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SP's bulldozing story

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Guwahati, November 18:

Police can someday uproot the court in the guise of investigation, the Chief Justice said while referring to the demolition of houses of people accused of setting a police station ablaze in May. The Gauhati High Court saw the "filmy" side of a demolition drive in Assam while pulling up the State police for bulldozing the houses of people accused of arson in May. Hearing a case relating to the razing of the houses of five Muslims accused of setting the Batadrava police station in Nagaon district on fire, the court said using excavators and bulldozers to demolish houses "in the guise of investigation" was not provided in any criminal law.

DU students

Assam Rising
Guwahati, November 18:

Three students of Dibrugarh University, Assam have been suspended for allegedly assaulting security guards. The students have been suspended by the university authority while two former students have been restricted from entering the campus. The students suspended by the authority are Labdhapratim Das, Hemanga Bhuyan and Ankur Hatibaruah. The former students who have been restricted from entering the university campus are David Hazarika and Rubul Bora.

Human trafficking

Assam Rising
Guwahati, November 18:

Udalguri Police in Assam on Thursday arrested one person for allegedly being involved in human trafficking. According to officials, the accused had sold off two minor girls in Delhi. A police team arrested the accused from Nonaipara Tea Estate in Paneri in the Udalguri district of the state. Officials identified the accused as Sonu Mukta. During interrogation, Mukta reportedly let out explosive details on camera about a deadly nexus of human traffickers in the state. Police also informed that the accused sold off the two minor girls for a sum of Rs 10,000.

Celebrations of 400th Birth Anniversary of Lachit Barphukan Begins

Assam Rising
Guwahati, November 18:



The week-long celebrations for the 400th birth anniversary of Ahom general Lachit Barphukan began

with various uniformed men and women on Friday participating in a march past to commemorate the valour and sacrifice he showed in thwarting the Mughal forces. The march past started from Khanapara Veterinary College playground, Guwahati to the state capital Dispur, covering a distance of around 4

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Boundary dispute: Assam, Mizoram hold high-level meet

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Guwahati, November 18:

Three months after Assam and Mizoram issued a joint statement expressing a resolve to end the boundary dispute between the two states and maintain peace, both sides met at a high-level meeting in Guwahati and decided to work out the strategies on the issue. As a part of the understanding at the meeting held on Thursday, the Mizoram government will furnish a list of villages, their areas, geo-spa-



tial extent, ethnicity of people and other relevant information within three months to support their claim of territorial boundary, which could be later examined by setting up regional

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'Forcible religious conversions in Assam's BTC areas'

Assam Rising
Guwahati, November 18:

Bodoland People's Front (BPF) chief Hagrama Mohilary in a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah claimed that there were reports of multiple incidents where Bodo tribal families in Assam were being converted to Christianity by luring easy access to government facilities, and sometimes forcefully against their



will. The BPF supremo in his letter, which was also addressed to BJP president J.P. Nadda, alleged that the religious conversion has been undergoing under the leadership of Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) Chief Ex-

ecutive Member (CEM)
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Dedicated APS officer Pulin Kr. Dutta died at 78

Assam Rising
Guwahati, November 18:

Dedicated APS officer Pulin Kr. Dutta died in Guwahati today. He breathed his last at 3.30 am today at Metro Hos-

pital. He left behind his wife, one daughter 2 sons and many more relatives. He was involved in many Social activities at Beltola area. Many people and relatives condoled his death.



'Congress can only break India': BJP Chief JP Nadda

New Delhi, November 18:

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) president J P Nadda on Friday, November 18,



2022, attacked Congress leader Rahul Gandhi over his ongoing Bharat Jodo

Yatra, and alleged that the opposition party can only break the country and not unite it. He was addressing an election rally in Navsari

seat will be held on December 1 in the first phase in the poll-bound state. "I wonder if Congress has embarked on Bharat Jodo Yatra or Bharat Todo Yatra. Their leaders are saying unite India. But what do they do in real life? Their leader Rahul Gandhi went to JNU in Delhi and supported those who shout slogans in favour of Afzal Guru, the mastermind behind the

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XLII PSPB Inter Unit Football Tournament 2022-23 held at Nehru Stadium

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On Day -3 of the ongoing Inter Unit PSPB Football Tournament held at Nehru Stadium in Guwahati, electrifying matches were played by the hosts as well as the participating teams. Results of the matches on Day 3 of the tournament are as follows: IOCL-AOD drew with NRL-A (0-0), EIL beats CPCL (1-0), HPCL beats NRL-B (4-0), IOC beats BPCL (3-1). The Inter-Unit

tournament 2022-23 of Petroleum Sports Promotion Board (PSPB) was inaugurated by Rameswar Teli,

Minister of State for Petroleum & Natural Gas and Labour & Employment at NFR Stadium, Maligaon

Guwahati. PSPB under the aegis of the Ministry

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'We need to break terror support networks, hit their finances'

PM Narendra Modi at global meet on counter-terror financing

New Delhi, November 18:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday asserted that over the decades terrorism in different forms tried to hurt India but the country fought terrorism bravely while delivering the inaugural address at the third 'No Money for Terror' (NMFT) Ministerial Conference on Counter-Terrorism Financing in the national capital. "It is significant that this conference is happening in India. Our country faced the horrors of terror long before the world took serious note of it. Over the decades, terrorism in different forms tried to hurt India



but we've fought terrorism bravely," the PM said in his opening remarks at the 'No Money for Terror' Conference here. The PM called for uprooting terrorism, saying "it needs a larger, proactive, systemic response. If we want our citizens to be safe, we cannot wait until terror

comes to our homes. We must pursue terrorists, break their support networks and hit their finances." PM Narendra Modi said, "All terrorist attacks deserve equal outrage and action" while speaking at the ministerial meeting on counter-terrorism financing. The PM went on to say that "It is well known that terrorist outfits get money through several sources - one is state support. Certain countries support terrorism as part of their foreign policy. They offer political, ideological & financial support to them..." The PM

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FIR lodged against Assam madrasa for 'teaching jihadi ideology'

Assam Rising
Guwahati, November 18:

An FIR has been lodged against a private madrasa in Assam's Cachar district for allegedly "teaching jihadi ideology", an official said on Friday. Sahab Uddin Khan, a resident of the Sonai area, said that his son Sain, a student at the Swadhin Bazar Islamia Madrasa, was assaulted by the teachers. He accused head teacher Abul Hussain Laskar and secretary Dilwar Hussain

Mazumdar of beating and locking his son within the madrasa premises. Khan also accused Laskar of trying to incite anti-racist and anti-constitutional activities to his son. Police have arrested both of them against the complaint. Meanwhile, the 14-year-old Sain claimed that the teachers used to conduct special classes at night to teach jihadi ideology. ALSO READ Farooq Abdullah not to seek reelection to NC president's post, says party" They used



to say that if they destroy Hindus, they'll get blessings from the God," he added. The boy, who sustained injuries on his head and chest,

said that he was suffering from conjunctivitis for some days and refused to join the

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Threat of terrorism should not be linked to any religion : Amit Shah

New Delhi, November 18:

India recognises that the threat of terrorism "cannot and should not" be linked to any religion, nationality or group, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Friday. Addressing a session at the third 'No Money for Terror' Ministerial Conference on Counter-Terrorism Financing, he said terrorism is, undoubtedly, the most serious threat to global peace and security but financing of terrorism is "more dangerous". Terrorists are constantly finding new ways to carry out violence, radicalise



youth and raise financial resources. The darknet is being used by terrorists to spread radical content and conceal their identities, he said, adding "Additionally, there is an increase in the use of virtual assets like

cryptocurrency. We need to understand the patterns of these darknet activities and find their solutions." The home minister said the transformation of terrorism from 'Dynamite to Metaverse' and 'AK-47 to Virtual Assets' is a matter of concern for the countries and everyone have to work together to formulate a common strategy against it. "I believe that financing of terrorism is more dangerous than terrorism itself because the 'means and methods' of terrorism are nurtured from such funding. Financing of terrorism weakens the economy of

countries," Shah told delegates at the conference hosted by the Ministry of Home Affairs here. "We also recognise that the threat of terrorism cannot and should not be linked to any religion, nationality, or group," the home minister said, adding India has fortified the security architecture as well as

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Congress' Bharat Jodo Yatra arrives Guwahati

Assam Rising
Guwahati, November 18:

The Assam Congress' 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' reached Guwahati with opposition party Rajgor Dal also joining the long march. All India



Congress Committee general secretary Jitendra Singh, state Congress presidents of Assam, Sikkim, and Manipur, former Arunachal Pradesh CM Nabam Tuki and other leaders participated in the 8-km march

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'Rahul baba hai 'kharpatwar', Kejriwal 'Babul', but Narendra Modi is...': MP CM Shivraj Singh

Bhujpura, November 18 : Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Friday claimed that Congress leader Rahul Gandhi is a Babul tree which will only give thorns. Urging voters in Gujarat to vote for their time-tested party - BJP - in the upcoming assembly elections, the MP Chief Minister also praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi and described him as a 'Kalpvriksha', which fulfils everyone's desires.



"Narendra Modi is a 'kalpavriksha', you'll get whatever you want. Kejriwal is a babul tree, you'll get only thorns. Rahul Gandhi is a shrub that will destroy the crops," MP CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan said. The popular

BJP leader further told the gathering in Gujarat's Bhujpura that "Congress and AAP will erase contentment and peace from the entire country." Madhya Pradesh CM is in Gujarat to campaign for his Bharatiya

Janata Party (BJP) for the upcoming assembly elections. His cabinet colleagues Narottam Mishra, Vishwas Sarang, Arvind Bhadoria and Inder Singh Parmar have already been campaigning for the ruling BJP in Gujarat, where polls for the 182-member Assembly will be held in two phases - in 89 seats on December 1 and in 93 seats on December 5. Chouhan, who is among the BJP's 40 star campaigners, will also address election meetings in Mandvi and Abdasa Assembly segments of Gujarat's Kutch district on Friday, a spokesperson from

the chief minister's office said. The CM will also campaign in Bhavnagar and Morbi as per the schedule, he said. Notably, a bridge collapse in Morbi had last month claimed 135 lives. Madhya Pradesh Medical Education Minister Vishwas Sarang, who is in Gujarat, claimed the BJP will win more than 150 seats in the western state. "The BJP will sweep the Gujarat polls due to the massive popularity of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the party will create history in these upcoming elections," he added.

Imran Khan denies corruption over \$2m worth of state gifts

Islamabad, November 18 : The former Pakistan prime minister Imran Khan has been accused of corruption and illegally selling for \$2m (£1.7m) a unique antique watch, gold pen, ring, and cufflinks given to him by the Saudi crown prince, Mohammed bin Salman. On Tuesday, a Dubai-based businessman, Farooq Zahoor, claimed on Pakistan's Geo News that he purchased the gifts in cash from a close friend of the former premier in 2019 in the United Arab Emirates. Khan denies the allegations and says they are part of a campaign to malign him. He has vowed to sue the journalist, the media network and Zahoor in courts in London and the UAE for their "character assassination",

saying he had no hope in Pakistan's justice system. The sale of state gifts by Khan, known as the Toshakhana issue, became a national political scandal after the election commission of Pakistan (ECP) disqualified and barred him from elections for five years and accused him of "false statements and incorrect declarations" about gifts he received from foreign leaders while in power. During the Mughal era, Toshakhana referred to the "treasure houses" kept by the subcontinent's princely rulers to store and display gifts lavished on them. The name is now given to a government department where the gifts given to state



practices, false statements, and failure to declare luxurious and expensive gifts he received from wealthy Arab nations, including from the crown prince of Saudi Arabia and leader of Dubai while in office. Asked for a timeframe for Khan's threatened legal action, members of his party said either that they did not know or that a date had yet to be decided. The 70-year-old former international cricket star has since attempted to disrupt Pakistan's political processes, ordering his members of the national assembly to resign en masse. He has also been rallying against the government and demanding snap elections.

