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Massive fire

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Guwahati, November 23 :

A large number of houses and shops were gutted after a massive fire broke out in the Lahorijaan area of Assam's Karbi Anglong district on Wednesday. According to the details, the blaze was reported from near Bokajan along the Assam-Nagaland border. Commenting on the incident, police said several cylinders burst in the fire. One four-wheeler and three motorcycles were also damaged in the blaze. Sub-Divisional Police Officer (SDPO) of Bokajan, John Das said no casualties were reported in the incident. "Fire tenders have reached the spot and tried to douse the flames. At least 100 houses, business establishments, and shops have been damaged in the fire incident," John Das said. Police suspected that the fire occurred due to a short circuit.

Body of forest guard

Assam Rising
Guwahati, November 23 :

The Meghalaya administration will return the body of forest guard who was killed in Assam-Meghalaya border firing incident in Mukhrow. This was informed by the administration on Wednesday. The forest guard, identified as Vidyasingh Lekthe, was killed during the clash between Assam Police and Forest guards and the Meghalaya civilians. The body of Vidyasingh will be handed over to West Karbi Anglong police in Khanduli. Meanwhile, the Karbi Parishad's position on the disputed land is clear. The council rejected the claim that the land belonged to Meghalaya. Moreover, Assam cabinet has expressed regret over the Assam-Meghalaya issue. The CBI will investigate the incident and Assam Police have been directed to prepare SOP.

Set on fire

Assam Rising
Guwahati, November 23 :

Tensions are still on the rise at the Assam-Meghalaya state border region amid reports of a fire breaking out at the camp of Assam's Forest Department officials, late on Tuesday. According to reports, miscreants from the Meghalaya side set fire to the camp where the forest department officials were residing. In addition, the group reportedly also set ablaze four vehicles including three motorcycles and a Mahindra Bolero car belonging to the officials from Assam.

Meghalaya-Assam Border row: Tension Prevails in Both States

SUV Set On Fire In Shillong After 6 Killed In Firing



Assam Rising
Guwahati, November 23 :

An SUV with an Assam number was set afire by unidentified people in Maghalaya's capital city Shillong on Tuesday night, hours after a clash over a state border dispute in the West Jaintia Hills claimed six lives. A fire

brigade put out the blaze that left the SUV completely burnt, but no casualties were reported. Police sources said the incident near Mahavir Park in Jhalupara locality is "believed to have been an aftermath of the firing incident at Mukroh village in the West Jaintia Hills". In the morning, a forest guard

from Assam and five people from Meghalaya were killed in a firing incident at Mukroh village, leading to tension in the inter-state border region. Meghalaya suspended mobile internet services in seven districts of the state for 48 hours as flare-ups on the two state's border can escalate

quickly, as seen not too long ago. The incident took place when a team from the Assam forest department tried to intercept a truck allegedly carrying smuggled timber, around 7 am. The vehicle sped away, leading to a chase that ended in Meghalaya territory after the forest guards managed to puncture one of the truck's tyres. Local villagers saw this as trespass and surrounded the Assam police and forest guards. Conrad Sangma, Chief Minister of Meghalaya, was quick to react. He called the incident "unfortunate", and said the Assam police fired first. The Meghalaya

government shut down mobile internet/data services in seven districts of Meghalaya beginning from 10:30 am today, "to prevent the misuse of media (WhatsApp and social media like Facebook, Twitter, YouTube etc) to disturb peace and tranquility in the state". The Meghalaya government also filed an FIR and ordered a judicial inquiry to determine the facts of the incident. The border dispute goes back decades. Meghalaya was carved out of Assam in 1972 and it challenged the reorganisation act of 1971, leading to disputes in 12

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Judicial Probe Into Meghalaya Border Firing

Announces Rs 5 Lakh Ex Gratia



Assam Rising
Guwahati, November 23 :

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has ordered an investigation into the firing incident along the Assam-Meghalaya border in the West Karbi Anglong district that resulted in the death of six people. A forest guard was among the dead. The Assam government has decided to provide Rs 5 lakh each to the next of kin of the six

deceased persons. Himanta Biswa Sarma, who is in Gujarat to campaign for the assembly polls, said: "We have ordered a judicial investigation and have referred the matter to CBI. SP has been transferred and local police and forest officials have been placed under suspension." Six persons, including a

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Border violence

Assam says will hand over investigation to central agency



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Guwahati, November 23 :

Hours after Meghalaya said it would seek an investigation into the firing by the Assam Police, in which six people were killed, by a central agency like the National Investigation Agency (NIA) or the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), Assam announced similar intentions. Officials have said that six people,

including an Assam Forest Guard, were killed and several others injured during a clash between Assam Police and a mob early Tuesday over an alleged timber-smuggling attempt near a village in Meghalaya. The firing occurred around 3 am in an area bordering West Karbi Anglong district of Assam and Mukroh village in Meghalaya's West Jaintia Hills. In a statement issued late Tuesday, the Assam

Government said it has decided to hand over the investigation into the incident to a central or neutral investigation agency. "Following today's incident of firing in West Karbi Anglong District, the Government of Assam has already instituted a Judicial Inquiry under a retired Judge of High Court to ascertain the facts, circumstances, and the exact reasons for the incident," the statement said. The statement added West Karbi Anglong Superintendent of Police Imdad Ali was "transferred", Jirikinging police station officer-in-charge Kajal Nath, and Forest Protection Officer at Kheroni Forest Range Shikari Engi have been placed under suspension. Additionally, all personnel of the police and forest departments in Assam involved in the incident were sent to their respective

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Manish Tewari reacts on Assam CM's 'Saddam Hussein' swipe at Rahul

Assam Rising
Guwahati, November 23 :

Congress leader Manish Tewari on Wednesday compared Assam chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma to a 'petty troll' after the BJP leader declared Rahul Gandhi - leading the party's Bharat Jodo Yatra across India - now looks like Iraqi dictator Saddam

Hussein. Sarma was taking a cheap shot at Gandhi's appearance; the Congress MP now sports a big bushy beard. Tewari on Wednesday said public servants needed to maintain 'decorum of language and propriety'. "The chief minister of Assam, unfortunately,

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Union Finance Minister inaugurates 3-Day 400th Birth Anniversary of Lachit Barphukan in New Delhi

Every Indian must know about the display of courage, valour of Lachit : Sitharaman



Assam Rising
Guwahati, November 23 :

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, in presence of Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma, on Wednesday inaugurated the 3-day celebrations of the 400th birth anniversary of the 17th century Ahom Army General Lachit Barphukan at Vigyan Bhawan organized centrally in New Delhi today. Speaking at the event, Union Minister Sitharaman congratulated Chief Minister Dr. Sarma for making a

comprehensive attempt for the first time in making the rest of the country aware of a personality as towering as Lachit Barphukan. Referring to Lachit as a

"total patriot", she said it is important for every Indian to know about his indomitable display of valour and courage, along with strategy, in the battlefield.

The Union Finance, making an appeal to the Government of Assam to organise similar events highlighting the Ahom era in various parts of the country said that she would request the Union Ministry of Culture to co-operate with the State government in this regard. Addressing the inaugural ceremony, Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma, paying rich tributes to the great Ahom army general, said that the saga of courage, patriotism and sacrifice displayed by Lachit Barphukan is undoubtedly one of the most glorious chapters of Indian history. It was

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TADA Court issues fresh warrant against JKLF Chief Yasin Malik

New Delhi, November 23 :

The Terrorist and Disruptive Activities Act (TADA) court in Jammu has issued a fresh production warrant on Wednesday, November 23, 2022, against Jammu

Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) Chief, Yasin Malik, for the killing of four Indian Air Force personnel in Srinagar on January 25, 1990. Malik is accused of being involved in the killing of four Indian Air Force (IAF) personnel in Kashmir,

in 1990. Speaking about the judgement, CBI lawyer Monika Kohli informed, "TADA court today issued a production warrant for Yasin Malik, next date of

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Lachit Borphukan's 400 Birthday Celebrations: PM to Attend Closing Ceremony

Assam Rising
Guwahati, November 23 :

Lachit Borphukan is known for his leadership in the 1671 Battle of Saraighat which thwarted a drawn-out attempt by Mughal forces under the command of Ramsingh I to take over the Ahom kingdom. New Delhi will celebrate Assam's hero and that too in the presence of the Prime Minister and other top dignitaries. The 400th

anniversary of war hero Lachit Barphukan is being observed in Delhi with three-day celebrations starting today at Vigyan Bhawan in the national capital. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to be there for the closing ceremony on November 25 along with Home Minister Amit Shah. Lachit Borphukan was a commander in the Ahom kingdom located in present-day Assam. He is

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Manston asylum centre now empty after weeks of controversy

London, November 23 : Manston asylum centre, the troubled Home Office site in Kent where people arriving in the UK in small boats are taken for initial checks, is understood to be completely empty, the



Guardian has learned. Just a few weeks ago about 4,000 arrivals were placed there

Name Correction

My Name is SUFIA BEGUM, and my husband's name is MAZAB ALI, but wrongly inserted in my elector photo identity card vide card no FCM1324885 as SUFIYA BEGUM in place of SUFIA BEGUM and in the voter list of 1997 as SUFIA in place of SUFIA BEGUM and my husband's name is MAZAB in place of MAZAB ALI. that an affidavit is executed before the Magistrate Darrang, Mangaldai vide no 7617 dtd. 21/11/2022 that SUFIYABEGUM, SUFIA and SUFIA BEGUM is the same and one person and MAZAB and MAZAB ALI is same and one person.

SUFIA BEGUM
W/O.- MAZAB ALI
VILL.- KHATANIA
PARA
P.O.-DHULA
P.S.- DHULA
DIST.- DARRANG
ASSAM

Name Correction

I am Saidul Islam, S/O: Khajel Uddidin, but some documents were wrongly recorded my name like Md: Sadul Islam and my father name S/O: Md: Khajel Uddin. But this is wrong. My and my father's names corrected are AF-VIDAVIT Barpeta District Public Notary Sl.No. 25402/2022 On 19th Nov, 2022. I also corrected Name Saidul Islam, father: Khajel Uddin. Name: Saidul Islam, Father: Khajel Uddin, Village: Kismat Moinbari, Post Office: Moinbari, Police Station: Kalgachia, District: Barpeta (Assam) Date of Birth: 28/02/1986

by the Home Office, almost three times the maximum 1,600 capacity of the tented site in Ramsgate. The news comes after a series of controversies at the site including drug-selling by guards, outbreaks of infectious diseases such as diphtheria, the stranding of asylum seekers in central London after their release from Manston, and the death of an asylum seeker placed there on Saturday. The Prisons and Probation Ombudsman has confirmed it is investigating the death of the man, who arrived in the UK on a small boat on 12 November. His details have not yet been released and it is understood the Home Office is still trying to contact his next of kin. Alongside this investigation, the Independent Office for

Police Conduct (IOPC) has received a referral from the Home Office about the death. It told the Guardian it was too early to say whether this would result in an investigation. Such investigations involving the Home Office are rare. The last was in 2018 following the death of a 23-year-old Sudanese man at a carwash in Newport, where he fell from a height following an immigration raid. The Kent coroner has confirmed receipt of a referral about the case and is in the early stages of investigating it. Human rights campaigners have raised concerns that the man who died was being held unlawfully at Manston at the time of his death. Small boat arrivals who are taken to Manston are supposed to be held there for only 24 hours. In exceptional circumstances this can be extended to five days but the man arrived on 12 November and died on 19 November. The campaign group Action Against Detention and Deportations expressed concern that he was held "far longer than the legal limit of 24 hours". A spokesperson for the group said: "This first death was entirely foreseeable. There is copious evidence that Manston is not fit for human habitation and falls far below even minimum standards for accommodation, healthcare and safeguarding." The Red Cross was carrying out a pilot project to support newly arrived asylum seekers on small boats at nearby Western Jet Foil two days a week from August until early October. It is understood it has raised concerns with the Home Office about both Western Jet Foil and Manston. According to evidence from the Scottish Refugee Council to the independent commission of inquiry into asylum provision

in Scotland published earlier this month, 142 asylum seekers have lost their lives in the UK between April 2016 and August 2022. Emma Ginn, the director of the charity Medical Justice, which works to support the health of people in immigration detention, said: "The home secretary has been warned repeatedly that detaining vulnerable people beyond the 24-hour lawful limit in the terrible conditions at Manston has been harmful, putting thousands of men, women and children's health at risk. So many questions and concerns about healthcare provision remain unanswered." Maddie Harris, of Humans for Rights Network, said: "Unaccompanied children who have recently been held in Manston have shared details with us of the appalling lack of medical care they were subjected to whilst held there." One child told us that two weeks ago whilst held there, he witnessed a person's health deteriorated to the extent that he thought he was going to die. He and others held there told the guards repeatedly that this man was very sick and needed an ambulance immediately." He told us that for almost two days they did not call for an ambulance, despite him and many others screaming for help for the guards to do this. He was eventually rushed to hospital by ambulance." The Home Office has been approached for comment.



