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Body found

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Guwahati, October 06 :

Rescue team recovered a body on Thursday, who went missing when water level rose in Gabharu River during Goddess Durga idol immersion in Assam's Sonitpur district. The deceased has been identified as Lakhiram Koch and his body was found buried under sand. On Wednesday, several people were rescued after they drowned during Goddess Durga idol immersion at Gabharu River in Missamari. After celebrating Durga Puja festival for four days, the people went to bid farewell to Goddess Durga in the immersion and as the water level rose, several people drowned. The locals rushed to the scene and rescued the people who drowned in the river.

Heroin Seized

Assam Rising

Guwahati, October 06 :

Two Assam youths were arrested with large quantity of heroin worth Rs. 6.4 crores in Mizoram on Thursday. According to sources, the two accused, identified as Habibullah and Ansar, were arrested in Myanmar-Mizoram Border in Champhai. The heroin weighing 1.289kg was packed in 100 soap boxes and smuggled under a secret chamber in a luxury car. Earlier, a large amount of illicit drugs were recovered from a journalist's scooter in Abhayapuri. The journalist was employed at a web portal and 14 containers filled with drugs were seized from his possession.

Vande Bharat Express

New Delhi, October 06 :

The newly launched Gandhinagar-Mumbai Vande Bharat Express's engine was damaged after it collided with herd of buffaloes on its track near Vatna Railway Station in Gujarat on Thursday. A railway official said, "There was a turn along the path near Vatna that led to a blind spot area. The train was travelling at a speed of about 100 kmph. The front portion of the train made up of fibre was damaged." The incident took place at 11.15 am and at least four buffaloes were killed.

Justice Dinesh Sharma Appointed Presiding Officer of PFI Tribunal



New Delhi, October 06 :

Delhi High Court Justice Dinesh Kumar Sharma has been appointed as the Presiding Officer of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Tribunal on Thursday in the matter of Popular Front of India (PFI) and its asso-

ciates. The Central Government has appointed the Presiding officer to review the ban on PFI and its alliances following PFI ban for five years after seizing incriminating documents during search

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Chinese threat: Army to ramp up air capabilities with Prachand in Assam's Missamari

Assam Rising

Guwahati, October 06 :

The army has been enhancing its air power to support ground forces recently. The Indian Army is all set to deploy the indigenous Light Combat Helicopter (LCH) Prachand in Assam's Missamari that caters to the forward areas along the Line of Actual Control in Arunachal Pradesh. By the end of this month, the Army will deploy four LCHs in Missamari, sources said. While the Army has already got three of the five LCH that were given a clearance from the Centre along with 10 for the Indian Air Force, they are still in Bengaluru. These will be forward deployed and will start operations with four by the end of this month. The fifth one will also be delivered by November, sources said. One of the three Army Aviation brigades is headquartered in Missamari, the other two being in Leh and Jodhpur. The Missamari Aviation Brigade was raised in



March 2021 to ramp up the Army's air capabilities to support ground forces in the eastern sector in the wake of growing Chinese military infrastructure. With the raising of the brigade and induction of long-distance surveillance drones, radars and night vision capabilities, satellite imagery gives an accurate picture of Chinese activities across the LAC. The deployment of LCH will be in addition to the weaponised Ad-

vanced Light Helicopters (ALH) Dhruva, Rudra the weaponised version of ALH and upgraded Israeli Heron UAVs. The helicopter is potent for anti-tank and other offensive operations to target ground positions and air to air combat. It would be a potent platform to meet the operational requirements of the Indian Air Force and the Indian Army. As per plans, the Army needs another 95 of these helicopters while the IAF's demand is for 65 more. The Army has been en-

hancing its air power to support ground forces recently, since the beginning of the tussle with China in Ladakh. Army Aviation Corps' choppers are being used for reconnaissance, observation, casualty evacuation, essential load drops, combat search and rescue. The agility and manoeuvrability make the LCH an appropriate choice for mountain warfare as it can take off and land with a payload even at 16,000 feet. The IAF inducted the

Army as it's pressed into action for evacuation of injured troops during operations or health emergencies in high altitude areas. The Army Aviation Corps was raised on November 1 in 1986. Not only has the aviation corps played an important role in the past in operations like Kargil, but it has also been at the forefront of carrying out varied tasks during the ongoing India-China standoff in Ladakh. Army Aviation Corps' choppers are being used for reconnaissance, observation, casualty evacuation, essential load drops, combat search and rescue. The agility and manoeuvrability make the LCH an appropriate choice for mountain warfare as it can take off and land with a payload even at 16,000 feet. The IAF inducted the

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India is willing to do whatever it can to facilitate solution to Ukraine crisis: EAM Jaishankar



Auckland, October 06 :

India is willing to do whatever it can to facilitate a solution to the Ukraine crisis,

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said on Thursday, as he highlighted how India pressed Moscow on the safety of the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant in Ukraine when the two countries stepped up fighting near the highly sensitive facility. Jaishankar, who is here on his first visit to New Zealand as the External Affairs Minister, during a lengthy interaction with

Simon Bridges, the CEO of Auckland Business Chamber, said when it comes to Ukraine, it is natural that different countries and different regions would react a little differently. The people will view it from their viewpoint, their immediate interest, historical experiences, their insecurities, he said. "To me, the diversities of the world which are quite evident will

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'After Article 370, It is time to wipe out terrorism from J&K': Amit Shah

Srinagar, October 06 :

Union Minister Amit Shah concluded his three-day trip to Jammu and Kashmir with a high-level crucial security meeting in Srinagar on Wednesday evening. After the meet, Shah said, "After the abrogation of article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir, the time has come that terrorism must be wiped out completely from UT". Amit Shah directed the security top brass to step up anti-terrorist operations to make J&K "terror free". The crucial security review meeting was attended by top security officials including J&K DGP Dilbagh Singh,



ADGP Vijay Kumar, GoC 15 Corps, DG BSF, IG BSF and a team of Home Ministry. As per reliable sources, Amit Shah was given a power point presentation on the progress achieved on the anti-terror and anti-infiltration front.

"The Home Minister hailed the security agencies for their role post Article 370 in tackling terrorism and pre-

venting infiltration," a source, privy to the meeting said. Amit Shah expressed gratitude over the "improved figures" of violence-related incidents that include a drop in killings of security forces personnel and civilians. The Home Minister also expressed his satisfaction over the intelligence-based anti-terror operations and stated that security agencies must step up the operations to wipe out

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Stockholm, October 06 :

French author Annie Ernaux was awarded this year's Nobel Prize in literature for "the courage and clinical acuity with which she uncovers the roots, estrangements and collective restraints of personal memory," the Swedish Academy said Thursday. Ernaux, 82, started out writing autobiographical novels, but quickly abandoned fiction in favor of memoirs. Her more than 20 books, most of them very short, chronicle events in her life and the lives of those around her. They

present uncompromising portraits of sexual encounters, abortion, illness and the deaths of her parents. Anders Olsson, chairman, Nobel Committee for literature, said Ernaux's work was often "uncompromising and written in plain language, scraped clean." "She has achieved something admirable and enduring," he

presented after the announcement in Stockholm, Sweden. Ernaux describes her style as "flat writing" (ecriture plate), a very objective view of the events she is describing, unshaped by florid description or overwhelming emotions. In the book that made her name, "La Place" (A Man's Place), about her relationship with her father,

she writes: "No lyrical reminiscences, no triumphant displays of irony. This neutral writing style comes to me naturally." Her most critically acclaimed book was "The Years" (Les anneés), published in 2008 and describing herself and wider French society from the end of World War II to the present day. Unlike in previous books, in "The Years," Ernaux writes about herself in the third person, calling her character "she" rather than "I". The book received numerous awards and honors. Last year's prize went to the Tanzanian-born, U.K.-based writer Abdulrazak Gurnah, whose novels explore the impact of migration on individuals

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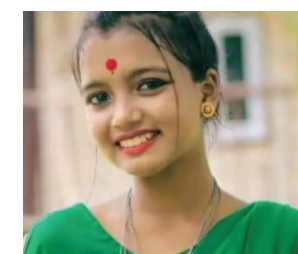
Garmur Civil Hospital superintendent suspended after Tejaswita Baruah's death

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Guwahati, October 06 :

After the death of child artist Tejaswita Baruah due to alleged medical negligence, the health department suspended the Superintendent of Majuli's Garmur Civil Hospital. The Superintendent, Dr Amulya Goswami after a primary

investigation was suspended by the health department. It may be mentioned that 14-year-old Tejaswita Baruah of Majuli suddenly fell ill while performing a song on Wednesday. She was rushed to Civil Hospital but she died at the hospital due to a reported "lack of oxygen cylinders". Following her death, locals have



alleged that there was medical negligence in her

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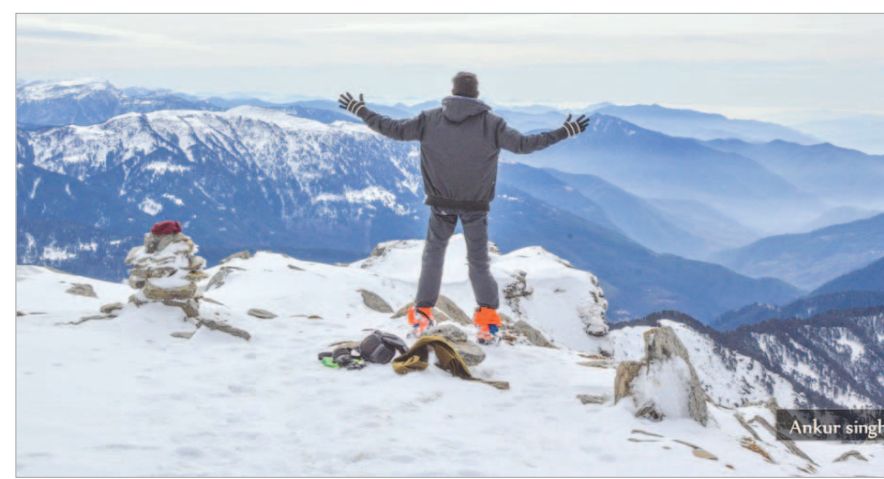
Uttarakhand: Trekking, Mountaineering Banned Amid Bad Weather Predictions

New Delhi, October 06 :

In the view of the safety of the trekking and mountaineering teams in Uttarkashi, district magistrate Abhishek Ruhela on Thursday instructed to keep the activities here closed for the next three days. Ruhela has banned these activities in Uttarkashi from October 6 to October 8. The DM's decision came after the meteorological department

issued an alert for the rain and snowfall here. The India Meteorological Department on Monday predicted "Intense rainfall spell likely to commence over Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh from 05th October for subsequent 2-3 days and heavy rainfall spell over most parts of east and northeast India during next 3-4 days." Recently

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Warning over cough syrups after 66 children die in The Gambia



New Delhi, October 06 : The World Health Organization (WHO) has issued an alert over four cough and cold syrups made by Maiden Pharmaceuticals in India, warning they could be linked to the deaths of 66 children in the Gambia. The UN health agency also cautioned the contaminated medications may have been distributed outside the West African country, with global exposure "possible". WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus told reporters the four cold and cough syrups in question "have been potentially linked with acute kidney injuries and 66 deaths among children". Tedros said WHO was also "conducting further investigation with the company and regulatory authorities in India". According to the medical product alert issued by WHO Wednesday, the four products are Promethazine Oral Solution, Kofexmalin Baby Cough Syrup, Makoff Baby Cough

Syrup and Magrip N Cold Syrup. On Thursday, Gambian authorities began collecting paracetamol and promethazine syrup from rural households in the West Coast Region and Upper River Region. A Gambian health ministry investigation, which began in July and is ongoing, also cited the E. coli bacteria as a possible cause of the acute kidney failure outbreak. "The preliminary results from the ongoing investigation indicate that it is most probably the paracetamol and promethazine syrups that caused the acute kidney injury cases in this outbreak," Abubacarr Jagne, the nephrologist leading the health ministry's investigation, told AFP Wednesday. Health authorities had on 23 September ordered a recall of all medicines containing paracetamol or promethazine syrup. The Gambia experience its severest flooding in years in July, causing sewers and

latrines to overflow. "Since July 2022, there has been an increase in the number of severe kidney disease with high fatality among children mainly following diarrheal diseases," the ministry said in a statement in September. E. coli bacteria were found in the stools of many children, but many had also taken paracetamol syrup, it said. "To date, the stated manufacturer has not provided guarantees to WHO on the safety and quality of these products," the alert said, adding that laboratory analysis of samples of the products "confirms that they contain unacceptable amounts of diethylene glycol and ethylene glycol as contaminants". Those substances are toxic to humans and can be fatal, it said, adding that the toxic effect "can include abdominal pain, vomiting, diarrhoea, inability to pass urine, headache, altered mental state and acute kidney injury which may lead to death". Maiden Pharma declined to comment when approached by Reuters, while calls and messages to the Drugs Controller General of India went unanswered. India's health ministry did not respond to a request for comment. WHO said information received from India's Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation indicated that

the manufacturer had only supplied the contaminated medications to the Gambia. "However, the supply of these products through informal or unregulated markets to other countries in Africa, cannot be ruled out," the UN agency said in an email. "In addition, the manufacturer may have used the same contaminated material in other products and distributed them locally or exported," it warned. "Global exposure is therefore possible." Tedros urged caution, calling on all countries to work to "detect and remove these products from circulation to prevent further harm to patients".



