thursday. The Chinese state-owned company Cofco is now the world's second-biggest agricultural commodity trader, behind only Cargill of the US, with sales in 2020 of just over \$100bn (£89bn), compared with \$134bn for Cargill. The next biggest trader, Archer-Daniels-Midland, had sales of \$64bn in 2020, according to the latest data on which the report is based. Syngenta, the seed, pesticides and biotech company, is now majority owned by the Chinese government through Sinochem and ChemChina. The group controlled about a quarter of the global market in agricultural chemicals in 2020, with \$15bn in sales, far greater than its nearest rivals Bayer and BASF. Two of the other Top 10

agrochemicals companies are also Chinese, as is the seventh big synthetic fertiliser company, Sinofert. ETC also pointed to increasing interest from the Middle East. The report found: "In 2020, the sale of 45% of one of the world's largest commodity firms, Louis Dreyfus, to a state-owned holding company in the oil-rich United Arab Emirates signals that cash-rich countries are positioning to climate-proof food security via offshore food production with little consideration for sustainability or the notion of regional food self-reliance."

No evidence against Republic TV, says ED in TRP case chargesheet

Mumbai, September 22 : The Enforcement Directorate (ED), in its chargesheet in the Television Rating Points (TRP) case, has said that it has not found evidence against Republic TV. The central agency has not named ARG Outlier Media, which owns Republic TV, or any of its members, including editor-in-chief Arnab Goswami, in its chargesheet filed earlier this month before a special court in Mumbai. Goswami and four others from the company were named in the Mumbai Police case, based on which the ED had filed a separate offence of money laundering. The ED has said that its investigation was at "variance" with the one conducted by the Mumbai Police, claiming that the forensic report relied on by the police was "superficial" and "based on analysis of limited aspects". The ED has also not named any officials



of the Broadcast Audience Research Council (BARC), unlike the Mumbai Police. The agency has named 16 people in its chargesheet, all linked to three movie channels and former relationship managers of Hansa Research Group Private Limited, which measured TRP on behalf of BARC. In 2020, the Mumbai Police, under then chief Param Bir Singh, had claimed to have cracked a case involving manipulation of TRP ratings of television channels for better advertisement revenue. In its supplementary chargesheet, the police had claimed that manipulation was also done on behalf of Republic TV. In its chargesheet, the ED has said that the role of Republic (ARG Outliers) in bribing or influencing the panel households to watch its channels was investigated in detail. "However, it became evident that the investigation done by Mumbai Police is at variance with the investigation done by the ED," the chargesheet stated. It added grounds for this conclusion, including that panel households that were taken as samples denied having taken money for watching Republic TV or Republic Bharat. It also said that the relationship managers, in their statements, denied paying households to watch the two channels and no financial trail has been found so far to connect payment of monies by Republic TV to any manager. "As such, the role of

US Francis pleaded guilty in 2015 to offering prostitution services, luxury hotels, cigars, gourmet meals and more than \$500,000 in bribes to navy officials and others to help his Singapore-based ship servicing company, Glenn Defense Marine Asia Ltd or GDMA. Prosecutors said the company overcharged the Navy by at least \$35m for servicing ships, many of which were routed to ports he controlled in the Pacific. Officers involved in the scam called themselves the Lion's King Harem, Brotherhood, Wolfpack as they sought to recruit others to the scam, according to prosecutors. Francis had been allowed to remain in home confinement to receive medical care while he cooperated with the prosecution. With his help, prosecutors secured convictions of 33 of 34 defendants, including more than two dozen Navy officers. Four navy officers have been found guilty in relation to the scandal. A further 29 people, including naval officials, contractors and Francis, had pleaded guilty, US media said.

No. DA/BTC/K/Acctt-43/2022-23/798 Dated 21/09/2022
Tender No. DA/BTC/K/e-Tender/2022-23/03

PRESS NOTICE
The Director of Agriculture, BTC, Kokrajhar, invites bids through e-Tendering process for supply of Turmeric and Ginger (Rhizome) for an amount of Rs. 99.224 Lakh (Rupees Ninety Nine Lakh Twenty Two Thousand Four Hundred) only under Private Sector Farm, SOPD, 2022-23 from the Firms registered by the Department of Agriculture, Bodoland Territorial Council, Kokrajhar.

Details may be seen at <http://assamtenders.gov.in> and also at the office of the undersigned during office hours.
Sd/-
Director of Agriculture,
BTC, Kokrajhar

IPR(BTC)-326/2022

No. DA/BTC/K/Acctt-43/2022-23/795 Dated 21/09/2022
Tender No. DA/BTC/K/e-Tender/2022-23/02

PRESS NOTICE
The Director of Agriculture, BTC, Kokrajhar, invites bids through e-Tendering process for supply of Hybrid Maize Seed with Micronutrients and Battery Operated Sprayer for an amount of Rs. 256.91 Lakh (Rupees Two Crore Fifty Six Lakh Ninety One Thousand) only under Private Sector Farm, SOPD for the year 2022-23 from the Firms registered by the Department of Agriculture, Bodoland Territorial Council, Kokrajhar.

Details may be seen at <http://assamtenders.gov.in> and also at the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/-
Director of Agriculture,
BTC, Kokrajhar

IPR(BTC)-325/2022

No. DA/BTC/K/Acctt-43/2022-23/801 Dated 21/09/2022
Tender No. DA/BTC/K/e-Tender/2022-23/04

PRESS NOTICE
The Director of Agriculture, BTC, Kokrajhar, invites bids through e-Tendering process for supply of Citronella Slips with Establishment of Distillation Plant at Tintila, Kokrajhar for an amount of Rs. 32.96 Lakh (Rupees Thirty Two Lakh Ninety Six Thousand) only under Private Sector Farm, SOPD, 2022-23 from the Firms registered by the Department of Agriculture, Bodoland Territorial Council, Kokrajhar.

Details may be seen at <http://assamtenders.gov.in> and also at the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/-
Director of Agriculture,
BTC, Kokrajhar

IPR(BTC)-324/2022

No. DA/BTC/K/Acctt-43/2022-23/804 Dated 21/09/2022
Tender No. DA/BTC/K/e-Tender/2022-23/05

PRESS NOTICE
The Director of Agriculture, BTC, Kokrajhar, invites bids through e-Tendering process for Supply of Strawberry (Tissue Culture) Sapling for an amount of Rs. 94.06800 Lakh (Rupees Ninety Four Lakh Six Thousand Eight Hundred) only under Private Sector Farm, SOPD for the year 2022-23 from the firms registered by the Department of Agriculture, Bodoland Territorial Council, Kokrajhar.

Details may be seen at <http://assamtenders.gov.in> and also at the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/-
Director of Agriculture,
BTC, Kokrajhar

IPR(BTC)-323/2022

No. DA/BTC/K/Acctt-43/2022-23/807 Dated 21/09/2022
Tender No. DA/BTC/K/e-Tender/2022-23/06

PRESS NOTICE
The Director of Agriculture, BTC, Kokrajhar, invites bids through e-Tendering process for supply of Certified Rapeseed for an amount of Rs. 119.88 Lakh (Rupees One Crore Nineteen Lakh Eighty Eight Thousand) only against the Oil Seed Dev. Programme with Micronutrients, under RKVY-RAFTAR 2021-22 from the Firms registered by the Department of Agriculture, Bodoland Territorial Council, Kokrajhar.

Details may be seen at <http://assamtenders.gov.in> and also at the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/-
Director of Agriculture,
BTC, Kokrajhar

IPR(BTC)-322/2022

No. DA/BTC/K/Acctt-43/2022-23/810 Dated 21/09/2022
Tender No. DA/BTC/K/e-Tender/2022-23/07

PRESS NOTICE
The Director of Agriculture, BTC, Kokrajhar, invites bids through e-Tendering process for supply of HDPE Vermi Bed for an amount of Rs. 33.00 Lakh (Rupees Thirty Three Lakh) only under RKVY-RAFTAR for the year 2021-22 from the Firms registered by the Department of Agriculture, Bodoland Territorial Council, Kokrajhar.

Details may be seen at <http://assamtenders.gov.in> and also at the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/-
Director of Agriculture,
BTC, Kokrajhar

IPR(BTC)-321/2022

No. DA/BTC/K/Acctt-43/2022-23/813 Dated 21/09/2022
Tender No. DA/BTC/K/e-Tender/2022-23/08

PRESS NOTICE
The Director of Agriculture, BTC, Kokrajhar, invites bids through e-Tendering process for supply of Ginger (Rhizome) for an amount of Rs. 26.86 Lakh (Rupees Twenty Six Lakh Eighty Six Thousand) only under RKVY-RAFTAR for the year 2021-22 from the Firms registered by the Department of Agriculture, Bodoland Territorial Council, Kokrajhar.

Details may be seen at <http://assamtenders.gov.in> and also at the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/-
Director of Agriculture,
BTC, Kokrajhar

IPR(BTC)-320/2022

No. DA/BTC/K/Acctt-43/2022-23/792 Dated 21/09/2022
Tender No. DA/BTC/K/e-Tender/2022-23/01

PRESS NOTICE
The Director of Agriculture, BTC, Kokrajhar, invites bids through e-Tendering process for supply of Stage-1 Certified Rapeseed along with Input for an amount of Rs. 99.98550 Lakh (Rupees Ninety Nine Lakh Ninety Eight Thousand Five Hundred Fifty) only against the Seed Village Programme under Pulse & Oilseed Dev. Programme, SOPD, 2022-23 from the Firms registered by the Department of Agriculture, Bodoland Territorial Council, Kokrajhar.

Details may be seen at <http://assamtenders.gov.in> and also at the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/-
Director of Agriculture,
BTC, Kokrajhar

IPR(BTC)-319/2022

Notice Inviting e-Tender (Technical Proposal Only)

Assam Police Headquarters invites Technical Proposal (1st Stage Bidding) only through e-Procurement Portal from reputed Original Dealers/Distributors/Agents in India for procurement of 5 (five) nos. of Hand Held X-Ray Scanner on Pilot Basis for detection of Drugs & Psychotropic Substances hidden in different types of vehicles/transportation modes as well as hidden in closed container for Assam Police with an objective of speedy recovery of illegal drugs & psychotropic substances.

To participate in the tender process through e-procurement portal, bidder should have valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) of Class-II (minimum) and have to register in the portal <https://assamtenders.gov.in> by themselves.

The bidder who have downloaded the tender schedules containing the tender details, terms and conditions, from the portal shall submit their tender on-line on the portal <https://assamtenders.gov.in> with non refundable tender fee of Rs. 1000/- (Rupees One Thousand) to be paid online only. The tender should be submitted on on-line as per date and time of submission as per prescribed scheduled.

Inspector General of Police (Admin.)
Assam, Ulubari, Guwahati

Janasanyog/C/10586/22

No. MCH/HMS/2022/271/27

NOTICE INVITING FOR E-TENDER

Sealed e-Tenders are invited from the intending Supplier/Manufacturer/Accredited Dealers for supply of equipments related to establishment of Multidisciplinary Research Unit (MRU), GMCH, Guwahati.

The e-tenders must be uploaded in two parts (i) Technical bid (ii) Financial bid separately. And also submit the hard copy of the technical bid in the drop box. No need to submit hard copy of the Financial bid in the drop box.