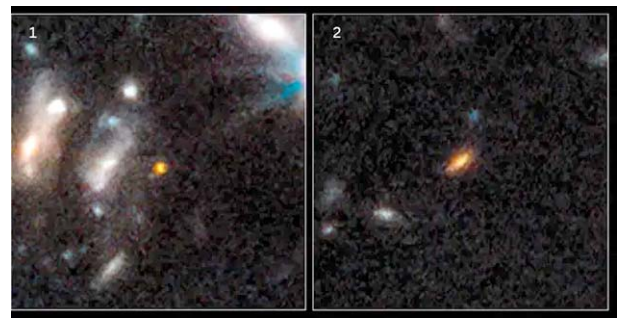
Last month, he started a "long march" from Lahore with thousands of people to Islamabad to demand snap elections. However, the coalition government has made it clear that the election will take place on time in 2023. Khan was wounded in

James Webb telescope finds two of the oldest and most distant galaxies ever seen

Washington, November 18 : NASA says space telescope is finding previously hidden early galaxies, including one that may have formed 350m years after the big bang. NASA's James Webb space telescope is finding bright, early galaxies that until now have been hidden from view, including one that may have formed just 350m years after the big bang. Astronomers said Thursday that if the results were verified, this newly discovered throng

team led by Rohan Naidu of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics. The article elaborates on two exceptionally bright galaxies, the first thought to have formed 350m years after the big bang and the other 450m years after. Naidu said more observations would be needed in the infrared by Webb before claiming a new record-holder. Although some researchers report having uncovered galaxies even

trying to sort out as a community which ones of those are likely to be real. "ommaso Treu of the University of California, Los Angeles, a chief scientist for Webb's early release science program, said the evidence presented so far "is as solid as it gets" for the galaxy believed to have formed 350m after the big bang. If the findings are verified and more early galaxies are out there, Naidu and his team wrote that Webb "will prove highly successful in pushing the cosmic frontier all the way to the brink of the big bang". "When and how the first galaxies formed remains one of the most intriguing questions," the researchers wrote. NASA's Jane Rigby, a project scientist with Webb, noted that these galaxies "were hiding just under the limits of what Hubble could do". "They were right there waiting for us," she told reporters. "So that's a happy surprise that there are lots of these galaxies to study." The \$10bn observatory - the largest and most powerful telescope ever sent into space - is in a solar orbit 1m miles (1.6m km) from Earth. Full science operations began over the summer, and NASA has since released a series of dazzling snapshots of the universe.



of stars would beat the most distant galaxy identified by the Hubble space telescope - a record-holder that formed 400m years after the universe began. Launched last December as a successor to Hubble, the Webb telescope is indicating stars may have formed sooner than previously thought - perhaps within a couple million years of the big bang. Webb's latest discoveries were detailed in the Astrophysical Journal Letters by an international

closer to the creation of the universe 13.8bn years ago, those candidates have yet to be verified, scientists said at a NASA news conference. Some of those could be later galaxies mimicking earlier ones, they noted. "This is a very dynamic time," said Garth Illingworth of the University of California, Santa Cruz, a co-author of the article published Thursday. "There have been lots of preliminary announcements of even earlier galaxies, and we're still

North Korean ICBM had potential range to reach US mainland, Japanese officials say

Seoul, November 18 : A North Korean intercontinental ballistic missile that landed in Japan's exclusive economic zone on Friday had the potential range to strike the US mainland, Japanese officials say. The US, Japan and South Korea condemned North Korea for launching the missile, which landed about 200km (124 miles)

(Pyongyang) that we absolutely cannot tolerate such actions," Kishida said. "Japan, the US and South Korea must coordinate closely to work toward the complete denuclearisation of North Korea." Friday's launch will add to fears that the North has made significant progress in developing weapons capable

meeting with regional leaders on the sidelines of Apec to discuss the launch, saying that North Korea's conduct destabilised the region and raised tensions, while South Korea's president ordered officials to push for stronger sanctions against the North. The launch came a day after North Korea fired a short-range ballistic missile while warning of "fiercer military responses" to US efforts to boost its security presence in the region with its allies, saying Washington was taking a "gamble it will regret". Japan's defence ministry released a statement on Friday saying that: "North Korea launched an ICBM-class ballistic missile from near the western coast of the Korean Peninsula at around 10.14 (0114 GMT) today." Tokyo's defence minister, Yasukazu Hamada, told reporters that the "ICBM-class missile" had been fired on a "lofted trajectory" - meaning the missile is fired up, not out, typically to avoid overflying neighbouring countries. "Based on calculations taking the trajectory into account, the ballistic missile this time around could have had a range capability of 15,000 km, depending on

the weight of its warhead, and if that's the case, it means the US mainland was within its range," he said. South Korea's president, Yoon Suk-yeol, ordered officials to push for strong sanctions on North Korea after an emergency national security council meeting. He also called for implementation of strengthened extension of deterrence to counter the North's threats, his office said in a statement. Speaking at Apec, the prime ministers of Australia and Canada joined the condemnation of the launch. Anthony Albanese said Australia stood ready to be part of a global response, while Justin Trudeau said the test was a clear violation of UN resolutions. The launch was North Korea's second ICBM test this month. Outside experts said that an ICBM fired by North Korea on 3 November failed mid-flight. That test was believed to have involved a new type of developmental ICBM. This year North Korea has conducted a record number of missile tests, which are banned by UN security council resolutions that have sanctioned the country over its missile and nuclear weapons programmes. The North also fired hundreds of artillery shells into the sea recently as South Korea and the US staged exercises, some of which involved Japan.

civilians, rising to 98% when Russia targets towns and cities. "The humanitarian toll is unacceptable," said Laura Boillot, from advocacy group Article 36. Although the agreement was first conceived against the backdrop of the relentless urban destruction in the Syrian civil war and conflicts in Gaza, Yemen and elsewhere, it has been given further momentum by the war in Ukraine. Russia has resorted to a sustained urban bombing campaign as it has struggled on the frontline, striking cities such as Mykolaiv in the south, which has been indiscriminately bombed almost daily leading to the deaths of 150 civilians. Critical to the success of the negotiations was persuading the US to sign up this summer, which has paved the way for other Nato members, including Germany and Turkey, to make the commitment. Many lobbyists and NGOs highlight the work of Ireland, as the coordinator of the initiative, in helping the declaration come together.



Twitter 'closes offices' after Elon Musk's loyalty oath sparks wave of resignations

London, November 18 : The crisis at Twitter reached new heights on Friday as hundreds of employees were reported to have rejected Elon Musk's ultimatum to keep working for the business, threatening its ability to keep operating. As the company temporarily closed its offices to staff,

to go. The departures include many engineers responsible for fixing bugs and preventing service outages, raising questions about the stability of the platform amid the loss of employees and prompting hurried debates among managers over who should be asked to return, current and former employees said. In an early sign that the number of those declining to sign was greater than anticipated, Musk eased off a return-to-office mandate he had issued a week ago, telling employees on Thursday they would be allowed to work remotely if their managers asserted they were making "an excellent contribution". Twitter later announced via email that it would close "our office buildings" and disable employee badge access until Monday, the New York Times reported. Online, users were speculating that the site could



Twitter users began saying their goodbyes and linking to accounts on other platforms. #RIPTwitter, #TwitterDown, Mastodon and Myspace were all trending on the platform after the deadline passed on Musk's ultimatum for the remaining workforce to sign up for "long hours at high intensity", or leave. It has been estimated that hundreds of the remaining staff opted

go down in a matter of hours or days. On Thursday evening, the version of the Twitter app used by employees began slowing down, according to one source familiar with the matter, who estimated that the public version of Twitter was at risk of breaking during the night. Website Down Detector reported a significant uptick in user reports of issues on the site. "If it does break, there is no one left to fix things in many areas," the person said, who declined to be named for fear of retribution. The news prompted an outpouring of grief on the platform, and prompted many users to link to their accounts on Instagram or Mastodon as an alternative. US representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez tweeted she could be found on Instagram or on email. She followed up with a tweet saying those employees who built the company deserved better. "Shout out to all the workers at Twitter. You all built a vital place for connection and deserved so much better," she said.



west of Oshima-Oshima island in the northern prefecture of Hokkaido. There were no reports of damage to ships or aircraft. "We naturally lodged a strong protest against North Korea, which has repeated its provocations with unprecedented frequency," Japan's prime minister, Fumio Kishida, told reporters in Thailand, where he is attending the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) summit meeting. "We have told

of sending nuclear warheads anywhere in the US. North Korea has two other types of ICBM - the Hwasong-14 and Hwasong-15 - and their test-launches in 2017 proved they could potentially reach parts of the US mainland. In March this year, the regime conducted its first successful ICBM launch in over four years, with flight data suggesting it was able to reach the entire continental US. The US vice-president, Kamala Harris, convened a

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SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed tender affixing Court Fee of Rs. 8.25 (Rupees eight & twenty five paise) only with a validity period of 180 (One hundred eighty) days, which will subsequently to be converted and drawn up in the PWD's F-2 forms are invited from the registered contractors of Class-II and Class-I (A, B & C) category of Assam (Roads & Building) and BTC, according to their eligibility for submitting tenders for the following works under Award of 15th Finance Commission for the year 2020-21 & 2021-22 under Tied Grants during 2022-23. The tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 2:00 PM on 25/11/2022 and will be opened on the same date and place at 2:30 PM.

Sl. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost	Tender Value	Earnest Money	Cost of Tender paper	Time of completion	Remarks
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3	Const. of Community Toilet at Debitola Bazar	11,00,000.00	Rs. 10,86,717/-	Rs. 11,000/- (1% for ST, SC & OBC) & Rs. 22,000/- (2% for Gen)	Rs. 300/-	3 Months	
4	Const. of Community Toilet at Kazigaon Bazar	11,00,000.00	Rs. 10,86,717/-	Rs. 11,000/- (1% for ST, SC & OBC) & Rs. 22,000/- (2% for Gen)	Rs. 300/-	3 Months	

Details NIT may be seen in all working days during office hours in the office of the undersigned tender papers will be issued to the contractors or their authorized agent from 19/11/2022 to 25/11/2022 in the office of the undersigned on payment of cost of tender paper in the form of demand draft/bankers cheque from any Nationalized Bank, duly pledged in favour of the Principal Secretary, BTC, Kokrajhar, payable at Kokrajhar. The contractor should submit attested copy of latest Registration Certificate GST Labour License, PAN Card, etc. along with the tender. In case office remains closed on tender issuing/receiving/opening date the same will be issued/received/opened on the next working day without further notification. The successful tenderer has to be submitted 1% (One P/C in case ST/SC/OBC/MOBC) and 2% (Two P/C in case of General) S.D. money against the work in the form of FDR/Bankers Cheque/Demand Draft from any nationalized bank duly pledge to the Block Dev. Officer, Debitola Dev. Block, Debitola as mentioned above at the time of allotment of work. The Block Dev. Officer, Debitola Dev. Block, Debitola reserves the right of accepting of tenders paper or outright rejection of the same without assigning any reason thereof.

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Governor attends Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Dr. BBCI

Assam Rising
Guwahati, November 18: Assam Governor Prof. Jagdish Mukhi said that the Southeast Asian Region is going through a demographic as well as rapid urbanization and accelerated lifestyle changes. All of these are contributing to the growing burden of non-communicable diseases including cancer. Guwahati being the Gateway to the Southeast Asian nations is also witnessing growing instances of cancer. Speaking at the golden jubilee year celebrations of Dr. B. Borooah Cancer Institute here today, the Governor said that in view of the increasing cases of cancer being reported in the region, Guwahati should have sound cancer care infrastructure to treat the people of the entire Northeast and ASEAN countries. Dr. B. Borooah Cancer Institute can truly take the lead in the man-



agement of cancer treatment by adopting latest technologies and best global practices. He said that he is happy to see this institute has really stepped up its efforts in taking up the challenges of cancer care. Prof. Mukhi said that Dr. B. Borooah Cancer Institute with its dedicated team of doctors, researchers and

paramedics is providing quality cancer care to the people. In Assam, about thirty-four thousand new cancer patients are detected every year. Unfortunately, due to lack of awareness, poverty, fear and myths associated with cancer, almost two-third of the patients present themselves at an advanced stage. He, therefore, reiterated on the im-

proved literacy, greater consciousness about health in general and awareness about cancer in particular to report cases of suspected cancer cases at an early stage. He said that along with clinical care for cancer cases, Dr. B. Borooah Cancer Institute should step up its efforts to generate widespread awareness about cancer. On this

occasion, paid his rich tributes to the founders of Dr B Borooah Cancer Society Trust like Debendra Nath Sarma, Dr. Kanak Chandra Borooah, Bimala Prasad Chaliha, Mohendra Mohan Chowdhury, Bishnuram Medhi, Dr. Ghanashyam Das, Dr. Birendra Nath Chowdhury and many others for taking a historic decision in 1958 to establish this premier institute in memory of Dr Bhubaneswar Borooah. Former Governor of Meghalaya R.S. Mooshahary, Secretary, North Eastern Council Shillong K. Moses Chalai, Vice Chancellor of Assam Science and Technology University Prof. Narendra S Chaudhary, Director of Dr.BBCI Dr.A.C.Kataki, Deputy Director(Academics) Tata Memorial Centre Mumbai Dr.Siddhartha Laskar along with a host of other dignitaries were present in the function.

Statue of Borphukan unveiled at Army Cantonment in Missa



the Army, Nagaon District Superintendent of Police Leena Dale, Principal of Kaliabor Higher Secondary School Nabaneeta Dal Baruah and heads of various educational institutions including NCC cadets were present. Various cultural programmes by the Indian Army were also performed on the occasion.

