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fraud arrested

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Guwahati, November 19:

A fraudster has been arrested in Nalbari district of Assam for allegedly duping people in the name of providing jobs. The fraudster was arrested after search drives carried out by the Nalbari and Dhubri Police on Saturday. The fraudster has been identified as Indrajit Das. He was arrested from Bornoddir. Das allegedly cheated people by promising them to provide jobs and loans. The police also raided his residence for several hours. One motor cycle and one luxurious car were recovered after the raids.

Man killed

Assam Rising
Guwahati, November 19:

One person hailing from Assam was allegedly murdered in Bangalore. The person has been identified as Makbul Hussain. He was a resident of Podughat village in Darrang district of Assam. According to reports, unidentified miscreants murdered Hussain on Wednesday. Hussain was reportedly working as a security guard in Bangalore. A police investigation has been launched into the case.

Fire broke out

Assam Rising
Guwahati, November 19:

Fire broke out in a residential neighbourhood at Chapar in Assam's Dhubri district, destroying at least three houses in the vicinity. Sources said a number of livestock was also killed as a result of the unprecedented blaze. It is suspected that the fire broke out due to a short circuit in one of the houses. The incident was reported from New Hatipota area in Chapar. Goods worth lakhs were destroyed in the fire, sources further informed. Following the incident, several fire tenders rushed to the scene and were able to successfully douse the massive blaze.

PM Narendra Modi inaugurates Kashi Tamil Sangamam



New Delhi, November 19:

Inaugurating the month-long Kashi Tamil Sangamam programme in Varanasi on Saturday, November 19, 2022, Prime Minister Narendra Modi hailed Kashi and Tamil Nadi as timeless centres of culture and civilization. PM also advocated for discarding language barriers and promoted emotional harmony among the populace. Mentioning the two oldest

languages in the world, Tamil and Sanskrit, PM Modi said that the two regions are also the epicentres of the world's oldest languages during his inaugural speech at Kashi Tamil Sangamam. "If in Kashi there is Baba Vishwanath, then in Tamil Nadu there is the blessing of Lord Rameshwaram. Both Kashi and Tamil Nadu are 'Shivmay' (drenched in the devotion of Lord Shiv) and 'Shaktimay' (drenched in the devotion of Goddess Shakti)," he said at the event in his Lok Sabha constituency. There is a Dakshin Kashi in Tamil Nadu too, the prime minister

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'India played an essential role in negotiating G20 declaration': White House

New Delhi, November 19:

India played an essential role in negotiating the G20's Bali Declaration that included Prime Minister Narendra Modi's message on the Russia-Ukraine conflict that "today's era must not be of war", the White House has said. The G20's Bali Declaration on Wednesday acknowledged differences among members on the Russia-Ukraine war but stressed that it was essential to ad-

here to international law, including the protection of civilians caught in conflicts. The members of the grouping made it clear that they were against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons and sought "peaceful resolution of conflicts." "Today's era must not be of war," the declaration said, echoing the remark made by Prime Minister Modi during his bilateral meeting with

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What's next for India-China conflict as Xi Jinping begins third term as President



New Delhi, November 19:

The India-China border situation seems to have come to a standstill but undercurrents of tensions between the two nations remain. Two years on from the Galwan clash in 2020, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping have not had a bilateral meeting. At the recent G20 Summit,

they managed a face-to-face interaction but a short one, only to exchange pleasantries. As Xi Jinping takes reign as Chinese President for a historic third term, it will become important for India and China to come to a permanent resolution regarding border disputes. This is in view of Xi's expansionist policies and border construction projects have already begun invading India's territories. Xi Jinping harbours an ambition to

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Discharge from service All Members of Assam Foreigners Tribunals Move SC

Assam Rising
Guwahati, November 19:

The Supreme Court of India has issued a notice to Assam Government on a plea filed by 89 members of Foreigners Tribunals in Assam, challenging their discharge from service. All the 89 members were appointed on contractual basis after a directive passed by the apex court on May 30, 2019, which called for establishment of additional Foreigners Tribunals. They were discharged by way of notification dated October 14 which has been challenged before the top court. A bench of Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud and Justice Hima Kohli issued notice to the state of Assam and

sought its response. Foreigners Tribunal deals with cases of foreigners, who have illegally come from Bangladesh or are illegally residing in Assam. A total of 221 persons were appointed to Foreigners Tribunals in 2019 pursuant to the top court's directions. The plea filed through advocate Kaushik Choudhury contended that the order issued by State discharging the petitioners is absolutely arbitrary, discriminatory and in complete violation of the fundamental rights of the petitioners under Article 14 and 16 of the Constitution of India. During the hearing, Senior Advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan informed the benches that

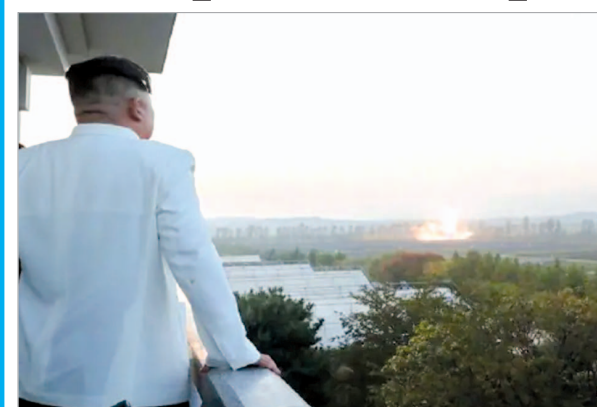


around 1 lakh foreigners' cases are pending in

Assam. The petitioners further said that the State misclassified the service by misinterpreting the fact that their service was decided only National Reg-

ister of Citizen (NRC) related issues and since NRC is not yet published and rejection slips not yet issued, their service is forfeited.

North Korea leader Kim Jong Un vows to use nuclear weapons to respond to US



Pyongyang, November 19:

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un on Saturday (November 19) vowed that his country will respond to continued threats by using nuclear weapons, state news agency KCNA reported.

an intercontinental ballistic missile. The isolated country fired an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) toward the East Sea on Friday, the South Korean military said, in protest over the United States' move to reinforce its "extended deterrence" protection of South Korea and Japan. Attending the site with his daughter and wife, Kim said threats from the United States and its allies pursuing a hostile policy prompted his country to "substantially accelerate the bolstering of its overwhelming nuclear

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'Neither Savarkar, nor Nehru must be insulted': Sanjay Raut

Mumbai, November 19:

Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut on Saturday, November 19, 2022, said Vinayak Damodar Savarkar, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru or any other freedom fighter should not be maligned as they are not alive to defend

themselves. There is no need to counter derogatory comments against Vinayak Damodar Savarkar by targeting Nehru or any other historical personality, he added. Raut was speaking to reporters here a day after making the stand of the Uddhav

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No Money for Terror World economy lost \$900bn in 20 years

New Delhi, November 19:

Addressing the 'No Money for Terror' conference in New Delhi on Friday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi called for penalising countries supporting terrorism as part of their foreign policy, in an indirect reference to Pakistan. While jihadi havens Pakistan and Afghanistan were not invited to the summit, China, which has repeatedly sided with Islamabad-backed terror entities at world forums, decided to skip the event. One of the major challenges in the fight against terror is identifying and disrupting sources of finance. Terrorism is sustained by huge finances generated from money



laundering, drug trafficking, donations from hardline religious groups and kidnappings for ransom, among others. As per estimates, the amount of money laundered every year is 2-5 per cent of the global GDP (2.5 trillion USD). On the other hand,

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No more train delays! Indian Railways to soon introduce anti-fog devices



New Delhi, November 19:

No more train delays! Indian Railways to soon introduce anti-fog devices for better visibility to loco pilots. To make train journeys convenient for passengers, the Indian Railways has come up with a plan which will help reduce train delays. As winter approaches India, there are instances when train services are delayed or cancelled due to severe fog as it reduces visibility to loco pilots. But, worry no more as the North Western Railway has come up

with a solution to avoid any train delays due to fog in the future. As the North Indian rail network is the most affected during the winter season, causing inconvenience to the passengers, the railway authorities will soon introduce anti-fog devices which will not only help reduce train delays but will also limit rail-road accidents. Railway authorities are taking extra precautions to ensure the safety of passengers and to run rail services in areas of the network that are

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PM Modi inaugurates first greenfield airport in Arunachal Pradesh



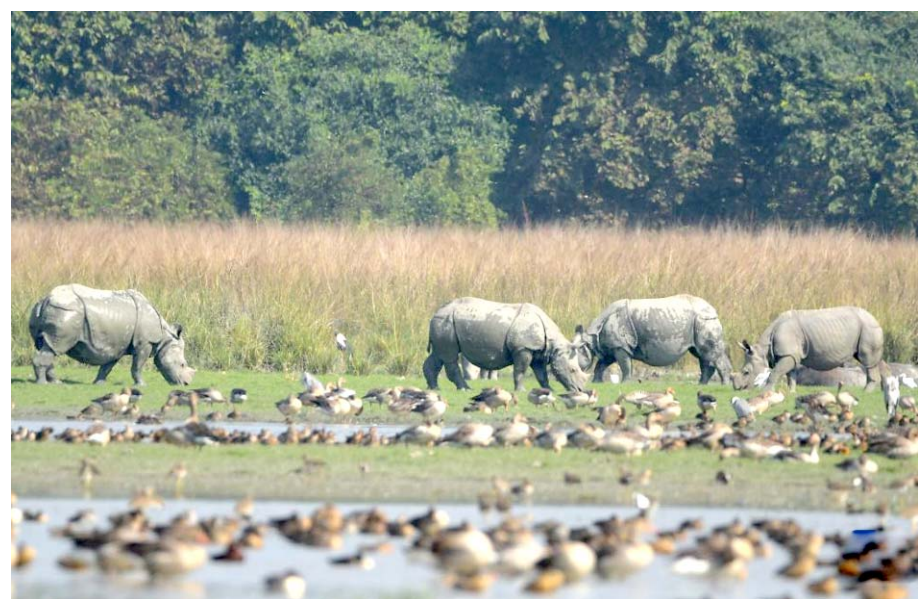
Assam Rising
Guwahati, November 19:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday inaugurated Arunachal Pradesh's first greenfield airport, Donyi Polo Airport, in Itanagar's Hollongi, in a move that will connectivity and tourism in India's northeast region. The airport located at Hollongi, around 15 km from the state capital Itanagar, will link the border state with other Indian cities with commercial flights as well as other parts of Arunachal through

helicopter services. The airport, which is the first greenfield airport in Arunachal, is built across an area of over 690 acre at a cost of over ₹640 crore, according to an official release. With a 2,300 metre runway, the airport is suitable for all weather day operations. The airport terminal is a modern building, which promotes energy efficiency, renewable energy and the recycling of resources. The airport terminal is a modern building, which promotes energy efficiency, renewable energy

and the recycling of resources. Donyi Polo Airport will be the third operational airport for Arunachal Pradesh, taking the total airport count in the Northeast region to 16," the official statement read. "From 1947 to 2014, only nine airports were built in the northeast. In a short span of eight years since then, the Modi government has built seven airports in the Northeast," it added. According to the PMO, the airport

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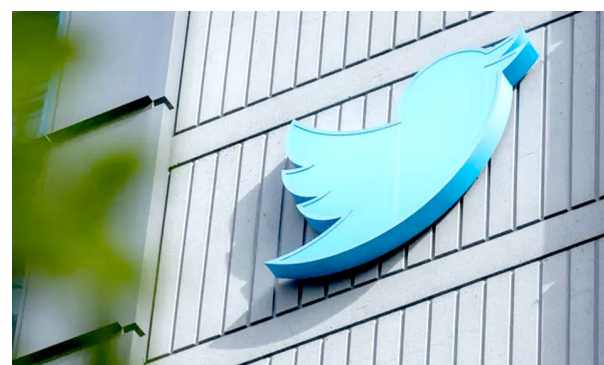


Indian one-horned rhinos graze in the Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary in Morigaon district

Elon Musk summons Twitter engineers amid mass resignations and puts up poll on Trump ban

Washington, November 19 : Elon Musk emailed Twitter staff on Friday asking that any employees who write software code report to the 10th floor of the office in San Francisco in the early afternoon, according to multiple news reports. The billionaire said in a follow-up email, "If possible, I would appreciate it if you could fly to SF to be present in person," adding he would be at the company's headquarters until midnight and would return Saturday morning, Reuters reported. The engineers should report at 2pm on Friday. Meanwhile, Musk started a Twitter poll late on Friday asking followers to vote on whether to reinstate former US president Donald Trump's account on the platform. Early results showed roughly 60% voting yes. Musk's emails came a day after reports indicated between 1,000 and 1,200 Twitter employees decided to quit the beleaguered social media company following a Thursday deadline from Musk that staffers sign up for "long hours at high intensity", or leave. The New York Times also reported on the email and employee decisions. In true Twitter fashion, dozens of employees tweeted their resignations with a version

of the internal company slogan #lovewhereyouworked. "I may be #exceptional, but gosh darn it, I'm just not #hardcore," tweeted Andrea Horst, who worked on supply chain and capacity management at Twitter. The company had told employees it would close its offices and cut badge access until Monday, Reuters reported, citing two unnamed sources, and it was not immediately known whether



the headquarters had reopened. Musk ordered employees to email him a summary of what their software code had "achieved" in the past six months, "along with up to 10 screenshots of the most salient lines of code". "There will be short, technical interviews that allow me to better understand the Twitter tech stack," Musk wrote in one of the emails. Musk said this week that some Tesla

engineers were assisting in evaluating Twitter's engineering teams, but he said it was on a "voluntary basis" and "after hours". The loss of employees in critical engineering roles comes just days before the World Cup, when the service typically expects a surge in traffic. The high-traffic event could be an important test for the new Twitter 2.0, as Musk referred to it, and how the company expects to run with a pared-down senior leaders and then laid off half its staff earlier this month. Posting his poll on whether to reinstate Trump to the platform, Musk tweeted "Vox Populi, Vox Dei", using a Latin phrase that roughly means "the voice of the people is the voice of God". The poll was open for 24 hours. Musk said in May he would reverse Twitter's ban on Trump, whose account was suspended after last year's attack on the US Capitol. Musk said earlier on Friday that a decision to bring back Trump's account was yet to be made, and that Twitter had reinstated some accounts that had been banned or suspended, including satirical website Babylon Bee - and the comedian Kathy Griffin who was suspended after changing her name on Twitter to Elon Musk. Musk's decision to ask Twitter users for guidance on who should be on the platform is part of a huge restructuring of the company, including the massive layoffs. Yoel Roth, the former head of trust and safety who was tapped to assuage concerns advertisers had with the platform, said in a New York Times op-ed that he had chosen to resign last week because it was clear Musk would be unilaterally calling the shots. "A Twitter whose policies are defined by unilateral edict has little need for a trust and safety function dedicated to its principled development," Roth wrote. Musk wrote on Twitter late on Thursday that he was not worried about resignations as "the best people are staying". "So where will Twitter go from here?" Roth wrote. "Some of the company's decisions in the weeks and months to come, like the near certainty of allowing Donald Trump's account back on the service, will have an immediate, perceptible impact. But to truly understand the shape of Twitter going forward, I'd encourage looking not just at the choices the company makes but at how Mr Musk makes them."