The Technical Bid to be submitted with affixing Court fee Stamp Rs.8.25 (Rupees eight point two five paise) only (for local bidders) or IPO of Rs. 10/- (Rupees Ten) only (in case of bidders from outside of the State of Assam) in favour of the "Principal-Cum-Chief Superintendent, Gauhati Medical College Hospital, Guwahati-781032.

Important dates of the e-Tender

Sl. No.	Scheduled	Start Date	Start Time	End Date	End Time
1.	e- Tender Publishing	22/09/2022		-	
2.	e- Tender Download	22/09/2022	4:00 PM	26/10/2022	11:00 AM
3.	Pre-Bid meeting	10/10/2022	3:00 PM	Office of the Superintendent, Gauhati Medical College Hospital, Guwahati-32	
4.	Bid Submission	15/10/2022	1:00 PM	26/10/2022	12:00 Noon
5.	Bid Opening	29/10/2022	3:00 PM		
6.	Sample verification	from 30/10/2022 to 02/11/2022 at 1:00 PM			

2. Schedule B

SI No.	Bid Security (E.M.D.) through online payment mode	Delivery/ Installation schedule	Tender fees in Rs. through online payment mode	Eligibility
1	Rs. 2,80,000/- (Two Lakhs Eighty Thousand only)	30 days	Rs.5,000/- (Five Thousand only)	Intending Supplier/Manufacturer/ Accredited Dealers

All other relevant information and the detailed Bid Documents are available on website www.assamtenders.gov.in and can be viewed from 22/09/2022. The Superintendent cum Member Secretary, GMCH reserves the right to reject all or any tender without assigning any reason and is not bound to accept the lowest rate.

Superintendent cum Member Secretary
HMS, Gauhati Medical College Hospital
Guwahati-32

Janasanyog/C/10647/22



Israeli soldiers take part in a military exercise near the town of Katzin in the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights

VP Dhankhar arrives in Guwahati to attend Lokmanthan 22



Assam Rising
Guwahati, September 22: Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar arrived in Guwahati on a day-long visit to inaugurate a cultural

event on Thursday. He is scheduled to inaugurate the folk festival "Lokmanthan-2022," which is being held at the Srimanta Sankardeva

Kalakeshtra and is being organized by the cultural organization Prajna Pravah. Governor Jagdish Mukhi and Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma will

also be present on the occasion. However, Sarma along with Prof Jagdish Mukhi welcomed VP Jagdeep Dhankhar with warm greetings. Taking to Twitter, Himanta Biswa Sarma wrote, "Honoured to welcome Adarniya Vice President @jdhankhar1 ji, along with Hon Governor Prof @jagdishmukhi ji, at LGBI Airport. Hon VP will address #Lokmanthan, an intellectual discourse to promote Indian ethos, at Srimanta Sankardev Kalakeshtra, Guwahati." "Glad to accompany Adarniya Vice-president Jagdeep Dhankhar ji along with Governor Prof @jagdishmukhi ji to

Narangi Military Station, Guwahati. The VP was warmly received at the Military Station & accorded a Guard of Honour", Sarma added in another tweet. Meanwhile, Dhankhar will spend the afternoon at the Raj Bhavan. Therefore, he is also slated to visit the Kamakhya Temple, atop the Nilachal Hills, before leaving for New Delhi, the officials added.



CM Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma is receiving VP Jagdeep Dhankhar upon his arrival at LGBI Airport on September 22.

AITUC demands 1 crore to each three dead coal mining workers

Assam Rising
Margherita, September 22: Three coal mining workers died on September 18 due to suspected inhalation of poisonous gas while working in a rat hole coal mining at Tikok Malu Hills in Ledo area under Margherita subdivision of Tinsukia District. They have been identified as Sahidul Islam, Hussain Ali and Hasmat Ali all below the age of thirty years. Ranjan Chowdhury, Secretary, AITUC demands the Govern-

ment of Assam should give Rs one crore to each victim's families apart from offering government jobs to their dependents. A high level inquiry committee should be formed with the sitting Judges of the Supreme Court without further delay. Moreover, they learned from confidential sources that illegal mining is going on under the knowledge of District Authorities and they are compelled to keep mum because the entire matter is

under the sponsorship of some ruling party leaders. The accidental death of mining workers happens from time to time but majority sections of the media don't cover it due to their vested interest. Otherwise this crucial issue isn't covered initially from the original background, first time it's viral from Jogigopa 900 KM away from accident places. Surprisingly, not a single so-called organizations raise their protest against the incident and illegal mining except AAMSU may be due to their religious sentiment. More than one thousand rat-hole coal mining is exist-

ing in the District. Pradut Bordoloi, MP, Nogaon raised the details issue of illegal mining in his parliamentary speech but now he kept mum and there is no consistency against illegal mining. Tinsukia District Authorities also have not yet taken drastic action against the original culprits. Most of the Trade Union Organizations exist in the North East Fields of Coal India are fighting against privatization of Industries but they keep mum against illegal mining. Biswaguru India should immediately stop Rat hole coal mining-a release added.

PFI leader arrested at Nagaon

Assam Rising
Nagaon, September 22: Based on a secret inputs, Nagaon police led by SP Leena Doley arrested one Mufti of a Madrasha identified as Rahmatullah Kashimiee from his Samaguri Kawoimari residence early this morning here and then brought to the headquarters, Assam Police Special Branch, Guwahati for further in-

vestigation. Sources claimed that the arrested Rahmatullah Kashimiee was allegedly working for Popular Front of India (PFI), a fundamentalists' organization for a long. Rahmatullah is the self-styled district president of the organization and is working as a Mufti in local Madrasha, sources said, adding that he was arrested earlier too by po-

lice for sharing a controversial post in social media in which he supported Pakistan, sources added further. While speaking to this correspondent this evening here, SP Leena Doley said that police had some informations regarding his involvement in ac-

tivities of PFI in the district and hence on basis of the informations Nagaon police picked up him early this morning from his Samaguri Kawoimari residence and then sent him to Special Branch, Guwahati for further investigation.

"Assam Excellence Award 2022" Conferred to Mahbubul Hoque

Assam Rising
Guwahati, September 22: Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor University of Science and Technology Meghalaya (USTM) has been honoured with the "Assam Excellence Award 2022" by the News18 media network for his outstanding contribution in the field of Education. The Award was handed over yesterday evening by Atul Bora, Agriculture Minister, Government of Assam at Guwahati amidst an august gathering. The citation reads that the award has been presented to Mahbubul Hoque for creating a world class platform in providing career opportunities and enlightening young minds of North East India. Addressing the gathering, Chief Guest Atul



Bora said that recognitions like the Assam Excellence Awards 2022 will certainly inspire many to do more for the society through their entrepreneurial and social activities. Bimal Bora, Minister of Industries, Commerce & Public Enterprise Department and Cultural Affairs, Govt. of Assam was also

present on the occasion and addressed the gathering. The Assam Excellence Award "is a platform to recognize and felicitate individuals, professionals, institutions and organizations from Assam who have excelled in their profession and thereby contributing to strengthen the foundation

of the State and the society. This was the 3rd year of the Utkrisht awards where different dynamic and influential Icons from Assam were honoured for their contribution to building a better and a stronger State. A Panel Discussion on "Honing talents and creating a skilled workforce towards a developing Assam" was also held which was participated by Ankur Jain, IPS, Mission Director, Assam Skill Development Mission; Dr. Sriparna Bhuyan Baruah, Faculty & Head, CII and IIE and Lemi Loya, General Manager, NEDFI. Sanjoy Paul welcomed the guests and felicitated them while Rajesh Sareen, Executive Vice President of Network 18 extended the vote of thanks.

Parents seeks help for minors medical treatment



Assam Rising
Bhuraigaon, September 22: Zia Khatun, 8, daughter of Zahirul Islam and Selima Khatun of ward no. 10 of Laharighat Gaon Panchayat in Morigaon district, has been suffering from nerve disease since her birth 8 months

ago. Zia Khatun is completely bedridden and cannot speak or move. Zahirul Islam works as a carpenter/Mason to support his family. His parents treated the child in Udaipur Rajasthan, Calcutta, Guwahati and Tezpur. The family said the doctors recommended surgery. But it requires about Rs.1.5 lakh, which is impossible for them. Therefore, the parents of Zia Khatun have appealed to the Chief Minister and the Health Minister for help for their daughter's treatment. They have also reached out to the public for help. Please send your phonepay to 8453871113 for financial assistance. Or you can join directly by calling the number mentioned. Remember, some of your help may give new life to Zia Khatun's life.

Allegations against Vedanta oil mining Companies

Assam Rising
Margherita, September 22: A serious allegation of deprivation of workers and employees against an oil mining company called Vedanta. Vedanta, an oil mining company, had been preparing for oil exploration and mining at Inthem in Pengeri under Margherita sub-division for the past six months. But there has been a serious allegation



that the foreign privately owned oil company has been depriving the working

workers of all kinds of legal facilities, including salaries, in the last six

months. This serious allegation has been made by the labour workers working in the oil company. Since Last Wednesday, the workers and employees stopped supplementing the operations of the company for allegedly cheating the working staff. The workers and employees are clear that they will not allow the operations of the oil company to run until they are deprived of their dues

17 martyrs of Quit India movement commemorated in Lakhimpur

Assam Rising
North Lakhimpur, September 22: Mangalbodh Jagaran Kendra, a social institution of Lakhimpur, commemorated 17 martyrs named Monbar Nath, Kumali Devi, Khahuli Nath, Chot Nath, Tileswari Baruah, Ratan Kachari, Moniram Boro, Mangal Kurni, Dayal Das Panika, Mihiram Koch, Sarunath Chutia, Lerela Kachari, Kark Gour, Kanaklata Baruah, Mukunda Kakati and five more martyrs, who made supreme sacrifice for the nation on September 20 in 1942 during the Quit India Movement. On this occasion, the

institution organized a special Shradhanjali programme on Tuesday evening at the public place of North Lakhimpur town near the old taxi stand. The programme started with lighting of 100 earthen lamps by 100 prominent persons of Lakhimpur. It was followed by a felicitation event, wherein 104-year old freedom fighter Snehelata Mazumder was given warm felicitation by Mangalbodh Jagaran Kendra. The Shradhanjali programme was chaired by poet-cum-prominent social activist Uday Sankar Hazarika under the management of convener Sanjib Upadhyay. In the same

programme, a book named "Swahid Monbar Nath Aru Raktakta Biyallish" was released by Arabinda Nath, the general secretary of All Assam Nath Yogi Students' Union. Moreover, the video of a poem "Ranga Biyallishor Bish September", composed by Prasanta Kumar Nath by paying tribute to the martyrs, recited by Saptarishi Mohan, was also ceremonially released in the programme by Niran Kumar Borah, the former assistant secretary of Axiom Xahitya Xabha-cum-retired Principal of ADK Higher Secondary School. It was followed by a cultural programme with the recita-



tion of patriotic poems and singing of patriotic songs by several poets and vocal artists of the district. While speaking on the occasion, Jiten Baruah, the director of the Mangalbodh Jagaran Kendra, said that the Shradhanjali programme was

organized coinciding with the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav in order to disseminate the perennial message of the patriotic ideology of the less known martyrs in the present-day society and the upcoming generations.

