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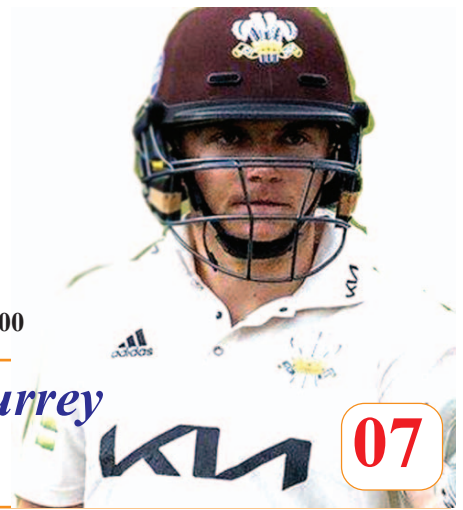
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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Kaziranga National Park

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Guwahati, September 26:

The Kaziranga National Park will re-open for tourist from October 2 in Assam. This was said by the warden of Wildlife Branch of the Assam Forest Department MK Yadav on Monday. Yadav further said about the Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma entering the premises of the National Park after dark. He said, "There is no restriction for the Chief Minister from entering inside the park." Two activists filed a police complaint against CM Sarma, the Sadhguru and state tourism minister Jayanta Malla Baruah claiming they violated the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 when they entered the national park beyond the scheduled visit time on Saturday.

### Massive fire

Assam Rising  
Guwahati, September 26:

Massive fire destroyed property worth lakhs in Meghalaya's Ri bhoi district and Assam's Kamrup Metro on Monday. The incident occurred at a rubber factory in 11 mile of Jorabat. Fire brigades were sent from Meghalaya and Assam and extinguished the fire. It is suspected that the fire was caused by mechanical failure however, the exact reason is yet to be ascertained. Earlier, shop owners lost property worth Rs. 4 crores in a massive fire broke in Lakhimpur. As many as 35 shops were gutted in the fire at Harmoti Bazar. It was suspected that the fire broke out due to inverter short circuit.

### Student attacked teacher

Assam Rising  
Guwahati, September 26:

A school student attacked his teacher with a machete in Assam's Charaideo district on Monday. The terrible incident occurred at Tingalibam Primary School in Sonari. The teacher, identified as Tulsi Handique, sustained severe injuries and was rushed to a nearby hospital in critical condition. The reason behind the attack is yet to be ascertained. A case has been lodged in connection to the attack and arrested the accused, identified as Munu Praja.

## Rajiv Gandhi assassination: Supreme court issues notice to Centre



New Delhi, September 26:

The Supreme Court on Monday issued a notice to the Centre and Tamil Nadu governments on the pleas of Nalini Sriharan and P Ravichandran, serving life sentences in the Rajiv Gandhi assassination case. It sought premature release

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## Three day Chintan Shivir concludes Govt to prepare action points to ensure sector specific development of Assam by 2026: CM



Assam Rising  
Guwahati, September 26:

Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma said that the State government should shed its conventional role of a regulator and perform as a facilitator to help different stakeholders to bring about paradigm shift in development of the state. Speaking on the concluding day of Chintan Shivir

held at Kaziranga, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma said that the Assam government is committed to work as a facilitator to assist all stakeholders to unleash their energies for the development of the state in a time bound manner. He said that the government organized the three day Chintan Shivir to deliberate on action points where the State government can work for the

targeted goal in a stipulated time frame to enable the people of the state to reap rich dividends of governance. He said that as an outcome of the Chintan Shivir, all departments would prepare certain action points indicating resources to be required to implement the points. The action points would subsequently be submitted to the government for perusal and necessary approval. After the government receives the action points from all the departments, the points would be uploaded on the government website for public viewing. Further, based on the action points, the government will take steps for their implementation in a time bound manner by 2026. He asked the departments to prepare action points highlighting their vision for Assam for 2026. After preparing the action points the departments should share them with every employee of the departments to

build a strong belongingness so that everybody works together to reach the target by 2026, he said. Dr. Sarma also called for inter-departmental coordination and the need for looking at the government as an entity and not the department in isolation. The Chief Minister while speaking on the occasion also said that the state administration should prepare a blue print for unleashing its own resources to expedite the growth of Assam. He also said that the Chintan Shivir would facilitate collective efforts on the part of the government for generation of government's tax and non-tax revenue. The Chief Minister

also said that the government would create a Rs. 5000 crore fund for creating vocations for the youth in different sectors who do not get government jobs. Moreover, Dr. Sarma said that Assam should organise a CSR conclave to create a platform for the corporates to make more contribution to the state considering their footprints and markets in Assam. He said for the convenience of administration and to take governance to the people, Assam government would take digitization process to a new level. Calling for

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## Amit Shah, JP Nadda To Inaugurate BJP's Biggest Office In The Northeast



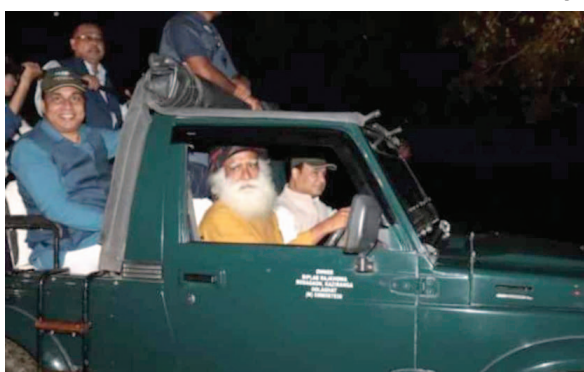
Assam Rising  
Guwahati, September 26:

The BJP top brass including national president JP Nadda and Union Home Minister Amit Shah will inaugurate the biggest office of the Bharatiya Janata Party in the northeastern region, said officials. The inauguration will be done on October 8. This office in Guwahati will be the headquarters of the state. With state-of-

the-art infrastructure, the Vijay BJP office will be spread over 95,000 square feet the building will have six floors and an open rooftop premise. The new BJP Assam office will have an auditorium to accommodate 350 people along with top hi-tech conference halls with a capacity of 40 people each. It will also have five meeting halls

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## Kaziranga Night Jeep Safari: Did Not Break Any Law, Says CM



Assam Rising  
Guwahati, September 26:

Assam chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has dismissed as baseless allegations by activists that he along with Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev broke wildlife protection law by entering the Kaziranga National Park for

a night safari. Sarma on Sunday also said that there is no law that people cannot visit the park at night. Two activists have filed a police complaint against Sarma, Vasudev and state tourism minister Jayanta Malla Baruah claiming they violated the Wildlife Protection Act, of 1972 when they entered the national park beyond the scheduled visit time on Saturday. The activist alleged that the Act bans

safari tours inside the national park after a scheduled time to protect the animals and keep their habitat relatively untouched. Videos circulated on social media and local channels showed Vasudev driving an open safari SUV along with Sarma and Baruah. "There is no violation. According to wildlife law, the warden can give permission to enter a protected area even at night. No law stops people from entering at night. Yesterday, we had the formal opening of the park for this season and now Sadhguru and Sri Sri Ravi Shankar have arrived. Since they have lakhs of followers, this time we expect the tourist season will be very good for Kaziranga," Sarma told reporters on Sunday night. Activists Soneswar Narah and Prabin Pegu, who filed the complaint with the

Golaghat district police, said action should be taken against them under the Wildlife Protection Act. Meanwhile, in a move to draw a roadmap for holistic development of the state and to create a blueprint for expediting its growth as well as making it a model in all sectors, Assam Chief Minister along with Sadhguru Vasudev held deliberations with cabinet ministers, senior bureaucrats of the state, functionaries from other states, Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council at Kaziranga on Saturday. Sarma and Vasudev on Saturday inaugurated the three-day Chintan Shivir at Kaziranga. Later, Chief Minister Sarma unveiled three rhino statues at Mihimukh in Kaziranga

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## Mukul Rohatgi declines Centre's offer to be next Attorney General of India



Assam Rising  
Guwahati, September 26:

Senior Supreme Court advocate Mukul Rohatgi is reported to have declined the Centre's request to return as India's Attorney General (A-G) after the incumbent KK Venugopal steps down as the government's top legal officer in September-end. Venugopal had succeeded Rohatgi as the A-G back in 2017. Confirming the development to The Indian

Express, Rohatgi said there was no specific reason behind his "change of mind" and said he arrived at the decision after "second thoughts". When pointed out that he had earlier given his consent to the appointment, Rohatgi said, "That's why I said on second thoughts. The notification is

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## Indian Oil launches indigenous production of aviation fuel AVGAS 100 LL

New Delhi, September 26:

In a big step towards reducing dependence on imports to meet energy needs the government-run Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) has launched indigenous production of AVGAS 100 LL, a special aviation fuel meant for piston engine aircrafts and unmanned ariel vehicles. "We are undergoing a remarkable transformation which is almost revolutionary. We are reducing dependence on imported fuels by promoting biofuel blending, green hydrogen and introduction of electric vehicles," said Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Housing and Urban Affairs, while addressing



the event to launch AVGAS 100 LL. The launch event hosted by Indian Oil Corporation at Hindan Air Force Station witnessed participation by senior officials from the Indian Air Force, Flying Training Organisations and the ministries of petroleum and civil aviation. At present AVGAS 100 LL is completely imported prod-

uct. The domestic production of AVGAS 100 LL produced by Indian Oil at its Gujarat

Refinery will make flying training more affordable in India. This product which fuels the aircraft operated by FTOs and Defense forces is being imported for decades by India. Indian Oil's R&D, Refineries and Marketing teams have achieved this feat of indigenous production and have offered price advantage to the industry, according to an official statement

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## Assam Govt Approves IPS Anand Mishra's Inter-Cadre Deputation

Assam Rising  
Guwahati, September 26:

The state government has issued No Objection Certificate (NOC) to IPS, Anand Mishra, Assistant Inspector General of Police (Sports), to allow him to change his cadre from Assam Segment of the Assam-Meghalaya Cadre

Joint to Bihar Cadre. Reportedly, Mishra had applied for deputation to Bihar Cadre of IPS on grounds of extreme personal hardship. The Assam Government has issued a No Objection Certificate (NOC) and allowed Mishra to move to Bihar cadre from the Assam-Meghalaya Cadre. The notice from the Assam



Government read, "With

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## Pre-celebrations of World Tourism Day held in Chandubi

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Guwahati, September 26:

The office of the tourist information officer, Chandubi, organised World Tourism Day pre-celebrations in collaboration with the Joramkhuria village administration. The event was presided over by Danny Gam, district tourist information officer. Kamrup DC Kirthi Jalli, additional director of state tourism department distribute 'Awesome Assam' logo to a couple of Canada during the pre-cel-

Gogoi, along with Rabha Hasong Autonomous Council's general members and villagers also took part in the event. Local artists performed Rabha traditional dance and a Canadian couple also joined in. The tourist department also organised an exhibition, archery competitions and a session on 'Rethinking Tourism' on the occasion. Officials of Assam Tourism department distribute 'Awesome Assam' logo to a couple of Canada during the pre-cel-



ebrations of the World Tourism Day at Chandubi in Kamrup district on

Saturday. "I have visited Chandubi Lake for the first time and I now realise how

beautiful it is. We should

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Huge flower basket decorates Tian'anmen Square ahead of National Day holiday

## Shinzo Abe funeral: world figures fly in to political storm over state service for Japan former PM

**Tokyo, September 26 :** The US vice-president, Kamala Harris, the Indian prime minister, Narendra Modi, and British foreign secretary, James Cleverly, will be among foreign dignitaries arriving in Japan to attend a state funeral for the assassinated former prime minister, Shinzo Abe, despite strong public opposition to the ceremony. They will be among about 700 people from overseas, including 50 former and current leaders, who are expected to attend the funeral in Tokyo on Tuesday, almost three months after Abe was shot dead while making a campaign speech. Public opinion was split when, six days after Abe's death, the prime minister, Fumio Kishida, said his predecessor would be afforded a state funeral. But opposition has intensified in recent weeks, amid a torrent of revelations about ties between Abe's Liberal Democratic party (LDP) - now led by Kishida - and the Unification church. The suspect in Abe's shooting on 8 July, Tetsuya Yamagami, has told investigators he targeted the politician

because of his ties to the church, whose members are commonly known as Moonies. Yamagami reportedly said he harboured a two-decade grudge against the church after his mother, a member, donated a huge sum of money to the organisation and bankrupted his family. Abe was not a member of the church, but sent a congratulatory video

pressuring believers into making donations they can't afford - claims it has denied. After Abe's shooting exposed serious errors by officers responsible for protecting him, organisers have planned strict security measures near the funeral venue. Roads around the Budokan will be closed and airspace will be restricted



message to a church-affiliated event last autumn. Founded in South Korea in 1954 by the self-proclaimed messiah Sun Myung Moon, the church was encouraged to establish a presence in Japan by Abe's grandfather and postwar prime minister, Nobusuke Kishi, as a counter to communism and trade unionism. The organisation, known for its mass weddings, has been accused of

from Monday until Wednesday. Tens of thousands of police officers, including about 2,500 from outside the capital, have been deployed and sniffer dogs have been patrolling major railway stations and Haneda airport in recent days. Japanese media revelations that other members of the LDP - and a much smaller number

## Super Typhoon Noru hits Philippines after thousands flee homes

**Manila, September 26:** Super Typhoon Noru has slammed into the Philippines, battering the heavily populated main island of Luzon with strong winds and heavy rain that have forced thousands of people to flee their homes. The storm was packing maximum sustained wind speeds of 125mph (195km/h) after an unprecedented "explosive intensification", the state weather forecaster said. Noru, the strongest storm to hit the Philippines this year, made

landfall in Burdeos municipality on the Polillo islands, part of Quezon province, at 5.30pm local time. Videos posted on social media showed trees swaying wildly as wind and rain whipped across the islands. The Philippines is regularly ravaged by storms, and scientists say they are becoming more powerful as the world gets warmer because of the climate crisis. 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 were being evacuated from their homes, said Mel Avenilla from the provincial disaster office. Helen Tan, the governor of Quezon province, told local radio: "I asked our mayors to comply with strict preemptive evacuations."