Adele thanks fans for 'coming back to me' as she opens postponed Las Vegas residency

Las Vegas, November 19 : Adele said her Las Vegas residency show was "perfect" and "looked just like how I imagined" as she kicked off the first night of her postponed run. The singer became emotional as she thanked fans for "coming back to me" as she opened the show at the Colosseum venue at the Caesars Palace hotel. She received a standing ovation as she took to the stage, but told fans that she ought to be the one giving them one instead. "Thank you so much

for coming back to me," she told them. "It looks just like I imagined it would. It's just perfect, thank you." In her typically jokey manner, Adele continued: "I don't get to go off stage for about 50 minutes so I'm going to have [a] shitty face of streaked makeup for the whole first part of the show." "I'm so nervous and I'm so scared and I'm so happy. It might be a bit wobbly at times because my nerves are out of control ... it's a bloody massive week for me this week. It's the Walking Dead finale on Sunday! It's opening night, it's the Grammys and it's the World Cup, f----- hell, there's a lot going on." The

singer added that the show "started small" before launching into her first song of the evening, a rendition of her 2015 number one single Hello, after which she received another standing ovation. Throughout the evening Adele delivered a selection of powerful and emotional hits that spanned her four studio albums, accompanying most with spectacular visuals. She followed Hello with another number one single, Easy On Me. Other songs from her latest Brit award-winning album, 30, included I Drink Wine, Oh My God and Cry Your Heart Out. Fans were also delighted to a rendition of her Oscar-winning James Bond theme, Skyfall, with



visual effects showing the singer set against fiery backgrounds. At one point in the show, Adele fired a T-shirt cannon into the audience. "It's a signed T-shirt, a handwritten note and 50 bucks - go and get a drink," she told the recipient. The singer had announced the last-minute postponement of her Vegas run on Instagram earlier this year, telling fans in a tearful message that the show was "not ready". On Thursday night, Adele shared an Instagram post online, in which she said she had "never been more nervous before a show in my career" but could not sit still with excitement. "I'm feeling all sorts as I write this. I'm highly emotional, incredibly nervous but can't sit still because I'm so excited," she wrote, sharing a picture of herself in rehearsal. "I always get scared before shows, and I take it as a good sign because it means I care and means I just want to do a good job." "But it's safe to say I've never been more nervous before a show in my career, but at the same time I wish today was tomorrow! I can't wait to see you out there x."

'Public knows govt not responsible for incident': Morbi BJP candidate

New Delhi, November 19 : BJP candidate from Morbi constituency, Kantilal Amrutia, who jumped into the Machhu river to rescue people following the collapse of a suspension bridge, recalled his early days working with Prime Minister Narendra Modi as an RSS worker and expressed confidence in Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) winning all five seats in the Patidar dominated constituency. Speaking exclusively with ANI, Amrutia described the Morbi bridge tragedy as very "painful" as stated that the matter is currently in court. "The incident is very painful, fortunately, our machinery worked promptly and the relief forces were sent on time. Our Prime Minister and Chief Minister have formed a committee, the matter is in court, and the decision will come," he added. On being asked whether there was any resentment among the public regarding the incident, he said "There are five seats in Morbi and we will win all five of them because there is regard in the hearts of the people. The public knows that the government is not responsible for the incident." "I am confident because we work full-time

for the development of people, and can even lay down our lives for the people. I myself work for the people, not just in one seat, but in the whole district," he added. Amrutia also went back in time to the year 1979 when adam on the Machhu river collapsed killing thousands of people. The BJP candidate recalled how he and PM Narendra

Modi worked together as RSS workers to assist the local people. "In 1979, around 4000 people died after the dam on the Machhu river collapsed. At that time, Narendra Bhai and me were both RSS workers and we worked together for two months. We worked with around 500 people in retrieving people's bodies and helping people."

No. SDW. 1228/2022-23/12/9811
INVITATION FOR BID (IFB)
 The Director of Sericulture, Assam, Khanapara, Guwahati-22 invites e-tendering in 2-bid systems from the registered under APWD (Building) Contractors/Firms for "Construction of Boundary Wall at ECC Lambupara under ADS Office Goalpara under the scheme SOPD-G for the year 2022-23" through the e-tendering portal www.assamtenders.gov.in
 Detailed tender documents are available at www.assamtenders.gov.in Important dates:
 1. Date of availability of Bidding documents on e-procurement portal :-21-11-2022 from 5:00 PM
 2. Tender Download :-22-11-2022 to 12-12-2022
 3. Last Date & time for online bid submission :-12-12-2022 up to 12:00 Noon
 4. Last Date & time for hard copy submission :-12-12-2022 up to 12:00 Noon
 5. Time & Date of opening of Technical Bids :-12-12-2022 at 1:00 PM
 6. Time & Date of opening of Financial Bids :-Will be intimated later
NOTE:
 1. Online mode of submission of both Technical & Financial Bid is mandatory. Only manual submission of Bid will not be accepted.
 2. A Hard Copy of the Technical Bid submitted online is to be submitted on or before 12-12-2022 up to 12:00 Noon for evaluation purpose only. For any discrepancy between the online Bid and the hard copy of the Bid, the online Bid will be governed and will be considered for evaluation.
 3. The cost of non refundable Bid document for an amount of Rs.2,000/- (Rupees Two thousand) only is to be deposited through the e-tendering portal www.assamtenders.gov.in
 4. The cost of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) to be deposited Vide Demand Drafts/Fixed Deposit pledged in favour of "Director, Sericulture, Assam, Khanapara, Guwahati-22" payable at Guwahati in a sealed Envelop bearing the name of the work and addressed to the "Director, Sericulture, Assam, Khanapara, Guwahati-22". The Director of Sericulture, Assam, Khanapara, Guwahati-22/Tender Evaluation Committee reserves the right to reject any or all the Tenders without assigning any reason thereof. The undersigned will not be held liable for any delay due to the failure of e-procurement system beyond its control.
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 Director
 Sericulture, Assam
 Khanapara, Guwahati-22
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OFFICE OF THE MANAGING DIRECTOR, ASSAM STATE TRANSPORT CORPORATION, PALTANBAZAR, GUWAHATI - 08
NIT No.: ASTC/FAMEI/1730/Vol-2/21-22/1229
Notice Inviting Tender
 Bids are invited in 2(two) bid system (Technical and Financial) in online mode through e-procurement system of Govt. of Assam, www.assamtenders.gov.in from interested and competent OEM/ Distributors/ authorized dealers for "Supply and commissioning 34 nos of fast charger (120kw) for Electric vehicle" at ASTC.
 Interested bidders shall have to download the tender document from the website www.assamtenders.gov.in.
 Any new information related to the tender document will be published in the website only.
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 Managing Director
 A.S.T. Corporation, Guwahati
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No.EE(Agri.)Koj/BTC/e-Tender/2022-23/4368-74 Dated:- 18/11/2022
TENDER NO. 11 OF 2022-23
PRESS NOTICE/IFB
 The Executive Engineer (Agriculture), Kokrajhar Division, BTC, Kokrajhar invites bids for the work "Vertical extension of Grade-IV quarter at Agril. Campus in Kokrajhar District, BTC" amounting to Rs. 31,74,750.00 (Approx) (Rupees thirty one lakh seventy four thousand seven hundred fifty) only from the registered contractors of Class-I & II category of Agriculture/PWD Deptt. of BTC.
 Details may be seen at website <http://assamtenders.gov.in> and also at the office of the undersigned during office hours.
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 Executive Engineer (Agriculture),
 Kokrajhar Division, BTC, Kokrajhar
 IPR(BTC)-522/2022

No.EE(Agri.)Koj/BTC/e-Tender/2022-23/4355-60 Dated:- 18/11/2022
TENDER NO. 12 OF 2022-23
PRESS NOTICE/IFB
 The Executive Engineer (Agriculture), Kokrajhar Division, BTC, Kokrajhar invites bids for the work "Renovation of Agriculture Guest House, Kokrajhar in connection with the proposed cabinet meeting to be held in August, 2022 at Kokrajhar" amounting to Rs. 46,68,000.00 (Approx) (Rupees forty six lakh sixty eight thousand) only from the registered contractors of Class-I & II category of Agriculture/PWD Deptt. of BTC.
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Eton College apologises after allegations pupils jeered visiting state schoolgirls
 London, November 19 : Eton College has apologised and "sanctioned" a number of pupils after allegations that a group of girls visiting from a nearby state school were subjected to misogynistic language, racial slurs and jeering. The boys' private school near Windsor, Berkshire, told the BBC that an investigation took place into the incident which occurred during a speech by Nigel Farage last week. A person, who said they were a parent of one of the girls who attended the speech, wrote on social media anonymously that the students were booed inside the lecture theatre and were subjected to "racial slurs" and "generally misogynistic comments". They said of the private school pupils: "Their behaviour was awful."

জাননী
 প্রধানমন্ত্রী মৎস্য সম্পদা যোজনা (২০২২-২৩ বর্ষ) ব অধীনত তলত উল্লিখিত মীন প্রকল্পসমূহ রূপায়ণৰ উদ্যোগে নলবাবী জিলাৰ অন্তৰ্গত ইচ্ছুক ব্যক্তিৰ পৰা হিতাধিকাৰী নিৰ্বাচনৰ বাবে আবেদন পত্ৰ বিচৰা হৈছে।

Sl. No.	Activities	Units (Ha/ Nos)	Unit (Nos)	Unit cost (Rs. In Lakh)	Category (Ha/No)				Essential Requirement
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1	Fish Hatchery	2	No.	25.00	1	0	0	2	Min. area: 1.00 Ha
2	New Reining Pond	10	Ha	7	3.00	3.00	3.00	1.00	Min. area: 0.10- 0.50 Ha
3	New Pond Construction	11	Ha	8.4	5.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	Min. area: 0.25- 1.00 Ha
4	Inputs for Fish Farming	11	Ha	4	5.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	Min. area: 0.25- 1.00 Ha
5	Inputs for Integrated fish farming	14	Ha	1.00	4.00	5.00	3.00	2.00	Min. area: 0.10-1.00 Ha
6	Pen culture	2	Ha.	3.00	2.00	0	0	0	
7	Backyard Ornamental Unit	2	No	3.00	0	2	0	0	Self contained proposal (SCP)/DPR has to be submitted by the applicant.
8	Mini Feed Mill (2 ton capacity)	1	No.	30.00	0	1	0	0	
9	Medium Feed Mill (8 ton capacity)	1	No.	100.00	0	1	0	0	
10	Fish Kiosk	2	No.	10.00	0	1	1	0	
11	Boats & Nets (Replacement)	2	No.	0.67	1	0	1	0	Traditional Fishermen
12	Livelihood support to Fishers	1000	No.	0.045		1000			BPL Fishermen within the age group of 18-60 years, Membership Certificate of Co-operative Society /Fishers

 ইচ্ছুক ব্যক্তিকলে নলবাবী জিলা মীন উন্নয়ন বিষয়াৰ কাৰ্যালয়ত আবেদন পত্ৰ জমা কৰিব লাগিব। আবেদন পত্ৰ জমা কৰাৰ অন্তিম তাৰিখ ৩০ নৱেম্বৰ, ২০২২। সবিশেষ তথ্যৰ বাবে জিলা মীন উন্নয়ন বিষয়াৰ কাৰ্যালয়ৰ সৈতে যোগাযোগ কৰিব পাৰে।
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 ১) মাটি থকাৰ প্ৰমাণ-পত্ৰ। উমহতীয়া (এজমালি)মাটিৰ মালিকীস্বত্বৰ মাটিৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত অন্যান্য মালিকৰ পৰা নটীৰীৰ পৰা NOC ল'ব লাগিব। লিভ ডিড কমেও ১০ বছৰ হ'ব লাগিব।
 ২) চলিত বেংক পাছবুকৰ প্ৰথম পৃষ্ঠাৰ প্ৰতিলিপি।
 ৩) আধাৰ/পান/ভোটাৰ কাৰ্ডৰ প্ৰতিলিপি।
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USTM Signs MoU with Jamia Hamdard University



Assam Rising, Guwahati, November 19: To achieve its objectives through various programmes for academic promotion and administrative guidance, the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Jamia Hamdard University, New Delhi here today. The MoU was signed by Prof. (Dr.)