Golaghat Book Fair and Literature Festival

Assam Rising
Golaghat, September 22: Under the aegis of Vox Populi, a leading organization from Golaghat and in association with District Administration and several other organizations Golaghat Book Fair and Literature Festival is going to be organized from November 18 to November 27 at Samannay Pathar in Golaghat. With a view to promote book reading

among the new generation and to provide a platform for the upcoming writers, poets, publishers Vox Populi has been organizing Golaghat Book Fair and Literature Festival since a decade. Different well known publishing companies have been participating in this Book Fair and people of Golaghat as well as other parts of the state can easily get popular books here. This year also the organizers expect to get a huge response from the book publishers, writers as well as readers like the previous years. The organizers have appealed to all the people to visit the same.

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Warning of possible retaliation

The Russian president Vladimir Putin's speech, announcing partial mobilisation and warning of possible retaliation for western actions against Russia, will renew fears of reckless nuclear blackmail. But overall, it should be seen as more reassuring than troubling. The good news here is that Putin's announcement of emergency measures shows he recognises Russia is losing in its war of imperial expansion. The less good news is that if he believes even a tiny fraction of the lies and fantasies he reeled off during the speech, his grip on reality is even shakier than we previously suspected. Russia says it plans to mobilise an additional 300,000 soldiers. That raises the question of whether Putin is fully aware that his army is already unable to train and equip the much smaller numbers of reinforcements it has received to date. Coming as Russia's parliament passes laws for severe prison sentences for those evading military service, the new measures seem likely to set up a comical game of musical chairs: thrown into prison for not going to war, Russian prisoners can then be recruited to go and fight with the promise of their sentence being annulled. In fact, few of Putin's contradictory storylines stand up to even a moment's critical thought: we are winning in Ukraine - but the forces of the west aligned against us are so powerful that now we need to dig deeper to stay in the fight; our proxy regimes in Ukraine need to hold referendums to join us - but we already know they all want to join; we're protecting the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Russia itself - but to do this requires incorporating part of another country; our war aim has always simply been to "liberate" Donbas - but to do that we've also taken so much of Ukraine that we have a 1,000km frontline. For long-term Russia watchers, the most striking aspect of Putin's speech was how little his claims about Ukraine and the world had moved on since his last major speech at the launch of his invasion in February. The central myth that the west wants to destroy Russia has now been embellished with the notion that the country has been threatened with western weapons of mass destruction. But otherwise, it was as though the collision with reality Russia's military has experienced over the past six months had had no impact at all on Putin's outlook.

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Ukraine-Russia shows us the future of war with high-end ATGMs, drones. India has to step up

Ukraine's Kharkiv counter-offensive, which began on 5 September and resulted in the recapture of 6,000 square kilometres of its territory, has led to speculation of an eventual Russian defeat. Considering Russia's immense reserves and unused combat potential, it is unlikely to suffer a decisive military defeat but has certainly been stale-mated-which is nothing short of a political defeat for a superior power. If Ukraine succeeds in recapturing Kherson, the mounting men and material losses may force Russia to negotiate a face-saving victory restricted to the Donbas region and Crimea. There have been many instances where bigger powers have been worn down and politically defeated by prolonged guerrilla wars-Vietnam and Afghanistan being notable examples. Ukraine would be a unique example in military history because history wherein a smaller nation has defeated a much superior military power in a conventional war. Apart from the constants of national will, strategy, leadership, motivation and superior training, it is the exploitation of high-end military technology that has made the difference in favour of Ukraine. Pitched battles and close combat, except in built-up areas, have been conspicuous by their absence. The effectiveness of tanks, aircraft, attack helicopters, and artillery as major battle-winning factors has been neutralised to a great extent. The outcome of battles is now decided by Precision-Guided Munitions (PGMs), delivered by aircraft, helicopters, drones and ground-based weapon systems backed by an effective cyber and electronic warfare proof Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance, Target Acquisition and Reconnaissance (C4ISTAR) system. Military technology is still dominated by human-assisted artificial intelligence-enabled weapon systems. Full spectrum autonomous artificial intelligence weapon systems may still be two decades away. In the Ukraine war, third to fifth-generation anti-tank guided missiles (ATGMs), drones, and man-portable air defence weapon systems (MANPADs) have made a major difference. I analyse the current capabilities of the Indian Armed Forces with re-



spect to these Lt Gen H S Panag (retd) multinational

weapon systems. The tank has dominated the battlefield for over 100 years. Its technology has kept pace with second-generation Semi-Automatic Command to Line of Sight (SACLOS) guided anti-tank weapons through composite/explosive reactive armour, electronic/kinetic countermeasures and by targeting the exposed operators who have to continuously track the target. In the Ukraine war, the balance has tilted in favour of the third to fifth-generation interference-proof 'fire and forget' top attack anti-tank missiles like the Javelin and New Generation Light Anti-Tank Weapon (NLAW). Over 1,000 Russian tanks have been destroyed. These missiles can defeat electronic and kinetic countermeasures, attack the vulnerable top of the tank and do not require continuous guidance or tracking by an exposed operator. The Indian Army has a large inventory of approximately 6,000 second-generation anti-tank missile launchers. The infantry is equipped with Milan T2, Fagot Launcher Adapted for Milan Equipment (FLAME), Konkurs and Kornet missiles. Each BMP is equipped with a Konkurs missile launcher. T90 tanks are equipped with 9M119M missiles fired through the main gun. Barring the Apache, all attack helicopters such as the Mi 25/35 and Rudra- are equipped with second-generation missiles. All these missiles have a theoretical kill probability of 90 per cent on static targets. However, since these require continuous tracking exposing the operator and are only capable of direct horizontal attack, which is defeated by the tank's protection system, their effectiveness under battle conditions is only 25-30 per cent. The odds favour the tank. A limited number of third and fifth-generation fire

and forget and top attack Israeli Spike ATGM launchers have been imported. Also, a limited number of Nag Missile Carriers or NAMICA - (modified BMP2) based Nag indigenous ATGMs have been inducted into the Reconnaissance and Support Battalions. The numbers of these state-of-the-art systems are yet insignificant to make a difference. The Indian Army is now committed to "fight future wars with indigenous solutions" based on the policy of 'Atmanirbharta', or self-reliance in defence. Many third to fifth-generation ATGMs under the Nag umbrella project are under development by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). Prospina is the base variant land-attack fire-and-forget ATGM with 'top attack capabilities and a range of about four kilometres. It can also be mounted on the NAMICA. Twelve NAMICAs have already been inducted. Helina/Dhruvastra is the helicopter launched version with a range of 7-10 km. 7-10 km. The Man Portable Anti-Tank Missile (MPATGM) for Infantry and Special Forces is undergoing field trials. The Standoff ATGM (SANT) is an upgraded version of HELINA with a range of 20 km to be used by indigenous drones. The Semi-Active Mission Homing (SAMHO) ATGM is tube-launched and will also be adapted for launch from tank guns. Indian manufacturing giant Larsen & Toubro has launched a joint venture with European

oper MBDA to create a fifth-generation ATGM. In my view, it would take another three to five years before the indigenous third to fifth-generation ATGMs are inducted in significant numbers to make a difference. Until then, the Indian Army will have to rely upon second-generation ATGMs with effectiveness of only 25-30 per cent as compared to the third to fifth-generation ATGMs that made the difference in Ukraine. Apart from surveillance and reconnaissance drones, Ukraine has effectively used a variety of armed drones and loiter ammunition to destroy tanks, Infantry combat vehicles, artillery and other weapon systems. Turkey's Bayraktar TB2 drones proved to be very effective. The limiting factor of this class of drones is the very high cost of manufacture/import. Loiter ammunition or Kamikaze drones, is the cheaper alternative. The US has supplied 700 Switchblade, 700 Phoenix Ghost and other such drones to Ukraine. The cost of a Switchblade is \$10,000, which is one-eighth the cost of a Javelin ATGM, priced at \$78,000 and a fraction of the cost of a US Reaper drone, which costs \$32 million. Even the Bayraktar TB2 costs \$5 million. Ukraine has also fielded 6,000 cheap, commercial off-the-shelf drones like the DJI Mavic 3. India has been using Israeli Searcher 1 and 2 drones primarily for Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) purposes since 2000. These were followed by the Heron-a sophisticated long-range, long-endurance and high-altitude unarmed drone. Ninety Herons are currently in service with the Indian Armed

Forces. The Indian Air Force (IAF) has also imported a limited number of Harop Kamikaze drones from Israel, primarily for suppression of enemy air-defence systems. So far, India does not have the classic strategic armed drone in its arsenal, though we have initiated a project to modify part of the existing fleet of Heron Unarmed Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) into armed UAVs. There are conflicting reports about the progress of the mega \$3 billion deal to buy 30 MQ 9B Predator Sky/Sea Guardian armed drones from the US. While there is a need for long-endurance sophisticated drones like the Predator for strategic tasks, the best bet for the Indian Army is to induct the much cheaper Kamikaze Drones or loiter ammunition in large numbers for anti-tank/equipment/personnel missions. The Indian private sector, with its software expertise, is well geared to fulfil this requirement and has been given firm orders by the Ministry of Defence to get to work. While there is a lot of sensational and speculative reporting, so far no military-grade drones have been fielded. For the last two decades, the DRDO has had various categories of UAVs under development. However, none have reached the field trial stage. MANPADs have literally sent the Russian Air Force out of the skies. These shoulder-fired, man-portable missiles have been most effective against aircraft and helicopters. Sophisticated air defence systems like the S 300/400 and Patriot/THAAD are extremely expensive and prime targets for cruise missiles. Relatively inexpensive MANPADs are difficult to detect before launch and can swarm the battlefield covering all vulnerable areas. Fourteen hundred Stinger missiles supplied by the US were the mainstay of Ukrainian air defence. The Indian Army is equipped with state-of-the-art Russian Igla missiles and a limited number of Stinger missiles for Apache attack helicopters. However, the numbers of MANPADs are too small to make a significant difference as has happened in the Ukraine war. It is evident that there are serious voids of third-fifth generation ATGMs, armed drones and MANPADs in the Indian Armed Forces. There is an urgent need to indigenously develop or procure these systems. For the next decade, these weapon systems will remain a battle-winning factor as has been proven in the Ukraine War.