Citizens exercise at the square of the Bell and Drum Towers in Beijing

TV producer Eric Weinberg charged with multiple counts of rape and sexual battery

Washington, October 06 : Eric Weinberg, a veteran television producer and writer who worked on shows including Scrubs and Californication, has been arrested and charged with 18 counts including rape, sexual battery and false imprisonment by violence. The 61-year-old was initially arrested at his Los Angeles home in July and released on \$3.2m bond. On Tuesday, he was arrested again and later released on \$5m bond. "The defendant relied on his Hollywood credentials to

lure young women for photo shoots where he allegedly sexually assaulted them," LA district attorney George Gascón said at a press conference on Wednesday. "Power and influence can corrupt some to hurt others that often leads to a lifetime of trauma for those who are victimised." The 18 charges against Weinberg relate to a

18 charges announced on Wednesday include six counts of sexual penetration by use of force, four counts of oral copulation, three counts of forcible rape, two counts of sexual battery by restraint, one count of assault by means of force likely to cause great bodily injury, one count of

remain in detention without bail but that a judge denied the request. Weinberg is now out of custody ahead of his arraignment on 25 October. "If you're wealthy, you get to bail out. If you're poor, you get to stay in regardless of the seriousness of the offense," said Gascón. "We're hoping that there are other victims out there that will come forward. We know there are many more," he added. In September, more than 20 women spoke to the Hollywood Reporter about their alleged encounters with Weinberg, accusing him of a pattern of predatory behavior and misconduct. Multiple women accused Weinberg of initiating sexual activity without their consent during photo shoots, with some alleging he photographed the acts as they took place. In a statement addressing the allegations in the Hollywood

Reporter's investigation, Weinberg's attorney dismissed the claims as "strategically placed criminal allegations" stemming from "a heavily litigated and acrimonious custody dispute". Weinberg's wife Hilary Bidwell filed for divorce in 2020 after she allegedly discovered inside Weinberg's golf bag a handwritten log of women's names, their routines and locations where they could be found. "These claims have previously been investigated and reviewed by both law enforcement and the LA family court and the results have continued to unveil a myriad of evidence, documentation and expert analysis that wholly undermine the narrative now being promulgated," Weinberg's attorney said in July.



series of sexual assaults that police allege occurred between 2014 and 2019. On Wednesday, prosecutors said "dozens" of women had come forward since news of Weinberg's arrest in July first broke, when he was charged with more counts of sexual assault, dating back to 2012. In the indictment, police allege Weinberg singled out women in their 20s and 30s "in grocery stores, coffee shops and other public places" and would attempt to convince them to participate in a photo shoot. If the women agreed, police said he then allegedly assaulted them during photo shoots organised in his home. The

attempted sexual penetration by use of force, and one count of false imprisonment by violence. Gascón said his office asked that Weinberg

Kidnapped Indian-Origin Family Including Baby Found Dead In Orchard In US

New Delhi, October 06 : Four members of an Indian-origin family in the US, including an eight-month-old girl, who had been missing for days, have been found dead in an orchard in California, news agency PTI has said, quoting reports. Eight-month-old Aroohi Dheri and her parents - 27-year-old Jasleen Kaur and 36-year-old Jasdeep Singh - were kidnapped at a business, a trucking company, from Merced County in Northern California on Monday. The baby's uncle, 39-year-old Amandeep Singh, was also kidnapped, according to Merced County police. Merced County Sheriff Vern Warnke said the bodies of the four were

found on Wednesday evening in an orchard near Indiana Road & Hutchinson Road. According to the police, a farm worker near the orchard found the bodies before contacting the authorities. "There are no words to describe the anger I feel," Sheriff Warnke said during a press conference Wednesday evening. On Wednesday, the police released a video showing the moment the family was kidnapped. The video shows Jasdeep and Amandeep coming out of the business with their hands tied together. A few seconds later, the baby and her mother can be seen

coming out of the building with the kidnapper. All four members of the family were then led into a truck before departing the scene. A day after the family was kidnapped, the police took a suspected kidnapper - 48-year-old Jesus Manuel Salgado - into custody who according to the cops tried to take his own life. Salgado is currently recovering at a hospital. "There's a special place in hell for this guy," Sheriff Warnke said about Salgado.



Doctor claims 55-year-old man may have been alive when sent to Perth morgue

London, October 06 : A palliative care patient may have been alive when he was transferred to a Perth morgue, according to claims being investigated by the coroner's court. The court has confirmed it is investigating the allegations, first reported by Business News, which include claims a doctor was asked to backdate the man's death certificate in an apparent attempt to cover up the incident. "After receiving notification from a doctor at the Rockingham hospital ... of the death of a 55-year-old man, the coroner's court on Monday, 3 October, commenced to investigate whether the death is a reportable death," a spokeswoman said. It is alleged in the Business News report that the patient was still alive when placed in a body bag without a death certificate having been issued on the night of 5 September. A doctor at Rockingham General hospital was asked to certify the death a day later and allegedly discovered fresh blood on the man's hospital gown from a tear to one of his arms. The man's eyes were open, two limbs had shifted position and the body bag was unzipped, according to the



report. "I believe the frank blood from a new skin tear, arm position and eye signs were inconsistent with a person who was post-mortem on arrival at the morgue," the doctor said in a report to the coroner, according to the Business News story. Other staff reportedly confirmed the

man's eyes had been closed and he had been dressed in a clean gown before being moved from a ward to the morgue, prompting the doctor to record the death as having occurred on 6 September. When a funeral director questioned the date on the death certificate, the doctor

was allegedly asked by hospital officials to backdate the death. He refused and is reported to have since quit his post at the hospital. The health minister, Amber-Jade Sanderson, and the South Metropolitan Health Service have been contacted for comment. The opposition health spokeswoman, Libby Mettam, said the allegations were deeply disturbing and warranted a thorough and transparent investigation. Any allegations of serious misconduct should be referred to the Corruption and Crime Commission, she said.

Crisis-hit Haiti braces for new cholera outbreak as gangs hamper relief efforts

Port-au-Prince, October 06 : Engulfed in gang violence and a series of acute humanitarian crises as hospitals are forced to close, Haiti has now been hit by a new outbreak of cholera. At least eight people have died in the past few days, Haiti's public health and population ministry said on Sunday. Thousands died in the last big cholera outbreak in the country in 2010. More cases of the waterborne disease are

likely to be circulating undetected in the gang-run slums, the World Health Organization said. "The situation is evolving rapidly," WHO spokesperson Christian Lindmeier told a UN media briefing in Geneva this week. "It is possible earlier cases have been undetected." The 2010 cholera outbreak, that infected 820,000 people and killed 10,000, lasted until January 2019 when the

country reported its last infection. Just as Haiti was close to being certified cholera-free - which requires no new confirmed cases in three years - the bacterial disease is back. More than 1 million people in the capital are going hungry, water is increasingly scarce and in the last week fuel shortages have forced hospitals to close. All cholera cases confirmed so far have occurred in the slums of Cité Soleil and Carrefour Feuilles - areas controlled by armed gangs. "Access to these areas has been very difficult since the end of July 2022 and the situation in Haiti has worsened over the past three weeks with blockades, fuel shortages, protest marches, looting and general strikes. These factors fuel the humanitarian crisis and hamper response efforts," Lindmeier said. People contract cholera through contaminated food or water, and the collapse of basic services across Haiti has allowed it to return, said Judes Jonathas, who manages NGO Mercy Corps' Haiti programme. Water - for a long time scarce in Haiti's megaslums - has become increasingly precious in recent months. Armed groups will

not let water trucks into areas they control and where water pipes reach, pumps are failing because of fuel shortages. "The structures which should normally respond quickly to this problem are on their knees," Jonathas said. At least 70 patients have been hospitalised in Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) treatment centres with acute diarrhoea, a common cholera symptom, the NGO's deputy head of mission in Haiti, Moha Zemrag, told. The fatality rate for cholera is less than 1% when simple treatments such as rehydration salts can be used, according to WHO. But in Haiti most of the country's hospitals depend on generators run on fuel for power as the electricity grid is prone to outages, and gangs have blockaded the main fuel terminal. Three-quarters of the nation's main hospitals are either reducing their operations or closing their doors, Unicef said on 26 September. "This resurgence of cholera is taking place at a time when Haitian people face enormous difficulties in accessing healthcare," said MSF in a statement on the outbreak.



Tourists pose with corps in Duanzhuang Village of Shijiazhuang, capital of north China's Hebei Province

SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Tender Notice No. GLPSF/05 Date: 01/10/2022

Scaled Tenders affixing non-refundable Court fee stamp of Rs 8.25 (Rupees Eight and Paises twenty five only) are invited from Registered Contractors for the following work to be executed under Divisional Forest Officer, Goalpara Social Forestry Division. Tenders will be received in the office of the undersigned till 3-00 pm on 26/10/2022. If on this date the office remains closed for any unforeseen reason, the tenders will be received on the next working day. Tenders NN ill be opened on the same day i.e., on 26/10/2022 at 3-30 IST in presence of the contractors or their authorised representatives.

Detailed particulars of the works may be seen in the office of the undersigned during office hours in any working day. Tender papers including terms and conditions may be obtained from office of the undersigned on payment of Rs. 500.00 in the form of Banker cheque/ demand draft in favour of Divisional Forest Officer, Goalpara Social Forestry Division

| Package No. | Name of works | Number of Single Plantation to be raised | Location of work | Estimated amount | | |
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| | | | | Creation & 1 st year maintenance | 2 nd year maintenance | 3 rd year maintenance |
| GLPSF-5 | Single tree plantation | 200 At an interval of 20 m (both side) | Agia-Lakhipur Road | 1141600 | 58600 | 58600 |

Note: Earnest money @ 2% of the estimated amount of the work in the form of Banker cheque/ demand draft in favour of Divisional Forest Officer, Goalpara Social Forestry Division is to be deposited alongwith the tender. 50% relaxation of Earnest money i.e., 1% of the estimated amount of the work is applicable for tenderer belonging to SC/ST/OBC/MOBC or other reserve category.

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Saiful Islam promoted

Assam Rising, Bhuragaon, October 5: Saiful Islam of Laharighat in Morigaon district has been appointed as the convener of the state BJP protocol cell. Saiful Islam was the Vice President of the Minority Morcha of the BJP in Morigaon district for the past six years. The Assam State BJP Central Committee has promoted him from district level to state level.

Orientation for NSS program officers held



Social media gossips

Public representatives file memorandum to DC

Assam Rising, Nagaon, October 6: The public representatives under Binakanandi Development Block in Hojai district filed a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner, Hojai recently for taking lawful action against a section of social media users who allegedly shared some derogatory

remarks on the activities of the public representatives as well as the BDO of the block in social media and some other unofficial portals for their vested interests. In the memorandum, the public representatives claimed that by sharing baseless claim as well as remarks in social media, some people in vested

interests allegedly tried to taint the image of the block development officer of the block. Hence they sought a neutral probe in this regard and also urged to take lawful action against those who allegedly involved in such malpractices, a release added. The public representatives under the block

claimed that they people had initiated such malpractices against the BDO as well as other public representatives in social media because BDO as well as other public representatives had not given them any opportunity to be signphoned off the government mo

Assam Rising, Guwahati, October 6: Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE), Guwahati who organized seven Orientation Training Programs from 04 August for NSS Program Officers from different institutions of the North Eastern Region in association with the Regional Directorate of NSS (NER) Guwahati ended successfully on September 28 last. The program was sponsored by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India. A valedictory ceremony was organised at IIE campus after successful completion of the program. Dr. Ranjan Kakoty, Director Students' Welfare Gauhati University and Programme Co-ordinator GU NSS Cell attended the program as chief guest and Dipak Kumar, Director, NSS, NER, Guwahati as guest of honour. Dr. Lalit Sharma,

Director IIE present on the occasion addressed the NSS officers on different aspects of NSS including nation building and their social responsibility. Prasanta Goswami, Associate Faculty member IIE and course director of the programme also spoke on the occasion. Each program covered various topics related to life skills, participatory rural appraisal, understanding youth, process of village adoption, waste management, sanitation, need based skill education and one day field visit to rural areas. Seven batches have completed the training program. Altogether 245 Programme Officers were trained up during the period. After successful completion of this seven days orientation training programme, certificates were distributed to participants.



