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NEWS IN BRIEF

Cough syrup seized

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Guwahati, October 02 :

Huge consignments of banned cough syrup were seized at a raid conducted by Assam Police in Kokrajhar district. According to source, a truck was en route Guwahati from Uttar Pradesh when it was intercepted in Gossaigaon. Two persons, identified as Dinesh Kumar and Gautam Kumar, have been arrested in connection to the seizure. The amount of the seized cough syrup is yet to be ascertained. Earlier, a massive consignment of brown sugar was seized and a person was held in a major drug bust in Lumding. According to reports, brown sugar weighing 421.86 grams concealed in 31 soap cases was seized at Lumding Junction.

Youths arrested

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Guwahati, October 02 :

Three youths were arrested with pistols in Assam's Golaghat district. The operation was led by the police, CRPF and Assam Rifles in Merapani. The three accused have been identified as Masand Odyuo, Sam Tokbi and Kamlang Thang hailing from Nagaland. They were on their way to Nagaland from Arunachal Pradesh via Merapani. Apart from pistols, cash, objectionable documents, mobile phones, a bike and an Alto car were also seized from their possession.

Police personnel killed

New Delhi, October 02 :

A Jammu and Kashmir Police personnel was killed and a Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) jawan was injured in a terrorist attack on a joint party of CRPF and police in Pulwama district of Jammu and Kashmir on Sunday, police said. The terrorists attacked the joint Naka party of CRPF and police in the Pinglana area of the south Kashmir district. Security officials have cordoned off the area. "Terrorists fired upon joint naka party of CRPF and Police at Pinglana, Pulwama.



Guwahati- Aerial view Barsapara Cricket Stadium On Sunday



Guwahati- Second T20 match between India and South Africa On Sunday

Assam boat capsizes: Body of circle officer recovered after 3 days



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Guwahati, October 02 :

The body of a circle officer in Assam's Dhubri district, who went missing in a boat capsizing incident on Thursday, has been recovered by a team of the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) from the Brahmaputra River on Sunday, said police. Assam chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on

Sunday afternoon wrote on Twitter, "After continued efforts by our rescue teams, the body of Circle Officer Sanju Das, who went missing in the recent Dhubri boat mishap, was recovered about 1000 meters downstream from the accident spot." The superintendent of police (SP) of Dhubri, Gaurav Abhijit Dilip said that a mechanised country boat

carrying 28 passengers including the circle officer overturned after hitting a post of a bridge at Bhashanir on September 29. "Except for the circle officer, the other 27 passengers were recovered within 24 hours. Today at around 10.45 am, the SDRF team found the dead body 1 kilometre away from the area where the boat overturned on September 29," he said. The SP said that the rescued passengers informed that the boat lost control before hitting a pillar. Following that, SDRF team launched a search operation. He said that the dead body will be airlifted to Cachar district from Dhubri

after completing the formalities. However, deputy commissioner of Cachar district, Rohan Kumar Jha said that they are considering bringing the body by road transport. Sanju Das's younger brother Subir Das and some other family members have reached Dhubri to receive the body, which has been sent to a local hospital for the post-mortem process, according to police. People familiar with the matter said circle officer Sanju Das was returning from an inspection. An engineer employed at L&T Company prevented

Sanju Das and his team from crossing the bridge due to which he had to take the boat, they said. He didn't want to cross the river in boat but was asked to wait for long if he wants to cross the bridge. Later, he decided to take the boat which became a cause of his death," an official said without disclosing his identity. Dhubri Lok Sabha MP Badruddin Ajmal demanded a high-level inquiry into the matter. The MP and perfume baron announced an ex-gratia of ₹10 lakh to the next of kin of Das.

Hackers Target Official Twitter Account of DIPR Assam

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Guwahati, October 02 :

The official Twitter handle of the Directorate of Information Public Relations (DIPR) of the Assam Government was hacked on Saturday evening. The hacked account (@diprassam) was displaying the profile image of Microstrategy owner and cryptocurrency inves-

tor Michael Saylor. Random tweets with various crypto currencies were also seen in the DIPR twitter handle. However, the account was later partially restored by the IT professionals. "We regret to inform that our Twitter account (@diprassam) has been compromised. Although we have partially

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CM pays tribute to Mahatma Gandhi on his birth anniversary

■ Mahatma Gandhi led a spiritual and moral life: CM, ■ State government takes steps to make Gandhi Mandap an attractive tourist spot and a symbol of pride of Assam: CM

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Guwahati, October 02 :



country's second Prime Minister, freedom fighter and people's leader Lal Bahadur Shastri on his birth anniversary today. The Chief Minister said Mahatma Gandhi lived a very humble life and he

was guided by the ideals of spiritual and moral values of age old civilization of the country. In his speech, the Chief Minister also mentioned how Gandhi lived a very healthy and disciplined

life. The Chief Minister said Gandhi visited Assam four times. In 1946, Gandhi arrived at Sharanania Hills on his fourth visit to Assam. Explaining the historical importance of the visit, the Chief Minister mentioned about noted Gandhian Natwar Thakkar who had written that during that visit Gandhi had inaugurated the Assam chapter of Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Trust and Gram Sevika Vidyalaya. This was the only branch in the entire country which was inaugurated by Gandhi, he said adding that Gandhi had entrusted the responsibility of running the branch to

Gandhian leader late Amal Prabha Das. The Chief Minister said the Sharanania hills was donated by Amal Prabha Das' father Dr. Harekrishna Das for Gram Sevika Vidyalaya and other activities. The Chief Minister said that Gandhi wanted to live among the poor people and therefore a small hut was built especially for him. He said that all the senior Congress leaders led by Dr. Harekrishna Das, Gopinath Bardoloi and Dr. Bhupaneswar Barua worked together to build the hut. Dr. Sarma said that as part of the tribute to Gandhi, the light and

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Kaziranga National Park opens for tourists

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Guwahati, October 02 :

The Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve (KNPTR), famed for its one-horned rhinoceros, will formally open for tourists from October two for the season 2022-23, an official said on Saturday. The Park will be opened partially only for jeep safaris in the two ranges of Kaziranga or Kohora and Western or Bagori range, divisional forest officer (DFO) of Eastern Assam Wildlife Division Ramesh Gogoi said. The decision to partially open the Park for tour-

ists has been taken in view of the present road conditions due to inclement weather, he said. The tourists will currently be allowed to travel up to Bimoli Tiniali via Donga tower under Western Range and from Mihimukh via Daflang tower to Vaichamari Junction under Kaziranga Range until further notification, Gogoi added. The Park was earlier declared open by Assam chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and Isha Foundation's Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudeva on September 23 during the inaugural day of the state government organized 'Chintan Shivir' for minis-



ters, legislators and bureaucrats. The chief minister and Sadhguru's visit to the Park had led to a controversy with two residents living in the vicinity of the Park filing a police complaint that the duo had violated rules by entering the UNESCO heritage site after dark. The Park was

closed for tourists in May this year due to the onset of monsoon. Kaziranga National Park is a national park in the Golaghat and Nagaon districts of the state of Assam, India. The park, which hosts two-thirds

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Guwahati- Shantibari durga puja lighting On Sunday



A villager picks winter jujubes at a greenhouse in Xiaopo Village of Dali County

Venezuela swaps prisoners with US in hint of thawing relations

London, October 02 : Venezuela has freed seven imprisoned Americans in exchange for the US releasing two nephews of President Nicolás Maduro's wife who had been jailed for years on narcotics convictions. The swap of the Americans, including five oil executives held for nearly five years, follows months of back-channel diplomacy by senior US officials - secretive talks with a major oil producer that took on greater urgency after sanctions on Russia put pressure on global energy prices. President Joe Biden said in a statement: "These individuals will soon be reunited with their families and back in the arms of their loved ones where they belong." To all the families who are still suffering and separated from their loved ones who are wrongfully detained - know that we remain dedicated to securing their release. "The deal amounts to an unusual gesture of goodwill by Maduro as the socialist leader looks to rebuild relations with the US after vanquishing most of his domestic opponents. While the White House has denied any change in policy

towards Venezuela is afoot, the freeing of Americans could create political space for the Biden administration to ease crippling oil sanctions on Venezuela if Maduro shows progress in on-again, off-again talks with his opponents. "I can't believe it," said Cristina Vadell, the daughter of Tomeu Vadell, one of the freed Americans. Holding back tears of joy on her 31st birthday, she said: "This is the best birthday present ever. I'm just so happy." The transfer took place on Saturday in the Caribbean island of St Vincent and Grenadines, which is ruled by an ally of Maduro, three people in Venezuela briefed on the matter said on condition of anonymity. The prisoners arrived from their respective locations in separate planes, the Biden administration said. Those freed include five employees of Houston-based Citgo - Vadell, Jose Luis Zambrano, Alirio Zambrano, Jorge Toledo and Jose Pereira - who were lured to Venezuela right before Thanksgiving in 2017 to attend a meeting at the headquarters of the company's parent, state-

run-oil giant PDVSA. Once there, they were hauled away by masked security agents who burst into a Caracas conference room. The men were convicted of embezzlement in 2021 in a trial marred by delays and irregularities and sentenced to between eight years and 13 years in prison for a never-executed proposal to refinance billions in the oil company's bonds. Also released was Matthew Heath, a former US Marine corporal from Tennessee who was arrested in 2020 at a roadblock in Venezuela, and a Florida man, Osman Khan, who was arrested in January. To

facilitate a deal, Biden granted clemency for Franqui Flores and his cousin Efrain Campo, nephews of "First Combatant" Cilia Flores, as Maduro calls his wife. The men were arrested in Haiti in a Drug Enforcement Administration sting in 2015 and convicted the following year in New York in a highly charged case that cast a hard look at US accusations of drug trafficking at the highest levels of Maduro's administration. Referring to the men only as Venezuelans "unjustly imprisoned" in the US, the Maduro government said in a statement that it "welcomes the outcome of these talks and hopes for the preservation of peace and harmony with all the nations of our region and the world".

Amazon and foul-mouthed threats to democracy have alienated more than half of the population. "I'm going to win these elections so I can give the people the right to be happy again. The people need, deserve and have the right... to be happy once more," Lula, 76, told journalists on Saturday during a visit to São Paulo - one of the election's three key battlegrounds, alongside the states of Rio de Janeiro and Minas Gerais. José Roberto de Toledo, a political columnist for the news website UOL, said Lula would undoubtedly come out on top when 156 million citizens voted in what is considered Brazil's most important election in decades. Pollsters give the leftist veteran a 14-point lead over Bolsonaro, the headline nationalist who retains the support of about a third of voters, including many evangelical Christians and members of Brazil's largely white social elites. But Toledo feared Lula might fall just short of the 50% required to avoid a fractious runoff against Bolsonaro on 30 October, opening the door to a month of uncertainty and political violence. "I think what's more likely is that

there will be a second round," Toledo said, warning of "terrible" consequences if that occurred, given the wave of attacks and murders that had marred the lead-up to the election. "If there's a second round it will be much worse than it has been thus far. It would mean four weeks of gore," Toledo warned, adding: "I hope I'm wrong." If Lula does prevail, it would represent a once unthinkable political resurrection for a former factory worker and union leader who became Brazil's first working-class president in 2002. Lula stepped down after two terms in 2010 with approval ratings close to 90%. But the following decade saw the Workers' party (PT) he helped found embroiled in a tangle of corruption scandals and accused of plunging Brazil into a brutal recession. Lula's apparently irremediable downfall was cemented in 2018 when he was jailed on corruption charges and barred from running in that year's election, which Bolsonaro went on to win. Lula's 580-day imprisonment seemed a melancholy end to a fairytale life that saw him rise from rural poverty to become one of the world's



most popular leaders. But Lula was freed in late 2019 and his convictions were quashed on the grounds that he was unfairly tried by Sérgio Moro, a rightwing judge who later took a job in Bolsonaro's cabinet. Lula, who first sought the presidency in 1989, announced his sixth presidential run in May, vowing to beat Bolsonaro by staging "the greatest peaceful revolution the world has ever seen". A Lula victory would represent the latest in a series of triumphs for a resurgent Latin American left, which saw the ex-guerrilla Gustavo Petro claim power in Colombia in June and the former student leader Gabriel Boric elected Chile's president last December. Since 2018, leftists have taken power across the region, from Argentina to Peru and Mexico. Lula supporters are thrilled by

their leader's rebirth and his pledges to wage war on poverty and hunger in a country where 33 million people struggle to eat. During his two terms, Lula won international plaudits for using a commodities boom to bankroll welfare programmes that helped tens of millions escape poverty. "After he left power everything went to shit," said Tracy Batista, a 58-year-old homemaker who was among thousands of supporters at a recent Lula rally in Rio. "Lula's one of the people, just like us... All Bolsonaro knows how to do is swear at people," agreed her friend, Clélia Maria da Silva. Environmental and Indigenous activists are hopeful that Lula, who has pledged to fight deforestation and stamp out illegal gold mining, will halt the assault on the Amazon that has unfolded under Bolsonaro. "With Bolsonaro we die, with Lula we live," said the Indigenous rights group Opi, which was co-founded by the recently murdered activist Bruno Pereira.