### SHORT NOTICE INVITING RE-TENDER

Sealed tender in plain paper affixing court fees stamp of Rs.8.25 (Rupees eight & twenty five paise) only are hereby invited by the undersigned from registered supplier/firms for supply the following materials under the scheme inputs for fish farming in New Pond Construction/Inputs for integrated fish farming and fingerling stocking in wetland under PMMSY for the year 2021-22 along with call deposit/ Bank draft from Nationalized bank in favour of District fishery Dev. Officer, Udalguri @ 2 % total value of supplied items (1 % in case of SC/ST/OBC) as quoted rate. The tenders will be received up to 1.30 PM on 11.10.2022 and will be opened on the same day at 2.00 PM on 11.10.2022 in presence of the tenderers or their authorized representatives. The details terms and condition of tenders is available in the office which may be seen during office hours. Separate item wise tenders will be also accepted by the undersigned. This short notice Inviting Re-Tender is done due to non received of sufficient valid tenders as per norms for supply of inputs. Those tenderers who had already submitted call deposit / Bank Draft as per requirement amount against earlier NIT Memo No. AFU/BTC/301 / 2021-22/907-921 /Dated Udalguri the 7th September/2022, they have no need to submit again call deposit /Bank Draft except tender papers of new rates and other essential documents.

The undersigned reserves the right to accept/reject any tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

Sl. No	Items	Quantity	Rate (Rs)	Estimated Cost (Rs)	Remarks
1	Fish Seed (>5 inch)	56000 Nos.	Rs. 5/-	RS.2,80,000.00	Inputs for fish in New pond construction and inputs for integrated fish farming
2	Fingerlings fish seed	3800 Nos.	Rs. 3/-	Rs. 11,400.00	Inputs for fingerling stocking in wetlands.
3	Fish Feed (4 mm pelleted with 26-28 % cp) (floating SO % sinking 50 %)	7826.12 kg	Rs. 46/-	Rs.3,60,001.50	Inputs for fish farming New Pond Construction
4	Pig Feed	925.0 kg	Rs.40/-	Rs.37,000.00	Inputs for integrated fish farming
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Quantity may increase or decrease depending on the requirement of the scheme PMMSY for the year 2021-22.

Sd/-  
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## Ukraine war to take centre stage at UN as west and Russia vie for support

**New York, September 26 :** The UN general assembly summit this week will be dominated by a struggle - between the US and its allies on one side and Russia on the other - for global support over the fate of Ukraine, as the global south fights to stop the conflict from overshadowing the existential threats of famine and the climate crisis. With a

return to fully in-person general debate, presidents and prime ministers will be converging on New York, many of them direct from London, where the diplomacy got under way on the sidelines of the Queen's funeral. Russia is currently in retreat on the battlefield and in the contest for global hearts and minds over Ukraine's fate. The general assembly voted 101-7 with 19 abstentions to allow the Ukrainian president, Volodymyr Zelenskiy, to deliver a prerecorded video address, granting him an exemption from the requirement that speakers should appear in person. India, a longstanding Moscow ally which has tended to abstain in votes on Ukraine, voted in Zelenskiy's favour. The vote was on the same day that India's prime minister, Narendra Modi, publicly scolded Vladimir Putin, telling him "today's time is not a time for war" when they made a joint appearance at a regional Asia summit in Uzbekistan. Putin said he was aware of Indian "concerns", echoing what he had said the day before



about China. The weeklong session of United Nations general assembly meetings and leaders' speeches begins as mass graves are being discovered after the Russian retreat from the Ukrainian town of Izium. War crimes are likely to be central in speeches on Wednesday delivered by Zelenskiy and Joe Biden, and the UN security council will convene a ministerial meeting on Thursday morning, chaired by the French foreign minister, Catherine Colonna, focused on

accountability for war crimes in Ukraine. The Russians "should expect that it will not be business as usual when they arrive in New York tomorrow", the US envoy to the UN, Linda Thomas-Greenfield, said. "They will be isolated. They will be condemned in the security council, as well as more broadly in the general assembly," she told. There will be no traditional lunch with ministers from the permanent five members of the security council this year. The Russian foreign

minister, Sergei Lavrov, is only due to speak on Saturday when most other ministers will have left, so if there is a walkout when Lavrov approaches the lectern, it will have less impact. Despite broad sympathy at the United Nations general assembly for Ukraine's plight in the face of the Russian invasion, there has been irritation among developing countries that the focus on the conflict has crowded out discussion and action on parallel food and climate crises that threaten mass displacement and starvation in the global south. Ukraine has pressed for more resolutions condemning Russia in the security council and general assembly, but Kyiv's western backers have warned of the risk that the diminishing numbers supporting such resolutions might become the story. "There has been an ebb and flow of interest and engagement from countries not directly affected by Ukraine and so we've had to work hard to make it clear that we're talking about those issues that do affect them in their own right," a European diplomat at the UN said.

## Sudden die-off of endangered sturgeon alarms Canadian biologists

**Toronto, September 26 :** When the first spindly, armour-clad carcass was spotted in the fast-flowing Nechako River in early September, Nikolaus Gantner and two colleagues scrambled out on a jet boat, braving strong currents to investigate the grim discovery. Days later, the remains of 10 others were spotted floating along a 100km stretch of the river in western Canada. In total, 11 endangered white sturgeon have mysteriously died in a short period of time, blinding biologists, who are trying to save a fish teetering towards extinction. The species has remained relatively unchanged in 200m years: toothless apex hunters that glide gracefully in

a handful of British Columbia's rivers. To navigate the murky waters, sturgeon gently brush whisker-like barbels that hang from their snout along the gravelly bottom. White sturgeon, with a torso clad in five distinct bony plates called scutes, look every inch a prehistoric fish. The largest ever recorded reached 20ft long and another, believed to be 104 years old, weighed nearly 1,800 lbs. "When you see a massive head appearing through the murky water and the eyes look at you, it's just incredible to see this majestic animal alive," said Gantner, a senior fisheries biologist with the British Columbia



government. "And you gain respect for it, knowing that most fish we see are older than us." The rapid succession of deaths has taken an unexpected emotional toll on Gantner and his colleagues. "I'm deeply saddened. These last couple of weeks, I feel like I'm going through grief," he said. Each time he and colleagues tenderly move the hulking carcasses of the fish from the shore to the freezer and on to the necropsy table, he feels a pang of sorrow. "I don't think

I felt like that from other fish that I've worked with." So far, there are no obvious answers. The team hasn't found any sign of trauma nor evidence of chemical exposure, disease, or angling-induced death. "Whatever it is, it affects larger sturgeon, not other species. It's constrained to a place in time and space. So that gives us some clues," said Steve McAdam, a biologist with the province's ministry of land, water and resource stewardship. "In a way, it's easier to rule a bunch of stuff out than to rule some things in."

## Saudi foreign minister defends role in securing Ukraine prisoner swaps



**Riyadh, September 26 :** It would be cynical to see Saudi Arabia's efforts to secure the release of international prisoners held by Russian proxies in Ukraine as an attempt to improve the country's image after the killing of Jamal Khashoggi, its foreign minister has said. Prince Faisal bin Farhan al Saud said on Friday that Riyadh had first approached the UK government in April, shortly after Aiden Aslin, a British citizen, and others were captured at Mariupol, and had acted for compassionate reasons, hoping to negotiate their release. Asked if it was a rare opportunity to repair relations with the west, the minister said: "I think that's a very cynical view. What we saw, what the kingdom's leadership saw, was an opportunity to achieve a humanitarian breakthrough to facilitate the return of these detainees to their families. And that's the motivation." Saudi Arabia, which has sought to

take a softer stance on Russia following the outbreak of the war, has previously said Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman was involved in a major diplomatic effort, which also appeared to have involved the former Chelsea football club owner and billionaire Roman Abramovich. One of the five Britons released, Shaun Pinner, recognised Abramovich on the plane flying them out from Russia to Riyadh earlier this week and approached him to ask if he was the former football club owner, according to a report in the Sun. Another of those released, John Harding, recounted the exchange that followed between the two men. "He went over to him on the plane and asked where he was from and Roman said 'London.'" Then Shaun said, "You really look like Roman Abramovich" and he replied, "That's because I am him, sir". He couldn't believe it." Five Britons were

among 10 people facing the death penalty from pro-Russia separatists who were released unexpectedly earlier this week. They had all been accused of fighting as mercenaries on behalf of Ukraine, and had been put on trial in breach of the Geneva conventions covering prisoners of war. Aiden Aslin, 28, returned to his family home near Newark on Thursday, as did the other Britons, including Pinner, with whom he was put on trial in June. Aslin, Pinner and the Moroccan Brahim Saadoun, also released this week, had been sentenced to death in a ruling condemned internationally.

## Tigrayan forces accuse Eritrea of launching full-scale offensive on border

**Nairobi, September 26 :** Forces in Ethiopia's Tigray region said troops from neighbouring Eritrea launched a "full-scale offensive" on Tuesday and heavy fighting was ongoing in several areas along the border. Reuters was not immediately able to verify the account on Twitter from Getachew Reda, a spokesperson for the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF). The TPLF has been battling Ethiopian federal forces and their allies for nearly two years. Eritrean troops entered Tigray to back the Ethiopian military after fighting broke out in November 2020 before withdrawing from most areas last year. "Eritrea is deploying its entire army as well as reservists. Our forces are heroically defending their positions," Getachew said. The Eritrean information minister, Yemane Gebremeskel, did not immediately respond to requests for comment. If confirmed, the offensive would mark an escalation in a war that has displaced millions and triggered a humanitarian disaster across northern Ethiopia. Getachew said Ethiopian troops and special forces from the Amhara region had also joined the offensive. led peace process.



Shows the view of Mount Huashan at sunset in northwest China's Shaanxi Province.



### NYK Golaghat to organize Youth Festival

**Assam Rising, Golaghat, September 26:** Nehru Yuva Kendra, Golaghat is going to organise a Youth Festival October 8 at DR College, Golaghat. As informed by the APA, NYK, Golaghat, The District Level Youth Festival will be attended by number of youths from different blocks of Golaghat. The day-long program will be followed by several events like Young Artist Contest: Painting, Young Writers contest: Poem, Mobile Photography Contest, Declaration Contest, District Youth Convention: Yuva etc. The winners will be awarded with a cash prize along with a certificate. The participants should be between the age group 15 to 29. Winners will next participate in State Level Yuva Utsav. Interested Participants may visit NYK Golaghat office and register themselves for the respective event before October 3, 2022. Seats for each event are limited and candidates with past achievements will be given preference. Last date for online registration is before October 3. Interested participants can register at the following link [event.https://forms.gle/CauAmWsGCFvc4PqE8](https://forms.gle/CauAmWsGCFvc4PqE8)

### Name Change

I Suraj Rajbongshi, Resident of Village Jelkajhar, New Bongaigaon, Assam, have changed my name from Suraj Tamang to Suraj Rajbongshi. However, in my passport it has spelled as Suraj Rajbongshi. Therefore, I declare Suraj Tamang, Suraj Rajbongshi and Suraj Rajbongshi is the same person and I will be known by my changed name Suraj Rajbongshi for all future purpose.