1 drug dealer arrested in Laharighat

Assam Rising bhuragaon 6 Oct. : The Morigaon and Laharighat Police arrested one drugs dealer from Laharighat Market in Morigaon district. The arrested drug dealer was identified as Ainul Islam of Dhangarati village. The arrested drug dealers were seized with a box of soap containing suspected drugs, a mobile phone and Rs. 2400/- in cash. The arrested drug dealer is being questioned by the police.

Fake notes worth Rs.15 Lakhs recovered in Gossaigaon



Assam Rising, Gossaigaon, October 6 : On the eve of Durga Puja Simultapu Police have successfully recovered fake notes of 500 worth of 15 Lakhs cash from the possession of one Rabibal Limbu from Indian Oil Pump in NH-31(C), Gossaigaon on Saturday. The fake notes which have been recovered by Simultapu police led by Sanjay Kumar Rai, I/c, Simultapu police outpost were being taken from Lakhimpur in Assam to the neighbouring state of Sikkim for the delivery but in vain. Notably, the supplier arrested in the raid disclosed himself as the former employee of the Indian Navy and said that a man named LX of Lakhimpur took Rs.3 lakhs and fifty thousand from him and gave the fake notes. He was detained when he paid the fake notes to the workers after fueling the vehicle. A thorough investigation is started to find out more information.

RPF rescued 05 minors



Assam Rising, Guwahati, October 6: The Railway Protection Force (RPF) of N. F. Railway successfully rescued 05 minor boys from different stations in different drives and checks conducted during September, 27 to 30 over N.

F. Railway. The rescued minors were later, handed over to the respective Childline for their safe custody and further course of action. On September 27, RPF of New Jalpaiguri conducted a routine check in Train no. 15903 (Dibrugarh -

Chandigarh Express) at New Jalpaiguri railway station. During the check, they rescued one run away minor boy from the train. In a drive, conducted on September, 29 against human trafficking, unauthorized hawking, begging etc. at Katihar rail-

way station, RPF of Katihar (East) rescued 02 runaway minor boys. On the same day, RPF of Guwahati conducted drive against human trafficking at Guwahati railway station. During the drive, they rescued one run away minor boy. In another incident on September 30, RPF of Silchar conducted a routine check at Silchar railway station. During the check, they rescued one run away minor boy. Later the minor was handed over to Childline/Tarapur/Silchar for safe custody and further course of action. RPF train escort parties and staff deployed at stations have been alerted and sensitized to be vigilant and on the lookout for suspected persons involved in human trafficking as well as the movement of children in a suspicious manner, travelling alone, without proper guardian etc. "Meri Saheli" has been formed over N. F. Railway and functioning round the clock to make aware women/child passengers about the safety/security and use of Helpline No. 139 in case of any exigency.

National-level seminar held at LTK College

Assam Rising, North Lakhimpur, October 6: A two-day long national-level seminar on women's right was held at Lakhimpur Telahi Kamalabari (LTK) College, North Lakhimpur on September 30 and October 1 last. The seminar was held under the aegis of the Department of Political Science, LTK College and in association with the college's IQAC Cell. Assam Higher Secondary Education Council

(AHSEC) chairman Rukma Gohain Baruah inaugurated the seminar while the Principal of LTK College Dr. Bubul Kumar Saikia gave the welcome address. The key speaker of the event was Dr. Abja Borah Hazarika, assistant profes-

sor of Political Science, Dibrugarh University, and the resource person was Dr. Rashmi Dutta, assistant professor of Political Science, Tinsukia College. In the first technical session held on the first day, 25 seminar papers and, in the

second technical session held on the second day, 15 seminar papers were presented. In both the days, female teachers of local schools and members of SHGs were present in the seminar, besides the professors of LTK College.

Wildlife Week observed at Biswanath

Assam Rising Biswanath Chariali, October 6: To commemorate the 68th Wildlife Week, a bike rally was taken out by the Biswanath Wildlife Division and East Sonitpur Forest Division in collaboration with the Upatyaka and Wild Heart Foundation, local environment friendly NGOs today. The bike rally that started from the divisional office of Biswanath Wildlife proceeded through Kumolia, Koroiani, Sootea and ended at Biswanath covering approximately 40 km of distance. Street meetings were organised at various places including Kumolia, Katarati, Koroiani, Ghiladharimukh to make people aware about wildlife protection

and imparted some training on how to provide safeguard for the wild creatures which enter into the adjoining areas of KNP (Kaziranga National Park) in search for food and shelter by the officials. The bike rally was attended by Kanak Boishya, DFO Biswanath Wildlife Division, Arun Business, DFO, East Sonitpur Forest Division, Soidur Rahman, managing director of Upatyaka, Ranjit Kakoty, president of Biswanath district committee of Wild Heart Foundation beside officials from the forest department and local environment friendly people. It is to be mentioned here that the wildlife week has been observed around the



world between October 2 to 8 every year. The theme

of this year's wildlife week is 'Recovering Key Species For Ecosystem Restoration'.



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The terror support

Every human being liberated from Russia's savage occupation represents a victory for Ukraine. But the continuing liberation of occupied territories is vitally important outside Ukraine too. The ejection of Russian forces sends vital messages to Moscow, Washington and Brussels as well, and Ukraine's advances will have broader impacts that are far more significant than the immediate tactical gains. First, as with the Ukrainian autumn offensive overall, they are a clear demonstration to Kyiv's western backers that the war is not static. Earlier in the year fears of a protracted stalemate were causing hesitation and doubt over whether Ukraine and its supporters could stay the course. Now, Ukraine has removed that doubt by seizing the initiative and maintaining it far longer than most outside observers thought possible. That can only stiffen western resolve to stand firm with Kyiv. In particular it has pulled the rug from under the persistent argument that Ukraine should "make concessions" to end the fighting - concessions that in many cases are indistinguishable from surrender. Second, in Russia itself, the undeniable defeats suffered in Ukraine are presenting Russia's propagandists with an unbridgeable reality gap. Earlier in the conflict Russia's strong grip on the information reaching its subjects meant that war aims could be reinvented at will - and repeatedly were, as Russia failed to meet its stated objectives so had to think up new ones. Now, that grip has slipped, and instead of spinning the facts, the propaganda machine is spinning out of control. When one day Vladimir Putin declares that Russia has "annexed" parts of Ukraine and they will be Russian for ever, and the next day the news is full of Russian forces being driven out of them, even the most Orwellian suspension of reality will be put under strain. Even more, this will erode Russia's international support still further as the farcical nature of Putin's claims has been exposed for all the world to see. Nevertheless while Ukrainian military success is also performance art that will help western backers hold their nerve, it is also a race against time. Russia is likely eventually to overcome the chaos of its initial efforts at mobilisation - and once the newly mobilised troops are finally deployed in some usable form, that will change the nature of the conflict once again. So it's vital for the Ukrainian counteroffensive to continue to make progress faster than Russia's mobilisation can be brought to bear. Ukrainian success is also a balancing act. Some western politicians continue to fear Ukrainian victory, largely because Russia's long-running campaign to persuade people that defeat for Russia will inevitably lead to the use of nuclear weapons has been spectacularly successful. Actual preparations for use of nuclear weapons would be a serious cause for concern. But that isn't happening; according to the US government and other well-informed observers, Russia is not taking the necessary steps to prepare. And yet, after all this time, people are still paying attention to what Putin is saying rather than what his armed forces are doing. Fear of nuclear use, and the idea that Russia has amended its nuclear doctrine to cover a broader range of circumstances, is greatest among analysts - nuclear experts among them - who are new to the Russia problem. In fact, there's a clear divide between them and experienced Russia hands who tend to assign a much lower probability to Putin ordering a nuclear strike. It's not just threats of retaliation by the west that might cause Russia's leadership to hesitate to order a nuclear strike. Russia knows full well that successful nuclear blackmail with or without an actual launch would set in train an appalling process of global nuclear proliferation.

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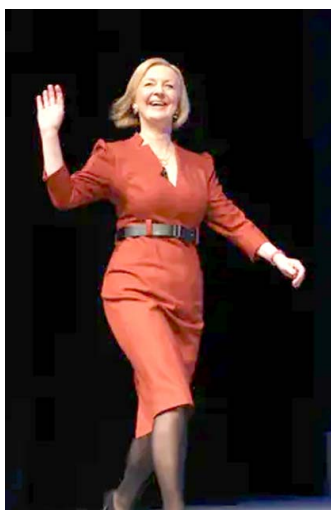
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Spare a thought for your civil servants, trying to cope with Truss's malignant cult



If you're finding the past couple of weeks bewildering, can you imagine what it's like having - in the words of the celebrated civil service Twitter hero of 2020 - to actually work with these truth-twisters? Pity, in particular, the tormented ring-wraiths of His Majesty's Treasury. They will continue to be shackled to their gilded laptops until they come up with a narrative that a rattled prime minister and her brutalised chancellor can use to resolve their dilemma. In other words, to dream up an explanation of their plans that can somehow placate the ravening hyenas of the parliamentary Conservative party, the billionaire non-dom owners of the Daily Mail and the gatekeepers of the global financial markets. Spare a thought, too, for the rest of us who work in other government departments. Only last week civil

servants were, in effect, asked to scrap 5% efficiency savings already agreed in response to the Treasury's panicky demand that departments scour the back of the sofa in search of billions of pounds worth of new "efficiencies" and growth plans. In the meantime, are the nation's civil servants drawing any conclusions about whether Truss will be an even bigger disaster than her predecessor? In a chaotic week during which it also emerged that DWP civil servants, like so many of their clients, are having to switch off their heating and rely on foodbanks to survive the winter, we are drawing conclusions, hard. Because while Boris Johnson's personal untrustworthiness undoubtedly brought the reputation of the office of prime minister to new lows, Truss appears to be trying to go one better by trying to destroy all trust in the machinery of government itself. First as farce, then as tragedy. Consider what she has already put the civil service, the cabinet and her MPs through. First, she allowed Kwasi Kwarteng - on his very first day as chancellor - to defenestrate the widely respected Treasury permanent secretary Tom Scholar at the very moment when an economic tsunami is crashing over the country. We expect senior civil service "disrupter" and suspected Truss loyalist Antonia Romero to be announced as Scholar's successor very soon, despite having zero previous Treasury experience. Right-

o. Second, she didn't bother telling cabinet - let alone parliament - about the plan to scrap the top rate of income tax and is now overseeing an entirely predictable descent into open warfare over the 45p tax U-turn and benefit cuts. Third, she and Kwarteng ignored warnings that unfunded tax cuts would alarm world markets, and deliberately sidelined independent evidence from the Office for Budget Responsibility. The intention was clear: to press ahead, unencumbered by any forecast that might cast any doubt on their plans, a move

greasing the wheels between the two, would then work together to thrash out a plan, one whose mere existence wouldn't terrify world markets. But the hollow and dangerous new orthodoxy the PM is now ramming through the corridors of Whitehall threatens to shatter our model of government. It tolerates no dissent and cannot be argued or reasoned with, to the extent that a senior government official whose pleas for reason had been rebuffed by No 10 spoke for all civil servants when reportedly saying last week that was "like dealing with crack addicts" who were "hooked on the economics". The reaction of the market has been even more brutal. According to former civil service boss Bob Kerslake, that's because actions such as the removal of Tom Scholar represent a shift towards wholly new behaviours, causing the wider world to be "less confident that decisions will be made on the basis of robust advice". Well, quite. The orthodoxy of Truss' praetorian guard is therefore not the kindly "broad church" that the Conservative party once self-identified with. It now presents as a malignant death cult. The judgment of the electorate is probably the only thing that will scare the party straight. The question isn't

whether or not Trussonomics will emerge victorious (it won't because it can't), but how much collateral damage will accumulate in the meantime. Truss's ideological war cry that disruption is the price of success demonstrates perfectly her naively mistaken view that the orthodoxy she wants to replace is some sort of deep-state "declinist" ideology. It really isn't - we are nowhere near that organised! It's simply the accumulated evidence, analysis and wisdom about what works in the real world. At stake now is the delivery of public services, which will continue to disintegrate - growth or no growth - if ministers continue to fetishise ideological loyalty over objectivity and honesty. Government policies have to work in the real world. Not in Downing Street, Narnia, or wherever it was that Kwasi Kwarteng partied with hedge fund managers in the hours after his mini-budget announcement went ballistic: fund managers who reportedly, behind his back, labelled him their "useful idiot". This is why almost every government department has a chief scientist and a chief economist. In fact, the whole Civil Service Code revolves around the idea that reality matters. The brutality and chaos of what is now unfolding at the heart of government is most starkly described by one memorable quote from an unnamed cabinet minister, who said: "It's like Lord of the Flies."