Bereaved families fear Covid inquiry cover-up after ban on testimony

London, October 02 :

Families of those who died from Covid-19 have been barred from submitting individual testimony to the official public inquiry about the standard of care received by their loved ones during the pandemic, the Observer can reveal. Instead, the inquiry chair, Lady Hallett, is proposing they submit "pen portraits" to a private research company as part of a parallel "Listening Project" that will not have the power to demand the disclosure of documents or investigate claims about their relatives' care. "It would appear that Lady Hallett would rather outsource the grief of bereaved families to the Listening Project than engage with us constructively," said John Sullivan, whose daughter, Susan, died in March 2020 at Barnet hospital after being denied access to an intensive therapy unit because of her Down's syndrome and supposed cardiac comorbidities. "The inquiry is becoming a farce and an exercise in cover-up," he said, ahead of the first hearing on Tuesday. Sullivan is just one of scores of bereaved people who believe their loved ones were victims of inappropriate triaging procedures and Do Not Attempt Resuscitation (DNAR) or Do Not Attempt Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (DNACPR) orders. Such orders are used to inform a medical team not to attempt resuscitation and are designed to communicate a patient's wishes to healthcare professionals. Any decision regarding DNARs must be made on an individual basis with the involvement of the patient and/or their families, where they have legal guardianship. Independent reports have revealed that adults with learning disabilities had been subject to inappropriate DNAR orders, while some GPs had apparently requested DNAR forms be inserted into the files of care home residents using a "blanket approach". The Observer has now learned of similar cases of DNAR orders being applied to elderly individuals hospitalised with Covid. For instance, Rab Sherwood, who works for the Covid-19 Bereaved Families for Justice (CBFFJ) activist group, which spearheaded the campaign for an independent public inquiry, claims that when her elderly parents were admitted to a hospital in the West Midlands with Covid in January 2021, DNAR orders were placed on their medical notes against her express wishes.



Archaeologists hail 'dream discovery' as sarcophagus is unearthed near Cairo

London, October 02 : It has lain within a burial chamber, undisturbed, for thousands of years. Now a remarkable Egyptian sarcophagus has emerged from deep beneath the sands near Cairo, to the excitement of archaeologists, who describe it as a hugely significant "dream discovery". The



giant granite sarcophagus is covered in inscriptions dedicated to Pthah-em-wia, who headed the treasury of King Ramses II, Egypt's mightiest pharaoh. Ola

El Aguizy, emeritus professor of the faculty of archaeology at Cairo University, discovered it in Saqqara, an ancient necropolis about 20 miles south of Cairo. Last year, El Aguizy, who heads the archaeological mission at the site, uncovered Pthah-em-wia's surface-level tomb. Now she has found his underground burial chamber with the sarcophagus, which could reveal more about those who ruled Egypt after Tutankhamun. At the centre of the tomb's courtyard, El Aguizy's team spotted the top of a vertical shaft, which suggested a passage to a burial chamber. But that shaft proved so deep, at 8 metres, that it took a week just to remove all the sand, using a bucket attached to a hand-operated rope winch. El Aguizy then squeezed herself into that bucket and made a dangerous, slow descent down the shaft. At the bottom, she was astonished to find the sarcophagus. National Geographic cameras captured everything while shooting the latest excavation season for an eight-part documentary series, Lost Treasures of Egypt, which begins on 2 October. Finding a complete sarcophagus in its original tomb is incredibly rare. El Aguizy told the Observer: "The discovery of this sarcophagus in its original place in the burial shaft was very exciting because it is the sarcophagus of the owner of the tomb, which is not always the case. Sometimes the sarcophagus is for a different person of a later period, when the tomb was used in later periods. But this time it is not the case." She said that Pthah-em-wia's titles listed in the hieroglyphs emphasise his closeness to the king, proving that he had "a very important role in the administration of that time". She added that the sarcophagus is inscribed with emblems of deities, including the sky goddess Nut on the lid, covering the chest with opened wings to protect the deceased. Her team will now study it to uncover the full story of Pthah-em-wia's life. Peter Der Manuelian, professor of Egyptology at Harvard University, said: "Saqqara is one of the most important cemeteries, for both royals and non-royals, throughout the millennia of Egyptian history."

New Delhi, October 02 : Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai took a dig at Congress' Rahul Gandhi, Sonia Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi on the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on Sunday. He called Rahul Gandhi "fake" and asked "why he should talk about him and his family" on Gandhi Jayanti. He said that the whole Congress party is out on bail and Karnataka was an "ATM" for the party. Speaking to ANI, he said, "Today is Gandhi Jayanti, why should I talk about fake Gandhis? The whole Congress party is out on



bail- Rahul Gandhi, Sonia Gandhi & DK Shivakumar are out on bail. Karnataka was an ATM for the Congress party, now it's gone. "Congress Karnataka chief DK Shivakumar hit back at Bommai and said there are dozens from BJP who are out on bail. Shivakumar said,

"Yes, I'm on bail. Sonia Gandhi & Rahul Gandhi also on bail. They've (BJP) dozens who're on bail. Yediyurappa has no case against him? Bommai registered cases against me. Let him send me to Parappana Agrahara

Cordon bleugh? Worms and crickets could soon be tickling French palates

Burgundy, October 02 : In a box-like building on an out-of-town industrial estate in Burgundy, trays of Alphitobius diaperinus - otherwise known as the lesser mealworm - are being fattened up by robots then cooked, dried and turned into protein-rich powder and oil. This is the headquarters of Ynsect - a French company that is



building the world's largest insect farm, to open at the end of the year in preparation for what the French company believes will be a large increase in demand for a healthy alternative to meat. Today, most of the oil and protein powder it produces outside the town of Dole in the Jura is used in pet and fish food. However, since the European food agency (EFSA) gave its provisional approval for mealworm-based protein

for human consumption earlier this year, some is being turned into "insect burgers" or used in cereal bars, protein shakes, pasta, granola and other nutrient-rich foods. "It can be made to look like minced beef and even turned into sausages," says Antoine Hubert, the co-founder of Ynsect. "It's ethically good, it's good for the planet and it also tastes good." Ynsect - the dots over the Y are meant to represent insect antennae - says its new 480,000 sq ft, 120ft-tall farm outside Amiens in northern France will begin production early next year and will turn out more than 200,000 tonnes of insect-based ingredients a year. The start-up company, founded in 2011, is expecting to have 1,000 staff and a £450m turnover by 2025. It is looking for partners in the UK with the aim of building an insect farm across the Channel. Walking through the Ynsect farm, picking up handfuls of wriggling worms, Hubert says that pioneering and entrepreneurial thinking is needed to tackle the problem of feeding the world's growing population, which the United Nations predicts will reach 9.7

billion by 2050, without destroying the planet or exhausting its resources. The mealworms - fed, watered and cooked at the precise moment before the larvae metamorphose into beetles - are disease-resistant, rich in protein and low in fat. They do not require a lot of space. Unlike crickets and flies, both possible insect food alternatives, they do not hop or fly. Hubert called in philosophers from the Sorbonne to consider the ethics of their production and welfare. The student thinkers concluded that cultivating mealworms had more in common with mushroom-growing and hothousing vegetables than with raising cattle and poultry. "They have no brain in the strict sense of the word," said Hubert. "We know they have a reflex reaction and they communicate and build intelligent structures, but nobody has shown they feel anything. However, what is important is to respect them as living organisms, which we do." The market for insect protein in the production of food for human

consumption is small, but Hubert expects demand to rocket in the next 10 years. Scientists agree that insects are the ecological and economic future of food production. A 2013 United Nations report concluded that edible insects are a "promising alternative to the conventional production of meat". It added: "The case needs to be made to consumers that eating insects is not only good for their health, it is good for the planet."



A villager picks winter jujubes at a greenhouse in Xiaopo Village of Dali County

NHRCCB felicitated policemen on Police Day

Assam Rising, Golaghat, October 2: On the occasion of Assam Police Day on October 1, National Human Rights and Crime Control Bureau Golaghat District Unit felicitated two police officials for their sincere and dedicated service to the society and the nation. NHRCCB State General Secretary Hema Choudhury Gogoi took initiative under which Officer in Charge of Bokakhat Police Station Bitupan Chutia and Assistant Sub Inspector Bhaben Basumatary were felicitated with Gamocha, Japi, letter of appreciation and memento. In the felicitation program NHRCCB Golaghat District Committee officials Raj Kumar More, Swagata Bora, Juri Handique, Ishant More, Anjan Jallan, legal adviser Naina Agarwal were present.

Nagaon Lions Club celebrates birth anniversary of Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri



Assam Rising, Nagaon, October 2: Lions Club, Nagaon today observed the birth anniversary of the father of nation - Mahatma Gandhi as well as former Prime Minister of the country Lal Bahadur Shastri at its office premise with a day long agenda. Malchand Agarwal, Saranga Ballabh Goswami respectively the president and secretary of the club, Biswajit Mahanta, Gurusaran Singh, Binod Khetaot and other club members garlanded at the portraits of Mahatma

Gandhi as well as Lal Bahadur Shastri and also lightened the earthly lamps before the portraits while paying homage to those two great souls of the soil. During the programme, the president of the club - Malchand Agarwal elaborated the life and contributions of Mahatma Gandhi as well as Lal Bahadur Shastri towards the nation. The celebration was concluded with a devotional cultural programme, a release added.



2 drug dealers arrested in Laharighat

Assam Rising, Bhuragaon, October 2: Two drug dealers, Azaharul Islam and Ashadullah Islam, were arrested in an anti-drug operation in Morigaon and Laharighat districts of Tinsukia yesterday. The arrested drug dealers were arrested in the area for a long time.

Gandhi Jayanti Celebrated by NYK Golaghat.

Assam Rising, GOLAGHAT Oct 2: Gandhi Jayanti was celebrated by Nehru Yuva Kendra, Golaghat in collaboration with OADR, an NGO. The program was attended by President Purabi

Kalita, OADR, Ratul Saikia, Sportsman, Golaghat and other members of OADR. All paid floral tributes to the Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi on his 153rd birth anniversary at MPC

Gym in Golaghat. Later the members organized a cleanliness drive and addressed the gathering on the significance of Bapu and his values in the 21st century. President, OADR said, Gandhi ji embodied man's need for meditation based on attainment of individual moral perfection, man's need for collective reform in social justice and equality, and man's need of an effective means to achieve individual and collective reform by nonviolent action". She said, humanity had had many teachers with answers to one or two of these

needs, but Gandhi ji was the only man in our time who combined all three with highly positive results. She emphasized on the continuing relevance of Gandhian teachings for issues like conflict resolution in a world beset by conflict of multiple kinds; his philosophy of Sarvodaya, or the rising welfare of all is the inspiration behind India's current focus on, among others, Sabka Vikas - the development of all. Gandhi's thoughts on faith, the environment and the virtues of a sustainable lifestyle remain particularly relevant today.

NHRCCB organises blood donation camp



Assam Rising, Biswanath Chariali, Oct 2: The National Human Rights and Crime Control Bureau (NHRCCB), Assam had organized a blood donation camp at the blood bank of Marwari Arogya Bhawan Hospital in Jyotinagar area of

Assam Rising, Biswanath Chariali, Oct 2: On the occasion of National Blood Donation Day and Assam Police Day, informed Mrinmay Kumar Nath, district level Media Officer, Sonitpur, Dibrugarh Sadar Police Officer Raju Chetry

and 11 other police personnel donated blood on the occasion. The event was attended by Nishant Thord, chairman of NHRCCB, Assam chapter and newly appointed Dibrugarh District President Amit Ajmera. All the blood donors were presented with a citation by the organizers. The blood donation camp organized by the Dibrugarh branch of the National Human Rights and Crime Control Bureau on this special day is expected to sow a new seed of humanity in the social background.

ANNS executive meeting held



Assam Rising, Biswanath Chariali, Oct 2: The executive meeting of All Assam Nepali Natya Sammelan (ANNS) was held at the conference hall of Khanamukh high school here with Chandramani Upadhyaya, chairman of the organisation in the chair today. Purna Kumar Sarma, chief secretary of the dramatic organisation briefed the objectives of the meeting. It is

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to be mentioned here that the central conference of the organisation will be held at Lakhimpur from December 1 to 5 this year. A total of 18 drama teams will participate in the upcoming drama festival. A good number of resolutions were taken in the meeting. The meeting was attended by Gyan Bahadur Chhetry, advisor, Bishnu Shastri, vice president along with executive members Chakrapani Sarma, Krishnaneel Karki, Khagen Adhikari, Nilkamal Goutam, Krishna Raut, Rudra Goutam, Bishnu Dahal beside others. Talking to this correspondent, Purna Kumar Sarma said that a collection of 42

one act Nepali dramas will be published in the upcoming central conference besides felicitation of drama activists of the state.