Mohammad Afshar Alam, Vice Chancellor, Jamia Hamdard University and Prof GD Sharma, Vice Chancellor, USTM in the presence of USTM Chancellor Mahbubul Hoque, Pro VC Dr BK Das, Advisor Dr RK Sharma and others. Prof Alom also laid the foundation of the Centre for Competitive Examination in Academic Block - Q of USTM today. Speaking on

the occasion of the MoU signing ceremony, Prof Mohammad Afshar Alam said, "This is my first visit

to USTM, and I must say that Mahbubul Hoque is the Sir Syed of the North East, or even he can be compared to Hakeem Abdul Hameed, the founder of Jamia Hamdard. USTM is also in the national map as its Vice Chancellor Prof GD Sharma is now the Vice President of AIU, and will take charge as the President next year. So, from next year USTM will lead the Indian Universities system. This is really a proud moment for us." As per the MoU, both the universities have agreed to work jointly on different issues of north-eastern region, covering its language, varied cultural diversity, food habits and its vast biodiversity. It is stated that Jamia Hamdard

will permit some selected final year students of USTM on mutual consultation to do their project work at Jamia Hamdard. Jamia Hamdard faculty will involve some of the selected faculty of USTM to be co investigator in their project proposals for funding, apart from jointly organising seminars, symposia, workshops etc. Jamia Hamdard and USTM will also conduct some friendly matches in selected sports on mutual consultation, according to the MoU. Earlier, Prof GD Sharma welcomed the delegates and all present on the occasion. The ceremony ended with a vote of thanks delivered by Prof Balendra Kr Das, Pro VC, USTM.

BYATIKRAM to host a magic show with Jadu Samrat Vikram



Assam Rising, Guwahati, November 19: Byatikram MASDO will be organizing a magic show with Jadu Samrat Vikram accompanied by Jadu Rani Sushmita on December 6 at ITA Machkhowa from 6 PM onwards. A press meet was held at the Dispur Press Club today, which was attended by Dr. Saumen Bharatiya, President, Byatikram MASDO; Jadu Samrat Vikram; Jadu Rani

Sushmita; Alakananda Das, Social Activist; Amit Agarwal, Social Worker; Sagarika Roy and other dignitaries. Addressing the press meet, Dr. Saumen Bharatiya said, "Magic is one form of art and nowadays magic is nowhere to be seen performed. Thereby, the new generations are not aware of what magic is all about and in order to make the youths aware of magic and to entertain the people, we thought of hosting this magic show. We really look forward to seeing a huge gathering and seek everyone's support in making the show a grand success and making the youths aware that magic is a form of art and can be taken as a profession". Jadu Samrat Vikram said, "Though, I have performed magic shows at various districts

of Assam but I am extremely happy that for the very first time I am going to perform a magic show in the city of Guwahati and indeed very grateful to Byatikram MASDO for giving me this opportunity and platform to connect with the people and make them aware that magic is an art which is beautified with the dexterity of hands and creates an illusion for eyes. I am really hoping to see a huge number of people appearing in the magic show and enjoying the show". Alakananda Das said, "I really appreciate the efforts taken by Byatikram to keep magic alive within the people". The program has been supported by the Rotary Club, Guwahati. To know further details about the program, anybody can contact: 9365933027/8876060778

India's longest train Vivek Express to run twice a week



Assam Rising, Guwahati, November 19: The North-east Frontier Railway has decided to increase the frequency of India's longest train 15906/15905 (Dibrugarh - Kanniyakumari - Dibrugarh) Vivek Express from weekly to bi-weekly. Train no. 15906 (Dibrugarh - Kanniyakumari) Vivek Express which was previously used to run only on Saturday will now run additionally on every Tuesday from November 22. Train no. 15905 (Kanniyakumari - Dibrugarh) Vivek Express which was previously used to run only on Thursday will now run additionally on every Sunday from November 27. Train no. 15906 (Dibrugarh - Kanniyakumari) Vivek Express, will depart from Dibrugarh at 19:25 hours on every Saturday & Tuesday to reach Kanniyakumari at 22:00 hours on Tuesday & Friday. In return direction, Train no. 15905 (Kanniyakumari - Dibrugarh) Vivek Express will

depart from Kanniyakumari at 17:20 hours on every Thursday & Sunday to reach Dibrugarh at 20:50 hours on Sunday & Wednesday. The composition of this train is of 22 coaches. There will be 01 AC Two Tier, 04 AC Three Tier, 11 Sleeper Class, 03 General Seating, 01 Pantry Car and 02 Power cum Luggage Rakes. Dibrugarh - Kanniyakumari Vivek Express is the longest train of Indian Railways which

runs from Dibrugarh in India's North-eastern state Assam to Kanniyakumari in Tamil Nadu the southernmost state of India. The train covers a distance of 4189 kilometres and traverses through nine states in India. This train is currently the longest train route in India by both distance and time. The train has 59 halts across its route. The first service of Vivek Express was started

on November 19, 2011. From the last 11 years the train has been relentlessly serving the people. The details of stoppages and timings of this train are available at IRCTC website and through NTES and are also being notified in various newspapers and social media platforms of N.F. Railway. Passengers are requested to verify the details before undertaking their journey.

Live inaugural programme of PM Modi

Assam Rising, Aalo, November 19: Reporting of the LIVE telecast of Prime Minister in the West Siang District, Aalo for the inauguration of Donyi-Polo Air-

port, Itanagar on November 19. To watch the Live Tele-casting/ broadcasting from Donyi-Polo Airport was arranged at the VC Hall of the DC office, West Siang. The programme was



chaired by Doi Ado, Senior Citizen and former Minister, Arunachal Pradesh as Chief Guest and Shri Penga Tato, Deputy Commissioner, West Siang Siang

District as Guest of Honour. All the Head of Offices, Officers and Officials witnessed the Live telecast of the programme. The Live telecast programme was also arranged in various locations of West Siang District by the Administration, Head of the Offices, Panchayat Leaders like ZPMs, GPCs, President and Secretary of Bazar committees and villages.

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Second day of Lachit 400th birth anniversary celebrated in Morigaon



Assam Rising, Bhuragaon, November 19: The 400th birth anniversary of the great warrior Lachit Barphukan, who inspired everyone with his skillful martial tactics, tremendous intelligence and dedication to the country, is celebrated by the Government of Assam in order to pass on his personality and great

ideals from generation to generation. The Morigaon District Administration has also started the anniversary with a colorful programme. Today was the second day of the 85th Gaon Panchayat under the Morigaon District Rural Development Department. The games were held at Indira Ground, Hatimuria Colony Ground under Moirabari Development block and Mayang Regional Sports Association Ground under Mayang Development block. The game was inaugurated by the Chief Executive Officer of the Zila Parishad in charge Kshitish Chandra Pegu at the Mayang Regional Playground this morning. Additional deputy Commissioners Garg Mohan Das and Arundhati Narah Mipun also participated in the inauguration ceremony. The 8-member team of the district administration including Chief Executive Officer

of the Zila Parishad Kshitish Chandra Pegu, Additional deputy Commissioner Garg Mohan Das, Arunanti Narah Mipun, Maitri Maran participated in the rope pulling game. There is also an essay competition on Lachit Barphukan in every educational institution. There are 2136 Anganwadi centers in Morigaon district where fairy tales about Lachit Barphukan are performed through locally made puppets. The second day of the Lachit Divas was successfully conducted by the Chief Executive Officer of Morigaon Zila Parishad Kshitish Chandra Pegu on behalf of the Morigaon District Administration.

Road accident in Tingrai

Assam Rising, Margherita, November 19: Two person lost their life and other one passenger was injured in a tragic road accident in Tingrai in Tinsukia district of Assam. The incident occurred at Tingrai-Digboi after a collision between a punjab body Truck and Maruti swift. According to reports, the driver of the swift and another one died on the spot as he was trapped inside the vehicle after the collision. The Swift bears registration number AS 06 M 5275 and punjab body Truck registration number AS 06 AC 948. The deceased have been identified as Jodumoni Sensuwa, and Debora Sonowal, resident of Digboi. Meanwhile, the other one passenger of the swift Debashis Pachoni has been severely injured. Debashis shifted to the Dibrugarh Assam Medical college and is currently undergoing treatment.



Students presentation at Gomagaon H. School

Assam Rising, Udalguri, November 19: The three-day long Diamond Jubilee celebration of Gomagaon High School has concluded with a message of unity and integrity among the communities in the region. The school students have performed Assamese, Nepali, Bengali, Bodo, Adivasi and Rabha dances assimilating all at a platform. The scene was admired by all the audience when all the students were enthralled in all ethnic dances. A colourful cultural procession was also

brought out through the roads of Udalguri town. All the ethnic communities of Udalguri were represented during the procession. The open session was inaugurated by Dr. Harendranath Moran the assistant professor of Darrang College. He accolades the efforts of the school to unite all the ethnic communities and emanate the message of unity to the society. He gave a detail of his works on environment protection and also appealed to the people to do needful to protect nature. Thaneswar Malakar the



retired commissioner has released the souvenir Bodhidroom published to mark the celebration. Kamal Prasad Upadhyaya the headmaster of the school has

given his welcome speech and the meeting was presided over by Gobinda Chandra Basumatari the president of Diamond Jubilee celebration. Madhav

Chetry, the BTC MCLA, has also addressed the session. Dhirendranath Baruah the assistant headmaster has introduced the guests on that occasion.

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The chances of being alive right now

The chances of any one person being born were calculated by the life coach Dr Ali Binazir. He multiplied the probability of your parents meeting, mating and conceiving by the chances of a particular sperm and egg fusing; of all your human and hominid ancestors reaching reproductive age; and of all them successfully reproducing. He arrived at a figure of one in 10 to the power of 2,640,000. In other words, a 10 followed by 2.6m zeros. It's an unimaginable, miraculous number. Yet here we are. The chances of being alive right now, as a member of one of the first generations to know the path it is on, and one of the last that can change it, must add several more zeros to this crazy number. The chances of being the president or prime minister of your nation at this critical moment... well you get the idea. So how have heads of government chosen to use this miracle? To extend our time on Earth, earning the gratitude of all the improbable humans of the future? No. They have chosen to do nothing. Nothing that has a realistic chance, in this contest of probabilities, of changing our trajectory. They had a choice at the Cop27 meeting in Sharm el-Sheikh of defending the habitable planet or appeasing their sponsors. They went with the sponsors. We know how way leads on to way, how the power amassed through corrupt decisions in previous generations drives the corrupt decisions of our time. We know that the licence granted to fossil fuel companies by 50 years of failure has enabled them to make stupendous profits - \$2.8bn a day on average across that entire period - and that they need invest only a fraction of this money in politics to buy every politician and every political decision they need. We know that the easiest way for a politician to secure power is to appease those who already possess it, those whose power transcends elections: the oil barons, the media barons, the corporations and financial markets. We know that this power appoints the worst possible people at the worst possible time. We know how, as elderly billionaires seek to grab ever more of the life that slips from them, they create a death cult.

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World Toilet Day-India leading the world in implementing complete sanitation policies.

While World Toilet Day may sound like a strange occasion to commemorate, it is critical to ensure health and hygiene for many. The dedicated day highlights the global sanitation crisis that affects millions of people around the world who are living without access to a safely managed toilet. Without clean, safe toilets, human waste contaminates communities' food and water sources, leading to sickness and even death, most commonly diarrheal deaths in severely affected areas. Also, inadequate sanitation is a huge problem for women: despite the detrimental effects of this widespread practice on men and women alike, women are more likely to be shamed because of it. It is often impossible for women to manage menstruation and pregnancy in private due to the lack of toilet facilities, or they have to wait until the dark to do so, which makes them vulnerable to attacks. The observance has been held every year since 2013, in order to raise awareness about the fact that globally 3.6 billion people don't have safe access to sanitation. It is about taking action to tackle the global sanitation crisis and achieve Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6: sanitation and water for all by 2030. The 2022 campaign 'Making the Invisible Visible' explores how inadequate sanitation systems spread human waste into rivers, lakes and soil, polluting underground water resources. This problem, however, appears invisible to the naked eye. Invisible because it happens underground. Invisible because it happens in the poorest and most

marginalized communities. The theme of World Toilet Day 2022 suggests 'safe sanitation is crucial to protecting groundwater from human waste pollution' as the world is seriously off track to meet the promise of Target 6.2 of SDG 6: ensure safe toilets for all by 2030; and to meet this by 2030, UN calls upon governments to work four times faster. This being said, policymakers in India, we fully recognized the connection between sanitation and groundwater and safeguarding this vital water resource;

hence proud to state that India has already achieved the SDG 6.2 Target in 2019 i.e., 11 years before the 2030 target date! With construction of over 11 crore individual toilets (and 2.18 lakh Community Sanitary Complex (CSCs)), the percentage of people using at least basic sanitation services (improved sanitation facilities that are not shared with other household) for India stood at 67% against Southeast Asia percentage of 63% in 2020 (as stated in WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme (JMP) for Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene) and this figure has only improved in spite of the COVID crisis. Not only this, but we are also marching ahead towards total sanitation, beyond just toilet use, to comprehensive waste management, especially Fecal Sludge Management (FSM), so as to stop contamination of our water bodies and protect the environment and our people. Through the SBM(G), now in its phase II to make rural India