New MC of Laharighat H.S. School formed

Assam Rising
Bhuraogon, November 18: The formation of the new management committee of Laharighat Higher Secondary School in Morigaon district was held at the school auditorium today. The meeting was conducted by the recently retired Principal Aminul Haque Mallik. The meeting was attended by the Assistant Teacher of the school Ranjit Bardoloi. The welcome ceremony was conducted by Assistant Teacher Purnakanta Basumatari. The meeting was attended by the largest number of parents for the first time. The meeting

welcomed the newly elected President Nekibul Haque and Vice-President Shahnaz Begum. Four of the five members were selected by lottery as four were the most demanding members. The board of directors of Laharighat Higher Secondary School for the next five years is as follows: President Nekibul Haque, Vice-President Shahnaz Begum and Member Rukia Khatun (General) Meera Mandal (SC), members on the men's side are Ayub Ali and Abdul Majid respectively. However, the STs will be selected later. The remaining posts

will be filled as per the directives of the departmental authorities. The committee was formed by the Zonal Primary Education Officer of Laharighat Primary Education Sector Abul Kashem Deb on behalf of the departmental authorities. The board of directors was run by the old committee in charge for more than a year. The parents of the students are delighted to announce the election of Alhaj Nekibul Haque, a former lecturer of Nagabanda College and a prominent social worker of Laharighat as the President of the Management Committee.

International Earth Science Conference 2022 held at USTM

Assam Rising
Guwahati, November 18: Environmental degradation is known to all. However, we hardly do anything about it. If we don't take responsibility

Conference 2022 on "Sustainable Development: Challenges and the Way Forward" here today. The two-day long conference has been organized by the De-

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ity for our mother earth, one day this earth is destined to be doomed. This was stated by Prof. Arup Kumar Sarma, Department of Civil Engineering, IIT Guwahati in the inaugural session of the International Earth Science

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The scientific community is, therefore, searching for ways towards ecologically sustainable urban development. Addressing as the by the Chief Guest, Prof. Narendra S. Chaudhary, VC, Assam Science & Technology University, said that the Tocklai Tea Research Institute in Jorhat documented 300,000 insects in the eastern Assam during the British period but in a recent survey by AASTU it was found that 90% of the insects are now extinct. This no doubt reflects a serious ecological imbalance. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. G. D. Sharma, VC, USTM said that in the last two decades resources in the earth are decreasing alarmingly creating new challenges, affecting climate change and global warming. Imbalanced environmental degradation is causing many diseases on earth. Prof. Apurba Kumar Das, Department of Environmental Science, Tezpur University also spoke on the occasion. Earlier, Dr. Palme Borthakur, Assistant Professor, earth Science and Dr. Lalit Saikia, Convener, IESC 2022 welcomed the delegates and participants while the vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Eahya Al Huda, HoD & Organizing Secretary, IESC 2022.

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175 years jubilee celebration of Nagaon MHSS concluded

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Nagaon, November 18: The celebration of the 175 years jubilee of Nagaon Mission Higher Secondary School has concluded today here at its school premises. The celebration started with a two days long programme on Monday last with hoisting of 175 flags. As part of the celebration, the reception as well as the organizing committees of the celebration took out a cultural procession throughout the Nagaon town in which thousands of students, alumni, teachers, parents and other well-wishers of the district participated and focused the indomitable glory of the leading educational institute of the small town. The cultural procession

was ceremonially flagged off by the noted Assamese film actress and a academician Malaya Goswami. The closing ceremony of the celebration of 175 years jubilee of the institute concluded following a colourful cultural extravaganza at the school premises this evening in which noted Assamese singer Diplessa Deka performed her songs and music. It is worth mentioning here that the institute was first set up as an educational institute for orphans in 1846 by the American missionary and the savior of Assamese language - Miles Bronson which later turned into the first educational institute for females in the entire state.

Hojai Girls College observed World Philosophy Day



Assam Rising
Hojai, November 18: World Philosophy Day was observed

in Hojai Girls College on Thursday with a great fervor under the aegis of the Philosophy Department. The program started with a Ganesh Vandana then Lightening of Lamp by Chief Guest Vijay Biswas (Vice President, Hojai R. K. sevashram) along with Principal Mr. D. K. Hazarika. After an inaugural song sung by the

students and teachers of the Philosophy Department, a welcome address was presented by Nandini Sarma, HoD, Philosophy. The program was signified by the speeches presented by Dr. Ghana Kanta Saikia of the Assamese Department and Dr. Pijush Nandi, HoD, Bengali along with Chief Guest Vijay Biswas. The program was also addressed by Principal D. K. Hazarika. The program was also fabricated with a few songs and dances presented by the students of the College. Vote of thanks was extended by Smita Chakraborty, Asstt. Prof in Philosophy.

Training and awareness program on Mission Basundhara 2.0 held

Assam Rising
Bhuraogon, November 18: The Chief Minister of Morigaon on November 14

ducted the training and awareness program at Morigaon District Library today. The second phase of Mission



launched the Mission Basundhara 2.0 training and awareness program across the state. Deputy Commissioner Devashish Sharma con-

Basundhara will introduce online payment of land rent and e-stamping for property registration. All manual systems will also be closed. This

National Press Day celebrated at Margherita.

Assam Rising
Margherita November 18: National Press Day was celebrated at Margherita India Club on Wednesday which was organized by District Tinsukia District Journalists Association in collaboration with Margherita Journalist Association. 3 National Press Day was celebrated at Margherita India Club on Wednesday. At the beginning Anuj Kalita president of Tinsukia district Journalists Association hoisted the flag followed by smriti tarpan by veteran Journalist Arjun Baruah. An interactive session and lecture on the subject "Challenges on the path of present Journalism" was held on the occasion of National Press Day which was inaugurated by senior journalist Himen Bhattacharya. Veteran journalist of Margherita Subdivision Jagat Changmai was present as keynote speaker. Rana Jyoti Neog general Secretary of Tinsukia district Journalists Association moderated the whole programme. Senior Journalist of Assam Tribune Abhijit Khatnia spoke on the present scenario of Journalism of our country. The event was attended by senior Journalists of Tinsukia district such as Kamal

Talukdar, Dinesh Goel, Dr Rishi Das, Manoranjan Das, Umesh Singh, Santanu Goswami, Partha Pratim Goswami, Romoni Buragohain, Hemanta Saikia, Krishna Upadhyay and many more Journalists were present. The meeting was attended by hundreds of journalists from all the press clubs of Tinsukia, Doomdooma, Kakopthar, Digboi, Sawkhwa, Jagun and Sadiya. All the journalists of the Tinsukia District Journalists Association were presented with a certificate of appreciation and a traditional Assamese phoolam gamosha gomochas the occasion of National Press Day. Again Margherita Administration (Civil) in collaboration with Margherita Sub divisional Information and Public relations office National Press Day was celebrated at the premises Margherita sub divisional (Civil) where more than 100 Journalists from Margherita subdivision were present. At this programme newly appointed Margherita Sub divisional officer Preeti Kumari (IAS) was present as chief guest and welcomed every journalist with a traditional assamese phoolam gamosha and token of gift.

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For management of One Stop Centre for women in Jorhat district, Assam.

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Pandemic has resulted in late cancer diagnosis

A report from the Lancet Oncology Commission, examining 44 European countries, notes that the pandemic has resulted in late cancer diagnosis, delayed intervention, disruption in treatment and many deaths, due to Covid-19, among cancer sufferers. This is largely a result of health services being overwhelmed or repurposed and of too many infections and Covid hospital admissions, leading to long national lockdowns in some countries. The report estimates that as many as a million cancer diagnoses may have been missed in Europe during that time. The pandemic showed us that healthcare resources are finite, and so when demand associated with one disease increases, it affects all patients. In Britain, due to the large first and second waves, the NHS effectively became the Covid Health Service for much of 2020. And this is likely to have had a detrimental impact on cancer outcomes: another Lancet study estimated in 2020 that delayed diagnosis and treatment in England could increase the amount of breast, colorectal and lung cancers by up to 9.6%, 16.6% and 5.3%, respectively, in the coming years. This is largely due to screening services being disrupted and people - even with worrying symptoms - not coming forward to primary care. Of course, countries that were able to contain Covid-19 quickly and limit their patient numbers in 2020 managed to keep their health services running relatively well. There is a term for this, taken from the 2014 Ebola outbreak in west Africa, when women died during childbirth because healthcare facilities were closed and childhood vaccination schedules disrupted: the "unaccounted dead". This was how Unicef referred to the people who died from the indirect impacts of Ebola but needed to be taken into account as casualties of the outbreak. We are now facing one of what will probably be many hidden and unaccounted costs of Covid-19. As part of the pandemic recovery, public health experts are calling for specific actions to reduce the individual risk of developing cancer and increase survival for those who are diagnosed. This requires health systems to initiate awareness-raising and proactive measures. We can't just pretend that the last few years didn't happen, and let the huge number of new patients slide into the existing system. We have to put cancer back on the agenda, including the priority given cancer patients by our health services. Getting cancer is the result of a complex interaction between genetics, environmental factors, infections and age. The WHO estimates that a third of the world's cancer deaths are due to smoking tobacco, being overweight/obese, having a diet low in fruits and vegetables, being physically inactive and drinking excessive alcohol. And the incidence of cancer rises dramatically with age, due to the buildup of risks across a lifetime; the body's ability to repair itself reduces the older we get. And then there's just bad luck (combined with genetics and unexplained factors): my father didn't smoke, didn't drink, exercised regularly and ate a diverse vegetarian diet. He wasn't overweight or unhealthy. He actually was an oncologist, and ended up being cared for by his colleagues and dying on the ward he once oversaw. So it's worth recognising that sometimes, there's only so much we can do to avoid disease. There's no role for shame, guilt or blame in illness.

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Letter to the Editor

Air pollution is dangerous, especially in Delhi NCR

Dear editor,

Air quality is poor since long time, in Delhi NCR. 20 lac people (2 million) are dying every year due to air pollution in our country, as mentioned in wikipedia. Even then, we have not resolved the problem. What sort of people are we? Stubble burning, coal based units, construction work, combustion of petrole and diesel engines pollute the air. When we know the causes, it is easy to take corrective steps. Even now we are not serious. Stop using coal based units, stop using petrole and diesel engines, stop construction work during this season, collect the stubble from farmers (you may give them an incentive say supplying seeds) and use it to laying of roads (october to feb). If the above remedial measures are implemented, air quality can be improved considerably. In case government declares the above norms and punish those not complying with. Better late than never. Let us do now keeping G20 summit next year at New Delhi. Air pollution will go away and people in Delhi NCR can live peacefully. Let all of us join hands.

K.LakshmanRao
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Many factors led to Army giving up in 1962. But psychological collapse played a big role

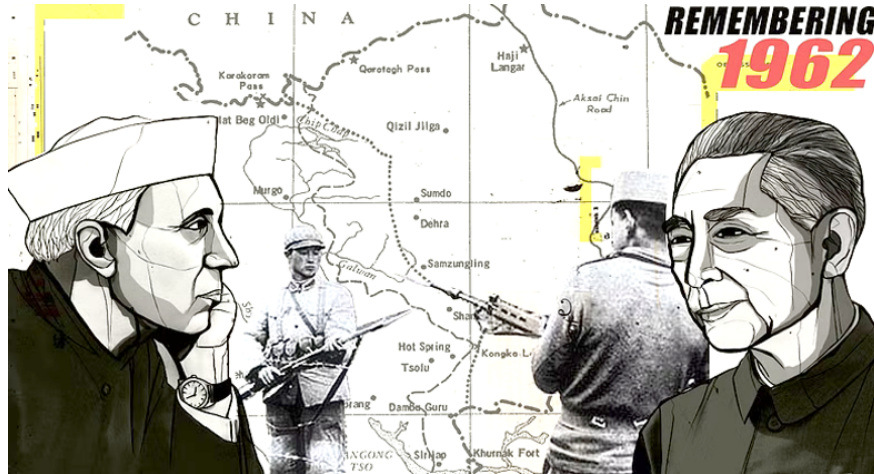
The defeat of the Army in Phase 1 - 20 to 27 October - of the 1962 India-China war can be attributed to flawed political decisions, based on the premise that China will not initiate a war, and the acquiescence of the military leadership. Aggressive competitive flag-marking and a foolhardy plan to throw the Chinese out of Thagla Ridge led to the war. Isolated troops fighting from non-tactical defences without adequate logistics put up a heroic fight but were defeated in a matter of a few hours of actual fighting. In Phase 2 - 14 to 20 November - there was little to no political interference. The Army was defending the ground of its own choosing with one divisional and two brigade-defended sectors. Main defences were connected by road except for Walong and air supply continued uninterrupted. All sectors were prepared for 7 to 10 days of battle. Yet, this formidable force was routed within two days of actual fighting. At Sela-Dirang-Bomdila, 4 Infantry Division "psychologically collapsed" and disintegrated virtually without a fight in 24 hours. At Chushul, 114 Infantry Brigade inexplicably withdrew with a loss of only two companies out of 12. Only 11 Infantry Brigade at Walong fought a cohesive battle for 48 hours before withdrawing. Flawed appreciation of enemy, terrain and weather, and psychological collapse of the leadership, which had a cascading effect on the rank and file, were the primary reasons. The campaigning season in the high-altitude areas of Ladakh and the North-East Frontier Agency (NEFA) is from June to November. Logistics and the troop built up for Phase 2 of the war were completed only by mid-November, leaving only 15 days for effective military operations. December onwards, operations get severely restricted due to the extreme cold and snow. There was no way the People's Liberation Army (PLA) could have sustained a large force in winter over tenuous and lengthening lines of communication with then-available infrastructure. The relative advantage was with the defender. Our communications had shortened, and additional troop buildup was rapidly taking place. All that the Army had to do was to hold fast for two weeks to force a winter pause and possible withdrawal by the PLA. The Indian military leadership - from the Chief of Army Staff (COAS) to brigade commanders - failed to appreciate the terrain and weather factor and also lacked the will to defend resolutely. That the Chinese, obliged by our psychological collapse, announced a unilateral ceasefire and withdrawal to begin on 21 November and conveyed it to the Indian chargé d'affaires on 19 November, only proves the point. Ironically, on that very day, 4 Infantry Division was abandoning its defences without a fight and an intact 114 Infantry Brigade began its withdrawal from Chushul. The commanders had little to no knowledge of the enemy strength. In Ladakh, the PLA had only one known available for operations as is now known

from Chinese accounts. Given the vast sector, it had to regroup to attack Chushul with barely one reinforced regiment. Hence, at best, it had the capacity to capture three to four infantry company-defended localities. In reality, it captured only two. It did not have any residual force to progress further. Yet, such was the moral ascendancy of the PLA that 114 Infantry