International Senior Citizens' Day observed at Moirabari

Assam Rising, Moirabari, Oct 02: International Senior Citizens' Day was observed at Moirabari yesterday under the initiative of Moirabari Press Club and in collaboration with Shankar-Azan Vidyapith. The Programme held at the meeting room of The Moirabari Press Club. Badruz Zaman Akhtar, executive president of The Moirabari Press Club explained the purpose of the meeting on the celebration of Senior Citizens' Day. A felicitation ceremony was also held to felicitate senior citizen present in the meeting. The event was moderated by Baharul



Uloom Chowdhury, vice-president of The Moirabari Press Club. Eminent poet, litterateur Hanif Uddin, former president of miyan Parishad, M.G. Hazarika, retired subject teacher and president of Moirabari Se-

nior Citizens' Forum Raham Ali, retired teacher Nooruz Zaman, retired teacher Abdul Latif Chowdhury, President's Award-winning retired subject teacher Abdul Gafoor, Moirabari Press Club President were

present on the occasion. Participating in the event, Dr. Abdul Salam, in charge of Moirabari Community Health Centre, focused on the aspect of awareness keeping in mind the health of senior citizens.

Gandhi Jayanti celebrated with Enthusiasm in West Siang



Assam Rising, Aalo, October 2: The Gandhi Jayanti was celebrated with enthusiasm with a series of social services across the district in all

HOO's, Colonies and Market Places with Prarthana Sabha in West Siang district today. The West Siang

Deputy Commissioner Penga Tato personally led the Social services in the DC office and monitored all

works. He said that one has to be involved in such social services themselves voluntarily to keep up the true spirit to promote a sense of cleanliness among the people through social services. He also narrated about Mahatma Gandhi and advised to follow the Gandhi Ways. He urged all to maintain Non Violence among all for good cause. Further he requested all staff to avoid egoism.

Assam Rising, Guwahati, October 2: On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, Assam Governor Prof. Jagdish Mukhi unveiled a statue of Mahatma Gandhi in presence of First Lady of Assam Smt. Prem Mukhi in Haflong today. Speaking on the occasion, Governor Prof. Mukhi said, "I am immensely delighted to have unveiled the statue of Father of the Nation in the beautiful Haflong town. By inaugurating the statue, I have paid my deepest tributes to Mahatma ji". He moreover said, "On the auspicious occasion of 'Gandhi Jayanti', I deem it my privilege to have unveiled the statue of the great man whom our nation owes a great deal. The values and ethics upheld by Bapu ji are not just an inspiration but a guiding light to our society. His ever-relevant teaching of truth, non-violence and brotherhood strengthen the global philosophy of love for fellow human beings". Governor Prof. Mukhi also thanked NC Hills Autonomous Council Administration for taking the lead in installing the statue in the hill district which according to him would help the younger generation to get themselves acquainted with Mahatma Gandhi and grow up with his teachings. Minister Mines & Minerals, Power etc Nandita Gorlosa, Minister Revenue Jogen Mohan, Chief Executive Member NCHAC Debolal Gorlosa, Chairperson NCHAC Ranu Langthasa, Addl. Chief Secretary Maninder Singh, Members of the Council and a host of other dignitaries were present on the occasion.



works. He said that one has to be involved in such social services themselves voluntarily to keep up the true spirit to promote a sense of cleanliness among the people through social services. He also narrated about Mahatma Gandhi and advised to follow the Gandhi Ways. He urged all to maintain Non Violence among all for good cause. Further he requested all staff to avoid egoism.

Educational materials distributed among students

Assam Rising, Bhuragaon, October 2: A couple from Kochkati village in Laharighat today officially donated study materials to hundreds of students in the village on the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. Dhiren Bardoloi, and Kanuram Deuri. In his speech, senior citizen Kanuram Deuri recalled some of the songs they used to sing about Gandhiji in villages at that time Manta announced at the function. Students through the study tools provided today. The victims were identified as Phuleswar Patar, a young social worker who distributed the items.

Durga Puja spirit soars on Maha Saptami



uniqueness. At, Sri Maa Durga Balaji Babosa Temple, new market ladies distributed clothes among forty needy women. On the other hand, Local MLA Ramkrishna Ghosh also visited various pandals

and took blessings of Maa Durga. Meanwhile, Police authorities have made proper security arrangements in the district to ensure a smooth and peaceful Durga Puja. It is pertinent to mention here, Chief Min-

ister Himanta Biswa Sarma will visit Hojai on Monday. As per information, CM's helicopter will land at Bihutoli field in Hojai, after that CM will visit various puja pandals and seek blessings of Goddess Durga.

Assam Rising, Hojai, October 2: Pomp and gaiety marked Maha Saptami - day two of the Durga Puja - as thousands of devotees thronged up in their best hit the streets of the Hojai town on Sunday. Since early morning, people have been thronging colossal puja pandals (marquees) where idols of the goddess and her four children are being worshipped amid much community fanfare. In around, Hojai district, theme puja's creativity are grabbing the headlines and wooing pandal hoppers. More than three hundred puja pandals have been set up in the entire

Hojai district. Different puja committees have made variety of replicas on different themes like, showcasing Mahamritunjay Mandir at Gandhi Maiden in Hojai, Kedarnath Mandir at bishnupally, eighteen hands Maa Durga by Adarsha Durga Puja Samity is an point of attraction for decade's. Similarly various awareness based decoration on importance on cleanliness, no use of plastic, etc, different pandals in Hojai have used variety of lighting and umbrellas which is attracting on-lookers. Each puja pandal in Hojai is famous for its own

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Durga puja : The Reverence of Mother Shakti

Durga is revered as the feminine form of Shakti. 'Shakti' is a Sanskrit word meaning strength. Hence Durga Puja is the reverence of mother Durga, asking her to bless her devotees with strength and velour. Shaktism is an ancient Hindu tradition to worship the feminine form of Goddess Shakti. During ancient times the tradition was carried out by only the armies and soldiers who had to go on a battle. Modern practices of Durga Puja involve worship and reverence of the Goddess in the large pandals erected specifically for this purpose. People visit these pandals and worship a large bust of goddess kept in the center. Other rituals include fasting for all the nine days of the festival. Celebrations in the house are also simple and involve no exuberance. People recite Durga Saptashati in house, which is a collection of phrases, praising the goddess. Those who fast usually stay on the diet of fruit, vegetables, and milk products for complete nine days. On the last day, a hawan or offering to the goddess in front of a fire is performed on the last day. The festival of Durga Puja is integral to the Hindu religion and is very important in keeping the ages hold Hindu beliefs alive in the heart of religious believers. The festival of Durga Puja specifically commemorates the victory of Goddess Durga over the bull demon Mahishasura. The demon king Mahishasura, at a point of time, became so powerful that he set out to conquer all the three worlds. Therefore, the three gods, Brahma, Vishnu and Mahesha (Shiva) summoned Durga to kill Mahishasura. They all gave Durga their trusted weapons, with the help of which the goddess was able to kill Mahishasura on the tenth day. Another legend of Durga Puja is associated with Lord Rama. It is believed that before killing Ravana in a fierce battle, Lord Rama had worshipped the goddess Durga to provide strength and velour. This is the reason why the festival of Durga Puja coincides with the Dussehra festival, which commemorates the day Rama killed Ravana.

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Whisper it, but it was the folly of Brexit that paved the way for Truss's crazy libertarian zeal



Some "plan for growth". Millions face futures they neither deserved nor were prepared for, so suddenly has disaster hit. Mortgage payers will be unexpectedly hammered. All homeowners face a sharp fall in house prices in which most of their wealth is held. Worse, those dependent on functioning public services and benefits confront privation and even destitution. Compelled to find up to £40bn of spending cuts in November to pay for Liz Truss's unwanted tax cuts, the Treasury has to cripple the state to restore financial credibility. Capital investment, the science budget, new schools and hospitals, uprating benefits and public sector wages in line with inflation - forget them all. Instead of a stimulus to growth, Britain faces intense economic and social dislocation and ongoing stagflation. Austerity is back, this time on an epic scale. Whisper it - this is where Brexit has inexorably led. There is no Brexit that can

work congruent with deeply held British values, beliefs and economic interests. A democratic vote has transmuted into a rightwing coup, culminating in a destructive libertarian programme, an attempt to shrink a state the right considers bloated, to eliminate the last remnants of regulation, to try to drive taxes down, however vital to sustain public services. All in the name of "liberating enterprise" and forcing "self-reliance" on what the Brexit right consider a lazy, cushioned workforce. The line from Brexit to last week's debacle is straight and obvious. The EU never ranked in the top 10 of voter concerns: it was an obsession of the British right who saw it as emblematic of "big state" regulation; worse, it was from abroad. Yes, the EU, in trying to create common product, service and professional standards across member states, along with allied freedoms to secure the benefits of a continental economic area, perforce has to regulate. But to American libertarians, so influential on the British right, any regulation is

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necessarily coercive, limits freedom and is morally damnable. These libertarians live in a parallel universe in which the only moral responsibility is to oneself: even the pronoun "we" is coercive because it subsumes the individual "I". If you think that, then any EU directive for any purpose must necessarily be opposed to the last. Worse, the EU became a source of law that did not originate in the House of Commons, which exists in rightwing circles to confer prerogative power to the English upper class via the Tory party. The EU may be creating a continental market, high-quality standards and continent-wide competition, but it threatened an idiosyncratic conception of liberty, and a self-interested idea of sovereignty. This was a minority preoccupation - until immigration jumped in salience. Suddenly, the prospect emerged of an alliance between English libertarian toffs and an elderly, white working class. Add the malevolent genius of Nigel Farage, together with plausible Brexiters on the left, like the charismatic RMT boss Mick Lynch, and the rest is history. EU membership was an unacknowledged boon: it had

opened up 40 years of economic growth that allowed Britain to become a much more liberal society while avoiding the tough issues in addressing the deep dysfunctions of its capitalism. The better part of the City boomed, offered a continental hinterland, while multinational investors turned round swathes of the British economy - from the car to the food industry - able to export freely from low-cost Britain into the EU single market. Companies such as Vodafone could become multinationals, turning British standards into global standards via the EU's blessing. Our regions were propped up by generous EU funding. Longstanding weaknesses, from endemic financial short-termism to a chronically weak training system, were disguised. Where weakly regulated Britain did not act, from securing clean beaches to promoting security at work, the EU stepped in to hide British failings. Brexit has wrecked all of that. Desperate attempts to revive the London stock market as an international financial magnet fail to recognise that, cut off from the EU, it is just a failing regional stock market: inward investment has stagnated; exports of goods and services are falling; no new companies can ever reproduce Vodafone's path to scale.

