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Criminals arrested

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The locals caught two criminals with arms and handed them over to the police in Nalbari district of Assam on Sunday. According to reports, locals of the Mukalmua market area on Sunday morning caught the two criminals with arms while they allegedly attempted to rob a businessman in the area. "We arrested both the accused and recovered one country-made pistol with magazine and a sharp weapon in possession from them," Superintendent of Police of Nalbari district, Pabindra Kumar Nath, told. "They had attempted robbery of a businessman in the area. One among them is a wanted criminal who was earlier arrested by the Karnataka Police in a robbery case," the top police official added.

Tension prevails

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Guwahati, September 25:

Situation turned volatile at the Chilarai Multispeciality Hospital in Dhubri district of Assam after the death of a patient on Sunday. The deceased has been identified as Binod Bin, a resident of Dhubri's Ward no 16. The patient was admitted to the hospital after he sustained injuries due to a short circuit. He however passed away in the hospital this morning. The family members of the deceased and locals alleged that the youth died due to negligence on the side of hospital authorities. Angry locals have staged massive uproar against the incident and blocked the roads of the hospital premises.

Heroin seized

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Assam Police seized heroin weighing 504grams in Karimganj district. One accused has been arrested in connection to the seizure. The district's DSP Githartha Dev Sarma said, "Based on secret information, a team of Karimganj district police led by Deputy Superintendent of Police (HQ) recovered and seized 504 grams of heroin packed in 43 soap cases near toll gate under Karimganj police station. Police arrested one person and registered a case. "The police have lodged a complaint in connection to the case and further investigation is underway.

Change mindset to ensure Assam goes up development ladder by 2026 : CM



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Guwahati, September 25:

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has urged his cabinet colleagues, legislators and bureaucrats to "change their mindset" and work towards a vision to ensure the State goes up the development ladder "by at least two levels" by 2026. It is time for Assam to "re-

emerge" as a developed state, Mr. Sarma asserted while inaugurating a 'Chintan Shivir' here. "Assam cannot live anymore with the scar that its place in the country's development journey can be counted only from the bottom, and not the top... We have to live with dignity and not always approach the Centre for assistance," he said. There are many de-

velopment indicators that can be changed in the next two to three years "if we work collectively and resolutely, and we have to decide on how Assam can go up by at least two levels by 2026," the Chief Minister said. He noted that "at the time of Independence, Assam's per capita income was higher than the national average" and the journey of the last 75 years should have been that of development, growth and aspiration. The situation, however, changed post-independence, primarily due to certain incidents like the Great Earthquake of 1950, immediate negative im-

pact of Partition, insurgency, and others "which led to a mentality not conducive to a proper work culture". Mr. Sarma said there was no need to frame visions for the next 50 years as no one knows who will live till then to see its implementation or review it. "We are in a hurry and we need to see what we can contribute by 2026... During the last few decades, it has been observed... that a mentality has crept into the minds of ministers and bureaucrats, and they have almost accepted that Assam can no longer be a developed

state. This mentality needs to change and the decision makers must dream of a developed Assam." "I strongly believe that the central government never neglected our state. If we see the budgetary allocation and the investments made by the Centre, we will realise that it is we who have failed collectively and blame them to save our face," he said. The 'Chintan Shivir' has been organised to discuss and debate on various issues with a positive and creative streak so that new ideas emerge, the CM added.

'Need transparency': EAM S Jaishankar on blocking Pakistan terrorists' listing at UN

New York, September 25:

Amid repeated holds on proposals to designate Pakistan-based terrorists under the UN sanctions regime, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said that terrorism should not be used as a "political tool" and the idea that something is blocked without assigning a reason challenges common sense. "We do believe that in any process if any party is taking a decision, they need to be transparent about it. So the idea that something is blocked without assigning a reason, it sort of challenges common sense," Mr Jaishankar said as he spoke to a group of Indian journalists on Saturday after wrapping up the New York leg of his visit to the US with his address to the UN General



Assembly high-level session. He was responding to a question by Press Trust of India on the issue of repeated holds and blocks on proposals to list Pakistan-based terror group leaders under the UN sanctions regime and whether this came up in his talks with his global counterparts as he met them during the high-level General Assembly week. "It came up in some

of my meetings. I also mentioned it in my BRICS intervention," he said referring to the meeting held Thursday on the margins of the General Assembly between the foreign ministers of Brazil,

Russia, India, China, and South Africa group - Brazilian Foreign Minister Carlos Alberto Franco Franca, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, Chinese Minister of Foreign Affairs Wang Yi and Minister of International Relations and Cooperation of the Republic of South Africa Naledi Pandor. China, a veto-wielding permanent member of the Security Council, has repeatedly put holds on listing proposals by India, the US and other allies to blacklist Pakistan-based terrorists under the 1267 Al Qaeda

Sanctions regime of the Council. Last week, China put a hold on a proposal moved at the United Nations by the US and co-supported by India to designate Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorist Sajid Mir, wanted for his involvement in the 26/11 Mumbai terrorist attacks, as a global terrorist. Last month, China put a hold on a proposal by the US and India at the United Nations to blacklist Abdul Rauf Azhar, the brother of Jaish-e Mohammed (JEM) chief Masood Azhar and a

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ULFA (I) militant held in Assam, arms recovered

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Guwahati, September 25:

A cadre of ULFA (Independent), a banned outfit, was arrested from Charadeo district of Assam and a cache of arms and ammunition was recovered from his possession, an official said on Sunday. Troops of Joypur Battalion of Red Shield Division under the aegis of Spear Corps apprehended the United Liberation Front of Asom (Independent) member from Sonari, said a public relation officer of the defence

sector. "Based on input received regarding presence of suspected ULFA(I) cadre in Towkok, an operation was launched by security forces along with Sonari police on September 24," he said. The swift action of the security forces resulted in the arrest of the militant, the official said, adding that one 7.65 mm pistol and ammunition were recovered from his possession. "The ULFA(I) militant has been handed over to the Assam Police for more investigation," the PRO said.

CM Unveils Rhino Statues Made From Ashes Of Rhino Horns

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Guwahati, September 25:

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Saturday unveiled three rhino statues sculpted from ashes of rhino horns in Kaziranga. The three statues include a mother, baby rhino and one male rhino at Mihimukh in Kaziranga for display. It is memorial to the greater one-horned rhino the forest guards the 1,300 sq. km tiger reserve owes its existence to. It may be mentioned that as many as 2479 rhino horns were burnt to ashes by Chief



Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on September 22, 2021. The ashes were collected from the burning stockpile of rhino horns

and used in the concrete mix to create life-size statues of rhinos which are- 10.5 ft long and 6 ft tall male, an 11 ft by 5.6 ft female and a 3.5 ft

by 1.5 ft calf. CM Sarma said, "History was created when hundreds of rhino horns, stored in 12 treasuries across the State for decades, were consigned to flames on September 22, 2021 to send a strong signal to those involved in illegal wildlife trade." "The ash collected has been used to create these three rhinos immortalizing the efforts of those who selflessly protect Assam's rhinos," he added. The memorial has been named as 'Abode of the Unicorns' and it took six months to

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6,000 Workers Evacuated After Guard Wall Collapses At Subansiri Dam

Assam Rising
Guwahati, September 25:

Over 6,000 workers were evacuated from the National Hydro Electric Power Corporation (NHPC) project site of the Subansiri dam at Gerukamukh in the Dhemaji district of Assam on Sunday. This comes after a guard wall, built as a safeguard against over-

flowing water, collapsed on Saturday leading water entering the power house. Meanwhile, the entry of workers into the power house has been restricted by NHPC until the water level subsides. Moreover, heavy rainfall in the last few days has halted the work at the dam site. It may be noted that the guard walls of Subansiri dam collapsed on Saturday. The

wall collapsed after the accumulation of excess water in the dam due to heavy rainfall in Assam for the past few days breaking the water-carrying capacity. The intake tunnel of the project was closed due to fear of collapse as overflowing water has been surging out of the tunnel. The continuous downpour

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Devotees Prepare To Welcome Maa Durga From Today



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Mahalaya, which marks the beginning of Durga Puja festival, is being celebrated on Sunday across Assam. It is the last day to pay tribute to the departed ancestors by performing Tarpan where water is offered to the ancestors' store on the banks of Ganga. This means that the beginning of Devipaksha (the era of the

goddess) and is observed on the last day of Pitripaksha (the 16-day lunar day period when Hindus pay homage to their ancestors/ Pitrs). It is believed that on this day, Goddess Durga, along with her children - Lakshmi, Kartik, Saraswati and Ganesha, comes from Kailash on a boat,

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Protests spread in Iran as President Raisi vows to crack down

Tehran, September 25 : Iran's president has vowed to "deal decisively" with protests that are gathering momentum across much of the country one week after the death of a woman in custody who had been detained by the morality police. Demonstrations have spread to most of Iran's 31 provinces and almost all urban centres, pitting anti-government demonstrators against regime forces, including the military, and posing the most serious test to the hardline state's authority in more than 13 years. President Ebrahim Raisi on Saturday blamed conspirators for inciting unrest and pledged to crack down on "those who oppose the country's security and tranquility". Up to 35 people have been killed during clashes with security forces, according to Iran. Iranian officials say five security personnel have also died, trying to quell outrage surrounding the death of Mahsa Amini, 22. But activists say the death toll is at least 50 and likely to be even higher. An enforcer of fundamentalist views throughout his career, Raisi has been regarded as an unlikely figure to quell Iran's restive streets, or to cede to demands for more civil freedoms. His defiance is likely to increase the likelihood of a further escalation in towns and cities where demonstrators have been increasingly taking the fight to security

forces in scenes rarely seen in Iran. The demonstrations have evoked images of an anti-government protest in 2009, known as the green revolution, that followed contentious presidential elections and marked the last time citizens faced off against security forces on a large scale. "The main difference between the current protest compared to the green movement in 2009 is that now people are fighting back; they are not afraid of the brutal regime," said Sima Sabet, an Iranian journalist and presenter on the Iran International TV station. "Demonstrators are now burning ambulances because the government is using ambulances to move their security forces not to rescue people. The protesters are now using different tactics; they move between all cities and make it hard for security forces to control all locations." Firuzeh Mahmoudi, executive director of human rights NGO United for Iran, said the recent unrest followed months of Iranians being prepared to hold smaller protests on an array of issues: "The uprising in 2009 in some ways was more expansive in certain cities," she said. "We had millions of people protesting in certain cities during the biggest day of that protest. It was the biggest thing since the [1979] revolution. They did not see it coming and were very surprised." Now we're seeing not only big cities, but smaller cities that we've never seen before. We're

now also seeing unprecedented ways in which people are showing up, in the messaging and the boldness. Things are a lot more unified." Mahmoudi said chants heard at rallies, such as "We'll support our sisters and women, life,

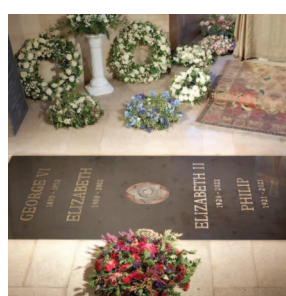


liberty", had been heard around the country. "This is unprecedented for us. We have never seen women take their hijab off in mass like this. Burning down the police centres, running after their cars, burning down the pictures of [supreme leader Ayatollah Ali] Khamenei," she said. Some demonstrations appear to have at least in part been organised, with a restive urban youth and others opposed to strict societal rules, including on how women conduct themselves, and what they wear, coalescing around the death of Amini, who was accosted by morality police in Tehran for refusing to wear a hijab. Drawing on lessons learned over the past decade in anti-government uprisings

elsewhere in the Middle East, smartphones have been used as organising tools, with messages and places of demonstrations widely circulated, despite widespread cuts to the country's internet. "They have tactics about how to send their videos outside

of Iran despite the cut-off of the internet," said Sabet. "For the first time now in Iran women are burning their hijabs with the support of men." Substantial numbers of Iranians have long been opposed to

First picture of Queen Elizabeth II's ledger stone released by palace



Elizabeth, the Queen Mother. It has been set into the floor of the King George VI Memorial Chapel in St George's Chapel where all four royals, who were members of the Order of the Garter, were buried. Princess Margaret's ashes are also buried in the chapel, though her name is not included in the inscription. The fresh stone now reads "George VI / 1895-1952", "Elizabeth / 1900-2002" followed by a metal Garter Star, then "Elizabeth II / 1926-2022" and "Philip / 1921-2021". The previous ledger stone in the chapel floor was inscribed only with the former king and Queen Mother's name in gold lettering. Buckingham Palace released a picture of the slab, surrounded by floral tributes and wreaths, before the reopening of Windsor Castle next week. Visitors will be able to visit and pay their respects at the burial site on any day that St George's Chapel is open to the public, bar Sundays when it is only open to worshippers, from 29 September. The reopening falls 10 days after the Queen was laid to rest with Prince Philip, who died 17 months ago. The King George VI Memorial Chapel - a pale stone annexe added to the north side of the building, behind the North Quire Aisle, in 1969 - was commissioned by the Queen as a burial place for her father. He was originally laid to rest in the Royal Vault after his death in 1952 before being moved to the chapel. 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. Princess Margaret's ashes were also initially placed in the Royal Vault after her death in 2002, before being moved to the memorial chapel with her parents' coffins when the Queen Mother died weeks later. Prince Philip's coffin was interred in the Royal Vault in the chapel, ready to be moved to the memorial chapel when the Queen died. St George's Chapel is the resting place of a number of kings and queens dating back to the burial of Henry VII in the 16th century. Since the Royal Vault was built by George III, most monarchs and members of the royal family have been laid to rest there.