The combination of the Shenzhou-15 crewed spaceship and a Long March-2F carrier rocket is being transferred to the launching area in Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in northwest China

Oldest cooked leftovers ever found suggest Neanderthals were foodies

London, November 23 : If you thought Neanderthals survived on a diet of foraged berries and uncooked animal flesh, think again. Charred remnants of what appear to be the world's oldest cooked

who coordinated the excavation. Hunt and his colleagues have even tried to recreate one of the recipes, using seeds gathered from nearby the caves. "It made a sort of pancake-cum-flatbread which was really very

seeds by both Neanderthals and early modern humans (Homo sapiens) at both sites, and during both phases at Shanidar Cave," said Dr Ceren Kabukcu, an archaeobotanist at the University of Liverpool, who led the study. "We also find evidence of 'mixtures' of seeds included in food items and argue that there were some unique preferences for specific plant flavours." The research, published in Antiquity, adds to mounting evidence of plant consumption by both early modern humans and Neanderthals, in addition to meat. Wild nuts and grasses were often combined with pulses, such as lentils, and wild mustard. Hunt said: "Because the Neanderthals had no pots, we presume that they soaked their seeds in a fold of an animal skin." However, unlike modern chefs, Neanderthals did not appear to hull their seeds to remove the outer coat - a process that largely eliminates bitter-tasting compounds. This could suggest that they wanted to reduce but not eliminate the pulses' natural flavours. Assuming they pounded the seeds using local rocks, the final product may also have been somewhat gritty. "Having sampled the re-created recipe, I think we can understand why the Neanderthals had teeth in such a degraded state," Hunt said.



meal ever found have been unearthed in a cave complex in northern Iraq, prompting speculation that Neanderthals may have been foodies. "Our findings are the first real indication of complex cooking - and thus of food culture - among Neanderthals," said Chris Hunt, a professor of cultural paleoecology at Liverpool John Moores University,

palatable - a sort of nutty taste," Hunt said. The burned food remnants - the oldest ever found - were recovered from the Shanidar Cave site, a Neanderthal dwelling 500 miles north of Baghdad in the Zagros Mountains. Thought to be about 70,000 years old, they were discovered in one of many ancient hearths in the caves. The team also used a scanning electron microscope to analyse ancient charred food fragments recovered from Franchthi Cave in southern Greece, which was occupied by early modern humans about 12,000 years ago. Taken together, these findings suggest that Palaeolithic diets were diverse and prehistoric cooking complex, involving several steps of food preparation. "We present evidence for the first time of soaking and pounding pulse

Bolsonaro derided for 'senseless' challenge to Brazil election he lost last month

London, November 23 : Jair Bolsonaro has challenged the Brazilian presidential election he lost last month to Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, arguing votes from some machines should be "invalidated". Bolsonaro's claim seems unlikely to get far, as Lula's victory has been ratified by the superior electoral court and acknowledged by Brazil's leading politicians and international allies. It could however fuel a small but committed protest movement that has so far refused to accept the result. Alexandre de Moraes, the supreme court justice who currently leads the TSE, said in a ruling seen by the Reuters news agency that Bolsonaro's rightwing electoral coalition, which filed the complaint, must present its full audit for both rounds of October's vote within 24 hours, or he would reject it. Gleisi Hoffmann, the president of Lula's Workers party, described Bolsonaro's election complaint as "chicanery". "No more procrastination, irresponsibility, insults to institutions and democracy," she wrote on Twitter. "The election was decided in the vote and Brazil needs peace to build a better future. The Brazilian Social Democracy party, a



traditional rival to Lula's Workers party, called Bolsonaro's complaint "senseless", tweeting that it would be resisted "by institutions, the international community and Brazilian society". Bolsonaro's coalition said its audit of the 30 October second-round runoff between Bolsonaro and Lula had found "signs of irreparable ... malfunction" in some electronic voting machines. "There were signs of serious failures that generate uncertainties and make it impossible to validate the results generated" in older models of the voting machines, Bolsonaro allies said in their complaint. As a result, they urged that the votes from those models

should be "invalidated". Bolsonaro has for years claimed that the country's electronic voting system is liable to fraud, without providing substantiating evidence. One of Brazil's most visible presences on social media and at public events over the last four years, Bolsonaro has nearly vanished from view in the past three weeks, with little or no formal agenda or public statements on most days. Bolsonaro authorised his government to begin preparing for a presidential transition in the days after October's run-off election.

NO. DHTE (X) 1/2020-21/17

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed tenders affixing non refundable court fee stamp of Rs. 8.25 (Rupees eight and paise twenty five) only in two bid system (Technical Bid and Financial Bid) in the prescribed format are hereby invited from the valid registered Printers with minimum experience of 5 (five) years in Govt. Sector for selection of Printer & fixation of rates for printing of Annual Administrative Report for the 2021-22 of this Directorate of Handloom & Textiles, Assam. **The tender shall be received upto 1.00 P.M. of 15-12-2022** and the Technical Bids will be open on the same day at 2.00 PM in presence of parties or their authorized representatives. The Tender documents may be obtained from the office of the Director of Handloom & Textiles, Ambari, Guwahati - 1 on payment of non-refundable sum of Rs. 500.00 (Rupees five hundred) only in form of Demand Draft from any Nationalized Bank during the office hour from 25-11-2022 upto 12.00 Noon of 15-12-2022 (except Govt, holidays).

Sd/
Director,
Handloom & Textiles, Assam
Guwahati-1

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No: GMB 11/2022/541

PRESS NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed tender in plain papers subsequently to be drawn in F-2 form affixing nonrefundable court fee stamp of Rs. 8.25 only are invited for the following works from class-I (A,B,C), II & III contractors under P.W.D. (Electrical) according to their eligibility (1% for ST/SC/OBC) of the estimated amount beyond will have to be deposited as security in form of bank draft pledged in favour of Gohpur Municipal Board along with the tenders submitted. Moreover, the successful tenderer will require to furnish earnest money as per A.P.W.D. (Road) norms before issuing formal work order.

The tenders will be received up to **11.00 A.M of 30/11/2022**. The tenders will be opened on the same day at **2.30 P.M.** Intending tenderer or their authorized agents may remain present at the time of opening the tenders.

The tender papers will be supplied on payment of Rs. 500/- (Rupees five hundred) only (Non refundable) by cash. Attested copy of testimonials like Registration Certificate, up to date clearance of Income tax, Sale tax clearance certificate, Labour licences and experience certificate etc.

Intending tenderer may inspect the plan and estimate in office during office hours.

Sl No	Name of the Scheme	Estimated Amount (in Rs)
1.	Providing LED street light with necessary connection etc. at Gohpur Municipal Board, Ward No 1 to 10 under the award of 15 th FC untied grant for the year 2021-22 (1 st installment) during 2022-23.	20,50,380.00
2.	Construction of the campus of Durga Mandir with pavers block at Ward No 2 of Gohpur Municipal Board under the award of 15 th FC untied grant for the year 2021-22 (1 st installment) during 2022-23.	7,64,822.00

N. B :

1. Time of completion of the work is 1 month from the date of issue of formal work order. All other details can be seen in the tender document for the week.
2. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders and also reserves the right to not to be bound to accept the lowest rate.

No. GMB 15/2020/

CORRIGENDUM

This corrigendum is being issued with reference to the press notice inviting tender issued on 15th November 2022, Letter No **GMB 15/2020/525**. The tender process of one scheme has been postponed. Therefore, tenders are invited only for the following schemes only.

Sealed tender in plain papers subsequently to be drawn in F-2 form affixing nonrefundable court fee stamp of Rs. 8.25 only are invited for the following works from class-I (A,B,C), II & III contractors under P.W.D. (Road) according to their eligibility (1% for ST/SC/OBC) of the estimated amount beyond will have to be deposited as security in form of bank draft pledged in favour of Gohpur Municipal Board along with the tenders submitted. Moreover, the successful tenderer will require to furnish earnest money as per A.P.W.D (Road) norms before issuing formal work order.

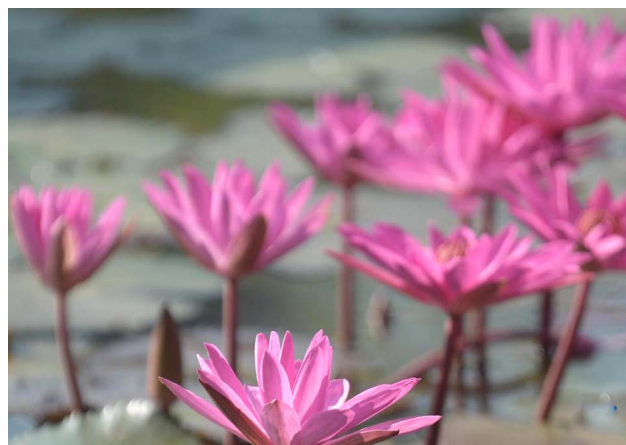
The tenders will be received up to **11.00 A.M of 29/11/2022**. The tenders will be opened on the Same day at **2.30 P.M.** Intending tenderer or their authorized agents may remain present at the time of opening the tenders.

The tender papers will be supplied on payment of Rs. 500/- (Rupees five hundred) only (Non refundable) by cash. Attested copy of testimonials like Registration Certificate, up to date clearance of income tax, Sale tax clearance certificate, Labour licences and experience certificate etc.

Intending tenderer may inspect the plan and estimate in office during office hours.

Sl No	Name of the Scheme	Estimated Amount (in Rs)
1	Improvement of both side of railway station toad near hospital under 15 th FC (untied grant) for the year 2020-21, 1 st installment.	600000.00
2	Earth filling of Green wood park at Ward No 8 under 15 th FC (untied grant) for the year 2010- 21, 1 st installment	477000.00
3	Repairing of RCC drain cover plates for sewerage from lyoti Nagar to Dimbeswar Baruah Path, Ward No 4 under 15 th FC (Tied grant) for the year 2020-21, 1 st installment.	219400.00

Sd/-
Executive Officer
Gohpur Municipal Board, Gohpur.
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Pink water lily flowers are seen in a lake in Agartala, capital city of India's northeastern state of Tripura

No. DWCD(ICDS)G/SNP/61/2022/70

EXTENSION NOTICE

The date and time of tender document to be downloaded and online submission in respect of e-Eol No. DWCD(ICDS)G/SNP/61/2022/31, dated 13/7/2022 in regard to Expression of Interest for supply of Ready to eat (RTE) food Items such as Dal Khichdi, Multigrain Suji Halwa as cereal-based Micronutrient Fortified Energy Dense Food for Children of age group (6 months to 3 years), Children of age group (3- 6 years), Severely Malnourished Children of age group (6 months to 6 years) and Pregnant Women & Lactating mothers for various Anganwadi Centres and Mini-Anganwadi Centres at General areas of Assam for implementation of SNP during the year 2022-23, are hereby changed and rescheduled as follows:

Sl. No.	Schedule	Earlier End Date and Time	Rescheduled End Date and Time
1	Tender download	25/11/2022 at 03.00 PM	23/12/2022 at 03.00 PM
2	Bid submission	25/11/2022 at 03.00 PM	23/12/2022 at 03.00 PM
3	Bid opening	28/11/2022 at 11.00 AM	26/12/2022 at 11.00 AM

Director
Women and Child Development, Assam
Uzanbazar, Guwahati-1
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Dr. BBCI and MSSV signed MoU for Cancer Biology



Assam Rising, Guwahati, November 23: A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Dr. B. Barua Cancer Institute (BBCI) and Mahapurusha Srimanta Sankaradeva Viswavidyalaya (MSSV) in a special ceremonial way held at the conference hall of BBCI, Guwahati today.