Ms Truss's brand of havoc has got Britain moving... towards the resurgent Labour party

The slogan for this week's Conservative conference is "Getting Britain Moving". Good to their word, the government has already generated some highly dramatic movements - the pound plunging, mortgage rates surging and the morale of Conservative MPs crashing as their party's poll rating drops to a multi-decade low. One veteran Tory MP reports that a younger colleague "rang me and said: 'What should we do?' I replied: 'Prepare for opposition.'" The financial earthquakes triggered by the Truss regime have been accompanied by what feels like a major shift in the tectonic plates of politics. At their party's conference in Liverpool, Labour people spoke with growing conviction that they can win the next election, something none of them believed back in 2019. Among Tories, there is not only a fatalistic expectation that they are heading towards the exit, there is mounting dread of a defeat of landslide proportions, something none among them thought possible when they were handed a chunky parliamentary majority less than three years ago. You can still find Tories who think they can glimpse a path to recovery, but the optimists have shrivelled in number since Kamikaze Kwarteng and Calamity Liz arrived in Downing Street to unleash their special brand of havoc. There are even some Tories who speak of their own party in the way that they used to talk about Labour when it was led by Jeremy Corbyn: too dangerous to be anywhere near power. The voters are also becoming convinced that we will have a change of government at the next election. Labour has started racking up double-digit leads in the opinion polls. One recent poll reported a sensational 33-point advantage for Sir Keir Starmer's party. That's the biggest for any party since Tony Blair was in his pomp in the late 1990s. Though unlikely to be replicated at an election, that's a heart-quicker for Labour and a heart-stopper for Tories. The first party conference of a newly elected leader is usually a victory lap, a time to triumphantly bask in the love of the faithful. I expect Liz Truss will get a standing ovation from the hall in Birmingham, but the effusions of the members who put her



there will jar with everyone outside the conference bubble. She's got no democratic mandate for her wild gamble with the nation's economy and its people's livelihoods, and she has already lost a confidence vote in the financial markets. Rather than enjoy a honeymoon with her parliamentary party and the electorate, some of her MPs are already putting her on the political equivalent of death row. As for preferred prime minister, a question that normally favours the incumbent, our latest Opinion poll reports a 17-point lead for Sir Keir. Ms Truss hasn't yet completed a full month in Downing Street and her approval rating is worse than any score for Boris Johnson even at the height of Partygate. This reversal in fortunes is explained by a reversal of roles. When they were last asked to choose a government, most voters regarded Labour as a crazy party that they simply could not trust with office. They recoiled from what they saw as an alarming outfit run by ideological fanatics and consigned Labour to a defeat so bad that its parliamentary representation was crushed to its lowest level since 1935. Labour's leader was cheered when he channelled Sir Tony by declaring 'we are the party of the centre ground. Once again, the political wing of the British people' Under Sir Keir, Labour has become a party in the hands of solid citizens saying stuff that sounds sensible. The appearance of the conference told its own story. The number of delegates sporting badges, lanyards and T-shirts bearing shouty slogans was sharply down. The number wearing suits and neat haircuts was significantly up. They sang the national anthem. The backdrop to the platform was a huge union flag. The sums allocated to new policies were relatively and cautiously modest. They gave a standing ovation to a leader's speech in which Sir Keir declared that his

would be a "responsible government" that wouldn't pretend it could "do good Labour things as quickly as we might like" and would have "the courage to make very difficult choices". The word

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responsible came up a lot. The delegates ovated for the shadow chancellor when Rachel Reeves proclaimed: "Labour is the party of economic responsibility and the party of social justice". These are voter-bidding formulae when the Tories present as the party of economic recklessness and social injustice. As sterling tumbled, debt markets went into meltdown and mortgage offers suddenly evaporated, platform speakers in Liverpool took care not to crow about the chaos unleashed by the government. The tone was sober. Rightly so. If anything haunted Labour in Liverpool, it was the thought of the awful financial mess and eviscerated public realm that they may inherit. "Really frightening," said one member of the shadow cabinet. Labour's leader was cheered when he channelled Sir Tony by declaring "we are the party of the centre ground. Once again, the political wing of the British people." It is now the Tories who have put their party in the hands of ideological

maniacs. They have become the political wing of rightwing, ultra-free market thinktanks. This began with Brexit, continued with the purge or self-exile of Tory moderates and has culminated in Ms Truss. No one voted for her to become prime minister other than a tiny cadre of 81,000 Conservative members whose views are highly unrepresentative of public opinion. Just 50 Tory MPs had her as their first choice for prime minister. One senior Conservative shudders at what he calls "the Corbynification" of his party. As zealots are wont to do, Ms Truss and her small band of believers are intoxicated with their ideology, rigid in their beliefs, contemptuous of

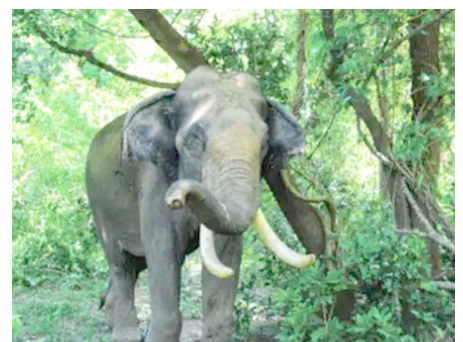
alternative points of view and heedless of the risks of treating Britain as an experimental laboratory for their theorems. That is why the mini-budget became a maxi-disaster. The pound has whipsawed so violently that at one point it fell to a historic low against the dollar. A doom loop in the debt markets became so scary that the Bank of England had to make a massive emergency intervention for fear that some pension funds were about to go bust. I can't see Truss recovering from this and Kwarteng has blown his credibility," says one former Tory cabinet minister. "Credibility is like virginity. Once you've lost it, you can't get it back." Many Tory MPs think their reputation as the party of economic competence, never truly deserved in the first place, has been fatally trashed. But as zealots are wont to do, Ms Truss and her chancellor blame everyone but themselves. And as zealots are also wont to do, they are refusing to compromise with reality. Since the eruption of the crisis they caused, the PM and her chancellor have spent most of their time in hiding. When they

have emerged, stuttering their way through how-not-to-do-it interviews, they have refused to acknowledge that it was a confidence-crashing mistake to promise unfunded tax cuts at a time when both inflation and borrowing are high. That leaves the Tory leader in a trap of her own making. If she reverses course, as bodies such as the IMF recommend, she will annihilate what little there is left of her chancellor's standing and shred her own as well. Ideology and instinct will impel her to double down. That would mean trying to make the government's sums add up with a savage squeeze on public spending. This will break the pledges on which the Conservatives won the last election and collide with a ferocious combination of resistance from scared Tory MPs, protesting public sector workers and furious voters. "We're going to go down in flames," says one of the many Tories in whom anger rubs shoulders with despair. In politics, success breeds success and failure feeds failure. The more it looks as though Sir Keir is heading for Number 10, the more he will wield authority over his party, enjoy credibility with the media and have an audience for his prospectus with the public. Some people will always find the Labour leader less than exciting, but the Tories have created conditions in which that increasingly looks like more of an asset than a handicap. The voters are exhausted with the perpetual cycle of crisis and psychodrama engineered by the Conservatives. The more certain it seems that the Tories will be shown the door, the more desperate, divided and deranged they will become. Some of them have already concluded that it would be better for both their party and the country if they were removed from power. Britain is getting moving. Running for its life from the Conservatives.

We monitored wild elephants, leopards in villages with thermal drones first time in Maharashtra

In August 2022, a large herd of wild elephants entered Maharashtra's Gadchiroli from Chhattisgarh. Then followed regular news of the elephants raiding agriculture fields and damaging homes in the villages they passed through. For more reasons than one, Gadchiroli is a challenging landscape to monitor wildlife on foot, and thus, the composition, behaviour, and movement patterns of this elephant herd remained largely unknown. "This is the second year that wild elephants entered Maharashtra from Chhattisgarh. Last year, we observed that when they were at the border of Brahmapuri and Wadsa, the forest department

played a crucial role in handling a species that was relatively new to the community there. During the day, the elephants rested in the forest and would start moving after dusk. "It was risky for a limited number of individuals to track this herd on foot in that landscape," said Satarkar. By using the thermal drone, they were able to safely observe the herds' composition and behaviour from a distance. "Also, it does not disturb the animals as it is quite silent and works well even if observed from a 100-plus-feet



conducting community awareness programs to sensitise villagers and educate them about living safely around wild elephants. "Heavy rains, however, posed a challenge as it was not possible to fly the drones in such weather conditions. But the information it provided

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height from ground. Most importantly, its thermal ability allows for safe monitoring at night, which is what is needed for elephants," said Satarkar. "This is the first time in India that wild elephants have been monitored using thermal UAV. From multiple captures of the thermal drone, we now know that the herd is 23 in number, which includes six young calves. We also know that if left relatively undisturbed, the herd does far less crop damage in the fields and that they only need to be deterred if they come too close to villages," said Sunil Limaye, principal chief conservator at Forests (Wildlife) Maharashtra. Wild elephants are new to the people there. To avoid human casualty and harm to the animals, Limaye said that the Maharashtra Forest Department has actively worked on ensuring speedy compensation. "The teams on the ground are also proactively

throughout is proving to be invaluable. "The thermal drone imaging is a complementary tool in the effective management of human-wildlife conflict and can be used in conjunction with other management tools like early warning systems (EWS), on-ground tracking, community outreach efforts, forest development etc." added Satarkar. In western Maharashtra, where human-leopard conflict situations are rapidly rising due to shift in land use patterns and there's an increase in resources for leopard population to thrive outside protected forest areas, it is common for the RESQ team to be called upon by the forest department to assist them when a village or community begins to feel threatened by livestock kills or the recurring sighting of leopards near human settlements. Sonesh Ingole, RESQ field coordinator, recalls an incident when a local farmer near Solapur saw a leopard in his banana plantation field. This village had not had any encounters with a leopard before.

TECNO POP 6 Pro with 5000mAh battery at Rs. 6,099



Delhi, October 02 : TECNO Mobile, the premium smartphone brand of TRANSSION India is all set to disrupt the sub-8k smartphone segment yet again with the launch of its latest TECNO POP 6 Pro priced at INR 6099. India is the priority market, where every quarter millions of consumers buy their first smartphones. TECNO with its POP series is addressing the opportunity in the entry-level segment by offering better specifications camera capabilities, reliable battery, and bigger display available at the most competitive price points. POP 6 Pro offers an incomparable 6.56"HD+Dot Notch display for an immersive viewing

experience, coupled with a mighty 5000mAh battery, to give a remarkable 42-day of standby time. The smartphone's stylish 8MP Dual rear Camera gives impressive image quality with various pre-installed photography techniques and filters. In addition to these features, the smartphone is packed with a micro-slit front flashlight and a 5MP dot Notch Selfie shooter that lets the users click well-lit images even in unfavourable lighting conditions. The smartphone's elegant and crisp design with an uber-glossy finish gives an ultra-premium holding experience. Commenting on the latest launch, Arijet Talapatra, CEO, TECNO Mobile said, "With the proliferation of high-speed Internet and ever-growing content consumption pattern, there exists a remarkable need for high-quality

devices in the entry-level segment, especially in Tier 3 cities and towns. With the POP series in our portfolio, we are focusing on capturing the 5K to 8K smartphone category of India where the consumer is more willing to try new products. Moreover, we have cemented our position as the 3rd largest smartphone brand in the sub-8k segment. With the recent launch of POP 6 Pro, we are certain to address the pain points of our consumers, related to video watching experience in the entry-level segment, with a vivid 6.56-inch dot notch display, brighter color output with eye care feature, Dual Volte and an AI-powered camera coupled with 5000mAh battery. All this is further supported by a user friendly interface powered by Android for an immersive viewing experience." In these festive times, the youth is on the lookout to bring home a composite smartphone experience at never-seen-before pricing.

Mobil associates with 'Vikram Vedha', the most awaited action thriller

Delhi, October 02 : Mobil, a leading brand of engine oil in India has partnered with the most awaited action thriller 'Vikram Vedha' slated for a worldwide release on September 30 in over 100 countries. Through its partnership with this much-awaited film starring Hrithik Roshan, Saif Ali Khan and Radhika Apte, Mobil aims to highlight its brand values of driving human progress, building confidence, and enabling customers to unlock their true potential. Vikram Vedha is an action-thriller written & directed by Pushkar-Gayatri. The story of Vikram Vedha is full of twists and turns, as a tough cop Vikram (Saif Ali Khan) sets out to track and chase a dreaded gangster Vedha (Hrithik Roshan). What unfolds is a cat-and-mouse chase, where Vedha - a master storyteller helps

Vikram peel back layers through a series of stories leading to thought-provoking moral ambiguities. Commenting on the association, Vipin Rana, CEO, ExxonMobil Lubricants Pvt Ltd, said, "The fundamental value that defines our business is a strong commitment to support our customers in their journey of growth and progress. Partnering with films like 'Vikram Vedha,' which present compelling stories that resonate with people across linguistic and geographic differences, is a part of our strategy to be closer to our customers and underline our differentiating strengths. At the core of the film is the message of making the right choices in life, even when faced with challenges. Motorists have various choices, but knowing what is best for them is key to protecting their vehicles



and ensuring their own safety. Through our association with the film, we want to reiterate that prioritizing one's wellness by making the right choices is important." The film features Mobil Super Moto engine oil, which stands out in the industry for the high levels of protection it offers to two-wheeler engines. The partnership further builds on Mobil's ongoing campaign, Farak Laakar Dekhiye, which highlights the importance of engine protection. Across the entire customer journey, Mobil serves as an integral partner by adding to the confidence of cus-

tomers that they have made the right choice for their automobiles. Promising protection and effectiveness, and in turn enabling motorists to unlock the true potential of their vehicles, Mobil's new partnership with this neo-noir thriller will not only enhance brand affinity among seasoned motorists but also a large community of customers, who seek trusted and reliable counsel on the engine oils they must use to get maximum protection and efficiency. Sameer Chopra, Head of Marketing, Reliance Entertainment said, "Vikram Vedha' an action-thriller headlined by

Hrithik Roshan and Saif Ali Khan, is highly anticipated by audiences across the globe. The film's communication also shares a great synergy with Mobil as a brand. We are thankful to Mobil for their support." Vikram Vedha is presented by Gulshan Kumar, T-Series, and Reliance Entertainment in association with Friday Filmworks, Jio Studios and YNOT Studios. The film is directed by Pushkar and Gayatri and produced by Bhushan Kumar, S. Sashikanth and Reliance Entertainment. Vikram Vedha will hit the big screens globally on 30th September 2022.