Our country yearns for unity - but Truss's government is mercilessly dividing it into rich and poor

Having been promised an energy price freeze, millions of hard-pressed families will be shocked and fearful when, on 1 October, they are hit with a 25% rise in their fuel bills. After a summer of doing nothing the government looked as if it had done a lot, but it has not done anywhere near enough. In 10 days', the cap on energy bills will rise to an unprecedented £2,500 a year. This is an average increase of £10 a week, on top of April's rise of £14 a week. Fuel costs will, according to Jonathan Bradshaw and Antonia Keung at York University, consume an unprecedented 20% of the income of 4.1 million families in October. By May, that figure could rise to 7.4 million. For 2.2 million families, energy bills will take up an unpayable 30% of their income, and this could rise to 3.8 million families by May. Never has fuel poverty hit



so many people so hard, and unless new help is announced for low-income families on Friday, Liz Truss's £150bn energy package will remain so poorly targeted that it will not prevent 5 million children falling into poverty this winter, and an ever larger proportion of our nation from turning up at one of the country's 3,000 food banks. When in June, the then chancellor, Rishi Sunak, was widely applauded for appearing to solve the heating costs crisis, I wrote that it would not be enough to prevent hardship. Then the cap on average

heating bills was £1,971, having risen from £1,200. The Sunak package gave households on universal credit £24 extra a week (£1,200 a year, if you received a council tax rebate). Still, that same family is already £20 a week worse off as a result of the £1,000 a year cut last October, and £25 a week down because benefits rose by only 3.1% when inflation hit 10%. When the hefty October gas and electricity increase is added to their bills, they are, according to updated figures on earlier calculations by Donald Hirsch at Loughborough University, £28 a week, or £1,450 a year, worse off. Families with more than two children are even worse off, as are disabled people, despite the £150 they are due to receive from this week. This is because the flat-rate payment of £13 a week (£650 a year) to those on ben-

efits takes no account of family size or special needs, and offers only £2.60 a week per person when spread across a couple and their three children, hardly enough to cover the extra and rising costs of food, fuel, travel, telecoms, clothing, laundry and toiletries. That is why Keir Starmer and Rachel Reeves have not only proposed a price cap at the lower level of £1,971, but re-

Gordon Brown

duced prepayment meter charges and a more generous warm homes discount scheme. Sadly, the government seems so intent on short-changing low-income families that not even a generous April 2023 rise in benefits will undo the damage now being done. And what of the low paid who get just £550 in government help, despite facing this year's £1,300 rise in fuel bills and escalating food and other prices? A wage rise of 5% will still leave

millions facing their biggest cut in living standards for 50 years. For the first time since the welfare state was created, it is the food bank, not social security, that is now our safety net, and charity, not universal credit, that is our last line of defence. Yet, just as need rises, our country's voluntary sector finds itself as beleaguered as the people it is helping. Compassion is not running out but cash is. Donors who have a little and generously give to those who have nothing will soon be unable to give at all. Gifts left on supermarket trolleys are declining. Many charities, like a local welfare fund I know, are flat broke. Even churches, which have selflessly offered their heated halls to help elderly people stay warm, fear they will now struggle to pay their own fuel bills. When this

autumn's flood of need turns into a winter tsunami of hardship, we are likely to see charities have to stop feeding the hungry, so they can help the starving, cut back on support to the poorly housed so they can focus on the fast-rising numbers of homeless, and give up on helping the down-at-heel because their priority has to be the destitute. The scale of the crisis is already so severe that one charity, the Human Relief Foundation, which has spent 30 years focused entirely on foreign aid to the world's poorest countries, has opened its own food bank in Birmingham. It is because the official safety net is so shredded and charities are now so stretched that churches and faith groups, anti-poverty campaigners and mayors and councillors are joining together to force the Truss government to wake up to the scale of the poverty cri-

sis ahead. Public opinion about poverty has been shifting. An overwhelming majority of the British public - 73%, according to Ipsos - considers poverty and social inequality alongside inflation as the top issues now worrying them and causing sleepless nights. With, for the first time in years, poverty not just engulfing low-income families but spreading to middle-income families too, there is a growing sense that poverty is all the more unacceptable because it arises not because we are a poor country but because we are a rich yet highly unequal country. With Friday's announcement to reverse the national insurance rise, which gives £1,800 to the richest and only £7.66 a year to the poor, the gap between those with and those without will continue to widen, with none of the "trickle down" effect from rich to poor that neoliberal ideologues promise.

Bollywood actors dressed up as women in movies



Mumbai, September 22 : Bollywood actors like Salman Khan, Saif Ali Khan, Ayushmann Khurrana & others are known to give stellar performances. These actors are blessed with well-built bodies and charming personalities but do you know they have waxed their legs, wore wigs and dressed up like women to win their fans' hearts? From Salman Khan, Saif Ali Khan to Ayushmann Khurrana, Bollywood actors played versatile roles including dressing up as women in their films to win over fans. Salman Khan is one of the most handsome actors in Bollywood. His smile, charm, aura and overall personality make everyone fall for him. The actor who is very masculine with a well-built body has also dressed

up as a woman in a film. He looked beautiful in a white dress which revealed his biceps and toned muscles and wore a wig in his film 'Jaane-E-Mann'. Phantom actor Saif Ali Khan has been flexing his muscles in all his recent movies like 'Bunty Aur Babli 2', 'Jawaani Jaaneman' and 'Tanhaaji: The Unsung Warrior'. The handsome actor also dressed up cutely like a waitress in Sajid Khan's film 'Humshakal'. Ayushmann Khurrana's scasanova image and brilliant acting abilities made him the colossal star. Ayushmann's performance in 'Dream Girl' was commendable. In the film, his character's name was Pooja who used to work in a call center and seduce men and women with her melodious voice. The actor looked amazing in a saree,

right? Bollywood actor Ritesh Deshmukh has also dressed up as a girl quite a few times. The actor was seen playing a double role in his 2006 film 'Apna Sapna Money Money'. Later, in Sajid Khan's 2014 film 'Humshakal', Ritesh dressed up as a female. He was seen dressed up in his wife Genelia D'Souza's dress. Govinda is one of the most versatile actors in the Bollywood industry. The actor has played unique roles throughout his career. Among all the roles, his female character in 'Auntie No. 1' grabbed the most eyeballs and made the audience laugh with his antics.

KBC 14: Amitabh Bachchan opens up on spending time with granddaughter Aaradhya

Mumbai, September 22 : Amitabh Bachchan is currently seen hosting quiz based reality show 'Kaun Banega Crorepati' season 14. Bollywood's superstar had a very busy year when it comes to his professional commitments. Apart from the television show, he also has and impressive lineup of films to look forward to. In the latest episode, he was questioned by a 20-year old contestant and content writer Vaishnavi Kumari on how he gets time to spend with his granddaughter Aaradhya Bachchan. He replied: "I cannot spend much time with her. I go out for work at 7-7:30 a.m. and she goes to school at 8-8:30 a.m. She comes back home at 3 or 4 p.m. and then she has homework, among other things to do as told to her by her mother. And I return home at around 10-11 p.m. and by that time she is off to sleep. So, I hardly have time to meet her." During a conversation with Dehradun-based Vaishnavi,

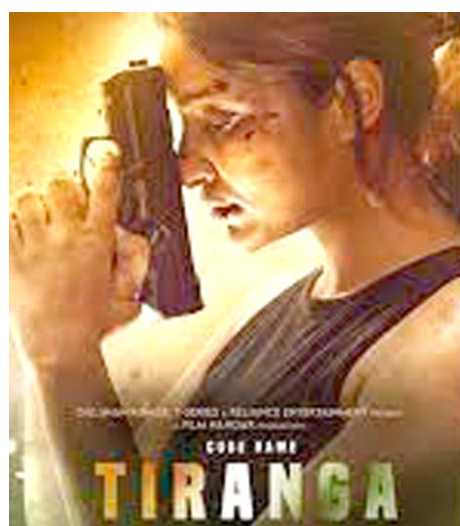


he talked in detail about his bond with his granddaughter. He made sure to take out time for her on Sunday and he mentioned that: "When she is free on Sunday, I play with her for some time." And he also added that when she gets angry, he gives her chocolate and hair bands. She loves pink colour and so he gives her pink hairbands. The contestant also added to the conversation and told the host that she is planning to prepare for IAS and with her winning amount support her family. Vaishnavi Kumari will be taking the hotseat on 'Kaun Banega Crorepati 14'. The quiz-based reality show airs on Sony Entertainment Television.

On the film's front, Amitabh Bachchan could be currently seen in Karan Johar's sci-fi action thriller film 'Brahmastra: Part 1- Shiva' alongside Ranbir Kapoor, Alia Bhatt and south actor Nagarjuna, which is getting positive responses from the audience. Apart from that, he will be next seen in director Sooraj Barjatya's next family entertainer film 'Uunchai' along with Anupam Kher, Parineeti Chopra and Boman Irani, which is all set to hit the theatres on November 11, 2022, and in 'Good Bye' alongside Rashmika Mandanna, which is slated to release on October 7, 2022.

Parineeti & Harrrdy's fearless mission Code Name: Tiranga

Mumbai, September 22 : The teaser of 'Code Name: Tiranga' is finally out and we can't take our eyes off from Parineeti Chopra as she is all ready to set the big screens on fire with her impeccable performance. The teaser is an espionage action thriller, it is a story of a spy on an unfaltering and fearless mission for her nation in a race against time where sacrifice is her only choice. Directed by Ribhu Dasgupta, the film marks the filmmaker's return to the espionage genre who earlier had directed the Netflix spy series, 'Bard of Blood'. The beautiful actress took to his Instagram handle to share the teaser. The post read, "Honoured to be a part of this mission for my country. Excited to be collaborating with two of my favs! @harrrdy sandhu and @ribhu_dasgupta! Let the ACTION BEGIN!". In the teaser, we can see Parineeti in an all-out action role, this



will be the first time the actress will step into this genre. Previously, the actress said, "I am back again to present myself in a whole new avatar that no one has seen me do before! It is my attempt to keep doing disruptive content as I have been and to push my limits to bring something new to the table for the audiences". Further, she revealed, "The bruises and me holding the



starring Amitabh Bachchan.

Shweta Tiwari breaks silence on mother's guilt syndrome



very less time to Palak, but I sometimes feel relieved that I was able to spend some quality time with her." The actress also revealed that people call her house 'SitakGhar' as every woman from her mother, daughter and maids have been through a difficult phase in their life. "Not many people know this but my real house is known as 'Sitakaghar' by people who live close by or our neighbours. They call it 'Sitakaghar' because we only have a majority of women in our house. My mother, my daughter, my maids and

each one of us have faced some kind of disturbance in our life. Whether it is related to husband, family, daughters, there's something going on and our house is full of ladies. I have my father who's very old and my son," she said. For the unversed, Shweta Tiwari got married to Raja Chaudhary in 1999. Palak was born a year later. They were separated in 2007. The actress later married Abhinav Kohli in 2013 but that marriage also ended in 2019 on a bitter note. She has a six-year-

old son with Abhinav. On the work front, Shweta Tiwari will be seen in a show titled 'Main Hoon Aparajita' opposite Manav Gohil. She is excited to reunite with Manav after so many years. She told IANS, "I still remember, we were very young when we both started our journey on television. Now, after 15 years, we are coming back together for 'Main Hoon Aparajita'. He is an amazing professional, and I am sure we will have a gala time shooting with each other."

Raju Srivastava cremated in Delhi



Delhi, September 22 : Raju Srivastava has been cremated in Delhi. His last rites took place at Kashmere Gate's Nigambodh Ghat in New Delhi. After his battle in the ICU for over 40 days at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), the popular comedian passed away on Wednesday (September 21). Raju Srivastava suffered a heart attack on August 10 while working out at a hotel. He was 58. He was rushed to AIIMS and underwent angioplasty. Since then, he was on a ventilator and never gained consciousness.

Earlier today, an ambulance decked up with white flowers left for the Nigambodh Ghat crematorium at Kashmere Gate around 9 am for the funeral, which also had veteran poet-humorists Surendra Sharma and Ashok Chakradhar in attendance. Srivastava's son Ayushmaan performed the last rites as per Hindu rituals around 11 am, the comedian's younger brother Dipoo told PTL. "We left from the house in Dwarka at about 9 am for the funeral. Our family members from Kanpur and Lucknow are here," he added. Industry colleagues Sunil Pal and Ahsaan Qureshi, director Madhur Bhandarkar and singer Ram Shankar along with hundreds of fans also reached the venue to pay last respects to the comedian. "It was heartwarming to see so many of his

fans and colleagues come here to pay tribute to Rajubhai," said Dipoo. The family has yet to decide the venue for the prayer meeting, he further said. Born in 1963 in Kanpur to Ramesh Srivastava, a government employee and a humour poet, and homemaker mother Saraswati, Srivastava was first noticed for his resemblance to megastar Amitabh Bachchan and later became popular for his observational stand-up sketches in and around his hometown. The comic, whose career spanned almost four decades, played nameless bit parts in hit Hindi films such as "Maine Pyaar Kiya" and "Baazigar" before gaining nationwide fame as a participant in the 2005 reality comedy competition show "The Great Indian Laughter Challenge". Srivastava is also survived by wife Shikha and daughter Antara.