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## Blood donation camp held at Nowgong College (autonomous)



**Assam Rising Nagaon, September 26:** In a joint venture, Red Ribbon Club and NSS unit of historic Nowgong College (autonomous) in association with AIDS control society of Assam and Asom Rajik

Raktdaan Sangsalan Parishad, organized a mega blood donation camp at the college premises here today. The camp was ceremonially inaugurated by Dr Sarat Borkatoki, principal of the college

and Dr Bhuvan Chandra Chutia, coordinator to Red Ribbon Club and NSS unit officer, anchored the inaugural programme. Over 200 students from the college registered their respective names for donating blood to the

patients in emergency period. Besides, during the camp, a total of 24 units of blood were collected from the students today and also sent for storage at the blood bank of Nagaon BP Civil Hospital. Riku Dutta, the advisor to the blood bank of Nagaon Civil Hospital and Chandan Sarma, the incharge official of Nagaon Civil Hospital blood bank were present in the camp as guests. During the camp, a group of well skilled medical experts from the Nagaon civil hospital were engaged in collecting the blood from the students, an official press note added.

## MSSV Dhubri campus will inaugurate today

**Assam Rising, Dhubri, September 26:** Dhubri Unit of Mahapurusha Srimanta Sankaradeva Viswavidyalaya (MSSV) will be inaugurated on 27th of September. The inaugural ceremony will be held at the permanent premises of the unit at Dumardaha, Balajan, Dhubri from 10 am onwards. The programme will be held in the presence of the Chancellor of the university and Podadhikar of Srimanta Sankaradeva Sangha Kamala Kanta Gogoi, Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Mridul Hazarika, Chief Coordinator cum Director (Fi-

nance and Planning) of the University and Pradhan Sampadak of Srimanta Sankardev Sangha Babul Bora. The university authority has informed that the inauguration ceremony will also be attended by the Registrar of the University, Prof. Mrinal Kumar Bora, Deputy Registrar (Admin.) Dr. Shekhar Kanti Sarkar, Deputy Registrar (Acad.) Dr. Nayanmoni Saikia, local MLAs, DC, ADC, SDC, S.P of Dhubri and Chirang District, Principal-Vice Principals of near by colleges and members of the Srimanta

Sankaradeva Sangha. The university has already started regular classes in Guwahati and Jorhat Units along with its main campus in Nagaon. Dhubri Unit will be the third unit of the University established in Dumardaha. Academic programmes like MA (CBCS) in Assamese, English, Economics, Education, Philosophy and Political Science from the current academic session will be operational in the Unit. Registrar of the university Prof. Mrinal Kumar Bora has expected the presence of the well-wishers of the university in the inaugural ceremony.

## Biswanath College organised workshop on Entrepreneurship Development

**Assam Rising Biswanath Chariali, September 26:** A workshop on Entrepreneurship Development was organized today in Biswanath College by Assam Small Industry Development Corporation in collaboration with IQAC and IIC of the college. Kishore Upadhyay, Chairman, Assam Small Industry Development Corporation in his speech as re-



source person apprised the student community of various government schemes available for interested students. As government jobs are limited, Sri Upadhyay called upon students to think of becoming entrepreneurs. Earlier, Dr Chinta Mani Sharma, Principal, Biswanath College welcomed the guests and urged the students to be aware of the government facilities available for interested students who wanted to be entrepreneurs. Bijit Pratim Mahanta, Extension Officer, DICC and Riku Dutta, District Team Leader, APART, Biswanath gave a detailed presentation to the students to make them aware of various projects interested students could take up. They also apprised the students of

various financial facilities available for interested students. Preetam Kumar Nath, District Development Manager, Sonitpur (NABARD) also gave a detailed presentation on various schemes available in the agricultural and rural development sector. Ajit Singh, Regional Manager, SBI, Tezpur informed the students of various facilities relating to financial assistance and loans SBI would provide.

Dr Naresh Thakur, Coordinator, IQAC compared the programme. Dr Lalit Baruah, Dr Dipankar Saikia both members of IQAC, Deep Jyoti Nath, President, IIC, Biswanath College and Dr Karabi Gogoi, HoD, Economics attended the meeting along with other faculties. Nearly four hundred students and several journalists of Biswanath also attended the workshop.



## NEFTU observed World Pharmacist Day

**Assam Rising Aalo, September 26:** North East Frontier Technical University (NEFTU), Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, District West Siang, Aalo observed World Pharmacist Day 2022 with a Theme of Pharmacy United in Action for a Healthier World in association with

Arunachal Pradesh Pharmacy Council, Itanagar on September 25. The chief guest Nabam Siddar, Drug Inspector, Technical Session speaker was welcomed by Dr. Partha S. Rakshit, Dean Academics, NEFTU, (keynote speaker) in the presence of Govt. Pharmacists of Aalo, Basar, Dari, Darak, Nickte. Dr. Nazim

Hussain, Principal, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, highlighted the importance of World Pharmacist Day. Dr. Annu Devi, Dean, Faculty of Education, expressed the Vote of thanks in the presence of Dr. Abida Hussain, Dr. Makbul Chaudhary and students of D.Pharm course.

## 'GeM Seller Samvad' held in Guwahati

**Assam Rising Guwahati, September 26:** To create awareness about the functionality of Government e-Marketplace (GeM) among the sellers, entrepreneurs and media, an event titled 'GeM Seller Samvad' was held in PWD Convention Centre, Guwahati today. The Government e-Marketplace (GeM) in collaboration with the Press Information Bureau (PIB), Guwahati organized the event. The GeM Seller Samvad aimed at having an interactive session with the stakeholders to get their feedback and suggestions to further improve the service delivery of the digital platform. In her welcome address, Parni Gupta, Deputy Director, PIB spoke about the importance and



benefits of a unified market under this platform. Highlighting the background of GeM she said that since its launch in 2017, the platform has grown manifold with the gross merchandise value (GMV) crossing Rs One lakh crore in financial year 2021-22 alone. This has

been possible only because of the participation of all the sellers that are present on the GeM platform. Gupta also added that GeM primarily functions on three pillars which are inclusivity, transparency and efficiency. A significant number of sellers like MSMEs, startups, women entrepreneurs etc. are getting

a direct platform through GeM where they can sell to the government, she added. Shreshth Vats, AVP-Services, in his speech said that this Seller Samvad has been planned to interact with the GeM sellers in particular and make them aware about the new GeM features and functionalities. In the last five years GeM has become one of the top three portals in the world for Government procurement and in the coming three to five years GeM is aiming to become number one in the world. Vats said that a large number of buyers and sellers are now connected with the GeM and it is important to sensitize people and improve its service delivery further.

## Webinar on Women entrepreneurship and women empowerment held

**Assam Rising, Guwahati, September 26:** GAEF (Global Assamese Entrepreneurship Forum, [www.gaefnortheast.org](http://www.gaefnortheast.org)) held its monthly webinar on September 25 on the topic "Women entrepreneurship and women empowerment". The webinar was hosted by Anjana Bordoloi and the resource persons were Dr. Sriparna Baruah, Garima Saikia Garg and Dhirak Deka. A detailed discussion took place on women entrepreneurship, particularly focusing on the handloom industry of Assam. It was revealed that although 49% of the total handloom output of India is from Assam, the industry itself largely still remains unorganized, thus providing both a challenge and an



opportunity for scaling up and modernisation. Various solutions including producer collaboration, private investor collaboration and pilot studies were presented. Following on from the discussions, a GAEF Action Group has been created which will work with various clusters at the grassroots level. GAEF shall provide mentoring and necessary resources to enhance and empower this industry's organization, which can be a major

revenue earner for Assam, while empowering the women associated with it. A further series of webinars and workshops have been planned, the details of which will be shared in the near future. The recorded version of the webinar is available on YouTube via this link - <https://youtu.be/NsZkxCikoYk>. The next GAEF webinar is scheduled on Sunday, October 23 at 9:00 pm.

## Eeto assam ki beti: closing ceremony of practice camp concludes

**Assam Rising Biswanath 26 September:** Lokra Battalion under the aegis of Headquarter 21 Sector Assam Rifles and Headquarter Inspector General Assam Rifles (East) and in conjunction with Assam Football Association (AFA) & Tezpur District Sports Association (TDSA) organised a practice camp for Assam Women's Football Team from September 20 to 26. This practice camp was conducted as a run up for the 36th National Games for selection and training of women's football team for representing Assam in the National Games scheduled to be conducted in Gujarat from September 27 to October 10. Lokra battalion in conjunction with AFA & TDSA conducted various selection matches and tournaments over the past three months and identified 30 best players from various football clubs from entire Assam to form a state team to represent Assam in the 36th National Games being conducted in Gujarat. The selected players then underwent a one week selection cum practice camp at Lokra battalion. After deliberate scrutiny and selection, a team of 20 players from teams across the state were finally selected for participation in the National Games. The team also includes seven players from DGAR Women's football team. The team will be moving to Ahmedabad on September 28 for participation in the

National Games. The Assam Women's Football Team is placed in Pool B with Maharashtra, Gujarat & Orissa. A closing ceremony was conducted by Lokra Battalion on September 26 to motivate these selected players and showcase their prowess and



skills to the locals of Lokra. The event was attended by representatives from Assam Olympic Association, Assam Board of Sports, AFA, TDSA, ESM & locals of Lokra. All the representatives of Assam Sports bodies expressed their heartfelt gratitude to Assam Rifles for

extending their prompt assistance in conduct of this practice camp. The event was also enjoyed by the locals who complemented the constant endeavours of Assam Rifles, aimed towards promotion of sports and women empowerment in the North East.

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## Smartphones addiction

As smartphones have become an integral part of our lives, addiction to smartphones has also become a serious problem (Hwang & Jeong, 2015). Researchers revealed that smartphone addiction has negative impact on individuals' psychological and physical health as well as academic and work performance. In order to examine factors leading to smartphone addiction, previous studies have focused on psychological factors and found that stress, shyness, loneliness, anxiety, and depression are positively related to smartphone addiction. However, individuals' psychological traits may not explain every aspect of smartphone addiction. The research suggests that the psychological predictors of smartphone addiction may be closely related to social interactions and resources. Individuals addicted to smartphones use the media for social purposes (Van Deursen, Bolle, Hegner, & Kommers, 2015). As they feel anxious and uneasy in offline interactions, they flee to smartphone interactions and become addicted to smartphones. (However, if individuals possess rich social resources, they may receive psychological and social support from their networks and have more opportunities for offline interactions (Putnam, 2001). They may decrease their anxiety and uneasiness in offline social interactions and be less likely to escape to a smartphone. [Although individuals with rich offline social networks may actively use media to maintain these offline relationships, they use media to complement offline, the support they receive from their rich offline networks may prevent them from substituting offline interactions for smartphone ones by escaping offline interactions to smartphone interactions. In this way, having offline social networks can indicate that individuals possess the resources to have comfortable offline interactions and to feel supported so that they do not need to escape the offline environment and become addicted to the smartphone environment.]. Therefore, a thorough understanding of smartphone addiction should go beyond psychological traits to examine individuals' social resources. Because individuals who are addicted to smartphones are seeking easier interactions than those they experience in the real world, smartphones may have different impacts on their social lives than other individuals'. They may not use smartphones to increase their interactions and social engagement [This study focuses on civic aspects of social engagement and defines "social engagement" as engaging in civic activities, such as helping others in philanthropic organizations, participating in charity events, or volunteering for charitable causes. This definition excludes activities of social interactions that are not tied to civic causes, such as seeing friends, going to places of worship, and visiting family.

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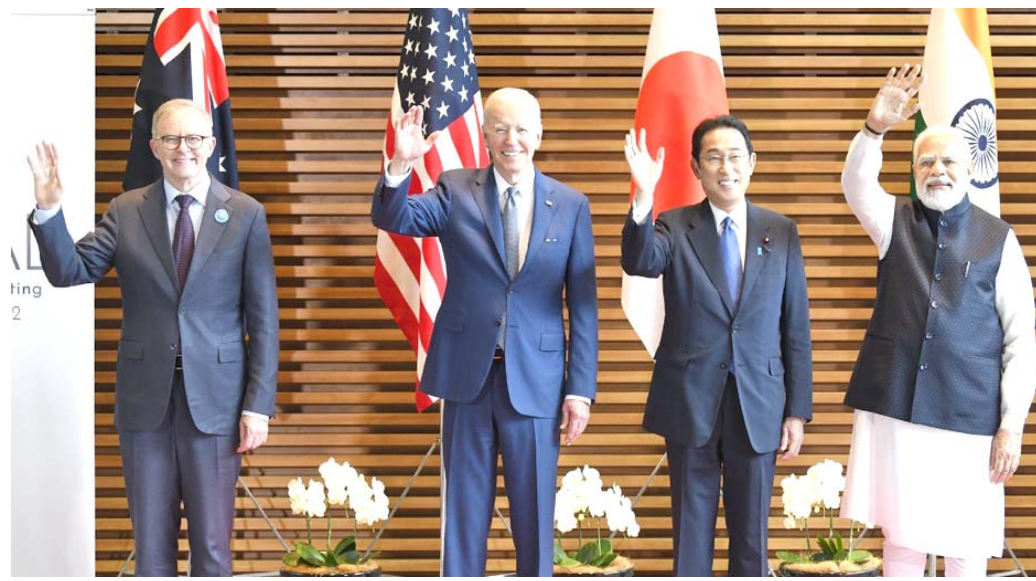
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## Modi's vishwa guru quest continues. Australia visit will help India wean Canberra away from China

2023 will be the year of India and of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, whose quest for the 'vishwa guru' status will see him hobnobbing with world leaders throughout the year leading up to the 2024 Lok Sabha election. And Australia will be a key country in this quest. Hectic diplomatic exercises have begun as the Modi government sets about meeting the heads of the UK, Germany, France and Italy- besides US, Russia and China. Post the G-20 Summit in Bali this November, India will kick things off by assuming the presidency of the 20-nation group for a year beginning 1 December. This will be followed by India hosting the 2023 Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit as the organisation's chairman, which it acquired from Uzbekistan this month. PM Modi will be looking to convert these summits into a major political opportunity and project India as a 'vishwa guru' to his voters. For the G-20 summit in 2023, India is expecting a visit by Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese. In return, PM Modi is expected to go on his second visit to Australia in February 2023 for the Quad meeting.