LT Gen H S Panag (RETD)

Brigade was ordered to withdraw to defend Leh. At Sela-Dirang-Bomdila, 4 Infantry Division did not appreciate the fact that

the Korean War in detail and knew that the antidote to infiltration, envelopment and isolation, was to remain steadfast in main defences, keep the flanks and infiltration routes under surveillance to prevent or delay enemy advance along these approaches, and maintain an adequate reserve for spoiling/counterattacks. However, on ground, it violated all these fundamentals. There was a fundamental flaw in the deployment of 4 Infantry Division. As per all appreciations done over the years, the Bomdila-Mandala complex was



the PLA could build up to three divisions for the offensive, which was a remarkable feat as it was operating over the same area where we could barely commit one brigade. Consequently, the simultaneous envelopment, isolation and attack on all three brigades led to the collapse of 4 Infantry Division without a fight. The PLA was a seasoned army that had won a prolonged civil war lasting for two decades. It also fought the Japanese from 1937 to 1945 on the mainland and in erstwhile Burma. In Korea, from 1950 to 1953, it evicted the United States and United Nations forces from North Korea to ensure a stalemate along the 38th parallel. It had mastered the art of manoeuvre. Infiltration, outflanking, and isolation tactics to envelope enemy defences were its forte. Sela, was attacked from all directions with one division. Simultaneously, from the east, a division minus one regiment using the 161 km-long Bailey Trail over very treacherous terrain, isolated and attacked Dirang and Bomdila and cut off the road axis. Another division infiltrated from the shorter western flank, and so did a battalion from the eastern flank to isolate Sela, assist in its capture and also attack Dirang and Bomdila. Thus, the divisional defended sector was cut into three parts with all routes of escape blocked. At Walong, the PLA preemptively outflanked the defences to secure the higher features in the west to attack from a position of advantage and also threatened the rear of the brigade, making the defences tactically untenable to force a withdrawal. At Chushul, the two flank companies were captured to make the rest of the Kailash Range tactically untenable and also threatened the only road axis, from Rechin La. The Army had studied PLA tactics in

considered the best defensive position as it stretched the enemy's lines of communications and shortened ours and could not be easily bypassed. The altitude was 9,000 to 10,000 feet. A compact divisional defended sector would have forced the PLA to attack from lower to higher heights. If Sela had to be defended, there was a requirement for an additional brigade to cater for the outflanking movements. No viable effort was made to delay or defend the outflanking/infiltration manoeuvre of the PLA via Poshing La to Dirang and Bomdila or around Sela defences. Fire brigade actions at a late stage only led to denuding the defences of Dirang and Bomdila. As a result, the PLA was able to attack and threaten all brigade-defended sectors with a division-size force. All defended sectors were stocked for 7 to 10 days. A determined fight would have forced the culmination of the PLA's attack as the bulk of its forces was operating on a man-pack basis. Instead of a determined fight, the divisional commander panicked, and the corps commander also lost his nerve to order a withdrawal that turned into a disorganised flight to the rear. The Chief of Army Staff, Eastern Army Commander and the Director General of Military Operations were present at the corps headquarters as mute spectators when this fatal decision was taken. For the Indian Army, 17 November 1962 was a disgraceful day. At Chushul, 114 Infantry Brigade failed to secure the dominating feature called Black Top, which was initially not held, allowing the enemy to attack Gurung Hill from higher ground. No attempt was made to secure the eastern spurs of Kailash Range or carry out a covering action or aggressive patrolling to prevent

the buildup of the enemy. The main effort was to defend the Spangpur Gap approach, which tactically was least likely to be used. More so when we also had six tanks to guard the same. There was a yawning gap of 10 km between Magar Hill and Rezang La, and the most dominating feature, Mukhpari, was not held, allowing both to be isolated and attacked from flanks and rear. Rezang La on limb without fire support was literally set up for slaughter. Despite the odds, two of the most heroic battles of the war were fought at Rezang La and Gurung Hill. Inexplicably, one battalion, which was in depth and not even shelled, and the troops in the valley were not used for a counter-attack. The PLA had no capacity to progress further operations beyond the Kailash range or in any other sector, let alone to advance Leh. The corps commander took counsel of his fears and withdrew an intact brigade after a loss of only two companies to defend Leh, 160 km behind. At Walong, the fundamental error was not to hold the higher features on the western flank, allowing the brigade to be attacked from higher to lower ground and also isolate the entire sector. However, 11 Infantry Brigade fought a cohesive battle. Apart from aggressive patrolling, a heroic spoiling attack was launched by the 6 Kumaon and 4 Dogra to preempt the use of the vulnerable western approach. Unfortunately, once it failed, the brigade defences became untenable, and a relatively, better-organised withdrawal followed within 12 hours of the main attack. It is empirical wisdom that the outcome of battle lies in the minds of the commanders and the troops. Both the attacker and the defender endeavour to create rapidly changing situations to make the adversary perceive that they can not cope with them. This brings about a psychological collapse and defeat. In attack, this is created by relatively higher mobility, manoeuvre, isolation, firepower, and finally, tactical battle for dominating ground. The defender tries to neutralise all these factors by aggressively interfering with and delaying the buildup and manoeuvre from the flanks, prevent isolation by deployment in depth, spoiling attacks, determined fight at the main defences and counterattack. As brought out earlier, the PLA tactics exploited all these factors, and the Indian Army remained passive in defensive positions. The outcome was inevitable. The moral factor played a big role. The rout and destruction in Phase 1, particularly, the complete decimation of the 7th Infantry Brigade, adversely affected the psyche of the commanders and the troops. The PLA's moral ascendancy was absolute. How else can one explain the disintegration of 4 Infantry Division even before the battle began and the withdrawal of an intact 114 Infantry Brigade from Chushul? The Indian Army, despite all odds, had the capability to defeat the PLA in Phase 2 of the war, but it psychologically collapsed and gave up without a fight.

What next, petrol on a Picasso? Threatening art is no answer to the climate crisis

Members of Letzte Generation Österreich (Last Generation Austria) throwing black liquid at the painting Death and Life by Gustav Klimt at the Leopold Museum, Vienna, 15 November 2022. Another day, another gallery: the attacks on art in the name of climate action have become a headline-hogging obsession with a hideous escalating logic. The nastier the treatment a famous masterpiece gets, the bigger the media coverage. Now, members of Letzte Generation Österreich (Last Generation Austria) have smeared "non-toxic fake oil" all over the glass covering of Gustav Klimt's

Death and Life, a colouristic vision of pink and gold intertwined human bodies menaced by the grim reaper. Not that you can see much of that in the disturbing images of the attack at the Leopold Museum in Vienna: a black and purple stain all but obscures the delicate picture. The aggression of the attack takes this wave of action a step further than tomato soup on Vincent van Gogh's Sunflowers and mashed potato on a Monet. But a step further to where? There's no chance of

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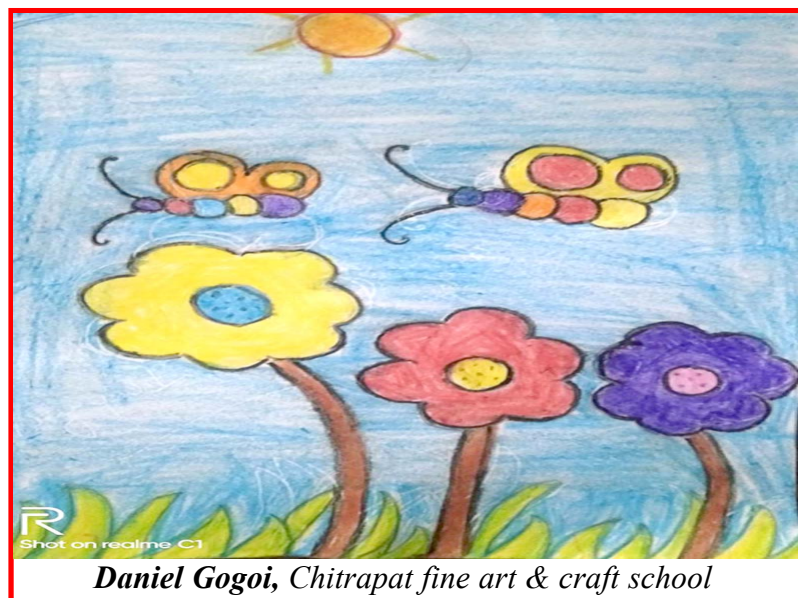
iconoclasm. There's a deliberate flirtation with destroying art, an implicit threat to go all the way, which expresses contempt for art and the museums that try to conserve and protect it. I can't pretend to respect this form of protest. It makes no sense and possesses no moral coherence. It is arrogant to go into a museum

and assume everyone around you is some kind of complacent aesthete who doesn't care about the environment. "What is worth more? Art or life?" asked the Just Stop Oil activists who threw the tomato soup at Van Gogh's Sunflowers. What a ridiculously false debate. Loving art does not devalue life - on the contrary, it helps us value and see nature. All the art in the National Gallery in London, where the soup attack happened, from Giotto to Van Gogh, is based on looking hard at life. It praises our planet. John Constable's The Haywain got papped over in one of the first attacks by Just Stop Oil this

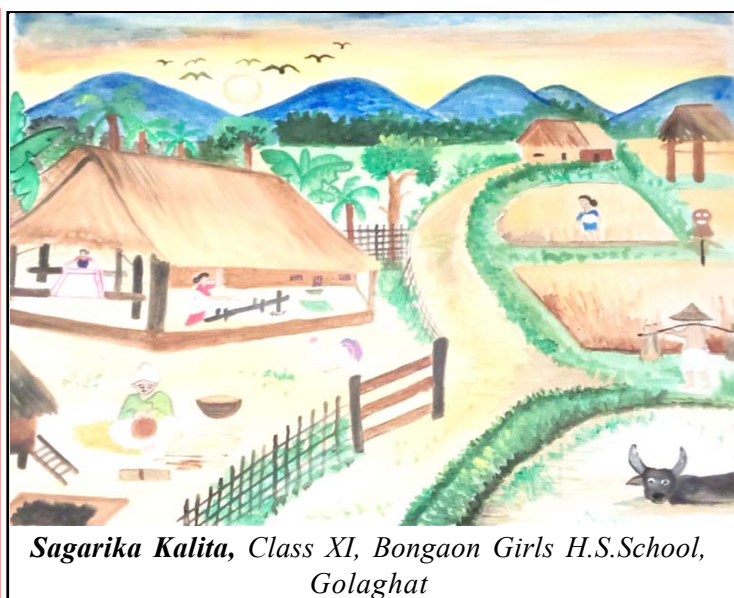
summer, yet Constable was a critic of the industrial revolution. He painted chimneys darkening the sky with carbon in his canvas, The Opening of Waterloo Bridge. The same romantic love of nature that breathes in his paintings inspired the 19th-century art critic John Ruskin to champion the natural world as well as social justice. But the art attackers don't appear to display any interest in the content or purpose of the masterpieces they bully. Instead, they seem entirely alien from the art itself. Attacking "iconic" art gets attention and purportedly causes a debate. Yet, the only debate here is one about protest. I am yet to see evidence of renewed thought or sensitivity about the climate crisis. Instead, they spawn articles like this about the rights and wrongs of the act. Dramatic gestures in museums do not express and heal the pain of the planet, collective action does. That has to be based on democratic agreement, not coercion by a man with a petrol bomb standing by Picasso's Guernica. Which is where we appear to be heading. Do we really want to go any further into a realm where any work of art is fair game in the

name of a higher cause? The Leopold Museum got sponsorship from an oil and gas company for free entry on the day of the attack. The relationship between the art world and the oil industry is one that must be addressed. However, this is not the fault of Klimt. He worked for largely Jewish clients at the start of the 20th century, painting sensual visions of strong women and celebrating love. He was not known in his creative and passionate life as a champion of big oil, nor did he contribute in any great way to the climate emergency. There is no reason on earth to single out his art for a climate protest. The climate protesters should know that there is an unfortunate precedent for the sabotage of Klimt's loving, tender paintings. In 1945, in the wake of Hitler's death, an SS unit set fire to a castle in the south of Austria containing some of his greatest works and destroyed them for ever. Death and Life, the Klimt painting is called. Those who attacked it think they are fighting for the latter, but they could well be fighting for the death of art itself.