Seagram's Imperial Blue continues to strengthen its camaraderie with Northeast

Guwahati, October 02 : Seagram's Imperial Blue, one of the most iconic brands in the industry, continues to reinforce its support for NorthEast United Football Club (NEUFC) as the exclusive partnership enters its second year. In a press conference held on 27th September in Guwahati, Imperial Blue and NEUFC players celebrated the success of this association and underscored the mutual admiration for Northeast's love for the game of football. Seagram's Imperial Blue's sustained support to the passion points of the youth across the country and NEUFC's success in the game presents an opportunity



for both the brands to strengthen its with connect young India. The club, owned by John Abraham, is based out of Guwahati, Assam and will be competing in the upcoming Indian Super League '22. Commenting on the same, Ishwinder Singh, General Manager - Marketing,

Pernod Ricard India said, "This is the second year of Imperial Blue's successful association with NEUFC - a testimony to the brand's belief in celebrating our consumer's passions and being a partner in their moments of conviviality. This led to the discovery of 'Boliya', which in the local

tongue means "going crazy or mania". Football as a campaign captures the fervor for Football and the local culture in one go. The association binds the region together, instilling strong local pride, as they root for their beloved team and witness it making a mark on the national stage. With matches scheduled in the NEUFC home stadium this year, for the first time after the pandemic, we are ecstatic to be able to connect with our audience at an even more personal level. We eagerly look forward to an amazing season of Hero Indian Super League for NEUFC and wish all the luck to the team for the upcoming season"

Commenting on the association Ms. Priya Runchal, CEO of NorthEast United Football Club said "We are delighted to step into the second year of our collaboration with a dynamic brand like Seagram's Imperial Blue. Hero Indian Super League is one of India's largest sporting leagues, and football is deeply ingrained in the people's hearts in the Northeast region. Imperial Blue has always established a deep bond with consumers and been a partner in their moments of conviviality, quite like NEUFC. This successful association, that will further cement the brand's affinity with the football fans in the region, is a testament to that."

Glenmark organizes Public Hypertension Awareness Campaigns

Mumbai, October 02 : Glenmark Pharmaceuticals Limited (Glenmark), an innovation-driven, global pharmaceutical company, commemorated the World Heart Month in the month of September, by organizing 300 Hypertension public awareness rallies and more than 8000 hypertension screening camps across India. The company partnered with more

than 8000 doctors and 10,000 healthcare professionals from 42 cities across the country, with the target of reaching out to more than 10 crore Indians. These rallies were organized in association with various hospitals across

Group Vice President & Head of India Formulations, Glenmark, said, "This initiative is our endeavor to create awareness about Hypertension in the country. Despite being a prevalent risk factor for cardiovascular dis-



the country and emphasized on a detailed conversation on spreading awareness about Hypertension and its signs and symptoms followed by a mass hypertension screening camp. While 28 such rallies have been done in Delhi, Kolkata and Mumbai; Chennai and Hyderabad have done 13 awareness rallies. One such public awareness campaign was organized by Glenmark in partnership with Association of Physicians of India (API), Indian Medical Association (IMA) ? Mumbai West region, and Malad Medical Association, at Suchak Hospital, Malad, Mumbai on 25th September. The event was graced by eminent guests including Mr. Gopal Shetty, Member of Parliament, North Mumbai, Ms. Sudha Chandran, popular dancer & television actress, Dr. Agam Vora, Honorary General Secretary API, Padma Shree awardee Dr. Shashank Joshi along with a pool of around 300 doctors. During the event, the world's first 'Hypertension Awareness Symbol' conceptualized by Glenmark was unveiled. This symbol was developed in consultation with 50,000 leading doctors from across India with an aim to raise awareness of the growing burden of hypertension and the need for timely screening; and endorsed by API and Hypertension Society of India (HSI). Speaking about the initiative, Alok Malik,

eases (CVD), Hypertension, remains to be a silent killer as majority of patients remain unaware of the condition. As a leader in Hypertension management, Glenmark is committed to taking every possible step in the country's fight against this disease, which affects millions of people every year." Glenmark has been leading from the front in increasing awareness and diagnosis of the disease among the Indian population. Not long ago, the company launched the #TakeChargeAt18 campaign to drive Hypertension awareness and screening of Indian adults above 18 years of age. The company has aims to reach out to more than 200 million Indian adults through multiple channels including its digital platform: www.bpincontrol.in. For immediate distribution Press Note Hypertension (high blood pressure) is one of the biggest risk factors for heart disease, stroke and kidney disease. Every third adult in India is suffering from Hypertension? High blood pressure. Currently, it is estimated that 28.1% of all deaths in India were due to CVD, and high systolic blood pressure (SBP) was the single largest contributor (8.5%) to disability? adjusted life years (DALYs). A sustained combination of strategies can shift the population distribution of BP to the left and can help in achieving good control over it.

Tata Motors launches its first electric hatch at 8.49 Lakh

Guwahati, October 02 : Tata Motors, India's leading automobile manufacturer and the pioneer of the EV evolution in India, today announced the launch of the newest member of its EV family - The Tiago.ev. Mobilising India towards the future, the Tiago.ev is set to charm the country with its exciting, effortless, eco-friendly and premium EV drive experience. With special introductory prices starting INR 8.49 Lakh (All India - Ex-showroom), for the first 10,000 customers (of which 2000 will be reserved for the current owners of Nexon EV and Tigor EV), bookings for the Tiago.ev will start on October 10, 2022. Customers can reserve their car by paying a booking amount of INR 21,000, at any authorised Tata Motors dealership or on the website. Deliveries are scheduled to commence from January 2023. Introducing the electrifying Tiago.ev, the newest member of its growing EV range, Mr. Shailesh Chandra, Managing Director, Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Ltd., and Tata Passenger Electric Mobility Ltd. said, "Having pioneered the EV market in India, we have successfully led its growth and penetration over the last couple of years. We believe 'now' is the right time to fast forward the ongoing revolution towards the future of mobility by introducing vehicles that will encourage rapid adoption of EVs. With the launch of the Tiago.ev, India's



first electric hatchback, the nation can take a giant leap forward in the quest for safe, clean and green mobility. It is an ideal fun hatch which offers premium, safety and technology features, eco-friendly footprint, spirited performance, all made even more desirable with the added advantage of a low cost of ownership. It will be the first in its segment to offer best-in-class connected features as standard across all trims, that are usually offered in more premium cars. It comes with two options of battery packs and four different charging solutions, enabling customers to choose the combination that best serves their mobility needs. With thrilling, yet easy to drive experience amidst a luxurious ambience, the Tiago.ev is likely to become the favourite car of every family member.

HCLTech launches New Brand Positioning of Supercharging Progress™

Noida, October 02 : HCL Technologies (HCLTech), a leading global technology company, today launched its new brand identity and logo, underpinned by the distinct positioning of Supercharging Progress™ that reflects its commitment to clients, its people, communities and the planet. The company's new 'HCLTech' brand and logo will be at the heart of its go-to-market strategy and represent its differentiated portfolio of services and products that supercharge digital transformation for enterprises at scale. As the company nears the \$12 billion revenue mark, Roshni Nadar Malhotra, Chairman, HCLTech described the announcement as an evolution for HCLTech to embrace a distinct global brand identity while retaining connectivity with HCL Group. "For HCLTech, Supercharging Progress is about accelerating the digital transformation for our clients everyday as well as the ethos of the organization to advance the aspirations of our people, contribute to a sustainable planet and uplift local communities across our global footprint." C Vijayakumar, CEO & Managing Director, HCLTech said, "Today, we are proud to share our purpose statement - to bring together the best of technology and our people to supercharge progress. Our purpose accelerates our journey to be the digital partner of choice for global enterprises through differentiated

services and products and being an employer of choice for top talent. It also underscores our responsibility to continue contributing toward inclusive growth of communities where we operate and a sustainable planet for the generations to come." Elaborating on the rationale of the new brand positioning, C Vijayakumar added, "Supercharging Progress captures the essence of what we do today and our aspiration of what we want to do more of - at scale, at speed, for our clients, for our people, communities and planet." The company also launched its new employee value proposition (EVP) - 'Find Your Spark'. Built on the broad tenets of opportunity, respect, and trusted employment,



HCLTech's EVP emphasizes its commitment to help both current and prospective employees maximize their career potential and ambitions. The company has also expanded its global CSR partnerships and volunteer-led initiatives to supercharge its efforts across core pillars of education and employment, health, wellbeing and basic needs, and environment. "Today marks a major milestone in HCLTech's exciting journey as we carve out a distinct brand identity and

purpose that will power us - at speed - on this next chapter of our journey," said Jill Kouri, Chief Marketing Officer, HCLTech. "With such a rich heritage, world-class delivery and emphasis on client service, we will always embody a spirit of flexibility and commitment to being a true partner, in the trenches with our clients every step of the way." HCLTech worked with award-winning agency SomeOne to help create its new brand positioning and identity.

LIC to launch of LICMF Multicap Fund

Delhi, October 02 : LIC Mutual Fund today announced the launch of LICMF Multicap Fund ("LICMF Multicap"), an open-ended equity scheme, which would invest across all market capitalization categories. LICMF Multicap Fund would invest a minimum of 25 per cent each in Large, Mid and Small Cap stocks, with the balance of 25 per cent providing flexibility to the fund manager to invest across market capitalization, at his discretion following a disciplined approach. The New Fund Offer (NFO)

opens on Thursday, October 6, 2022, and would close on Thursday, October 20, 2022. The scheme would reopen for ongoing subscription



from Wednesday, November 2, 2022. LICMF Multicap Fund will embed focused allocation of stocks with all the three market caps -- Large, Mid and Small -- thereby always offering a disciplined diversification. The key

differentiator for LICMF Multicap Fund would be its in-house developed Macro Based Valuation Check (MVC), adjusting the allocation of chosen stocks within the portfolio, in line with the evolving macro variables by taking into consideration - equity risk premium, interest rates and earnings growth. The unique investment framework would calculate the adjusted market valuations by taking macro cues. It entails calculating lower-end and higher-end PE and arriving at an optimum portfolio-level PEG Band.

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Hackers Target Official Twitter

restored it, we would like to keep our followers informed to restrain themselves from following tweets from this account until we are confirmed of its complete official restoration," read a statement.

CM pays tribute to Mahatma

sound show at Gandhi Mandap under the Guwahati Smart City Project was inaugurated yesterday. The Chief Minister informed that the light and sound show at Gandhi Mandap is the first holographic projection show in Assam. The holographic projection show, Purbha Prabha, has been launched in Assamese but will be screened in other languages including Hindi and English in future. Chief Minister appreciated the efforts of Tricolour India for making this show a grand success. The Chief Minister said that the show, which is reflected on the Brahmaputra, highlights several important chapters of the glorious history of Assam. Starting from Bhagadatta, to the arrival of Sukafa and subsequent history, the contribution of Mahapurush Srimanta Sankardeva, the heroism of Lachit Barphukan, the sacrifice of Maniram Dewan, the show is an attempt to portray the role of Assam in the freedom movement. He also said that the show will surely make a significant contribution in highlighting the role of Assam in the freedom movement. He further said that the Assam Government has taken steps to make the Gandhi Mandap at Sharanian Hills an attractive tourist spot and a symbol of pride of Assam. The Chief Minister said that the museum of the mandap has been reconstructed and made more informative under the initiatives of Guwahati Smart City Limited (GSCL) and the Public Works Department. He said the GSCL has implemented these projects in the first phase and several other projects are underway in the second phase, he said adding that many arrangements will be made for visitors including view points, parking etc. in the coming days. He also informed that development of the Gita Mandir has started under the GSCL and will be completed within a year. The Chief Minister said that arrangements have been made for procurement of 100 CNG buses and 200 electric buses for the city under the GSCL. Moreover, tenders are invited for the development of Brahmaputra river front, he said. Urban Development Minister Ashok Singhal, MP Queen Oja, GMDA Chairman Narayan Deka, Guwahati Municipal Corporation Mayor Mrigen Sharanian, Kamrup (M) Deputy Commissioner Pallav Gopal Jha and many other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

Kaziranga National Park opens

of the world's great one-horned rhinoceroses, is a World Heritage Site. According to the census held in March 2018 which was jointly conducted by the Forest Department of the Government of Assam and some recognized wildlife NGOs, the rhino population in Kaziranga National Park is 2,413. It comprises 1,641 adult rhinos (642 males, 793 females, 206 unsexed); 387 sub-adults (116 males, 149 females, 122 unsexed); and 385 calves. In 2015, the rhino population stood at 2401. Kaziranga National Park was declared a Tiger Reserve in 2006. The park is home to large breeding populations of elephants, wild water buffalo, and swamp deer. Kaziranga is recognized as an Important Bird Area by BirdLife International for conservation of avifaunal species. When compared with other protected areas in India, Kaziranga has achieved notable success in wildlife conservation. Located on the edge of the Eastern Himalaya biodiversity hotspot, the park combines high species diversity and visibility. Kaziranga is a vast expanse of tall elephant grass, marshland, and dense tropical moist broadleaf forests, criss-crossed by four major rivers, including the Brahmaputra, and the park includes numerous small bodies of water. Kaziranga has been the theme of several books, songs, and documentaries. The park celebrated its centennial in 2005 after its establishment in 1905 as a reserve forest. In 2017, Kaziranga came under severe criticism after a BBC News documentary revealed a hardliner strategy to conservation, reporting the killing of 20 people a year in the name of rhino conservation. As a consequence of this reporting, BBC News was banned from filming in protected areas in India for 5 years. While several news reports claimed that BBC had apologized for the documentary, the BBC stood by its report, with its Director General, Tony Hall, writing in a letter to Survival International that "the letter 'in no way constitutes an apology for our journalism. As a response to the report, researchers in India have provided more nuanced understanding of the matter, calling out BBC for the carelessness of its journalism, but also pointing to the problems of conservation in Kaziranga[8] and questioning whether shoot-at-sight has been a useful conservation strategy at all.