Preparations are underway at both diplomatic and political levels for both visits. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar is scheduled to visit Melbourne and Sydney in mid-October to discuss G20 with PM Albanese and again visit the country in February 2023 for the Quad summit. His visit will help both Indian and Australian governments to understand the approach of Labour government policies towards India. A basic structure of dialogue is being prepared between the two sides at various levels, to ensure that PM Albanese's high-level

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interactions with PM Modi are successful. Multi-level delegations led by Piyush Goyal, Pralhad Joshi, Dharmendra Pradhan visited Australia in recent months after the Albanese government assumed office. It was a quiet political decision of the Cabinet Committee on Security to woo the Labour Party in Australia. The ground reality is that the CCS' decision is certainly yielding fruits. Australia needs Indian Investments and skilled youth power to turn the country away

from Chinese influence. If things go well, there is also a possibility that the Australia PM might address the Joint Session of both Houses of Indian Parliament at the newly constructed Parliament building. PM Anthony's visit will add impetus to the ongoing trade and security-level alertness, giving utmost priority to education, health and cyber security threats. In the past eight years, PM Modi has earned a lot of goodwill from world leaders. But as democracies mature, the dynamics of relationships

undergo a change. For that matter, the smoothness with which Modi and former Australian PM Scott Morrison developed close ties will be used to boost the relationship with the new government headed by Albanese. Both countries will adopt a neutral policy on the developments in the UK with Liz Truss assuming office, on the Russia-Ukraine War, and on the sudden spurt of Chinese spy ships in Colombo. This is a threat from China to both India and Australia. Does China seek to neutralise the Quad initiative? There are massive issues for Anthony and Modi that they need to address and both countries are working on setting up internal as well as external measures. On the security front, India must urge Australia not to allow their soil for anti-India Khalistani separatists. This will be in Australia's interest as well. A proper understanding will have to be built through mutual trusts. In the first meeting of Quad after Albanese assumed office, the PM created a conducive atmosphere. This will be taken forward in the coming months. All this will happen, clearly, with the 2024 Lok Sabha election in mind. The future political dynamics will depend on whether Modi does a hat-trick or a new set-up assumes office in India.

## Britain is becoming a more liberal and open society. But we are ever more divided too

'The 'woke' outlook on national identity, national sentiment and immigration now tends to be the more popular'; and "whereas it might once have represented a widespread view, now the 'anti-woke' position on 'culture war' issues often appear to be more of a minority one." It's a striking conclusion from Sir John Curtice and Victoria Ratti in the latest edition of the British Social Attitudes survey, published last week. The gold-standard annual survey of public opinion has tracked public views on a host of issues for almost 40 years and is invaluable in tracking changes in attitudes over time. The new edition, on "Public Attitudes in an Age of Crisis", explores attitudes to issues ranging from taxation to constitutional reform. The most fascinating insights came, however, in the chapter on the culture wars. The immediate takeaway from the survey is that Britain is a nation that has become more liberal, more supportive of immigration and minorities and more inclusive in its understanding of national identity. The proportion of Britons who view immigration as having a positive economic impact has steadily increased from around one-fifth in 2011 to a half 10 years later, while the proportion thinking that

immigration was bad for the economy has halved to 20% over the same time. Similarly, those who think that immigration enriches the nation's cultural life has increased from 26% to 48%, while those believing that it undermined it has again halved to 21%. Far more people think that equality has not gone far enough for women and for ethnic minorities (and, to a lesser extent, for lesbian and gay people) than think that it has gone too far. And far more people support a greater push for equal rights for minorities than they did three decades ago. Dig a little deeper, though, and the picture becomes cloudier. Britain is more liberal, the survey suggests, but also more polarised. Brexit remains one of the key faultlines in British society. Around two-thirds of remain supporters regard the economic and cultural consequences of migration in a positive light, compared with only around a quarter of those who back leave. Almost 40% of leavers (as compared with 9% of remainers) think that immigration has undermined British culture; and while two-thirds of remainers think that immigration has enriched Britain's cultural life, just one-fifth of leavers do. Fifty-nine per cent of leavers insist that "British ancestry is important for being truly British", as compared

with 23% of remainers. And while two-thirds of leavers think of themselves as "very strongly British", fewer than half that figure of remainers do. There is a clear divide on these issues, not just along the leave-remain faultline but also in terms of other boundaries, such as education and age. However, does it make sense to view these issues in culture war terms? To see, for example, a more liberal attitude to immigration or a greater willingness to explore the darker

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recesses of British history as signalling the advance of "wokeness"? To answer that, we first have to answer why it is that the fiercest public debates today seem to be around questions of culture, identity and history. The culture wars are primarily the product of the demise of old-style class politics and the disenchantment with possibilities of social change. One of the striking features of the past half century has been the liberalisation of social attitudes towards minorities and women, and the fact that it has coincided with an assault on working-class organisations and increasingly restrictive laws on trade union activities. Society has been more willing to tolerate



economic inequality, even as it has sought to reduce racial and gender discrimination. In many ways, last week's "mini-budget" symbolised this trend: a budget presented by Britain's first black chancellor who sits in a cabinet hailed for its ethnic diversity but the consequence of which will be to greatly increase economic inequality. In any struggle for equality, both sides of the equation are important; both the expansion of political rights for minority groups and women, on the one hand, and the demands for decent pay, good housing, sound social infrastructure, on the other. Not least because disproportionate numbers of black and minority populations are working class and poor. In separating the two strands, not only has it become more difficult to advance either kind of equality, but in the eyes of

many of us, the two have seemingly been set one against the other. The very decline of the economic and political power of the working class in Britain has helped obscure the economic and political roots of social problems. It has also transformed the language through which we understand social problems, from one that is rooted in class and politics to one that emphasises identity and culture. When we talk of being liberal, conservative, Brexiter or remainer, we talk as much of cultural identities as political views. People find their place in the world today less through categories such as "liberal" or "conservative" or "socialist" than ones such as "English" or "European" or "Muslim" or "white". Even when people talk of being liberal or conservative, or a Brexiter or remainer, they are often talking as much of cultural identities as of political viewpoints.

## The nuclear threat might change the mood in Russia itself, stoking widespread fear

"Do you want Total War?" Goebbels demanded of the Nazi faithful as the Second World War went south for Germany in 1943. He depicted a Reich surrounded by evil Jewish cosmopolitan conspirators bent on its destruction and he advocated for total mobilisation and to embrace a glory-in-death ideology. 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

Peter Pomerantsev

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. Russians have indeed been killed en masse, most often by their own state, but, unlike Ukrainians, they do not celebrate their own dissidents. These are hated and

damned in state propaganda and by the public at large. Real courage is derided. Instead, mass oppression has resulted in a society that celebrates passive conformism. Bravura is celebrated on the screen, but as a way to compensate for the way society is actually cowed. You are crushed by the state and then compensated with patriotic heroics on television and sadism towards the weakest in your own society and others (in this case, Ukraine). The great difference with Nazi propaganda is that while the former was geared to action and mobilisation, Putin's propaganda is geared to demobilisation: sit on the couch, feel strong by watching propaganda and let the Kremlin run things. Beneath the rhetoric of self-sacrifice, Putin's

propaganda has traditionally allowed for self-interest or, at least, self-preservation. You go to war spouting patriotic rhetoric, but really you are in it because it allows for loot and rape. You enjoy the highs of patriotic rhetoric at home, but really your interest is in being allowed to pursue corruption, great and small. Putin's trick is to dress self-interest in patriotic propaganda. Now those two things are splitting. Going to the front just means pointless death. It's now clear the "partial" mobilisation is not partial at all; people are being grabbed on the streets and packed off to war. On social media, the sentiment towards mobilisation is highly negative. In polling, even the most pro-Putin Russians are against it. The war in Ukraine was meant to be a movie, not a personal sacrifice.



# Mizoram CM urges Centre to resume peace talks with Myanmar

**Aizawl, September 26 :** Mizoram Chief Minister Zoramthanga has urged the Centre to resume its peace mission in coup-hit Myanmar following requests from some quarters that India should broker peace in the wake of the political crisis in the neighbouring country, an official said on Sunday. Four Indian states, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh, share over a 1,600-km long international border with Myanmar. "We receive requests from some quarters in Myanmar that India should broker peace in the wake of the political crisis in the neighbouring country. This is a golden chance for our country to resume the peace mission we have begun in the past in order to restore peace in the neighbouring country," Zoramthanga told reporters in Aizawl soon after his arrival from Delhi on Saturday. He said that the Centre should negotiate with the



military government and various ethnic underground groups in Myanmar to restore peace, which in turn will help in restoring democracy in the neighbouring country. The chief minister said that he was sent to Myanmar on a peace mission along with National Security Advisor Ajit Doval five years ago. However, the peace process with the Myanmar military government and ethnic groups was aborted when the Aung San Suu Kyi-led National League for Democracy came to power in 2015, he said. Zoramthanga

visited the national capital on September 3 and September 24 and met various leaders at the Centre including President Droupadi Murmu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and Home Minister Amit Shah over the Myanmar political crisis and influx of refugees

from the neighbouring country. "During our visit to Delhi, our main subject was the Myanmar political issue. All the central leaders whom I have met, including the President, were concerned about the Myanmar political crisis," the chief minister said. He said, "I told the central leaders that India should take a fatherly step and resume the trade we have already started in the past in order to restore peace in Myanmar." The former rebel leader-turned-politician said that the ethnic underground groups operating in Myanmar are in favour of federation within

the Union of Myanmar and independence is not their main goal. He said that when he was on a peace mission in Myanmar, the former military government headed by Min Aung Hlaing (now also military chief) was willing to grant federations to the ethnic groups, he said. "It seems that peace could not be established in Myanmar due to communication gaps between stakeholders. If India plays its role at the right time, restoring peace in the neighbouring state is possible," he said.

## Lifting of prohibition on alcohol not spontaneous: Manipur CM

**Imphal, September 26 :** Chief minister N Biren Singh stated that the Cabinet took the recent decision on lifting the prohibition on the sale and consumption of liquor from the state after consulting various stakeholders over the last two years. The chief minister was speaking at the launch programme of the 1st Batch Trainees of the State Institute of Hotel Management, Catering Technology and Applied Nutrition (SIHM), Manipur. The state cabinet decided to partially lift the prohibition on alcohol in the state, considering the health issues arises caused by the consumption of unregulated alcohol and to boost the state's revenue. Elaborating on the matter, CM Biren Singh said that the cabinet decision was taken after holding a thorough discussion and taking recommendations from committees formed earlier in this regard. "This is not a spontaneous decision. It was decided after consulting various stakeholders in the last two years. The same was



also discussed in the previous sessions of the state assembly," Singh said. However, there would be certain regulations on the sale of liquor regarding the place of sale, age regulation etc, the chief minister said. He also mentioned that some communities have been producing local liquor as part of their custom and as such the government hadn't been able to ban such production. Manipur was declared a dry state after the enacting of the Manipur Liquor Prohibition Act, 1991. However, an exemption was granted to scheduled caste and scheduled tribe communities to brew local liquor for tradi-

tional purposes. Now, with the lifting of the prohibition on alcohol and legalising of sale, consumption and brewing of liquor in some specific locations, the state government is also planning to export locally-brewed alcohol. According to the chief minister, a team from outside the state had been engaged to check the process of the production in such places and to bring up to a certain level of standard, so that the liquors could be exported outside the state. Earlier, a three-member team of the state cabinet sub-committee had recently visited Goa to study scientific liquor brewing for export. According to CM Biren Singh, the state

## Investment Summit postponed for absence of industrial policy

**Gangtok, September 26 :** The Sikkim Investment Summit, which was scheduled to be held in November, has been postponed to February 2023. The change in the summit schedule has been made considering the absence of an industrial

policy in the state. The decision was taken during a review meeting chaired by chief secretary V.B. Pathak at Tashiling Secretariat on September 17. As per the review meeting, the summit has been postponed following the absence of centrally-backed industrial promotion schemes such as the North East Industrial Development Scheme (NEIDS), 2017, which ended on March 31, 2022, and a state industrial policy. However, the curtain raiser event of the summit will be held on November 2022 as scheduled. The review meeting, which was attended by Chief Minister's Chief Economic Advisor Mahendra P. Lama sug-



gested that an industrial policy would be required to attract potential investors to the state. He also suggested that Commerce and Industries Department must chalk out sub-sectorial policies within the industrial policy for thrust areas like green industries, education, healthcare and wellness. Meanwhile, a timeframe of

three months has been given to frame an industrial policy. Chief Secretary V.B. Pathak suggested, "A land policy along with the industrial policy would be required with a focus on private land where investors can set up their industrial units by drawing up a lease agreement with fixed rates."