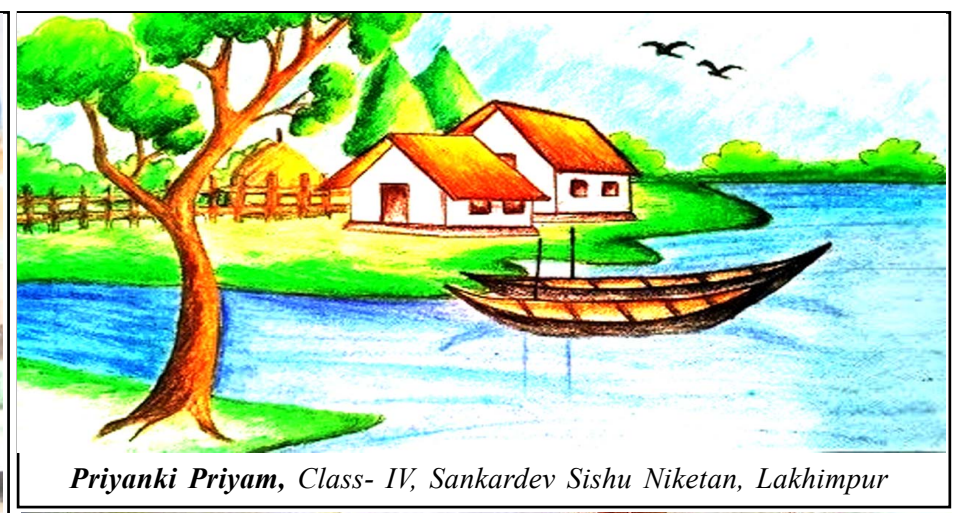




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Short-Story

The Pot of Wit

Once upon a time, king Akbar got so mad at Birbal that he told Birbal to leave the kingdom and go away. Heartbroken, Birbal left the kingdom and took refuge at a farmer's house in a nearby village. Birbal spent his days working at the farm. As time passed, King Akbar started missing his favourite courtier. One day, Akbar decided to send across his royal guards to find Birbal. The guards looked for Birbal in all directions, but all their efforts went to waste. Akbar thought of a trick to find Birbal – he made an announcement that whoever got him a pot full of wit would be given a pot filled with diamonds.



The news reached all the nearby villages, and to Birbal as well. The villagers held a meeting to decide how to solve the king's mystery. Birbal offered to help, stating that he needs a month's time. Birbal took a pot and put a small watermelon in it without cutting it from its vines. After a month, the watermelon grew up to the size of the pot. This pot was sent to the King, and he was told that the wit should only be removed without breaking the pot. Akbar knew that this could be no one else but Birbal, and he went to bring Birbal back to his court.

Moral : Haste makes waste, think hard because there is a solution to every problem.

The Foolish Thief

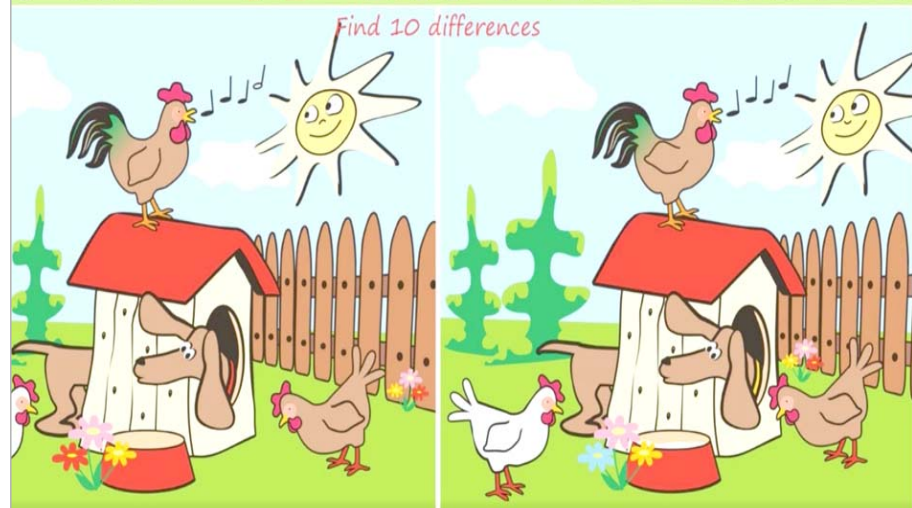
Once upon a time, a rich merchant was robbed in King Akbar's kingdom. The grief-stricken merchant went to the court and asked for help. Akbar asked Birbal to help the merchant find the robber. The merchant told Birbal that he was suspicious of one of his servants. On getting the hint from the merchant, Birbal summoned all the servants and told them to stand in a straight line. When asked about the robbery, everyone denied doing it, as expected. Birbal then handed over one stick of the same length, to each one of them. While dispersing, Birbal said, "By tomorrow, the robber's stick will increase by two inches". The next day when Birbal summoned everyone and inspected their sticks, one servant's stick was shorter by two inches. On being asked by the merchant about the mystery of finding the real thief, Birbal said, "It was simple: the thief had cut his stick by two inches, fearing that it would increase in size".

Moral : Truth always prevails.

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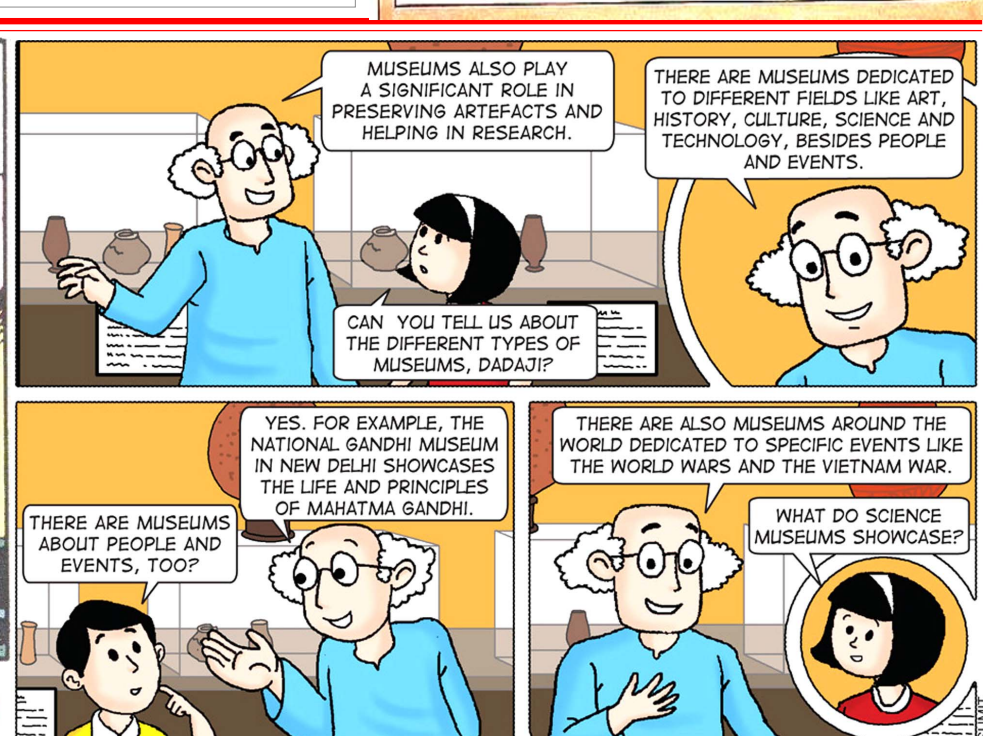


Summer

Lie back on the fresh cut grass
And look up to the sky
Summer sunshine warms my face
As butterflies fly by

I rest my head and think about
The things that make me smile
Summer sunshine always makes
The world so nice and bright

Thank you Summer for the sun
And all the reasons why
Summer is the best of all
The Seasons that go by!



Dream to fly

Sometimes I dream that I can fly.
I lift and flap my arms just so,
And soon I'm soaring to the sky.
Graceful like a bird I go.
I find a fluffy cotton cloud
And catch myself a comfy ride.
I cannot hear a single sound,
As slowly through the air I glide.
My silky cloud floats with the breeze,
Through the bluest sky.
Just like a sailboat on the sea,

Dear Bhagin,

I came across a powerful quote by Pablo Ruiz Picasso was a Spanish painter, sculptor, printmaker, ceramicist and theatre designer who spent most of his adult life in France. He wrote – "Every child is an artist and Children are great imitators. So give them something great to imitate." While children build their identity, question the world around them and identify their strengths, how they talk to themselves plays a major factor when it comes to determining the life they will lead. You can contact me on : assamrising@gmail.com

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Boundary dispute: Assam

committees from both states to arrive at an "amicable resolution" of the vexed border issues.The meeting was led by Assam Border Protection and Development minister Atul Bora and Mizoram Home Minister Lalchamlana. The government of Assam would extend full cooperation in the process, wherever sought by Mizoram, a joint statement signed by the two ministers said.Both sides have agreed to abide by resolutions encapsulated in the joint statement signed in Aizawl on August 5 earlier this year.In the August joint-statement, the two northeastern states had agreed to promote, maintain and uphold peace, and prevent any untoward incident along the inter-state boundaries. The issue is contextual since at least five Assam Police personnel were killed after the Assam-Mizoram boundary dispute exploded in violent clashes at a contested border point in August last year.The year before, people of the two states had clashed twice within a week, injuring at least eight people while a few huts and small shops were torched.Taking forward the discussions over the 150-year-old interstate boundary dispute, the two states have now resolved to maintain peace along the boundary and will have deputy commissioners from the bordering districts meet once every two months to discuss and iron out potential issues.The states also agreed to allow the economic activities practiced by the people living in the bordering villages, like agriculture, irrespective of whichever government has administrative control over the areas now."Both sides agreed to continue their resolve to maintain peace and harmony on the Inter-State border among communities living on both sides with a view to further strengthen their age-old ties," the joint statement issued Thursday said.It added that the high-level delegation from Mizoram, which joined the meeting Wednesday, expressed that a huge unrest has grown among areca nut growers in Mizoram recently over problems faced by them regarding transportation of their produce to Assam and other parts of the country.Both sides have agreed to refer the issue to the chief ministers of the states and work out an amicable solution.Till a permanent solution is worked out, both Assam and Mizoram have agreed to continue sustained zero-tolerance policy against transportation of smuggled areca nut from other countries.The boundary dispute between Assam and Mizoram dates back nearly a century and a half. While there have been several showdowns between various states of the Northeast, the dispute between Assam and Mizoram has rarely culminated in violence over the decades. On August 2 last year, it escalated to unprecedented levels as firing on the interstate boundary left at least five Assam policemen dead and over 50 individuals injured.Mizoram borders Assam's Barak Valley and both the states share borders with Bangladesh. The boundary between the two states, which runs 165 km today, has a history dating back to the time when Mizoram was a district inside Assam and was known as Lushai Hills. Boundary demarcations in 1875 and 1933, particularly the second one, are at the heart of the dispute.The 1875 demarcation, notified on August 20 that year, was derived from the Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation (BEFR) Act, 1873. It differentiated Lushai Hills from the plains of Cachar in Barak Valley. This was done in consultation with Mizo chiefs and became the basis for the Inner Line Reserve Forest demarcation in the gazette two years later.The demarcation of 1933 marks a boundary between Lushai Hills and Manipur, beginning at the tri-junction of Lushai Hills, Cachar district and Manipur. The Mizos do not accept this demarcation on the ground that their chiefs were not consulted this time and have long since claimed that the only acceptable boundary is the Inner Line of 1875 on the southern frontier of Cachar, notified as per the BEFR Act. (This was subsequently revised in 1878 as it sought to demarcate the Lushai Hills frontier from the plains of Assam.)In fact, the dispute has been simmering since Mizoram became a Union Territory in 1972 and then a state in the 1980s. The two states signed an agreement that status quo should be maintained at no-man's land set up in the boundaries. While alleged transgressions have often happened over the decades, a few skirmishes have also taken place in recent years.While Assam sees its claimed boundary as transgressed, Mizoram cites unilateral moves by Assam inside Mizoram territory. It alleges that in June 2020, Assam officials entered Mizoram's Mamit district and visited some farms; that miscreants entered Kolasib district and burnt down two farm huts; and that Assam officials visited the inter-state border between Vairengte (Mizoram) and Lailapur (Assam) and crossed the duty post manned by CRPF.In October 2020, Assam Police officials allegedly visited Saihapui 'V' in Mizoram and threatened to block the interstate highway. Later that month, the interstate highway as well as the National Highway connecting the two states were blocked at Lailapur in Assam. In November, bombs exploded at Upper Phainuam Lower Primary School in Mizoram. A peace meeting was held between the two states after that.