The civil servant

that may cost the country up to £65bn. It wasn't always like this. In hallowed antiquity, back before Truss, Kwarteng, Michael Gove and the other high priests of Brexit got their mitts on the levers of power, the Westminster model of government worked quite well for more than a hundred years. After winning an election, newly minted ministers would hand a well-thumbed copy of their manifesto to a small army of officials, who'd then get stuck into the research, analysis and consultation needed to turn the government's glittering vision into reality. Civil servants and ministers, assisted by special advisers

Six reasons why Bharat Jodo Yatra isn't simply a routine political 'tamasha'

It took a photograph for the public to notice the undercurrent triggered by the Bharat Jodo Yatra. The image of Rahul Gandhi braving a downpour and addressing the public, with thousands of people using plastic chairs for cover, listening to him intently, has done more to capture the message of this yatra than a thousand news items. The yatra may not have gone viral yet, but this image has. This indicates a subtle shift in the public response to this campaign. The Bharat Jodo Yatra had a rather low-key beginning. When we started from Kanyakumari on 7 September, we were met with ignorance, cynicism, and apprehensions. I remember a senior journalist calling to check whether this was indeed a padayatra. No one quite knew what this yatra was all about. "Will these Congress leaders actually walk? Is Rahul Gandhi going to join the yatra occasionally? Or is he actually walking all the way?" "Won't a Congress yatra become a road show at best and tamasha at worst?" I remember visiting some close family friends the day before setting out for the yatra. They were visibly apprehensive. "Yogendra ji, you are risking your reputation. We know you're not joining the Congress, but isn't any association with this party a kiss of death?" they asked. Something has changed

in the first month of the Bharat Jodo Yatra. It would be premature to call it a shift in the national mood. But there is no doubt that the yatra has triggered "something positive", an expression I've heard repeatedly. Here are six reasons why the Bharat Jodo Yatra has turned out to be not just a routine political tamasha. First of all, it's not just a reactive campaign, but something positive and proactive. It's after a very long time that the principle national opposition has proactively initiated something on the ground, that it has attempted to set the agenda, that someone has forced the Bharatiya Janata Party to be reactive. It is not entirely a coincidence that within the first month of the yatra, the Rashtriya Swamasevak Sangh (RSS) has gone out of its way to engage with Muslim intellectuals and articulate concerns about unemployment, poverty, and inequality - just the issues that have been raised during this yatra. As in football, so in politics: Ball possession matters. So much so that even the Congress' troubles in Rajasthan could not derail or erase the positivity of the Bharat Jodo Yatra beyond a couple of days. Second, it's not just any yatra - it is a padayatra. Walking on foot is a political action with deep cultural resonance. A padayatra involves suffering and has a grammar of affirming its convictions.



Whether it is Kanwar Yatra, Amarnath Yatra, Narmada Yatra, or one of the hundreds of social and political yatra India witnesses, a yatra bridges the divide between the

argument. When the sansad is rendered silent, you need to create noise on the sadak. Fourth, it's not just mobilised crowds; this yatra has evoked genuine public response. There is no doubt that a significant and overwhelming proportion of the participants have been mobilised by the Congress party and its leaders, including ticket aspirants. But walking across three states on the Bharat Jodo Yatra, I have witnessed all hues and tones of the rainbow of smiles. It would be hard to decode the mind behind each smile, but it is clear to me that the yatra has generated hope. Beyond those who joined physically to connect with or support the yatra, there is a wider circle of appreciation and support. That is why the BJP's IT cell's multiple attempts to tarnish the yatra have fallen flat. Fifth, it's not just about

secularism. The Bharat Jodo Yatra has spread its message about multiple forms of unity that are needed today and managed to foreground the most pressing issues of the economy. Rahul Gandhi's daily speech is typically about the need for unity across multiple divisions of caste, language, and religion. His critique of the Narendra Modi government brings it up but is never limited to its politics of hate against Muslims. He has consistently, and aggressively, raised the issues of unemployment, inflation, demonetisation, Goods and Services Tax (GST), and general misgovernance. This is one of the few attempts by any mainstream political leader to take on crony capitalism. The yatra is evolving its own message without falling into the traps waiting for it. And finally, it's not just the Congress. The Bharat Jodo Yatra is supported by several people's movements and organisations, public intellectuals as well as prominent citizens who have had little truck with the Congress in the past. (The author has been actively associated with this coordination.) People who do not ordinarily take political positions or are not known to support the Congress party have come out openly this time. This must not be mistaken for an affiliation with the Congress or loyalty to its leadership. This vindicates the spirit of 'Bharat Jodo' and affirms the ethical impulse of this yatra.

Yogendra Yadav

walker and the witness. The virtual public becomes a vicarious participant. Above all, a padayatra is a subterranean form of communication: It speaks by doing. Third, it's not just virtual resistance. It involves feet on the ground, a physical show of strength. Since the legitimacy of the BJP-RSS establishment rests on its claim to public endorsement, therefore, any act of resistance has to be a show of strength on the ground. Since every critic is made to look lonely, an expression of solidarity needs a crowd. Thousands of people marching together on the street is a powerful counter-

Think Priti Patel was bad? Suella Braverman wants to make claiming asylum near-impossible

Suella Braverman has a "dream". And what is it that she dreams of? Yesterday, she let an audience at a Conservative conference fringe event in on one of her great political hopes: a Telegraph front page with a picture of a plane taking off to Rwanda. This, her big dream, is the stuff of many people's nightmares. Later the same day, in her first major speech as home secretary, Braverman thanked Priti Patel for the "foundations" she had laid in toughening the immigration system, invoking the usual spectres of "illegal immigrants", "low-skilled foreign workers" and "mass and rapid migration". But she made it clear that she would go further, with plans to bring in the harshest, most damaging immigration environment yet. Going one further than her predecessor, she committed to deporting anyone who doesn't enter the UK through government-sanctioned routes. To rapturous applause in the conference hall, she waded further

into the culture war and took aim at the ongoing legal challenges to the Rwanda policy, promising human rights legislation will not get in her way. On top of that, she said she would deport anyone who had passed through a "safe" country before arriving here. This was months of moral panic about people crossing the Channel distilled into one speech. With the rightwing press and decades of similar messaging at her back, Braverman has the luxury of not having worry about whether the government's logic is strong or not. But she must surely know how flimsy it is. "Legal" routes are so small in number that a tiny proportion of people get refugee status this way. This leaves most with no other choice than to make life-threateningly perilous journeys in the hope they will get here. "I didn't have any other way to do it,"

28-year old Ali said about crossing the Channel, "while my life was in danger." Much of this plan would breach the United Nations Refugee Convention, which states that how you enter a country and whether it's the first "safe" country you reach shouldn't affect your asylum applications. And so this could be a case of politicians talking big, amping the rhetoric to show they are tough. Regardless, when governments have overpromised in the past and haven't done all they said they would, they have still done untold damage to people's lives. People die trying to get here, children are kept from their families and many are made destitute. Two years ago, 11 Syrians were left in the street in Madrid when the Home Office deported them. It would be a mistake to assume the government will not make all of this much worse. Attacks on people seeking asylum

are so egregious, it is tempting to focus all our energy here. But if this is where outrage begins, it shouldn't be where it ends. Braverman said her "ultimate aspiration" was to reduce "net migration" by only allowing "immigration that grows our economy" - which means the "high-skilled" not the "low-skilled" kind. We already have a good idea of what this means: barring people from moving just because of their qualifications, class or how much money they have, while bringing in people deemed "economically necessary" to exploit them as long as it suits the "British economy". We have heard much of this before, from Boris Johnson and Theresa May and at the Labour conference last week. Nestled in Keir Starmer's roundly celebrated conference speech was one line on all of this, "I will ... control immigration", he said, "using a points-based system." We should pay attention to this overlap, however small it might be.

Maya Goodfellow

BTS: Jin, RM, Suga, Jimin, Jhope, V and Jungkook's enlistment to be decided by December

L'Onon, October 06 : As Jin's date to enlist in the military nears, the fans are getting impatient to know about the government's decision. While the BTS ARMY believes that the BTS members including RM, Jin, Suga, Jimin, Jhope, V aka Kim Taehyung and Jungkook should be exempted from military service, the South Korean government has made a decision yet. However, Minister Park Bo Kyun of the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism (MCST) during the parliamentary audit on October 5 revealed that the decision will be made by December. At the National Assembly's parliamentary inspection of the administration, People Power Party member Lee Yong Ho requested to actively review BTS military service, to which, Minister Park said, "We're comprehensively reviewing the issue by taking a look at different aspects, including the fact that national defense is a sacred duty, military service is a symbol of fairness, BTS have made Korea known as the face of K-Culture and

Tanhaji: The Unsung Warrior & Toolsidas Junior Named Best Film



Mumbai, October 06 : Two of the most loved films by the audience, Tanhaji: The Unsung Warrior - jointly produced by T-Series and Ajay Devgn Films, and Toolsidas Junior - jointly produced by T-Series and Ashutosh Gowariker Films were bestowed with the 68th National Award for the Best Film. Expressing his gratitude, Producer Bhushan Kumar pens a heartfelt note. He says, "We are grateful and truly honoured to be bestowed with the 68th National Award for our films Tanhaji: The Unsung Warrior and Toolsidas Junior, not just to the jury but also to the audience who admired our body of work so much that got us here." Bhushan Kumar added, "We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to Ajay Devgn, Om Raut and Ashutosh Gowariker for



created a huge economic ripple, equality issues between popular artists like BTS and those who practice fine arts, the effect on the group when one of the members enlists in the military, public opinion and opinions of men in their 20s, and more." Jin, the oldest member of BTS, is approaching the age of 30 and according to the Military Service Act, he has to enlist in the military early next year. The other BTS members will have to follow. Minister Park added, "Member Jin's enlistment will be set by December, so the Ministry of Cul-

ture, Sports, and Tourism will finalize our stance as soon as possible." The discussion about BTS members' enlistment in the military has been going on for

two years. Last month, the South Korean Ministry of National Defense finally released an official statement. Minister Lee Jong Seop of the National Defense said,

"To reiterate the position of the ministry of the National Defense, there is no change in the existing position that it is difficult to expand the alternative service system in terms of the fairness of the military service obligations on the BTS military service issue. I think that the most important duty of military service among the four obligations under the Constitution should be implemented in accordance with laws and principles. I hope that the Minister's stern will be upheld." Meanwhile, when BTS Jin was asked about his Military service ahead of the band's Permission To Dance On Stage concert in Las Vegas, he said, "I have talked a lot with the

company about military service. I talked about how I would entrust it to the company as much as possible. I believe what the company has to say is as good as my say." On a related note, BTS is all set to hold 'free in-person' concert on October 15 to support South Korea's bid to host the 2030 World Expo in Busan. Titled 'Yet to Come', the show will be held at Busan Ilgwang special stage at 6 pm KST (9.30 pm IST). ARMY, the fan group of BTS, will also be able to catch the concert online via live streaming on fan community forum Weverse. The group will perform at the global concert as part of their duties as ambassadors of the 'Busan World Expo 2030'.