Scientists Discover Massive

the deep mantle -- sometimes stop directly below the transition zone. The movement of mass in the opposite direction also comes to standstill. Brenker says, "Subducting plates often have difficulty in breaking through the entire transition zone. So there is a whole graveyard of such plates in this zone underneath Europe." However, until now it was not known what the long-term effects of "sucking" material into the transition zone were on its geochemical composition and whether larger quantities of water existed there. Brenker explains: "The subducting slabs also carry deep-sea sediments piggyback into the Earth's interior. These sediments can hold large quantities of water and CO₂. But until now it was unclear just how much enters the transition zone in the form of more stable, hydrous minerals and carbonates -- and it was therefore also unclear whether large quantities of water really are stored there." The prevailing conditions would certainly be conducive to that. The dense minerals wadsleyite and ringwoodite can (unlike the olivine at lesser depths) store large quantities of water -- in fact so large that the transition zone would theoretically be able to absorb six times the amount of water in our oceans. "So we knew that the boundary layer has an enormous capacity for storing water," Brenker says. "However, we didn't know whether it actually did so." An international study in which the Frankfurt geoscientist was involved has now supplied the answer. The research team analysed a diamond from Botswana, Africa. It was formed at a depth of 660 kilometres, right at the interface between the transition zone and the lower mantle, where ringwoodite is the prevailing mineral. Diamonds from this region are very rare, even among the rare diamonds of super-deep origin, which account for only one per cent of diamonds. The analyses revealed that the stone contains numerous ringwoodite inclusions -- which exhibit a high water content. Furthermore, the research group was able to determine the chemical composition of the stone. It was almost exactly the same as that of virtually every fragment of mantle rock found in basalts anywhere in the world. This showed that the diamond definitely came from a normal piece of the Earth's mantle. "In this study, we have demonstrated that the transition zone is not a dry sponge, but holds considerable quantities of water," Brenker says, adding: "This also brings us one step closer to Jules Verne's idea of an ocean inside the Earth." The difference is that there is no ocean down there, but hydrous rock which, according to Brenker, would neither feel wet nor drip water.

FIR Against Assam Cong General Secretary For Molesting Colleague

Guwahati, October 02 : An FIR has been lodged against Assam Congress General Secretary Apurba Kumar Bhattacharjee after a woman party colleague accused him of molesting her, sources said on Saturday. In the police complaint lodged in Guwahati's Bhangagarh police station on Thursday, the woman party worker accused him of touching her inappropriately near his room inside the premises of Rajib Bhawan in Guwahati in May. "I was shocked for a while, but, later, I moved aside and informed about the incident to my fellow members of the party. I was going through a very scary mental trauma since then. In the month of June 2022, I tendered my resignation to the party. I hope that police will take appropriate action against Bhattacharjee," the complaint read. Following the police complaint, Assam state Congress president Bhupen Borah formed a three-member committee to look into the matter. Borah has instructed the committee to submit the report within 10 days of a stipulated time. Meanwhile, Bhattacharjee has denied the allegation and termed it "baseless".



Sivasagar- Devotees give sacrifice at the Devi Dol on Sunday

World Senior Citizens Day observed at Kaliabor

Assam Rising, Kaliabor, October 2: At the initiative of Kaliabor Senior Citizens' in collaboration with the local people of Uluwani village, World Senior Citizens Day was celebrated with a day-long programme on Saturday at Kasturba Ashram Government School in Uluwani, Kaliabor. An open meeting was held in the afternoon where local eminent artists Bhumi Deka and Munindra Sarkar were specially felicitated at the meeting presided over by Dikbir Karki. Sub-Divisional Officer Pabitra Kumar Das was the chief guest on the occasion and Dr. Harlal Biswas as the special guest. Anup Dhar, Branch Manager, Kaliabor, State Bank of India, also attended as an invited guest. In the meeting Senior citizens Pushpalata Saikia, Nagen Sharma, Pushpakant Khanikar, Dharendra Kumar Hazarika were welcomed with a phulam gamosa.

Tharoor 'open to public debate' with Kharge, gets backing from his proposer

New Delhi, October 2: As Lok Sabha MP Shashi Tharoor on Sunday said he would be open to the idea of a public debate with Congress veteran Mallikarjun Kharge for the AICC president's post, party member Salman Anees Soz said such a debate would help Congress delegates "get a sense of the vision and plans of these leaders". Kharge and Tharoor will contest for the Congress's chief post after former Jharkhand minister KN Tripathi's nomination was rejected on Saturday. Soz, who is among those who have signed as proposers for Tharoor's bid for Congress president election, tweeted, #TharoorElectionUpdate : Dr. @ShashiTharoor is open to a public debate with @kharge ji, should both sides agree. A public debate would attract a lot of attention for @INCIndia and would help Congress delegates and the public get a sense of the vision & plans of these leaders. "In an interview with news agency PTI, Tharoor said he would be "open to the idea" when asked if he would want a public debate between the party's presidential candidates, as is seen in the recent British Conservative Party leadership race. "There are no ideological differences among us; rather, it is a question of how we propose to go about achieving the objectives we already agree upon," Tharoor said. According to the Thiruvananthapuram MP, between the last date for submission of nominations and the date for polls, there are roughly two-and-a-half weeks and it would be, therefore, practically and logistically difficult to reach out to all the 9,000-odd delegates who are eligible to vote in these elections. "In that sense, a platform where candidates can exchange their ideas and vision for the party in a constructive manner would potentially facilitate the transmission of these perspectives to more of the delegates than we can reach," At the same time, such an exchange of ideas would certainly garner much interest from non-voting sections as well, be it other Congress workers, the media and even the general Indian public, he said. Meanwhile, Kharge announced his "official start" to the election campaign on Sunday. "The day I filed my nomination, I submitted resignation from my post, aligning with the 'One Person One Post' decision of the party taken in Udaipur. I officially begin my campaign for the post of Congress party president today," Kharge said while addressing a press conference with other three Congress leaders Gourav Vallabh, Deepender S Hooda and Syed Naseer Hussain. Kharge tendered his resignation as the Leader of Opposition (LoP) in the Rajya Sabha on Saturday as he filed nomination papers to contest the post of president of his party a day before.

'We embarked on battle with the very ideology that killed Mahatma Gandhi': Rahul Gandhi

New Delhi, October 2: Congress MP Rahul Gandhi on Sunday paid tributes to Mahatma Gandhi on his 153rd birth anniversary and said while it is convenient for those in power to appropriate the legacy of the "Father of the Nation", it is difficult to walk in his footsteps. Rahul Gandhi also said amid the politics of violence and lies, the Congress's ongoing 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' will spread a message of "ahimsa and 'swaraj'". Rahul Gandhi visited a Khadi Gramodyoga Kendra in Karnataka's Badanavali where Mahatma Gandhi had visited in 1927. "We remember and pay our respects to that great son of India. Our remembering is made more poignant by the fact that we are on the 25th day of the Bharat Jodo Yatra, a padyatra in which we are walking his path of ahimsa, unity, equality and justice," the former Congress leader said in a statement. "Just as Gandhiji fought the British Raj, we ... (have) embarked on a battle with the very ideology that killed Gandhi. This ideology has delivered inequality, divisiveness and the erosion of our hard-won freedoms in the past eight years. Against this politics of himsa (violence) and 'asatya' (lies), the Bharat Jodo Yatra will spread the message of Ahimsa and Swaraj from Kanyakumari to Kashmir," he added. The former Congress president said the ideology that killed Gandhi has delivered inequality, divisiveness and erosion of hard-won freedoms in the last eight years. Rahul Gandhi said the Congress's yatra is the quiet and determined voice of the Indian people against the politics of fear, hatred and division. Earlier in the day, Rahul Gandhi offered a floral tribute to the Gandhi statue at Khadi Gramodyog followed by a prayer meeting. "With Gandhi 'topi' on his head, Babu's values in his heart and intention to unite India, Rahul Gandhi along with other participants of Bharat Jodo Yatra visited Khadi Village Industries at Badanavali in memory of Babu on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti," tweeted Congress. Gandhi also met women weavers and talked about their experiences and challenges at work. He undertook a tree plantation by Bharat Yatri Khadi Garmodyog, Badanavali.

RSS general secretary Dattatreya Hosabale raises alert on poverty, joblessness, inequality

New Delhi, October 2: The RSS on Sunday flagged issues of poverty, unemployment and rising inequality in the country and batted for creating a robust environment for entrepreneurship so that job seekers become job providers. "The poverty in the country is standing like a demon in front of us. It is important that we slay this demon. That 20 crore people are still below poverty line is a figure that should make us very sad. As many as 23 crore people have less than Rs 375 income per day. There are four crore unemployed people in the country. The labour force survey says we have an unemployment rate of 7.6%," RSS general secretary Dattatreya Hosabale said during a webinar organised by RSS-affiliate Swadeshi Jagran Manch as part of its Swawalambi Bharat Abhiyan. Hosabale said that another major issue was the rising economic inequality. "One figure says that India is among the top six economies of the world. But is this a good situation? Top 1 per cent of India's population has one-fifth (20%) of the nation's income. At the same time, 50% of the country's population has only 13% of the country's income," Hosabale said. The statements come at a time when Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, who is on a Bharat Jodo Yatra, has been raising issues of unemployment, inflation and economic inequality in his interactions. Even otherwise, including in Parliament, Rahul often talks of there being "two Indias", of which one is getting richer by the day and the other is being pushed below the poverty line. Quoting UN observations on poverty and development, Hosabale said: "A large part of the country still does not have access to clean water and nutritious food. Civil strife and the poor level of education are also a reason for poverty. That is why a New Education Policy has been ushered in. Even climate change is a reason for poverty. And at places the inefficiency of the government is a reason for poverty." According to Hosabale, the idea that only urban spaces will have jobs has emptied villages and turned urban lives into hell. "During Covid we learnt that there is a possibility of generating jobs at the rural level according to local needs and using local talent. That is why the Swawalambi Bharat Abhiyan was launched. We don't just need all-India level schemes, but also local schemes. It can be done in the field of agriculture, skill development, marketing etc. We can revive cottage industry. Similarly, in the field of medicine, a lot of Ayurvedic medicines can be manufactured at the local level. We need to find people interested in self-employment and entrepreneurship," Hosabale said. To make this movement successful, some groups need to do research on what can be achieved at the local level, he added. Then it is important to support and rejuvenate local talent which, he said, the nation was losing due to modern economic policies. He said skill training could not be only urban-centric and tech-based. Underlining the need for entrepreneurship, Hosabale said: "If students keep looking at jobs after college... so many jobs just cannot be created. So job seekers need to be encouraged to become job providers. We need to create an environment for entrepreneurship. Society also needs to understand that all work is important and must get equal respect. If a gardener is not getting respect for his work, nobody will want to do that work. We need to change mindsets."