'We need to break terror support

further said that "anyone who supports radicalisation should have no place in any country" as he called for jointly addressing "the problem of radicalisation and extremism." The Prime Minister also underlined the need to strike at the "root of terror financing". "Nobody likes an area that is constantly under threat. And due to this, the livelihood of people is taken away. It is all the more important that we strike at the root of terror financing," PM Modi said. He said that there is no place for an "ambiguous approach while dealing with a global threat" calling terrorism an attack on humanity, freedom and civilization."In today's world, ideally, there should be no need for anyone to remind the world of the dangers of terrorism. However, there are still certain mistaken notions about terrorism in some circles. The intensity of the reaction to various attacks cannot be based on where it happened. All terrorist attacks deserve equal outrage and action. Further, sometimes, there are indirect arguments made in support of terrorism to block action against terrorists. There is no place for an ambiguous approach while dealing with a global threat. It is an attack on humanity, freedom and civilization," PM Modi said in his speech.The PM earlier inaugurated the conference in the presence of Union Home Minister Amit Shah, conveying India's determination in its fight against terrorism and its support systems for achieving success against it.The meeting is being held at Hotel Taj Palace, New Delhi. Over 70 countries are participating in the two-day event. Around 450 delegates from across the world, including ministers, Heads of Multilateral organisations and Financial Action Task Force (FATF) Heads of Delegations are attending the meeting. In a statement, the Prime Minister's office (PMO) earlier said the conference will offer a unique platform for participating nations and organizations to deliberate on the effectiveness of the current international regime on Counter Terrorism Financing as well as steps required to address emerging challenges. The conference will build on the gains and learnings of the previous two conferences held in Paris in April 2018 and in Melbourne in November 2019. It will also work towards enhancing global cooperation to deny finances to terrorists and access to permissive jurisdictions to operate.During the Conference, deliberations will be held in four sessions which will focus on 'Global Trends in Terrorism and Terrorist Financing', 'Use of Formal and Informal Channels of Funds for Terrorism', 'Emerging Technologies and Terrorist Financing' and 'International Co-operation to Address Challenges in Combating Terrorist Financing.'On Thursday, India said that confirmation from China is still awaited while Pakistan and Afghanistan are not participating in the international event. However, a total of 78 countries and multilateral organisations, including Ministers from 20 countries, have confirmed their presence at the two-day conference being organised on November 18 and November 19 here in the national capital."A total of 78 countries and multilateral organisations are participating in the third edition of the 'No Money For Terror' Conference beginning from tomorrow (November 18)," said Dinkar Gupta, Director General, National Investigation Agency (NIA), India's anti-terror agency which works under the Ministry of Home Affairs, while speaking in a press briefing.Asked about the presence of Pakistan and Afghanistan in the conference, the NIA Director General said, "Pakistan and Afghanistan are not participating in this conference". On a query over the presence of China in the international event on terror financing, Secretary West (MEA) Sanjay Verma said "the participation of China is not yet confirmed".

'Forcible religious conversions in

Pramod Boro.Churches are being built everywhere in the BTC area, said Mohilary, who recently met senior BJP leaders in Delhi and reportedly promised to the saffron party's central leadership that his party would not put up candidates in Lok Sabha seats and sought BPF's entry into NDA besides cabinet berth for the party in the Assam council of ministry and CEM post in the BTC."I and my party (BPF) worked hand in hand with BJP as a strong and committed partner of the NDA in Assam since 2015. I also supported the NDA's presidential candidate and other Rajya Sabha candidates."Because of our support, BJP came to power in Assam in 2016 under the leadership of Sarbananda Sonowal as the Chief Minister. I see no differences or contradictions between the ideology and objectives of BJP and BPF. I have full confidence and belief in your leadership," the BPF leader said in his letter.The BPF currently has three MLAs in the 126-member Assam assembly.Mohilary said that BJP in Assam chose to befriend United People's Party Liberal (UPPL) led by Pramod Boro in 2020 despite his utmost efforts to have a pre-poll alliance with BJP.In January this year, BJP's estranged ally BPF had returned as a partner of BJP in state assembly.BJP together with UPPL is ruling the sixth schedule council of BTC.BPF had three ministers in the council of ministry in Assam in the first BJP led government headed by then Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal.The Bodoland Territorial Region in western Assam comprises the five districts of Tamulpur, Chirang, Baksa, Udalguri and Kokrajhar, bordering Bhutan and West Bengal.

Threat of terrorism should not be

the legal and financial systems to fight the menace. "It is the result of our continuous efforts that terrorist incidents in India have come down drastically. This has also resulted in a drastic reduction in the economic losses caused by terrorism," he said.In a veiled attack on Pakistan and China, the home minister said there are countries that "seek to undermine, or even hinder, our collective resolve to fight terrorism". "We have seen that some countries protect and shelter terrorists. Protecting a terrorist is equivalent to promoting terrorism. It will be our collective responsibility that such elements never succeed in their intentions," he said.Shah said no one should ignore terrorist safe havens or their resources. "We also have to expose the double-speak of such elements who sponsor and support them." Therefore, it is important that this conference, the participating countries, and organisations do not take a selective or complacent perspective of the challenges of this region, he said.Terrorists and terror groups now understand the nuances of modern weapons, information technology, and the dynamics of the cyber and financial space very well, he said. Referring to the regime change in Afghanistan, the home minister said after August 2021, the situation in the South Asian region has changed and the growing influence of Al-Qaeda and ISIS have emerged as a significant challenge to regional security."These new equations have made the problem of terror financing more serious. Three decades ago, the whole world had to bear the serious consequences of one such regime change, the result of which we all have seen in the horrific attack of 9/11," he said.Shah said in this background, last year's changes in the South Asian region are a matter of concern for everyone. Along with Al-Qaeda, organisations in South Asia such as Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammed continue to spread terror, he said. India has been a victim of terrorism which is sponsored from across the border for several decades, the home minister said, adding, "Indian security forces and civilians have had to deal with incidents of extremely serious terrorist violence perpetrated in a sustained and coordinated manner.""The international community has a collective approach that terrorism must be condemned in all its forms. But the forms and manifestations of terrorism are continuously evolving due to technological revolution," he said.The home minister said the emerging trends of the illegal trade of narcotics, and the challenge of narco-terror, have given a new dimension to terror financing. "In view of this, there is a need for close cooperation among all nations. Multilateral institutions such as the United Nations and the presence of platforms such as the Financial Action Task Force, FATF, are most effective in terms of preventing terrorism in the field of ??combating the financing of terrorism," he said.Shah said FATF is playing an important role in setting and implementing global standards to prevent and combat, money laundering and terrorist financing.India remains committed to all efforts to combat terrorism, by sharing intelligence, capacity building for effective border control, preventing misuse of modern technologies, monitoring and preventing illicit financial flows, and co-operating in investigative and judicial processes, the home minister added.

XLII PSPB Inter Unit Football

of Petroleum & Natural Gas shall be holding its 05-day Inter-Unit tournament from 16th to 20th November in Guwahati. For the first time, five games together have been organized by PSPB where ONGC, BPCL, MNGEL, OIL & NRL are hosting Badminton, Volleyball, Basketball, Carrom & Football at Guwahati.Union Minister while delivering his speech said that, this is first time in the history of PSPB as well as in Assam that 5 Tournaments are being held at the same time.Highlighting PSPB's role in promoting sports, the Minister said that it has many national and international players in the Indian teams in both Men and Women like, Hockey, Badminton, Table Tennis Chess, Carrom & Archery. Oil & gas PSUs under Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas have always taken an active and lead role in the promotion of sports in the country. Shri Teli appreciated the efforts by PSPB for conducting this tournament. Mentioning the achievement of PSBP Players in International Scenario the Minister also said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi the country is witnessing a changing scenario in the field of sports and players are doing exceedingly well in sports events like Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, etc. He also said that girls are also doing equally well in various sports disciplines.Many National and International players in the field of Badminton, Volleyball, Basketball, Football & Carrom were present in inaugural ceremony. The renowned players like Lakshay Sen (Badminton), HS Prannoy (Badminton), Satwiksairaj Rankireddy (Badminton), B Sai Praneet (Badminton), Saurav Verma (Badminton), Ashvini Ponappa (Badminton), P Kashyap (Badminton), Sikki Reddy (Badminton), Sameer Verma (Badminton), Kajal Kumari (Carrom), K Srinivas (Carrom), Rashmi Kumari (Carrom), Athin GS (Volleyball), Jayrom Vinit (Volleyball), Vishesh Bharguvanshi (Basketball), Atanu Das (Archery), Jyothi Surekha (Archery) and Shiva Thapa (Boxing) attended the ceremony. All the players were felicitated by MoS Shri Rameswar Teli in today's programme.Competitions in five sporting disciplines Football, Badminton, Volleyball, Basketball and Carrom will be held simultaneously during the tournament.

Congress can only break India': BJP

Parliament attack," Nadda said."When Rahul Gandhi was in JNU in support of those who raised such slogans, some people also raised the slogan 'Bharat Tere Tukde Honge, Insha Allah Insha Allah'. Your (Rahul Gandhi's) statement yesterday on freedom fighter Veer Savarkar was also condemnable. It shows they (Congress) can only break the country, not unite it," Nadda alleged. Brushing aside the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) as a "new party", Nadda said the Arvind Kejriwal-led outfit lost its deposit on 349 of the 350 seats it fought in the Uttar Pradesh Assembly polls."Mark my words, they will lose their deposit on all the 67 seats they fought in the recent Himachal Pradesh polls," he asserted.Nadda claimed the BJP worked on "mission" mode (for development), while other parties worked for "commission" (kickbacks). Hailing the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the coronavirus pandemic, Nadda said India was able to develop two vaccines in just nine months and secured the entire population against the pandemic "We even sent vaccines to nearly 100 countries, including 38 countries free of cost. Now, India has become a country of givers and not takers," said Nadda.Against one All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) being built under first prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru, 15 AIIMS are being set up under Modi, including one in Rajkot in Gujarat. Gujarat will see polls on December 1 and 5, while the counting of votes will take place on December 8.

FIR lodged against Assam

special classes. "Hearing this, the teachers threatened to kill me," he said.He further said that the teachers struck him on his head and punched him. They went to his room and burnt his medicines and locked the boy.Superintendent of Police of Cachar district Numal Mahatta said that the police were investigating the case from all angles and links to any jihadi activities will also be looked into."We are trying to collect adequate information and the matter will be investigated properly."However, the madrasa's management committee has denied the allegations, terming them false and fabricated.

Celebrations of 400th Birth

kilometres.On Thursday, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma appealed to the people of Assam to light up earthen lamps at their homes on the occasion of Lachit Diwas on November 24. The last leg of the celebrations will be taken to the national capital - Vigyaan Bhawan -- from November 23 to 25.CM Sarma said that Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will inaugurate the exhibition on November 23 with Union Home Minister Amit Shah gracing the occasion as chief guest on November 24 and Prime Minister, Narendra Modi in the valedictory function on November 25.A book on Lachit Barphukan will be released and a documentary on the great warrior will also be screened at Vigyan Bhawan.The Chief Minister also disclosed that Union Minister Kiren Rijiju will inaugurate a cultural programme at Sunder Park on November 23.He further stated that efforts are on to perpetuate the hallowed memory of the warrior both within and outside the state. He said plans are on the anvil to hold programmes on Lachit Diwas in other parts of the country.He said that he would request the Chief of the Army Staff to hold a memorial lecture and to institute an award after the great warrior and to present it to the best cadet every year.Moreover, the Chief Minister said that he would also request the NCERT to include a chapter on the legendary warrior.Exhorting the officials to leave no stone unturned for the smooth conduct of the event in Delhi, the Chief Minister discussed threadbare with the Ministers in charge of committees such as invitation and reception, accommodation, transportation, food, media and publicity, venue management and decoration, exhibition committee, cultural committee, seminar committee, open session committee, medical committee, the traditional portrayal of Ahom culture, etc regarding various matters of importance.He asked the Chief Secretary to depute more officers to Delhi so that every invitee from Assam is taken care of during their entire stay in Delhi. Help desks will be set up in the railway station and airport. A control room has also been set up in the Assam House for the smooth conduct of the event.