ODF plus, dedicated interventions are implemented to manage solid and liquid waste, viz. for safe management of human faecal sludge, 392 faecal sludge management arrangements have been instituted across 147 districts. In terms of innovations, DDWS expanded the scope of engaging Start-ups, for promoting innovation in areas like mechanized desludging. A Start-up Grand Challenge was organized earlier this year for crowd-sourcing technologies that could support sustainable, affordable, scalable, and responsive solutions to the solid and liquid waste management challenges in rural areas. Our efforts towards total sanitation and envisioning an ODF plus India are based on the premise that water and sanitation infrastructure generates positive spillover effects that can be captured and demonstrated as incentives to the stakeholder. The spillover effects in form of significant reduction in morbidity and mortality from water-borne diseases - diarrhoea, cholera, typhoid, dysentery, and hepatitis, more affordable water supply, increase in local economic development, reduction in groundwater contamination, improvement in the recharge status of nearby aquifers, and reuse of treated water for agriculture and/or industrial purposes; are enticing enough for the stakeholders to invest their time and energy in SBM(G). While the health and environmental advantages of a functioning sanitation system are

clear, the benefits go further. The UN states that for every \$1 invested in basic sanitation up to \$5 is returned in saved medical costs and increased productivity. Also, when carefully managed, wastewater can provide some surprising economic benefits, contributing to overall well-being and health, water and food security and sustainable development. The point of investments brings me to innovative public-private practices in water and sanitation in India. These public-private partnership models focus on collaboration between communities, women, and implementing agencies to deliver safe drinking water and better sanitation and to also educate women on hygiene and personal well-being. Through our 'Lighthouse Initiative' with corporates and the Rural WASH Partners' Forum comprising all development sector entities, we are streamlining and channelizing all efforts to achieve ODF plus status for all villages of India. Like I often say, WASH targets of the country are ambitious, but the efforts to achieve them are equally backed by strong political will, adequate funding and the partnerships among all stakeholders. I would like to conclude by saying that under the visionary leadership of our Prime Minister, we are putting in every effort towards total sanitation in the country. You too must do your bit! Learn more about this issue and get involved by spreading the knowledge and taking action to contribute to the sanitation movement of your country.

Secretary, Deptt. of Drinking Water & Sanitation Ministry of Jal Shakti, GoI

This is what surprises me about India's selfie-hunters on Bharat Jodo Yatra, political events

Our ancestral village house has a photograph, one of the few allowed on the wall in my father's Platonic order of things. It dates back to Allahabad in the early 1930s. There is no caption or notation, so the occasion is unclear. But this is clearly a group photograph of Congress workers in their white caps, presumably from Allahabad, with Jawaharlal Nehru and Kamala Nehru sitting in the front row. Among the workers, standing behind them in the second row, is Balbir Singh, my nana ji or maternal grandfather. He contracted tuberculosis and passed away soon. This is his only photograph with us. It is our precious connect to the freedom struggle. Yet, I remain ambivalent about the moment it captures. How did Nehru feel about this photo op? Was he happy to be with his workers? Or in a hurry for the next meeting? Or just indifferent? The photograph serves to remind me that you never know which photograph can mean what to someone at some point in time. A photograph can be reproduced endlessly, and so could its meaning. I think of that photograph, especially these days during the Bharat Jodo Yatra, when I face a selfie attack. "Ah, Yogendra ji, I have seen you on TV since I was a child..." Just as I notice his bald head and begin to feel 90, I notice an arm wrapped around me and a camera inviting me to "smile please". Often it is a group attack. They surround me but are not sure who is going to take the photo. As they find a volunteer and array themselves, out comes a selfie arm in the middle, spoiling everyone else's frame. Group photo is followed by sub-groups and singles. I have no choice. There is no question of filtering any request. I live in dread of one of



these selfies coming to haunt me some day. Sometimes, the selfie-hunter

is in a hurry and walks away with the trophy without so much as a proper hello. Some of them are clueless. Selfie is followed by a disarming confession: "Aapko kahin dekha hai. Aapka naam? (I have seen you somewhere. What's your name?)" More often, there is a presumption of intimacy: "Yogendra ji, ek selfie to banti hai (One selfie is a must)". Selfie can happen anywhere: At the dining table, on a sleeper berth, inside the washroom area. Indian selfie can disabuse you of any Western notion of privacy and selfhood. If you are in public life, you are a public property. I can never forget a selfie assault a few years ago. I went to the World Book Fair in Delhi with both our children. Suddenly, I lost sight of our younger one, barely seven or eight at that time. Panic gripped me as I scanned for my child in the middle of a moving crowd. At that moment, I felt a hand on my shoulder, "Yogendra ji, ek selfie ho jaye (How about a selfie?)", I heard. I ignored it and kept looking around. Now I was dragged aside by the determined selfie seeker. I explained my situation and pleaded to be let off. "Of course," he said, "Par ek

politics, a selfie is not limited to self-portrait photographs taken by the person concerned. It denotes any photo that includes the self. I often find a political leader handing over his phone to someone, usually a youngster or a flunky, and asking him to take his 'selfie' with me. Here, the selfie pose is not about how I pose in my selfie, but about how you should pose in my selfie. From handshake pose to aashirwad to "Jara kandhe par haath rakhiye na (Why don't you put your arm on my shoulder)" - selfie is about curating the other. Unlike the West, the Indian political selfie is not an expression of loneliness in an atomised society. It is as public as it gets. Our selfie is of the people and for the people. It is not about registering individuality or capturing a special mood. Political selfies are about political actors recording their presence at significant events, underlining their relationships with leaders, and cementing their career. These are attendance sheets and merit certificates in today's political life. A photograph is about

representation. So is a selfie. A political selfie is about political representation. I want to present myself to a potential viewer. I want to convey a political message through that image. I want to stake a claim to power. I want that viewer to acknowledge my claim to represent something or someone. A political selfie, therefore, cannot escape the paradox of political representation. Thanks to cheaper smartphones and the internet explosion, the proportion of those who can represent themselves in public has seen a geometric progression. There is something deeply democratic about an ordinary person with a cheap smartphone being able to capture a political leader through a selfie ambush. In a political world where party organisations are hollow, proximity to leaders is the only matrix of relevance, and access is power, a selfie is a bridge between people and power. In an age where every change is reduced to an event, every event to a person, and a person to an image, a selfie is a way to insert yourself into history. When public communication is dominated by billboards full of images (my friend Fahem calls these 'Chitrahaar on flex'), a selfie is a way to curate a poor man's private billboard on his phone screen. It is true that these new claims to representation follow the gaze of power and end up reaffirming the existing hierarchies. But this sounds like a quibble. Who are we to judge these acts of subversion by elite etiquettes, high morality and received aesthetics? If selfie is selfish, the problem lies with the model of the self that we have promoted in our times. If selfie is a disease, the patient in need of cure is not the selfie-hunter but our civilisation. If political selfies are a pathology, they only reflect a crisis of modern representative democracies.

In liberated Kherson, Ukrainians are glimpsing victory after dark days

At Liberty Square in Kherson, residents gather, trying to find wifi near the temporary wireless internet towers and charging points. There is limited phone connection and no internet to read the news and find out what is going on outside this recently liberated region. During their

withdrawal after nine months of occupation, Russian forces blew up the TV tower and the power grid, so there is no electricity to charge devices either. Yet the mood is celebratory in the square today, as locals wave Ukrainian flags and banners marking the liberation. It has been seven days since Ukrainian troops re-entered

the city, but Ukrainian soldiers, police, social services, foreign reporters and anyone who has arrived from outside the city are still greeted warmly. "I am so happy to be at home," says one woman. "Home? Are you not from Kherson?" I ask. "At home means in Ukraine," she says, and hugs me. Sasha, 13, has come with her father, Viktor, to charge their phones. She has spent the last few days with her classmates from school waving at the military cars passing



by Nataliya Gumenyuk

struck by her definition of freedom: "When the Russians were here, we had to walk with our heads down, not looking in front of us," she says. "Now we are back in Ukraine we can raise our heads up and feel we're free." Her father nods. Another woman, Halnya, recalls the Russian occupation. "At checkpoints the Russians would ask us: 'Why are you in a bad mood?'. How should I have answered them? What do you say to people who go on to buses with machine guns - that if they were not here, our lives would be better?" About 280,000 people lived here in Kherson - the regional capital, now back in Ukrainian control before the Russians came. According to the Office of the President, 80,000 people remain. "I was shocked when I saw so many people on the streets, I didn't know so many residents stayed," says Svitlana, who is 75. "There were always just us pensioners on the streets, as the youngsters were afraid to be captured and detained, and stayed inside. Now they're all back." Many people I meet say that this is the first time since February that they have come into town; they were too afraid to come while the Russians were here. I have been reporting on the

occupation of the Donbas and Crimea, where activists, journalists and others were forced to flee under the threat of arrest or detention. When the Russians arrived in Kherson, residents came to the streets to peacefully protest against the invasion. At one point they outnumbered the Russian soldiers. Moscow sent riot police to crack down on the dissent with force. Since then hundreds, if not thousands, of people have been detained in southern Ukraine. Not being an open Russian supporter was enough cause to be suspected and questioned. Ukrainian and international human rights organisations were registering numerous human rights violations. My work with the Reckoning Project, which documents war crimes, has involved recording dozens of in-depth testimonies of detentions, tortures and even executions of people in southern Ukraine. Two of our own researchers come from the area. One fled as she was on the Russian death list. The second, the investigative reporter Oleh Baturin, from Kakhovka (an area that remains under occupation) was kidnapped, tortured, beaten and spent eight days in detention in March. In this early stage of the occupation, there was a feeling

in much of the international press and at security conferences that Kherson was lost. Friends and relatives in the area told us how they felt forgotten and Russian propaganda was reinforcing this message on the ground. It took months for the Ukrainian government to persuade the western alliance that with more and more precise weapons there was a chance that they could take back the area - which, due to its proximity to Crimea, is one Moscow was clearly focused on. Kherson has given Ukrainians a glimpse of what victory looks like, and a sense that things previously considered impossible can be done. It is this, perhaps, that is driving the jubilant mood in the area. Previously, when arriving in liberated areas, the joy was short-lived, as people worried about what would be uncovered - the mass graves, the torture chambers, and residents' exhaustion with the lack of electricity and running water. In Kherson, however, people are approaching reporters saying: "We'll cope with this, it's temporary, we are not scared." Their attitude makes the "with Russia forever" billboards around the town look even more ridiculous. Now, the rebuilding starts. Access to the town is still restricted as rescue workers and the emergency services uncover hidden mines.

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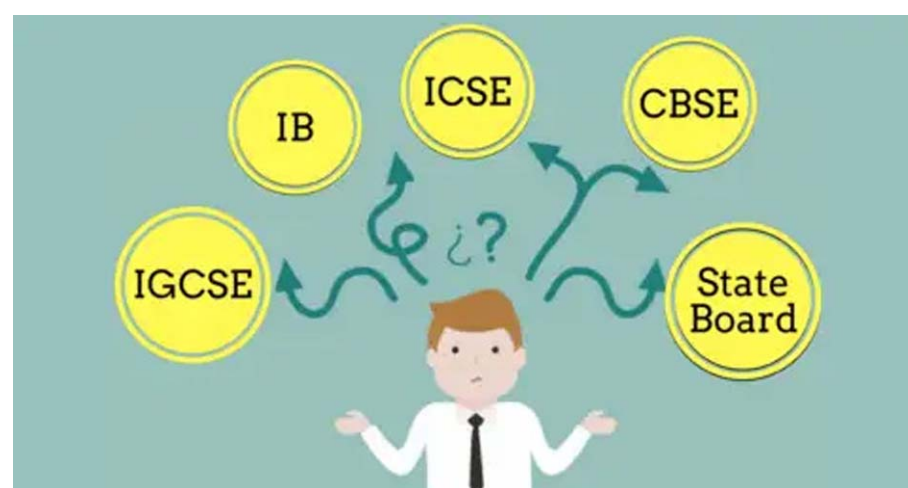
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The "Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act 2009" was implemented on 1st April 2010 with the objective of ensuring quality education to all children in the country. In the light of the provision of the Act,

rules & regulations were promulgated by the State Governments regarding grant of approval to private schools and minimum criteria and conditions were prescribed for all schools. Within six months of the implementation of the rules,

all private schools had to submit self-declaration, before a three-member district committee, regarding compliance of the standards and norms mentioned in the Act and fulfillment of the conditions. The norms fixed includes school to be operated through a legitimate society/trust, not to be operated for the benefit of any individual or group, to work by the values enshrined in the constitution, to use the building/structure/ground etc. only for education and skill development. There are some minimum standards, norms and conditions for schools in the law, such as one class room per teacher, drinking water facility, toilet, playground, kitchen, barrier free elements, boundary wall, provision of teachers on the basis of number of students, prescribed minimum qualification in the employment of teachers, enrollment of children from disadvantaged and weaker sections on at least 25 percent seats in first and early childhood classes, enrollment of children in age-relative classes and special training to make them skilled, relevant courses by educational authority, teaching in the mother tongue, neither any test nor donation for admission etc. Commission for Protection of Child Rights has been constituted at national as well as state level. The concerned district committee had to do a site inspection within three months and give approval in case the schools met the standards and norms and in case of non-compliance, three years' time was to be given to complete them. Some private schools in the states openly challenged the government's regulations and called it interference in the autonomy of the school. The Provision and fulfillment of the standards and norms cannot be termed government interference. In fact, according to the law, the standards, norms and conditions set for the school are not in the capacity of 90 percent of the private schools. They neither have adequate physical infrastructure nor teachers with prescribed qualifications. Each school has its own cumbersome & irrelevant curriculum and ropey English has been forcibly imposed on children instead of their mother tongue. The admission test of children for enrollment is going on fearlessly. They are finding themselves naked in the mirror of the law. For them education is just a business and school is a shop. How then can they declare that their school is not a non-profit institution? As per rule, 75 percent of the members of the school manage-