The MoU was signed by Director of BBCI Dr. Amal Chandra Kataki and Dr. Shekhar Knt Sarkar; Dy Registrar (Admin.) of the University in presence of Deputy Director Academic, Deputy Director Administration, Senior officers and professors of BBCI, Vice-Chancellor of MSSV Prof. Mridul Hazarika, HoD

Dept. of Law Dr. Bimal Baishya, HoD dept. of Social Work Dr. Dipshikha Carpenter and PRO Gouri Prasad Sarmah and others. Speaking at the occasion, Dr. Amal Chandra Kataki, Director, BBCI said, today is a historic day for the new academic program for cancer biology which will definitely bridge the gap of

employment generation as well as to mitigate the problem of cancer disease in the society specially for north-eastern region for which as a measures to ensure that the educational exchange between the two institutions is carried out. The program was attended by Prof. Mridul Hazarika, Vice-Chancellor of MSSV tendered his best wishes to the entire BBCI family for giving their best since last 50 years and

service to the nation. Dr. Hazarika also mentioned the new aspects of National Education Policy and under which parity two institutes will launch M.Sc and PhD courses in Cancer Biology. Msc and PhD in cancer biology with very limited intake capacity will be started from the year 2023 with joint collaboration among the university professors and BBCI professors.

Nonoi HS School all set to celebrate diamond jubilee

Assam Rising, Nagaon, November 23: Nonoi Higher Secondary School is all set to celebrate its glorious diamond jubilee with a three day long programme from here at the school playground from November 25 onwards. The programme will be initiated with hoisting 75 flags and the main flag of the celebration will be unfurled by local Barhampur MLA Jitu Goswami following which the rest of the flags will be hoisted by prominent dignitaries of the greater Nonoi areas. As per information intimated by the diamond jubilee celebration committee, in the opening session, a significant programme titled as 'Nonoiye Ringia' has been scheduled to be held under chairmanship of Badan Chandra Bora, a retired teacher and the programme will be inaugurated by former AGP minister Girindra Kr Boruah. Former Chief Minister Prafulla Kumar Mahanta, Sankarjyoti Boruah, state general secretary of All Assam Students' Union (AASU) and noted physician Dr Anjan Jyoti Choudhury will be present in the programme as special guests. In closing day on November 27, chief minister Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma will address the open session of the celebration as the chief guest while the state education minister Dr Ranaj Pegu, state health minister Keshab Mahanta, water resource minister Pijush Hazarika will be present as the special guests. The programme will be concluded following a colourful cultural extravaganza in the same evening where noted Assamese singer Acharya Borpatra Gohain will perform his songs and music. Jogeswar Saikia, president, Prafulla Chandra Bora, executive president and Sanjay Kumar Kalita, principal cum general secretary of diamond jubilee celebration committee urged to all students, alumnus, teachers, parents and other well wishers to ensure their enthusiasm to make the programme a grand success.

Be peace ambassadors: Prasad Gollanapalli



Assam Rising, Guwahati, November 23: Universities should contribute to peace in the community, in society, in the country. Students gather knowledge and skill at university, but at the same time they should also inculcate the fundamental human values like honesty, self-respect, dignity, compassion. Here students should be peace ambassadors. This was stated by noted Gandhian scholar Prof Prasad Gollanapalli, Managing Trustee, Gandhi King Foundation Hyderabad and the coordinator of the Gandhi King

Conference, Stanford University. Prof. Gollanapalli was addressing a two-day workshop on Gandhian principles and values here today organised by IQAC, University of Science and Technology Meghalaya. Addressing the students and faculty members in the workshop, Gandhian scholar and visiting profes-

sor to many universities in India and in the USA Prof Gollanapalli said, "In society, we are all equal by birth, all human beings are fundamentally equal, any kind of discrimination or differentiation among people in the name of religion or caste is wrong. Our happiness is related to others, so we need to follow 'sarvodaya'—welfare of all". Gandhian philosophy is against greed and selfishness. The event was spread over two sessions and had eminent delegates, speakers and scholars from around the world, who emphasized peace as the central principle of life and Gandhian perspective about it.

Marathon run on 400th Anniversary of Lachit Borphukan

Guest House

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Assam Rising, Margherita, November 23: As a part of the 400th Birth Anniversary of Bir Lachit Borphukan, a Marathon was flagged off today by Preeti Kumari, IAS, SDO, Margherita from Eco Park to Central Field, Margherita. The event was organised by the civil administration



in collaboration with the Margherita District Sports Association. Along with the SDO and officials of the administration, students from different educational institutes also took part in the Marathon. Another event 'Asomi Mela' was also inaugurated today at Eco Park by the SDO, Margherita, which was organised by the civil administration in collaboration with Assam State Rural Livelihood Mission and Assam State Urban Livelihood Mission under Margherita Development

Block. Preeti Kumari, IAS, SDO, Margherita spoke on the occasion, highlighting the courage and strength of Bir Lachit and praised the women entrepreneurs for showcasing similar strength in running their small businesses while also managing their respective households. She also added, that Bir Lachit Barphukan is inspiration for all and apart from the noble cause of celebrating the greatest military General of Assam, she wished that the event will help them in generating revenue. Around 15 stalls were opened by the women SHG members comprising of traditional gar-

ments, artifacts, plants, eatables etc. The trade fair which commenced today will run till November 25. The inauguration function was attended by Shri. Anand Kumar Sarma and Rajlaxi Devi Gogoi, Chairman and Vice-Chairman Margherita Municipal Board, Assistant Commissioners Siddhartha Sonowal and Pranta Pratim Patra, Election Officer Aditi Neog, Circle Officer Runal Nath, BDO Urvashi Chetia and other administrative officials along with Block Project Manager, Oleo Plak, members of different Self Help Groups and the general public.

Allegation of minor girl molestation against Teacher

Assam Rising, Chirang, November 23: A horrific incident took place at Raja Ajit Narayan Dev Girls ME School at Basugaon in Chirang district. Angry parents physically assaulted a teacher in front of the student alleging molestation of the student. Deepak Bhagat was accused of molesting a student who was assaulted with shoes and sandals inside the classroom. Not stopping here, the angry crowd tears the clothes worn by the teacher. According to the complaint, on November 21, Deepak Bhagat, assistant teacher of Raja Ajit Narayan Dev Girls ME School, tried to molest a class VII student in a classroom. The incident has created a furore at Basugaon town. Upon receiving information about the incident, a police team from Basugaon police station reached the school and detained the teacher and took him to the police station. The parents of the girl had verbally complained to the headmaster of the institute in this regard yesterday; But the headmaster suggested a written complaint.

IIE launches 'Magic Rice' and 'Kon Joha' as Lachit Divas special

Assam Rising, Guwahati, November 23 : On the 400th birth anniversary of Bir Lachit Borphukan, the ever valiant Ahom General of Assam, the Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship and Entrepreneurship is celebrating the occasion by launching two new products - "Magic Rice" and "Kon Joha" as Lachit Divas special edition. It is known to have been consumed by the great Ahom General, Bir Lachit Borphukan and his army during the famous battle of Saraighat which was fought and won against the Mughals, in the 17th century. Celebrating the connection between the historic event and the food product, TRISSAM intends to highlight the nutritious yet instant-cooking ability of the food that is indigenous to the state. Because of its "zero-cooking" identity, the term "Magic Rice" (locally known as "Kumol Saul") is attributed due to its ability of becoming ready-to-eat, instantaneously on soak-



ing in water—a property that saves both time and fuel. Characterised by an aromatic endosperm, KonJoha rice is popular due to its unique aroma and is indigenously grown in the state of Assam. Besides Magic Rice, KonJoha is being launched as Lachit Divas special edition of Lachit Divas. Available at the TRISSAM stores in the IIE campus Lalmati and the Assam Secretariat grounds, Dispur, these products can also be ordered online through the IIE website or one can place their order through the TRISSAM social media pages on instagram, facebook and twitter. Dr. Bhaskarjyoti

Saud, Project Head of Pradhan Mantri Jan DhanYojana Scheme, as a part of which this brand "TRISSAM" has been developed, says "We are happy to launch these two products commemorating the 400th Birth Anniversary of our ever valiant Ahom General Bir Lachit Barphukan today. In today's rapidly growing world, with new technologies presenting new instant food every other day, TRISSAM wishes to connect age-old heritage with the modern world, encouraging a healthy and efficient diet among the younger generations that fits the busy lifestyle of people today."

2 drug dealers arrested in Laharighat

Assam Rising, Bhuragaon, November 22: The 22-year-old was arrested in a joint operation by the Morigaon and Laharighat police in Barbari of Laharighat district this evening. The arrested drug dealers were identified as Shafiqul Islam and Hasim Uddin. Three boxes of soap containing suspected drugs were seized from the arrested drug dealers. The drugs weighed 360 grams and were seized from the sus-



pects. Shafiqul Islam had been jailed earlier for drug

trafficking. They are currently being questioned.

Exhibition on Lachit Barphukan in Silchar

Assam Rising, Silchar, November 23: The Cachar district administration has undertaken extensive programmes to celebrate the 400th birth anniversary of Lachit Borphukan, the Hero of the Battle of Saraighat. In this connection, a painting/ sketch/ drawing competition on the theme "Lachit Barphukan" was held in all schools/ colleges of the district on November, 21. The best paintings were

put up in an Art Exhibition organised at Goldighi Mall, Silchar. The Exhibition was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner, Cachar Rohan Kumar Jha by lighting the lamp in the presence of District Mission Coordinator, SSA Cachar Himashri Deka and other officials here on Tuesday. DC Jha then went around and saw the paintings displayed at the ground floor of the Mall. The winners of the Art

Competition will be announced on 23 November. The 1st prize winner will be given a cash award of Rs.10,000. Rs.5,000 and Rs.3,000 cash awards will be given to the 2nd and 3rd position holders respectively. Further, certificates of appreciation will be given to the top 20 entries. This is stated in a press release issued from Regional Office of Information & Public Relations Barak valley Zone Silchar Assam.

Street Play at Biswanath College

Assam Rising, Biswanath Chariali, November 23: Biswanath College, a premier higher educational institution of Assam has undertaken a series of programmes to commemorate the 400th birth anniversary of Vir Lachit Barphukan. As a part of the celebration, a street play entitled Lachit Barphukan under the guidance of Leena Hazarika, HoD of Political department of

the college was performed by the students today. The event was inaugurated by Dr. Surya Kamal Bora, ADC, Biswanath. The event was attended by Dr. Chinta Mani Sarmah, principal of the college beside other faculty members and students. The general public of Biswanath praised the initiative undertaken by the institution of higher education.