Congress' Bharat Jodo Yatra

through the streets of the city, party spokesperson Manjit Mahanta said. "More than 500 people joined the march on Thursday (Nov 17)," he said.The Congress, the main opposition party in Assam, had on November 1 started the 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' from Dhubri district and planned to cover a distance of 834 km in 70 days.Besides the main 3,570-km Kanyakumari to Kashmir yatra, the Congress is organising several sub-marches in states from where the main yatra will not pass.The Congress' spokesperson said delegates of Rajior Dal joined the rally in the city and extended its support to the programme."The Rajior Dal is supporting our yatra as it wants to deter the BJP's expansionist designs," he said.The Congress spokesperson said other opposition parties of the state and prominent citizens will join the rally on Friday, which had already passed through Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma's Jalukbari constituency on Wednesday.The march will culminate at Sadiya in the easternmost part of the state, the spokesperson added.

Asia must not become arena for 'big power contest', says China's Xi ahead of Apec summit

Beijing, November 18 : The Asia-Pacific is no one's back yard and should not become an arena of big power rivalry, China's president, Xi Jinping, has said, warning against cold war tensions in a region that is a flashpoint of competition between Beijing and Washington.Xi's remarks on Thursday came ahead of Friday's Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) summit in Bangkok, and were an apparent reference to US efforts with regional allies and partners to blunt what they see as China's growing coercive economic and military influence in the region."No attempt to wage a new cold war will ever be allowed by the people or by our times," Xi said in written remarks prepared for a business event linked to the summit."We should follow a path of openness and inclusiveness," he said in the speech, which was provided by organisers, adding the region should not turn into "an arena for big power contest"."Unilateralism and protectionism should be rejected by all; any attempt to politicise and weaponise economic and trade relations should also be rejected by all," he said.Relations between the world's two largest economies have grown strained in recent years over issues including tariffs, Taiwan, intellectual property theft, the removal of Hong Kong's autonomy and territorial disputes over the South China Sea, among others.In a move that may be seen by Beijing as a rebuke, a senior administration official said the US vice-president, Kamala Harris, will on Tuesday visit the Philippine islands of Palawan on the edge of the disputed South China Sea.The trip will make Harris the highest-ranking US official to visit the island chain adjacent to the Spratly Islands. China has dredged the sea floor to build harbours and airstrips on the Spratlys, parts of which are also claimed by Brunei, Malaysia, the Philippines, Taiwan and Vietnam.Xi told Philippine counterpart Ferdinand Marcos Jr at a meeting in Bangkok that the strength of bilateral ties hinged on stable relations at sea, China's CCTV state broadcaster said, referring to disputes over areas of the South China Sea.Harris will visit Palawan after attending the Apec meeting, which follows a series of regional summits so far dominated by geopolitical tension over the war in Ukraine.At the G20 meeting in Bali, countries unanimously adopted a declaration saying most members condemned the Ukraine war, but that also acknowledged some countries saw the conflict differently. Host Indonesia said the war was the most contentious issue.Russia is a member of both the G20 and Apec but President Vladimir Putin has stayed away from the summits. First deputy prime minister Andrey Belousov will represent Putin at Apec.Apec host Thailand on Thursday said leaders gathering for the forum should "rise above differences".Its foreign minister, Don Pramudwinai, said the meeting of the 21-member bloc "takes place at a pivotal juncture", with the world facing multiple risks. "Cancel mentality ... permeates every conversation and action, [and] makes any compromise appear impossible," he said in a statement after a meeting of the bloc's foreign ministers ahead of the main summit. "That's why Apec this year must rise above these challenges and deliver hope to the world at large."Xi held a rare summit with Japanese prime minister Fumio Kishida while in Bangkok, the first leadership-level meeting between the two countries in nearly three years, after which Kishida said he conveyed concerns about peace in the Taiwan strait.He reaffirmed with Xi that they would reopen dialogue between diplomatic officials and communicate closely, and said both leaders agreed Russia must not use the nuclear option in Ukraine. He declined to say what Xi said on the issue.China's CCTV reported that Xi told Kishida the Taiwan issue involved the political foundation of ties between their two countries, and territorial disputes should be properly managed.The meeting came a day after tensions simmered in Bali, where Xi criticised Canadian prime minister Justin Trudeau in person over alleged leaks of their closed-door meeting, a rare public display of annoyance by Xi. Trudeau is also in Bangkok.On Thursday, as leaders prepared for the Apec meeting, the junta in neighbouring Myanmar announced an amnesty for 5,774 prisoners, among them a Japanese filmmaker, a former British ambassador and an Australian economist and former adviser to deposed leader Aung San Suu Kyi. State media said 700 of those released were political prisoners.Activists and the military's opponents welcomed the amnesty, but warned the world not to be tricked by the junta, which they said was using people as bargaining chips.At a news conference in Bangkok, US secretary of state Antony Blinken welcomed the release as "one bright spot in what is otherwise an incredibly dark time".

Foster brings in big guns as All Blacks look to avenge World Cup England exit

London, November 18 : It has been three years since England beat New Zealand 19-7 in Yokohama, and this Saturday's game is the first time they have played against each other since. The All Blacks head coach, Ian Foster, says they have moved on from the loss, but you imagine the players involved still feel the sting of that defeat, and will be using the memory of it this week. "I'm sure it will be



mentioned," Foster said, "but I don't think it's relevant to where we're at now." England might disagree. The win was a high-water mark for Jones's team. They played at a level they haven't reached since, that match is an increasingly distant reminder of what they're capable of. "We know they are a team that's searching for consistency," Foster said. So are his All Blacks. They may have won six in a row, but they've already lost four Tests this year, a fifth defeat would make it their worst season this century, and he would be back under

pressure again. "We're in a good space, I like where our game is going," Foster said. He thinks the team have moved on from their bumpy run in the summer. "We've had a plan to grow some options, cement some combinations, and change some things in our game, so if I look where we've got to in the last three or four weeks, we're pretty delighted. But we're playing a different type of team this

bit isolated because the outside backs weren't communicating as well as they should have. Beaudie seems to improve that area when he goes in at 15." The pack is stronger too, because Brodie Retallick is back from suspension and starts alongside Sam Whitelock in the second row. Foster has moved Scott Barrett back to the flank, which means it is a hefty pack, with three lock forwards and plenty of options at the lineout. It will be Retallick's 100th cap. He's the 12th All Black to do it, all of them have played in the last 11 years. Which tells you, yes, something about how congested the playing schedule is, but also about how strong the spine of the team has been in that time. "Brodie's been there since 2012," says Foster. "So he's been a massive part of the engine room of an All Black pack for a long time, but he's multi-skilled, he's got that tough edge to him but he's also got those skills around the park, and that's always been a feature of his game. He's a major contributor behind the scenes, he's the heart and soul of this group." You wouldn't necessarily know it from listening to him in press conferences, like Foster, Retallick isn't much of a talker. "It's awesome," he offered, "there's 11 players who have done it and I've been there for nine of them so I've seen how special it is and how cool a moment it is for the player and their family."

Rassie Erasmus suspended by World Rugby again over social media rants

London, November 18 : Rassie Erasmus has been banned for two matches by World Rugby and will miss South Africa's visit to Twickenham on 26 November following a series of social media posts which included implicit criticism of Wayne Barnes' refereeing performance. Erasmus posted a number of videos highlighting decisions made by Barnes in the Springboks' narrow defeat by France last week accompanied by sarcastic comments. He did similar after South Africa's defeat by Ireland, continuing his tendency to air grievances publicly rather than privately with World Rugby. The Springboks' director of rugby has only recently returned to matchday activities after a 12-month ban for the hour-long video he released during the 2021 British & Irish Lions tour of South Africa in which he forensically criticised the performance of the

Australian referee Nic Berry. His latest social media posts have prompted World Rugby to act again, meaning Erasmus is banned from all matchday activities for Saturday's fixture against Italy as well as South Africa's trip to Twickenham seven days later. He is also



suspended from "engagement with media and social media in relation to match officials". A World Rugby statement read: "Match officials are the backbone of the sport and without them there is no game. World Rugby condemns any public criticism of match official selection, performance or integrity, which undermines

their role, the trust-based coach/match officials feedback process and the values of integrity, respect, solidarity and discipline that are at the heart of the sport. The behaviour of coaching staff and match officials are widely observed by fans, media and participants at every level, and such behaviours affect how the values are applied across the game." Among the incidents highlighted by Erasmus was one involving France's Thomas Ramos handing off Cheslin Kolbe with a forearm to the face as well as Willie le Roux being penalised for a forward pass. Alongside it he wrote: "I know guys and accept it, we really only have ourselves to blame as the French were awesome [sic] both on the field (players) and off the field (supporters)!! We just have to fix these fundamental errors like tackle technique and simple passing. Sorry SA we know."

Eddie Jones wants England to ignite crowd and expose All Black weaknesses

London, November 18 : Eddie Jones has called on England to ignite the Twickenham crowd when they host New Zealand on Saturday, acknowledging the "massive effect" of his players' response to the haka before their 2019 World Cup semi-final win. Jones compared the challenge of achieving a first home win over the All Blacks since 2012 as "climbing Mount Everest" but believes England can expose the weaknesses of their vaunted opponents. Jones has recalled Billy Vunipola to his XV - shifting Sam Simmonds to blindside flanker in an eye-catching back row - with six of the side who began the 19-7 victory in Yokohama named to start. Six others have never

played against the All Blacks before but Jones predicted that two who have - Maro Itoje and Manu Tuilagi - will be occupying New Zealand's thoughts. Three years ago it was Tuilagi who scored England's early try and Jones has also spoken with his players about the centre's remarkable performance against the All Blacks 10 years ago. In 2019 his try came soon after England had lined up in a V formation while New Zealand performed the haka - a statement of intent which saw them fined for crossing the halfway line but one they successfully backed up. "It had a massive effect on the fans, that's what it had an effect on," said Jones. "On Saturday we've got a responsibility to

light the crowd up. We want to light the crowd up, whether it's during the haka or post the haka I don't really care. "Jones is also determined to ensure his side fly out of the blocks - in his two matches against New Zealand as England head coach they have scored tries within the first three minutes - and urged those facing the All Blacks for the first time to avoid the dangers of showing them too much respect. "This is like if you're a mountain climber going to the top of Mount Everest - they're the most successful team in world rugby and the team you want to play against. For a young guy like Freddie Steward or a Jack van Poortvliet or a Marcus Smith, this is where you benchmark



yourself against the rest of the world." It's always in the head. You either make a decision that you go at them or you're going to be a spectator. You've got to truly believe you can win; that your strengths are stronger than theirs. You've

got to truly believe you will expose their weaknesses. I know with our team we believe we can win. We believe we've got strength that we can maximise against New Zealand. We believe there are weaknesses we can expose."

Cristiano Ronaldo feels Manchester United 'cut his legs' as relations soured

London, November 18 : Cristiano Ronaldo felt Manchester United had 'cut his legs' and did not want him to "shine" or listen to advice as his relationship with the club deteriorated. The Portugal forward claimed United were trying to force him out and criticised manager Erik ten Hag while also saying the club's owners, the Glazer family, do not care about the club. The five-time Ballon d'Or winner told TalkTV he did not respect

advice. I think I have words to advise to the club. I think I can help a lot, but when the infrastructure is not good ... "Amid speculation over whether he would be departing United over the summer, Ronaldo and other players left a pre-season friendly against Rayo Vallecano before full time - something new boss Ten Hag had labelled "unacceptable". In October, Ronaldo was a substitute for the 2-0 win over Tottenham and later walked



off the bench before leaving the stadium, with Ten Hag saying the 37-year-old had refused to come on during the closing stages. Ronaldo did not feature for the next Premier League match against Chelsea. "I think it was a strategy from the club for me to react that way," said Ronaldo, who is currently on World Cup duty with

Portugal. "I was very, very, very disappointed for the communication of Manchester United. To be honest, I never had a problem with any club, with any coach. And they suspend me three days, which I felt was a lot - and the level of sport, clubs, I felt a lot. It was a shame. "Ronaldo, though, did regret leaving the stadium early. "It's difficult to tell you 100%, but let's say I regret (it), but in the same way I felt provoked by the coach," he said. "Not allowed for me, a coach to put me in three minutes in a game. Sorry, I'm not that kind of player. I know what I can give to teams."