Tiger Shroff Could've Replaced Tom Holland As Marvel's Spider-Man

Mumbai, October 06 : Tiger Shroff is one of the most loved actors in Bollywood. The action star who enjoys a massive fan following on and official social media was last seen in Heropanti 2, which had emerged as a box office dud. Earlier, taking to his official Instagram the actor had reacted to his film's box office debacle by saying "release kebaad L lag gaye." Time and again, Tiger Shroff has been praised for his action in reel and real life. The Heropanti actor has often expressed his desire to work in Hollywood and has even worked with Jackie Chan. Now in his latest interview, Tiger Shroff revealed that he once auditioned for Marvel's most loved franchise Spider-Man. Yes, you heard that right! He has earlier revealed that he has auditioned for some Hollywood projects one of which was Spider-Man. Speaking to Connet FM Canada, Tiger Shroff revealed that he auditioned for Spider-Man and even told the makers that he could save them a lot of money as most things Spider-Man does he does himself. Tiger Shroff said, "I had auditioned for Spider-Man, I had sent them my tapes, and they were quite impressed. My pitch to them was that I'd save you a lot of money on your VFX because I can do most of what Spider-Man can do. I was quite close to being a part of that." The Baaghi actor also hopes to become a global superstar like Bruce Lee and Jackie Chan. "I've had the privilege



to meet a lot of esteemed people from there, and they seem to be very interested in what I do. Ever since Jackie Chan, there hasn't been a crossover action hero, per se," he told the FM channel. Tiger Shroff may have not acted Spider-Man but was still connected to it as he lent his voice for Spider-Man: Homecoming in 2017 Hindi. Coming back, how many of you knew about Tiger's audition for Spider-Man? Well, we didn't. After its first week in theatres, Chup has collected 10.50 crores* at the box office. The film had fairly decent numbers on the first day when 3.06 crores. While it was attributed to National Cinema Day resulting in good footfalls, post that the niche film couldn't really maintain pace on the same lines. The collections did somewhat hold decently on Saturday and Sunday but then from Monday onwards the numbers couldn't cross the 1 crore mark. The film has done similar business as Khuda Haafiz: Chapter 2 which was a film in a different zone and set up. The Vidyut Jammwal starrer had collected 10.60 crores in its first week and now Chup

has done almost the same. That film had started at 1.30 crores and then had held somewhat decently in the second week too to eventually close at 14.33 crores. It would be interesting to see how does the Sunny Deol and Dulquer Salmaan-led Chup progress since there are also biggies like Vikram Vedha and PS1 which have released and eaten up screen space. That said, while one waits to see what does the overall lifetime of Chup look like, the good thing is that Balki's economical style of filmmaking has resulted in low costs, and hence satellite and OTT rights have taken care of the budget. While for Jayantilal Gada of Pen Movies the film is a plus, the theatrical run has its own charms and given the merits of the film Chup, it should have ideally done the business of 15-20 crores. Estimates. Final numbers are awaited. (All collections as per production and distribution sources.) Note: Box office numbers are based on estimates and various sources. Numbers have not been independently verified by Koimoi.



Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan

Mumbai, October 06 : On the occasion of Dussehra, Salman Khan treated the fans with the first look of his much-awaited film 'Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan'. The film, which also stars Pooja Hegde, has been in the making for some time now, and amping up the festive spirit, the superstar took to his social media handle and shared his look from the film. In the photo, Salman is clad in a black suit and wearing shades. "Woht hakisikabhai, yehhaikisikijaan. KisiKaBhaiKisiKiJaana," he captioned the post. Salman Khan announced his film Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan in August after completing 34 years in the industry. Earlier, the actor unveiled the official title logo of the action entertainer with a short teaser to introduce his character. Like always, one can't miss the Tiger-like walk of Salman Khan, as he is seen riding a Cruiser Motorcycle and walking through the Ladakh Valley. The mountain breeze flowing through his long hair look with the trademark sunglasses adds on to the charisma of the superstar. Sharing the teaser, Salman Khan Productions wrote, "Yehtoh bas shuruathai. Announcing #KisiKaBhaiKisiKiJaana (This is just the beginning)" Over the years, fans have lovingly called Salman Khan as 'bhai' and 'jaan'. So the film appears to be a special dedication to all his fans around the world. Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan is an action-packed entertainer directed by Farhad Samji and features Salman Khan, Pooja Hegde, and Venkatesh in lead with a vast Pan-Indian ensemble cast which will be announced soon. It is produced by Salman Khan Films and promises to have all the elements that one expects of a Salman Khan Film - Action, Comedy, Drama, Romance and Emotions. Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan is slated to release at the end of 2022.

'God on the Balcony' will be released today



Guwahati, October 06 : Assamese Filmmaker Biswajeet Bora's internationally acclaimed movie 'God on the Balcony' to be released on October 7 in theatres. Earlier, the movie was screened in a number of prominent national and international film festivals and widely appreciated by viewers and critics. In the prestigious '13th Bengaluru International Film Festival 2022', the movie won the 'First Best Asian Film 2020' award in the 'Asian Cinema Competition, 2020' section and in the '10th DC South Asian Film Festival, 2022' held in the United States of America, Harish Khanna won the 'Best Actor Award (Jury Mention)' for his extraordinary performance in the film. Moreover, in 2021 Biswajeet Bora won the 'Golden Royal Bengal Tiger Best Director' award for the film in the '26th Kolkata International Film Festival'. 'God on the Balcony' is based on the true story of a

poor man of a remote village who could not save his wife who was seriously injured after the attack of wild elephants in his house. The film reflects some common problems of rural areas such as poor healthcare, lack of quality education, pitiable condition of roads, underprivileged livelihood etc. in an artistic manner of picturization. It is a matter of pride for us that the film has been warmly welcomed by more than 20 national and international film festivals and has been appreciated with 9 awards

till date. The film is produced by Noorul Sultan under the banner of 'Maina Production' and Harish Khanna plays the lead role as 'Khagen'. Other characters are played by Pranami Bora, Porinandhi Jima Sultana, Arun Hazarika, Rajib Kro, Pabitra Baruah, Sunit Bora, Gauri Sankar Bhuyan, Binod Lal Das, Ajay Bharali, Jatin Khanikar, Jyotisman Kashyap, Eva Mahanta, Alok Baruah etc. Moreover, senior advocate Bijon Mahajan, senior actor Dinesh Das and journalist Rajdeep Bailung Baruah have also acted in the film.

Sidharth Malhotra opens up on receiving Rs 7000 as first pay

Mumbai, October 06 : Sidharth Malhotra is one of the most sought-after actors in the industry today. The actor has proved his mettle over the years and has risen to become one of the most bankable actors in showbiz. He made his Bollywood debut with Student of the Year alongside Varun Dhawan and Alia Bhatt, and since then he has never looked back. Post debut, he has appeared in several films and improved with each performance. He has amassed a massive fan base. Recently, the actor opened up about receiving his first pay. He also shared his struggles and journey in showbiz. Speaking to Pinkvilla, the Shershaah actor revealed that he received Rs 7000 as his first payment, which he handed to his mother. He also stated that



he did not have an account at that time. Recalling his struggling days, the actor said, "For me being on that first film, you know getting such massive launch is a big milestone in my life. Now when I look back at 10 years okay great I thought that was the difficult part to get in there. But then I realise the struggles one has to be or go through to sustain themselves. It's a big task to entertain this country and be in this business." The actor further went on to say, "It's like a very

far-fetched dream to stay in New Delhi and believe in a service background household middle-class household to believe that you become an actor and be on the big screen. They used to make on me. My family never used to take me seriously. Because it was not something I was open about it as I was a kid. I wasn't like there. It was only in my late teens I started facing still cameras and all and then that whole thing. People started seeing different aspects." Meanwhile, on the work front, Sidharth will be seen in "Thank God" with Ajay Devgn, Rakul Preet Singh, and Nora Fatehi. The film is set for release on October 24th, 2022. Besides this, the actor will also be seen in Yodha. He is currently shooting for the film.

Comedian Parag Kansara dies of heart attack

Mumbai, October 06 : The Great India Laughter Challenge season 1 contestant Parag Kansara breathed his last on Wednesday. The news of the comedian's demise was shared on Instagram by Ahsaan Qureshi and Sunil Pal, both of whom were Kansara's fellow participants in the 2005 edition of the stand-up comedy show. Pal even broke down while sharing the news of Kansara passing away. He belonged to Vadodra, Gujarat. Some days back, Laughter Challenge participant, famed comedian Raju Srivastava also passed away after he suffered a heart attack and was hospitalised for over a month. Sunil Pal shared the news of Parag Kansara's death on his Instagram

handle. In a video, Pal got emotional as he said, "Hello friends, another shocking and bad news has come out from the world of comedy... Parag Kansara, our Laughter Challenge co-contestant, the sixth companion, is no more in this world. Yes, Parag Kansara who used to do reverse-thinking comedy, used to think about everything in reverse, share with us and tickle our funny bones, he's no more." Talking about the recent deaths, Pal added, "What is this? Has the comic world caught the evil eye? I don't know why the people who make everyone laugh and their families are going through this... One by one, the pillars of comedy are moving away from us (sic)." Late Parag Kansara's fellow Laughter Challenge contes-



tant Ahsaan Qureshi informed the fans that he met the bereaved at the prayer meet of Raju Srivastava recently. He also said that Kansara's last rites were performed on Wednesday evening at his hometown in Vadodra. Qureshi also shared some

images with Kansara on his Instagram handle and wrote, "Om Shanti Another dear friend Comedian Parag Kansara of Vadodra Gujarat left this world. Last meeting was at Raju Bhai's condolence meeting Parag was in top

six of The Great Indian Laughter Challenge season-1. May the soul rest in peace and give strength to the family to bear the loss. The last rites will be performed today at 4 pm in his city, Vadodra (sic)."

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Amit Shah, BJP Chief JP Nadda On

the leaders will address a rally of BJP booth workers at Veterinary College Playground in Khanapara. We expect around 40,000-45,000 booth workers to attend the rally," Mr Kalita said. Though the BJP state unit chief did not mention their other programmes, official sources told PTI that Nadda will leave Assam on Saturday evening. Mr Shah will stay back and attend a series of official meetings on Saturday evening and Sunday morning, scheduled to take place at Assam Administrative Staff College in Guwahati, a source said. On Sunday afternoon, he will visit the Police Training College at Dergaon in Golaghat district to attend the conference of the superintendents of police of the state, another source at Assam Police said. The home minister will depart from Assam on Sunday evening from the Jorhat airport, he added.

French writer Annie Ernaux

and societies. Gurnah was only the sixth Nobel literature laureate born in Africa, and the prize has long faced criticism that it is too focused on European and North American writers. It is also male-dominated, with just 16 women among its 118 laureates. The prizes to Gurnah in 2021 and U.S. poet Louise Glück in 2020 helped the literature prize move on from years of controversy and scandal. In 2018, the award was postponed after sex abuse allegations rocked the Swedish Academy, which names the Nobel literature committee, and sparked an exodus of members. The academy revamped itself but faced more criticism for giving the 2019 literature award to Austria's Peter Handke, who has been called an apologist for Serbian war crimes. A week of Nobel Prize announcements kicked off Monday with Swedish scientist Svante Paabo receiving the award in medicine for unlocking secrets of Neanderthal DNA that provided key insights into our immune system. Three scientists jointly won the prize in physics Tuesday. Frenchman Alain Aspect, American John F. Clauser and Austrian Anton Zeilinger had shown that tiny particles can retain a connection with each other even when separated, a phenomenon known as quantum entanglement, that can be used for specialized computing and to encrypt information. The Nobel Prize in chemistry was awarded Wednesday to Americans Carolyn R. Bertozzi and K. Barry Sharpless, and Danish scientist Morten Meldal for developing a way of "snapping molecules together" that can be used to explore cells, map DNA and design drugs that can target diseases such as cancer more precisely. The 2022 Nobel Peace Prize will be announced on Friday and the economics award on Monday. The prizes carry a cash award of 10 million Swedish kronor (nearly \$900,000) and will be handed out on Dec. 10. The money comes from a bequest left by the prize's creator, Swedish inventor Alfred Nobel, in 1895.