## Drugs worth Rs 168 crore seized near Myanmar border

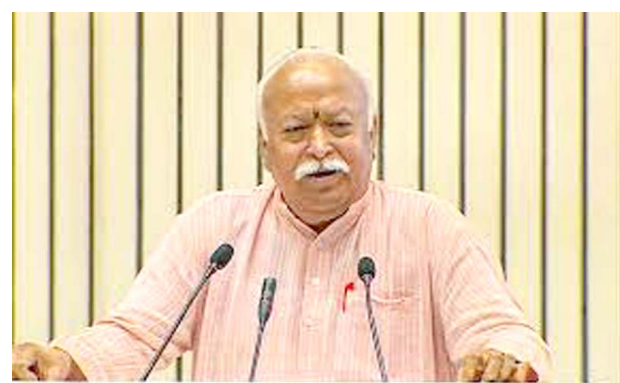
**Aizawl, September 26 :** In the largest drug haul ever made in a single operation, personnel of Assam Rifles posted along the Indo-Myanmar border and Mizoram police have seized huge stash of Methamphetamine tablets worth Rs. 167.86 crore near the Myanmar border, an Assam Rifles officer said on Saturday. During the operation carried out jointly by Serchhip battalion and state police at Melbuk village in

east Mizoram's Champhai district on Friday, a huge consignment of 5,05,000 tablets (55.80 kg) of Methamphetamine was recovered from the possession of a woman peddler, the officer said. This is the biggest drug haul ever made in a single operation in Mizoram," he said. During the past three years, Assam Rifles have recovered drugs worth over Rs. 200 crore, he said. Action on specific information, the operation teams intercepted a vehicle at the

village and on checking it 55.80 kilograms of Methamphetamine tablets was recovered from the peddler, he said. The contraband worth Rs. 167.86 crore was concealed in various compartments of the vehicles, he said. Both the accused and the seized contraband were handed over to Zokhawthar police station on Saturday for further investigation and legal proceedings, he said.

## RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat addresses public meeting in Shillong

**Shillong, September 26 :** The RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat attended a public meeting at U Soso Tham auditorium in Shillong, Meghalaya. The meeting started with the traditional Khasi welcome which included putting on traditional attire. Bhagwat, while addressing the gathering said, "The oneness of India is its strength. The diversity that India boasts of is something to be proud of. The invaders saw this differently. The world thinks that we are different and hence we are separate whereas India says Unity in Diversity. This is the speciality of India which has been there for ages. We have been



one always. When we forget this, we lost our independence. Hence, we must make sure that we become one and make our country stronger and more self-reliant. We all have to work for this Unity." He also talked about the founder of RSS Dr Hedgawar and how he dedicated his life to the service of the Nation. While addressing the audience, Bhagwat narrated different inspiring incidents related to the Sangh founder Dr Keshav Baliram Hedgawar who was a born patriot. Bhagwat said we are an ancient nation since time immemorial, but due to forgetting our civilizational motto and values, we lost our freedom. "Our binding force among one another is our inherent faith in our age-old value which lies in spirituality," he stressed. "Sangh teaches to sacrifice for the country giving up one's individual selfish ends. In the one-hour Sanghshakhas, people learn about these benevolent values and duty to the motherland. The RSS draws this tradition of sacrifice from this country's ancient history. Our ancestors had visited different lands beyond and had departed the same values to Japan, Korea, Indonesia and many other countries. We are following the same tradition today even. Dr Bhagwat referred to the examples of how during the Covid crisis Bharat had served humanity by sending vaccines to different coun-

tries also, not so long ago, our country stood with Sri Lanka during her worst ever economic crisis," he said. The important analysis of Bhagwat's speech was his drawing a comparison that one citizen's fate is also determined by the country's fate and vice-versa. "During the Uganda crisis a few years ago, the Indians there too had to suffer despite no fault of theirs, Bharat's stature in the global arena was weak then. Our objections even had no impact at that time as our country was on a weaker footing. Nevertheless, if the nation Bharat becomes powerful and prosperous, each Bharatiya too becomes powerful and prosperous," he said. He asked the audience from different walks of life present in the hall to analyse RSS not from distances but by direct observation. Seated on the dais were Munujik Khongrim, President, RSS East Khasi Hills and Ribhoi, Dr Umesh Chakraborty, Sangchalak, Northeast Zone, Ravi Shankar Koch, Sangchalak, RSS, South West Garo Hills. The Pynter orchestra NAM performed the song "JingraiieidRi". The speech of Mohan ji was translated into Khasi by Mangkashang Khongshei. The vote of thanks was proposed by Niewstorsyiemlieh, Baudhik Pramukh, East Khasi Hills, Meghalaya.

## Manipur cabinet gives nod to partially lift alcohol prohibition



**Imphal, September 26 :** The cabinet of Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh has decided to partially lift the ban on brewing, consumption and sale of liquor to boost the state's revenue as well as minimise health hazards caused by the consumption of illicit alcohol. The prohibition will be lifted from all the district headquarters including Imphal city, tourist destinations, hotels with at least 20-bed lodging facilities and camps of security forces, Tribal Affairs and Hills Development Minister Letpao Haokip told reporters on Tuesday after a cabinet meeting. However, those transporting liquor from one place to another would require possessing a permit, he said. The minister said the partial lifting of prohibition would generate at least Rs 600 crore of annual revenue. The decision, however, was also taken in view of health hazards caused by the consumption of illicit liquor, he said. A massive public movement had led the state government to enact prohibition through the Manipur Liquor Prohibition Act 1991, which was later amended in 2002. Following the promulgation of the Act, sale, brewing and consumption of liquor were banned for all residents barring people from the SC and ST communities who traditionally brew it. However, despite the ban, liquor consumption could not be effectively controlled and alcohol remained widely available. The state government is also mulling to export traditionally brewed liquor from the villages of Sekmai and Andro which are renowned for it. The Manipur government had recently sent a cabinet sub-committee to Goa to study scientific liquor brewing for export.

## Karbook BJP MLA resigns; likely to join TIPRA Motha

**Agartala, September 26 :** Dealing a major blow to the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) ahead of the crucial assembly elections early next year, Karbook BJP MLA Burba Mohan Tripura resigned from the state assembly on Friday. Tripura, an indigenous MLA from Karbook assembly constituency, tendered his resignation physically to the speaker of the Tripura Legislative Assembly, Ratan Chakraborty, as per norms. "I hereby tender my resignation to the membership of 43 (ST) Karbook Constituency Assembly seat and request you to kindly accept my resignation," reads his resignation letter. Tripura was also accompanied by Tipra Motha chief Pradyot Manikya Debbarma and few others while tendering his resignation. While the reason for his resignation is

not yet known, sources close to Tripura said he is likely to join TIPRA Motha soon. Tripura is also one of the BJP legislators who spearheaded a rebellion against the then Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb under the leadership of former minister and incumbent Congress MLA Sudip Roy Barman. After Barman quit the BJP along with his close confidante and ex-

MLA Asish Kumar Saha, the rift within the party fell calm. It is also worthy to be mentioned here that the state cabinet has revised the rule for retirement benefits of the state legislators. According to the provisions, the MLAs have to serve in office for 4.5 years to get the post retirement benefits. The mandatory term for Tripura is over now.



## 80 kids sans education as teacher refuses to attend school

**Shillong, September 26 :** The poor condition of education in the Garo Hills region has once again been shown up with another school being teacher-less despite one being appointed for the past 3 years. The school in question belongs to the village of Mongmabel under Baghmara C&RD Block in South Garo Hills and as is the norm is named after the village. It is a government LP school with the teacher being identified as Sengran N Sangma from the village of nearby Mindikgre. Sengran apparently has a notorious reputation of not attending any classes in any of the schools he has been appointed in, as per local sources. "The teacher has not attended even a single class or taken a single test for the children since the past 3 years. This has resulted in more than 80 students without any form of education in our village since that time," said a resident of Mongmabel. The villagers further appealed to the state government and the education department to look into the matter so that their children could be provided education through the



school. "We appeal to the government and the department to look into our situation and ensure that a teacher comes to the school to teach so that education is not denied to them. The teacher also needs to pay for his negligence to his duties," felt the villager. Meanwhile, when contacted on the matter, the SDSEO of SGH, KK Paul informed that an investigation into the matter will be undertaken at the earliest and action will be taken if the teacher is found to have neglected his duties. "The matter is being looked at very seriously and we will conduct an inquiry. We first need to confirm if the teacher is actually posted in the school mentioned. If he has intentionally been skipping school, action will definitely be taken," said the SDSEO. The Mongamabel School is just one among an upstren schools in the Garo Hills region which has been suffering the neglect of the state government and the department. The situation has become so drastic that thousands of children, mostly in the junior sections are without an education.



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**Amit Shah, JP Nadda To Inaugurate**

to accommodate a strength of 50 people each. The office will also have a big press conference room along with a reception and a canteen. The foundation stone for this office of the BJP in Assam was laid by the then-party president Amit Shah in February 2019. "We're looking forward to top leaders coming to Guwahati for the inaugural of this office and it is a matter of immense pleasure and pride for us to see how this office has taken shape," a state office bearer overlooking the arrangements told. "Assam is the doorway to the north-east and it is the state of Assam which actually open the fortunes for our party in this region there for this only fair that we have a big office here," another Assam state office bearer added. Earlier Prime Minister Narendra Modi had made a special emphasis on the progress of the north-east region through various programmes including the PM himself making over 50 visits to the area. In 2016 the BJP came to power in Assam for the first time breaking the record term of the Congress party and becoming the only party in the state apart from the Congress to have back-to-back governments as it repeated its term. In 2017 the BJP formed a government in Manipur and also repeated its government again in 2022. Another first by BJP in the region was the formation of the government in Tripura breaking the Left rule of a couple of decades in 2018. The BJP continues to be in power in Arunachal Pradesh as well as in coalition governments both in Meghalaya and Nagaland.

**Assam Govt Approves IPS Anand**

reference to the subject cited above, I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of letter mentioned under reference regarding petition submitted by Shri Anand Mishra, IPs (AM: 2011), Assistant Inspector General of Police (Sports), Assam praying for Inter Cadre Deputation to Bihar Cadre on ground of extreme personal hardship and to inform you that the State Government has NO OBJECTION towards allowing Shri Anand Mishra, IPs (AM:2011) to proceed on Inter-cadre deputation from the Assam Segment of the Assam-Meghalaya Cadre Joint to Bihar Cadre as per extant Rules and guidelines."

**Govt to prepare action points**

targeted intervention, Dr. Sarma said that Health and Family Welfare Department will take more goal oriented steps for reducing IMR and MMR in the tea garden areas. He also said that to ensure security on social sector especially in the tea garden areas, all the tea garden hospitals need to be made functional with the ability to perform institutional delivery. Moreover, steps will be taken for setting up blood banks to address issue of material mortality. He said that the government will also ensure that no post of doctors remain vacant in the state, especially in the char and tea garden areas. The Chief Minister further said that the Government will work for reviving plywood industry in the state. Moreover, since during last 16 months, the Government has taken several decisions, Dr. Sarma asked Chief Secretary to prepare a &#39;Compendium of decisions&#39; and publish it. On the sidelines of the Chintan Shivir, Chief Minister Dr Sarma held a talk to a delegation of PM&#39;s Economic Advisory Council led by its Chairman Dr. Bibek Debroy. Besides presenting Assam, its potentials and resources that can guide the development narrative of the state, he also put forward the perennial problems which sometimes stand on the way for the expeditious growth of Assam. Dr. Sarma thanked the delegation for having visited Assam and graced the Chintan Shivir. Member of EAC-PM Shri Sanjeev Sanyal and Joint Secretary to PMO Pawan Kumar Sain were also present during the meeting.

**Kaziranga Night Jeep Safari**

along with Vasudev. These rhino statues have been created using the ashes collected from burning rhino horns. It may be noted that on September 22, last year, the Assam government made history when a stockpile of 2479 rhino horns were consigned to flames to send across a strong message to the poachers and illegal horn traders that rhino horns have no medicinal value. The rhino statues thus created are an attempt to immortalize the efforts and dedication of those who selflessly protect Assam's pride, the great one-horned rhinoceros. On Saturday, the Assam Chief Minister along with Sadhguru Vasudev also opened the Kaziranga National Park for tourists for this season.