Ankita Bhandari murder case

Ex-BJP leader calls his son Pulkit Arya 'seedha sadha balak'

New Delhi, September 25 : Ex-BJP leader Vinod Arya, father of the main accused Pulkit Arya in the Ankita Bhandari murder case, reportedly commented on the investigation. As quoted by media reports, he said, "Seedha sadha balak hai (he is a simple boy). He is only concerned about his work. I want justice for both my son Pulkit and the murdered woman." He also said, "Pulkit is innocent, still I have resigned from the BJP to ensure a fair investigation. My son Ankit has also resigned." Meanwhile, the family of the deceased refused to perform the last rites as they

demanding the handing over of the post-mortem report. The administration on another hand tried convincing Ankita's family. The administration on another hand tried convincing Ankita's family. "We won't conduct her last rites until her post-mortem report is given. We saw in her provisional report that she was beaten up and thrown in a river. But we're awaiting the final report," said Ajay Singh Bhandari, brother of Ankita Bhandari. The SIT on Sunday told ANI that her Whatsapp chats were also being probed. As per reports a Whatsapp chat has come to the fore in the investigation. According to police sources, in this chat, Ankita is telling her friend that the owner of the resort is pressuring her to provide 'extra service' to



the guests. There is a lot of anger among people after the murder of the receptionist. The SIT in charge of Ankita Bhandari's murder case, DIG PR Devi, told ANI that Ankita's Whatsapp chats that have surfaced are also being probed. As per a viral chat, it is alleged that it was being said that the guest would get 'extra service' for Rs 10,000. In the Whatsapp chat, there is talk of providing 'extra service' in the name of providing spa

treatment at the Vanatara Resort. Earlier, the Special Investigation Team in the Ankita Bhandari case also confirmed that every employee of the Vanatara resort would be called to the police station. The statements of these employees would be recorded, the officials said. "We have called every employee in the resort to the police station; we will take everyone's statements. We're running a full background analysis on the resort," said DIG PR Devi, SIT In-charge.

Liz Truss 'plans to loosen immigration rules to boost UK economy'



London, September 25 : Liz Truss is expected to loosen immigration rules in an attempt to stimulate economic growth amid warnings of a recession. The prime minister is set to expand the government's shortage occupation list in order to help businesses fill vacancies by recruiting overseas workers with less bureaucracy. Truss has faced industry demands for

more migrant workers to be given visas to come to the UK with labour shortages one of the main concerns voiced by employers across a range of sectors. Businesses, particularly in the hospitality sector, have been frustrated that the visa system for skilled work has not been responsive enough to alleviate the shortages they have experienced. Downing Street did not

deny that the prime minister is planning to liberalise routes to allow foreign workers to move to the UK, the PA news agency reported. The cap is expected to be lifted and the six-month time limit extended, according to the Sun. A No 10 source told the newspaper: "We need to put measures in place so that we have the right skills that the economy, including the rural economy, needs to stimulate growth." That will involve increasing numbers in some areas and decreasing in others. As the prime minister has made clear, we also want to see people who are economically inactive get back into work. "During her campaign for the Conservative leadership, Truss promised to tackle the labour shortages in farming, partly caused by post-Brexit freedom of movement restrictions and accentuated by the pandemic, with a short-term expansion to the seasonal workers scheme.

Philippines evacuates towns as super typhoon Noru barrels towards coast

London, September 25 : Philippine authorities started evacuating people from coastal areas on Sunday and hundreds were unable to travel by sea as a super typhoon barrelled towards the country. Super typhoon Noru was packing maximum sustained wind speeds of 185km/h (115mph) after an unprecedented "explosive intensification", the state weather forecaster said. The storm, the strongest to hit the Philippines this year, is

expected to continue strengthening as it makes landfall about 80km north-east of the sprawling capital, Manila, in the afternoon or evening local time. The Philippines is regularly ravaged by storms, with scientists warning they are becoming more powerful as the world gets warmer because of climate change. Weather forecaster Robb Gile said Noru's rapid intensification was "unprecedented". The agency said it increased by

90km/h in 24 hours. Noru comes nine months after another super typhoon devastated swathes of the country, killing more than 400 people and leaving hundreds of thousands homeless. Residents in several municipalities in Quezon province, where this latest storm could make a direct hit, were being evacuated from their homes, said Mel Avenilla from the provincial disaster office. "I asked our mayors to comply with strict preemptive evacuations," Helen Tan, governor of Quezon province, told DZRH radio station.



A farmer unloads pomegranates at an orchard in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan

Russia's allies China and India call for negotiations to end Ukraine war



New York, September 25 : China and India have called for a negotiated end to the Ukraine war, stopping short of robust support for traditional ally Russia. After a week of pressure at the United Nations general assembly, Russia's foreign minister took the general assembly rostrum to deliver a fiery rebuke to western nations for what he termed a "grotesque" campaign against Russians. But no major nation has rallied behind Russia, including China, which just days before the February invasion of

Ukraine had vowed an "unbreakable" bond with President Vladimir Putin. China's foreign minister, Wang Yi, called on Russia and Ukraine to "keep the crisis from spilling over" and from affecting developing countries. "China supports all efforts conducive to the peaceful resolution of the Ukraine crisis. The pressing priority is to facilitate talks for peace," Wang said on Saturday. "The fundamental solution is to address the legitimate security concerns of all parties and build a balanced, effective and sustainable security architecture." During his visit to the United Nations, Wang met Ukraine's foreign minister, Dmytro Kuleba, in their first talks since the war began. Earlier this month Putin

acknowledged Chinese "concerns" about Ukraine during a meeting with his counterpart, Xi Jinping. US officials have been heartened by what they see as China's lack of concrete backing for the war and said that Beijing has declined requests to send military equipment, forcing Russia to rely on North Korea and Iran as its own supplies dwindle. China's reaction to Russia is being closely watched for clues on its approach to Taiwan, a self-governing democracy that Beijing claims as its territory. Wang held firm that China would take "forceful steps" against any interference, insisting that efforts to prevent "reunification" with Taiwan would be "crushed by the wheels of history". India, unlike China, has a warm relationship with the United States but it has historical ties with Russia, its traditional defence supplier.

Few more puja special trains for the ease of travellers during puja rush



Assam Rising, Guwahati, September 25: The North-east Frontier Railway has decided to operate three more pairs of puja special trains to clear the extra rush of passengers during the upcoming festive season. One puja special train will run for six trips and another two puja specials will run for a single trip in both directions. Puja Special train no. 03013 (Howrah – New Jalpaiguri) will run for one trip leaving from Howrah at 23:40 hours on 28th September, 2022 to reach New

Jalpaiguri at 10:10 hours on the next day. In return direction, puja special train no. 03014 (New Jalpaiguri – Howrah) will run for one trip leaving from New Jalpaiguri at 12:35 hours on 29th September, 2022 to reach Howrah at 00:50 hours on the next day. Another, puja special train no. 03123 (Sealdah – New Jalpaiguri) will run for one trip leaving from Sealdah at 23:50 hours on 29th September, 2022 to reach New Jalpaiguri at 10:10 hours on the next day. In return direction, puja

special train no. 03124 (New Jalpaiguri – Sealdah) will run for one trip leaving from New Jalpaiguri at 12:00 hours on 30th September, 2022 to reach Sealdah at 23:35 hours on

the same day. Puja Special train no. 05639 (Silchar – Kolkata) will run for six trips leaving from Silchar at 06:00 hours on all Thursdays to reach Kolkata at 13:00 hours on the next day from 29th of

September till 03rd of November, 2022. In return direction, puja special train no. 05640 (Kolkata – Silchar) will run for six trips leaving from Kolkata at 15:00 hours on all Fridays to reach Silchar at 00:30 hours on Sunday from 30th of September till 04th of November, 2022. The puja special train will consist of 20 coaches and will run via New Haflong, Lumding, Guwahati, New Bongaigaon, New Jalpaiguri, Kishanganj, Malda Town and Bandel Jn during its both ways journey. There will be 04 AC three tier coaches, 01 AC two tier coach, 13 sleeper class coaches and 02 luggage vans. The details of stoppages and timings of these trains are available in IRCTC website and are also being notified in various newspapers and social media platforms of N.F. Railway. Passengers are requested to verify the details before undertaking their journey.

8 Assam Battalion, NCC felicitates 'families and other next of kins of martyrs at Nagaon

Assam Rising, NAGAON, September 25: As part of the nationwide flagship programmes 'Shaheedon Ko Shat Shat Naman', 8 Assam Battalion NCC, Group Headquarters (Tezpur) under the aegis of NCC Directorate, North East Region organized a special felicitation programme to honour the supreme sacrifices of the fallen heroes who laid their lives defending the nation at its office in Nagaon town. During the programme, over 40 families as well as next of kins of such martyrs of Nagaon and Morigaon district, were felicitated and were also presented each of them with a 'plaque of gratitude' by the NCC battalion.



Dr. Mriganka Saikia, principal of GNDG Commerce College, Nagaon, next of kins of martyrs, officials as well as cadets of the NCC battalion participated in the ceremony. Colonel Amar Singh, SM, expressed his deep respect and honour for the sacrifice made by the armed forces. He exhorted to take motivation from those martyrs and urged

the participants to keep the interest of the nation above all. It is worth mentioning that the felicitation programme initiated by the NCC battalion has brought awareness among the local people about their defence forces, in addition to motivating the local youths to join the armed forces in the days to come, a release added.

Durga Puja Bumper Offer 'Matka Jhatka' started at Christian Basti L.Gopal Jewellers Pvt. Ltd.

Customer can get discount Upto 100% on making charges of Gold Jewellery

Assam Rising, Guwahati 25 September: The most trusted and preferred showroom in the Jewellery business not only in Assam but also in Northeast market L.Gopal Jewellers Pvt. Ltd. Christian Basti has come up with a Bumper Offer of 'Matka Jhatka' for its customers on the occasion of the upcoming Durga Puja festival. Speaking on the occasion owner of L.Gopal Jewellers Pvt. Ltd. Mr.



Jagmohan Soni said 'Matka Jhatka' bumper offer is only available at our showroom which is located at Christian Basti, Newslive Building & Kalapahar Branch in Guwahati. He further said

in view of the upcoming Durga Puja festival, 'Matka Jhatka' offer has been started for the customers in our showroom. Through this offer, customers can get up to 100% off on making charges of Gold Jewellery. He further said that this offer will continue till 2nd October 2022 only. Young jewellery businessman Mr. Yogesh Soni said that in view of the upcoming Durga Puja festival,

Dhanteras, Deepawali as well as wedding seasons we have a wide range of new collections and exclusive designs in our showroom. Apart from Gold and Diamond jewellery other fancy jewellery including Polki, Jadau, Kundan etc are also available. We hope that the customers will take advantage of the week-long 'Matka Jhatka' offer only at L.Gopal Jewellers Pvt. Ltd. Christian Basti & Kalapahar showrooms.