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there is the monopoly of management committee will be parents. But the parents, who in the name of the future of their children pay the huge amount with their blood and sweat, are being termed as outsiders by the school administrators. Minority missionary school managements see a dent in their religious freedom, but will they not hesitate to tell what percentage of children in their schools belong to the minority community? In fact, they are doing educational business taking advantages set for a minority institution. It is a self-evident fact that since the schools have been governmentised, the intimate relationship of the society with the school has been disappeared. The community character of the school has vanished and the teachers have been turned into a government servant instead of guides & path-shower. They are being engaged in all kinds of non-educational works. Due to good service conditions and salary, instead of mission-mode spirit, the domination of the people only for livelihood has increased in this pious profession of teaching. The government education system has collapsed due to limitless powers of education officers and their plundering policy. People have lost their faith in government schools. Taking illegitimate advantage of the flaws prevailing in government schools, private schools have established their empire, where on one hand

sections of the society? In the name of globalization and modernity, their heart, mind and thinking have also been adapted to the British Era mindset. If this is not the irony of independent India, then what is it that a child from a poor section is being openly declared as a second class citizen! On the one hand, we chant the melody of "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat" and "EkDeshEkVidhan", while on the other hand we do not shy away by making provision of separate education system for the resourceful citizens negating "EkDeshEkGyan". A decade has passed since the enactment of the Right to Education Act, but no action has taken against the schools, which did not meet the prescribed criteria. Due to the corrupt, sluggish and careless educational management; the graduates, on whose shoulders future of the country rests, are bound to bear the brunt of the derailed education system. Quality elementary education, full of all resources, is the foundation of a nation and children of all strata are its future. The private schools must not be allowed to do arbitrariness in the name of education, to mock the law, to keep the spirit of untouchability to poor children, to spoil children's childhood and to establish a parallel empire. The government should come forward with a "One Nation One Education" policy, so that all sections of the society may have same education and opportunity.

Science journalism in India



Man could well have originated science communication with the early discoveries, the most important being the discovery of fire and dissemination of its knowledge. In India, sage Atharvan is credited for the discovery of fire churning technology and its dissemination during ancient period. A whole host of scientific literature was created in India during ancient, Vedic, post Vedic and classical periods. Medieval period saw emergence of newer trends in science communication when commentaries on earlier scientific texts were written and structures like JantarMantar (observatory) were built, but these were accessible to a few elites in the society. The real shift in science communication in favour of the common man became evident in modern times when it was now possible to bring out publications in large numbers. Science journalism started in India in 1818 with the publication of monthly Digdarshan published in Hindi, Bengali and English, carrying a few articles on science and technology. Science communication proliferated in independent India. This paper discusses the trends now emerging in India given the efforts, the slackness in quality and moves to improve it, the plurality of mass media, and a sound science and technology base of the country; arrived at through an in-depth study intended at furthering the cause of science communication and scientific attitude. The study indicates that science coverage attributed to mass media is abysmally poor, i.e. around 3 percent, which is

far below the desired level of 10-15 percent.

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The present work is an attempt to find out the extent of demand and supply of S&T coverage in various mass media and presenting an emerging scenario of science and technology journalism in the country. Science journalism is the key to the real treasure of the scientific knowledge, by virtue of which scientific knowledge and concepts could be carried to the common man. Thus the common man is benefited with the new advancements in science and technology and is able to fight against hunger, drought, diseases, and social evils, like superstitions, etc., with self-confidence, courage and faith. Being aware of this fact, science journalism in India has yet to come out of its present stage of infancy. Undoubtedly, science and technology journalism has progressively developed in India, in terms of quality and quantity, but still there are many miles to go to achieve the desired level. Science journalism, during its almost two century long journey thence has crossed several milestones. There has been a considerable progress in science journalism over the years and as a result several science magazines, feature services, programmes on radio and television, etc. emerged, despite the fact that they came into existence much later. The plight of science journalism in India may not be too deplorable at the moment, however, a good deal still remains to be done in this

field. After independence, science popularization was being taken up at various levels. The Scientific Policy Resolution of March 4, 1958 has been a guiding factor for development of science and technology in the country. It was the first Prime Minister of India, Pt. JawaharLal Nehru, who gave an impetus to scientific pursuits and development of scientific outlook. The independent India witnessed a rapid growth in the efforts of science communication and popularization. With a view to integrate, coordinate, catalyse and support the efforts of science communication and science popularization in the country, the Government of India established the National Council for Science and Technology Communication (NCSTC) in 1982 as an apex body, which puts more concerted efforts in this direction. A number of programmes and activities have started in public and private sectors to spread scientific knowledge and scientific outlook among masses, especially in vernaculars, but science journalism in its real form could not evolve and remained an inner page affair for the media, except a few occasions, such as Apollo Expedition (1969), Total Solar Eclipse (1995), Ganesh Drinking Milk (1995), and Nuclear Tests (1998), etc. In order to identify and evaluate the present status of science journalism in India, various parameters were used. On the basis of a survey conducted, some interesting inferences were drawn. Near about 12.66 percent respondents were interested in science

and technology coverage. This inference seems to be exactly in conformity with the desired level (10-15%) of science coverage in the country. While looking at the demand and supply analysis, the demand seems to be very less in some cases. This however, is a false situation limited by the necessary expansion, which may leap many times in near future. Science certainly does not fare well when we talk of readers' interest but it is also true that we need to work in the direction of making science interesting. A lot more creativity is required in the field of science writing and journalism; perhaps this is what we lack at the moment. Science fiction has achieved the status of best sellers in the west, whereas we hardly have anything significant of this type of science writing. Low interest in sciences can be traced to another reason that we are not prioritising two important segments of our readers, the students and the farmers, in the manner that is of interest to them. There is reasonable interest in the folk media, especially in the rural areas and this media does not find enough attention vis-à-vis science journalism. It is time to recognize the shift in target population's interest, i.e. towards television, and science programmes should be created in enough number through formats, which are most attractive to them. It may not be incorrect to say that docu-drama would be the most sought after format of science communication through television. When, India is passing through a crucial turning point of its development, we must take emerging trends into our stride and redraw our policies and plans, to be a nation of scientifically thinking and scientifically informed people. Hence, the efforts directed towards enhancing science coverage in mass media through effective and creative science journalism need to be given more priority. This is an issue, which scientists, media persons and the public have to take seriously and other side of the coin needs to be focussed now.

In a Circle of Hope

It was a long time ago when many lotteries were seen sitting on the side of the road in the early morning in the streets of the market. There was a huge printed poster lying on the ground in front of him. On the lower half of it, small square paper closed colored slips were pasted neatly. Apart from this, the picture of one, two, five rupees or other notes along with an number was printed on the upper half. Give five or ten paise, take out a slip. On opening it, if the number entered in it is printed on the lottery poster. If the numbers matched, then thereward of the note printed with that number would have come out. Otherwise ty-tiffiss. Recently, there was news of a person from Kerala winning a lottery worth twenty five crores. The man was told that his financial condition was so poor that he had taken fifty rupees from his son's piggy bank and completed five hundred rupees to buy tickets. There are only a few reports of those who become millionaires by lottery, but crores of people spend



their hard-earned money every day like this. their broken dreams What? Whereas in this case by selling sixty six and a half lakh tickets, with a profit of crores of rupees, the real and more profit was that of the lottery seller. Actually, as soon as a lottery ticket is bought, a caravan of beautiful dreams starts floating in front of the eyes. This is definitely the ticket to dreams. Every ticket buyer has a dream, hope and belief that the first prize will be in his name. That thought doesn't discourage him to buy the ticket. Obviously, lottery opens doors of treasure that depend only on luck. Today Punjab, Kerala, In total thirteen states of the country like Goa, West Bengal, Assam, Maharashtra, etc. Lotteries worth crores of rupees are woven such a web of temptation and publicity that many times the common man cannot escape from being hypnotized. The idea of selling lottery in the country first came to the Kerala government in 1966 and the next year in 1967, lottery started there. The rationale behind starting was that selling lottery tickets is the best way to increase the income of the state without putting the burden of tax on the public and collecting it. Also, it gives a golden opportunity to the poor to become rich.. After seeing Kerala, except Jammu and Kashmir, all the states of the country started drawing their own lotteries. In the early stages, it was customary to enter the name and address of the buyer of the lottery ticket. When the result was out, the lottery seller or agent would inform the buyer of the lottery.

The Beauty in Tea

In winter herbal teas are basically warm hugs in a mug. Tea, in its brewed form, has been known to treat all sorts of skin and hair conditions. Teas such as green, black, and peppermint are aromatically uplifting and can help to tighten pores. Chamomile and lavender flowers are calming and can help to reduce inflammation. Antioxidants found in herbal tea help in slowing down the aging process. They also prevent free radical damage and restore the age of your cells in the body, resulting in making your skin look flawless and younger. Drinking herbal tea is said to be preferable to any other beverage, due to its high antioxidant content. They contain polyphenols, which are



powerful natural

■ Shahnaz Husain

antioxidants. These not only have health benefits, but actually help to delay the visible signs of ageing on the skin and hair. They prevent and retard the degeneration caused by oxidation damage. Antioxidants also nourish skin cells and prevent skin damage. So, if you are prone to inflammation, dullness, and

blemishes, you may opt for potent herbal teas. Green tea contains a powerful antioxidant called EGCG that fights DNA damage from UV rays to prevent skin cancer. Green tea has zero calories and is penacca for those who want to have a slim, active, smart body physique and get rid of belly fat. Green Tea contains EGCG which reduces waist size, aids

weight loss and decreases body fat. Green tea helps to deal with problems of acne, blackheads, whiteheads, clogged and closed pores. This is a natural astringent, and so mops up the extra sebum or oil, solving the problem at its root. It helps remove all the dirt and grime from open pores, and then tightens the freshly cleansed pores to prevent pollutants from getting in. Jasmine Tea is said to rejuvenate the skin, as it clears pigmentation and reduces fine lines and wrinkles. Jasmine tea keeps the skin moisturized and has anti-ageing benefits. Rose Tea is also said to be very good for the hair and skin. Rich in antioxidants, rose tea is also called natural retinol because it can help fight signs of premature ageing

like wrinkles, fine lines and dullness on your skin. Furthermore, it contains vitamins A, B3, C and E, and helps to stimulate hair growth and make the scalp healthy. Chamomile Tea-- Turn chamomile tea into ice cubes and wrap a few chamomile ice cubes in a cloth, then apply to eyes for 10 minutes at a time for puffy eyes. You can use chamomile tea as natural shampoo and conditioner. Alternatively, You can steep two chamomile bags in hot water, then mix them with lemon juice and apply it on your hair for 5-10 minutes. It will help in lightening your hair in a natural way. Some other herbal teas can be made with Turmeric, which is said to lend a glow to the skin, due to its curcumin content.

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PM Narendra Modi inaugurates

noted. Addressing the public, PM Narendra Modi said, drew a linkage between the country's cultural capital 'Kashi' and the center of India's antiquity and pride, 'Tamil Nadu' while referring to their century-old shared bond, Sangam, as holy as of Ganga and Yamuna. More than 2,500 delegates from Tamil Nadu are visiting Varanasi and will participate in seminars and interact with local people of similar trade, profession and interest. A month-long exhibition of handlooms, handicrafts, books, documentaries, cuisine, art forms, history and tourist places of the two regions will also be organised here. Guided by the motto of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' the program will "celebrate, reaffirm and rediscover the age-old links between Tamil Nadu and Kashi - two of the country's most important and ancient seats of learning," said the PIB press release. The Tamil Sangamam conclave in the pilgrim city is part of the prime minister's initiative of 'Ek Bharat-Shreshtha Bharat' that portrays unity among the cultural diversity of various states and Union Territories.

World economy lost \$900bn in 20

global drug trafficking is estimated to be a 32 billion USD industry. Over the years, the world economy has paid a heavy price due to terrorism. From 2000-19, it lost a whopping \$900bn to terror activities. The biggest loss was in 2014 (\$115.8bn), when ISIS was at its peak, seizing territories in Iraq and Syria at will. But as the world economy suffered, terror groups got richer. In 2016, according to a Forbes report, ISIS had an annual turnover of \$2bn, while Hamas raked in \$1bn every year. Some other groups doubled their earnings between 2016 and 2018. For example, Hezbollah's annual turnover increased from \$500mn to \$1.1bn, the Taliban's from \$400mn to \$800mn, and Al Qaeda's from \$150mn to \$300mn in just two years. The Taliban now control an entire country! Africa has turned out to be another hotbed of Islamic terrorism. Boko Haram, Al Shabaab and various ISIS chapters have taken over large swathes of territory, enforcing massive casualties on government forces and civilians alike. All these groups have made a fortune from taxes, kidnappings, drug trafficking and donations. Needless to say, countries where they operate report maximum casualties in terror activities. The seven countries of Afghanistan, Burkina Faso, Somalia, Mali, Niger, Iraq and Syria account for seven out of 10 deaths due to terrorism worldwide. In 2020 and 2021, Afghanistan reported 2,678 deaths due to terrorism, followed by Burkina Faso (1,390), Somalia (1,265), Mali (1,240) and Niger (845). These countries, therefore, also rank high in the Global Terrorism Index. Afghanistan tops the chart with a score of 9.11, followed by Iraq (8.51) and Somalia (8.4). Since the beginning of 2021, there have been at least five terror attacks that killed over 100 people each. A double car bombing in Somalia's capital Mogadishu in the last week of October claimed at least 120 lives. The attack was claimed by Al Shabaab. In August last year, an ISKP suicide bomber killed at least 180 people at Kabul international airport. The blast took place as thousands of people were camping at the airport to escape Afghanistan following the Taliban takeover of Kabul. Back home, India has been cracking down on IS- and Muslim Brotherhood-inspired radicals, apart from those trained and funded by Pakistan. Left-wing extremism and secessionist movements in the Northeast are also being dealt with. The Centre has taken a multi-pronged approach to deal with the menace - cut off funding, encourage development in militancy-hit areas, perks for surrender and neutralising the rest.