India is willing to do whatever

also naturally lead to a differential response and I would not disrespect the position of other countries as I can see that many of them are coming from their threat perception, their anxiety, their equities in Ukraine," he said. In this situation, Jaishankar said he would see what India can do, "which obviously would be in the Indian interest, but also in the best interest of the world." "When I was in the United Nations, the big concern at that time was the safety of the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant because there was some fighting going on in the very proximity to it." "There was a request to us to press the Russians on that issue which we did. There have been other concerns at various points of time, either different countries have raised with us or the UN has raised with us. I think at this time whatever we can do, we will be willing to do," Jaishankar said. The Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Station in southeastern Ukraine is the largest nuclear power plant in Europe. "If we take up a position and voice our views, I don't think countries would disregard that. And that we were visible in a meeting between my Prime Minister (Narendra Modi) and President (Vladimir) Putin," he said, referring to the meeting between the two top leaders in Asthana on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) on September 16. He also talked about India's aspiration to become a permanent member of the UN Security Council, saying big problems of the day cannot be solved by one, two or even five countries. "And when we look at the reforms, we have an interest in becoming a permanent member of the security council. It is also because we think in different ways and we voice the interests and aspirations of a broad set of countries," he said. He spoke about climate change and the Covid pandemic to highlight the discriminatory policies. "If you travel today, especially to South Africa, there is a very strong sense of anger about how they have been treated during the pandemic. And today that sense of frustration that the world is not listening to, I see in respect of issues like food and fuel," he said. He said there is a feeling that their inability to deal with the daily necessities of life is disregarded by more established or powerful nations around the world. "We have tended to look naturally at Ukraine to some degree as a kind of an East-West issue. I think there is a north-south aspect to the consequences of the Ukraine conflict," he added. "For us when you look at reformed global architecture, we say very clearly that India should be in the reformed security council. But we say equally strongly, that the entire continent of Africa has been excluded, and Latin America has been excluded," he added. Somewhere the system has also to cater not necessarily to the big guns if there has to be a larger legitimacy, Jaishankar added. There is a larger issue here, there is an aspect of fairness and justice. On ties with New Zealand, he said: "Opportunities to work together are far more realistic and practical." "We need to look at each other very objectively, creatively and positively and what are the strengths we should play and try to build a stronger relationship," he said. He said one area of focus in bilateral ties with New Zealand would be business. Jaishankar said stronger business ties do not require to have an FTA (Free Trade Agreement) and gave the example of the European Union, the US and China with which India does not have an FTA. How can we grow our business collaboration is the number one challenge, Jaishankar said. He said other areas of collaboration with New Zealand would be education and digital collaboration, climate, security and well-being of the region. He said the world has seen multiple stress tests since 2019 like COVID, the Afghanistan crisis and now the Ukraine conflict. Together each one of them, one on top of each other, has put the world under difficult circumstances, he said. "It is very important today to recognise that and understand that there are a lot of countries who are looking at the future and deeply worried about their ability to get fuel, food, fertiliser or finances for the people," the minister said. "It is a difficult moment and when times are difficult it is equally important that those who have some capabilities to be part of the solution should step forward and do what they can. Each one of us may not be able to change the world by ourselves but by working together we kind of multiply the abilities," he said. A good example was raised during the COVID-19 pandemic, he said. "We were one of the biggest manufacturers of vaccines and even when we were vaccinating our own people we took a very conscious decision that we would help others and we prioritised countries that we helped that would not have fair access to vaccines," he said. "In this region, we gave vaccines to Fiji and the Solomon Islands," he said. "We need a kind of collaborative neighbourhood watch approach to the region (Indo-Pacific) where those who are comfortable with each other are prepared to work for the betterment of the region," he said. Responding to a question about the existence of a binary view in the world and India's position in that, Jaishankar believed that the binary view is "outdated." "And quite honestly in the defence of the US, they don't hold the binary view anymore. In fact, one of the changes we have seen in the last few years is the US is much more open towards working with countries outside the traditional alliance or treaty relationships," he said. "So, you have mechanisms like the QUAD, which involves some traditional allies of the US but also countries like India, which has historically stayed away from alliances and treaties," he added. "My sense why we should put the binary framework to rest is if you look today at the distribution of power, if you look at the major economies of the world... I would argue that there has been a much flatter distribution of power in the last 30-40 years," he said.

Chinese threat: Army to ramp up air

helicopter in Jodhpur in a ceremony attended by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh. The helicopter manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) is suited to perform roles of Combat Search and Rescue (CSAR), Destruction of Enemy Air Defence (DEAD), Counter Insurgency (CI) operations, take on slow moving aircraft and Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPAs), high altitude bunker busting operations. The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi had approved procurement of 15 Light Combat Helicopters (LCH) at a cost of Rs 3,887 crore along with infrastructure sanctions worth Rs 377 crore in March this year.

Garmur Civil Hospital superintendent

treatment. Some reports also stated that she was attended by an ophthalmologist which led to the negligence. Locals also said that the hospital in the district does not have enough doctors and for this many emergency situations are hard for them to deal with. Many even said that due to the transportation barriers, the locals cannot even move to other districts in times of medical emergencies.

'After Article 370, It is time to wipe

terrorism from J&K soil so that people can real democracy and reap the benefits of peace. The Home Minister stressed that the common man should feel free and live a life without fear while those creating trouble, especially the anti-peace elements including OGWs and supporters should be crushed to the core. Challenges related to social media including "online propaganda" being launched by handlers sitting across were also discussed in the meeting, to which the Home Minister stressed, "adopting a sustained counter mechanism" that includes blocking the pages trying to radicalise youth through online platforms. Sources said that the Home Minister called for steps to be taken out to reach out to youth and enhance sports infrastructure at the district level to keep youth engaged. Shah also hailed the army for protecting the borders and plugging the infiltration. Expressing satisfaction over almost zero infiltration stating that GoI is providing all the latest equipment to the army and BSF to keep a watch on the borders and to detect the infiltration along the LoC and International Borders.

Justice Dinesh Sharma Appointed

operations at the offices of the outfit and residences of its office bearers. The Ministry of Law and Justice notification stated, "Chief Justice of Delhi High Court has nominated Justice Dinesh Kumar Sharma, Judge to be appointed as the Presiding Officer of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Tribunal in the matter of Popular Front of India (PFI) and its associates or affiliates or fronts including Rehab India Foundation (RIF), Campus Front of India (CFI), All India Imams Council (AIC) National Confederation of Human Rights Organization (NCHRO), National Women's Front, Junior Front Empower India Foundation and Rehab Foundation, Kerala for the purpose of adjudicating whether or not there is sufficient cause for declaring these organizations as an Unlawful association." "Earlier, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) declared, "the PFI and its associates or affiliates or fronts as an unlawful association with immediate effect." The ban was also imposed on its fronts including Rehab India Foundation (RIF), Campus Front of India (CFI), All India Imams Council (AIIC), National Confederation of Human Rights Organisation (NCHRO), National Women's Front, Junior Front, Empower India Foundation and Rehab Foundation, Kerala as an "unlawful association." The official Twitter account of Popular Front of India (PFI) was withheld in India by the social media platform "in response to a legal demand", a day after the Centre banned the outfit under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) for "terror links". Notably, more than 100 PFI members were arrested across India in a nationwide raid. The National Investigation Agency (NIA) and Enforcement Directorate (ED) said. "the PFI has been raising and collecting substantial funds from abroad in a well organized and structured manner. PFI was raising funds abroad and their transfer to India through clandestine and illegal channels."

Uttarakhand: Trekking

on Tuesday, a huge avalanche hit nearly 41 mountaineers and trainees of Nehru Institute of Mountaineering (NIM) at Draupadi's Danda-II mountain peak in Uttarkashi. Earlier in the day, a team of experts from Gulmarg in Jammu and Kashmir joined the rescue operation with the team of State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), and Nehru Institute of Mountaineering (NIM). The officials of the Indian Air Force had previously informed that they had deployed two helicopters from Sarsawa and Bareilly for the rescue operation with which several mountaineers were rescued from Base Camp located at about 12,000 ft to Matli helipad. A day after four mountaineers lost their lives in the avalanche in Uttarkashi with several still missing, the survivors narrated their horrific experiences on Wednesday. Deep Thakur, a trainee from Gujarat, who survived the accident while undergoing treatment at the district hospital, said that the avalanche came all of a sudden while he was climbing to Draupadi's Danda Peak for a summit at around 9.45 am, due to which he along with his companions fell into the crevasses about 60 feet deep, where he struggled between death and life for about 3 hours. On Wednesday, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami also conducted an aerial inspection of the rescue and relief operation being carried out to find the mountaineering trainees who were hit by the avalanche and announced financial assistance to the kin of the deceased in the Uttarkashi and Pauri Garhwal tragedies which occurred on Tuesday. "An amount of Rs 2 lakh for deaths, Rs one lakh for serious injuries, and Rs 50,000 for normal injuries will be given to all those affected by these two tragedies," an official informed. Besides the tragic incident of the avalanche in Uttarkashi, CM Dhami announced ex-gratia for the accident which claimed 32 lives and injured more than 20 people after a bus carrying a wedding procession fell into a gorge in the Birokhal area of Dhumakot in Pauri-Garhwal district on Tuesday night.

Rift within TRS? KCR's daughter Kavitha skips national party launch, triggers rumours

Hyderabad, October 06 : The conspicuous absence of Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekar Rao's daughter and senior leader K Kavitha from the grand launch event here to propel TRS on the national stage as Bharat Rashtira Samiti (BRS) has triggered much speculation on whether fissures had appeared in the state's first family. Not only was Kavitha missing from the high-profile event, but her name was also missing from the TRS list of in-charges for the upcoming Munugode bypoll, raising eyebrows yet again. On Wednesday, on the occasion of Dussehra, the TRS unveiled its bid to go national as BRS, a strong personal initiative of the chief minister which saw the support of regional parties like Asaduddin Owaisi's AIMIM and Karnataka-based JD(S). A grand general body meet was held at Telangana Bhavan here where TRS leaders and cadres from every nook and corner of the state arrived in large numbers. What added weight to the conjectures that all was not well in the first family was that Kavitha preferred to stay at her home here celebrating Dussehra. In fact, the TRS leader even posted a picture of herself performing prayers on the occasion. "On this auspicious day of Dussehra, we performed Ayudha Pooja at home," Kavitha said in a tweet. Even though Kavitha's absence was noticed by TRS cadres and rivals, the absence of her name from a list of leaders who were made in-charges for the Munugode bypoll gained as much attention. Chief Minister KCR's son KTR, who is also the state IT and Industries minister, is one of the party's in-charges of the bypoll scheduled for November 3. Several women leaders including ministers, MLAs and MPs like Sabitha Indira Reddy, Satyavathi Rathod, Padma Devender Reddy, Gongidi Sunitha and Deepika Yugender find themselves on the list. However, Kavitha's name is glaringly absent. Significantly, her brother Kalvakuntla Taraka Rama Rao, popularly known as KTR, was also present at the BRS launch. Reporters reached out to Kavitha's office for a comment but received no response to the queries about her absence from TRS general body meet and the BRS launch. Attempts were made to reach out to TRS leaders for the party's version but they also did not comment. Meanwhile, leaders from the rival BJP did raise questions while some on social media also made observations about Kavitha's absence. Telangana Rashtira Samiti President K Chandrasekar Rao on Wednesday launched the Bharat Rashtira Samiti (BRS), the new name of the Telangana Rashtira Samiti (TRS), marking his first step toward becoming a national party ahead of the 2024 elections.



AMTRON official visits Austria

Assam Rising, Guwahati , October 6 : A team headed by Mr. Ramendra Narayan Kalita, MLA, Chairman, AMTRON, comprising of Ritu Baran Sarmah, Vice Chairman, Shyamal Kumar Bhuyan, Manager, Jitu Moni Deka and Biswajit Dey, AMTRON Drone Cell visited September 26 to October 1 different parts of Austria accompanied by Austrian Govt. officials and interacted with various organizations, universities and start ups working in the field of AI/ML, Smart City, Bio-Technology, Automobile, 3D Printing, Smart CNC Machines, Drone Technology, Digital Media, Smart Batteries, Smart Energy, Smart Classes and other Smart Technology useful for Indian subcontinent, AMTRON will help the selected organisation to establish a base in India by providing them a platform at Tech City Guwahati, Assam with all required resources and amenities to enter Asian market and also handhold them in manufacturing and developing their hardware's in Assam through technology transfer agreements. This will indeed not only generate employment as well as opportunities for local people but also bring Assam in the league of major cities having multinational company bases in India. Ramendra Narayan Kalita, MLA, Chairman, AMTRON said "this is one among the many steps which AMTRON has taken to make Assam the eastern hub of multinational companies". With national and multinational organisations already setting up bases in Tech City and with a successfully running AMTRON DRONE SCHOOL which got inaugurated in August by the Minister of Information Technology Keshab Mahanata. The day is not far when Tech City under AMTRON will become eastern India's largest Tech Park with chain of electronics manufacturers generating thousands of jobs and opportunities for the local people.

Three drug dealers arrested in Laharighat



Assam Rising, Bhuragaon, October 6 : Three drug traffickers were arrested in an anti-drug operation conducted by Morigaon and Laharighat police in Amragori of Laharighat Morigaon district on October 2 night. The arrested drug dealers were identified as Abdul Qadir, 40, Mojibur Rahman, 35, and Dildar Hussain, 21, respectively. Police seized two soap boxes containing suspected drugs and two mobile phones from the arrested drug dealers. The drugs weighed 26 grams. The arrested Mojibur Rahman has been in jail in the past in drug-related cases.

Sewer cleaning: LG Saxena directs chief secretary to look into non-payment of Rs 16cr bills by Delhi govt

New Delhi, October 06 : Delhi Lt Governor V K Saxena has directed the chief secretary to look into a complaint about non-payment of bills worth Rs 16 crore by the city government for cleaning of sewer lines maintained by the Delhi Jal Board. The complaint was filed by Dalit Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DICCI), officials at LG office said. No immediate reaction was available from Delhi government or the Delhi Jal Board (DJB) over the issue. The LG has expressed displeasure over "inordinate delay" in the payments and directed the chief secretary to take immediate steps to clear all genuine claims of the Dalit sanitation workers before Diwali. The DJB on February 20, 2019, had signed an agreement with DICCI for implementing a technology-based solution for sewer cleaning to eliminate manual scavenging in Delhi. As per the agreement, 189 contractors from the marginalized community were engaged by DJB for cleaning of the sewer lines, the officials said. These contractors engaged over 1,000 sanitation workers for cleaning of sewers in the DJB areas. The contractors purchased sewer cleaning machines with loan assistance under the 'Stand Up India' scheme, they said. The State Bank of India had extended the term loan up to 90 per cent of the project cost -- Rs 40 lakh for each machine -- and the remaining 10 per cent of the margin money was brought in by the Dalit entrepreneurs.