Around 1800 inmates of Guwahati Central Jail viewed the first-ever Exhibition of Azadi Ka Amrit Mohotsav & 8 Years of Reform which concluded today

Jail inmates enthusiastically participate in the art and music competitions organised during the exhibition by CBC Guwahati

Guwahati, September 25: Around 1800 inmates of Guwahati Central Jail viewed the first-ever Exhibition of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav & 8 Years of Reform which concluded today. A two day long photo exhibition is being organised by the Central Bureau of Communication, Regional office, Guwahati at the Central Jail here from 23rd September 2022. Addressing the inaugural ceremony held on Saturday Shri Gobinda Malakar, Superintendent, Guwahati Central Jail said, "This is the first time such an exhibition has been organised inside the Guwahati Central Jail. Inside

the Jail, there are many people of different castes & tribes, but Central Bureau of Communication has conveyed the message of unity and solidarity to us through this exhibition. These programme will encourage the inmates to empower and enrich their lives through various Government policies and initiatives." Addressing the gathering Smt. Pavni Gupta, Deputy Director, Press Information Bureau, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, said that the purpose of this photo exhibition is to make people aware about the contribution of the Freedom

fighters to our freedom struggle and make them aware about our rich history and heritage. She further said that, through the photo panels displayed in this exhibition, we can learn about the unsung heroes of the Northeast like Kanaklata Baruah, Kushal Konwar, Maniram Dewan and many others. The department artistes of CBC, Guwahati presented a colourful cultural performance in the exhibition through classical & modern music and dances like the Dal badli dance of Rajasthan. The PRT Troupes of CBC, Guwahati



also performed various folk and traditional dances like the Satriya dance, Bhartal dance, Deodhani etc. They also performed a Streetplay conveying message of social reform. On this occasion Art competition and music competition were held among the inmates of the jail. The prizes

of the Art & Music competitions were also distributed today. Shri Kalyan Choudhury, Jailor, Guwahati Central Jail, Smt. Parinita Borah, Jailor, Guwahati Central Jail, Smt. Hiramani Das, Field Exhibition Officer, CBC, Guwahati were present on the occasion.



World Rabies Day Observation Started By JBF

Assam Rising, Guwahati, September 25: On the occasion of World Rabies Day 2022, JBF (Just Be Friendly) started conducting Anti-Rabies Vaccination Drive in various places across North-east of India. On the initial day, the program was undertaken in Bangora, Dhema, Gogamukh and Guwahati. JBF is collaborating with other organization and clinics along with State Dispensaries of the respective districts to make the event successful. Since 200, JBF (Just

Be Friendly) has been striving to combat the issue of rabies and has launched a campaign called "Rabies Control." The primary goal of this initiative is to make our society Rabies free by 2030. This effort has been implemented by JBF in numerous areas of India's North Eastern states, notably in Guwahati, Assam. One of the JBF's main motive is Animal Birth Control and vaccination of stray dogs against rabies disease. However, the drive included pets too. During the vaccination program, free medical

check-up was also provided. Dr Sashanka Sekhar Dutta, founder of JBF states "The ultimate goal is to control and eliminate dog mediated rabies, which is one of the few communicable diseases that can be eliminated using currently available vaccines and tools for veterinary and public health interventions. Dr. Dutta also added that the vaccination program will continue till 28th of September, 2022. JBF will also be conducting a Street Play across Guwahati to create awareness towards rabies.

Cultural procession organised on the occasion of Sri Sri Durga Puja Centenary at Kulhati

Assam Rising, Guwahati September 25: A cultural procession was organised on the occasion of Sri Sri Durga Puja Centenary at Kulhati. The procession was attended by the people of greater Hajo area including Kulhati. There is a lot of enthusiasm among the people about this Durga Puja, which has passed 100 years. In the meantime, this procession gave another dimension. Bharatiya Janata Party national general secretary Dilip Saikia, BJP state executive member Ratul Sharma, state



mahila morcha secretary Asha Bordoloi, state Kisan Morcha general secretary Nibaran Lahkar were also present at the

rally. Bhriku Kashyap, a renowned singer of Assam, was also present as a special guest at the procession.

Inauguration of Newsletter 'The Image' at Nowboicha College

Assam Rising, North Lakhimpur, September 25: With the inauguration of a newsletter "The Image" on Saturday, Nowboicha College, Nowboicha, North Lakhimpur opened up a new vista in its history for showcasing all the events and happenings, students' achievements, results, teachers' profile etc. to a greater community. The inauguration programme was held in the college digital classroom at 1 p.m. positively. The programme was anchored by one of the joint editors Dharmendra Upadhyaya. The Principal of the college, Dr. Gunindra Nath Sarmah chaired the programme. Dr. Jiten Sarmah, Ex Principal (Retired) of Lakhimpur Commerce College was invited as the inaugurator of the newsletter. Inaugurating the newsletter, he said that a newsletter of a college is equally important as the magazine of a college to showcases all its achievements. He further said that a newsletter is indeed a showcase of a college. The Principal in his chairmanship speech offered his heartfelt thanks by saying that today the newsletter got its visibility only because of all the supports from the teaching and non-teaching staff of the college. He assured to publish it bi-annually. The programme came to an end with vote of thanks from one of the joint editors Dr. Indrani Gogoi.



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Summoning the Gods of Total Destruction

Vladimir Putin delivered his own (partial) version last week. As the Ukraine war goes south for Russia, he claimed the defeats are the result of cosmopolitan conspiracies bent on destroying Russia and he had to announce (partial) total mobilisation. He called on Russians' sense of historical mission and implied Russia was ready to use nuclear weapons. "This isn't a bluff," he insisted. Putin likes to imitate the worst of 20th-century totalitarian propaganda, but does his message work, at home and abroad? Or is Putin starting to make the same propaganda blunders he made on the battlefield? Russian state propaganda drips with the pathos of martyrdom. Russians are meant to love the pain of proving how tough they are, surviving everything from the Gulag to the extreme weather, as compared with the effete west. The propaganda taps incessantly into the myth of the Second World War, in which Russians are described as unique among nations in their readiness to sacrifice themselves for a greater cause. On the anniversary of that war, the state organises marches where people carry placards of dead veterans, "the immortal regiment": death in war brings immortality in the heaven of state propaganda. There's a suicidal bravura, a "let's destroy the whole world" implication in the popular catchphrase "What's the point of the world if there's no place for Russia in it?". Putin's nuclear threats are snarled with relish, as if sadistically summoning the Gods of Total Destruction. As with the Nazis, rational self-interest is meant to be swallowed up in the community of the state. But look closer and the picture gets more complicated - and vulnerable. The myth of martyrdom and resilience is suspect. Ukrainians have a genuine tradition of suffering for the cause of national liberation - and success through sacrifice. For centuries, Ukrainian poets and rebels proved themselves ready to bear unjust imprisonment, executions and genocide to fight for their national and linguistic rights. Many of Ukraine's heroes, such as the poets Taras Shevchenko and Vasyl Stus, suffered Russian prisons and tortures, and their underlying spirit of resilience is being proved on the battlefield.

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Moving the British embassy to Jerusalem would be an outrage



So this is what a Liz Truss foreign policy, freed from the constraints of EU membership, looks like. She may be unworried - perhaps even pleased - that her consideration of transferring the British embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem has appalled the Palestinians. She should perhaps be more nervous about the impact on Britain's global standing of a move that would break with an

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international consensus so far uniquely violated, among leaders of developed democracies, by Donald Trump. Not to mention the position firmly held since the 1967 six-day war by every British government up to and including even Boris Johnson's. Perhaps Truss thinks that position merely reflects a similar "orthodoxy" in the

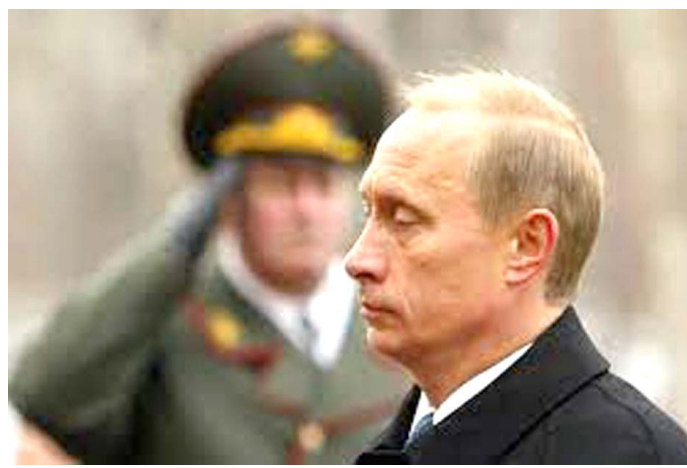
Foreign Office to the one she has repeatedly denounced in the Treasury. It doesn't. The refusal to station an embassy in Jerusalem ahead of a just peace between Israel and the Palestinians is in keeping with international law and every UN resolution over five decades calling for an end to the Israeli occupation of the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem. The latter was annexed, in the world's view illegally, in the aftermath of that war and earmarked by every European country - hitherto including Britain - for the capital of a future Palestinian state. The Israeli prime minister, Yair Lapid, was praised by Joe Biden (and attacked by the right wing Benjamin Netanyahu-led opposition) last week for promoting a two-state solution in his UN general assembly speech. Yet Lapid wants Israeli sovereignty over occupied

East Jerusalem and the Jordan Valley, conditions far short of what the Palestinians could accept in any negotiation. If the embassy move went ahead, it would help to bury the notion, accepted even by past Israeli leaders such as Ehud Barak, Ehud Olmert and, before he reversed his position of less than 15 years ago, by Lapid himself, of a division of Jerusalem into two

capitals, Israeli and Palestinian, side by side. Beyond that, it would directly help to empower the Israeli right in their relentless extension of illegal settlements not only in East Jerusalem but across the West Bank, corralling and dispossessing Palestinians in the process. Truss likes to project herself as Margaret Thatcher's heir. But it's impossible to imagine that Thatcher, who came to a much deeper understanding of the conflict than Truss has so far displayed, and became progressively more impatient of Israel's settlement project, would have done anything remotely similar. For Britain's historical role in the Middle East - and not just its permanent membership of the UN security council - confers on it a unique obligation to seek justice for the Palestinians. Much of the Palestinian public already blames the 1917 Balfour declaration promising a "national home for the Jewish people" for its present travails. In fact, the section of the declaration promising this would not be at the expense of the rights of "non-Jewish communities" remains spectacularly unfinished business.

Vladimir Putin's ship of fools is sinking fast. Will he take everyone down with him?

More than ever, Vladimir Putin resembles the captain of the Titanic: steaming full speed ahead towards disaster, deluded by inaccurate assumptions about his ship's invincibility, and blind to darkly looming hazards. Everything the captain thinks he knows is wrong, the modern-day treasure hunter, Brock Lovett, says in the 1997 movie. And like the Titanic's lookouts, wrong-headed Putin does not spot the iceberg until too late. There's no avoiding catastrophe. In Ukraine, that was not necessarily true until now. Putin's speech last week, mobilising reserves, preparing territorial annexations, and threatening nuclear war, might easily have followed a different tack. Instead of escalating, he could have claimed victory, declared a ceasefire. An offer of negotiations would have wrongfooted Kyiv, stymying its advance, freezing the conflict and dividing Moscow's enemies. He could have won time to regroup. He could even have put his hand up, swallowed humble pie. But he didn't do any of that. Ever resentful and vindictive, Putin lacks the necessary courage and imagination. He got it wrong, again. And so a critical moment passed. Now it's Russia's regime, not Ukraine, that faces shipwreck. From the moment he skulked into the limelight in 1999, using suspect terror bombings to fortify his image as a "kill them in a shithouse" tough guy, Putin looked like a wrong un. And the sceptical observers, it transpires, were right. The tragic



sinking in 2000 of the Russian nuclear-powered submarine Kursk, with the loss of more than 100 lives, gave an early glimpse of Putinism.