What's next for India-China conflict

expand China's influence on the global stage and has consolidated power for another 5 years to propel his plans to fruition. To better understand what Xi Jinping's third term means for India, Zee News Digital spoke to Mohamed Zeeshan, a policy analyst and Editor-in-Chief of the Freedom Gazette and Byron Chong, a Research Associate at Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy. Mohamed Zeeshan, Editor-in-Chief of the Freedom Gazette and a policy analyst, described the Galwan clash as part of Xi's invasion of Indian territory. He explained that it is unlikely that talks between India and China will restore the pre-Galwan status quo. Speaking about Xi's Himalayan strategy, he said, "Xi's Himalayan strategy isn't entirely different from what he has been doing for years in the South China Sea - gradually expanding China's claims by building and militarising islands, and reinterpreting where their coastlines begin so that China can claim larger areas of the sea surrounding them. He is essentially trying to legitimise China's controversial territorial claims by capturing small bits of them slowly and steadily." Byron Chong, a Research Associate at Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, expressed similar thoughts, saying - "Beijing will double down on its assertive policies towards other states in the region, including India." He also stated that there has been no real indication from Beijing that it regards the repair of bilateral ties with India as a matter of urgency. Chong made an important observation -- highlighting the promotion of 3 PLA generals, part of the Doklam and Galwan crises, to top posts. "This may be an ominous indication that Beijing expects more clashes along the China-India border and wants military commanders with the requisite experience in charge," he added. "If Xi intends to use his modernised military for territorial expansion purposes, India will most certainly be in the firing line. But if Xi decides to ease up on his neighbours and focus instead on larger goals - say, the rivalry with the US in global governance or the quest to build a Chinese-led world order - then, India's equation with China will depend on how far the two countries are able to align on these broader global objectives," he stated. Prime Minister Modi has reiterated India's rise into becoming a global power in recent years. However, Zeeshan stated that "there's no public evidence" of Chinese policymakers holding this notion. "It does seem likely that China sees a US-aligned India as a threat, which would explain China's repeated statements against the Quad and India's participation in it," he explained. "Another reason behind China's border incursions could be to keep India preoccupied on the border dispute and thereby disallow it from playing a wider, more proactive global role," he proposed. In addition, Zeeshan said that India has not "set out a coherent policy framework for itself on these sensitive political questions." "So, China hasn't really been forced to sit up and take note of India's role on the world stage," he concluded. According to Zeeshan, the mutual distrust could widen, given the fact that Xi now "has the license to be more reckless and aggressive" to achieve his "nationalist goals." Meanwhile, Chong attributed China's distrust of India to the strengthening US-India strategic partnership. "China fears the prospect of facing the US navy at sea and the Indian military along its southern border and in the Indian Ocean-a scenario that became much more real and dangerous when it sees security cooperation between India and the US strengthening," he said. On whether China and India's similar stance on the Russia-Ukraine war will improve relations, he said, "The conflict is unlikely to have this effect." Chong said that China's partnership with Pakistan has been at the fore on the political front as it continues to refuse to black-list Pakistan-based terrorists at UN forums. But there are cracks in the partnership. "There has been growing criticism of Islamabad's involvement in the Belt and Road Initiative, which has been seen as one of the major contributors for Pakistan's ballooning international debt, as well as the mounting economic crisis in the country. Beijing too appears to be less forthcoming than before at providing Islamabad with financial assistance," he said. Can the US side with Pakistan instead of India? Chong casts doubt on where America's loyalty lies and says, "There have been recent moves by the West to woo Pakistan away from China." He reasoned saying, "Pakistan was recently removed from the FATF's 'grey list' on terror-funding, allowing it to more easily secure funds from the IMF and World Bank. And US President Joe Biden reversed the Trump administration's decision to halt security assistance to Pakistan, announcing a \$450 million F-16 fighter jet fleet sustainment programme for the country." Zeeshan also raised questions on the longevity and sustainability of Pakistan and China's relationship. "China doesn't seem to have the economic capacity to bankroll debt-ridden regimes forever and we've already seen one sign of failure in Sri Lanka," he said. While China and its policies are a focal point of debate in India, it isn't the same there, according to Zeeshan. "The state-controlled media has often depicted India as a naive US lackey or as a corrupt and dysfunctional democracy," he added.

North Korea leader Kim Jong

deterrence," reported The Jerusalem Post. "Kim Jong Un solemnly declared that if the enemies continue to pose threats ... our party and government will resolutely react to nukes with nuclear weapons and to total confrontation with all-out confrontation," the official KCNA news agency said. The launch is presumed to have involved the Hwasong-17 ICBM, according to Yonhap, the same ICBM was test-fired on November 3, but the launch was seen as a failure. The launch of the Hwasong-17 ICBM was confirmed by the north and was part of a "top-priority defence-building strategy" aimed at building "the most powerful and absolute nuclear deterrence," KCNA said, calling it "the strongest strategic weapon in the world." The missile flew nearly 1,000 km (621 miles) for about 69 minutes and reached a maximum altitude of 6,041 km, KCNA said. The Hwasong-17 ICBM was called a "monster" of a missile for its sheer size. It is able to carry multiple warheads and has a range of around 15,000 km, according to North Korea, long enough to reach the entire US mainland, reported The Jerusalem Post. "North Korea's ICBM launch this time is a significant provocation and serious act of threat that undermines peace and stability not only on the Korean Peninsula but also in the international community and a clear violation of UN Security Council resolutions," the JCS said in a text message sent to reporters, according to Yonhap. Kim's statements were released on the day that South Korea and the United States simulated strike operations against military sites linked to North Korea's missile program. The exercise took place a few hours after Pyongyang launched an ICBM into the Sea of Japan. F-35 stealth fighter-bombers from both air forces also took part in the simulation. The manoeuvre served to "demonstrate the firm will to resolutely respond to any threat and provocation, including North Korea's ICBM, and the overwhelming ability and readiness to strike the enemy with precision," said a statement from the South Korean command. Prime Minister of Japan, Fumio Kishida, reported from Bangkok, where he is attending the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit, that the missile landed within Japan's exclusive economic zone west of the northern island of Hokkaido, causing no damage to aircraft or boats. Kishida called North Korea's latest provocation "completely unacceptable", and Japan's foreign ministry filed a formal protest through Beijing's diplomatic channels. The South Korean Armed Forces hypothesized that the latest missile launched from Pyongyang is an ICBM, based on the first analysis of the ballistic trajectory.

'India played an essential role in

Russian President Vladimir Putin on the margins of the SCO summit in September. "India played an essential role in negotiating the summit's declaration. Prime Minister Modi made clear today's era must not be of war," White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre told reporters at her daily news conference on Friday. "Among other priorities addressed, we have a path forward to addressing current food and energy security challenges while continuing our efforts to build a resilient global economy," she said. US President Joe Biden returned from Indonesia on Thursday after attending the G20 Summit in Bali. India takes over the presidency of G20 in December, which all its members and international community say would be an important milestone in the history of the grouping. "Prime Minister Modi's relationship was critical to this outcome, and we look forward to supporting India's G-20 presidency next year. We look forward to that next meeting," Jean-Pierre said. She said Biden spoke with Modi and Indonesian President Joko Widodo on the margins of the summit. The G20 members are Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, South Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, the UK, the US and the European Union. Collectively, the G20 accounts for 85 per cent of the global GDP, 75 per cent of international trade, and two-thirds of the world population, making it the premier forum for international economic cooperation.

PM Modi inaugurates first greenfield

would not only increase connectivity in the region but will also serve as a stimulus for the expansion of commerce and tourism, hence boosting the region's economic and social development. Itanagar was the only capital city in India that remained unconnected through airways. Over the last few years, Arunachal Pradesh has been undergoing a fast-paced transformation that is dramatically changing the face of the Himalayan state which shares borders with Tibet to its north and Myanmar to its east. A slew of infrastructure projects ranging from construction of highways, rail lines and airports in the state will position Arunachal Pradesh as one of the most well-connected in the entire country. PM Modi also dedicated the 600 MW Kameng Hydro Power Station to the nation. The power station has been developed at a cost of ₹8,450 crore and the project aims to turn Arunachal into a power surplus state. The project is in line with India's commitment to move towards green energy initiatives and will also benefit the National Grid in terms of grid stability and integration. Union law minister Kiren Rijiju and Arunachal Pradesh's chief minister Pema Khandu were present on the occasion.

No more train delays!

prone to fog. Guidelines have been issued by the concerned departments of Engineering, Signal, Telecommunication, Electrical, Mechanical, Operations, and Safety Department for safe rail operation in any kind of situation. As per media reports, the North Western Railway authorities said that fog-prone railway sections have been identified in the North Western Railway. "Availability of Visibility Test Objects (VTOs) is being ensured at all fog-affected stations. Visibility at stations is checked using visibility test objects. Along with this, fog safety devices are being provided to the loco pilots of all the train services running through dense fog," said Railway officials. The media reports further state that 877 fog safety device units are being installed and all of them have GPS mapping of the railroad stretch covered in fog or mist. The engine has a fog safety device installed. When the device is turned on, it notifies the loco pilot in advance of how far all of the signals in that section are from the GPS. This makes it simple for the loco pilot to manage the train's pace. Further, to ensure that the loco pilot can see signals and other indicators clearly, the signboards and indicators are being repainted for better visibility.

'Neither Savarkar, nor Nehru must

the Congress, NCP and Shiv Sena in Maharashtra, he had said. "Attempts to besmirch the reputations of both Pandit Nehru and Savarkar must stop. Freedom fighters who made sacrifices for the country's independence do not belong to any ideology or political party," the Rajya Sabha member said on Saturday. "Savarkar and all other freedom fighters are respectable to us," he said, adding these leaders are not alive and therefore can not defend themselves now. "Just because someone badmouths Savarkar, it doesn't mean you speak negatively about Nehru," the Sena leader added. He also said that as the first prime minister of the country, Nehru took India on the path of development by embracing Savarkar's "scientific temper". "Otherwise, India would have become another Pakistan.... India will be forever indebted to Nehru for that," he said. Notably, despite Raut on Friday making his party's displeasure clear, Maharashtra Congress president Nana Patole on Saturday said those criticising Rahul Gandhi should first explain "why the Hindutva ideology was getting Rs 60 pension from the British". Gandhi kicked up a row earlier this week during the Maharashtra leg of his Bharat Jodo Yatra by claiming that Savarkar had helped the British and wrote a mercy petition to them out of fear. The BJP, former ally of Uddhav Thackeray's party, sought to corner the Sena faction led by Thackeray over Rahul's remarks.

Deadbody recovered

Assam Rising, Kaliabor, November 19: Mysteriously, the body of a boy was recovered this afternoon on the bank of Brahmaputra at Silghat area here. The family members have identified the recovered body as Kapil Kumar Yadav of Milanpur in Nagaon. Family alleged that some miscreants killed their son Kapil and threw him in the Brahmaputra. Police have sent the body for postmortem. It is to be noted that Kapil Kumar Yadav's Glamour bike was recovered just near the incident area. Further investigation is going on.



Lokra Bn. organised friendly football match



Assam Rising, Biswanath Chariali, November 18: Lokra Battalion under the aegis of Headquarter 21 Sector Assam Rifles and Headquarter Inspector General Assam Rifles (East) organized a friendly football match with the locals of Lokra village at battalion football ground on November 17. Local Youth Club, Lokra and troops from Lokra battalion participated in the friendly match with an aim to promote Fit India Movement and to encourage the locals to have a healthy lifestyle. This initiative taken by troops of Lokra Battalion was highly appreciated by the local sports bodies and youth of Lokra.

DGP Mahanta visits in Morigaon

Assam Rising, Bhubagaon, November 18: Like other parts of the state, Morigaon district administration also celebrates the 400th birth anniversary of Lachit Barphukan with a week-long programme. The first day event was attended by Director General of Assam Police Bhaskar Jyoti Mahanta. Mahanta paid tribute to Mahavir Lachit Barphukan and urged the younger generation to follow Lachit Barphukan's ideology and get inspired by his extraordinary affections towards the country. Lachit Barphukan had tremendous courage that everybody should inspire and remember him - he added. The DGP also inaugurated the 10 Mt. shooting range at Morigaon College under the supervision of Assam Rifles.