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Gujrat election and tribal politics

This time around, when all three major political parties are vying for majority in Gujarat, none can afford to ignore over 15 percent of the population of the state that the tribal minority accounts for as it has the potential to significantly influence the electoral fortunes of the parties. In the most recent assembly elections, the BJP and the Congress tied for first place in seats with predominantly tribal voters. The BJP's vote share grew by about 52 percent in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, while that of the Congress decreased to 38 percent. No doubt, BJP has a very strong base in Gujarat. But given that the Adivasi ethnic group makes up over one-seventh of the state's population and that AAP has also chosen to target the Adivasi votes, the party should be concerned about the Aam Aadmi Party's continuous inroads into the state. Recently, during a campaign in Gujarat, Arvind Kejriwal, the convener of the AAP, promised the oft-neglected tribal population that if his party came to power, it would apply the Constitution's Fifth Schedule and the Panchayat (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act (PESA Act) in the tribal areas of Gujarat. In terms of absolute numbers, Gujarat has the fifth largest population of Scheduled Tribes (ST) in India. As per the census, they are one-seventh of the state's population, and are mostly located in the eastern areas close to Rajasthan and Maharashtra. A vast majority of the ST population is made up of twelve major tribes. The majority of the community lives in rural Gujarat, where they make up one-fifth of the population. This number virtually cuts in half in semi-urban areas and a pitiful 2 percent of people live in metropolitan areas. As for the reservation for the tribal community in the state, there are 27 ST seats reserved for them. However, there are 47 assembly seats where the ST population is over 10 percent. There is a concentration of more than 20 percent STs in 40 assembly seats. On the other hand, more than 30 percent of ST people live in 31 assembly seats. In Gujarat's tribal-dominated Dahod area, PM Narendra Modi attended an event in April this year. In addition to emphasising his own efforts as Gujarat's chief minister for the welfare of the state's tribes, Modi, who was dressed in a tribal jacket while addressing a crowd, spoke about the Birs Munda, a legendary freedom fighter, and other tribal heroes. In the past, scheduled tribes in Gujarat relied on the Congress Party. The BJP is attempting to win over the support of the scheduled tribes not just in Gujarat but also in Himachal Pradesh. Just a few months before the assembly elections in the state, The Hatti community of Himachal Pradesh received the status of "tribe" from the BJP government at the Centre.

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Only 1 channel covered Nadda's temple run on Himachal poll day. BJP chief can blame himself

Congress workers and leaders are perennially in dilemma, it has become a tradition of sorts. Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra is top priority for all party leaders these days. But Gujarat assembly elections are also around the corner. Let alone small and mid-rank leaders, even those at the top - like the party general secretary - are in mood to spend their time in the yatra, instead of carrying out election duties. Those on election duty keep checking with leaders on Yatra duty - whether the latter should be in Bharat Jodo Yatra or in Gujarat? As if they hold some grudge. Goa Governor P.S. Sreedharan Pillai's yatra has left CM Pramod Sawant bewildered. The Goa Governor is touring the state like a people's representative,

like a regular politician does. In the last 15 months, Sreedharan has visited 100 villages of Goa spread across 40 assembly constituencies and panchayats. He is interacting with the people as well as panchayat heads in order to understand their problems and demands. Now if the Governor himself indulges in so many tours, then what will the CM

Bharat Agrawal

do? A similar scenario has been witnessed in another BJP-ruled state. What's the connection between Gujarat elections and Bangladesh? Nothing to be honest. But all of a sudden, a link has emerged. It all started with the 'No Money for Terror' Conference. As soon as the National Home Minister Amit Shah, who was present at the conclave, said that

'terrorism had no religion', terse comments and reactions from pro-Hindutva lobby started pouring in. Why get into tricky territories, especially Gujarat elections, they contended. Realising his 'mistake', the home minister too immediately changed the topic of debate by raising the issue of attacks on Hindus and Hindu temples in Bangladesh. All this while his

Bangladeshi counterpart watched on. The pro-Hindutva lobby had all praise for the home minister. When it comes to finding or appropriating an icon, there is no match for BJP's skills. Yet, the problem in the Northeast was unique - the party was not able to find any local icon. Then, all of a sudden, the bigwigs in the state government as well as in party organisation switched to active mode.

Nearly three years into Britain's European divorce, the Conservative party is not ready to take custody of the consequences. But the prime minister wants visiting rights. The phase of slamming doors and empty threats shouted through Brussels letterboxes is over. Rishi Sunak understands that his only hope of political survival lies with economic recovery, to which end he needs a functional relationship with the EU. But compromise in Brussels poisons the mood of Conservative MPs, making political survival harder. It is an impossible conundrum because the facts about Britain's dependency on the single market offend the sacred core of Brexit. That is why Eurosceptic hardliners reacted with fury to reports that senior figures in the government were mooting a "Swiss-style" arrangement with the EU. The terminology is unhelpful. Even the Swiss don't like having a Swiss-style relationship with the EU. It is a mess of multiple treaties. The core transaction is single market access, in exchange for which Switzerland pays into the European budget, while taking regulatory dictation and accepting free movement of people - the three unforgivable curses of submission to Brussels in Eurosceptic lore. Sunak's government wants something more nebulous that might ease friction in trade, but on terms that can't be portrayed as a betrayal of Brexit. Keir Starmer wants the same thing, not from any ideological conviction but in the belief that the safest profile for Labour to have in any European debate is a low one, on the sidelines of Tory dysfunction. That might be



politically expedient, but it makes the opposition complicit in the most persistent and pernicious Brexit myth - denying the imbalance of power between Britain and a bloc of 27 countries on its doorstep. Ignorance or wilful misrepresentation of the single market was the binding thread in a triple fallacy in the economic case for leaving the EU. First, Europe was dismissed as the dotard of the global economy, sclerotic and declining. The real prize was therefore trade deals with rising powers further afield. Second, Britain wouldn't lose the benefits of the single market anyway, because EU businesses would lobby to retain access to UK consumers. Third, the cost of regulatory compliance with EU rules was greater than any benefit of membership. Sunak cited all three in an article explaining his decision to vote leave in 2016. Europe's share of the global economy was shrinking relative to other continents, he explained. "Canada, South Korea and South Africa all trade freely with Europe without surrendering their independence. As one of Europe's largest customers, I see no sensible reason why we could not achieve a similar agreement." Also, "excessive red tape" stifled every British business, even the ones that don't export to the

continent. It is clear from those arguments that Sunak's understanding of the single market was limited to the

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repertoire of dogmatic ditties that a thrusting young Tory learns to sing if he wants to be selected as the parliamentary candidate in a safe seat. Ministerial colleagues and officials in the Treasury say that his grasp of the issue was later enriched by the experience of serving as chancellor. By then, Brexit was a fait accompli. As a notorious spreadsheet nerd, Sunak cannot ignore the data showing exclusion from EU markets as a drag on Britain's economic performance. Since he and his chancellor used Office for Budget Responsibility forecasts as the basis for the fiscal consolidation announced in last week's autumn statement, it is reasonable to surmise that both men accept also the OBR's conclusion, published the same day, that Brexit has had "a significant adverse impact on UK trade". Jeremy Hunt doesn't admit the connection in public, preferring to blame Russia and the legacy of the pandemic for Britain's economic woes.

Modi govt in denial about female genital mutilation in India. Collect data, let states ban it

Among several concerns about India's human rights performance raised at the United Nations' 41st Universal Periodic Review, a noteworthy one was the issue of female genital mutilation or FGM, with Costa Rica recommending India develop a national plan to tackle the issue. Interestingly, India itself made similar recommendations on FGM during the UPR to Guinea and Mali. However, when it came to the practice at home, the Narendra Modi government has so far failed to even acknowledge that FGM exists. Colloquially known as khatna or khafz, FGM has been a quiet practice within the

Bohra community, a sect of Shia Muslims, for centuries. The practice involves the cutting of the clitoral hood when a girl child turns seven years old. The reason behind the practice is primarily to 'control' the sexual drive of a woman and 'save her' from becoming 'promiscuous' and 'oversexed'. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), FGM has no health benefits and harms girls and adult women in many ways. It often leads to immediate health risks such as infections, pain, and bleeding. In the long term, women who are subjected to this practice report that sex is never a pleasurable activity. In fact, for some, it is so painful that they dread sex. The Bohra community in India, numbering approximately 2 million, is largely situated in four large western states - Gujarat, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, and Madhya Pradesh. Two studies by survivor-led organisations Sahiyo and WeSpeakOut, conducted in 2016 and 2017,

affirmed that over 80 per cent women in this community have undergone FGM. The media has actively reported on these anecdotal studies, with some carrying detailed interviews with survivors. Two important cases in Detroit and Sydney, where FGM is illegal, involve Bohra expats. In India, the Supreme Court is hearing a Public Interest Litigation on the validity of FGM. But the government has so far refused to acknowledge that FGM even happens in India. The Ministry of Women and Child Development has issued a denial of the existence of FGM in Parliament as well as the Supreme Court. It seems like a classic Catch-22 situation: On the one hand, the government refuses to collect data, and on the other, it does not accept the existence of FGM based on the

lack of official data. Little or no global attention is on Asian countries like India. This stems from the oft-mentioned fact that there is no official data on FGM in India, Pakistan, Malaysia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, United Arab Emirates, and Iran, among others. The practice in these

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countries continues to be invisible, except for the anecdotal data from survivor stories and the small, yet important, research studies conducted mostly by survivors and activists. Even at the UPR pre-sessions where we met several member countries for support, most expressed surprise when we spoke to them about FGM in India. On 6 February, the International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation, UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres gave a call to accelerate investment to end FGM and uphold the human rights of all women and girls. There was no response from India. The commitment toward the UN's sustainable development goal 5.3 to end FGM/Cutting by 2030 then seems meaningless. In such a context where there is a lack of FGM data in India, we hope that the recommendation made by Costa Rica at the UPR brings a change. The statement went as follows: "Legally adopt the WHO definition of Female Genital Mutilation, criminalise it by law, and establish a national action plan to eradicate the practice." For the first time, international attention was drawn to FGM within Indian borders. This was the first attempt at

Those are factors, but the UK is also forecast by the OECD to have a longer and deeper recession than any other G7 country, none of which has elected to sabotage its own closest trading partnership. Full-frontal acknowledgment of that fact is taboo, so it leaks out of government sideways. Hence last weekend's rumour of a Swiss pivot in the direction of travel. But any hint of heresy stirs the inquisitorial zeal of Tory MPs, requiring a public vow of piety. "I believe in Brexit," Sunak said on Monday, going on to insist that no alignment with EU rules would happen under his leadership. That is because "regulatory freedom" is the key that will unlock benefits of emancipation from Brussels that autonomy in trade deals has mysteriously failed to deliver. This - the third fallacy - is the sturdiest pillar of Eurosceptic faith, and the one to which Sunak clings tightest. As a candidate for the leadership over the summer, he promised to review or repeal 2,400 legacy EU laws, carried over into British statute post-Brexit, and to do it within 100 days of taking office. (A video promoting the pledge showed Sunak feeding documents into a shredder to the strains of Ode to Joy.) It was a wildly implausible pledge, now sensibly abandoned. The only way to get through the task would be to dedicate most of Whitehall to sifting EU laws full-time, or to scrap them without even trying to understand what they do, and whether they might be useful or popular. Liz Truss's version of the same project is a bill already introduced to the Commons, setting a target of December 2023 and including a

"sunset clause" to automatically vaporise any EU rules that haven't been reviewed in time. (There is an option to extend the deadline.) Trade unions and NGOs fear incineration of social and environmental protections in an ideological wildfire. Businesses say they don't need or want a great regulatory upheaval, which just adds to uncertainty and deters investment. There are hints that the government is heeding that complaint and preparing to dilute the bill. Monomaniac obsession with purging the legacy of Brussels bureaucracy threatens to suffocate growth more than the regulation itself, much of which existed to harmonise rules so British goods could flow unimpeded around the continent. Replacing EU standards with British ones is neither a domestic liberation nor much of a magnet for international investment, since anyone trading in both jurisdictions would have to comply with both sets of rules. It hardly matters if the UK regime is notionally more competitive (or just plain lax). There is no escaping the gravitational field of the single market. The prime minister's pragmatic side might prompt him to postpone lighting the bonfire of red tape. But he dare not douse the dream. It is what keeps the Brexit believers warm in delusion when cold economic winds blow ever harder in their faces. That is more comfort than the rest of us have. Nothing remains of the Brexit case that Sunak himself once made. He claims to believe still, although his tone sounds more pleading than passionate - an affirmation of faith by someone who cannot ignore evidence; a leader divorced from any good policy options, trying not to be a total stranger to reality while living apart from the facts.