He was slow to react, seemed uncaring and callous, and furiously rejected criticism. Over the ensuing decades, Putin has run Russia the way his KGB cold war handlers taught him to run operations: co-opt, bribe or intimidate the people you need, silence or eliminate those you don't. Corpses continue to pile up behind his throne. During his national TV address, Putin's lack of basic political skills was matched by a chilling absence of human warmth and animation. He might have been one of Gogol's Dead Souls. His eyes were cold and lifeless as the grave. The extent to which Putin is getting it wrong again over Ukraine is stupefying. The sheer scale of strategic failure is truly epic. Ukraine, a fragile democracy racked by political feuding and endemic corruption, has been united in nationhood in defiance of the aggressor. The Nato

alliance, blamed by Putin for causing the conflict and denigrated by his admirer, Donald Trump, is stronger than

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European spending is rocketing. Neutrals Sweden and Finland scramble to join. In sharp contrast, the poor performance of Moscow's once-respected armed forces, their battlefield embarrassments, logistical nightmares and weak leadership, have exploded the myth of Russian superpower. That bubble has permanently popped. Russia's economy is bleeding out. And despite western worries about the Kremlin propaganda offensive in Africa and Asia, it is largely isolated internationally. In March, 141 out of 193 countries condemned the invasion in a UN vote. Most of the remainder abstained. Last week the UN general assembly overruled Moscow and allowed Ukraine's president, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, to make a virtual address, sketching a path to peace. He

gained a standing ovation - and the initiative. Even Putin was forced to take notice when China, hitherto straddling the fence, expressed "concern" at the damage he is doing. Narendra Modi, India's prime minister, scolded him: "Today's era is not an era of war". Kremlin strategists may argue they can live without India's approval. But Russia increasingly needs China as a diplomatic partner, military ally, and market for its sanctioned oil, gas and arms exports. The war is fundamentally shifting the power balance in Beijing's favour. "That asymmetry is destined to become only more pronounced in the coming years as Putin's regime depends on Beijing for its survival," wrote analyst Alexander Gabuev. Putin was turning Russia into a "vassal state". 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. One of these blunders takes into account the war's destabilising impact on what was once called Russia's "near abroad". Old enmities and unresolved grievances are re-igniting as local rivals sense Kremlin weakness. Renewed fighting between Armenia and Azerbaijan, former Soviet republics, is one flashpoint - not helped by US Democrat Nancy Pelosi's Taiwan-style meddling, last week. Central Asia is smouldering. Meanwhile, Georgia, Stalin's birthplace, and

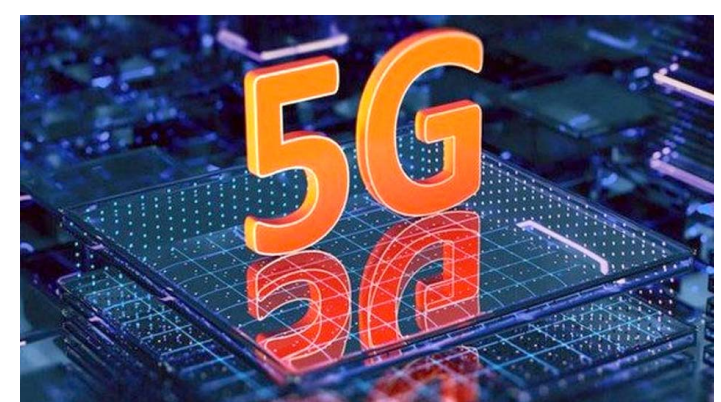
breakaway Moldova gingerly joined the EU's membership queue in June. The people of Belarus are awaiting their chance, too. Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, the opposition leader who was robbed of her 2020 presidential election victory, predicts a democratic revolution could erupt at any time. Alexander Lukashenko's Moscow-backed regime is "ripe for destruction", she wrote. When that happens, Putin will lose his 'Belarusian balcony', which looms over eastern Europe and provides strategic access to Poland and the Baltic states. So much for Putin's Peter the Great fantasy of a new Russian imperial age. Dictatorship or not, how can anyone with such a uniquely incompetent record expect to remain in power much longer? As the war hits home, Putin is blamed for everything that's gone wrong, before and since. Anti-mobilisation street protests and an exodus of fleeing conscripts are the latest omens of change. Additional, prominent voices are raised in opposition every day. The elite swivels. What happened last week was not even mostly about Ukraine. It was about the future of Russia, the dangerous, desperate unravelling of its regime, and whether what follows will be more democratic, more law-abiding, less aggressive. The Russian people, not the western powers or regional neighbours, will ultimately decide. But Putin's reign of impunity is drawing to a close. Like the Titanic's captain, vainly peering into the enveloping gloom, he just doesn't know it yet.

5G is coming to India next month. Should you upgrade?

5G is finally coming to India next month. Soon after the four-day Indian Mobile Congress event ends on 4 October, Reliance Jio, Bharti Airtel, and Vodafone are expected to roll out 5G services, which will provide faster mobile connectivity to consumers of compatible devices. The speed of these networks is expected to be 10 to 15 times higher than the current 4G services. But fundamentally, there are two

types of 5G networks - mmWave, which promises the 10x speed bump with its ultra-high bandwidth; and sub-6GHz 5G, which is what most people will experience after the rollout. The infrastructure for 5G will be non-standalone, meaning it will be built on top of the existing 4G networks, making it cost-effective and allowing network operators to scale up the infrastructure to standalone as the 5G market expands. Also, non-standalone

infrastructure is ideal for sub-6GHz 5G, and a non-standalone network with mmWave will need many more cell towers for coverage. In India, Airtel and Vodafone networks will use non-standalone infrastructure but Reliance Jio will be a more sophisticated standalone network. Overall, one shouldn't expect a dramatic change in the cost of their mobile internet plan if they upgrade from 4G to 5G. Even though Reliance would've had more capital expenditure, it will be aggressive with pricing to capture market share as it did while launching 4G. If one looks at the spectrum that has been allotted to Airtel, Jio, Vodafone and Adani, then the widest assortment of it is for sub-6GHz 5G, even though the quantum of allotment of 26 GHz is higher for overall bandwidth purposes. The allocation of the spectrum network operator-wise is as follows: All the spectrum that is below 6 GHz is what is known as sub-6GHz 5G, which is what we will see when 5G networks are activated, especially while using our smartphones. The network operators haven't rolled out their plans so far but if one compares what speeds we can expect, then in the US T-Mobile markets sub-6GHz 5G network will have the speed of around 300 mbps which is the speed of a high-speed fibre line. Airtel claims its 4G advanced network has a peak speed of 135 mbps, but effectively it is around half because there are multiple factors like network congestion, device type, and your location - so at best one can expect the speed of 5G networks to be 2 to 3 times of what one experiences on 4G. 4K content will be a breeze to stream on your phone, data transfers will become almost instantaneous. In simpler



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terms, your mobile internet will feel like a high-speed broadband connection. Apart from the cost benefit, there is another reason sub-6GHz 5G is better for most consumers. Range. Sub-6GHz 5G networks use the same cellular towers and provide a combination of range and the spectrum can penetrate through concrete walls more easily to provide better signal stability in indoor situations. This will also be better for the battery life of your phone. mmWave networks will be 10-15 times faster but they have a short wavelength. They represent frequencies between 24GHz and 100GHz. In the US, an mmWave antenna can provide connection range at most for a block, which is around 80 metres if one accounts for buildings in an area, but can scale to a maximum of a kilometre. Even in this space, one needs a direct line of sight with the antenna as building materials like concrete and brick attenuate and reflect high-frequency signals. When the frequencies go beyond 28GHz, the signal is impacted even by air, wood, and glass. In India, particularly in the metropolitan cities where 5G will be rolled out first - houses are made from concrete and bricks, besides buildings. In the US, at least many homes especially in

suburban areas are made from wood so mmWave has some semblance of viability. That's why even though Adani Data Networks has acquired spectrum, it is highly unlikely it will end up becoming a mobile network operator. Its focus is on mmWave which will have huge relevance in industrial use cases. For example, Adani has taken over six airports - Ahmedabad, Lucknow, Mangaluru, Jaipur, Guwahati, and Thiruvananthapuram - here it can use its mmWave spectrum to deploy a high-speed network that is congestion free. If one looks at most smartphones that support 5G in India, n78/n77 bands are pervasive as they support frequencies up to 3300 MHz. Airtel, Jio and Vodafone all have opted for this band, while Adani has not opted for this frequency. 3300 MHz will be used for high-speed 5G. Contrastingly, the 700 MHz, 800 MHz and 900 MHz bands will be used to extend the range of the 5G network as these bands were already in use for 4G. Airtel and Jio have taken in more spectrum for the lower frequencies to augment their 5G networks. Vodafone didn't feel the need to do it while Adani will not be building a B2C mobile network, so it didn't need the spectrum. The n28, n5 and n8 bands are needed for these low-end frequencies and most smartphones with 5G support, especially the ones launched in 2022, support these bands. In a nutshell for 5G, users should check if their phones have the n77/n78/n5/n8/n28 bands.

Yamaha Aerox 155 MotoGP edition launched in India



Delhi, September 25 : The Yamaha Aerox 155 MotoGP edition scooter is finished in an all-black theme with blue and green highlights. There are Monster Energy decals on the front mudguard, side panels, rear panels, visor and front apron. This new Yamaha scooter is identical to the standard version. Earlier in August this year, India Yamaha Motor unveiled the new MotoGP edition of their products. Now, the automaker has launched the Yamaha Aerox 155 MotoGP edition at ₹1.41 lakh (ex-showroom). It is ₹2,000 more costlier than the standard version of the Aerox 155. This MotoGP edition is inspired by Yamaha's Monster Energy MotoGP M1 motorbikes. The changes to the Aerox 155 MotoGP edition are only cosmetic. The Yamaha Aerox 155 MotoGP edition scooter is finished in an all-black theme with blue and

green highlights. There are Monster Energy decals on the front mudguard, side panels, rear panels, visor and front apron. This new Yamaha scooter is identical to the standard version. Now, the Aerox 155 is available in four colours. There is Metallic Black, Racing Blue, Grey Vermillion and Monster Energy MotoGP Edition. Talking about the engine, it comes with a 155 cc, liquid cooled engine which is derived from R15. It produces 14.79 bhp of max power and 13.9 Nm of peak torque. It is mated to a CVT automatic transmission. The Aerox 155 uses 14-inch alloy wheels tubeless tyres. The front tyre measures 110/80 whereas the rear one measures 140/70. Braking duties are done by a 230 mm disc in the front and a 130 mm drum brake at the rear. There is also a single-channel anti-lock braking system on the front brake. The frame is suspended by tele-

scopic front forks and dual shock absorbers at the rear. In terms of features, the Aerox 155 comes with an LED headlamp with LED Daytime Running Lamps, an LED tail lamp, a front packet, a USB socket for changing mobile devices, 24.5-litres of boot space, a multi-function key switch, side stand cut off and an external fuel lid. The MotoGP edition scooter also comes with accessories on offer such as body cover, LED flasher, seat cover, knuckle guards, seat cover, sports screen smoke and visor trim carbon.

Redmi smartphones at a starting price of INR 5299

Delhi, September 25 : This year, we suggest, go different, ditch the regular dry fruit box, and give something more innovative and unique yet super useful - a Smartphone. We have curated the perfect list of products under 10k to light yours and your closed ones' Diwali this season. The most affordable dual camera smartphone, Redmi A1 will be available for a price of INR 5,299 this Diwali. Ranked as the India's highest shipped AMOLED smartphone as per IDC, Redmi Note 11 is available for INR 9,999. Users can unlock all day performance with Redmi 10 at an incredible price of INR 7,999.

Redmi A1
The latest offering from the house of Xiaomi India, Redmi A1 is designed to be your first smartphone when switching from a feature phone and is bound to raise the bars with its exceptional specifications. The most affordable dual camera smartphone, the A1 experience comes packed with a 16.55cm (6.52") HD+ display along with a massive 5000mAh battery to ensure you go on all day long and make this transition super seamless for you. This entry-level segment smartphone comes with a leather textured back on a Redmi phone for the first time ever to prevent fingerprints so that the phone keeps looking pristine. Additionally, Redmi A1 houses an 8MP dual AI camera and a 5MP front camera allow-

Mumbai, September 25 : Tata Motors, India's leading automotive brand, today announced that its electric SUV - Nexon EV MAX has made a landmark entry into the India Book of Records. The Nexon EV MAX successfully scaled the World's highest motorable road at Umling La pass, located in Ladakh at 19,024 Ft, above the sea level. It is the 1st ever electric car to achieve this feat and demonstrates the inherent capabilities of Tata EVs even in high altitude conditions. A team of

expert drivers started the journey from Leh and completed this record on September 18, 2022. Powered by high voltage state-of-the-art Ziptron technology, the Nexon EV MAX is built on pillars of comfort, reliability, performance, technology, charging. The Ziptron EV architecture is driven and proven over 450 million kms across diverse and challenging Indian terrain and this achievement is a testament to the thrilling performance it offers, substantiating its 'Made for India' credentials. Commenting



on this achievement. Since its entry into the personal EV space in 2020, Tata Motors has been the pioneer in the EV segment with more than 40,000 EVs on the Indian road, out of which over 30,000 are Nexon EVs. The Nexon EV is the largest selling 4-wheeler EV in India with a commanding market share of 63% (FY22). The feature and spec advantages of Nexon EV MAX such as: Certified ARAI range of 437 km, Instantaneous torque, ESP with i-VBAC, Hill Descent Control, IP 67 rated battery

pack and motor, Auto-dimming IRVM, High ground clearance, high-water wading capability, Electronic Parking Brake and Auto Vehicle hold makes its capable of being driven in any terrain conditions - even through world's highest motorable road. The Multimode regen feature especially helps in high altitude adding range to the vehicle when coming downhill. It is also compatible with multiple charging options such as, DC fast charging, AC fast charging or regular charging from any 15A plug

point, allowing the user to operate in remote areas as well. Equipped with a 40.5 kWh Lithium-ion battery pack, the Nexon EV MAX produces 105 kW (143 PS) of power and delivers an instant torque of 250 Nm available at push of the pedal, resulting in 0 to 100 sprint times in under 9 secs. Available in two trim options - the Nexon EV MAX XZ+ and Nexon EV MAX XZ+ Lux, it offers 33% higher battery capacity, which ensures uninterrupted inter-city travel. It comes in 3 exciting colours - Intensi-Teal (exclusive to the Nexon EV MAX), Daytona Grey and Pristine White. It's luxurious interiors such as ventilated leatherette seats, rear AC vents, jewelled control knob with active display and rear AC vents make any challenging drive - smooth and comfortable.