**Mukul Rohatgi declines Centre's**

not out yet. So..." After having served for five years, the 91-year-old Venugopal was reluctant to continue at the top post till 2024, citing old age and health concerns. According to reports, Rohatgi had accepted the offer of returning as the A-G after the centre had approached the 67-year-old. His second stint was slated to start from October 1. Venugopal had requested the government to let him go after the 2020 Lok Sabha elections. After the government asked him to stay for another five-year term, Venugopal could only carry on for two more years. Even after stepping down from his post, Rohatgi has helped the government time and again when it came to sensitive matters including the abrogation of Article 370 in Kashmir. Rohatgi has also been the Solicitor General. He has appeared in several high profile cases. He had represented the Gujarat government in the 2002 riots case and had also appeared as Shahrulkh Khan's son Aryan Khan's legal counsel in the drugs-on-cruise case. The A-G is the highest law officer in India and acts as the government's chief legal advisor. The A-G's role becomes crucial as the government is the biggest litigant in the country. The constitution doesn't provide any limit to the tenure. He serves at the pleasure of the President. He represents the government in the Supreme Court and in the High Courts as well. He can be heard in any court of law that falls within the territory of India. The A-G can speak or participate in both houses of the parliament. However, he doesn't exercise any voting powers.

**Indian Oil launches indigenous**

released by the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas. Talking to ANI SM Vaidya, Chairman of Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL), said the indigenous production of AVGAS 100 LL will lead to significant savings in foreign exchange for the country. Vaidya expressed hope that India would soon become self-reliant in AVGAS 100 LL production. India's consumption of AVGAS 100 LL stands at around 3,000 kilo litre per year. IOCL has been importing this special aviation fuel. Now it will start producing it at its refinery in Gujarat. Vaidya said with the new refinery capacity India would not only become self-reliant in AVGAS 100 LL but also be in a position to export it to other countries. Highlighting the importance of launch of indigenous AV GAS 100 LL, the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri said the launch of indigenous AV GAS 100 LL is important to serve the needs of a thriving aviation industry with increase in footfall on airports, rise in number of aircrafts and Flying Training Organisations (FTOs) in trainee aircrafts for pilot training in future. As the demand for air transport in India is expected to increase manifolds in the future, there is going to be a huge demand for trained pilots also. And for this, the number of FTOs is also expected to increase significantly, he added. Under Prime Minister's Atmanirbhar Bharat vision IOCL has come up with AV Gas 100 fuel which was imported so far at huge cost. It will ensure that all our flight schools and all other smaller aircrafts that use AV Gas 100 LL are able to buy this from indigenous sources and save money. It will make huge difference to us in terms of exporting it to areas and countries which need AV Gas 100 LL fuel, said Gen V K Singh (Retd.), Minister of State for Civil Aviation, and Road Transport and Highways. Principal grade of Aviation Gasoline, AVGAS 100 LL is designed for use in turbo-charged reciprocating piston engines aircrafts, mainly used by FTOs and defence forces for training pilots. AV GAS 100 LL produced by Indian Oil's flagship refinery at Vadodra has been tested and certified by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), the statutory body of the Government of India to regulate civil aviation in India. It is a higher-octane Aviation fuel meeting the product specifications with superior performance quality standards, as compared to imported grades. The indigenous availability of AV GAS 100 LL will help reduce dependence on imports and address the associated logistical challenges. The country will be able to save precious foreign exchange with the in-house availability of this product. This will also benefit more than 35 FTOs across India. With the domestic availability of this product, Ministry of Civil Aviation is considering opening more training institutes in the country. Seeing the increase in aviation traffic, the requirement of trained Pilots is expected to increase, the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas said in the statement.

**Pre-celebrations of World Tourism**

take steps to preserve the place so its beauty is maintained. Simultaneously, we will also take steps on ecologically sustainable developments of the Chandubi area," DC Kirthi Jalli said. Robin Meckey, a tourist from Canada, said, "We have travelled the world for over 40 years of our marriage. We have been to 28 countries mostly with cycle tours and experienced everything from the ground. We smell, we hear, and live with the locals. India has become our favourite country. We keep coming back here and this is our 15th trip. After the lockdown for almost two years, we decided to have our holiday in Assam." Danny Gam, district tourist information officer, said, "We all are aware that September 27 is celebrated as World Tourism Day. This year, the official celebration will be held in Bali, Indonesia, on the occasion. However, an instruction was given to all the branch offices of Assam to celebrate in a small way before September 27. So we celebrated today." Biju Chetry from Lumpi said, "There is a lot of potential and scope in the Lumpi area in the tourism sector. We came here to get advice on how to develop tourism in our area."

**Rajiv Gandhi assassination: Supreme**

of convicts from the prison-like AG Perarivalan by the top court earlier this year. A bench of Justices B R Gavai and B V Nagarathana issued a notice to the Centre and Tamil Nadu governments. The court was hearing the plea filed by Nalini who was the prime accused named in the assassination case and was present at the site of the bombing attack which killed Rajiv Gandhi and 21 others. Nalini has been on medical bail since 2021. The court also issued notice on the plea by Ravichandran, another convict who has moved the Court seeking release, is also on medical bail since 2021. Following the relief given to Perarivalam, Nalini and Ravichandran sought relief on parity. In the Perarivalan case, the top court had taken note of the Governor's inordinate delay in taking a decision on the mercy petition and had invoked powers under Article 142 of the Constitution. Perarivalan, Nalini and Ravichandran are Indians, while the other four convicts in the case are Sri Lankan members of the LTTE organisation. Nalini's death sentence was commuted to life imprisonment in 2001 on the consideration that she had a daughter. Seven people were convicted by the Supreme Court in 1999, with Nalini, Perarivalan and two others being given the death penalty, while the others were given life imprisonment. Rajiv Gandhi was assassinated on the night of May 21, 1991 at Sriperumbudur in Tamil Nadu by a woman suicide bomber, identified as Dhanu, at a poll rally.

**Health Mela held at Bamun Pukhuri TE**

**Assam Rising, Nazira, September 26:** A health mela under National Health Mission was held at Bamun Pukhuri Tea Estate, Nazira recently. The Geleky Block Primary Health Centre supported the mela in which 310 patients were treated for TB, malaria, leprosy and other diseases. Those treated were given free medicines. Pregnant women were also screened for blood sugar and hemoglobin issues. The health mela was inaugurated by Nazira MLA and Leader of the Opposition in the State Assembly Debabrata Saikia. Sub-Divisional Health and Medical Officer Dr Salma Sultana Ahmed, senior physicians Dr Udayaditya Rajkonwar, Dr Purnima Bora, Dr Sundar Changmai, Dr MB Hussain, Dr Kanchan Pasani and Dr Jayanta Borkakoty lent their services during the health mela.

**"Democratic Azad Party": Ghulam Nabi Azad Announces His Party's Name**

**Jammu, September 26 :** Former Jammu and Kashmir Chief minister Ghulam Nabi Azad on Monday announced that his new political outfit will be named as 'Democratic Azad Party' he development comes exactly a month after Mr Azad resigned from the Congress party. Announcing the name of the new party at a press conference here, Mr Azad said that the outfit will be secular, democratic and independent from any influence. Ghulam Nabi Azad also unveiled the flag of the Democratic Azad Party. The flag has three colours - mustard, white and blue. Yesterday, Mr Azad held meetings with his workers and leaders. Earlier, Mr Azad, in his first public meeting in Jammu after quitting Congress, had announced to launch of his own political outfit that will focus on the restoration of full statehood. He had said that the people of Jammu and Kashmir would decide the party's name and flag. "I've not decided upon a name for my party yet. The people of J-K will decide the party's name and flag. I'll give a Hindustani name to my party that everyone can understand," he said at the rally after breaking away from his five-decade-long association with the grand old party. "My party will focus on the restoration of full statehood, right to land, and employment to native domicile," he added then. Azad said that the first unit of his political outfit would be formed in Jammu and Kashmir in view of impending assembly polls. "My party will focus on the restoration of full statehood, right to land, and employment to native domicile," he added. He lashed out at Congress and said that people are trying to defame us (me and my supporters who left the party) but their reach is limited to computer tweets. Azad said, "Congress was made by us by our blood, not by computers, not by Twitter. People are trying to defame us but their reach is limited to computers and tweets. That is why Congress is nowhere to be seen on the ground." The former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister said in his first public meeting at Sainik Colony in Jammu. Azad has been Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir from 2005 to 2008. In his resignation letter to Sonia Gandhi, he had targeted party leadership, particularly Rahul Gandhi, over the way the party has been run in the past nearly nine years. In the hard-hitting five-page letter, Azad had claimed that a coterie runs the party while Sonia Gandhi was just "a nominal head" and all the major decisions were taken by Rahul Gandhi or rather worse his security guards and PAS. He was earlier Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha. Recounting his long association with the Congress, Azad had said the situation in the party has reached a point of "no return." While Azad took potshots at Sonia Gandhi in the letter, his sharpest attack was on Rahul Gandhi and he described the Wayand MP as a "non-serious individual" and "immature".

**Pakistani army helicopter crashes in Balochistan, six soldiers including two officers killed**

**New Delhi, September 26:** A Pakistani army helicopter crashed in Balochistan on Sunday (September 25, 2022), killing all six personnel, including two officers, on board. The military's public relations wing said in a statement that the chopper crashed during a flying mission near Khost, Hamat Balochistan. They didn't cite any reason behind the crash. Major Muhammad Muneeb Afzal, Major Khurram Shahzad, Subedar Abdul Wahid, Sepoy Muhammad Imran, Sepoy Shoaib and Naik Jalil were among those killed. Pakistani army helicopter crashes in Balochistan, six soldiers including two officers killed. Earlier in August this year, a top Pakistani army general and five senior military officials were killed when their helicopter crashed while on a flood relief operation in Balochistan province. The six individuals on board included the Commander XII Corps Lt Gen Sarfraz Ali, who was supervising the flood relief operations in Balochistan province. The wreckage of the unfortunate helicopter was found in Musa Goth, Windar, Lasbela. Major General Babar Ifkhar, Director General Inter-Services Public Relations - the media wing of Pakistan's armed forces, had said the accident occurred due to bad weather. The others on board included Director-General of Coast Guards Brig Amjad Hanif (who was recently approved for promotion to the rank of Maj Gen), Brig Muhammad Khalid, Major Saeed Ahmed, Major Muhammad Talha Manan and Naik Mudassar Fayyaz.

**Blood donation camp held at Nowgong College (autonomous)**

**Assam Rising, Nagaon, September 26:** In a joint venture, Red Ribbon Club and NSS unit of historic Nowgong College (autonomous) in association with AIDS control society of Assam and Asom Rajik Raktdaan Sangsalan Parishad, organized a mega blood donation camp at the college premises here today. The camp was ceremonially inaugurated by Dr Sarat Borkatoki, principal of the college and Dr Bhuvan Chandra Chutia, coordinator to Red Ribbon Club and NSS unit officer, anchored the inaugural programme. Over 200 students from the college registered their respective names for donating blood to the patients in emergency period. Besides, during the camp, a total of 24 units of blood were collected from the students today and also sent for storage at the blood bank of Nagaon BP Civil Hospital. Riku Dutta, the adviser to the blood bank of Nagaon Civil Hospital and Chandan Sarma, the incharge official of Nagaon Civil Hospital blood bank were present in the camp as guests. During the camp, a group of well skilled medical experts from the Nagaon civil hospital were engaged in collecting the blood from the students, an official press note added.

**Road accident kills 2 women in Tinsukia, 2 injured**

**Assam Rising, Guwahati, September 26:** Two persons were killed and two others sustained serious injuries in a road accident in Assam's Tinsukia district on Sunday. The incident took place at Longsowal in the Doom Dooma of the district. According to sources, the accident was caused by a collision between two vehicles traveling in the same direction toward Sadia in the district. Following the accident, two women were killed on the spot. As per source, both the victims were vegetable vendors, residents of Na Tarani village in Sadia. Meanwhile, the injured were immediately taken to Tinsukia Civil Hospital in a critical condition. After receiving information, police rushed to the spot and recovered the bodies. Additionally, police have detained the driver of another vehicle that was involved in the collision.

**Deadbody recovered in Kaliabor**

**Assam Rising, Kaliabor, September 26 :** A woman was stabbed to death on Monday morning in Kaliabor. The deceased has been identified as Anjana Kuruwa of 'Bagri village' of Bagri police outpost under Jakhlabandha police station in Kaliabor. According to the incident, the woman got up in the morning and washed her face. Family members of the deceased woman alleged that Five miscreants, who had come down from the hill, slit the woman to death. When the woman screamed in distress, other members of the house came and brought her inside but she died. The police reached the spot and started the investigation. It is not yet known what led to the killing. The deceased woman was identified as Anjana Kuruwa, wife of Montu Karwa. Police investigation is going on.