Letter to the Editor

Remembering Sir CV Raman

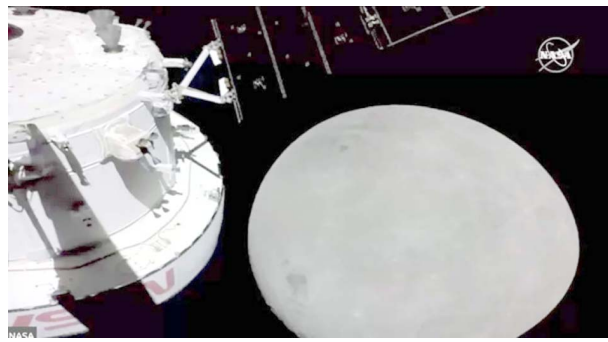
Dear editor,

Sir CV Raman was an eminent scientist, recipient of the Nobel Prize for Raman Effect (discovered 1928) in physics, by the Nobel Prize Committee, in 1930. He served Andhra University as Professor for Physics, had his high school education at St Aloysius Anglo-Indian School near Beach. Thus he was connected with Visakhapatnam as student and as professor too. He was awarded Bharat Ratna by the Government of India, in 1954. He was awarded the title SIR by the British Government.

Kantamsetti Lakshman Rao

Visakhapatnam

NASA's Artemis spacecraft arrives at the Moon



The Orion capsule swept 130km (80 miles) above the lunar surface, and it will now begin to enter a larger orbit. The vehicle was out of contact for 34 minutes during this manoeuvre, which began at 12:44 GMT, as it took place on the far side of the Moon. As the signal returned, the spacecraft sent back an image of the Earth. NASA says so far the mission has "exceeded expectations" since last week's launch. NASA flight director

Zebulon Scoville said: "This is one of those days that you've been thinking about and dreaming about for a long, long time." This morning, we just saw the Earth set behind the Moon as we take the next human-rated vehicle around the Moon, preparing to bring humans back there within a few years. This is a game-changer." The spacecraft zoomed over the landing sites of Apollo 11, 12 and 14 as it made the close approach. The Artemis mis-

sion began on Wednesday from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida, with the launch of the most powerful rocket NASA has ever built. It placed Orion on a path towards the Moon. The capsule has already sent back several selfies during its journey. Because this is a test flight, no astronauts are on board this time - instead three manikins, covered in thousands of sensors, are making the journey. "Those sensors are getting an idea of whether the environment is going to be OK for people," explained NASA astronaut Zena Cardman. "So there are things like radiation sensors, motion sensors, accel-

erometers - things that we as human payloads are going to care a lot about." And this is important because if this flight goes well astronauts will join the next ride, first of all going into orbit around the Moon, before a third Artemis mission then takes the first woman and first person of colour down to the lunar surface. The European Space Agency is also carefully monitoring the spacecraft. It's built Orion's service module, which provides the power and propulsion for the voyage. Esa also has a passenger on board: Shaun the Sheep, the British stop-motion animated character. Shaun is strapped in for the

journey. NASA's mascot is Snoopy, who is floating free in the cockpit of the crew capsule. After this close flyby, Orion will now swing much further out as it begins to loop around the Moon. On 26 November, it is set to break Apollo 13's distance record when it reaches 400,171km (248,655 miles) from Earth. Two days later, it will have travelled more than 430,000km (270,000 miles) from our planet - the furthest a spacecraft built for humans has ever flown. After this, the capsule will begin its journey home, back towards the Moon and then on to Earth with a scheduled splash down in the Pacific Ocean on 11 December.

How to start Plant Nursery Business

A plant nursery is the place where plants are propagated and grown to a desired age. They include retail nurseries which sell to the general public, wholesale nurseries which sell only to businesses such as other nurseries and to commercial gardeners, and private nurseries which supply the needs of institutions or private estates. A plant nursery is the place where plants are propagated and grown to a desired age. They include retail nurseries which sell to the general public, wholesale nurseries which sell only to businesses such as other nurseries and to commercial gardeners, and private nurseries which supply the needs of institutions or



may need Rs. 5,00,000 or more in start-up capital while still others require millions in funding before they can become profitable. Plant nurseries are also a popular source for plants by gardeners. Besides selling plants or seeds, nurseries also can specialise in selling soil, mulch, garden products and gardening



private estates. A nursery may be a small operation consisting of just a few raised beds with some potted plants or it can cover several acres with hundreds of thousands of trees, shrubs and groundcovers under cultivation. The type of business you want to open will determine how big your nursery should be since size is directly related to production costs. A small business can start with as little as one piece of land and a few thousand rupees in startup capital; however, larger operations

tools. Plant nurseries are also a popular source for plants by gardeners. Besides selling plants or seeds, nurseries also can specialise in selling soil, mulch, garden products and gardening tools. Once you've chosen a location for your plant nursery, it's time to create a business plan. This will help you stay organized and keep track of all the expenses associated with starting up your business. It will also help you anticipate any problems before they happen so that they don't derail

your plans or cause you financial stress later on down the road when things start going wrong unexpectedly like they often do in small businesses! You need to do before starting your own plant nursery business is prepare a detailed business plan. You can prepare this business plan by using an excel sheet or any other software application. You should consider all the relevant factors such as location, investment, profit etc while preparing this business plan. You should also consider various financial aspects such as cost of production, cost of labor and profit margin while preparing this plan for your plant nursery business.

Plastics tsunami



On a warm windy day in early April, Jack Tunnell steps out of his car at Morgan's Point, a spit of land that juts out into the Houston Ship Channel in Texas. Tunnell, a marine biologist and reserve director at the University of Texas Marine Science Institute, sets his watch and gets to work, walking along the high-tide line and picking up every plastic pellet he can see. The tiny pellets, known as nurdles, are the starting point in the creation of vast amounts of plastic products, and those, in turn, are part of a web of plastics that encircles the globe. Tunnell steps and bends, filling his palm, as he has done on beaches across the country. Each pellet is a data point about plastics. It's joined by others collected as university students dip nets into the waters of the North Atlantic, satellite instruments measure light reflecting off plastic debris afloat on the ocean, and scientists drop GPS-tagged bottles into India's Ganges River. Together, all these researchers are helping to illuminate a complex and growing plastics-pollution problem that is transforming life across the planet. Of the 9.2 billion tonnes of non-recycled plastics produced between 1950 and 2017, more than half was made in this millennium and less than one-third is still in use (see 'The plastic wave'). Of the

waste, nearly 80% has been buried in landfill or found its way into the environment, and a scant 8% recycled. By 2060, plastic waste could triple from 2019 levels, and carbon emissions from the full life cycle of plastics are expected to more than double, according to a report this year from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in Paris. By mid-century, nearly half of the growth in demand for oil could be driven by plastics. Around the world, people and countries are saying: enough. In March, after nearly 30 years of researchers warning that plastics were a growing global problem, 175 nations voted in Nairobi to create a legally binding international plastics treaty. Negotiations start in earnest in Uruguay on 28 November. United Nations secretary-general António Guterres has proclaimed it "the most important deal since the Paris Agreement". The Nairobi resolution calls for full-life-cycle assessments, from fossil-fuel well heads - where 99% of the raw materials for plastics originate - to final disposal. The resolution also requires action plans at national, regional and international levels that work towards preventing, reducing and eliminating plastic pollution. Yet the only way to ensure that a treaty - expected to be completed by the end of 2024 - is effective is to know where plastics come from, where

they go and who's responsible, every step of the way. An international team led by women, and partially funded by the National Geographic Society, fitted satellite tag devices into 500-millilitre PET bottles and dropped them into the Ganges River. The project is studying 40 sites along the river, ranging from rural to urban, both before and after the monsoon rains. Sampling revealed that three-quarters of the waste flushed downstream by the rains was plastic. The team and other researchers dropped tagged bottles in the Ganges delta, and watched one travel more than 2,800 kilometres over the course of 3 months, swirling along the Indian coastline. In the open ocean, GPS devices are helping to track the estimated 50 million kilograms of plastic fishing gear that is abandoned, lost or dumped annually, and also often left out of plastic-pollution accounting. Tracking data are also coming from sensors on satellites, aircraft, drones and ships. Researchers are using the European Union's Copernicus Sentinel-2 pair of satellites, for example, to identify slicks of marine litter that accumulate on the ocean's surface. Satellite imagery and machine learning are still in the early stages of being calibrated by human observation on ocean expeditions.

Why women aren't from Venus, and men aren't from Mars



Early research into schizophrenia alerted neuroscientist Gina Rippon to what she now calls the myth of the gendered brain, a term she used in the title of her first book. By examining examples taken from brain-behaviour research during the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, right up to contemporary studies, the book, published in 2019, investigates the desire to find biological explanations for gendered societal norms. Rippon argues that our brains are not fixed as male or female at birth, but are instead highly plastic, changing constantly throughout our lives and influenced by the gendered world in which we live. The Gendered Brain: The New Neuroscience that Shatters the Myth of the Female Brain was written in part, she says, to address dubious research, or what is sometimes called neurotrash. Rippon first encountered it in the 2000s. At the time, she was working at the Aston Brain Centre, part of Aston University in Birmingham, UK. Shocked by the misuse of sex and gender reporting in neuroscience, she became set on changing the rhetoric. Rippon is now professor emerita of cognitive neuroimaging at Aston University. Early brain images were very seductive, with people thinking, 'Brilliant, we can find the God spot,' for instance. Images were hijacked by self-help gurus, relationship counselors and even those espousing single-sex education. Just adding a picture of the brain in, say, book chapters on why boys and girls are different gave tremendous credibility. Also, the beginning of this century saw 'neuro' everything. Just put 'neuro' in front of that sexy science-y feel - for example, neuromarketing or neuroaesthetics. The word neurotrash highlights misleading information: telling stories that might be partly true, sustaining stereotypes and feeding myth continuation, for example about the right brain and left brain. This is the idea that the brain is a 'game of two halves', when in fact the whole of your brain is working for you the whole of the time. These stories were often well written and certainly more accessible than arcane journals. They also resonated with people's experiences. We believed that men and women were different, and here were the scientists saying 'you're right, and this is why'.

Europe's research ministers to commit billions to 'space race'

On their agenda are missions to the Moon and Mars, and, closer to home, satellites to monitor the weather and encrypt global communications. The proposed budget for the European Space Agency is a near-25% increase. Finding the cash will be a challenge, however, given the big rise in the cost of living across

the continent. Governments may well be tempted to pull back on their space spending. "This is true, but let me say the package we have on the table is found by every member state of Esa to be very attractive," said agency director general, Dr Josef Aschbacher. "No-one is saying 'this is not what we should be doing', and every country is making huge efforts to find the money, despite the economic situation," he told BBC News. Member states of the European Space Agency meet every three

years to agree an activity programme and the money needed to fund it. It's a day-and-a-half of tough negotiations. All countries have to support science research (€1.1bn is requested, over five years) but for other projects, nations will commit on a voluntary basis. And depending on their interests, they may decide to put in more or less than the figure that reflects their economic weight, or gross domestic product (GDP). France, Germany and Italy have a particular interest in rockets (€2.2bn), for example. Countries like the UK have traditionally been one of the biggest backers of telecoms projects

(€4.4bn), given its manufacturing strength in big satellites. And many want to help build Esa's Earth observation (€6.0bn) spacecraft; likewise, participate in its human and robotic exploration missions (€2.9bn). Witness the current demonstration flight of the US space agency's (Nasa) Orion capsule, which passed by the Moon on Monday. This vehicle, which will one day carry astronauts back to the lunar surface, is propelled by a module provided by Esa. European governments are acutely aware that when it comes to the "space race", they are falling behind.