Ikea invests additional Rs. 600 crore in India business

Delhi, September 25 : Swedish furniture and home furnishings retailer Ikea has invested an additional Rs600 crore in its Indian unit as it ramps up its retail presence in the country. The investors include Ingka Pro Holding BV, The Netherlands and Ingka Holding Overseas BV. The majority of the investment has been made by Ingka Holding Overseas BV and the remainder by Ingka Pro Holding BV, according to data sourced from business intelligence platform, Tofler. Both companies are part of Ingka Group, the owner and operator of Ikea Retail. The company pumped in Rs850 crore into the India busi-

ness earlier this year. Ikea has been trying to ramp up presence in India by opening stores across formats. It operates a combination of large and small format retail stores apart from fulfilling online orders in select cities. The furniture retailer has so far opened three big format Ikea stores that are operational in Hyderabad, Navi Mumbai and Bengaluru. Two city center stores opened in Mumbai in Dec 2021 and in July 2022. It is present online in cities of Mumbai, Pune, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Surat, Vadodara and Bengaluru. In fact, the parent company has also chalked out plans to open large format

shopping centers in the country via Ingka Centres. In August-Mint reported that parent Ingka Group, promised to invest ₹900 million (about ₹7,266 crore) in building two mega shopping centres in Delhi-NCR. Ingka Centre in Gurugram, to be made with an investment of ₹3,500-crore, will be built by the second half of 2025. This will be followed by a similar centre in Noida. In FY21, Ikea's India unit reported a net loss of ₹807.5 crore; it reported a loss of ₹720.7 crore in the previous year, according to data accessed by Tofler. Net sales at Ikea India Pvt. Ltd grew 7.36% to ₹607.7 crore in the fiscal year ended 31 March 2021.



Byju's clears pending dues of \$234-million to Blackstone



Mumbai, September 25 : Edtech unicorn Byju's has cleared pending payment of \$234 million to global private investment firm Blackstone, which were linked to its deal to acquire brick-and-mortar coaching chain Aakash Institute last year, people briefed on the matter said. Byju's acquired Aakash Institute for \$950 million in April 2021 but the payment to Blackstone - which held around 38% stake in Aakash - was delayed. The original timeline for the payment was in June this year but that was extended to August. Byju Raveendran, founder of Byju's, told ET earlier this month that the delay was procedural as it had to meet guidelines set by the Reserve Bank of India. He said that the payment would be cleared by the end of September. A spokesperson for Byju's confirmed the development. Byju's, India's most valued startup, has also been facing criticism for a delay in furnishing its audited financials for financial year 2020-21 (FY21). On September 14, after an 18-month gap, the Bengaluru-based edtech startup said revenue from operations for FY21 had been readjusted to Rs 2,280 crore and that losses had ballooned to Rs 4,588 crore during the same period, from Rs 262 crore in FY20. The revenue number was a significant 48% lower from its projected figure of about Rs 4,400 crore in the unaudited results of its parent entity Think & Learn Pvt Ltd. Audit firm Deloitte, Haskins & Sells has cleared Byju's FY21 financial results. The company said its unaudited financial results for FY22 show a revenue of Rs 10,000 crore. Raveendran told ET earlier this month that the company had recorded "significant growth in revenue compared to financial year 2020 but because of revenue recognition changes, it is getting pushed to the next financial year." The edtech firm had announced a \$800 million funding round in March this year but \$300 million of that is unlikely to trickle in, Raveendran said, adding that the company was in talks to close a new funding round over the coming months. Raveendran himself had put in \$400 million through debt financing from US financiers in that round. News wire Reuters was the first to report that Byju's had made the pending payment to Blackstone.

Flipkart festive sales witness record 1.6 million users per second

Bengaluru, September 25 : E-commerce major Flipkart on Friday said that it witnessed the highest-ever number of concurrent users with 1.6 million users per second as it kicked off the ninth edition of its 'Big Billion Days 2022' festive sales, driven by shoppers from tier 2 and



smaller cities. The number of Flipkart Plus customers using Early Access during the sale also saw a healthy growth as compared to last year's event, according to the

company. Categories like laptops, smartwatches and true wireless wearables witnessed the highest demand, while makeup and fragrance categories also saw high traction. There has been a significant rise in customers purchasing groceries on Flipkart, said the company. "This year's event is spe-

cial for many reasons, like the growing strength of our seller and partner ecosystem and the innovations that have enabled access to greater inclusivity and affordability for consumers," said Manjari Singh, Senior Director Customer, Growth, and Events, Flipkart said, "Categories

such as mobiles, large appliances, fashion, furniture and home appliances witnessed the greatest interest and demand among buyers. Shopsy, the affordable e-commerce platform by Flipkart for Bharat, drew a majority of customers from tier 2 cities and beyond.

Dalmia Bharat Partners with DGMS

Guwahati, September 25 : Dalmia Cement (Bharat) Limited (DCBL), a leading Indian cement major and a subsidiary of Dalmia Bharat Limited, successfully concluded the 18th North East Grand Metalliferous Mines Safety Week in Guwahati recently, under the aegis of the Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS), Government of India. The event was graced by Chief Guest, Shri Ujjwal Tah, Deputy Director General of Mines Safety Eastern Zone. DCBL's employees, partners, as well as dignitaries from the local administration were also present at the event. The 18th edition of the Grand Metalliferous

Mines Safety Week saw a remarkable turnout from the region's industry fraternity including over 250 delegates from 17 mining companies that participated in the function and were awarded in various categories basis evaluations completed during the Mines Inspection. DCBL's Jamunanagar Limestone Mines in Umrangso, Assam, bagged the overall 1st Prize at the NE Metalliferous Mines Safety Week for the year 2019-2020 and the overall 3rd Prize at the NE Metalliferous Mines Safety Week for the year 2020-2021. The team also received 13 individual prizes in various trade test competition categories.



Additionally, DCBL's Meghalaya Limestone Mines won the overall 2nd Prize in NE Metalliferous Mines Safety Week for the year 2021, 1st prize in the First Aid Competition, 6 prizes in the Mines Inspection category, and 9 individual prizes in trade test competition categories. Mr. Yohan Yejerla, Director of Mines Safety, Directorate

General of Mines Safety, Guwahati Region presided over the function as the Guest of Honour and was joined by The Director of Mines Safety Electrical & Mechanical respectively along with their Deputies. The concluding day function was sponsored by Dalmia Cement Bharat Ltd., Meghalaya Unit and Shri Padmanav Chakravarty,

Regional Manufacturing Head for DCBL North East, delivered a keynote speech on safety. This was followed by Shri SK Rout, Deputy ED, National Mining Operation at DCBL and Shri Raju Ranjan Prasad, DCBL's Meghalaya Unit Head delivering the Welcome Speech and Vote of Thanks, respectively. Since commencing business in the

North East region almost 10 years ago, DCBL has not only established itself as a cement leader in the states it has a presence in, but has also earned itself a reputation for being a social transformation partner and an environmental steward spearheading social and climate change initiatives within the region and beyond.

Puja offer: Thar SUV price drop

Delhi, September 25 : Ahead of the festive season, Mahindra & Mahindra has revised the price of its four-seater Thar SUV by up to ₹53,411. The company has both increased as well as decreased the price across models for both petrol AT and diesel MT variants. The price revision comes days after the price of Mahindra XUV700 was increased earlier this month. Mahindra XUV will now demand a premium of up to ₹37,000. Mahindra Thar Petrol AT convertible and hard-top versions have got a price cut. Both these models have become affordable by up to ₹20,678 and ₹21,271, respectively. The petrol MT Hardtop variant, on the other hand, has got a price hike. It will now demand a premium of ₹5,711. Prices of the diesel variants of Mahindra Thar have also been revised. The SUV's hard-top and convertible versions in the diesel MT variant will now demand a premium of ₹28,278 and ₹28,096, respectively. While the diesel AT variants for the convertible and hard-top versions have become expensive by ₹52,780 and ₹53,411, respectively. Meanwhile, Mahindra is reportedly planning to launch a 5-door model of Mahindra Thar SUV in the country. The revamped model of Thar is expected to be first revealed at the Auto Expo 2023 in January next year where cars like Maruti Suzuki Jimny 5-door and Force Gurkha 5-door are also rumoured to be showcased.

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Kaziranga likely to welcome back

the clear skies in September and a significant recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic. The park authorities are expecting a record flow of guests after the KNPTR, famous for its one-horned rhino, saw an all-time high revenue of Rs 6 crore by registering 2.75 lakh footfall in the last tourist seasons between October 2021 and May this year. Assam principal chief conservator of forests MK Yadava said considering the pressure from tourists, the park will reopen around mid-October. "There is no flood-like situation in the Kaziranga at present, but roads inside the park need to be repaired. Elephant rides in KNPTR are usually allowed from November 1, but we have empowered the park director to take the final call," Yadava said. Various stakeholders of the tourism industry, including jeep drivers, have demanded that the park should reopen from October 1. The Jeep drivers said safaris inside the park, barring some deep forest pockets, can be rolled out from the first week of October. "Any delay in reopening of the park is undesirable, considering the improvement in both the flood and Covid situations. We are enjoying a clear weather here in Kaziranga," said Tulsi Bordoloi, president of the Kaziranga Development and Jeep Safari Association. The association is scheduled to meet chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Sunday to press for their demand. "Some minor repairs of wooden bridges and kutchra roads are required inside the park. But if the government gives a go-ahead, KNPTR can be reopened from the first week of October itself," said a forest department official. Tourist department sources also said most of the lodges in and around Kaziranga are booked for October already. In total, 2,74,116 domestic and 1,719 foreign tourists had visited the park in the previous season, which was up from 1,67,644 footfall recorded in 2020-2021. The revenue collection nearly doubled from about Rs 3.60 crore in 2020-21.

'Need transparency': EAM S

senior leader of the Pakistan-based terror organisation. Abdul Rauf Azhar, born in 1974 in Pakistan, was sanctioned by the US in December 2010. In June this year, China put a hold, at the last moment, on a joint proposal by India and the US to list Pakistan-based terrorist Abdul Rehman Makki under the 1267 Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee of the UN Security Council. "We hope that reason would prevail and people, first of all, would not arbitrarily or politically block," Mr Jaishankar said, underlining that the message is that this is "not inter-state politics which we are talking about." "We are trying to get across our message that terrorism is not political. It should not be used as a political tool, its consequences should not be made political." "If you go into the UN and say does everybody consider terrorism a common threat, everybody will say yes. So we are saying well, if that's what your position is, then why don't your policies and your actions follow up on it," he said. Mr Jaishankar, in his UNGA address on Saturday, said that no rhetoric, however sanctimonious can ever cover up blood stains, and nations who defend proclaimed terrorists in the United Nations advance neither their own interests nor their reputation, a clear reference to China and Pakistan. "Having borne the brunt of cross border terrorism for decades, India firmly advocates a 'zero-tolerance' approach. In our view, there is no justification for any act of terrorism, regardless of motivation. And no rhetoric, however sanctimonious can ever cover up blood stains," Mr Jaishankar said in the UN General Debate. "The United Nations responds to terrorism by sanctioning its perpetrators. Those who politicise the UNSC 1267 Sanctions regime, sometimes even to the extent of defending proclaimed terrorists, do so at their own peril. Believe me, they advance neither their own interests nor indeed their reputation," he said. With the Chinese Foreign Minister listening, Mr Jaishankar had said during a ministerial meeting in the Security Council on Ukraine this week that the fight against impunity is critical to the larger pursuit of securing peace and justice. The Security Council must send an unambiguous and unequivocal message on this count. He had said "politics should never ever provide cover to evade accountability. Nor indeed to facilitate impunity. Regrettably, we have seen this of late in this very Chamber, when it comes to sanctioning some of the world's most dreaded terrorists." "If egregious attacks committed in broad daylight are left unpunished, this Council must reflect on the signals we are sending on impunity. There must be consistency if we are to ensure credibility," he said.