Chup Twitter Review and Reactions

Mumbai: Dulquer Salmaan and Sunny Deol star in R Balki directorial 'Chup: Revenge of The Artist' has been holding fan screenings in 10 cities across India and early reviews of the film have been out. Many have been showering it with lavish praises and the first response to it has been extremely positive. Many are saying that the thriller genre has found a new worthy en-

trant from Bollywood. It will be interesting to see how the R Balki directorial fares at the ticket window upon release on September 23. Until then, let's find out how the first reviews of the movie have turned out to be. 'Chup: Revenge of The Artist' tells the story of a disgruntled artist, who turns into a serial killer after his work is singularly panned by the critics. The artist in the film goes on a killing spree as he murders

the critics and as a signature, leaves a 'star' mark on their bodies resembling the numbers of stars that critics often give to films or shows. The movie's trailer received immense praise from the fans and now it is all set to hit the big screens. Chup's first reviews have been extremely positive. R Balki's direction and writing have won unanimous praise. Some social media users said that Chup is

Dulquer Salmaan's best performance so far. Lavishing praise on Chup, one social media user said, "It's a brilliant film! This film is an Edge of the Seat Gripping Crime Thriller! Dulquer you are just fabulous as always! You nailed it! I love you Dulquer! I highly recommend this movie (sic)." Another one added, "Mind-blowing thriller film.

Madhuri's movie Maja Ma trailer out



Mumbai, September 22 : The trailer of its highly anticipated, 'Maja Ma' was unveiled today. The movie presents the original queen of Bollywood- Madhuri Dixit, in a complex and fearless avatar. Along with her, the family entertainer boasts of a stellar cast of veterans as well as fresh faces of the industry including Gajraj Rao, Ritwik Bhownmik, Barkha Singh, Srishti Shrivastava, Rajit Kapur, Simone Singh, Sheeba Chaddha, Malhar Thakkar and Ninad Kamat, who bring this warm, light-hearted yet thought-provoking drama to life. A true-blue Bollywood entertainer, 'Maja Ma' is set against the celebratory back-

drop of a traditional festival and a lively, colourful wedding, with a story that will tug at your heartstrings. The just launched trailer gives us a glimpse into the life of Pallavi (essayed by Madhuri Dixit) - a delightful woman who is the backbone of her middle-class family and the society she lives in, around whom the movie revolves. As a series of events unfold, a life that she has built with so much love starts to

fall apart, putting her son's upcoming engagement in jeopardy. The conflict tests existing relationships for resilience, understanding and beliefs. What is this unprecedented situation? How will Pallavi and her family deal with the turmoil? Will this bring the families closer or will the new relationships crumble? Watch this complete entertainer, that packs punches and twists, to know more. Produced by Leo Media Collective and Amritpal Singh Bindra, directed by Anand Tiwari and written by Sumit Batheja, 'Maja Ma' will premiere on Prime Video on 6 October.

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‘Prefer to die in free democracy

Minister Manmohan Singh, I will live another 15-20 years, there is no question. At the time when I die, I prefer dying in India. India is surrounded by people who show love, not artificial something. If I die surrounded by Chinese officials...too much artificial. I prefer dying in this country with free democracy," Dalai Lama said."At the time of death...one must be surrounded by trusted friends who really show you genuine feelings," he added in a video posted on Facebook. Dalai Lama, who is revered across the world for his enlightened spiritual teachings and also sagacious political views is generally viewed with suspicion by Chinese authorities. The Chinese authorities often regard him as a controversial and separatist figure. In the 1950s, when China illegally occupied Tibet, the Tibetan Spiritual leader had to take shelter in India. The Dalai Lama tried to advocate for a mid-way negotiation with China to peacefully resolve the issue of Tibet. The Indian government's position on Dalai Lama has been clear and consistent. He is a revered religious leader and is deeply respected by the people of India. He is accorded all freedom to carry out his religious activities in India. Dalai Lama last month visited New Delhi after a gap of over three years. He visited the national capital after a month-long sojourn in Ladakh. Dalai Lama is an icon who advocates democracy and freedom not only for his country but also for the world. Dalai Lama relinquished his role as the spiritual leader of more than 7 million Tibetan Buddhists because of the Chinese aggression and has lived in exile for decades.

Anti-Terror Raids: PFI's Northeast

creating violence at several places in Assam in which four people lost their lives due to police firing. Assam chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma had earlier informed that the state government has asked the Centre to impose an immediate and complete ban on PFI for its direct involvement in "subversive activities and radicalisation". In the recent Batadraba Police station arsenal incident, Sarma had indicated that the violence was orchestrated by PFI, alleging their hand in communal violence in Assam, and called for their ban, including its student wing, the Campus Front of India. "I have asked the Union home minister (Amit Shah) to ban the outfit. However, banning an organisation needs several legal measures. I hope the Centre gives this request due consideration," Sarma had said then.

India a civilisation democracy : CM

and secularists on "Indian civilisation". "For the challenges to our civilisation, we need to make them (Left and seculars) understand that India is not a geographical entity born in 1947. I say this always that India is not a constitutional democracy. It is a civilisation democracy," Sarma said. India adopted its Constitution in 1950 and electoral democracy came into being in 1951. Some historians claim that democracy existed in India in ancient times. Sarma, however, did not elaborate what he meant by civilisation democracy. "There is a need to give a big, collective response to the attacks on our civilisation by the Left and secularists. There is a need to teach them through our intellectualism and debate that India is not a union of states, but our living mother land," Sarma said.

Vice President inaugurates

awareness on the rich culture, traditions, life-style of the people of Northeast and the country. This will also lead to a celebration of the great cultural legacy of Bharatbhoomi". He said, "Bharatvarsha is not just a nation state that came into being in the 19th century, but a living entity. India nurtures one of the oldest civilizations of the world. The sense of Indian identity is not a 19th century phenomenon when India began to imagine itself as a nation state. The sense of India is a civilizational continuity of the past several millennia. It is true that the European colonial powers could not succeed in destroying the ancient beliefs and traditions of the indigenous population of India. It was because of the inherent power of sanatana civilization that remained unbeatable in the face of European powers". The Chief Minister said, "A major characteristic of Indian civilization is that it does not consider the country only as an inert political entity. For us, our nation is akin to our Mother, a vibrant goddess whose every geographical appearance – the landscape-rivers-hills and mountains finds a place in the verses and hymns of the Indian scriptures". Dr. Sarma also said that the North East had deeply enriched the great ancient Indian civilization. Eminent 15th century Vaishnavite saint Mahapurush Srimanta Sankardev was the first to associate Bharatvarsha with Assam and referred to it as its motherland. Referring to eminent litterateur Birinchi Kumar Baruah, Dr. Sarma said that the litterateur commented that the conception of India as our mother country was conceived by Sankardeva five centuries ago who wanted the people to feel proud of being born in his holy country of Bharatvarsha, as India provides an immense opportunity for development of men's moral and spiritual potentialities, Dr. Sarma added. The Chief Minister said that based on the strength derived from the ancient ethos of India, Prime Minister Narendra Modi spearheaded a movement for panmirmmaan of Bharatvarsha. This movement is for the resurgence of our country's 5000 year old culture and civilization. This movement is for attainment of rights and dignity for the underprivileged, fulfillment of dreams of crores of Indians. This movement is also for the establishment of a powerful image of India in the global landscape and emergence of the country as the Biswaguru. In this backdrop, Dr. Sarma also said that the cultural heritage of Northeast India continues to enrich the great Indian civilization since ancient times. Northeast India is blessed with nature's bounty in abundance. The mystic nature, the legends, the wildlife, varied flora and fauna make it one of the most diverse regions in the world. This region is home to numerous ethnic groups having distinct culture, languages, traditions, heritage, food habits and life-style. This makes the region incredibly vibrant and colourful. Though the people in the region practice different customs, traditions and beliefs, one thing that binds the people together is their common identity as Indian. Speaking on the folk culture of Assam, Dr. Sarma said that today there has been a renewed consciousness among the Assamese people about its folk heritage. Due to the foresight and dedicated efforts of pioneers like Suryya Kumar Bhuyan, Birinchi Kumar Baruah, Hem Chandra Baruah etc, study of folk culture as an academic discipline has taken root in the state. He said that looking at the importance of ancient wisdom of the indigenous tribal faith and culture of the state, the State government has created a department to work for the promotion of faith and culture of anthropologically indigenous and tribal communities. The Chief Minister said that with its vibrant and rich culture, Assam will definitely contribute to the grand success of Lokmanthan 2022. He also expressed his gratitude to the organisers for selecting Assam as host for the intellectual discourse. Dr. Sarma also thanked Vice President Jagdeep Dhankar for releasing his book 'In Pursuit of A Dream'. The Vice President, Governor Prof. Jagdish Mukhi, National convenor Prajna Pravah J. Nanda Kumar, Working President Lokmanthan 2022 Dr. Gargi Saikia Mahanta also spoke on the occasion.

Assam Man Gets Life Sentence

the severest terms," said the order of the Special Judge (POCSO). "Accordingly, convict Atul Biswas is sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for life and a fine of ? 1 lakh, in default another rigorous imprisonment for one year under Section 6 of the POCSO Act," the order of the Special Judge (POCSO) further said. Uttam Kumar Sarkar, the Special Public prosecutor said that the case was first registered at Tamarhat police station and later it was registered in the Special Judge (POCSO) court, under section 376-AB of Indian Penal Code (IPC) and Section 6 of the POCSO Act. "Atul Biswas had raped an 11-year-old minor girl on August 31, 2021, and the accused person is an uncle of the victim girl. When the victim girl cried then the accused person gave her ? 100 and a chips packet. Later she described the incident to her mother. The victim girl's mother lodged an FIR at Tamarhat police station against Atul Biswas and a case was registered," Uttam Kumar Sarkar said. Uttam Kumar Sarkar also said that the Special Judge (POCSO) has awarded life imprisonment to Atul Biswas and a fine of ? 1 lakh, in default another rigorous imprisonment for one year.

Non-communicable diseases claim 1 life in

necessitate long-term treatment and care. These conditions include cancer, Epilepsy, cardiovascular disease, Osteoarthritis, diabetes and many more. Many of these diseases are curable or preventable by reducing common risk factors such as harmful alcohol consumption, tobacco use, physical inactivity, and eating unhealthy diets. Many other serious conditions, such as injuries and mental illnesses, are also classified as NCDs. Noncommunicable diseases like cardiovascular disease, diabetes, chronic lung disease, and cancer are among the world's top silent killers, but they can often be avoided by investing in proven, cost-effective interventions. According to the WHO report, the causes of rising NCDs are social, environmental, commercial, and genetic. However, cancer kills one in every six people, or 9.3 million families, each year. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, who is the Director-General of WHO, urged global leaders to take immediate action against noncommunicable diseases (NCDs), which cause 17 million premature deaths each year. "This report is a reminder of the true scale of the threat posed by NCDs and their risk factors," said Dr Tedros. "There are cost-effective and globally applicable NCD interventions that every country, no matter its income level, can and should be using and benefitting from – saving lives and saving money. I thank President Afuko-Addo, Prime Minister Store and Michael Bloomberg for their leadership and vision in addressing this major global health issue." To expedite action, Dr Tedros renewed Michael R. Bloomberg's two-year appointment as WHO Global Ambassador for Noncommunicable Diseases and Injuries. The general public is unaware of the links between NCDs and their risk factors, such as tobacco and alcohol use, unhealthy diets, and a lack of physical activity. Nonetheless, the majority of people surveyed across all countries support a wide range of proven interventions and policies that can reduce NCD deaths, such as incorporating more green spaces into urban health design and raising tobacco taxes. Global efforts are urgently needed to reduce NCD-related premature deaths. Together mankind can triumph.