Pig Farming in Assam



Agriculture is the prime source of livelihood in the socio economically weaker section of the society and it provides livelihood security to more than 75% of the rural population in Assam. Majority of pigs are reared in traditional small scale alimentary system which acts as a source of income, employment generation and livelihood security primarily to the tribal population in the state. As per 19th 10 livestock census (GOI), India's pig population is 10.29 million, where North-east Region (NER) holds 38.42% of the total pig population in the country. Assam alone comprises 1.636 million pigs which is 15.89% of the total pig population in India, where local indigenous pigs account for 1.022 million and exotic/ crossbred pigs were 0.614 million. Pig population in Assam shares 8.57% of the total

livestock population in the state. Share of meat from pig industry is 39% of the total meat produced in the state i.e. share of meat production from pig is 17481 tonnes as against total meat production of 44813 tonnes in Assam during 2015-16 (Integrated sample survey report 2015-16). There is a decreasing trend in the indigenous pig population in Assam from the previous census (Livestock census, GOI, 2007) while it is seen that the population of exotic/crossbred pigs increased by 8.81%, which might be due to low profitable margin in indigenous pigs as a commercial venture. Reasons for which farmers are showing more interest in rear crossbred and graded pigs. As per the last three consecutive censuses (Livestock census report, 2003, 2007, 2012 GOI), data reveals that there is a sharp decline i.e. - 22.27% in the total pig population in the state from 2007-2012 (Table 1). It is

also seen that the major share of meat in the state is coming from pork i.e. from 2007-2016 on an average 40.84% of meat in the state is shared by the pig industry. In any case, it is fascinating to note that, contrasted with the populace pattern of pigs in Assam, the creation of pork amid the period between 2007-2008 and 2012-2013 demonstrated a consistent increment. The decrease in the pig population with an increase in pork production can only be explained by the fact that exotic crossbreds became very popular throughout the state during the period of high yield. Along these lines, there is a need of an hour for the advancement of small-holder pig rearers in the state to elevate their financial status through preparing in scientific pig production and appropriate show-casing plans. Despite having enormous constraints in the piggy sector in this region of the country, there lies huge scope and potentialities in entrepreneurship development for socio-economic upliftment and sustainability of the farmers, especially the educated youths. The youths can become self-reliant by taking up piggy as a startup venture by taking economic assistance from banks and availing the benefits of government subsidies. Concern authorities should motivate and also give support to the farmer community and provide emphasis on health care and treatment facilities.



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Judicial Probe Into Meghalaya

forest guard, were killed in violence along the Assam-Meghalaya border in West Karbi Anglong district (West Jaintia Hills) in the early hours of Tuesday after a truck transporting illegal timber was intercepted. As the forest team stopped the truck in the Mukru area around 3 am, the driver tried to speed away. At this, the forest guards opened fire and deflated the tire of the truck. The driver and two others were arrested, though some others managed to escape. Meghalaya CM Conrad Sangma said five of the deceased were from Meghalaya and the slain forest guard was from Assam. The injured persons were rushed to hospital. Meghalaya, too, has ordered a magisterial inquiry into the incident. Mobile internet services were suspended in seven districts for 48 hours after the incident.

Meghalaya-Assam Border row

areas along the 884.9-km border. In March this year, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and Meghalaya's Conrad Sangma, in the presence of Union Home Minister Amit Shah, signed a "historic" agreement that was supposed to resolved the dispute at six of the 12 places. Amit Shah had claimed that 70 per cent of the border disputes were now resolved.

Union Finance Minister

Lachit's leadership and generalship in the battle of Saraighat of 1671 that ensured the continuation of Ahom rule, which in turn led to the preservation of indigenous Assamese identity and culture, the Chief Minister stated. Had the Ahoms succumbed to the invading Mughals, the unique cultural identity of not only Assam but that of the entire Southeast Asia would have been different. It is, therefore, important that Lachit Barphukan is accorded his due place in history in the manner other great warriors and monarchs of ancient and mediaeval period have been accorded. The Chief Minister further said that the initiative to centrally organize Lachit's birth anniversary in the national capital would make the people of India realize that "India had better kings and monarchs than Aurangzeb." The Chief Minister also spoke about measures such as the upcoming grand-memorial at the Maidam of Lachit Barphukan in Jorhat district, installation of a statue of the great Ahom general at the premises of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy, among others. Dr. Sarma also expressed his gratitude to Union Minister of Finance Nirmala Sitharaman for gracing the inaugural ceremony of the 3-day event with her presence. Referring to her a well-wisher of the people of Assam, the Chief Minister said her presence, and the scheduled presence of the Union Home Minister tomorrow and that of the Prime Minister day after tomorrow, are manifestations of the importance, the current dispensation at the Centre attaches towards the overall uplift of the Northeastern region. Later in the day, a panel discussion on the subject "Ahom saga of hope, skills and courage", moderated by former Chief Secretary Jishnu Barua and participated by eminent personalities such as Lt. General Rana Pratap Kalita, Former Director General of Police Prakash Singh, Kapil Kapoor, Samundragupta Kashyap, Kuldeep Patowary and Chandan Kumar Sarma, was held at the same venue.

Assam says will hand over

reserves. The Assam Government has also announced it will provide Rs 5 lakh each to the next of kin of all six who died in the firing, including those from Meghalaya. The Meghalaya Government had previously announced an ex-gratia compensation of Rs 5 lakh each to the families of those killed. The Meghalaya Government said a Special Investigation Team (SIT) headed by the Deputy Inspector General (Eastern Range) would be constituted to investigate the case. The SIT would conduct the probe and will later hand it over to the central agency whenever it takes over. The Meghalaya Chief Minister's Office (CMO) said a judicial commission also would be constituted under the Commissions of Enquiry Act, 1952, to look into all aspects of the incident. Apart from demanding an investigation by a central agency, Sangma had also said a cabinet delegation would meet Union Home Minister Amit Shah on November 24 to apprise him about the firing incident at Mukroh. The state government also announced it will meet the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) and submit its report to the panel. Sangma, Deputy Chief Minister, and a few cabinet ministers would travel to the Mukroh village to visit the bereaved families and hand over the ex-gratia compensation to the families. As a sign of respect to those who lost their lives, Meghalaya has suspended all government official programmes and festivals, including the Cherry Blossom Festival, till November 30. "The Government of Assam will be taking necessary steps to investigate into the matter in consultation with the Government of Meghalaya," Sangma had said during a press conference Tuesday. He said he had spoken with Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma over the phone. Sangma also said the Assam Government has assured it will cooperate on whatever demands Meghalaya puts forward to the Central Government to ensure justice is served and those who are guilty are punished.

Manish Tewari reacts on Assam

sounds like a petty troll when he articulates sentences of this kind," he was quoted. He also accused the BJP leader of legitimising corruption in Gujarat - where the party hopes to remain in power after next month's election - calling it a 'dangerous sign' for democracy. "You (BJP) legitimised corruption and then you say you want to implement this model in the entire country. The legitimisation of corruption is a dangerous sign for democracy," he said. Referring to the bridge collapse in Morbi district last month - in which 141 people died - Tewari said the BJP had become 'arrogant' and believed they cannot be removed from power. "If such a tragedy had taken place in some other state and 141 innocent people have died and over 180 (were) injured... would responsibility not have been set? Would nobody have resigned? The Gujarat High Court is slamming the state government daily." The Congress leader demanded the BJP's Gujarat government arrest those guilty in the Morbi incident and pointed to comments on the subject by the Supreme Court. "Supreme Court also said Gujarat High Court needs to keep a close eye... Who were the people arrested? Ticket seller... normal workers. Big fishes like the ones who are wealthy... the one who was given the contract... why aren't they being arrested?" he asked. "Because the government has become arrogant," he answered his question. Tewari called on the voters of Gujarat to 'break this arrogance' when they exercise their franchise next month; prime minister Narendra Modi's home state votes in two phases - on December 1 and December 5, with results due three days later. On Tuesday Sarma was at an event in Gujarat when he said: "I said in a television interview a few days ago... there is no problem with Rahul Gandhi's new look. But if you have to change your looks at least make it like Vallabhbhai Patel or Jawaharlal Nehru. Even better if you look like Gandhiji... but why do you look more like Saddam Hussein now?"

TADA Court issues fresh warrant

hearing is December 22. The hearing in the case has been adjourned till December 22. Yasin Malik, who is serving life imprisonment in Tihar Jail in a terror funding case, is an accused in this case along with others. Yasin Malik was sentenced to life imprisonment twice. The NIA had sought the death penalty for the separatist leader who was convicted on May 19 this year. On January 25, 1990, four IAF employees including Squadron Leader Ravi Khanna were killed by the terrorists of JKLF. Malik was charge-sheeted by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) before the TADA court in Jammu on August 31, 1990, in connection with the case. Nirmal Khanna, the wife of Squadron Leader Khanna, has been fighting for justice for her late husband. Notably, back in March 2020, a TADA court observed that there are "sufficient grounds for drawing presumption that the accused Yasin Malik" and others have "prima facie have committed" the offence of killing Indian Air Force (IAF) officer Squadron Leader Ravi Khanna and three others.

Lachit Borphukan's 400 Birthday

known for his leadership in the 1671 Battle of Saraighat which thwarted a drawn-out attempt by Mughal forces under the command of Ramsingh I to take over the Ahom kingdom. He died about a year later due to illness. North East now is placed in the most priority area. Therefore, celebrating 400 years of Lachit Borphukan in Delhi has a huge political significance, believe experts. Assam Chief Minister Assam Himanta Biswa Sharma, in his inaugural speech, said, "Indian history failed to recognise our heroes, the glorious Ahom dynasty and generals better than Aurangzeb. The Indian history recognises the Mughal empire but it has failed to recognise one of the longest ruling kingdoms of the South and North East." Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated the three-day session stressed the point of spreading the heroic act of Lachit across India. She said, "Cultural ministry at the Centre should align with the Government of Assam to carry this to other states of India. This history should be told. Assam has preserved its history." Experts say that the plan of celebrating Lachit 400 years in Delhi will project how the BJP government's plan to campaign for the anti-Mughal hero nationally. Sources in Assam say that this celebration in Delhi, therefore, is planned to develop the national image of the heroes of the North East.