6,000 Workers Evacuated After

has triggered landslides with flood water flowing above the construction of the main dam, causing devastation in the downstream areas. The guard walls of Subansiri dam, which was built to safeguard the dam from overflowing water, collapsed on Saturday. The wall collapsed after the accumulation of excess water in the dam due to heavy rainfall in Assam for the past few days breaking the water-carrying capacity. This might result in submerging of powerhouse under water. Meanwhile, due to fear of collapse as overflowing water has been surging out of the tunnel, the intake tunnel of the project has been closed. Two out of the five tunnels are also shut down as fear of inundation and floods strike lower Assam. Notably, over the past few days upstream of Arunachal Pradesh is experiencing incessant rainfall which have intensified the Subansiri River's flow of water. It is consequently causing major damage to NHPC's under-construction Subansiri Lower Hydroelectric Project (SLHP). The continuous downpour has triggered landslides with flood water flowing above the construction of the main dam, causing devastation in the downstream areas. The SLHP is still under construction in Gerukamukh of Dhemaji district.

CM Unveils Rhino Statues Made

complete. The Assam Forest department collected these horns over the years and CM Sarma wanted to send a message that the horns do not have any medicinal value by burning it. He further said that those dealing with smuggling and poaching rhinos will be dealt strongly.

Devotees Prepare To Welcome Maa

elephant or horse to her maternal house on earth. It is also believed that within ten days, Goddess Durga removed demons from the earth and blessed her devotees. Durga Puja begins on the seventh day of Mahalaya and ends on the tenth day. During the beginning of Mahalaya, devotees get up early in the morning to worship Goddess Durga. Mahalaya has a deep connection with Durga Puja. On this day, the idol makers give the final touch to the goddess. Meanwhile, pandal makers have started to complete to finish the pandals within this week as Durga Puja festival is just a few days away. The Rest camp, Shantipur, Latastil, Nayantara, Bishnupur, Ganeshguri, Chatribari, Nambari, are some of the puja mandaps where the mandaps are decorated in different themes. Moreover, the malls, shops, and so on have started to gather crowds.

Sachin Pilot set for Rajasthan CM? Ashok Gehlot say new generation should get a chance

Jaipur, September 25: Amid the suspense over the CM face, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Sunday gave a stunning statement and said that the new generation should get a chance to lead the show. Gehlot, who is in Jaisalmer to offer his prayers at Tanot Mata Temple, made the statement while speaking to the media. Meanwhile, as Gehlot was in Jaisalmer on Sunday, a few MLAs from his camp are reportedly attending a meeting called by state minister Shanti Dhariwal. Sources said that the meeting has been convened to decide the next course of action which Gehlot camp needs to take if Pilot becomes the CM. Those present at Dhariwal's residence include State ministers Mahesh Joshi, Shakuntala Rawat and MLAs Danish Abrar, Mahendra Choudhary, and Alok Beniwal. Sources said tents have been ordered at Dhariwal's residence. However, Gehlot, from his statement, has proved that he stands different from this group and wants to promote young leadership.

Over 5,000 militants nabbed in Assam since 2011, only 1 convicted

Guwahati, September 25: A total of 5,202 militants have been arrested in the last 12 years from various parts of Assam, but only one of them has been convicted so far, according to official records. Only about half of those arrested have been charge-sheeted so far. Experts said investigators and the legal system "are at fault", resulting in an inordinate delay at multiple stages of the justice delivery system. The Assam Police arrested 5,202 cadres of ULFA and other extremist groups, comprising people from the Bodo, Garo, Rabha, Karbi, Adivasi, and Muslim communities, from 2011 to September 4 this year, the official documents stated. A total of 2,606 persons have been charge-sheeted in connection with the cases to date and "most of the cases are under trial and one person has been convicted", it said. The conviction of the lone militant took place in the Lakhimpur district in 2012. No other militant has been convicted since then. Of the arrested people, the highest 2,392 number was from militant groups formed by Bodo people, followed by 1,468 from ULFA and 582 from Karbi groups. Police also arrested 346 people from Adivasi groups, followed by 178 from Garo, 155 from Muslim, and 81 from Rabha communities. Gauhati High Court Advocate Santanu Borthakur told PTI that the delay in the conviction of an accused takes place at multiple stages and it is also done "deliberately at times". "Until we know the dates of arrest and the filing of the charge sheet, it is difficult to know where exactly the delay is taking place. At times, the investigators delay the probe purposively because many militants get political patronage and eventually become political personalities," he added. When the charge sheet is filed after a prolonged period, witnesses cannot be found on several occasions for giving evidence in court. Some witnesses do not appear even if they get notice after a long time, Borthakur said. "There is a delay in our criminal justice system. ... Many a time, the witnesses turn hostile and cannot be found," he said. Another Gauhati High Court Advocate Rakhee Sirauthia Chowdhury said that the fault lies with both the police and the legal system. "The investigators do not probe the cases and keep it lying for years. On the other hand, a trial goes on for a long time due to various reasons," she added. Chowdhury said that in the case of militants, the investigation often loses focus because several people start questioning the violation of human rights of the accused. "That he or she is a criminal, killed many people, and waged war against the nation -- these facts get diluted under the cover of allegations of human rights violation in police custody. And this leads to delay in investigation," she added. Senior Advocate Angshuman Bora told PTI that in most cases involving militants, the witnesses do not come to the court to record their testimony. "In a particular case where three or four militants are involved and only one is present and rest are absconders, then also it gets delayed," he added. Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on September 12 said that a total of 1,561 youth from Assam joined extremist organisations since the BJP-led government took charge in 2016. During the same period, 7,935 militants have returned to the mainstream, he had said in the Assam Assembly.

Who is China's Li Qiaoming - Army General rumoured to replace Xi Jinping in a coup

Beijing, September 25: Massive rumour making round on social media - many of them originated from China - have said that Chinese President Xi Jinping is under threat of military coup, and is set to be replaced as country's President by a powerful military General Li Qiaoming. Li Qiaoming, who is among the most senior officials of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA), has served as commander of the Northern Theater Command from September 2017 to September 2022. Li Qiaoming has served in various significant positions in the Chinese army, including as the Chief of Staff of the 361st Regiment, Commander of the 364th Regiment, Chief of Staff of the 124th Division, Deputy Chief of Staff of the 42nd Group Army, and Commander of the 124th Division of the 42nd Army. In 2017, Li Qiaoming was elected as a member of the 19th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China. Social media is abuzz with the rumours of Chinese President Xi Jinping being put under house arrest, and a possible coup taking place in the country, a week after two of its former ministers were sentenced for corruption - a highly controversial decision in nation's history. As per the social media posts, many by experts across the fields from China itself, an unprecedented military movement was seen towards Xi Jinping's residence in Beijing. Military vehicles were seen making a movement close to Xi's residence. A few purported videos of such movements have also gone viral on social media. However, there is no official confirmation on the same. A number of social media users from China said that a coup was almost confirmed as the country, without giving any specific reason, cancelled over 9,000 domestic flights. Some even said that military chief General Li Qiaoming is set to become next President. "PLA military vehicles heading to #Beijing on Sep 22. Starting from Huanlai County near Beijing & ending in Zhangjiakou City, Hebei Province, entire procession as long as 80 KM. Meanwhile, rumor has it that #XiJinping was under arrest after #CCP seniors removed him as head of PLA," a Twitter user who goes by the name Jennifer Zeng said.

'He should be ashamed': Sushil Modi slams Digvijaya Singh for comparing PFI with RSS

New Delhi, September 25: Senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and Rajya Sabha MP Sushil Kumar Modi on Sunday slammed Congress MP Digvijay Singh for comparing Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) with the Popular Front of India (PFI) organisation and said that he should be "ashamed" for doing so. "Digvijaya Singh has always supported those who are terrorists, who were the supporters of the terrorists of Batla House. Today, his condition is such that he has not been able to come to the power in Madhya Pradesh even after 20 years. He is comparing it with RSS whose patriotism is unquestionable," Sushil Modi told ANI while reacting to Singh's controversial comparison of RSS with PFI on Saturday. Senior Congress leader Digvijaya Singh while denouncing the violence perpetrated by the Popular Front of India (PFI) in Kerala, dissed the RSS and VHP as well, calling them "ek hi thali ke chatte batte." "Action should be taken against all those who spread hatred and violence. Why action is not being taken against RSS & Vishva Hindu Parishad? They (PFI-RSS) are 'Ek hi thali ke chatte-batte'," he said on Saturday. Senior BJP leader Sushil Kumar Modi further said, "PFI organizations which were plotting to assassinate Prime Minister Narendra Modi were conspiring to create tension within the gathering." He alleged that Singh's statement supports such organisations whose bank accounts have been found with more than Rs 100 crore and who assert to make India a 'Muslim nation by 2047.' "Digvijaya Singh should be ashamed. He is supporting an organisation which is being opposed even by the government ruling in Tamil Nadu and Kerala, i.e., Communist Party of India-Marxist (CPI-M)," the Rajya Sabha MP said. During the PFI 'hathal' (protest) in Kerala, as many as 171 people were arrested and 368 others were detained in connection with multiple incidents of violence across the state. As per the reports, 71 Kerala State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) buses were damaged and 12 officials were injured during various incidents. Most buses were damaged in stone pelting.

**Celebration of "World Pharmacist Day" at NEMCARE Group of Institutions, Mirza.**

Assam Rising, Guwahati, September 25: NEMCARE Group of Institutions celebrated "World Pharmacist Day" on 24 & 25 September, 2022 at NEMCARE Group of Institutions campus, Mirza to meet with the theme "Pharmacist United in action for a healthier world" which aims to showcase pharmacy's positive impact on health around the world and to strengthen solidarity among the profession further. The dignitaries from various pharmaceutical sectors were present who shared their insights with the students. An awareness rally was organized to promote and advocate the role of the pharmacists in improving health in every corner of the world. The rally was inaugurated by hand of Hon'ble Dean of Studies, Dr. Bhargab Jyoti Saharia, General Secretary, All Assam Pharmacist Service Association, Mr. Sudhir Saha, Advisor, All Assam Pharmacist Service Association, Mr. Rafiqul Zaman, and Senior Pharmacist of Dhirenpara, Mr. Hemant Baruah by showing Green Flag at the NGI campus. During the rally, a street play was organized by the students of B. Pharm with a motive to highlight the role and importance of pharmacist in the healthcare system. Students wore aprons with banners in the hand to create awareness of profession in the society. Rally was concluded by small briefing given by the Dean of Studies of NGI about this day. Students participated in various competitions including poster competition, art competition, debate competition and extempore speech with great enthusiasm along with faculty members and all staffs of the institution. Furthermore, a free health camp was also organised in the institute supported by the office of the Joint Director of Health services, Kamrup (Rural), Govt. of Assam. The two day programme was ended by a cultural program and a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Apurba Talukdar, Deputy Registrar, NEMCARE Group of Institutions to all dignitaries and participants for successful completion of the event.

Rehabilitation Center inaugurated in Laharighat

Assam Rising, Buragaon, Sept 24: The Laharighat Rehabilitation Center was inaugurated yesterday on the upper floor of Zakir Hussain's building near Vidyasagar Vidyapith, east of Laharighat bazaar in Morigaon district. The center was inaugurated by Laharighat Police Officer-in-Charge Amir Hussain as the chief guest. A formal reception was also held on the occasion of the inauguration of the centre. The meeting was conducted by retired teacher Maqbool Hussain. Abdul Ahad, owner of the centre, explained the objectives. The welcome ceremony was conducted by Sajib Hussain, Assistant Worker of the Addiction Centre. The invited guests included Nurul Huda, owner of Samrat Spice Industry, Haji Gias Uddin, senior citizen, Abdul Qadir, social worker Harun-ul-Rashid Khan, Naren Deka, retired compound owner and social worker Nurul Islam and BJP office bearers Saiful Islam, Nagaon. The AMSU Vice President Shajahan Ali, Laharighat Regional AMSU President Zehirul Islam and Secretary Ashrafur Rahman Alamin were also present. Owner Abdul Ahad and assistants Shariful Islam, Sajib Hussain and Ferdous Ahmed said the center will provide treatment to people who use all kinds of drugs for at least three months after admission so that they can completely give up drugs and start a new life. They started to create awareness among the people for drug freedom.