Mohan Bhagwat is 'rashtra pita'

in Delhi, where the office of the All India Imam Organisation is located. After the meeting, Ilyasi informed that the RSS chief visited the Madarsa Tajweedul Quran at his invitation and interacted with children there. "With this visit of Bhagwat, a message should go that we all want to work towards strengthening India. For all of us, the nation comes first. Our DNA is the same, it is just that our religion and methods of worshipping god are different," Ilyasi said. Bhagwat was accompanied by senior Sangh functionaries -- joint general secretary Krishna Gopal, Ram Lal and Indresh Kumar. While Lal was earlier organisational secretary of the BJP, Kumar is patron of the Muslim Rashtriya Manch. Sharing more details of the meeting, Suhaib Ilyasi, brother of Ahmed Ilyasi, said, "It was great that Bhagwatji came on our invitation on the death anniversary of our father. It also sends out a good message to the country." The All India Imam Organisation is the representative voice of the community of Indian Imams and claims to be the largest imam organisation in the world. It was formed to undertake at all levels the socio-economic issues which directly influence the earnings of Imams, their status in society, and the expectations that the community and state have from them. Over the last few weeks, Mohan Bhagwat has been holding discussions with Muslim intellectuals for strengthening communal harmony. He had recently met Delhi's former Lieutenant Governor Najeeb Jung, former chief election commissioner SY Quraishi, former chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University Lieutenant General Zameer Uddin Shah, former MP Shahid Siddiqui, and businessman Saeed Shervani.

Bamboo booster: Assam refinery

being done. Our objective is to utilise the vast bamboo resource in the Northeast supplied by a network of bamboo chipping units," NRL chairman and IOC chairman-managing director Ranjit Rath said. NRL has been blending 10% ethanol in petrol at its Siliguri (West Bengal) and Numaligarh marketing terminals. It has identified 25 local-level entrepreneurs who would set up bamboo chipping units close to the sources of the "golden grass". These units would supply chipped or bone-dry bamboo for the refinery to produce 49 metric tonnes of ethanol, 11 MT of acetic acid, 19 MT of furfural (used in making inks, plastics, anticids, adhesives, fungicides, fertilisers, etc.) and other associated products. "Our objective is to utilise the vast bamboo resource in the Northeast supplied by a network of bamboo chipping units" Ranjit Rath, NRL chairman and IOC chairman-managing director. The bioethanol project would also have a captive power plant to produce 20 MW of electricity using bamboo residue as the feed. According to Bhaskar Jyoti Phukan, NRL's managing director, the bioethanol project would be handled by the Assam Biorefinery Pvt. Ltd, a joint venture between NRL and two Finnish companies – Fortum and Chempolis Oy. "We are preparing for the transition from fossil fuel to new and renewable energy toward becoming a carbon-neutral country. Our investments are planned to meet the energy needs of society while maintaining a sustainable business," Mr. Rath said after NRL's 29th annual general meeting on Monday. The company declared a dividend of 150% – ?15 per fully paid equity share of ?10 each – for the 2021-22 fiscal, riding on a sales turnover of ?23,546-crore, which was 26.95% more than the previous fiscal.

Russia protests : more than 1,300

ministry official Irina Volk, in a statement quoted by Russian news agencies, said officers had cut short attempts to stage what it called small protests. "In a number of regions, there were attempts to stage unauthorised actions which brought together an extremely small number of participants," Volk was quoted as saying. "These were all stopped. And those persons who violated laws were detained and taken to police stations for investigation and establish their responsibility." One-way flights out of Russia were rocketing in price and selling out fast on Wednesday after Putin ordered the immediate call-up of 300,000 reservists. The Vesna opposition movement called for protests, saying: "Thousands of Russian men, our fathers, brothers and husbands, will be thrown into the meat grinder of the war. What will they be dying for? What will mothers and children be crying for?" The Moscow prosecutor's office warned that organising or participating in protests could lead to up to 15 years in prison. Authorities have issued similar warnings ahead of other protests. Wednesday's were the first nationwide anti-war protests since the fighting began in late February. AFP journalists in the centre of Moscow said at least 50 people were detained by police wearing anti-riot gear on a main shopping street. In St Petersburg, AFP reporters saw police surround a small group of protesters and detain them one-by-one, loading them on to a bus. "Everyone is scared. I am for peace and I don't want to have to shoot. But coming out now is very dangerous, otherwise there would be many more people," said protester Vasily Fedorov, a student wearing a pacifist symbol on his chest. "I came out to the rally planning to participate, but it looks like they've already arrested everyone. This regime has condemned itself and is destroying its youth," said Alexei, a 60-year-old resident who declined to give his last name. "Why are you serving Putin, a man who's been in power for 20 years!" a young protester shouted at one policeman. "I came to say that I am against war and mobilisation," Oksana Sidorenko, a student, told AFP. "Why are they deciding my future for me? I'm scared for myself, for my brother," she added. Alina Skvortsova, 20, said she hoped Russians would soon understand the nature of the Kremlin's offensive in neighbouring Ukraine. "As soon as they really understand, they will come out on to the street, despite the fear," she said. In Ekaterinburg, Russia's fourth-largest city, police hauled on to buses some of the 40 protesters who were detained at an anti-war rally. One woman in a wheelchair shouted, referring to the Russian president: "Goddamn bald-headed 'nut job'. He's going to drop a bomb on us, and we're all still protecting him. I've said enough." The Interfax news agency quoted the Russian interior ministry as saying it had quashed attempts to "organise unauthorised gatherings".

In a first after split with JD(U)

will start his visit by addressing a gathering in 'Jan Bhavna Mahasabha' being organised around 12 noon on Friday at Rangbhoomi Ground in Purnia. Purnia is one of the thirty-eight districts of Bihar. Shah will later hold a meeting with MPs, MLAs and former ministers of Bihar BJP around 4 pm at Mata Gujri University in Kishanganj city. The Minister will be chairing Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) State Core Committee meeting around 5 pm at Mata Gujri University. On day two of his visit to the state, the Minister will offer prayer at Budhi Kali Mata Temple around 9.30 am at Subhashpally Chowk in Kishanganj. The Home Minister will visit Border outpost Fatehpur and inaugurate BOP buildings of Fatehpur, Pekatola, Beria, Amgachi and Raniganj around 10.30 am at Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) Campus. The Minister will later review the meeting on border security with Director Generals and senior officers of Border Security Force (BSF), SSB and Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) at 12 noon at BSF Campus, Kishanganj. The Home Minister will attend the 'Sundar Subhumi' program organized on the occasion of the ongoing 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' celebrations at 3.30 pm at Mata Gujri University. After the JD(U) snapped ties with BJP recently to form the Mahagathbandhan government in the state, this will be Shah's first visit to Bihar, which is significant as it is learnt that it would sound the bugle of poll preparedness for the party gunning for big wins at the 2024 Lok Sabha election. The BJP is in high gear ahead of Shah's visit to Seemanchal (bordering) districts of Bihar Purnia and Kishanganj districts. Union Minister and party's fire-brand MP from Begusarai, Giriraj Singh has been made in charge of the rally to be attended by Shah in the Seemanchal (bordering) districts of Bihar's Purnia and Kishanganj districts.

Obituary
Bilamoti Pegu

Assam Rising, North Lakhimpur, September 22: Bilamoti Pegu, a resident of Pakania village under Nowboicha Constituency in Lakhimpur district, passed away at her own residence on Wednesday at 4-45 p.m. due to old-age ailments. She was a hundred years old at the time of death. Born to a well-to-do family from Majuli, she married to Nandeshwar Pegu, the founder Headmaster of Garchiga M.E. School situated in the greater Ranganadi area of Lakhimpur district. Karko Doley, who was elected five times as the MLA from Majuli constituency, was her paternal uncle. Late Bilamoti Pegu leaves behind one married son and one married daughter, along with a host of relatives at the time of death. Her other two teacher-sons predeceased her. She was buried in the compound of her residence today in the presence of a number of relatives and well-wishers. A pious and kind-hearted lady in nature, late Bilamoti Pegu was loved and respected by all in the greater Ranganadi area. Her death cast a pall of gloom in the area.



Lokra Bn. conducted
plantation drive



Assam Rising, Biswanatha Chariali, September 22: Lokra Battalion under the aegis of Headquarter 21 Sector Assam Rifles and Headquarter Inspector General Assam Rifles (East) conducted a tree plantation drive with students of Gyan Bikash Academy, Lokra on 22 Sep 22. The initiative was taken by Assam Rifles as part of the Green India Clean India campaign and to promote the campaign among the youth. Total of 100 saplings were planted by the students of Gyan Bikash Academy with a pledge and promise to take care of these saplings. The students and staff of the school expressed their gratitude towards the Assam Rifles for donating these saplings to the school and conducting this drive to help the environment.

IACF organised Amrit Kala
Mahotsav at Kalakshetra

Assam Rising, Guwahati, September 22: The International Arts and Cultural Foundation, Bangalore supported by Ministry of Culture, organized a classical dance presentations named "Amrit Kala Mahotsav" at Madhabdeva international auditorium of Srimanta Sankardev Kalakshetra, Panjabari Guwahati recently. Being organised in the backdrop of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrating the 75th year of Indian Independence, interpretation for Indian classical dances expressed for patriotic poetry through the ageless Vocabulary of classical dance groups like Satriya, Odissi, Bharatnatyam, Kathak, forms by leading classical dance groups by Assam. Artists Maumita Chatterjee of Calcutta also performed Bharatnatyam in this event. The 'Bande Mataram' written by Bankim chandra Chatterjee 'Jayostute written by Swatantrayaveer Suwarkar, one patriotic poem created by Bharatratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee and one lyrical poem written by Kabiguru Rabindranath Tagore presented in classical dance forms. Srivatsa Shandilya, Director of IACF successfully organized this program in Assam for the very first time. Bhava Ranjan Rai, Rashtriya swayamsevak Sangh, Pracharak, State Executive Member and Archive chief of Assam and Sudarshan Thakur secretary of Srimanta Sankardev Kalakshetra were present as chief guests of the occasion. In this Mahotsav team of artists performed under the guidance of Aligunjan Kalita Mudi of Sadhana Kathak Kendra, Dr Anjona Moyee Saikia of Darpan Dance Academy, Arhie Kaushik of Abhinaya Society, Namrata Tiwari Talukdar of Shivang Chandrani Kalita Ojah of LKRB State Music college and Upasana Mahanta of Upasana's Jhankar Nrityangan.