Rod Sims, Emma MacDonald among key speakers at DNPA Dialogue

New Delhi, November 23 : Leading figures from Australia's think tank and antitrust regulatory circles, along with the heads of India's top news publishers, will converge on Friday, November 25, 2022, at the inaugural edition of the DNPA Dialogues, a first-of-its-kind conference to be hosted by the Digital News Publishers Association (DNPA). Rod Sims, Ex-Chair of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) and a prominent face of the country's regulatory initiatives, will be among the speakers at the summit, which will see the eminent speakers engage and discuss topics covering the collaboration between Big Tech and digital news media, the significance of antitrust measures around the world, and the future of the digital news ecosystem. Sims was instrumental in getting Australia's News Media Bargaining Code rolled out, which made it easier for Australian news media to sign deals with tech platforms such as Google and Facebook. He headed the ACCC from 2011-2022. He is now a professor with the Crawford School of Public Policy at Australian National University, and Chairman of the Steering Committee, Competition Research Policy Network at the Centre for Economic Policy Research, in London. Emma McDonald, Senior Policy Adviser at Minderoo Foundation, Peter Lewis, Director at The Australia Institute, and James Meese, Senior Lecturer at Melbourne's RMIT University will also attend the conference to be held in webinar format. McDonald was a Senior Policy Adviser for Australia's communications ministry from 2019-2021. At Minderoo, she negotiated with Google on behalf of 24 Australian news outlets. Lewis, a leading public policy campaigner, oversees the fortnightly Essential Report and is a regular columnist for Guardian Australia. Meese is writing a book titled Digital Platforms and the Press: Distribution, Deals and Dependencies. The 1st DNPA Dialogue, scheduled for 10 AM-12 PM on Friday, will see the cream of India's media industry exchange ideas with Australian dignitaries and brainstorm ways to build better, fairer and fruitful partnerships between tech giants, such as Google and Facebook, and the country's news publishers. The event promises plenty of takeaways for Indian stakeholders from multiple walks of life. The topical discussions could especially benefit members of the legal community and law students, those in the media circles, as well as in academia. The pathbreaking, cross-continent conference on the publisher-platform relationship is a brainchild of the DNPA, a Delhi-based umbrella organisation of the digital wings of India's leading 17 news publishers. The independent advocacy body promotes equality and fairness in how news organisations and Big Tech companies engage in the digital ecosystem. Tanmay Maheshwari, Managing Director of Amar Ujala, and Paul Thomas, Managing Director of Star News Group, are among the prominent speakers at the conference, which will also feature Pawan Agarwal, Deputy Managing Director, DB Corp; Annurag Batra, Chairman and Managing Editor, Business World and e4m. "It will be a unique exchange of ideas that will immensely contribute towards making India's digital news landscape a level-playing field," said Maheshwari, who also heads the DNPA. Scheduled Line-up of speakers: Rod Sims, Ex-Chair of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC); Emma McDonald, Senior Policy Adviser, Minderoo Foundation; Peter Lewis, Director, The Australia Institute; James Meese, Senior Lecturer, RMIT University, Melbourne; Tanmay Maheshwari, Managing Director, Amar Ujala, and Chairperson, DNPA; Pawan Agarwal, Deputy Managing Director, DB Corp; Annurag Batra, Chairman and Managing Editor, Business World and e4m; Paul Thomas, Managing Director, Star News Group.

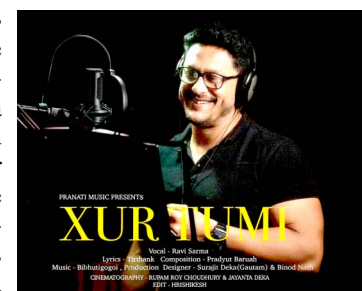
European Parliament declares Russia 'state sponsor of terrorism'

Moscow, November 23 : The European Parliament has declared Russia 'state sponsor of terrorism' over its war on Ukraine, reported AFP, and urged the 27-nation EU to look to follow suit. "The deliberate attacks and atrocities carried out by the Russian Federation against the civilian population of Ukraine, the destruction of civilian infrastructure and other serious violation of human rights and international humanitarian law amounts to acts of terror," the AFP quoted the European Parliament as stating. In a lopsided 494-58 vote with 48 abstentions, the EU legislature sought to increase pressure on Moscow to bring anyone responsible for war crimes committed from the February 24 start of the invasion before an international court. The 27-nation EU has condemned in the harshest terms the invasion and repeatedly said that several Russian actions over the past 10 months have amounted to war crimes. Earlier on Wednesday, an overnight rocket attack destroyed a hospital maternity ward in southern Ukraine, killing a 2-day-old baby, Ukrainian authorities said. Ukraine's first lady said the attack caused "horrible pain", vowing that "we will never forget and never forgive." Multiple explosions were heard in Kyiv Wednesday after air raid sirens sounded in Ukraine's capital and elsewhere across the country. The thunderous echoes of what sounded like repeated blasts rattled across the capital. Mayor Vitali Klitschko posted on Telegram that "one of the capital's infrastructures facilities has been hit." He urged people to "Stay in shelters! The air alert continues." Klitschko didn't give further details, and there was no further information on whether and what targets may have been hit. Russia has been repeatedly pounding Ukraine's wartime capital and power facilities across the country in recent weeks, causing widespread blackouts. Meanwhile, Pope Francis on Wednesday (November 23) linked the suffering of Ukrainians now to the 1930s "genocide artificially caused by Stalin," when the Soviet leader was blamed for creating a man-made famine in the country believed to have killed more than 3 million people. Francis' linking of the plight of Ukrainian civilians today to those killed by starvation 90 years ago, and his willingness to call it a "genocide" and squarely blame Josef Stalin, marked a sharp escalation in papal rhetoric against Russia. As of this year, only 17 countries have officially recognised the famine, known as the Holodomor, according to the Holodomor Museum in Kyiv.



Music video 'Xur Tumi' released

Assam Rising, Guwahati, November 23: 'Xur Tumi', an Assamese video song rendered by popular actor of Assamese cinema Ravi Sarma has been garnering a lot of praise and appreciation from the viewers ever since it got released on the YouTube channel. Presented by Pranati Music, the song written by Tirthankar, is composed by Pradyut Baruah and musically scored by Bibhuti Gogoi. The songwriter had tasted a good deal of success and appreciation last year with 'Xuworoni', which was rendered by Zubeen Garg and composed by Pradyut Baruah. This time around too, the result has been fantastic, with the song Xur Tumi emotionally appealing to the listeners. The song's production designers are Surajit Deka and Binod Nath. While the music video's cinematography has been done by Rupam Roy Choudhury and Jayanta Deka, the editing has been carried out by Hrishikesh. The song was recorded at Zeero DB studio in Guwahati.



IIT Roorkee to celebrate 175th Foundation Day

Roorkee, November 23: Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee will celebrate its 175th year of Foundation Day on 25th November 2022. The Institute will experience a massive gathering of Students, Alumni, Faculty, and Staff members on this grand occasion. The event will be graced by the presence of Om Birla, Speaker of Lok Sabha, as the Chief Guest, and Rakesh Bharti Mittal, Vice-Chairman of Bharti Enterprises, as the Guest of Honor. Other eminent personalities to attend the event include Shri Vineet Pandey, Secretary (Post). Vineet Pandey is the current Secretary (Posts) and Chairman of the Postal Services Board. He is an Officer of the 1986 batch of the Indian Postal Service and shall declare the Commemorative Stamp brought by the Deptt post for 175 years of IITR establishment. Apart from the key addresses by the Chief Guest and the Guest of Honors, another highlight of the event will be the release of the Commemorative Coin for Rs 175 and the Coffee table book on the 175th Foundation Day Celebration event. The celebration will continue with Kavi Sammelan. Another major highlight of the event will be Startup Expo in which around 50 start-ups will showcase their product/ technology in domains including Robotics, Artificial Intelligence, Healthcare, and Electric Vehicles among others. The celebration will conclude with a spectacular drone show of the Journey of IIT Roorkee from the sky which will be visible from every house in and around Roorkee city.

Obituary Keshara Devi

Assam Rising, Biswanath Chariali, November 23: One Keshara Devi, a resident of Rangalu Paharguri under Kaliabor Sub-division breathed her last in the wee hours today due to old age related ailments. She was 100. A pious lady, Keshara was closely associated with many socio-cultural organizations of the greater Rangalu area. She left behind her two sons, a daughter along with a host of relatives. Her demise was widely mourned.



Drugs Peddler arrested with drugs in Margherita



Assam Rising, Margherita, November 23: Acting on a tip off on Tuesday early morning Pratap Gogoi officer in charge of Margherita police station and his team apprehended notorious drugs peddler Paban Debnath aka Borobhai from his house situated at no.1 lazum near radhamadhab mandir, Margherita under Tinsukia District. Margherita police seized drugs (112.68 grams) packed in 9 soap boxes from the apprehended youth where the drugs estimated market value of around Rs 2.50 lakh and a cash amount was also found from his possession. The apprehended drugs peddler Paban Debnath is the son of Chandravati Devi senior most BJP leader of 124 no. Margherita Constituency and notorious, most wanted opium peddler Panchkuri Debnath. The apprehended drugs peddler Paban Debnath mother and senior most BJP leader Chandravati Devi was running opium and other narcotics substances business from his home since many decades which local people of that area were fade up as regularly youths from various areas come to have opium and create turmoil which the apprehended of drugs peddler Paban Debnath has brought relief to the people of this area. Pratap Gogoi officer in charge of Margherita police station said that the apprehended drugs peddler was involved in drugs trafficking for a long time where we brought him to Margherita police station custody for verification after that he shall be produced to SDJM Court Margherita. Till filling of this report Margherita police launched an manhunt operation to apprehend other drugs peddler who were in contact with apprehended drugs peddler Paban Debnath.

Two vehicles handed over to the Power deptt.

Assam Rising, Biswanath Chariali, November 23: The Power department of Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh had issued two Tata Bolero Pick up vehicles to the Power Department of Pakke Kessang headquarter (Lemmi) and for the power department Seijosa sub division today in presence of public and the staff of the power department. The Flag off ceremony for the Pakke Kessang power department was done by HMLA, B.R Wahge while for the Seijosa subdivision the flag off was done by ADC Seijosa, T.R Topu in presence of Pakke Kessang District BJP unit President, Pani Tayam. This will make easy movements for electrical staff for carrying the electrical materials and staff for fixing & repairing the public problems related to power shortages.



Australia cruise to ODI whitewash after England collapse at near-empty MCG



Melbourn, November 23 : After T20 World Cup weeks in which the MCG held crowds well on the way to filling it, we came to this. Melbourne turning on another unseasonably cold November day, scattered rain breaking up preparation and play, a Tuesday afternoon before schools were on holiday or workers were bunking off, and an embarrassingly paltry turnout for the third and final one-day international to watch Australia thump England by 221 runs. Walking through Yarra Park less than an hour before play, the approach was so quiet that it felt like going to a Sheffield Shield match. No one was lining up, the parking areas were open grass. There were fewer than 5,000 people in the ground for the first ball after England won the toss and chose to

bow, and fewer still remaining after the visitors were all out for 142 in reply to Australia's 355 for five, the target adjusted for rain to 364. The reasons can be argued back and forth, but the unarguable part is what a shame it was. When one-day matches used to be played in the holiday heat of January, before the Big Bash League made cricket an all-day every-day part of the summer, people teemed in to watch Adam Gilchrist and Ricky Ponting hit catches into the crowd. Even in the years when half of the MCG was a construction site, the remaining seats were full. A crowd like that would have roared while watching Travis Head and David Warner taking on England's bowlers in building a monster partnership worth 269, so close to their own

Australian record of 284. Its scale hid the fact that England bowled well early, with Chris Woakes and David Willey getting movement from the pitch and in the air. Willey's first over had Head nicking to second slip but Liam Dawson dropped the catch, and both bowlers repeatedly beat his inside edge to strike pad without luck. After any number of streaky shots, Head continued to hit out with more consistency, and the introduction of fast bowler Olly Stone brought a string of boundaries. Head played an uncomplicated style, clearing his front leg to hit pace down the ground, or carving away through his favourite area behind point. Warner played the supporting hand, mostly tickling singles and twos, while still finding time to hit a pair of sixes over wide long-on. Head brought up his third ODI century in the 27th over, and increased his range of shots thereafter, hitting pace and spin alike, nearly reaching 150 before Warner joined him on three figures. It was Warner's 19th, going past Mark Waugh to sit second on the list for Australia, trailing only Ponting with 29.