GIPS celebrates World Pharmacists Day

Assam Rising, Palasbari, Sept 25: Girijananda Chowdhury Institute of Pharmaceutical Science, Azara, a higher educational institution offering Pharmacy education, celebrated "World Pharmacists Day" in the presence of all faculty members and students on Saturday, in advance. In recognition of Pharmacists Day this year, the theme is "Pharmacy United in Action for a Healthier World." Ratul Das, President of the Shrimant Shankar Academy society, welcomed everyone present in the program. Dr. P. Malairajan, Principal of GIPS-G, and Dr. Thuleswar Nath, Principal of GIMT, both delivered crucial speeches on the obligations and responsibilities of Pharmacists in the current situation. The distinguished guests of the event, Sukirti Das, Former Head of the Pharmacy Institute, GMCH and currently working as Associate Professor at NETES Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, and Mr. Dilip Kumar Gupta, Plant Head of Pure & Cure Private Limited, delivered engaging speeches on the significance of Pharmacists Day and the theme. The occasion was also marked by the release of a wall magazine titled "Darpan" by distinguished guests. At the culmination of the program, Dr. Smriti Rekha Chand Das, Senior Professor, GIPS-G, expressed her gratitude on behalf of the institute to everyone present in the program. It is worth mentioning that various cultural activities were organized by the Institute's faculty members and students in accordance with the celebration.

Ryan Christie penalty completes Scotland's comeback win over Ireland



London, September 25 : The biggest compliment that can be paid to Scotland is that they did not panic when the Republic of Ireland threatened to rip up their script. Only a draw was required from this clash for the same outcome from Tuesday's meeting with Ukraine to see Steve Clarke's men seal top spot in Group B1 of the Nations League. It is lost on nobody in these parts that the Scots would pass relegated England while en route to Group A. Scotland fell a goal behind to Ireland, triggering the kind of nervousness which is natural for a supporter base who have known the

darkest of times. New Scotland, though, means new attitudes; a composed second 45 minutes secured the win that earlier looked improbable. Scotland still need to avoid defeat in Krakow but they will fly to Poland in fine spirits. "I knew eventually this game would come back to us," said Clarke. "Ukraine now know they have to win on Tuesday so that can change their mentality." Ukraine's victory in Armenia earlier in the day ended faint Irish hopes of topping this section. All that remained for Stephen Kenny and his team was to see whether they could puncture Scottish confidence for a second

time. In June, Ireland breezed past the Scots at the Aviva Stadium. Conscious of that wounding evening, Clarke opted against the batch of changes that may have been considered reasonable given a schedule of three matches in a week. Aaron Hickey, as expected, replaced the injured Nathan Patterson at right-back and Lyndon Dykes took the place of Che Adams in attack but Scotland otherwise retained the starting XI from Wednesday's 3-0 win over Ukraine. England's struggles at international level had not gone unnoticed by the Tartan Army, as the atmosphere in

the early stages illustrated. The expectant home support were briefly silenced by Troy Parrott, who lashed the ball into the roof of the net, before a belated - but correct - offside flag was raised. Scotland had been served with a warning. It was one they failed to heed. Scott McTominay's dalliance on the ball in midfield allowed Michael Obafemi to steal in. Obafemi fed Parrott, who watched his shot blocked by Jack Hendry. From the resultant James McClean corner, Dykes could only half clear. Jayson Molumby knocked it down towards John Egan, who slammed home from six yards. It took close to half an hour for the Scots to threaten the Ireland

goal. John McGinn, winning his 50th cap, should have stroked a Stuart Armstrong cross beyond Gavin Bazunu but instead miscued. This summed up Scotland's tetchy state. Clarke's challenge was soon made even greater. Kieran Tierney landed awkwardly from an innocuous tussle with Parrott at a Scotland corner. The Arsenal defender looked keen to continue but Scotland's medical staff had other ideas. A visibly distraught Tierney would play no further part in proceedings. Clarke said afterwards the move was "precautionary." McTominay will certainly miss Tuesday night, through suspension.

Joe Joyce fells Joseph Parker to move towards world heavyweight title shot

London, September 25 : Joe Joyce stopped Joseph Parker in the 11th round to claim the vacant WBO interim heavyweight title at Manchester's AO Arena. Londoner Joyce, who had won all of his previous 14 professional fights, started confidently in the opening round as he took a couple of strong right hands from New Zealand's Parker, but remained unmoved. Former WBO world champion Parker - who has shared the ring with the likes of Anthony Joshua, Andy Ruiz Jr, Dillian Whyte and Derek Chisora - was pushed on to the ropes during the third round as Joyce landed a series of telling blows. The 30-year-old Kiwi, coached by Andy Lee and who trains with Tyson Fury at the WBC heavyweight champion's

base in Morecambe, needed to find a response. Once again, though, Joyce stood up to a big right hand on to his chin towards the end of the fourth. Joyce kept Parker pushed back on to the ropes with a run of body shots early in the sixth before the 37-year-old also landed a strong uppercut. Both men then started to feel the pace of what had been a relentless heavyweight contest before a cut opened up over Parker's right eye, which his corner went to work on at the end of the seventh. Joyce continued to live up to his "juggernaut" nickname, landing another big right hand in the eighth, before a blooded Parker bravely went forward with a left hook. At the start of the



ninth, Parker, his left eye starting to close, somehow found the strength to go on the offensive, dispatching an uppercut which once again Joyce absorbed. 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. arker was eventually dropped by a left hook from Parker in the 11th.

Owen Farrell's last-gasp kick gives Saracens thrilling win over Gloucester

London, September 25 : It all came down to the last kick. After Saracens had forced themselves level with Gloucester - having trailed by 12 points with 10 minutes left - Owen Farrell stood over a difficult, match-winning conversion out on the wing. The



Mako Vunipola's crunching hit on Ollie Thorley left the wing needing treatment and the prop Harry Elrlington went off injured after being double-teamed by the workaholic Saracens defence. The openside flanker, Ben Earl, added another well-worked try after Val Rapava-Ruskin had celebrated his 100th Premiership appearance for Gloucester by coming on for Elrlington to score their first five-pointer. The Gloucester No 8, Albert Tuisue, capped an excellent first-half display when he flopped down to score from a sturdy driving maul. Here were just three points in it at half-time and it looked beautifully poised but Gloucester, with a remarkable display of power, appeared ready to overwhelm Sarries in the second half. When Chris Harris, Adam Hastings and Rapava-Ruskin added further tries to establish a commanding lead there was a sense of disbelief among the home supporters. Hastings' effort, in particular, was a superb score in the corner that survived a TMO check for a foot in touch. A Hastings penalty with 10 minutes remaining stretched Gloucester's lead to 12. McCall's team pounced on some inaccuracy from the visitors and laid siege to their try-line in the closing minutes. Jackson Wray's introduction "lifted the whole group's energy," McCall said, and Woolstencroft applied a smart finish to a muscular Saracens attack with six minutes left. When Farrell converted there were five points in it.

The NBA's extremely online fandom can be a force for good and something more sinister

London, September 25 : The NBA, as a league, fandom and general cultural phenomenon, is what could be fairly described as "painfully online". From stars like Kevin Durant gleefully and regularly dunking on detractors from their own Twitter accounts, to media personalities like Josiah Johnson who have made entire careers out of memeing the league in real time, to the average fan constantly refreshing their feeds during playoff games: it seems, in many ways, that the crux of the NBA exists in the internet ether as much as it does on the hardwood. The community that has formed around the NBA online has become maybe its greatest present-day asset, keeping fans engaged and keeping the league in the news even in the doldrums of the off-season. In 2021, "NBA" was the No 1 trending search on Google in the US, and its official Instagram account has more followers than all the other major professional sports leagues in the nation combined. Of course, there's strength in numbers. But as



the uncle of a famous spider-human mutant once astutely observed, with great power comes great responsibility. And, as evidenced over the last week, the power of the ever-churning internet hivemind can be a force for good, and a force for quite the opposite. The full range of the good, the bad and the deeply ugly of the NBA's powerful online community was on display over these

past seven days. On one end of the spectrum was the case of Phoenix Suns' volatile and widely disliked controlling owner Robert Sarver. After an independent investigation confirmed Baxter Holmes' ESPN report that Sarver, and his sexist and racist comments, were at the helm of a toxic work environment, the NBA handed down a one-year suspension and \$10m fine that was widely regarded as

shockingly weak. After the ensuing internet outrage from both fans and influential players like LeBron James and Chris Paul, PayPal said it would no longer sponsor the team if Sarver remained the owner.

stadium fell silent, the fly-half steadied himself, took a few deep breaths and struck the ball unerringly through the posts. Farrell pointed to the sky and the crowd went wild. For much of a captivating second half Gloucester looked set for a

second straight bonus-point victory. This was Saracens' first home match since the Premiership semi-final victory against Harlequins in June, with the newly built West Stand opening its doors. George Skivington's men so nearly

FA not spoken up over Uefa failings after Liverpool fans' Paris ordeal?

London, September 25 : The profoundly shocking way Uefa mishandled its Champions League final on 28 May has prompted alarming questions about the organisation and its president Aleksander Ceferin and, by natural extension, the whole edifice governing modern football. Uefa may still be that great institution, formed in 1954 to organise the European Cup and still 68 years on, thanks to last year's defeat of the Super League breakaway, organisers of the glittering Champions League. The reality, though, is that Uefa is a member organisation;

the confederation, to use football's jargon, of Europe's 55 national associations, including the English FA. Yet the politics of football's ostensibly democratic pyramid have long been dysfunctional and questions about their fitness for purpose are generally explored only when a crisis makes them suddenly more urgent. Uefa's conduct at the Stade de France remains staggering, but the English FA has said nothing at all about it in public. On the night, feeling under pressure to explain the kick-off delay to a watching world, Uefa's response was to blame Liverpool supporters, who

had been put through hours of dangerous disorganisation and chaos and had more to face on the way back. Just weeks before that, Ceferin had been still full of praise for English fans and, with Liverpool's supporters prominent leaders, their campaign to fight the Super League, which preserved the immensely lucrative Champions League for Uefa. "When we were at war with the Super League, we were helped by English fans. Italians and Spaniards have done nothing," Ceferin said, perhaps indelicately, on 2 May.

spoiled the party but the replacement Saracens hooker, Tom Woolstencroft, came off the bench to score two late tries. The unflappable Farrell did the rest. "Well done to the bench, they had a big impact on the last 20 minutes," said the Saracens head coach, Mark McCall. "We had a horrible period either side of half-time when we conceded 26 points. The game was getting away from us. While we are really pleased with the result at the end, and the impact of the bench, there's probably more bad than good in the match. The way we lost our way is something we'll have to reflect on." A ding-dong encounter had started well for Saracens when they cut through Gloucester's defence with ominous ease after three minutes and Max Malins crossed for the first try after the ball was worked to the left wing. Gloucester gathered themselves after a worrying start and established a bit of field position, but were frequently driven back by some punishing tackling.