Intelligence dept receives input about threat to Maha CM Eknath Shinde's life; security beefed up

Mumbai, October 2: The State Intelligence Department (SID) evening received specific input about the threat to the life of CM Shinde, the official said. State Intelligence Commissioner Ashutosh Dumbre confirmed the threat. Intelligence dept receives input about threat to Maha CM Eknath Shinde's life; security beefed up. Security of Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde has been beefed up following a specific input about a threat to his life, an official said on Sunday. The State Intelligence Department (SID) on Saturday evening received specific input about the threat to the life of CM Shinde, the official said. State Intelligence Commissioner Ashutosh Dumbre confirmed the threat. "After specific information, we have taken necessary action and have increased the security of the chief minister," Dumbre told PTI without elaborating. Additional security has been provided to the CM, who enjoys a Z Plus category security cover, he said. Security has also been stepped up at Shinde's private residence in Thane and the official residence 'Varsha' in Mumbai, he said. Shinde is scheduled to address his first Dussehra rally at MMRDA grounds in Mumbai on October 5. He became the chief minister in June this year after his rebellion with Shiv Sena MLAs led to the collapse of the Uddhav Thackeray-led government. Notably, Shinde had received a threat letter suspected to have been sent by Naxalites last October when he was the Urban Development Minister and also guardian minister of Gadchiroli district, affected by Naxalism.



Horner threatens legal action as budget cap row overshadows Leclerc pole

Football Australia under pressure to issue lifetime bans for Sydney fans who made Nazi salute

London, October 02 : Charles Leclerc took pole for the Singapore Grand Prix but a furious Max Verstappen saw his hopes of sealing his second title shattered as he managed only eighth on the grid. Their drama in qualifying was completely overshadowed, however, as the row over potential breaches of the Formula One budget cap in 2021 escalated, with Lewis Hamilton insisting the FIA apply the rules rigorously on what he described as an issue that had to be taken seriously. Leclerc delivered a fine lap to secure pole on a drying track after rain under the lights of Marina Bay, beating the Red Bull of Sergio Pérez into second, while Hamilton delivered a superb third for Mercedes. With the track still damp, treacherous and tricky to manage, the leaders took slick tyres for the first time only in Q3. Hamilton, who had to face the stewards for wearing his nose stud during qualifying but was later exonerated having been advised to do so by a doctor to prevent an infection, had been quick throughout the session set the pace on the first hot runs, with a time of 1 minute 53.082 seconds. The cars



stayed on track as the track dried, which proved a pivotal decision for Verstappen. Leclerc led the way on the final runs and Hamilton, pushing hard, could not match him but Verstappen, as the last man racing, was on a lap challenging for pole only to be told to pit. The Dutchman was furious and berated his team over the car radio but they were concerned he would not have enough fuel to provide the mandatory sample to the FIA. A failure to do so would have resulted in him starting at the back of the grid. He can still secure the title on Sunday but it will be some ask from eighth. The main focus in Singapore was firmly off track, however. Earlier it emerged the FIA was investigating the budgets of two teams, believed to be Red Bull and Aston Martin, with Mercedes principal Toto Wolff describing their

alleged overspending last year as an "open secret" in the paddock. The public dispute continued on Saturday yesterday with the Red Bull team principal, Christian Horner, threatening legal action against Mercedes and accusing Wolff of "hugely defamatory, fictitious claims". After qualifying, Hamilton, who could have last season's title retroactively awarded to him should the FIA find against Red Bull and choose extreme sanctions, pointedly called on the FIA president Mohammed ben Sulayem to strictly enforce its rules. "I

have full confidence in Mohammed, in the way he has conducted himself to this point in terms of being strict and being clear with the rules," Hamilton said. "The rules are the rules and those sorts of things can lead to real alterations in terms of our performance, we definitely have to take it seriously." Wolff backed his driver in demanding the sport impose sufficient punishment if the rules have been breached. "All the stakeholders in this sport, all the teams that have complied to the regulations, the FIA, F1, need to make sure that these regulations have teeth," he said. This is a crucial moment for the FIA, Ben Sulaymen's leadership and F1. When the budget cap was imposed it was intended to be the first step in creating a level playing field in the sport, allowing the smaller team to begin the process of closing toward the big three. If the process is

demonstrated to be easily worked around or insufficiently vigorously policed, it will be seen as having failed and the FIA being toothless against the interests of some of the teams it is supposed to police. That said, any breach has yet to be confirmed and the FIA will not comment while it makes its assessment with the conclusions on the teams' cost submissions expected on Wednesday. The governing body has a range of sanctions it could apply, including fines and race bans, right up to points deductions and potentially excluding a team from a championship, either of which could alter the outcome of last season's title race, which was won by Verstappen. The FIA defines two types of breach, "minor" below 5% of the cost cap and a "material" infringement, above 5%, for which the serious penalties could be imposed.

Sydney, October 02 : Football Australia is trawling through video footage of the crowd at Saturday night's Australia Cup final in Sydney after some fans "displayed the Hitler salute". The New South Wales Jewish Board of Deputies has called for Sydney United 58 fans who displayed Nazi symbols and salutes at the match to be given lifetime bans. A record 16,461-strong crowd gathered at CommBank Stadium to watch Macarthur FC beat Sydney United 58 2-0. But the match was overshadowed when some Sydney United supporters booed the pre-match welcome to country and the national anthem, sang fascist songs, displayed symbols associated with the Ustaše and made Hitler salutes visible on camera. The Ustaše was a fascist group that collaborated with the Nazis during the second world war and participated



in war crimes, ethnic cleansing and acts of genocide including the establishment of the Jasenovac concentration camp where Jews, Serbs, Roma, other minority groups and political opponents were murdered. The state Jewish Board of Deputies chief executive, Darren Bark, condemned the display of Nazi symbols and salutes during the game "in the strongest possible terms". "These vile symbols and salutes have no place in modern Australian society," Bark said on Sunday. "They represent the ultimate manifestation of evil - an evil which led to the murder of millions of innocent civilians during WWII, including 6 million Jews and thousands of Australian diggers who lost their lives fighting against the Nazis." Reprehensible conduct such as this causes immense distress to the victims of Nazi crimes and their descendants, whilst undermining our cohesive multicultural society. The fact that the welcome to country and national anthem was also booed last night underlines the contempt these people have for Australia and our diggers. "Football Australia said on Sunday it condemned 'the actions of a small minority of individuals', saying their behaviour was 'not consistent with Football

Australia's values and wider community expectations". "Football Australia took steps during the match to address some isolated behaviours by a small minority of individuals, including facilitating the evictions of eight people," it said in a statement. "Football Australia is today assessing all footage and images available of certain individuals which are of concern to our organisation and the broader Australian football community, including the displaying of the 'Hitler salute'." The governing body said it was "working closely" with CommBank Stadium management and NSW police to determine "strong and swift action on any identified anti-social behaviour which may also be deemed as illegal in the state of NSW". NSW police said it condemned antisocial and offensive behaviour "whether in a public place or at an organised event". "NSW police are aware of the incident and officers from Parramatta... are conducting inquiries," the force said in a statement. "Anyone who wants to report a crime or who has information on the incident is urged to come forward." Former Socceroo Craig Foster described the crowd behaviour as "disgusting" and called for everyone involved to be held to account.

At least 174 dead after crowd crush at Indonesian football match

Jakarta, October 02 : At least 174 people died and hundreds were injured in violence and a crowd crush after an Indonesian league football match, the deputy east Java governor has said. Supporters of the Javanese clubs and longtime rivals Arema and Persebaya Surabaya clashed after Arema were defeated 3-2 at the match in Malang Regency, East Java. Supporters from the losing side invaded the pitch and authorities fired teargas, leading to a crush and cases of suffocation, said East Java's police chief, Nico Afinta. Thirty-four people died in the Kanjuruhan stadium and the rest while in hospital, and hundreds were injured, he said. Two police officers were among the dead. Many people were crushed and suffocated when they ran to one exit, Afinta said. "They went out to one point at the exit, then there was a buildup - in the process of accumulation there was shortness of breath, lack of oxygen." A police spokesperson later put the death toll at 129 in one of the world's deadliest sporting stadium disasters. A hospital director told local TV that one victim was aged five. Indonesia's chief security minister, Mahfud MD, said the number of spectators exceeded the capacity of the Kanjuruhan stadium. He said in an Instagram post on Sunday that 42,000 tickets had been

issued for a stadium that had a capacity to hold 38,000 people. The head of the Malang Regency health office, Wiyanto Wijoyo, said earlier that officials were still collating the numbers of

inside the stadium showed huge amounts of teargas and people clambering over fences. People were carrying injured spectators through the chaos. Video footage circulating on social media

will thoroughly evaluate the organisation of the match and the attendance of supporters. Will we return to banning supporters from attending the matches? That is what we will



injured. Victims "died of chaos, overcrowding, trampling and suffocation", Wiyanto said, adding that the injured were referred to different local hospitals. Fighting reportedly started when the thousands of Arema fans rushed on to the field. Persebaya players immediately left it but several Arema players still on the field were also attacked. Local reports said up to 3,000 spectators had taken to the field, out of a crowd of 40,000. Police said 13 vehicles were damaged, including 10 police cars. Images captured from

showed people shouting obscenities at police, who were holding riot shields. Torched vehicles, including a police truck, littered the streets outside the stadium on Sunday morning. The Indonesian government apologised for the disaster and promised to investigate its circumstances. "We're sorry for this incident... this is a regrettable incident that 'injures' our football at a time when supporters can watch football matches from the stadium," the Indonesian sports and youth minister, Zainudin Amali, told broadcaster Kompas. "We

discuss." Fan violence is an enduring problem in Indonesia, where deep rivalries have previously turned into deadly confrontations. Amid the longstanding rivalry between Persebaya Surabaya and Arema FC, Persebaya Surabaya fans were not allowed to buy tickets for the game due to fears of violence. Mahfud MD said organisers ignored the recommendation of authorities to hold the match in the afternoon instead of the evening. "This sport... often provokes supporters to express emotions suddenly," he said on Instagram.

'Confidence level is not extraordinarily high' at Liverpool, admits Jürgen Klopp

Anfield, October 02 : Jürgen Klopp conceded Liverpool were suffering a crisis of confidence after dropping points for the fifth time in seven Premier League games with a 3-3 draw at home to Brighton. Brighton, under their new manager, Roberto De Zerbi, led 2-0 after 18 minutes at Anfield and could have been four ahead at that stage as Liverpool produced another chaotic defensive display. The hosts produced a stirring comeback to lead 3-2 only for another error, this time from Virgil van Dijk, to allow Leandro Trossard to complete his hat trick. It was the first by a visiting player at Anfield in 13 years. "The confidence level now is not extraordinarily high," the Liverpool manager said. "In difficult moments like this you have to fight so hard that step by step you get momentum and confidence back." "We had confident moments - Bobby for the second goal - but the passing game was not good. We passed balls all over the place, which we can only explain by saying we were not confident in that moment because of how the game started." "We are under pressure, we don't ignore that, we don't increase it every day, but it is there. We want to do much better, have more points, improve in the table and then we are 2-0 down against a really good opponent.

Doctor fired for clearing Tua Tagovailoa to play after concussion check - reports



London, October 02 : An unaffiliated doctor involved in the decision to clear the Miami Dolphins quarterback Tua Tagovailoa after he was evaluated for a concussion during a recent game against Buffalo has been fired, according to an ESPN report on Saturday. ESPN, who cited a National Football League source, said the neurotrauma consultant made "several mistakes" while evaluating Tagovailoa, who seemed to exhibit concussion symptoms after hitting his head on the ground during Sunday's game. According to the report, the source said the NFL Players Association opted to exercise its right to dismiss the doctor as part of an agreement with the league to fire an unaffiliated neurotrauma consultant without agreement from the other party. The Players Association did not immediately respond when asked by Reuters to comment on the ESPN report while an NFL spokesman directed enquiries to the players' union. Tagovailoa was cleared to remain in the game and four days later against the Cincinnati Bengals was taken off the field on a stretcher after he again hit the back of his head on the ground when he was chased down and thrown to turf. The 24-year-old quarterback's arms appeared to seize up almost immediately after the hit on Thursday and he remained on the field for about seven minutes before being taken to hospital where he was diagnosed with a concussion.