IISSM annual global conclave 2022



Assam Rising, Guwahati, November 19: The IISSM Annual Global Conclave, second day on November 19 commenced with the keynote address by Jason L. Brown, National Director, Thales, Australia & New Zealand. It was conducted online with live streaming at the Crowne Plaza, Okhla, the physical conduct venue of the conclave. Jason L. Brown highlighted the strategy needed to be developed, keeping in mind the relationship that a country has with the world scenario. In addition, he highlighted the threats that have existed or can come to the fore in the future, the impacts that this would have on the businesses and the business environment. The keynote address was followed by a product presentation by Pushkar Gokhale, VP & Business Head, Godrej Security Solutions. He highlighted how his company was developing solutions in consultation with the customers. For example, a fogging system to blind burglars had been developed by Godrej Security Solutions to counter the burglary threat. The product's presentation was followed by panel discussion on cyber security, robotics and drones in security, safety and loss prevention. The panel discussion highlighted that we need to cater for future threats. The technology involved in those future threats and the need to develop countermeasures to defeat those threats. In addition, the scope and threats from drones and use of artificial intelligence and possible countermeasures to be taken were discussed. After lunch the conclave commenced at 1500 hours with the keynote address by David Cavanaugh, Managing Director, Integrated Energy Private Limited and Chief Hydrogen Officer, Hydrogen West, Australia. His address from Australia was telecast live at hotel Crowne Plaza, New Delhi, the physical mode venue for the conclave. Some of the aspects highlighted related to how to improve the efficiency in smart cities functioning. He highlighted the strategies and technologies required to improve the functioning of smart cities by using the internet of things and artificial intelligence technologies. The keynote address will be followed by the fourth and the last discussion of the Conclave on Management of Security, Safety and Loss prevention in Smart Cities; Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats. This would be followed by the Valediction Ceremony and that would mark the culmination of the IISSM Annual Global Conclave 2022.

Foundation stone of the ADO laid in Sapkata

Assam Rising, Gossaigaon, November 19:

The central and the state government for the greater agricultural development and for the benefits of farmers several beneficial schemes have been implemented in a phased manner, so that the farmers community can improve their economic condition by cultivating scientifically and also strengthen the economic condition of the country, this was said by Jiron Basumatary, MLA 28 Gossaigaon LAC while laying the foundation stone of Agricultural Development Office, at Sapkata under Gossaigaon sub-division on Saturday. He again said that villagers of the greater Sapkata area and its adjoining villages will be able to get the opportunity to do farming scientifically on the advice of the Agricultural Development Office and in this regard the state as well as the central government also seen focusing the agricultural sector positively. The Agricultural Development Office which was sanctioned under APART scheme will be constructed with a cost of 39 lakhs and at the same time urged the contractors not to indulge in any anomalies as this project has met the long standing expectations of the farmers community. In the programme renewed social worker Hasen Ali, Najrul Islam Miya, President, Sapkata Bazar Samabay Samiti, Vice-president Mazibar Rahman, Vice-chairman Sapkata VDC, Siddique Khan as well as the leaders of the UPPL party and local intellectuals were seen.



Manchester United explore legal action as they look to force Ronaldo exit



Manchester, November 19 : Manchester United have appointed lawyers to explore potential action against Cristiano Ronaldo for alleged breach of contract after claims made by the forward in a recent interview as the club seek to engineer his departure as quickly as possible. It means Ronaldo will almost certainly never play for United again and it is understood the 37-year-old has been instructed not to return to the club's Carrington training base after his participation with Portugal in the World Cup in Qatar. With Ronaldo wanting to leave and United intent on being rid of him, the question is how his exit will unfold. United's stance is that he should not receive a payoff and they would like the process completed as quickly as possible. Ronaldo's position is unclear, so the club are keeping all options on the table. United's strategy may be to hope that the threat of legal action will cause Ronaldo to offer to annul his contract. When speaking to Piers Morgan on Talk TV, Ronaldo made a series of allegations. These

included that he is being forced out by the club, that senior executives lacked empathy after his newborn son died in April, that the owners, the Glazer family, do not care about the club, and that the manager, Erik ten Hag, does not respect him. On Friday a club statement said: "Manchester United has this morning initiated appropriate steps in response to Cristiano Ronaldo's recent media interview. We will not be making further comment until this process reaches its conclusion." Ronaldo's contract is worth about £500,000 a week and expires in July. United had no prior knowledge of the interview given by Ronaldo, who wanted to leave in the summer. He is due to arrive in Doha on Friday at 11pm local time with the Portugal squad before the team's first training session on Saturday afternoon. Ronaldo is in his second spell at United after a supremely successful six years that ended in 2009 with his having won three Premier Leagues, the FA Cup, two League Cups, the Champions League and the Ballon d'Or. His individual contribution made him a hero for United fans and ranked him among the club's greatest players. Ronaldo's

return in summer 2021 was greeted ecstatically by supporters and hailed as a coup by Ten Hag's predecessor, Ole Gunnar Solskjær. But in going public with his claims against United Ronaldo has seriously damaged this standing and status. This followed his walking out before the end of the July friendly with Rayo Vallecano and October's 2-0 league win over Tottenham. Despite this, Ten Hag made Ronaldo captain for the league game at Aston Villa on 6 November, which United lost 3-1. It seems this will be his final appearance for the club.

Ireland chasing southern-hemisphere hat-trick against Australia

London, November 19 : A clean sweep of the southern-hemisphere "giants" in the same calendar year is Ireland's for the taking this weekend if they can beat Australia in Dublin. And it is testament to the changing face of international rugby that it would not even be for the first time. They managed it in 2016. This time, though, it feels solid. In 2016, they beat the All Blacks for the first time in their history, let alone all three of them in one year, but now the Irish lord it over the rest at the top of World Rugby's rankings. Beat the Wallabies in Saturday's evening fixture, and that is where they will finish the year. More poignantly perhaps, it is where they will

start a World Cup year. Having dispatched Fiji last weekend, they recall as many of the big guns as they can. Johnny Sexton is the most reassuring of the returnees, but reassuring too is the return of his fellow nominee as world player of the year, Josh van der Flier. If Sexton has embodied Ireland these last 10 years or more, Van der Flier might be said to represent the current wave of excellence. Who knows, their future may be represented by Jimmy O'Brien, who shows off his versatility by lining up in a third different position of the autumn, this time on the wing. The Leinster youngster came off the bench in the first half of the win over the world

champion Springboks to play centre with some aplomb. Last weekend he turned out at full-back. Australia, as if to confirm the shifting tides, these days languish in the lower reaches of the top 10. They started the autumn in ninth, then bounced up to sixth following their surprise (yes, surprise) win against Scotland on the opening weekend. Alas, they have slipped back to eighth with consecutive one-point losses on the continent. The one against France might have been accounted a good effort, but the defeat against Italy was definitely not part of the script. Their most notable selection for Dublin is that of the athletic wing, Mark Nawaqanitawase,



who is being likened to Israel Folau. He is of Fijian heritage and will line up for his second Test, having been one of the few to impress against Italy last weekend, which was his debut. At the start of the year, he was ranked sixth-choice wing for the Waratahs. Ranked sixth was where Scotland began the autumn. Now it is their turn to languish in ninth, following up that defeat to Australia (also by one point) with an unconvincing win over Fiji and last weekend's agonising defeat to New Zealand. We have become used to the rollercoaster ride that Scotland like to take us on, but even by their standards that failure to clinch a first win over the All Blacks was trying on the nerves. They lost the first seven minutes by 14-0, won the next 55 by 23-0 and lost the final 18 by 17-0. Finn Russell, the fly-half in from the cold, retains his place at No 10 for the visit of Argentina, while Jack Dempsey starts at No 8, having replaced Hamish Watson in the first half last weekend. Watson misses out now because of the concussion he suffered then. The Pumas have had an interesting calendar year themselves, having won in New Zealand for the first

time in their history and, two weeks ago, at Twickenham for the second time. Their defeat to Wales last weekend was a disappointing comedown, but they change four for this visit to Murrayfield, including the return of captain Julian Montoya, who pulled out late from the Cardiff Test. Wales will expect to follow up that victory with the same result against Georgia, but that would be to reckon without the rollercoaster that is Wales at this time of year. Although a cynic might call theirs a particularly low-flying ride in the autumn. Certainly they were well beaten by the All Blacks, as ever, on the opening weekend, and the win last week against Argentina could not be termed exciting. Perhaps the most interesting match will take place in Genoa, where Italy take on South Africa after beating Australia in Florence last weekend. That was their first win over the Wallabies, but beating the Springboks for them is old hat, having broached that seal in that storied year of 2016. They make two changes in the front row but will have their work cut out against South Africa, who include the mighty Quin Andre Esterhuizen at inside centre.

Positive George Russell still keen to improve after first F1 grand prix win

London, November 19 : Never short of confidence, George Russell revealed after his maiden Formula One win at the Brazilian Grand Prix last week that he felt it had simply been a matter of doing everything right. In his words, he expected himself to "do your thing, get into the groove". Which is a disarmingly self-possessed description of what was an immense drive at Interlagos. He made it sound almost effortless but Russell is not at Mercedes, one of F1's top teams, by accident nor did he clinch that win through anything but a relentless commitment that has marked him out as a potential future world champion. Speaking before this weekend's season finale, the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix, his victory still resonated. "I'm just very proud of the achievement," he said. "It's something I've worked my whole life towards, what you dream of as a child and my years in Formula One, you dream of that moment." So accomplished was the victory that Mercedes' team principal, Toto Wolff, conceded Russell deserved to have been promoted from his F1 apprenticeship with Williams even sooner. "I guess at Williams he was the best school kid we could have had, maybe a year too long," he said. The 24-year-old from King's Lynn would doubtless have leapt at such a chance, especially given the baptism of fire he has experienced this season



after stepping up to Mercedes. It has been a brutal rise to the front of the grid, battling with a car that is off the pace, for a long period a beast to drive, suffering from porpoising and bouncing sufficient to rattle any fillings. His attitude, defined by a rigorous positivity, has been crucial in seeing him through the year, such that when Mercedes finally had the W13 up to speed in Brazil he was ready to take advantage, as he told the Guardian several weeks ago when considering what he might achieve in the final races of the season. "You have to just seize your opportunities, nothing is ever guaranteed," he said. "You have to try from every difficult situation to spin it into a positive. You can't sit sulking that you are not winning. You have to see every race as an opportunity to learn and develop. If you can't fight for victories, be there to improve yourself and the team." yet it was far from straightforward. He had to be quick, to work his tyres

well, hold it together through two safety car restarts and see off a concerted attack by his teammate, the seven-time champion Lewis Hamilton, over the final laps. Few were surprised. Russell had demonstrated just such control when he stood in at Mercedes for a Covid-stricken Hamilton at the Sakhir GP last year. He would surely have won there but for a team pit error and a puncture. There were tears in Bahrain as he slumped to the ground in disappointment but that experience and Mercedes' travails this year are lessons from a crucible he has embraced. "Winning in a way is easy, because everybody is happy, you are celebrating on Sunday night, your emotions are not being tested when you are successful," he said. "No one needs a lesson in how to drink a glass of champagne or celebrate but when you have a really tough weekend and the whole team have put in such an effort, to not get a result at the end of it, we feel that and we have to dig deeper

than ever." Always a considered character, it is instructive that he went to Wolff for career advice when he was 16 and delivered a powerpoint presentation on why he thought he could drive for Mercedes. After being taken on as a Mercedes junior he was tasked by Wolff to prove himself by winning GP3 and F2. He did so in his rookie season of each in 2017 and 2018. Placed with Williams in 2019, he served his apprenticeship in a car mired at the back of the grid but consistently outperformed in it. That he has coped so admirably with Mercedes' issues this season is surely a result of putting in those hard yards at Williams.

Ronnie O'Sullivan whitewashed by Ding Junhui at UK Snooker Championship

London, November 19 : Ronnie O'Sullivan crashed out of the UK Championship quarter-finals in York after being thrashed 6-0 by Ding Junhui. World No 1 O'Sullivan was whitewashed in a triple crown event for the first time in his 30-year career and scored just four points in the final four frames. The 46-year-old, who has won the UK title seven times, said: "It's great to see Ding play well. He's a class act. Afterwards I just said to him: 'You played great, go and win it, get the job done.' I think we're all Ding fans. 'Some days you play and it goes great and some days it doesn't. It was just one of those days, what can you do? Thirty years I've been at this game, I've taken a few knocks along the way.'" Ding

punished O'Sullivan for several mistakes in the opening two close-fought frames and from 2-0 up, the Chinese world No 38 never looked back. The 35-year-old compiled successive breaks of 88, 94, 87 and 131 in each of the next four frames to edge closer to the £250,000 winner's prize and his fourth UK crown after winning the event in 2005, 2009 and 2019. The result ranks as one of the biggest shocks in the sport for many years. Ding, who has won 14 ranking titles, has slid down the rankings since that triumph three years ago and has seen his compatriots Yan Bingtao and Zhao Xintong win triple crown events. Ding will play Tom Ford in Saturday afternoon's semi-final after the world No 32



beat Joe Perry 6-4 in his quarter-final. Perry, who won the Welsh Open in March, had breaks of 101, 70 and 66 but Ford had runs of 103, 86, 66, 62 and a match-winning 52 to reach the UK semi-final for the second time. In the evening session Jack Lisowski was in brilliant form to beat Shaun Murphy 6-1 while Mark Allen defeated Sam Craigie 6-4.