'Built on the blood of slaves' British football fans boycotting World Cup

London, November 23 : Alex Murphy has found a community through football. His weekends are spent cheering on Ipswich Town, where he holds a season ticket, the Arsenal women's team near his north London address, or playing five-a-side with his teams: Saka Potatoes and Olympique Mayonnaise. He has watched every World Cup since 2002 and enjoys the inclusivity of the event, which even his mum, who doesn't really care about football, gets into. But this year, he won't be tuning in. He made the decision in January, when he became aware that more than 6,500 migrant workers from India, Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka had died after Qatar embarked on an unprecedented building programme, largely in preparation for the tournament. Murphy was already disappointed that the country, which has a problematic track record with women and LGBTQ+ rights, had won the bid and

been given the opportunity to sportswash its image. "I think by not participating in it, you're partly defining what it is about the game you love," he says. "Football can give people hope," says Jonathan Tomlinson, the editor of a photo book that captured fans from around the world in 2018. "It gives people a reason to be together and put their differences aside." He wanted to launch another issue to coincide with the World Cup but decided the event had come to epitomise elitism, corruption and a lack of empathy, so chose not to take part. "Nobody cares about the migrant workers or the people sitting at home cold," he says. Jessica Irving, who co-founded the Dalton-based five-a-side team Peaches FC, for women and non-binary players, during lockdown, agrees: "Football in my life has become such a thing of shared queer joy and community, calls for anti-racism, anti-sexism, and this



does not represent any of that." She's "disgusted" by a tournament "built on the blood of slaves" in a country where, under an interpretation of sharia law, gay sex can lead to a death sentence. Women also lack basic rights, and a Human Rights Watch report last year found they must ask permission from their male guardians to travel abroad until certain ages, study abroad on government scholarships, work in many government jobs and make some choices about their reproductive health. "It just doesn't feel like the same spirit that it usually does," says Shivani Dave, a non-binary journalist and TikToker who was covering a Gay Gooners protest outside the Qatari embassy on Saturday. They have played football since childhood and are with a team called Goldiggers in East London. "I would

usually love to be supporting it," says Dave, but this year, they add: "I would rather invite friends around and watch a Christmas movie than go to the pub and watch the World Cup." This article includes content provided by TikTok. We ask for your permission before anything is loaded, as they may be using cookies and other technologies. To view this content, click 'Allow and continue'. Dave thinks it's important for the west to speak out against homophobia in Islamic countries, where many laws that restrict LGBTQ+ rights stem from the Christian values colonists governed with. In their family's native India there is evidence of queer relationships and trans bodies being worshipped but that disappeared with British rule. Not watching the World Cup is a way of

showing solidarity with the LGBTQ+ community abroad. According to a recent poll, six out of 10 people in the UK oppose Qatar hosting the World Cup over anti-gay laws, with 39% believing teams should not take part in the event. But there's been a lot of fence-sitting from English fans when it comes to committing to a boycott. "What do we stand for in this country?" asks Irving. "Nothing." Europe has been more vocal. Since last year, a campaign in Norway has called for non-attendance, and the former Finland captain Tim Sparv was one of the first to encourage players to speak up. Fans have hung banners at German Bundesliga matches, and across France and Spain local authorities have vowed not to broadcast matches in public places.

'We gave them a response'

Saudi Arabia claim their place in World Cup history

London, November 23 : Cameroon against Argentina at Italia 90. USA versus England in Belo Horizonte in 1950. Senegal taking on France in Seoul 20 years ago. Aficionados will argue about the order, but there is no doubt that Saudi Arabia's 2-1 victory over Argentina in Doha on Tuesday will go down alongside those matches as one of the greatest World Cup shocks of all time. Second-half goals from Saleh al-Shehri and Salem al-Dawsari cancelled out a first-half penalty from Lionel Messi to give the Saudis a real chance of qualifying for the knockout stages in Qatar. But the facts of the game were barely the start of it, the significance of the moment extending well beyond the scope of just 90 minutes. It would be remiss not to start with what it means for the Saudi team and their fans, so indelibly did both leave their mark on the 88,000 capacity Lusail Stadium. Nobody expected



them to win against the two-times world champions. This is the sixth World Cup for which the Saudis have qualified, their record before this tournament: played 16, won three, lost 11. They are perennial minnows, the butt of World Cup jokes and their pre-match press conference for this fixture was attended by a handful of journalists. One player said the questions asked by those who did turn up were used as typical dressing-room motivation. "I enjoyed embarrassing some of those journalists, especially those

at the press conferences," the midfielder Abdulrahman Al-Malki said. "They weren't very respectful to us but we gave them a response." Not just playing for pride, the Saudis were also playing for a huge contingent of travelling fans. Swathes of emerald green ran around the ground, behind the goal in which the Saudis scored twice and up into the rafters that reverberated with noise throughout. Numbering tens of thousands the Saudi support will be one of the largest at this World Cup; their songs and jeers and

constant bouncing also recognisably the behaviour of football ultras. "I would like to thank everyone who attended from Saudi Arabia", said Shehri. "Hopefully they went back to their hotels happy. We still need them, we still have two matches more and I hope they will support us like they did today." The players responded to the roars of the crowd and, especially in the second half, delivered a performance of gusto, scoring two fine goals and throwing bodies at the ball to preserve their lead. It was also a tactically astute showing and when the players emerged in the tunnel afterwards there was no sign of elation. Instead the players, who all play for domestic club sides, uttered the more prosaic and familiar Premier League refrain (at least in translation from the Arabic) of being "happy with the three points". In short, this was a match that said Saudi Arabia had arrived and Wednesday has been declared a national holiday. But the timing of the team's historic

achievement is perhaps not coincidental.

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Ben Simmons mercilessly booed as Nets lose on his playing return to Philly



Melbourne, November 23 : A spirited 76ers team playing without Joel Embiid and James Harden spoiled Ben Simmons' return to Philadelphia with a 115-106 win over the Brooklyn Nets on Tuesday night. Simmons,

who has been improving since an awful start to his Nets career, had 11 points, 11 assists and seven rebounds to the tune of steady boos. Kyrie Irving scored 23 points and Kevin Durant had 20 before coach Jacques Vaughn pulled his starting lineup with three minutes left in the game. The expected marquee matchup was dimmed with Embiid Harden absent through injury. That means Embiid v Simmons will have to wait. But Simmons v 76ers fans was pretty good. The Australian was heckled, drew a flagrant foul, shushed the crowd on a layup, and even

Jordan shrugged after hitting free throws. Of most importance for a player who has battled mental health issues, Simmons played with poise as boos rained on him for the bulk of his 32 minutes on court. He already had three assists when he went to the free-throw line early in the game. Simmons was booed but never looked rattled and sank both baskets. Simmons had a reverse layup minutes later for his first bucket. Sixers fans were boisterous rather than venomous, although there were a couple of short-lived "Fuck Ben Simmons!" chants.

Ronaldo wanted to be centre-stage but now has to head for the exit door

London, November 23 : The saddest aspect of Cristiano Ronaldo's interview with Piers Morgan was that so much of it was so accurate. He correctly identified that Manchester United has not evolved much since he left, that the club has been undermined by terrible decision-making. When historians of the future come to write of United's post-Ferguson struggles, the transcript will provide a very useful precis. But in his diagnosis there is a blind spot: the worst decision United have made since 2013 was to re-sign him. This, perhaps, is the tragedy of the great sportsman. Ronaldo may be a preening narcissist, and ego of such overwhelming gravity that he inevitably dominates any



club for whom he plays, but he has also been one of the greatest footballers of all time and is all the more remarkable for having made himself so. The comparison with Lionel Messi is hackneyed but irresistible. Messi has often seemed almost diffident, as though a great talent acts through him and he a semi willing conduit. Ronaldo has, with tremendous single mindedness and strength of will, worked

and worked to transform his ability into something extraordinary. His dedication to self improvement made him great, but it is that same self absorption that makes him at times such a difficult teammate, that same self-belief that perhaps prevents him realising the extent to which his powers have waned. And that, of course, is why he has been so outraged by what seem to him inexplicable snubs such as being left on the bench against Tottenham. It's not that his form has dwindled. It couldn't possibly be that it is best for the team if he is a substitute. It could only be that Erik ten Hag disrespects him. But alongside that bristling self-assertion, underlying it, perhaps even provoking

it, there is something else: insecurity. In Josh Robinson and Jonathan Clegg's book Messi vs Ronaldo, there is a fascinating detail about Ronaldo, at the height of his Real Madrid fame, meeting a physio who had worked with him when he was in his teens at Sporting and handing him a printout of all his awards, as though he felt a need to justify himself and what he had done with his talent. In that, perhaps, there is still a glimpse of the weedy kid from a difficult background in Madeira, an outsider who was mocked for his provincial accent when he arrived in Lisbon. There is a vulnerability to his genius. In practical terms, it makes little difference what has created this ego.

Giroud equals Henry's goal record as France survive scare to thrash Australia



London, November 23 : Lucas Hernandez was on the ground, writhing in pain with a stretcher on its way. Hugo Lloris could at least get back up but was enduring another sort of agony entirely, having dived too low when the ball was heading for the net's roof. Craig Goodwin got on the ground of his own accord, sliding to his knees in the ecstasy of a 30 year old South Australian journeyman who had just scored nine minutes into his first World Cup. Ibrahima Konaté was stunned. Kylian Mbappé hung his head. Was this the champion's curse? Were Australia about to pull a Saudi Arabia? That is not how this story ended, but it

did it cater well to the narrative of France's temperament. Zinedine Zidane was surely watching, finger steepling from afar, scheming after reports he has reached a preliminary agreement to take over from Didier Deschamps after the tournament. The alternative narrative is that France are notoriously slow starters at World Cup finals and they needed just another 18 minutes for Adrien Rabiot to equalise and another five after that for Olivier Giroud to score the first of his two goals. Giroud is now level with Thierry Henry's all-time record of 51. Mbappé added to the scoreline after the break for a victory that after Denmark's earlier stalemate with Tunisia has the title holders on track to top this group. That the game did not blow out further was partly through France's profligacy - they had 23 shots to Australia's four - and partly Australia's tenacity in the face of this exorbitantly talented team. The gulf in class is undeniably vast, even when, at one brief point in the second half, the

Socceroos had 12 players on the pitch. Even without the injured Paul Pogba, N'Golo Kanté and Karim Benzema et al, France's depth is frightening. Their 38th-ranked counterparts are young and inexperienced - half of the squad have 10 caps or fewer and only four more than 50. They are viewed internationally as little more than fodder for Golden Boot aspirants. And yet, in a similar manner to an identical opening fixture four years ago, when France won by a whisker after a deflected own goal, Australia defended stoutly. The pre match rhetoric from the head coach, Graham Arnold, about sending out "11 boxing kangaroos" was working a treat. At one point in the first half Jackson Irvine floored Aurélien Tchouaméni with a ferocious sliding challenge. Midway through the second, Kye Rowles did a number on Mbappé. After the early exchanges, during which Ousmane Dembélé had his way with Aziz Behich and Mbappé toyed with Nathaniel Atkinson, Australia

fused the defence. That was especially evident after Griezmann forced a corner, which did not clear the first defender. But when the ball landed at Theo Hernandez's feet he curled it brilliantly for Rabiot, completely unmarked, to head home past Mat Ryan. Giroud had been on the hunt from the start. The 36-year-old forward endured a barren 2018 finals and the record books were beckoning. He headed one attempt high, but minutes later made it count when Atkinson was caught out of possession. Two quickfire goals in the second half put the game to bed. France bore down and Australia struggled to clear their lines. They failed entirely in the 68th minute when Mbappé squeezed between the two centre backs in the nick of time to head home Dembélé's cross. Mbappé then turned provider, dropping the shoulder and darting inside for a cross that gave Giroud his record equaler. He was subbed off late to warm applause. This display was not without hairy moments, most notably when Irvine hit the post while Lloris simply stood there and watched, as if in slow motion. He had never been luckier for that lick of paint. The more wasteful moments, too, will be tested by stronger opposition. Griezmann shot wide, Mbappé hit row Z in front of an open goal and an overhead effort from Giroud was askew. But it already seems likely France will become the second champions in the past five World Cup tournaments to advance from the group stage.



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