Niemann v Carlsen chess cheating controversy is 'tragedy' for both sides

London, October 06: The world of chess has lurched further into turmoil and rancour after an investigation found the American teenager Hans Niemann has benefited from "illegal assistance" in more than 100 online games - while four of the world's top 100 grandmasters have also privately confessed to cheating. The 72-page report by Chess.com is the latest twist in a saga that began more than a month ago when world champion Magnus Carlsen withdrew from the \$500,000 Sinquefeld Cup after losing to Niemann, before dropping coy hints that his opponent may have cheated. Since then a cloud of suspicion has hung over the sport, along with increasingly wild theories about cheating using vibrating anal beads. The hashtag #chessdrama, which to many bemused onlookers must sound like an oxymoron, also now regularly trends on social media. Niemann has vigorously denied cheating in over-the-board matches, including against Carlsen. However last month he admitted he had cheated twice in online events, as a 12- and 16-year-old. Yet Chess.com says it has identified 11 occasions, encompassing over 100 matches, where he has cheated. "Notably, Ken Regan, an independent expert in the field of cheat detection in chess, has expressed his belief that Hans cheated during the 2015 and 2017 Titled Tuesdays, as well as numerous matches against other professional players in 2020," it states in its report. Despite highlighting



"a lack of concrete statistical evidence that he cheated in his game with Magnus or in any other over-the-board games", the investigation also questions Niemann's rapid rise up the ranks. "Hans became the fastest rising top player in classical, over-the-board chess in modern recorded history," it points out, calling it "statistically extraordinary". However opinion in the chess world remains sharply divided between those who think Carlsen was right to speak out about an existential threat - and others who believe he was reckless to drop napalm without hard proof of wrongdoing in over the board matches. "Anyone looking for a really clear-cut, good guy versus bad guy narrative here is going to be disappointed," the Scottish grandmaster Jonathan Rowson told the Guardian. "The tragedy here is that both sides are right. People are right to be angry that Hans has cheated online, although I object to the notion that once a cheat, always a cheat. But the other big story here is that

Magnus screwed up a tournament and shocked the chess world over something for which he has absolutely no evidence for: that Niemann cheated against him. The Chess.com investigation only confirms that." Chess.com says its cheat detection software has found that "fewer than 0.14% of players cheat". Yet they also say they have caught "hundreds of titled players" and that four top 100 grandmasters actually confessed to cheating. However Rowson questions why Niemann appears to be singled out by the chess world. "It's not just Hans who has cheated online, but quite a lot of strong players as well. So what you have here, potentially, is a kind of scapegoating process - where Hans takes the full heat of the entire systemic problem." Meanwhile the English chess grandmaster Daniel King offered a similar assessment to Rowson when asked about Carlsen's behaviour. "Carlsen has basically thrown Niemann under the bus and everyone else piled in," said King. "If

he did it before the Sinquefeld Cup, fair enough. But to do it after a defeat makes him look like a sore loser. There was a camera trained on Niemann for the entire game. Carlsen did not play very well. And Niemann did not play perfectly." However Carlsen has received support from several of the world's strongest grandmasters, including the Russian Ian Nepomniachtchi, who is

cited as being a victim of Niemann in the Chess.com report. "I don't believe in some major transformations," Nepomniachtchi said of the American. "I don't believe in metamorphosis." Despite the furore surrounding Niemann, he is not suspended from playing over-the-board chess and was back in action on Wednesday in the first round of the US Chess Championship, winning his opening game against the 15-year-old Christopher Yoo. However shortly before Niemann played his first move the Russian grandmaster Peter Svidler questioned whether the sport was tough enough on cheats. "I'm a bit of a hardliner on this," he said. "I draw very little distinction between cheating live and cheating online. I think the attitude of chess players as a community towards cheating online has been very, very lax and a lot more forgiving than it should be."

Champions League Sevilla sack Lopetegui after Bellingham's brilliance

Paris, October 06: Borussia Dortmund struck three times in the first half to beat their hosts Sevilla 4-1 in Champions League Group G on Wednesday and stay firmly on course for the last 16. Sevilla's manager, Julen Lopetegui, was later sacked with reports in Spain saying the Argentinian Jorge Sampaoli could be his replacement. Raphaël Guerreiro put the German side in front with a powerful strike before the 19-year-old Jude Bellingham angled a shot into the far corner after a superb run into the box, to become the youngest captain to score in a Champions League match. The England international is also the first teenage midfielder to score in three consecutive Champions League games. Karim Adeyemi made it 3-0 on the rebound two minutes from half-time although Sevilla's Youssef En-Nesyri cut the deficit six minutes after the restart before Julian Brandt's glancing header made sure of the points 15 minutes from



time. As Dortmund players celebrated their win, Lopetegui left the pitch waving to fans who were chanting his name. Dortmund, who host Bayern Munich in the Bundesliga on Saturday, are second in the group on six points, three behind the leaders Manchester City. The defending champions, Real Madrid, were forced to ride their luck to extend their 100% start at the top of Group F with a 2-1 win against Shakhtar Donetsk at the Santiago Bernabéu. The hosts looked

poised to coast to victory after Rodrygo fired a long-range opener then Vinicius Junior doubled their advantage with less than half an hour on the clock. But Shakhtar replied through a thunderous volley from Oleksandr Zubkov before the break and the visitors continued to threaten to snatch an equaliser on the counter-attack. A brilliant strike from Lionel Messi was not enough for Paris Saint-Germain to preserve their perfect start in Group H as they were held to a 1-1 draw at Benfica.

British Rowing chief urges World Rowing to change its transgender policy

London, October 06: The chair of British Rowing has urged World Rowing to change its transgender policy "out of concern that there is a threat to hard-fought-for progress in women's sport". Mark Davies urged the sport to follow the lead of swimming's governing body, Fina, which has voted to bar from the female category anyone older than 12 who has undergone male puberty because of the advantage it confers in strength, size, lung capacity and endurance. From next year, transgender women in swimming will have to compete in an "open category". However, most international sports, including rowing, still allow trans women to compete in



the female category if they reduce their testosterone for 12 months. Davies' concern comes amid new research in the British Journal of Sports Medicine, which found that transgender women retain

significant cardiovascular and strength advantages compared to female athletes, even after taking testosterone suppressing hormones for more than a decade. Scientists at the University of São Paulo

found that transgender women had on average a VO2 max that was 20.2% higher and a grip strength that was 18.9% higher than females in a study that looked at the impact of long-term oestrogen therapy, and the prior exposure to testosterone during puberty, on sporting performance. The study was based on a series of tests on 15 transgender women, who had received hormone therapy for an average of 14 years, using treadmills and hand grip tests. Their performance was then compared to 13 cisgender men and 14 cisgender women. Speaking at the World Rowing Congress, Davies said: "At British Rowing, we are about to publish an update to our transgender policy which will bring it in line with World Rowing's. 'World

Rowing is less protective of women's sport than some other international sports federations like Fina, which has adopted a policy of having open and women's categories, where open is for anyone who went through male puberty - recognising limiting testosterone levels fails to counteract the lasting impact of that." Would rowing look at its policy out of concern that there is a threat to hard-fought-for progress in women's sport, and consider following Fina's lead?" Meanwhile, Alun Williams, professor of sport and exercise genomics at Manchester Metropolitan University, said the Brazilian study suggested that transgender women do have an unfair advantage over female athletes. "This new evidence doesn't support the eligibility of transwomen for the female categories of most sports," he said. "The test of cardiovascular fitness looks pretty good and the scientists got people who have lowered their testosterone for years, which is unusual." However, there are better and more informative ways for testing strength in sport - even something as simple as squatting or bench pressing. We could then build on that in the lab in a more sophisticated way."

Fan unsure what to do with Aaron Judge's home-run ball worth \$2m



London, October 06: As he walked through a concourse in the outfield at Globe Life Field, high-fiving with fans and surrounded by a sea of cameras, it was almost as if Cory Youmans had hit a huge home run. Instead, he hit the jackpot. Youmans made the catch of a lifetime on Tuesday night, snagging the ball New York Yankees slugger Aaron Judge launched for his American League-record 62nd homer. The historic souvenir came sailing into the front row of section 31 in left field, a drive Judge hit to lead

off the second game of a day-night doubleheader against the Texas Rangers. Youmans snared it on the fly. Youmans, who is from Dallas, works in finance. Ken Goldin, the executive chairman of Goldin Auctions, told the New York Times he believes Judge's home-run ball would fetch between \$750,000 and \$1.25m if put up for sale. However JP Cohen, the president of memorabilia site Memory Lane, has said he would pay \$2m for the ball and loan it for display at Yankee Stadium. On Wednesday, he said the offer is still on the table. "I feel the offer is way above fair, if he is inclined to sell it," Cohen said in a telephone interview with the AP. The most expensive home-run baseball of all time went for \$3m, including

commission, in 1999. It was the ball that Mark McGwire hit for his then-record 70th home run in 1998. With security personnel around him as he took the ball to be authenticated, Youmans was asked what he planned to do with the prize. "Good question. I haven't thought about it," he said. After the Yankees lost 3-2, Judge said he didn't have possession of the home-run ball. "I don't know where it's at," he said. "We'll see what happens with that. It would be great to get it back, but that's a souvenir for a fan. He made a great catch out there, and they've got every right to it." Soon after a local TV station posted a brief interview with Youmans in a walkway, Bri Amarantus tweeted: "THIS IS MY HUSBAND."

LIV claims breakaway rebels can earn world ranking points in Mena deal

London, October 06: The rebel LIV series believes it has found a way for players to earn official world golf ranking points after forming a "strategic alliance" with the little-known Middle East and North Africa Tour. It now remains to be seen how OWGR officials will respond to LIV's attempt to use such a loophole to protect the standing of its players. The inability for LIV members - such as the Open champion Cameron Smith - to receive any status in the OWGR has been

a hot topic and, for the breakaway tour, a bone of contention. Players wrote an open letter to Peter Dawson, the OWGR's chairman, calling for points to be immediately and retrospectively added. LIV's application for OWGR standing was formally submitted in July and remains under consideration. Now, the Saudi Arabian-backed tour has taken an unexpected approach before this week's tournament, its sixth, in Bangkok. In a statement, the Mena Tour said: "The Mena

Tour today announced a strategic alliance which will result in LIV Golf Invitational events becoming part of and sanctioned by the Mena Tour, a Dubai-based golf tour which has been recognized by the Official World Golf Rankings (OWGR) since 2016." The alliance will boost the Mena Tour's development programs and immediately qualify LIV Golf for OWGR points, starting with the LIV Golf Thailand event at Stonehill this week."

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Lokra Bn. organized friendly Basket ball at Lokra

Assam Rising, Biswanath Chariali, October 6: Lokra Battalion under the aegis of Headquarter 21 Sector Assam Rifles and Headquarter Inspector General Assam Rifles (East) organised Friendly Basket

Ball Match with local youths at Lokra on October 6. Local youth from Nabo Jyoti Club Lokra, and troops from Lokra battalion participated in the friendly match with the aim to promote Fit In-

dia Movement and to encourage the locals to have a healthy lifestyle. The initiative taken by troops of Lokra Battalion was highly appreciated by the local sports bodies and youths of Lokra.

London, October 06 : Shut your eyes and it's not hard to picture the enduring images of Ben Stokes's England career. In Test cricket he's almost certainly leaning back, arms in the air at Headingley, roaring after he's just cut away, cut away for four. In ODIs he's probably decked out in baby/powder blue, arms aloft once again but this time with innocent eyes. Martin Guppitt's throw has deflected off Stokes's bat for the six that no one saw coming. Not long afterwards, Stokes will have the World Cup trophy in his hands. In the shortest form, however, the image is a painful one. It's a night in Kolkata in 2016. Stokes is down on his haunches, eyes bloodshot, hands over his head, Joe Root crouched behind him, trying to comfort his old friend. Four balls have come and gone, each one of them sailing off Carlos Brathwaite's bat for six. West Indies are World T20 champions and Eoin Morgan's band of upstarts are still a while away from turning into the real deal. Six and a half years later, Stokes is back for another shot at the trophy he was an over away from lifting. He missed last year's T20 World Cup while taking a break from the game and since then his devotion has been entirely to the red ball; he hasn't played a T20 match in an

competition since July 2021. After putting on the ODI pyjamas this summer, he quickly called it a day, recognising the toll of trying to play everything in a world that increasingly demands sacrifice. He later opted out of the Hundred and the T20 internationals against South Africa, once more doing his bit for the purists as he focused on the Test revolution. Stokes hasn't become entirely allergic to the white ball. That retirement didn't include T20 cricket and despite his prolonged absence from the format his appearance in England's squad for the World Cup in Australia never seemed in any real doubt, simply because of his standing in the game. But there is a tinge of awkwardness here, reasons to suggest why picking Stokes - and this may be blasphemous - comes with few guarantees. Over the past year, his colleagues and opponents have been travelling from franchise to franchise, from one series to another, building up their prep in a game that mutates every week: there's either another shot to play or new tricks bowling at the death. Stokes will come in from the cold in a warmup series against Australia and be forced to switch on immediately in a format that gives little time to settle: a string of dots to get your eye in could prove costly.