**Cleanliness drive conducted by USTM students**

**Assam Rising, Guwahati, September 26:** Going with the theme of this year's NSS Day, "Let's Pledge to Contribute towards a clean India", the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya has carried out a cleanliness drive to remove the roadside trash being dumped along the Kling Road, Baridua on the occasion of NSS Day-2022 on Saturday. This noble initiative of the department was supported by the NSS cell of the USTM. The students and faculty members of the department took active participation in order to fulfill the mission of Clean India by taking a pledge to contribute their service. The main purpose of this programme was to create awareness among the residents of Kling Road regarding cleanliness and its benefits. The students and the faculty members also approached the shop owners and the villagers regarding maintenance of cleanliness and hygiene in their surroundings by making use of dustbins to throw trash instead of dumping them directly along the road side.

**Photo Electoral Roll for DAC Election-2022 published**

**Assam Rising, Margherita, September 26:** Margherita: The Final Photo Electoral Roll for Deori Autonomous Council Election-2022 under Margherita (ST) Constituency was published today by Palash Rajkumar Ahom, District Election Officer, Margherita in the office of the SDO(C), Margherita. According to the final publication there are total 1574 No.s of eligible voters, 771 No.s male and 803 No.s female in 5(five) Polling Stations under the Margherita (ST) constituency Mahatma Gandhi M.E School in No.2 Mohong (Deori Gaon), Sunapur L.P School in Sunapur Deori Gaon, Hullong Gutibari L.P School in Hullong Gutibari, Namhullong Bijoypur L.P School in Bishnupur Bijaypur and Bhimbora Deori L.P School in Sunali Janajati Deori Gaon. Election Officer Smt. Aditi Neog, representatives of different political parties and other administrative officials were present for the publication.



## Federer's final tournament ends in loss as Tiafoe seals Laver Cup for Team World



**Washington, September 26 :** Roger Federer could not hide his disappointment after watching Frances Tiafoe prove the pantomime villain for a second time at this weekend's Laver Cup as his epic comeback denied the Swiss one final trophy. A 1-6, 7-6, 10-8 victory for the US Open semi-finalist in the 11th match of the Ryder Cup-style team competition over Stefanos Tsitsipas helped Team World taste success in the tournament at the fifth time of asking. Tiafoe's remarkable win saw John McEnroe's group hit the magic 13-point mark first on a dramatic and thrilling Sunday at the O2 where they claimed a maiden Laver Cup by a 13-8 scoreline. It was Tiafoe who teamed up with Jack Sock on Friday

night to beat Federer and Rafael Nadal in an emotional doubles contest which brought the curtain down on the 20-time grand-slam champion's glittering professional career, and it was the American who again made the difference 48 hours later. "Yeah, of course I'm disappointed. I was on the team, almost lost my voice and my hands hurt from clapping," the 41-year-old admitted. "We wish the result would be different. I told Andy [Murray] in the locker room, I don't like losing. It's not fun. It just leaves not the best taste, you know. I think once you have been there and taste success, it's just not the same. I hope tonight can be still somewhat of an enjoyable evening. Of course this weekend has been all over the place for me. I enjoyed it, but it's unfortunate that we couldn't get the win." Going into the third and final day of the competition, Federer still had hopes of adding one more title to his illustrious CV with Team Europe leading 8-4. Felix Auger-Aliassime had other ideas for Team World with success over Andy Murray and Matteo Berrettini in the doubles alongside Sock and followed that up with an even better display in the second match. Auger-Aliassime stunned Novak Djokovic 6-3, 7-6 to claw Team World back from the brink to being one triumph away from silverware. It was over to Tiafoe to complete the job but he lost the first set in 21 minutes to a locked-in Tsitsipas. The Greek could not maintain his charge though and after a marathon tie-breaker for the second set that lasted as long as the opener, it meant a decider was required. During the 10-point tie-breaker for the match and ultimately the trophy, Tiafoe held his nerve and produced clutch tennis.

## Contract will not stop England sacking me, admits Gareth Southgate

**London, September 26 :** Gareth Southgate has admitted that having two years left on his contract will not protect him from the sack if England flop at the World Cup this winter. Southgate, whose deal runs until December 2024 and takes in that year's European Championship, is under growing pressure before England close their disastrous Nations League campaign by hosting Germany at Wembley on Monday evening. The manager was booed by his own supporters after his side's 1-0 defeat against Italy in Milan last Friday, a result that relegated the Euro 2020 finalists to the second tier of the Nations League, and the 52-year-old knows his future could depend on what happens in Qatar this winter. "I am not foolish," Southgate said. "My sole focus at the moment is to get the team right for tomorrow and then



we are focusing on a good performance and a good result. I know ultimately I will be judged on what happens at that World Cup." Contracts are irrelevant in football because managers can have three-, four-, five year contracts and you accept that, if results are not good enough it is time to go your separate ways. Why would

I be any different? I am not arrogant enough to think that my contract is going to protect me in any way." England have gone five games without a competitive win for the first time since 1992 and have not scored a goal from open play for 450 minutes. The lack of creativity has become a huge issue and Southgate, who is expected to stick with a 3-4-3 system against Germany, was realistic when it was pointed out that he continues to enjoy firm backing from the Football Association. "I am absolutely appreciative of that," he said. "But we understand how the mood changes with the results and has changed. I am realistic about that and I will be judged on what we do in Qatar and I am perfectly

happy to be judged in that way. History is history and you are judged on the next match and the next tournament." Southgate, who could start Luke Shaw and Kieran Trippier in the wing back positions and recall John Stones in central defence, could do without the Wembley crowd turning on him against Germany. He has united supporters behind him since becoming manager six years ago but the public mood is starting to turn. "Part of the reason we've been successful in tournaments has been the feeling of togetherness," Southgate said. "We can't succeed with fans against us, or you guys not feeling warm towards us. It's harder if we're having to battle with the opposition and then battle with things on our own island. Only we can

rectify that by performances and results." Southgate considered the relationship between the press and the England manager. "I have been in football for 30 years," he said. "I have seen pretty much everything. I have seen the cycle of war with the media. I have seen the absolute love-in and we are somewhere in the middle of that - or maybe not quite in the middle. That is fascinating to observe from my side and it is a life experience I knew at some stage would probably come with this job." The spotlight is not merely on Southgate. Many of England's most important individuals have disappointed and Raheem Sterling said the players have to improve. "Results have not been good enough and we need to take responsibility," the Chelsea forward said. "I know there has been a lot on Gareth and what he has been doing - formations and whatnot - but at the end of the day, the performances have not been right. As a collective we need to put that right." Sterling scored the opening goal when England defeated Germany 2-0 in the last 16 of Euro 2020. He knows how quickly the picture can change. The 27-year-old forward pointed out that he once dreaded going on international duty.

## County cricket talking points: Surrey clinch title with match to spare

**London, September 26 :** It was when the player profiles appeared on the big screens at the Oval that I felt sure it was Hampshire's job to keep the title race open and not Yorkshire's. The likes of Finlay Bean and George Hill may have talent, but they looked very callow compared to Surrey's big beasts, such as Jamie Overton, Kumar Roach and Dan Worrall. Factor in Tom Kohler-Cadmore's propensity to squander his talent and Will Fraine, in at No 5 but with just the one half-century this season, and it never looked likely that the visitors would score enough runs - and they didn't. In some ways the match was a microcosm of Surrey's season. Five seamers each took at least three wickets and a part-time spinner chipped in with a couple. Ollie Pope made a brilliant century and enough batters played around him to post 333, which proved enough to yield the opportunity to enforce the follow-on, which Rory Burns, one eye on Friday's forecast, did. Burns was one of just three ever-presents (with one match to come) alongside fellow opener Ryan Patel and the veteran Hashim Amla, forming a stable top three. But a remarkable 12 batters average 40 or more and six bowlers average 30 or less. In all, 22 players have played under Burns' captaincy in the Championship and



pretty much every one of them has made a genuine contribution. That is a remarkable feat of leadership with much credit also going to coach Gareth Batty in his first season. It's one thing to be blessed with resources, but quite another to get so much out of them. Hampshire ran into Kent with the club revelling in the backwash of their Royal London Cup victory and its players very much motivated to avoid the drop. On a mad first day, 23 wickets fell, Kent's anaemic 165 all out made to look positively beefy by Hampshire's dismal collapse to 57 all out. Matt Quinn (last seen on the receiving end of Essex's 573) taking 6-23 as Hampshire's seamers were, for once, out-bowled. Hampshire would have fancied their chances with Kent 55-4 second time round, but Jack Leaning dug in with 112, a captain's knock, and a target of 378 proved too many, despite James Vince's men fighting all the way. It will be cold

comfort to reflect on their superior win record in comparison to the champions (nine v eight with one round of fixtures to go), but their three defeats sting. Next year, Hampshire will set off in pursuit of the pennant for a 50th season since last it caught in the Solent breeze - but maybe this was their best chance. Records tumbled along with the stumps at Chelmsford as Lancashire, at one point a tennis-like seven for six,

roared back to beat Essex on what might be described as a sporting track. On day one, Sam Cook and Shane Snater did some damage with the new ball (as one might expect in mid-September) and then Simon Harmer did what he does, but the Toms (Hartley and Bailey) had biffed eight boundaries down the order and 131 felt disappointing rather than disastrous for the visitors. Then Lancashire's three seamers and two spinners got among the home side, Alastair Cook the only batter to last more than 35 minutes as five LBW shouts were upheld and two more were bowled. Keaton Jennings and Luke Wells walked out together for the second time on the day probably thinking they would face about an hour's batting or so before stumps and a reassessment in the morning. Thirty-five balls

later, their team were six down. Teenage wicketkeeper-batter George Bell must have wondered how he got this game for his debut, but he steadied the ship and Hartley and Bailey were effective again down the order. That said, the home side only needed 98. At 28 for one, it was all "Crisis? What crisis?" for the Chelmsford faithful, but George Balderson bagged a grandchildren-bothering story of how he got Alastair Cook and Dan Lawrence before splattering the stumps of Matt Critchley for his hat-trick and the wickets were barely tethered to the earth again, as Essex were all out 59, five of the last six clean bowled. Balderson must have been very surprised and disappointed to miss out on playing in the Royal London Cup final, but 5-14 defending 98 successfully isn't a bad pick-me-up.

### St Helens will 'blow everyone out of the water again' as they target five in a row

**London, September 26 :** The stars of the St Helens side that created Super League history on Saturday say there is no reason their dominance cannot continue for years to come. The Saints became the first side in the modern era to win four successive league titles when they defeated Leeds 24-12 at Old Trafford. Only one other side, the great Wigan team of the 1990s, have won four consecutive league titles since the game was founded in 1895. To many the Saints' victory on Saturday removes any doubt about their status as the best team in Super League

history and perhaps the greatest of all-time. But internally the focus has already shifted towards whether they can go for a fifth successive crown in 2023. With the majority of their squad under 30 and very little player turnover expected in the next year, those at the heart of the success are bullish about the future. "I don't think this is the end - in fact I don't think it's anywhere near," said Tommy Makinson. "Being 30 in this group makes you feel like you're getting on a bit but look at a lot of these guys. They're in their early 20s.

## Australian surfer Chris Davidson dies after punch outside pub

**London, September 26 :** A man has faced court over the death of the former surfing champion Chris Davidson who died after being punched outside a pub on the New South Wales mid-north coast. Police said they were called to Sportsmans Way at South West Rocks just after 11pm on Saturday following reports a man had been punched in the face, fallen and hit his head on the pavement. Ethan Ewing at the Corona Open J-Bay last month. Ewing is one of a number of young surfers looking to become Australia's next male world champion. Officers found 45-year-old Davidson unconscious on the ground. He was treated at the scene by ambulance paramedics before being taken to Kempsey hospital, where he died a short time later. Police arrested a 42-year-old man at home in South West Rocks early on Sunday and charged him with assault causing death. He was refused bail and appeared in Port Macquarie bail court on Sunday. Davidson, who grew

up surfing at North Narrabeen on Sydney's northern beaches, competed on the World Surf League championship tour in 2010 and 2011. His best result was a tie for third at the 2010 Portugal event, when he was narrowly defeated by Slater, who won the event. "I felt like I surfed pretty well against Kelly, but when he goes and pulls a 360 Alley-Oop on a nothing wave, it's hard to fight back," Davidson told surfing magazine Tracks at the time. Friend Nathan Hedge told Nine's Today show Davidson's death was tragic, and that Davidson was a unique character, kind-hearted, charismatic and the life of the party. "He just wanted to make sure you had a good time as well," he said.