'One more go for the blokes': Skinner and Baddiel record festive Three Lions track

London, November 18 : Frank Skinner and David Baddiel have released a reworked, festive version of their 1996 football anthem Three Lions, ahead of the 2022 men's World Cup beginning on Friday. Discussing the release of the track, the pair said that although their famous refrain "football's coming home" had become redundant after victory for the England women's team earlier this year, they would give it "one more go for the blokes". "We could not resist the fact that the World Cup was at Christmas, and people have said in the past that football songs are a little bit tacky, and obviously Christmas songs are a bit tacky," Skinner told the One Show on Thursday. "In maths two negatives make a positive, so we think there's so much tacky in this that it's going to be a classic." Baddiel added: "The Lionesses brought it home, football came home and some would say that's the end of the song, stop singing it. But we

decided to give it one more go on the basis that the blokes have not brought it home." The men's tournament, taking place in Qatar, is due to run from 20 November until 18 December.



The music video shows Skinner and Baddiel dressed in Christmas jumpers while superimposed next to their younger selves, and decorating a tree with Lionesses baubles while singing. Part of the new lyrics are: "The blokes seem cursed whatever they try and I think I know why, they're just jinxed in July." But it's December ... three lions on a sleigh. With she-lions inspiration, Santa says, "Let's play!" Speaking

it was the Lionesses. "It wasn't like: 'Oh yes we've got to support the women's game' - no, this was brilliant football." Three Lions was first released by Skinner, Baddiel and Ian Broudie in 1996, becoming a popular British song at major international football competition since England's first game in the 2022 World Cup is due to take place on Monday against Iran.

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India vs New Zealand: First T20 I Called Off Due To Rain

New Delhi, November 18 : The first T20 International of the three-match series between India and New Zealand was called off without a ball being bowled as incessant rain made the ground unplayable, in Wellington on Friday. India are slated to play two more T20Is, followed by three ODIs as part of their tour of New Zealand. Both the teams had come in following their exit from the semifinal stage of the T20 World Cup in Australia. While India lost to eventual champions England, New Zealand were defeated by Pakistan. In the absence of regular skipper Rohit Sharma, premier all-rounder Hardik Pandya is leading the Indian T20 side with wicketkeeper batter



Rishabh Pant serving as his deputy. Besides Rohit, star batter Virat Kohli and opener KL Rahul have also been rested for the tour. The likes of Shubman Gill, Umran Malik, Ishan Kishan and Sanju Samson have been given a chance as senior players have been rested.

The entire coaching staff, including head coach Rahul Dravid, has also been given a break after the T20 World Cup. NCA head VVS Laxman has been appointed as the Indian coach for the tour. The next T20I will be played in Mount Maunganui on Sunday.

Wimbledon will allow dark undershorts due to female players' period concerns

Wimbledon, November 18: Wimbledon is to drop the tournament's strict all-white dress code and allow female players to wear dark undershorts in order to address the concerns of female players who are menstruating. The

players and listening to their feedback as to how they can perform at their best," said Sally Bolton, chief executive of the All England Club. "I'm pleased to confirm that, following consultation with players and representatives of sev-

eral stakeholder groups, the committee of management has taken the decision to update the white clothing rule at Wimbledon. "This means that from next year, women and girls competing at The Championships will have the option of wearing coloured undershorts if they choose. It is our hope



move comes after protests at this year's tournament from the Address The Dress Code campaign, which sought to highlight the anxiety women can face when competing in traditional whites, and criticism from Judy Murray and Billie Jean King. "We are committed to supporting the

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'I Will Retire' Cristiano Ronaldo On Qatar World Cup 'Fantasy' Involving Lionel Messi

New Delhi, November 18 : One of the finest footballers of all time, Cristiano Ronaldo has turned quite a few heads, courtesy of his explosive interview with British journalist Piers Morgan. From slamming the lack of development at his club Manchester United to hailing his arch-rival Lionel Messi, Ronaldo has had some big revelations to make in the 2-part 90-minute interview. In



the second part of the interview, which was released on Thursday, Ronaldo also spoke about a situation involving Lionel Messi that might push him to call time on his career. It was Piers Morgan who put a hypothetical situation in front of Ronaldo. The British journalist said: "Portugal are in the FIFA World Cup final against Argentina. You have scored 2 goals, Lionel Messi has scored 2 goals. In the 94th minute, you score the third goal to complete your hat-trick and Portugal win the World Cup." Amused by the idea, Ronaldo said: "It's too good". The Portuguese stalwart further said that he will be the happiest man on the field even if the Portuguese goalkeeper scored the goal and

his team won the World Cup. Returning back to the question Morgan has posed, Ronaldo said if that happens, "he will finish football, will retire". In the interview, Ronaldo also spoke about his admiration for Messi who, alongside Ronaldo, has been the most dominant player over the last 15 years or so. "He is an amazing player. Magic. Top. As a person, we share the stage 16 years. Imagine 16 years. So, I have great relationship with him," Ronaldo said in the interview. "I'm not a friend of him, in terms of what I mean as a friend who was with you in your house or speaking on the phone. No, but it's like a teammate. He's a guy that I really respect the way he always speaks about me. Even his wife or my wife, my girlfriend, they always have respect and they're from Argentina." My girlfriend is from Argentina. So good. What I am going to say about Messi? A great guy who does great things for football. "As far as his ultimate retirement plans go, Ronaldo confirmed that he is keen to play until he is 40. "I want to play two years more, three years more. So two or three years maximum. I want to finish at 40. I think 40 will be a good age... but I don't know, I don't know the future," he said. "Sometimes you plan one thing for your life and as I said many times, the life is dynamic and you never know what's going to happen." Ronaldo has already started practicing with the Portugal national team in Qatar.

London, November 18 : Ryan Tannehill threw for 333 yards and two touchdowns to outduel Aaron Rodgers as the Tennessee Titans beat the Green Bay Packers 27-17 on Thursday night. Tannehill looked much sharper in his second game back after missing two games with an injured ankle. He went 22 of 27 and had one interception as the Titans (7-3) won for the seventh time in eight games. Green Bay (4-7) have lost six of seven. Rodgers went 24 of 39 for 227 yards with two touchdown passes to rookie Christian Watson, a 14-yarder to close the first quarter and an eight-yarder in the third quarter. That followed Watson's three-touchdown performance in a 31-28 overtime victory over the Dallas Cowboys on Sunday. Watson became the first Packers rookie since Max McGee in 1954 to have multiple touchdown catches in consecutive games. The Packers limited Tennessee's Derrick Henry to 87 yards and a touchdown on 28 carries - a 3.1-yard average - but the Titans still posted season highs in points and yards (408) thanks to a strong passing game. Henry even got into the act by throwing a three-yard jump pass to Austin Hooper for a touchdown. Treyton Burks, the Titans' rookie first-round pick, had the best game of his young career with seven catches for 111 yards. Tennessee led 7-6 at the end of the first quarter and then dominated the second, running 27 plays to the Packers' six and outgaining Green Bay 91 yards to 17. Tennessee started the quarter with a drive that lasted over 10 minutes but didn't result in



any points because Quay Walker stuffed Henry for a two-yard loss on fourth-and-one. Tennessee had the ball for 18 plays, the Titans' longest scoreless drive since at least 2000. But the Titans forced a punt, got the ball back on Green Bay's 41 and extended their lead to 14-6 on Henry's four-yard touchdown run with 32 seconds left in the half. That was the first of three straight touchdown drives for the Titans. Henry's rushing TD was his 10th of the season, the fifth straight season he's reached that mark. The only other players to have at least 10 touchdowns runs in five straight seasons are LaDainian Tomlinson, Adrian Peterson, Shaun Alexander and Michael Turner. Watson's second touchdown of the night helped Green Bay narrow Tennessee's advantage to 20-17 late in the third quarter, but the Packers' offense did nothing the rest of the game. The Titans extended the lead and scored their first fourth-quarter touchdown of the season when Hooper

opened the period with his 16-yard catch from Tannehill. The play was originally ruled an incompletion but was overturned on replay.

of how data can be used to help set up a team to be compact and nullify threats, but Brazil's starters and finishers can turn any match in their favour. Tite has said it will be a case of horses for courses when it comes to selection. The philosophy of Brazil will never change but the coach may decide for a certain game he wants someone who can run in behind, greater physicality from Richardson, or he could want to press more aggressively or overload in wide areas. Tite will have seen what Jesus has done since moving to Arsenal and may want to go with him. For one-v-one situations on the flanks, will he turn to Vinicius or Martinelli? Whatever he needs, Tite can look at his squad and pick accordingly and he will be spoiled for choice. Behind that they will have a very experienced midfield and defence.

Casemiro will be at the heart of it and everyone has seen the difference he makes to a team. Brazil will need to stop the transition, which is what Casemiro, Fred or Fabinho are in the side to do, because transitions will be hugely significant. The central midfield combination will have a big job because Brazil's defence is ageing. On the upside, the older a player is, the more experience they have and that could be vital. There is not much Dani Alves and Thiago Silva have not witnessed and their presence could help their younger

teammates. Previously Brazil have not been a pressing team but they will now press from the front because they want to win the ball as high as possible. They may require fewer defenders because Tite will know if this plan works

unit. France have lost their midfield from four years ago through injury, England's back four looks fragile and Brazil's defence is getting old. It will be a case of who manages their problem the best. If England are to challenge,



they will need to gather momentum. In international football I am a huge fan of experience and Gareth Southgate has gone with high cap accumulation in his squad - 820 between them. This is his third major tournament and it is the most caps he's gone with. Kyle Walker's fitness is unknown and Harry Maguire is not playing for his club, meaning the England defence will be desperate for an early morale-boosting clean sheet. Southgate also has options to bring on if he needs to win a game. A forward line of Phil Foden, Harry

Kane and Raheem Sterling means England will score goals but it is the other end they need to pay attention to. I would love England to make it to the final but I'm tipping Spain to get there. In last year's Euros, Spain were

Brittney Griner begins sentence in remote Russian penal colony

Moscow, November 18: Basketball star Brittney Griner has been sent to a remote Russian penal colony to start serving her sentence, her lawyers have said. "Brittney began serving her sentence at IK-2 in Mordovia," lawyers Maria Blagovolina and Alexander Boykov said in a statement. "We visited her early this week. Brittney is doing as well as could be expected and trying to stay strong as she adapts to a new environment." The US athlete was handed nine years in prison in August for possessing vape cartridges with a small quantity of cannabis oil, after she was arrested at a Moscow airport in February. The 32-year-old's case came amid fierce tensions between Moscow and Washington over Russia's military offensive in Ukraine. Griner's agent, Lindsay Colas, said: "Despite the

fact she is alone and now nearing her ninth month in detention separated from her loved ones, she is trying to stay strong." Colas also expressed her thanks to the administration of Joe Biden who last week pledged to secure Griner's return. "I'm telling you I'm determined to get her home and get her home safely," the US president said. The IK-2 penal colony is in the town of Yavas in the central region of Mordovia known for its harsh climate. The IK stands for a "corrective colony", the most common type of prison in Russia. According to Russia's Federal Penitentiary Service, the IK-2 houses more than 800 inmates who live in barracks. Mordovia is also home to the IK-17 colony where Paul Whelan, a retired US Marine, is serving time after he was convicted of spying and sen-



tenced to 16 years in 2020. His family says he has been mistreated and undergone sleep deprivation there. Russian penal colonies are known for their harsh treatment of inmates, unsanitary conditions and lack of access to proper healthcare. Conditions in penal colonies are much harsher than in detention centres. Activists say abuse and torture are frequent in Russia's vast network of prisons, a successor to the notorious Gulag system of the Stalin era.

BHU wins East Zone Inter University Basketball

Assam Rising, November 18 : Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi has won the first prize in the AIU East Zone Inter University Basketball (Women's) Tournament held here today as the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya. The second position went to the University of Calcutta, the third position taken by Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth, Varanasi and the fourth position went to USTM. All the four teams have been qualified for participation in the All India Inter University (W) Championship 2022-23 to be held at DCRM, Murthal, Haryana from 30 th January to 3 rd February 2023. The prizes for all the four teams were distributed in



the colourful closing ceremony organised by USTM in the evening today. Shri Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor USTM addressed the players and cheered them to keep up their sportsmanship spirit. He congratulated the winning teams and said that USTM always encourages sports and that the University provides a platform for the youth of the country in sports, along with academics. The AIU East Zone Inter

University Basketball Men & Women's Tournaments 2022-23 is being organised by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi and hosted by USTM. This 11-day long tournament began from 15 th November with the Women's Basketball competitions in which 26 teams representing different NE states, Odisha, UP, Bihar, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal participated. The women's event was

held from 15 th to 18 th of November while the Men's events will start from 22 nd to 25 th November 2022 in the sports complex of USTM. A total of 51 teams are going to participate in the Men's competitions. Speaking in this context, Mr Rizaul Ahmed, Convenor, Sports Forum USTM and Organizing Secretary of East Zone Inter University Basketball Competition said, "Accommodation for all the 450 players, 70 coaches in the women's competition and 612 players and 100 coaches in the Men's competitions from 17 th to 26 th of November have been taken care of by USTM. The event is being judged by 20 FIBA, BFI affiliated referees."