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England's Dean in tears after Mankad run-out seals India's ODI clean sweep

London, September 25 : India beat England in the final ODI at Lord's on Saturday by 16 runs but the match ended in controversial fashion after Deepti Sharma ran out Charlie Dean at the non-strikers end, leading to a chorus of boos from the crowd. England had looked out for the count after collapsing to 53 for five before the first drinks break was even taken, chasing just 170, but a remarkable rearguard effort from Dean (47) - who calmly added 35 runs with Freya Davies for the final wicket - looked like it might see them over the line until Sharma's intervention in the 44th over. Dean was in tears but determinedly shook hands with the opposition players before walking off, as India celebrated. "I don't think it was any crime, it's part of the game," India's captain, Harmanpreet Kaur, said. "It shows your awareness of what batters are doing. I will back my players - she hasn't done something outside the rules." England's Kate Cross said: "Ultimately it is Deepti's choice how she goes about that. If you're talking about the spirit of cricket, I thought that [shaking hands] was brilliant from Deano." The incident threatened to overshadow an occasion which was meant to be all about the final match for the 39-year-old Jhulan Goswami, who has been terrorising batters with her 5ft11 frame since 2002. Her swan song initially looked as if it might end in anticlimax: she was bowled for a golden duck by Freya Kemp, before sending down five wicketless overs as the whole of Lord's - England and India fans alike - will be her on. Finally, at the sixth at-



tempt, she had Alice Capsey caught at cover point - proving you are never too old to teach a young dog new tricks. Twenty-five overs later she wrapped up her last over in international cricket by bowling Cross. She was mobbed by her teammates and given a standing ovation by the crowd. England's loss came despite an unplayable five-over opening spell from Cross which reduced India to 17 for three, the seamer using late movement to bowl Shafali Verma and Yastika Bhatia for ducks and trapping Harmanpreet lbw for just four, following her onslaught at Canterbury on Wednesday. Cross returned in the 22nd over to remove a fluent-looking Smriti Mandhana (50), who edged a bouncer on to her own stumps. But Sharma then swept her way to 68 not out, marshalling enough of a recovery for her side in conjunction with an aggressive Pooja Vastrakar (22) to see them to a series clean sweep. England will be back at Lord's next summer as part of their jazzed-up multiformat Women's Ashes series which, for the first

time, includes matches at some of England's marquee grounds (a Test at Trent Bridge, and evening T20s at Edgbaston, the Kia Oval and Lord's). On the one hand, a move back to the "home of cricket" is long overdue - before, England had not played an international at Lord's since the 2017 World Cup final. The ECB's ambition in making a seismic step-up from grounds like Worcester (capacity 5,000) and Hove (6,000) to Edgbaston (25,000) and the Oval (27,500) should be applauded - and the crowd of 15,000 at Lord's would suggest the appetite to watch live women's international cricket in London is alive and well. 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. On the other hand, if the aim is to attract a generation of new fans, the pressure will be on to

ensure that next summer's Women's Ashes is, at the very least, competitive. On the last two occasions (at home in 2019 and away in 2021-22), the final scoreline read 4-12 - and not in England's favour. England's entire strategy this summer has centred around making sure that those results are not replicated in 2023. Four players (Lauren Bell, Alice Capsey, Freya Kemp and Issy Wong) have made debuts, while two (Alice Davison-Richards and Bryony Smith) have made returns. And yet consistently for this new-look England has so far been elusive. Their success earlier in the summer against a crumbling South Africa did them

little good in the Commonwealth Games (medal count: zero), while the loss against India is their first defeat in a bilateral series at home against an opposition other than Australia in 15 years. "It's a frustrating time because as an England team you want to be winning games of cricket," Cross said. England's big problem against India has been the leadership vacuum which has dogged the team ever since Heather Knight sustained a hip injury in July. Nat Sciver reluctantly accepted the gig for the Commonwealth Games, before dropping out just three days before the first T20 against India, citing "emotional fatigue". Amy Jones, who has never previously captained in 50-over cricket, was cast into the role apparently in the absence of any other plausible candidates. She has looked increasingly out of her depth. This, one would hope, is where a new coach can step in and make their mark: applications close for the position today. Meanwhile, England will be desperate to see a successful return for Knight ahead of their next international assignment in the Caribbean this winter. The captaincy has been a hot potato long enough.

Novak Djokovic stars as Europeans take Laver Cup control over Team World

London, September 25 : Novak Djokovic produced a stunning performance to thrash Frances Tiafoe in his first match since winning Wimbledon in July then teamed up with Matteo Berrettini to put Team Europe in command in the Laver Cup. Federer and Nadal, watched by Novak Djokovic, struggle with their emotions at the retirement ceremony on Friday. With Roger Federer watching on from court side at a sold out O2 Arena, the day after his emotional farewell match alongside Rafa Nadal, Djokovic returned to action in spell-binding fashion. US Open semi-finalist Tiafoe was helpless to stop the Djokovic onslaught as the Serb won 6-1, 6-3 to put Bjorn Borg's Team Europe into a 6-4 lead overall. He then joined Berrettini, the man he beat in the 2021 Wimbledon final, to beat Team World duo Jack Sock and Alex De Minaur 7-5, 6-2 to give Team Europe an 8-4 lead heading into Sunday's final four matches. Individual matches were worth one point on Friday, two on Saturday and three on Sunday. Thirteen points are required to win the



trophy. After Federer's memorably tear-jerking final match the previous night, day two could have been an anti-climax but the quality of the tennis, and the presence of the Swiss great on the bench, ensured a superb spectacle. Berrettini, who replaced 20-time grand slam champion Federer for the singles, won a hard-hitting duel against Canadian Felix Auger-Aliassime 7-6(11), 4-6, 10-7. But American Taylor Fritz drew Team World level at 4-4 in the day's second match with a tight win against Briton Cameron Norrie - a stand-in for Nadal who left earlier in the day for personal reasons. Fritz won 6-1, 4-6, 10-8 as John McEnroe's Team World showed that they are made of sterner stuff this year having been trounced 14-1

last year in Boston. Federer, watching every ball along with the rest of his Team Europe colleagues including Andy Murray, did his best to lift Norrie with some words of wisdom. At one point Federer suggested the world No 8 should serve and volley, which Norrie promptly did but lost the point as Fritz sent a lob over his head. "If Roger Federer is telling you to do something, there is no chance I'm not going to do it, especially out there playing for Team Europe," Norrie said later. Djokovic's decision to not have a Covid-19 vaccine meant he was not allowed to play in the US swing and Spanish teenager Carlos Alcaraz took full advantage to win the US Open and take over as the new world No 1.

Geelong eviscerate Sydney by 81 points in AFL grand final win for the ages

London, September 25 : A flawless end to an immaculate season. Before Saturday, Geelong were the best team of 2022. Top of the ladder. On a 15-game winning streak. There to be beaten. The mostly likely side to do it were Sydney. But if form really does go out the window in big games, the Swans hurled theirs into oblivion in the grand final, blown away by 81 points by a Cats outfit as magnificent as their opponents were textureless. This decider, on return to a full house of 100,024 at the MCG after a two-year hiatus, was a famous victory for the ages. The 20.13 (133) to 8.4 (52) result is the equal fifth-biggest grand final win in VFL/AFL history. It was also a belting with shades of Geelong's 119-point 2007 premiership win over Port Adelaide, and one that was all but over after the opening quarter. A 35-point quarter-time lead - the biggest in a grand final for 33 years - set the Swans an almost-insurmountable task. They stemmed the bleeding in the second term but by the third the result was academic. For Chris



Scott, undoubtedly one of the best coaches the game has seen, it is a first piece of silverware since he won the flag in his first year at the Cats in 2011. Reward, too, for his smart list management. For turning age into an asset and fashioning a collective unit of consistency which was on display from the first siren to the last. "They're so hard to win, they're so hard to win," he said. "Every side says it, but I think we deserved one. Just been bashing away. We don't apologise to being up there, having a crack at it each year." This

has been built over five or six years. There have been a lot of good people ... in and out of the program. I hope they're sitting back really proud today. It just hasn't been 12 months in the making. "Geelong's lineup on Saturday was the oldest team to ever play in the VFL/AFL - grand final or not - with an average age of 28 years and 173 days. The Swans, young and comparatively inexperienced, had been a revelation this season, with a roster of emerging talent and an energy that helped them squeak past

Collingwood last weekend. But while the Swans were wearing red it was the Cats who were red hot, all form and speed, aggressive on the ball and causing mayhem for defenders who spent the entire first quarter under siege and unable to organise. Robbie Fox played a lone hand, keeping Jeremy Cameron honest. But the Cats entered forward-50 in open space and breached Sydney again and again. Tom Hawkins drew first blood, and second, and would finish with three goals, to be bested only by Tyson Stengle's match-high four. Then Norm

Medallist Isaac Smith, who scored three and led the field for disposals, kicks and metres gained. And Mark Blicavs. By the end of the opening onslaught Lance Franklin had one disposal and Isaac Heeney hadn't touched the ball. Geelong, meanwhile, had racked up almost double Sydney's disposal count, nearly triple the inside-50s and triple the number of marks. Geelong had won the contested possession by 20. The Swans needed a response. They had to slow down the game. Franklin emerged in the second term higher up the field. He grabbed the ball and clattered the post, harried and hassled with little support. It wasn't until Hayden McLean took a smart one-handed mark in the goal square before converting the straightforward set shot that the energy of the context shifted ever so slightly. They started to chip away. Heeney scored a major from his third touch of the match. Last time these teams met, at the SCG back in round two, Heeney was best on ground with five goals and Franklin scored his 1,000th career goal.

Emma Raducanu storms into Korea Open semi-finals with win over Linette



Washington, September 25 : Far away from the spotlight that has followed her every move over the past year, Emma Raducanu took her first notable steps forward since losing her US Open title as she reached her first WTA tour semi-final at the Korea Open in Seoul with a smooth and clinical performance, defeating Magda Linette of Poland 6-2, 6-2. "You've got to mark the moment, in a way," said Raducanu. "I think it's

pretty cool to have made my first semi-final and build my way on the tour the right way. And going through the stages. I think it is quite a nice reward for the hard work that I have done on the practice court and a lot of hours. It is a really nice feeling." With her victory, the sixth seed Raducanu has won three consecutive matches for the first time since winning the US Open and only the third time in her career at the top level. Raducanu will face a fellow one-time grand slam champion in Latvia's Jelena Ostapenko, the top seed, who defeated the 17-year-old Andorra Victoria Jimenez Kasintseva 6-2, 6-1. After losing in the first round of the US Open to Alizé Cornet, her rank-

ing falling from No 11 to No 83, Raducanu spoke of her hope that the end of that cycle would enable her to approach the next chapter of her career with a clean slate, following her success in New York a year earlier. It did not immediately lead to success. Last week, Raducanu lost in the second round of a WTA 250 event in Portoroz, Slovenia to No 213 Anna-Lena Friedsam, and she arrived in Seoul accompanied by some uncertainty. Instead, Raducanu steadied herself with two straight sets wins over players ranked outside the top 100 but Friday's quarter-final, against a capable, in-form opponent who reached the final of the WTA 250 in Chennai last week, required her to step up.

Electrical Storm win in Cambridgeshire would be no shock

London, September 25 : With a 50-1 winner and two more at 40-1 in the last five years, the Cambridgeshire has re-emphasised its status as the most unpredictable Flat handicap of the season and the bookmakers will go into the latest renewal at Newmarket on Saturday with high hopes of another upset to boost their bottom line. Mujtaba, a lightly raced son of Dubawi from the William Haggas stable, heads the market at around 5-1 but he failed to justify a similarly short price in a 22-runner Lincoln Handicap back in



March and looks painfully short in the betting against 28 battle-hardened rivals on Saturday. Haggas's challenge is backed up by Protagonist, the second-favourite, who beat Dual

Identity - also fancied for Saturday's race - by less than a length in a well-run race at Sandown in August. Both are dropping back from 10 furlongs to nine here, however, and also

have single-figure draws, which has not been a positive in recent seasons. Ouzo, who has been knocking on the door in similar races for much of the year, is an interesting each-way option at around 40-1 with firms offering seven places, but Electrical Storm (3.40), top-priced at 16-1 in the early odds, appeals as a more likely winner. This nine-furlong trip looks ideal for Saeed bin Suroor's runner, who won a strong race at York in June over a similar distance before running on late over a mile at Haydock last time. The Curragh 1.35

Continuous could be the pick of Aidan O'Brien's two runners as he goes for a 12th consecutive win in this Group Two contest. Newmarket 1.50 The visual impression of Flying Honours' five-and-a-half length success at Salisbury in August was backed up by a strong time and it will be disappointing if he cannot maintain his progressive form here. Haydock 2.05 Montassib should get a fair pace to aim at and could still be competitive off his latest mark. Newmarket 2.25 Trillium has taken big steps forward with every run since

her debut in June and put up her best performance yet to edge out The Platinum Queen - the Nunthorpe runner-up - in the Flying Childers at Doncaster earlier this month. That form should make her at least a joint-favourite for this with Aidan O'Brien's Meditate, and early odds of around 5-2 are definitely worth taking. Haydock 2.40 Hard to rule anything out in this sprint handicap but The Thin Blue Line remains in form and should appreciate this drop back to the minimum trip.



Kalyan Sahu (right) of Guwahati seen receiving the Winner Trophy (Senior Category) of Guwahati Amature Golf Open-2022 from Major General Bikash Saini. The tournament was organised by Indian Golf Union Eastern India at Army Golf Course, Naragi, Guwahati on September 25.