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## T20I Rankings: India Go Seven Points Clear Of England At Top

**New Delhi, September 26 :** India went seven points clear of England at the top of the ICC T20 rankings following their narrow series win over Australia in Hyderabad. Down 0-1 against the touring Australia, the Rohit Sharma-led India bounced back in style to level the series in Nagpur before Virat Kohli and Suryakumar Yadav's fifties in the deciding rubber on Sunday sealed a 2-1 win. The six-wicket final over win improved their ranking by one point to 268 points, a seven-point lead over their closest rival in England in the ICC T20 rankings released on Monday. The upcoming three-match series against South Africa will give India a chance to consolidate their lead at the top ahead of the World Cup in Australia. The Proteas occupy third place on the team rankings with 258 points, but could stake their claim when they in the upcoming series commencing at Thiruvananthapuram on Wednesday. Incidentally it was Pakistan's narrow three-run win over England in the fourth game in Karachi on Sunday that helped India increase their lead. That series remains tied at two games apiece, with plenty of rankings points still to play for during the final three matches in Lahore. Pakistan are currently tied with South Africa for third place on the team rankings with 258 points, but could rise as high as second by winning the remaining three matches against England. England on the other hand will maintain second place on the rankings should they win one of those contests. Reigning World Cup champions Australia, who are placed sixth, dropped one point to 250 following their series loss to India. Australia are slated to play six matches -- against West Indies, England and India (warm-up) -- before they get the chance to defend their trophy at home.

## Deregulation and high-risk gambles: the football pyramid looks on shaky ground

**London, September 26 :** I have been invited to speak on Monday evening on a panel about ethics in football and, specifically, the Owners and Directors Test: in short, how we get the "right" type of owners into the game. The mini-budget announcement last week by the government has made me think tangentially about this issue and what place regulation has in football. Liz Truss and Kwasi Kwarteng have been nothing but clear about what they stand for -- we are in an era of deregulation, tax cuts and growth at all costs. I understand the logic of trying to get the economy growing and using the resulting income from taxation for societal investment. The problem is this is an amplification of the existing model of the past 50 years of capitalism where we have been concentrating wealth in fewer and fewer people. The UK Gini Index, which measures inequality, has risen steadily since 1977, from 25% to 36.3%, and a House of Commons Library study shows that, globally, the top 1% of earners are on track to control approximately 64% of global wealth by 2030. Both are corrosive for our democracy and a sense of fairness. In society relative inequality matters not just on a moral level but because it creates political instability. We have doubled down on that in the past week. The current ideological shift towards deregulation would also be a disaster for the English Football League and broader football pyramid. In 2021 the diagnosis and recommendations set out by Tracey Crouch in the Fan Led Review were crystal clear; free market ideology and untethered globalisation puts the national game at risk and de-



values the communities that clubs are rooted in. While at an aggregate level the game is increasing its global reach and wealth, it is creating market distortions for all those outside the top of the Premier League. The global growth of the game attracts the type of investors who are prepared to take high risks and underwrite massive losses, investors with no relationship to the local communities in which their assets are based. Local supporters have a decreasing relevance as matchday revenue is dwarfed by the potential of global TV audiences. The same logic and free-market failure was evident in the European Super League debacle. International investors at the economic top of the pile tried to embed and enrich their financial interests further, and all done with no regard for those in the pyramid who over the past 100 years had collectively created the conditions of their current success. Football is the failure of trickle down economics made manifest as those at the top pay out dividends and create equity value while those lower down look to benefactors to underwrite losses out of passion and often irrationality. One has only to look at Derby, Bury and Wigan for recent examples. As we went through the process of buying Grimsby Town last year my business partner and I were subjected to

the Owners and Directors Test by the EFL, primarily to try to test our ability to underwrite the losses and take on the debt of our local football team. The framework and conditions of the test are set out publicly and are often criticised after the fact, when an owner performs badly and post hoc -- the EFL is accused of being unable to weed out unsuitable candidates for football ownership. We should never see regulation as the way to own entirely the burden of policing our game. The role of a regulator and the tests of ownership are about eligibility to be an owner rather than suitability. In reality suitability can only ever be known once someone gets the keys. The EFL has the impossible role of not wanting football clubs to go short of investment while at the same time having access to objectively identifiable data on the background of potential investors. Any test of character and the moral fortitude for the journey ahead are difficult at best and impossible at worst. Importantly, by focusing on the test it sets out an unrealistic expectation that the Owners and Directors Test test is the ethical border we can use to stop the "wrong" type of people crossing into ownership. There are many practical recommendations on how we can optimise the O&D process,

a number of which have been made by the FairGame coalition of which Grimsby are proud to be a member alongside 30-plus other clubs. We must not be distracted, though, by endless attempts to enhance the administrative regulation as we will miss the most important recommendation of the Fan Led Review, which is the need for an independent regulator. The sustainable distribution of cash through the pyramid and fair boundaries on salaries and expenditure are the priority so that we can entice a more rational, long term, community focused investor to the game. When the only people who can own football clubs are by definition those who are prepared to lose money, then clearly there is something wrong. It has been suggested to me, and only half-jokingly, that anyone who wants to own a club on those terms is probably not "fit and proper" already. If there is a way to address financial sustainability we would be able to attract a broader group of potential investors and potentially get more clubs into fan ownership.

first half and a 34-yard field goal with 8:38 remaining. Tommy Townsend also threw an incompletion on a fake field goal early in the fourth. Joe Burrow threw three touchdown passes and the defending AFC champion Cincinnati Bengals got their first victory of the season, rolling past the New York Jets. After opening 0-2 with a pair of three-point losses, Burrow insisted there was no panic or Super Bowl hangover for the Bengals. And they came out aggressive against the Jets, who fell flat after a stunning comeback win last week at Cleveland. Burrow finished 23 of 36 for 275 yards with TD throws to Samaje Perine, Tyler Boyd and Ja'Marr Chase. Lamar Jackson threw four touchdown passes and ran for another score to help the Baltimore Ravens hold off the New England Patriots. New England's Mac Jones suffered a leg injury with less than two minutes to play, hopping off the field and heading straight to the locker room. He completed 22 of 32 passes for 321 yards but threw three interceptions. Justin Tucker kicked a 56-yard field goal, the 50th of his career from 50 yards or more, as Baltimore claimed their first regular-season victory at New England in seven tries. Trevor Lawrence threw for 262 yards and three touchdowns, James Robinson rushed for 100 yards and a TD and the Jacksonville Jaguars snapped an 18-game road losing streak with a deci-



sive victory over ailing Justin Herbert and the Los Angeles Chargers on Sunday. Herbert started after being listed as questionable all week with a rib injury. The third-year quarterback passed for 297 yards but turned it over twice, finishing 25 of 45 with a touchdown. DeVonta Smith caught eight passes from Jalen Hurts for a career-high 169 yards and a touchdown, Carson Wentz flopped in his first game against the team that drafted him and the Philadelphia Eagles routed the Washington Commanders to remain unbeaten. Smith made acrobatic catches along the sideline and to the edge of the end zone for respective gains of 45 and 44 yards, and hauled in a TD pass on fourth down to end the first half with no time left on the clock. Hurts was 22 of 35 for 340 yards and three touchdown passes. Wentz, the second pick in the 2016 draft to Philadelphia on his third team in three years, was 25 of 43 for 211 yards with two fumbles one lost. Matthew Stafford threw for 249 yards, Cam Akers and Co-

per Kupp both scored touchdowns and the Los Angeles Rams used a stellar defensive effort to beat the Arizona Cardinals 20-12. The Rams (2-1) continued their dominance in the series of NFC West rivals, winning 11 of the past 12 games dating to 2017, including last year's 34-11 win in the playoffs. Laviska Shenault caught a 67-yard touchdown pass from Baker Mayfield, Marquis Haynes returned a fumble 44 yards for a touchdown and the Carolina Panthers defeated the New Orleans Saints to snap a nine-game losing streak. Mayfield threw for 170 yards and Christian McCaffrey ran for 108 as the Panthers (1-2) won at home for the first time since beating the Saints 26-7 on 19 September 2021. Jameis Winston, playing with an injured back, completed 25 of 41 passes for 353 yards with a touchdown and two interceptions. Ryan Tannehill threw for 264 yards and a touchdown and ran for another score and the Tennessee Titans never trailed, holding off the Las Vegas Raiders 24-22 for their first victory this

season. Derrick Henry also ran for 85 yards and a touchdown. Henry also added 58 yards more receiving as the Titans (1-2) avoided their worst start since 2009 when they lost the first six games that season. The Raiders (0-3) are off to their worst start since 2018. Roquan Smith set up Cairo Santos' game-ending field goal when he intercepted Davis Mills deep in Houston territory, and the Chicago Bears beat former coach Lovie Smith and the Texans. Khalil Herbert ran for a career-high 157 yards and two touchdowns for Chicago. The Texans had third-and-one at their 26 when defensive tackle Angelo Blackson tipped a pass intended for Rex Burkhead. Smith, who missed practice all week because of a hip injury, intercepted it at the 30 and returned it to the 12. Chicago had Herbert run, then downed the ball twice before Santos nailed a 30-yarder as time expired. Cordarrelle Patterson rushed for a career-high 141 yards and one touchdown, Marcus Mariota threw a 14-yard TD to rookie Drake London in the second half, and the Atlanta Falcons picked up their first win of the season. Patterson rumbled for 107 yards in the second half and the Falcons were able to avoid starting 0-3 for the second time in three seasons. Mariota used the pass game to pick up chunks of yards in the first half, then it was Patterson churning big plays in the game.

## "Our Death Bowling..." Rohit Sharma's Blunt Response On Where Team India Must Improve

**New Delhi, September 26 :** India captain Rohit Sharma on Sunday admitted that death bowling remains an area of concern for the team going into next month's T20 World Cup but hoped that the bowlers will find their groove soon. India's death bowling came a cropper in the last few matches in the Asia Cup, leading to the team's early exit. In the opening game of the three-match T20 series, India couldn't defend 208 as Australia scored 53 in last three overs to register a four wicket win. "There are a lot of areas, particularly, our death bowling coming to the party," Rohit said when asked about the areas of concern for the team during the post-match presentation. "Those two (Harshal and Bumrah) are coming after a long time. Knowing their (Australia's) middle and lower order is tough to bowl at, I don't really want to

look into that. They are coming after a break, they will take time. Hopefully, they can get back in the groove." Both Harshal Patel and Jasprit Bumrah are returning after a long injury lay-off, while Bhuvneshwar Kumar too has erred in the back end. However, Rohit said he was happy with overall performance of the side as they beat Australia by six wickets to clinch the series 2-1 on Sunday. "We wanted to put up a show, and we did that well. The biggest positives was different individuals stepping up with the ball and bat. When you are sitting back and watching all of that happening, you feel nice as a management." Sometimes you can err in doing a lot of things. This is T20 cricket, and the margins of error are very small. I thought we took our chances, we were brave. Sometimes it didn't come off, but that is a learning we

will take." Batting stalwart Virat Kohli anchored the 187-run chase with a 48-ball 63. Kohli played the second fiddle when Suryakumar Yadav was going ham and tongs. But once Suryakumar departed, Kohli changed gears and took India on the threshold of victory. Hardik Pandya then sealed the issue with a four in the penultimate ball. "I have to utilise my experience and had to take down Zampa. I made up my mind to go after him. He is a quality bowler and tries to control my scoring. I knew he was attacking my stumps, so was outside the leg stump," Kohli said after the match. "I am making



a conscious effort to strike those big ones through the middle overs." While Kohli anchored India's chase, it was Suryakumar who had provided the team the required impetus when he smashed five fours and as many sixes in his 36-ball 63.

## Boxing's Olympic future plunged into further doubt after Iba backs president

**Los Angeles, September 26 :** The future of Olympic boxing was plunged into further doubt on Sunday as delegates of the sport's world governing body for amateurs, the International Boxing Association (Iba), voted emphatically against permitting a leadership challenge to the incumbent president, Umar Kremlev. Kremlev was backed to continue by 106 votes to 36 at a special congress in the Armenian capital, Yerevan, after a 45-minute delay caused by a power cut. The verdict is widely assumed to shatter hopes of the sport reclaiming its place on the Olympic programme for the 2028 Games in Los Angeles. After solidifying his status as the Iba president, Russia's Kremlev delivered a bullish speech in which he appeared to prioritise a new path away from the Olympic Games, insisting: "We shouldn't say Olympic box-

ing, we should say Iba boxing." In a speech laced with apparent barbs towards the International Olympic Committee [IOC], Kremlev told delegates: "I am working for you, not a side organisation," and added: "No one else should have influence on the organisation." The congress was held because Dutch delegate Boris van der Vorst had successfully appealed against an earlier decision to prevent him challenging Kremlev's leadership in May. Van der Vorst was deemed to have broken



campaign rules by the Boxing Independent Integrity Unit, but the decision was subsequently overturned by the court of arbitration for sport [Cas]. In a statement, the [IOC] said it was "extremely concerned" about the circumstances surrounding the congress, specifically the voting procedure and the Iba's decision to suspend the Ukrainian federation over perceived governmental concerns.