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2nd T20I: India Face Bhuvneshwar Kumar Dilemma While Praying For Game Time



Guwahati, November 19: Bhuvneshwar Kumar faces an arduous challenge of remaining relevant in shortest format as a young Indian team, seeking some game time, is expected to face tough resistance from New Zealand in the second T20 International on Sunday. The series-opener in Wellington was abandoned due to inclement weather and the Indian players must be itching to get onto the park which, inarguably, has the most scenic backdrop. Ironically, the region where the ground is located is known as 'Bay of Plenty' and Indian cricket at this point has plenty to ponder as far as its approach in T20 format is concerned. While the Sky Stadium was shorter in terms of dimensions, the Indian team will have to make adjustments as the 'Bay Oval' ground has bigger side boundaries and is an open ground unlike Wellington. On this tour, the presence of a near 33 year-old Bhuvneshwar is one such dilemma that the team management might have to handle. There are some probing questions and quicker the answers are sought, better it would

be for Indian cricket. Is Bhuvneshwar going to be around for the T20 World Cup in 2024 with a sharp decline in his pace? Does he have enough time to work around his issues as he is not potent enough on good batting tracks? Not many T20Is are lined-up next year and he is largely becoming a single-format player, so where does it leave him? At this moment, all the answers seem to be in negative and hence a question arises whether playing the senior-most pacer would be akin to taking away an opportunity from a youngster to get into the groove. It is a double-edged sword that interim head coach VVS Laxman and captain Pandya will be facing. Not playing Bhuvneshwar when he is on the cusp of a personal milestone (4 more wickets for highest tally of 40 in a calendar year) may leave him demoralised. Most of his 36 wickets have come in bowler-friendly conditions and against lesser opponents. On slightly flatter wickets and against better batting attacks, Bhuvneshwar has come a cropper. But playing him

will be a missed opportunity for the team management to check out on how the pair of Umran Malik and Mohammed Siraj would match up against the might of players like Finn Allen, Glenn Phillips and Devon Conway in pressure situations. Umran, India's fastest bowler by a distance, needs to be groomed. Pakistan has shown with Haris Rauf, Shaheen Shah Afridi and Naseem Shah as to what extreme pace can do. The moment Rishabh Pant was named the vice-captain of the team for the T20I series, it was a given that he would be opening but whether Shubman Gill with his new found confidence in this format or the specialist Ishan Kishan will pair up is there to be seen. In case of Kishan, who has had troubles against genuine pace and swing is preferred, then there will be two left-handers at the top while Gill's presence will make it a

left-right combination. The other factor would be the choice between KKR skipper Shreyas Iyer, not exactly a fast starter in T20Is and the dynamic Deepak Hooda, who can also bowl wicket-to-wicket tight off-breaks. To accommodate both Hooda and Shreyas, Kishan will then need to be dropped from the playing XI. Sanju Samson and skipper Pandya are the two batters along with Suryakumar Yadav, who would play the role of enforcers as well as finishers. Glenn Phillips, one of the most exciting T20 batters in recent times, will have a battle in hand when the wily Yuzvendra Chahal gets his first game in many moons after being inexplicably benched by regular head coach Rahul Dravid throughout the T20 World Cup. But the last completed T20I match at this ground witnessed Phillips score 108 off 51 balls with as many as eight sixes against a quality West Indies attack. With

Ravichandran Ashwin's T20I career all but over, Washington Sundar will be getting a long run as a specialist off-spinner while Harshal Patel will also get game time to get back his rhythm which deserted him just before the World Cup. Arshdeep Singh as a left-arm seamer looks a sure-shot starter in next two games. Squads: India: Hardik Pandya (captain), Rishabh Pant (vc and wk), Shubman Gill, Suryakumar Yadav, Sanju Samson, Shreyas Iyer, Ishan Kishan (wk), Deepak Hooda, Yuzvendra Chahal, Kuldeep Yadav, Washington Sundar, Harshal Patel, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Umran Malik, Mohammed Siraj, Arshdeep Singh New Zealand: Kane Williamson (captain), Devon Conway, Finn Allen, Glenn Phillips, Devon Conway, Daryl Mitchell, Adam Milne, Michael Bracewell, Ish Sodhi, Mitchell Santner, Lockie Ferguson, Tim Southee, Blair Tuckner.

The Freddie Steward v Beauden Barrett full-back battle may prove decisive



London, November 19: There are mouthwatering matchups all over the pitch at Twickenham on Saturday but the contest that most catches my eye is between the two full-backs. Freddie Steward, England's Mr Reliable, against one of the All Blacks' most lethal weapons in Beauden Barrett. Two completely different players but both are integral to their teams this on Saturday. Steward has looked comfortable at full-back for England since his very first cap. He has 15 now and I can honestly say he has not had a bad performance for the national side. The baseline requirements for a full-back are positional sense, providing security at the back, being solid in the air, on the floor and good decision making. Steward produces that for England every single time he appears and, in addition, he contrib-

utes to attacking play and scores tries. Security is the most important thing that you want from the spine of your team and he provides it. Steward is only 21 but perhaps the most impressive thing about him is that he is not someone who has burst on to the scene because of sheer athleticism - someone like Louis Rees-Zammit with express pace or Manu Tuilagi with raw power. The one thing that makes him a mainstay for England is his rugby IQ, he has just got a really nice feel for the game. That is something that normally comes with experience and considerably more caps than Steward has. From what I hear from players who have played with him for club or country, they have never seen a safer pair of hands and I have to agree. That's me observing from the stands but as someone who used to play in the back three I know the effect it has on your wings. It allows them to just get on with their jobs because they're not worrying about the person who knits that unit together. Ultimately, you need a commanding full-back to

get a back three that really works effectively; you need good communication, a sense of authority, and skill execution. Freddie has that and that can bring the best out of two very experienced wings. The question that fascinates me is if you're Joe Schmidt, plotting England's downfall, how best do you go about it? I return to the last Premiership final for a lesson in how not to do it. Saracens box-kicked everything to Steward that day and, funnily enough, he caught everything. The problem is that when you set up for a box-kick it takes about 15 minutes (!) so it's really easy to position yourself for it because you know where the ball is heading. If it's off a touchline it's going to land between the 15m and the touchline so you shuffle Freddie across, he dominates the airspace, he steals a few metres and all of a sudden you're on the front foot. If I were coaching New Zealand's attack I would implore the players to keep the ball away from the skies and away from Steward.

BCCI Lists Out Eight "Main Job Duties" For New Selection Committee. Find Out What They Are

New Delhi, November 19: The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), Indian cricket's governing body, on Friday invited applications for the position of national selectors (senior men). This effectively ended the tenure of the present selection panel, led by former India cricket cricketer Chetan Sharma. In all, five selectors will be picked with the age-limit of 60 years, according to a press release issued by the BCCI. The cricket body has also listed certain criterion for the interested candidates like they "should have played a

minimum of 7 Test matches or 30 First Class matches or 10 ODI and 20 First Class matches." Also, the candidates, "should have retired from the game at least 5 years ago." The last date of applying is November 28. In addition to these points, the BCCI said in the press release, that "no person who has been a member of any Cricket Committee (as defined in the rules and regulations of BCCI) for

a total of 5 years shall be eligible to be a member of Men's Selection Committee." In the same press release, the BCCI has listed eight "main job duties/responsibilities" for the selectors. Here are they: 1. Select the best possible team in a fair and transparent manner. 2. Plan and prepare a strong bench strength for the Senior Men's National team. 3. Attend Team meetings as and when required. 4.

Travel to watch Domestic and International matches. 5. Prepare and provide evaluation reports of the respective team performances to the Apex Council of BCCI on a quarterly basis. 6. Address the media on team selection as and when instructed by BCCI. 7. Appoint Captain for the team in each format. 8. Adhere to the rules and regulation of BCCI.

From robot VARs to air-cooling: nine things to look out for at Qatar 2022

London, November 19: It's a new chapter in VAR's "undisputable success story", says Fifa: 12 roof-level limb-tracking cameras plus an in-ball sensor. When the data hits, a robot draws toonail lines for the VAR; the VAR checks them, tells the referee and sends a 3D model to broadcasters. Fifa says it will cut the average 70-second wait before a goal can be celebrated down to "just 25 seconds" - and anyone who says it's sucking the life out of football is wrong: "We are very proud of this work." Also new this winter: a chance to see more than half a starting XI subbed off in a game - five subs in normal time and another in extra time - while benches will expand to 15

players, up from 12. At welcome odds with regional vibes, three of the 36 referees are, for the first time in men's World Cup history, female: Japan's Yamashita Yoshimi, the Rwandan Salima Mukansanga and Stephanie Frappart of France - as are three of 69 assistants. Michael Oliver and Anthony Taylor are the Premier League faces, while Zambia's Janny Sikazwe makes the cut despite a tough Africa Cup of Nations in January where he ended a game early twice in three minutes, blaming heat exhaustion. At La'eeb's launch in April, Qatar's Supreme Committee for Delivery & Legacy played up his lack of fixed identity and asked fans to tell them what he

looked like. "Use your imagination... La'eeb is whoever a football fan wants him to be." That went as well as could be expected - fans quickly agreeing he looks most like the ghost of a dead migrant worker. The official biog has tightened since then: La'eeb, meaning "super-skilled player", is an "adventurous, fun, curious" sprite based on a ghutra headress who "comes from the mascot-verse, a parallel world where all mascots live". Most World Cups have to get by with only one official song. Qatar has the "Fifa World Cup Qatar 2022™ Official Soundtrack" instead - "part of Fifa's revamped music strategy".

London, November 19: The first World Cup in Asia was one for outsiders with both South Korea and Turkey just one game away from the 2002 final. An early start in late May, one that avoided the July rains but also gave star players little time to rest after tough European seasons, was given as a reason for the struggles of some traditional powers. History could repeat itself as the second World Cup in Asia has also been moved due to climatic reasons, albeit quite a bit back rather than a little forward, and while the mid-season action means that the biggest names won't have played so many games, they will have almost no time to prepare. The Premier League paused last Sunday, exactly a week before the big event kicks off. The

other big European competitions had similar schedules and their players will go straight from club into World Cup action. That is not the case for all. Just like 2002, the timing in 2022 could give outsiders a helping hand. In football terms England's opening Group B opponents Iran look to have a healthy combination with half of the squad in action at a good European level and the other half playing in the Middle East. Their domestic league stopped, 11 games in, on 28 October. Already being based in the region and having more than two weeks extra to prepare could be the difference against England. That is down to Carlos Queiroz, who told the Iranian federation that it was best to finish early. "He decided to sacrifice match-time for



more training," Shaygan Banisaeid, an Iranian pundit and youth development coach who has worked with a number of clubs in England's top two tiers, told the Guardian. "That obviously would not be possible for [Gareth] Southgate, who would have preferred a longer preparation." At least Southgate knows his players are in good hands at their clubs. The Iran manager wants to keep his as close as possible. "Queiroz was concerned about the physical condition of those players that are playing domestically because he doesn't trust the level of the league, the level of training intensity in their clubs, the poor training facilities and the poor recovery practices in Iran," added Banisaeid. "These players are currently training with him, so that he can take care of their physical preparation ahead of the World Cup." Queiroz still wants more, however. "We face a lack of preparation time at the moment, but I would like to thank all the people who have helped us to have our players in the training," he said in Octo-

ber. "We are looking to close the gap between Team Melli and the big teams in the world." Too much should not be read into the 2-0 defeat, behind closed doors, to Tunisia on Wednesday with 22 players getting some playing time. Bayer Leverkusen striker Sardar Azmoun was not one of them as he recovers from injury. There were rumours, denied by Queiroz, that he had been under pressure to leave the forward, who has spoken out in support of the protests back home in Iran, out of the squad. For a coach with the tactical acumen of the former Real Madrid manager, three weeks with his players could make a difference but compared to some, that's nothing. Saudi Arabia and Qatar have squads that are entirely domestic-based and while this causes concerns about international exposure and experience, it does give some benefits. The Saudis started their World Cup break on 16 October after just eight games of the season and 32 players headed to nearby Abu Dhabi for a three-week and five-game train-

ing camp. Hervé Renard has had enough game time to nurse some of his injured players back to fitness and by the time the opener against Argentina comes, Saudi Arabia will have played eight games in two months. And then there is familiarity with the conditions. It goes without saying that Iran, Saudi Arabia and Qatar don't need to acclimatise. South Korea and Japan play there regularly, with the former having six games in the region in the last 12 months alone and then there are various club and youth competitions that are held on a regular basis in the Middle East. How much difference that makes remains to be seen but every little helps. "This is Iran's golden generation and probably the best squad of all time," said Banisaeid. "There are many familiar names from 2018, who are now more mature, experienced and in the prime of their careers and they are going to give their best to realise the dream of qualifying for the next round. Last time, they were shy by only one point. Iran are not going to be an easy three points for England or the US."

Former England men's bowler Jon Lewis appointed as women's team coach

London, November 19: Jon Lewis has been appointed as the new head coach of England's women's team, taking over in time to lead the side's tour of the West Indies next month. The former Gloucestershire and England quick is an experienced figure at the England and Wales Cricket Board, having previously worked as head coach of the men's under-19 squad and fast-bowling coach of the men's senior side under Chris Silverwood. He moved aside into a wider developmental brief earlier this year but set his sights on replacing Australian



Lisa Keightley after she departed at the end of the summer. His first assignment will be in the Caribbean, with three ODIs and five T20s in December, but attention will quickly turn to a high-profile 2023 schedule featuring a keenly anti-

ipated home Ashes series and a T20 World Cup in South Africa. Lewis, who played one Test in 2006 and 15 white-ball games between 2005 and 2007, said: "It's very exciting to have been appointed as head coach of the England

Women's team. It's a new challenge, and one that I can't wait to get stuck into. I've watched from a distance over the last few years and it's clear that there are a lot of reasons to be optimistic about this team's chances going forward." Our immediate focus is the West Indies, and particularly getting some points on the board in the ICC Women's Championship, and then we'll look ahead to South Africa and the ICC Women's T20 World Cup. Lewis's appointment was confirmed on the day that plans were unveiled to shake up the women's Hundred next season with the introduction

of a draft. While such a system has previously been in place for the men's competition, the women's teams have previously operated on the open market. Each of the eight teams will be able to nominate only four retained players, with a minimum of four more signed during the draft phase. Welsh Fire will be granted first pick in the draft after finishing bottom this summer, with champions Oval Invincibles getting the last selection in the first round. Elsewhere, the ECB has determined that the first Test between England's men and Pakistan will remain in Rawalpindi.