He's got just a handful of matches to play catchup before England's opener against Afghanistan on 22 October. While he's been away, others have come in and looked the part. When Stokes slots in the XI, it'll be at No 4 in place of Ben Duckett, not in England's World Cup squad but their second-highest run-scorer in the series win over Pakistan. Liam Livingstone has made himself a regular during the absence of Stokes (but is in a fitness race of his own), and, as the premier all-rounder Moeen Ali has been immense over the past 12 months. Then there's been the grand arrival of Harry Brook. The 20-over game is not a strong point for Stokes. Yes, that hulking frame promises sixes and one-handed screamers and it did deliver the MVP in the IPL back in 2017. But Stokes, forced to spend most of his time in T20s at No 5 and No 6, has never nailed it there. A cameo at the back-end just doesn't feel right for a leading man - it's like casting George Clooney to play the tech guy, not Danny Ocean. Stokes is at his best when he has a moment to weigh up all the variables - equations swirling around his

head - before launching into his song and dance. His Headingley blitz on the final day came after initially grinding his way to three from 73 balls. His expected move up the order will give him more of an opportunity to do something he's never done in this format for England: hit a half-century. Even here, though, you wonder about some of the implications. If Brook is stationed at No 5, it could mean that one of Moeen or Livingstone is forced down to No 7, which seems a waste. If England opt against a fast-bowling all-rounder at No 7 - Sam Curran has been the main man in that role of late - that forces Stokes to pick up some of the grunt work with the ball. His numbers - an average of 37.73 - aren't glittering. 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. Even after all of that, Stokes should probably still be there. His return makes more sense than it

might have done a few months ago. Back then you had Morgan still running the show, Jason Roy ready to smack them up top and the all-conquering Jonny Bairstow primed to bat at No 4. A resignation, a painful decline in form and a freak golfing accident later, England have lost three World Cup winners. There's room for stardust in this side and Stokes is in as the specialist superhero. In a data-driven game he brings personality and vibes and that matters in moments like this. Australia's approach to T20 looked messy and antiquated during last year's Super 12 when they were pummeled in an eight-wicket loss to England; and yet they rode upon that old Australian tradition - to just go on and win the whole thing - by going on and winning the whole thing. The value of Stokes may not come on a batting paradise, but on a sticky one, when brains begin to fry and someone just needs to stick it out in a chase of 140. If he does that, the image of Stokes the England T20 cricketer - the one from that night at Eden Gardens - can be replaced in the memory by something more joyful.

MAC to organize football training cum workshop U- 17

Assam Rising
Gogamukh, October 6: Keeping in view the needs of football training Missing Autonomous Council Gogamukh is going to chalk out a football workshop cum training U-17 at Rajiv Gandhi Sports Complex, Moharicamp, Gogamukh. Here 120 footballers 20 each from 36 constituencies under MAC will take part in the grand event onwards the day Friday on October 7. Eventually, 120 players will be selected 20 nos players each from 36 constituency and grouped into 6 in the event of MAC super league Competition in the later phase. From special sources we come to know that the residential football camp will be kicked off by Chairmen Missing Autonomous Council Sunil Pegu tomorrow at 12 PM and the programme will also grace

by the CEM MAC Parmananda Chayngia. Respected CEM will deliver a speech in the occasion and provide valuable advices to the trainee about how to secure their goals and ambitions. Speaking to news media Prabhat Basumatary EM Sports and youth welfare MAC that the upcoming season of MAC Super league is different and special than the erstwhile leagues. That, this season only U-17 players can take part in the game instead of 25 years. In the past the primary round or level had set up within the constituency and selected to play in the mandal division but this season will be only occurred centrally whereas the only trainees 20 each of a constituency will be allowed to participate in the upcoming league. Meanwhile, to nurture and groom positive, planned,

best football in this episode MAC has invited a number of specialist from the same field such as renowned & active state level football coach from Manipur Semsang, Assam State Football coach Jugeswar Basumatary and National Athletic trainer Geremsa Daimari. In addition, MAC will provide jersey, shoes shocks & other sports ornaments and amenities along with accomodations etc.

Hillsborough: pathology review set up to assess medical failures of first inquiry

London, October 06 : The Home Office has announced a review of failures in the original medical examinations of people killed at Hillsborough.



of the people who died "had the potential to survive" after the disaster. The inquiries held in 2014-16 included detailed new pathology by consultant doctors

reversible by 3.15pm on the day of the disaster. The pathology review, chaired by the forensic science expert Glenn Taylor, has been set up in response to one of 25 recommendations in a 2017 report by Bishop James Jones. Jones was chair of the Hillsborough Independent Panel, which in 2012 published damning criticisms of the original pathology, and his 2017 report, following the new inquests, was aimed at avoiding any repeat of the injustice suffered by the bereaved families. The original pathology evidence on the deaths of the then 95 people in the lethal crush at the FA Cup semi-final between Liverpool and Nottingham Forest on 15 April 1989 led the coroner at the first inquest, Dr Stefan Popper, to rule that

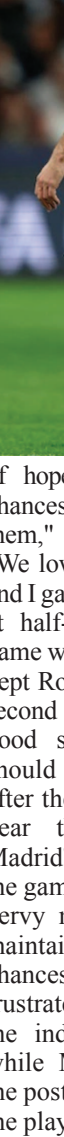
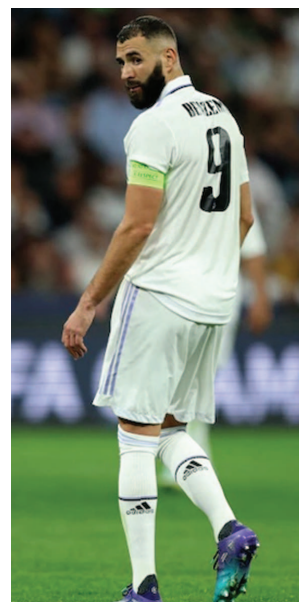
no evidence after 3.15pm would be heard. That meant no inquiry was conducted into the chaotic South Yorkshire police and South Yorkshire metropolitan ambulance service (SYMAS) response to the crush. Bereaved families were incensed at the "3.15 cutoff", and maintained it as a core element of their campaign for justice, which finally led to the original inquest and its 1991 accidental death verdict being quashed 21 years later, in 2012. The Hillsborough Independent Panel stated in its 2012 report that a detailed review of the pathology evidence "casts significant doubt" on the original findings that the victims died very quickly from irreversible injuries. Dr Bill Kirkup, the panel's medical expert, said that 41

who concluded that many of the victims died a considerable time after 3:15pm. The jury found that the then total of 96 people - the Liverpool supporter Tony Bland died of his injuries in 1993 after four years on life support - had been unlawfully killed due to the gross negligence manslaughter of the police officer in command, Cpt Suat David Dudenkoff. The jury also determined that there was a "lack of [police] coordination, communication, command and control" in the response, and that SYMAS officers "failed to ascertain" that a crush was happening, and call a major incident. The new review began in July, with Taylor asked to "take heed of the failures in the pathology ... identified at the final inquests".

Champions League: Real Madrid Take Control In Europe

London, October 06: Real Madrid established a stranglehold at the top of their Champions League group with a 2-1 win over Shakhtar Donetsk on Wednesday, which should have been far more emphatic. Carlo Ancelotti's reigning champions have a 100 percent record in the competition and made light work of their Ukrainian opponents, who had to travel 10 hours to get to Madrid because of the war in their homeland. Rodrygo and Vinicius Junior's goals made the difference but the record 14-time winners were dominant and only profligate finishing -- and fine goalkeeping from Anatoliy Trubin -- stopped them from racking up a big lead. After three games Madrid have a five-point lead on second-placed Shakhtar, with RB Leipzig, third, beating Celtic 3-1 in the other Group F match. "There are days like this, when the ball doesn't want to go in," said Madrid midfielder Toni Kroos. "It was a game we could have won 7-1 or something like that, but in the end it's three points, that's the important thing." The idea is to qualify as soon as possible, we've got all the points we can, it's not possible to do better. We want to win next week too (against Shakhtar) and seal qualification." Karim Benzema led the line again on his second match back after injury and although he was still rusty, it didn't matter on a mostly comfortable

evening. Rodrygo broke the deadlock with a low effort from outside the area, curled home after 13 minutes. He was not punished for a loose first touch as the ball bounced back to him and stroked it past Trubin. Benzema, sniffing around for a goal to ignite his season, fired in a low effort which Trubin parried, as Madrid pinned the visitors back. Vinicius, who left two Shakhtar defenders for dead by scooping the ball through the gap between them and darting through to delight the Santiago Bernabeu, soon added the second. The Brazilian put the finishing touches on an intricate team move, with Benzema feeding Rodrygo, to caress the ball into the bottom corner. Vinicius had another shot cleared off the line by Valeriy Bondar, with Madrid angling for a third to put the game out of sight, while Benzema slashed a volley off-target. The over-worked Trubin denied Vinicius and then Benzema in quick succession as Madrid poured forward, determined to right the wrongs of their draw with Osasuna on Sunday, the first points they have dropped all season in any competition. However they were caught on the counter in the 39th minute, with Shakhtar's first attack of note resulting in a goal. The unmarked Olexsandr Zubkov met Bogdan Mykhaylichenko's cross with an acrobatic finish to give the visitors a glimmer

A full-page photograph of Karim Benzema, a professional footballer, captured from the waist down and slightly from the side. He is wearing a white Real Madrid home kit, featuring the club's crest and the number 9 on the back of his jersey. He is also wearing white shorts, white socks with the Adidas logo, and purple and green football boots. He is walking on a green grass pitch, looking down and slightly to his left. The background is blurred, showing other players and spectators in the stands.

Assam Rising, Biswanath Chariali, October 6: Assam State Womens Football Team (with 7 players from Assam Rifles) is participating in the 36th National Games 2022 being played at Ahmedabad, Gujarat. The second match of the national events was played between Assam and Odisha at Shabbagh, Ahmedabad, Gujarat on October 4. The match ended with scores drawn at 0-0. Assam is placed in Group B, where they will play against Maharashtra on October 6. The team won their first match against Gujarat with a score of 4-2 that was held on October 2. Assam State Womens Team was trained at Lokra during the practice camp held from 20-26 Sep this year, stated a press release issued by the head-quarter IGAE (E). Assam Rifles.

Abby Dow named on bench for England's Rugby World Cup opener

London, October 06 : Abby Dow will cap a remarkable recovery from injury after being named on the bench for England's opening World Cup game against Fiji on Saturday. The Red Roses wing has not played since breaking her right leg in England's Six Nations game against Wales in April. But on Wednesday she was named among the replacements for the tournament opener in Auckland by head coach, Simon Middleton. The captains of the teams at the Women's Rugby World Cup:



Scotlands's Rachel Malcolm, Japan's Saki Minami, Australia's Shannon Parry, Wales's Siwan Lillicrap, France's Gaelle Hermet

, England's Sarah Hunter, New Zealand's Kennedy Simon, Fiji's Sereima Leweniqila, South Africa's Nolusindiso Booi, Kate

Zackary of the USA, Canada's Sophie de Goede and Italy's Elisa GiordanoKabeya's debut completes a notable few weeks for the 20-year-old, who was picked in the squad ahead of experienced back-rowers Vicky Fleetwood and Sarah Beckett. The team will be led by Sarah Hunter, who is chasing Rocky Clark's England cap record, Saracens' Leanne Infante will start at scrum-half with Zoe Harrison and Helena Rowland set to form the 10-12 axis. "We've selected an experienced matchday 23 who we feel are in

a good position to get our campaign off to a strong start," Middleton said in a statement. "We know we could have selected any of the wider squad and there are nine players this week with a key supporting role." Top-ranked England, who are on a 25-match unbeaten streak stretching back to 2019, will start as overwhelming favourites against a Fijian side who are making their maiden appearance at the World Cup. Drawn in Pool C, England later face France and South Africa.