Huge ganza haul in
Gossaigaon; 1 held

Assam Rising, Gossaigaon, September 22: The Unabated process for a drug free society by the Kokrajhar District police personnel is in a full swing. A team of police personnel led by Amar Jyoti Bailung, O/C, Gossaigaon police station on Wednesday in a tip off information seized a huge quantity of illegal ganza from a container from Gossaigaon Sapat Bridge and apprehended the driver of the container. The container bearing registration number 01-AB-7316 was heading towards Siliguri in West Bengal from Guwahati, Assam for the delivery of the consignment but failed and was intercepted by the police in Gossaigaon. Amar Jyoti Bailung, O/C, Gossaigaon police station said that acting on a secret input we have carried out a search operation near Sapat Bridge in Gossaigaon where we have successfully seized around 1483.40 kg drugs which was soaked into 270 big packets and apprehended one Ranjit Churasia on the possession. It is said that the value of the seized ganza would be around INR 3 crore in the open market. Investigation is on to find out more information about the consignment, police said. Later on in the evening Prateek Thube Vijay Kumar, Superintendent of Police, Kokrajhar arrived at Gossaigaon Police Station and took stock of the seized ganza along with the container for further investigation.



Wasps face relegation as financial crisis in English club rugby union deepens



London, September 22 : English club rugby has been plunged further into turmoil with Wasps facing the prospect of relegation after moving towards administration and Worcester Warriors told by the Rugby Football Union they will be suspended if they cannot produce a "credible plan to take the club forward" by next Monday: a desperate day for the domestic game, the financial hardship of Premiership clubs has been exposed with Wasps filing notice to appoint an administrator. The Coventry-based club failed to repay a debt of £35m that was due to bondholders in May, though the club recently stated that they were in "advanced discussions" to refinance the bond, which helped fund the move from London to the Midlands in 2014. The decision to file notice was ultimately taken with HM Revenue & Customs preparing a winding-up petition over unpaid tax. A Wasps statement said: "Due to the impending threat of action from

F1 teams angered by FIA's surprise announcement of 24-race 2023 calendar



Paris, September 22 : Formula One teams were left angry and frustrated when taken by surprise at the FIA's announcement of the sport's calendar for 2023. The governing body's unexpected release of the new schedule took place without warning and without the teams' approval of a triple-header for next season, ramping up the increasingly fractious relationship at the heart of the sport. The 24-race schedule was declared on Tuesday without the usual collaboration with F1 itself, the sport's commercial rights holder. Sources within the sport believe it has only compounded the sense of fatigue and disconnect the teams feel with the FIA which became clear after the Italian Grand Prix. One team member said the FIA's attitude was "unacceptable". The new calendar had been expected on Friday. However after a meeting of the world motor sport council on Tuesday the FIA unilaterally released it. It features a record number of races in a season that opens in Bahrain on 5 March and concludes in Abu Dhabi on 26 November. The lack of notice was not the only problem felt within the sport. The inclusion of a fly-away triple header of USA, Mexico and Brazil requires the approval of the teams. It is expected they would accept the proposal, as they have in the past, but there was exasperation that the FIA failed to consult them. F1 officials were also surprised by the announcement, a state of affairs that is unlikely to improve the already testing relationship between the sport's owners and its governing body.

plans and what the next steps will be. "Wasps, twice European champions, have started the Premiership season with consecutive defeats on the back of a recruitment freeze over the summer that saw the club miss out on signings including their former wing, Christian Wade. Administration would likely lead to a player exodus and relegation to the Championship next season. Worcester were able to proceed with Sunday's match against Exeter thanks to staff and volunteers giving up their time for free. There is, however, a clause in the RFU regulations relating to finance which says the union may waive or amend sanctions over an insolvency event that is not deemed to be the club's fault.

LGBT+ couples who hold hands in Qatar will not be prosecuted, says FA



London, September 22: The Football Association has sought, and believes it has assurances, that LGBT+ couples who hold hands in Qatar during the World Cup will not face prosecution. The FA has also been told that supporters with rainbow flags will not be arrested - as long as supporters do not "disrespect" the local culture and norms by draping them over mosques. Qatar's laws, which criminalise same-sex relationships, have raised considerable concern among LGBT+ fans who fear for their safety at the finals this winter. Although those laws will stay in place during the tournament, the FA chief executive, Mark Bullingham, said he had been encouraged by talks with the Qataris - as well as the introduction of an "enabling law" for the World Cup, under which minor offences will not be prosecuted. On a day when it was announced that the England captain, Harry Kane, will wear an anti-discrimination armband in Qatar as part of the FA's plans to highlight human rights, Bullingham was asked what would happen if

London, September 22 : Jordan Henderson says he would think twice about attending a big football match as a fan after the "horrific" scenes at the Champions League final in Paris last season and the European Championship final at Wembley the previous summer. The Liverpool and England midfielder, who was involved in both games, has dreadful stories to tell about the experiences of his family at each. He says his father, Brian, decided after Paris that he would not travel again, meaning he would not follow England to the World Cup finals in Qatar. Henderson has other family members who have been similarly put off. The Champions League final in May was marred by organisational chaos and dangerous scenes before, during and afterwards.

Thousands of supporters missed kick-off, which was delayed by 36 minutes because of congestion outside the Stade de France where Liverpool fans had been corralled into a bottleneck. The police used teargas indiscriminately and local youths attacked and robbed supporters. "It was pretty horrific," Henderson said. "When I spoke to some of my friends and my family and my dad, it was pretty bad. If the fans weren't respectful there could have been a lot more problems. I think the fans were amazing." It was the authorities and the people around the stadium that weren't and were causing issues. I suppose as a fan, if you're going to the game and you don't feel comfortable and you feel threatened by whatever situation, you're not going to want to go again. It's as



simple as that really. "My family and friends have had a couple of experiences over the last couple of years which have really shocked them and probably put them off going to future games. When you see scenes like you have in the Euros final, in the Champions League final, then they don't really want to go and put themselves in that situation again. "I don't blame anyone that doesn't want to put themselves in that situation. There were two totally different reasons [for the problems] but again, if it was me, I wouldn't want to put myself in that situation." My dad said after the Champions League final that was him done. When it

gets closer to the World Cup ... there's a lot of security elements and things that are going on in Qatar that I'm sure will make people more safe. But when you've had those experiences, sometimes you think: 'Is it worth risking it?' We will have to see closer to the time." At the European Championship final in July last year fans fought with police and stewards and stormed the turnstiles to force entry without tickets. Alan Maguire, the father of the England defender Harry, was trampled in the stampede and suffered suspected broken ribs. Many others were injured and shaken. Henderson said: "My wife and kids

have to get in through a side door [at Wembley] and they wouldn't let them in at the beginning. They were trapped. She was trying to get the kids away from the middle of what was happening and eventually, after about 15 or 20 minutes, somebody recognised her and let them in. If that person didn't, it could have been trouble." My dad was involved a little bit and Harry Maguire's dad was hurt badly. My kids were OK but they were lucky. I think other kids and other parents might not have been as lucky ... it would have been horrendous [for them]. We all know that was a bad experience for a lot of people and then we have Paris, which is probably even worse." Henderson was asked whether the players were aware of what was happening before the games. "Not to the extent of how bad they both were," he said. "The Paris one was a bit different. You come out [for the warm-up] and then it gets delayed. They just say: 'Delays getting fans in.' And you don't really know why." Then you go out again [to warm up] and it's still not a lot of fans [in the seats] and you start questioning what is actually going on. At the same time you are trying to prepare for one of the biggest games of your life. It was the same for both sides."

County cricket: Balderson hat-trick leads Lancashire to stunning win over Essex

Worcestershire, September 22 : A hat-trick from George Balderson snatched Lancashire victory and 19 points from a match played at triple-speed and with the foot down, door slammed shut and locked in just over four sessions at Chelmsford. Lancashire, who had started the day at 25 for six, slipped their way to 73, setting Essex a seemingly gettable 98 in as much time as they had to spare. But Essex slipped from 24 without loss to 59 all out, losing 10 wickets for 35 runs, as Balderson's five for 14 and Will Williams' four for 24 dislodged bails here and provided catching practice there. Shane Snater, who finished on the losing-side despite taking six for 10 in Lancashire's second innings, had the consolation of a county cap. Essex were left to lick their wounds and give the pitch a long hard stare. Surrey sleep with the Championship Trophy in touching distance after

making Yorkshire follow-on at the Oval. Only Tom Kohler-Cadmore and Jonathan Tattersall could do much about Surrey's imposing seam attack, consisting - for the first time this season - of Daniel Worrall, Tom Lawes, Jamie Overton and Kemar Roach. Following on, Finlay Bean got a snorter, and George Hill was done by some extra bounce from Overton just before stumps, leaving Yorkshire in a large hole. If Surrey win, Hampshire would have to beat Kent to take the title race into the final round - but that looks unlikely after another chaotic day at the Rose Bowl. Jack Leaning kept Kent in the match with his second hundred of the season as the pitch flattened out. As dusk began to fall, Felix Organ, nightwatchman Keith Barker and Nick Gubbins joined Ian Holland back in the pavilion, leaving Joe Weatherley, unbeaten on



54, looking, weeping, at a mountainous 273 more runs for victory. Gloucestershire's Tom Price sliced through Warwickshire's top-order as they were reduced to 58 for five in the battle of the Division One stragglers at New Road, while Craig Overton's four for 25 left Northamptonshire in tatters at Taunton. In Division Two, Glamorgan captain David Lloyd reached 313, the highest first-class score ever by a Welshman, and Nottinghamshire found themselves in the unfamiliar position of following on against Worcestershire.

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Enticing sugar rush of South Africa's T20 competition could prove costly

London, September 22 : Are you ready for another franchise competition? Would you like a side of double bacon cheeseburger with extra bacon to go along with your extra large stuffed crust pizza? Can you handle more saturated fat in the form of sponsored sixes, sorry, "maximums", thwacked into orbit by the same players you watch throughout the year representing teams owned by the Indian Premier League? How is this different? Shut up, nerd. There's a reverse paddle sweep from Jos Buttler. There's a Kagiso Rabada back of the hand, slower-ball bouncer. And over there are flame-belching machines and strobing coloured lights and a stadium announcer compelling the show forward, dragging you to a climax you've only just realised you need to feel in your bloodstream. Ready or not, the SA20 is joining the party in January. On Monday, the six city-based teams named after their IPL overlords bid for the hottest South African talent as well as a handful of international freelancers. The 22-year-old Tristan Stubbs was the biggest winner after the Sunrisers Eastern Cape (affiliated with the Sunrisers in Hyderabad) splurged £453,550 for the big-hitting off-spinner. The lanky left-arm seamer Marco Jansen went to the same team for £300,000 while Somerset's dasher Rilee Rossouw will collect £340,000 from the multinational conglomerate that owns the Pretoria Capitals and the Delhi Capitals. Not a bad haul for a month's work. Each team had a budget of £1.75m to spend on



players. More than that will worm its way to major shareholders of the debt-ridden Cricket South Africa. After finding itself on the outside of the big three of India, Australia and England, South African cricket has had to forge a new path to stay alive. But at what cost? Temba Bavuma, the team's white-ball captain who will lead his country in October's T20 World Cup, remained unsold. The same was true for Andile Phehlukwayo, the all-rounder who is part of the Proteas' wider World Cup squad. The free market has spoken and sober readings of their respective strike-rates and averages would suggest they were rightly omitted, but the optics are a concern. One prominent South African coach said it was alarming that such a scenario could play out where the leader of the national team could be "cast aside in such an embarrassing manner". Like all CSA-contracted players, Bavuma's suggested price started at R850,000