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Arteta leads joyful Arsenal resurgence in contrast to Conte's pragmatism

London, October 02 : In the 90th minute, Mikel Arteta finally had to start enjoying himself. Hard work, sacrifice, suffering: most of the time, these are the foundation stones of the Arteta method. You work, you fight, you suffer, and if you're lucky you get to do it all again in five days. Even in the closing stages here, as Arsenal gleefully toyed with Tottenham and the Emirates lapsed into calypso mode, Arteta had lost none of his skittish focus: still urging his team forward, still whirling his arms round and round like a damaged toy. But as Kieran Tierney let fly from distance, almost scoring a spectacular fourth at the death, something in Arteta finally broke. As he turned to his bench, he melted into a broad, shimmering smile. It was the moment he realised - possibly the last man in the stadium to do so - that after 13 long days of waiting and worrying, of running through the permutations of this game over and over again in his mind, everything was going to be fine. When you are operating at Arteta's rarefied level, these moments are vanishingly scarce. The week is consumed by strategy and anxiety; the day itself disappears in a torrent of emotion and adrenaline. By Monday, maybe earlier, the glow of victory has already given way to the next thing. Bodo/Glimt on Thursday, Liverpool next Sunday. Lose those two and you're back in crisis. Sorry, these are just the rules. So these are the moments that need to be cher-



ished. Not as a statement of intent or as a stepping stone to where you want to be, but as a triumph in its own right, a fleeting outbreak of pleasure in a world that seems intent on making you miserable, even a vindication of sorts. And whether they win or do not win, this has perhaps been the greatest achievement of Arteta's Arsenal to date: the ability to grow happiness. There are many differences between Arsenal and Tottenham right now, but perhaps this feels the most basic of them. Do Tottenham genuinely look as though they're having fun? Results have been good. There is a system, a method, a plan, a collective buy-in, five shouting Italians on the bench to enforce order. But with the possible exception of 20 lawless minutes against Leicester, there has been precious little joy to them. You might argue that this is the Antonio Conte way, and he has the medals to back it up. Tottenham finished above Arsenal last season playing a very

similar kind of football, and may yet do it again. But which of these two clubs would you rather be supporting right now? Which side would you rather play in? Whose arm would you rather have draped around your shoulder in the warm aftermath of victory? To an extent this is a matter of personal taste, and certainly the divergence here made for a fascinating clash of styles: Arsenal's high-wire attacking act against Tottenham's high-wire defensive rearguard. You felt, on some level, that this is what Conte's Tottenham want. The claustrophobia, the close contact, the pheromones of danger. They draw in tighter, clench like a fist, and then punch you with it. For a while, it worked. After going an early goal down, Harry Kane's penalty against the run of play felt like the ideal platform for a Tottenham burglary. So what do you do in these moments? You trust the process. You trust that if you create enough pressure, keep taking risks, eventually you get what you came for. And

when you do it feels all the more satisfying, because in a way it is a reward for your faith. Privacy Notice: Newsletters may contain info about charities, online ads, and content funded by outside parties. For more information see our Privacy Policy. We use Google reCaptcha to protect our website and the Google Privacy Policy and Terms of Service apply. And really, this whole project is one giant leap of faith. If Tottenham have taken a sharply pragmatic turn in recent years, Arsenal have spurned it like a treacherous friend. Where might

pragmatism have got this Arsenal team? Pragmatism means you ditch Granit Xhaka a couple of years ago. Pragmatism means you give Nicolas Pépé as many chances as he needs. Pragmatism means you sign an experienced international goalkeeper rather than the guy relegated with Sheffield United. Pragmatism means you approach these games in a spirit of caution. Pragmatism means you sack Arteta after last season's start. In fact, pragmatism means you don't hire Arteta at all. Pragmatism gets you Max Allegri. Which, to be fair, lots of Arsenal fans wanted at the time. There was no guarantee that any of this would go right. There still isn't. But maybe that part doesn't matter just yet. For as autumn sun dappled the pitch and the stands shook with song and Arteta took his curtain call in front of the North Bank, you got the feeling this was a memory that would stick: a moment of grace and communion as precious as any silver pot.

"They Always Play Victim Card"

Ravichandran Ashwin's Take On Deepti Sharma Run-Out Saga

New Delhi, October 02 :

The running out of Charlie Dean by Deepti Sharma at the non-striker's end during the Lord's ODI last week is still being talked about, and fans and pundits are still debating whether this particular mode of dismissal is in 'spirit of cricket'. Ravichandran Ashwin, who had also run-out Jos Buttler during the 2019 Indian Premier League in the same fashion, on Saturday spoke about the entire incident, saying he sees this particular mode of dismissal as "bowlers revolution". Speaking on his YouTube channel, Ashwin spoke about the subject matter in detail, and before directly speaking about the incident, the off-spinner said: "In the beginning, the whole world saw it that way. But now, most of them have started realising that the bowlers didn't commit any crime there. Many of them have started asking why you are asking questions to the innocent instead of asking the person who should be guilty. Only a certain section of the people seems to have a problem with this." "In my opinion, they



always play the victim card. But whenever there is something new happening, there will be some resistance to change by a few people and that is understandable," he added. Further talking about the incident, Ashwin said: "Yes, I am talking about the run-out at the non-striker's end done by Deepti Sharma dismissing Charlie Dean. I have already spoken enough on this subject already. So let me be short and sweet today. Risk vs Reward. Just like how a batter knows when he steps out of the crease against a spinner or a pacer that a wicketkeeper can dismiss them by stumping. Likewise, a non-striker

should also know that he can be dismissed run-out legitimately if they keep stepping out of the crease and taking that extra yard." "We should teach the kids right from when they are young on this. Because in today's world of competitive cricket, I spoke about this during the Ahmedabad Test match when the pitch issue' was brought up on what was a good pitch. I told you do not control the narratives'. Because a certain section of people consciously chooses to instill in others how they should think about a certain thing. They control their narratives. There are many articles on this exact subject. In fact, I see this as a bowler's revolution," he stated.

'I want to make a difference there' Shan Masood ready to lead Yorkshire



Lahore, October 02 : Shan Masood has been keeping one eye on the county scores while in Lahore this past week. In between Pakistan's T20 games against England, he was watching what was going on in Leeds where, on Wednesday, Yorkshire's head coach, Otis Gibson, announced Masood would be club captain next year

after his move from Derbyshire. He is only the second overseas player to be the county's skipper. "It is," he says, "one of the biggest achievements of my career." And he was watching what was happening at Edgbaston where, a day later, his new team were relegated to the Division Two of the championship as a consequence of Warwickshire beating Hampshire. "There's no point dwelling on it," Masood says. "You need to keep moving forward. That's the game." Too often as cricketers we get stuck in the past. We've seen mighty teams fall and we've seen people at ground level go all the way up, so you always have to believe that nothing is permanent. Every day is a new day, and every season is a new challenge. Whether it's Division One or Division Two, I'm personally not bothered. "What I'm bothered about is the direction we head in and the way we play our cricket and then, hopefully, the byproduct of that will be the results." There are, he says, still three trophies to

win. You wonder if Masood realises how hard it is going to be to move on from the past at a club that sometimes seems to be stuck in it. Yorkshire are still reeling from the fallout from the Azeem Rafiq scandal, the rancorous sacking of 16 backroom staff, and the loss of three senior players in David Willey, Tom Kohler-Cadmore and Steve Patterson. But he says he is going into it with his eyes open. "I'm a very straightforward person. I try to gather information off of everyone. David Willey played for Multan, so I spoke to him. He is one of the best guys I've known in cricket. And I had other conversations with people at the club and with people outside the club." Masood, who knows a lot of Yorkshire's players and coaches from the Pakistan Super League, has had "numerous conversations" with Dawid Malan, Harry Brook and Adil Rashid to try to get a sense of what he is taking on. He has decided that "whatever difference I can make is going to be through my cricket. I don't want to get into what's happened there. What's happened has happened." I want to go there and make a differ-

ence as a player and as a person and I hope that when I do, Yorkshire can be known for the kind of cricket they play. I want us to be the team that people want to come and see. "He also had long chats with Andy Flower, his coach and mentor at Multan. When Masood was in two minds about whether to take a break from cricket after his sister died last year, it was Flower who persuaded him to do it. He spoke a lot with Mickey Arthur, too. Arthur, his coach at Derbyshire, hated to lose him after Masood led their averages in all three competitions this year, but he understood why he wanted to move. "It wasn't the easiest of decisions to make, because at Derby I felt at home from day one," Masood says. "But I just felt this was the next step I had to take in this fairly short career we have as sportsmen." Privacy Notice: Newsletters may contain info about charities, online ads, and content funded by outside parties. For more information see our Privacy Policy. We use Google reCaptcha to protect our website and the Google Privacy Policy and Terms of Service apply. He says he had three reasons

for joining Yorkshire. One was the pedigree of the Pakistan players who have played for the club, Younis Khan, Inzamam-ul-Haq and Sarfaraz Ahmed, with whom he is especially close. Another was the chance to play at a Test ground. And third was the opportunity to learn from "batsmen who are dominating world cricket" such as "Joe Root, Jonny Bairstow, Dawid Malan and Harry Brook", although he says he isn't sure "how much they'll be around". They've been telling him all about "the battle of the Roses and things like that." It is going to be challenging, we need to restore the club back to where it has been. I've just been looking at the list of County Championship winners and Yorkshire, historically, were at the top. So we are a team that has the pedigree to do that. "Masood has not spent much time in England and has played only one match at Headingley, but he went to school in Lincolnshire and university in Durham, so he has an idea about English cricket culture and what it will mean to the British Asian community in Yorkshire in particular that the club have appointed a Pakistani captain. "I want to be a role model to everyone," he says. "I want to be known as a good person and a good player. If I do that and it has a good impact on the British-Pakistani community, or the Yorkshire community in general, I will be really happy, because those things matter to me." It's very important to be liked as a person first and foremost, before anything else. And there's a huge onus and responsibility on me to do that. "Masood is a player who relishes taking on new challenges and he is trying to do it again now by showing he can play international T20 cricket. Turning Yorkshire around will be his biggest yet.

Sachin Tendulkar Out For Golden Duck As Kulasekara Sends Off-Stump Flying In Road Safety World Series Final



New Delhi, October 02 : Legendary batter Sachin Tendulkar failed to weave his magic with the bat in the final match of the Road Safety World Series on Saturday. Coming in to open the batting with Naman Ojha for India Legends in Raipur, Tendulkar fell for a first-ball duck off the bowling of former international and Sri Lanka Legends pacer

Nuwan Kulasekara. The right-arm pacer bowled a beautiful delivery on a good length outside off-stump to Tendulkar. The ball swung into Tendulkar and found a big gap between his bat and pad to eventually rattle the stumps. Meanwhile, pacer Kulasekara was extremely happy to see the off-stump of Tendulkar flying. After the wicket of Tendulkar, Suresh Raina also fell cheaply (4 runs off 2 balls) to Kulasekara. However, Naman Ojha dug in his heels at one end and scored an unbeaten century to guide India Legends to 195 for 6 in 20 overs against Sri Lanka Legends in the final match. Earlier, India Legends

were reduced to 19 for 2 in 3 overs. Vinay Kumar, who came in next, added 90 runs with Ojha for the third wicket to take the side to a strong position. Kumar fell for a 21-ball 36 but Ojha continued to fire from one end. He carried his bat with a 108 not out off 71 balls. His innings was laced with 15 fours and 2 sixes. Meanwhile, for Sri Lanka Legends, Kulasekara picked three wickets while Ishan Jayaratne registered one to his name. Vinay Kumar then struck thrice, while Abhimanyu Mithun picked two wickets as India Legends bowled their opponents out for 162 to lift the trophy.

Christophe Soumillon at centre of storm amid calls to stand down on Arc day



Longchamp, October 02 : Christophe Soumillon has declined to offer further comment on the extraordinary incident on Friday when he elbowed his fellow rider, Rossa Ryan, from the saddle during a race at nearby Saint-Cloud. Controversy over Soumillon's continued presence at Longchamp this weekend is unlikely to subside, however, before his ride on Vadeni, the French Derby winner, in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe on Sunday. "I

don't speak any more about this, I said what I have to say," Soumillon said after finishing third on the first of his five rides on Saturday's card, having ignored calls - including one from a co-owner of Malavath, a horse he is due to ride here on Sunday - to stand down from his engagements over the most prestigious weekend of the European season. Soumillon picked up a 60-day ban for Friday's incident, from which Ryan emerged unscathed, but his suspension does not begin for a fortnight and it also emerged on Saturday that

France Galop, the sport's ruling body in the country, may change its rules to ensure that an immediate suspension is an option in future. "From what we saw yesterday we would like to be in a position to impose a ban which starts immediately in those circumstances," said Olivier Delloye, France Galop's chief executive. "It is very hard for people to understand after such an incident that the jockey can keep riding for 14 days." Friday's incident slightly overshadowed the run-in to the Arc, for which runners trained in five countries - Ireland, Britain, France, Germany and Japan - filled the first five places in the betting after Thursday's draw for stall

positions. The cosmopolitan field for the 101st running of European racing's showpiece event is also one of the most closely matched of recent years, with Timeform's ratings suggesting Titleholder, the shortest-priced of four challengers from Japan, is the best horse in the 20-strong field, but by only a whisker. Half the runners are within 5lb of Toru Kurita's colt according to their calculations and only five have 7lb or more to find with him. Twelve months after Torquator Tasso's 80-1 success reduced much of the Longchamp crowd to astonished silence, this year's race has the shape and feel of another with the potential for an upset.