(about £41,900) and he declined the option to reduce that by almost 80%. Had he done so he might have been bought. That South Africa's only black batter with a Test ton to his name was left on the cutting-room floor shows where the team owners' priorities lie. They're not here for the betterment of South African cricket. They're not mandated to build a pipeline or advance development hubs in the rural Eastern Cape or in Soweto. They're here to expand their empires. That other stuff is in someone else's out tray. This month, CSA's director of cricket, Enoch Nkwe, said the economic windfalls will trickle down and reach those in need at the grassroots. "If there are opportunities to strengthen the top, there are areas we could look at. But, first and foremost, the biggest investment is going to be in our development. Because we know the calibre of cricketers our system produces for the Proteas." Can he guarantee this will happen? In a country that is the most

unequal in the world, according to the World Bank, where you're in the top 1% if you earn £2,500 a month, it's easy to sympathise with our CSA insider who said: "I don't see it happening. Those at the top will eat everything. The rest will eat on the scraps that fall." 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. That cynical view is not universally shared. Graeme Smith, SA20's commissioner, is adamant the competition will have a positive impact on South African cricket, much like the IPL has strengthened India's team. But even then there are no guarantees of success. Since the launch of the IPL, in 2008, India has won one World Cup from nine attempts (three in the 50-over format, six T20s). With the best players from around the world competing in almost every tournament there is, it is difficult to pull away from

the pack. The SA20 could improve Buttler's batting just as much as it could improve Rabada's bowling. What this competition will unquestionably achieve is allow CSA to gain a toehold on the global scene. The Test side was without a shirt sponsor for last month's series against England. The Future Tours Programme has restricted them to 28 Tests over the next four years. Public hearings exposed festering racism at all levels of the game. Public trust, much like profits to spend, has eroded. Mark Boucher surprised his employers with a sudden resignation and will step down as coach after the World Cup in Australia. Research has shown that foods low in nutrients but high in calories fail to satiate your hunger. This causes an insulin spike that reduces glucose levels and can cause you to want to eat more. It's fattening, but it's cheap, proving an enticing option for struggling families desperate to put food on the table. They're not to blame. It's an unequal world that's at fault. South African cricket is doing what it needs to survive.

Robert Sarver to sell Suns and Mercury after racism and misogyny allegations

London, September 22 : "I am beginning the process of seeking buyers for the Suns and Mercury," Sarver said in a statement on Wednesday. The decision came after Sarver was fined \$10m and handed a one-year suspension by the NBA last week after an investigation into allegations of racism and misogyny during his time as the Suns owner. Many within the NBA, including prominent players such as LeBron James and Chris Paul, did not believe the punishment went far enough. "Our league definitely got this wrong," wrote James on Twitter when the punishment was announced. "... I love this league and I deeply respect our leadership. But this isn't right. There is no place for misogyny, sexism, and racism in any work place." PayPal, a sponsor of the Suns, as well as the team's vice chairman, Jahm Najafi, also suggested Sarver should sell the team. In his statement on Wednesday, Sarver appeared to suggest that he believes he has done enough to atone for any mistakes. "As a man of faith, I believe in atonement



and the path to forgiveness," Sarver said. "I expected that the commissioner's one-year suspension would provide the time for me to focus, make amends and remove my personal controversy from the teams that I and so many fans love." But in our current unforgiving climate, it has become painfully clear that that is no longer possible - that whatever good I have done, or could still do, is outweighed by things I have said in the past. For those reasons, I am beginning the process of seeking buyers for the Suns and Mercury." Sarver's troubles began last November, when an ESPN report, which was later corroborated by an

NBA investigation, found that Sarver used the N-word on five occasions when repeating the words of others. The study also concluded that Sarver used demeaning language toward female employees, including telling a pregnant employee that she would not be able to do her job after becoming a mother; made off-color comments and jokes about sex and anatomy; and yelled and cursed at employees in ways that would be considered bullying "under workplace standards". The investigation added that Sarver did not use "racially insensitive language with the intent to demean or denigrate". Comparisons have been made between Sarver's case and that of former LA Clippers owner Donald Sterling.

Harmanpreet Kaur's 143 steers India Women to ODI series win over England

New Delhi, September 22 : On Wednesday morning, the ECB announced an ambitious 2023 Women's Ashes fixture list, which includes maiden visits to Lord's, the Oval and Edgbaston; and a five-day Test at Trent Bridge. It is a schedule designed to reflect the apparent preeminence of England and Australia in global women's cricket: these two teams are the ones who are worth showing up for. By the evening, Harmanpreet Kaur had enjoyed ripping that



assumption up into tiny shreds and placing it in a metaphorical wastepaper basket. In a series-sealing performance at Canterbury, the India captain struck an imperious 143 not out from 111 balls as India stacked up a total of 333 for five - the second highest ever against England in ODIs. Kaur sealed the deal by running out local hero Tammy Beaumont in the second over of England's chase with a direct hit from mid-on. "It wasn't an easy wicket to bat on," Kaur said. "I didn't try too many shots, too many things, just kept it very simple." England stumbled to 47 for three inside the powerplay - Renuka Singh Thakur (four for 53) picking up Sophia Dunkley and Emma Lamb cheaply - and though a half-century from Danni Wyatt at No 5 offered some resistance, Thakur returned in the 30th over and broke through her defences. England clung on until the 45th over but were finally bowled out for 245, falling to their first series defeat at home to a side other than Australia since 2007. England had looked to bolster their bowling by bringing in Lauren Bell and the left-arm Freya Kemp, who received her ODI cap from Wyatt before play. But the two young seamers were both left bruised by the Kaur onslaught. Bell conceded an England ODI record of 79 runs from her 10 overs, until Kemp went on to "better" it minutes later, conceding 82. "It's been tough," the stand-in

captain Amy Jones admitted, after being reluctantly cast in the role in the absence of Heather Knight. "It's been very new. In 50-over cricket, it's something I've not done before. There's a lot longer to make decisions." After the second drinks break, they put us under a lot of pressure and found the boundary quite often. It was very tricky to bowl at. "Strangely, the option to bring the off-spin of Lamb into play was ignored, despite the fact that Charlie Dean was England's most economical bowler. After

asking India to bat first, Kate Cross, opening up from the pavilion end in her 50th ODI, had clean bowled Shafali Verma with her third ball. But Smriti Mandhana and Yastika Bhatia took up where they had left off in the first ODI, sharing another half-century partnership. Along the way, Mandhana became the third Indian (after Mithali Raj and Kaur herself) to bring up 3,000 ODI runs. 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. Bhatia was caught and bowled by Dean for 26, and while the Decision Review System was only intermittently functional, it managed to make an appearance for long enough to demonstrate that Mandhana was indeed LBW to Sophie Ecclestone in the 20th over. From there, though, Kaur and Harleen Deol (58 from 72) steadied the ship with a 113-run partnership for the fourth wicket; before Kaur ensured the innings ended with a bang. In the final three overs 62 runs were scored as Kaur - having brought up her century at exactly a run a ball in the 47th - took just 11 more deliveries to add a further 43. "England have a very good batting lineup, and we knew if we scored 300 that may be chaseable," Kaur said. "That's why in the last five or six overs we were looking at maximum runs. Whoever was coming to bat with me I was giving them that message - if they can look for boundaries it's fine, otherwise we have to keep rotating the strike." Without the experience of Knight and Nat Sciver this was always going to be a tricky series for England to navigate. Even so, none of this bodes well for next year's big-arena Ashes series. In that time, England have to negotiate the bleeding of a new coach, and hope that Knight returns fit as a fiddle - seeing as no one else seems to want the captaincy hot potato. It could be an interesting nine months.

Ashes 2023 series to be squeezed in to six weeks to make way for the Hundred



London, September 22 : English cricket's bid to regain the men's and women's Ashes from Australia will play out over a compressed six-week period next year as the decks are cleared for the Hundred to take centre stage in August. The 2023 international summer schedule was confirmed on Wednesday by the England and Wales Cricket Board, with the five-Test men's Ashes starting at Edgbaston on 16 June and concluding at the Oval on 31 July. The multiformat women's series will also start with a rare five day Test at Trent Bridge from 22 June. The latter - a first five-day women's Ashes match since 1992 - has been welcomed by Heather Knight, the England women's captain, after their past five four-day Tests ended in draws. The three Twenty20s that follow will be played at major grounds: Edgbaston, the Oval and Lord's. "I'm so happy," Knight said. "I've been banging the drum for five days for a long time, so

it's a special moment. It feels like the right time, for five days, for bigger grounds, and it feels like it's been a long time coming." The women's Ashes will run until 18 July with the completion of three one-day internationals in Bristol, Southampton and Taunton, meaning the Trent Bridge Test is England's most northerly assignment before Sri Lanka visit for six white-ball fixtures in September. The men's Ashes will be staged in the space of 46 days - a stiff ask of the fast bowlers - and follow the same pattern of venues as the 2-2 draw in 2019. After the series opener at Edgbaston there will be Tests at Lord's (from 28 June), Headingley (16 July), Old Trafford (19 July) and the Oval (27 July). While Australia's white-ball team are due to tour South Africa at the end of August, this compressed men's Ashes - in a summer where no major football tournament or Olympic Games takes place - chiefly reflects the ECB's desire to stage the Hundred during the school holidays, with similar windows carved out in 2024, 2025 and 2026. As such, there will be no Test cricket in England next summer after 31 July, with the Hundred followed by

11 white-ball internationals against New Zealand and Ireland that run from 30 August to 26 September. Preparation for the 2023 World Cup in India before Christmas will doubtless be cited as another reason for this lop-sided schedule. 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. Before the men's Ashes, England will play Ireland in a four-day Test at Lord's, starting on 1 June. The Indian Premier League, which could create a pinch point here as regards player availability, is scheduled to run until 28 May. Australia's men are likely to have their tour start with the final of the World Test Championship which, as recently revealed by the Guardian, will be staged at the Oval in the second week of June. Pat Cummins's side are top of the league table and would need a catastrophic run of results to miss out. Lord's, which was allocated the Ireland Test after missing out on this ICC showpiece because of pre-existing commercial contracts, will host the final in 2025.

"Bring Rohit Sharma One Down" Ex-Pakistan Spinner's Out Of The Box Suggestion For Team India

New Delhi, September 22 : The first T20I between India and Australia left more questions than answers for the Rohit Sharma-led side. India lost the match by four wickets, despite scoring 208/6 batting first. While the bowlers failed completely, veteran batters like Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli could not hit big scores. Former Pakistan cricket team spinner Danish Kaneria said that both can be used in different batting positions, rather than their usual spots. "Rohit Sharma is not scoring runs while opening. We saw this in the Asia Cup. He is scoring in patches. Virat Kohli also is not being able to score consistently at one down. Maybe you have got a good opportunity - bring Rohit one

down, Virat can then open with KL Rahul. Or, if Rohit is very comfortable in opening, then you can start with Virat and him. In that case KL Rahul can be used as one down. It won't be such a big issue," Danish Kaneria said in a video on his YouTube channel. In the first T20I on Tuesday, India's frailties with the ball were laid bare as Australia gunned down a formidable 209-run target rather comfortably for a four-wicket win in the first T20I in Mohali on Tuesday. KL Rahul (55 off 35 balls) and Hardik Pandya (71 not out off 30 balls) helped India post a daunting 208 for six after Australia put the hosts in to bat. Australia were dominant in the run chase, romping home in 19.2 overs.

