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Illegal saw mill

Correspondent, Nagaon, August 29: Based on a tip off, forest personnel from Salna range led by range officer Nepal Mandal busted an illegal saw mill at Gerua Khatuwal area this morning. The saw mill was being illegally run by one Kamal Uddin for over several months, sources added. Sources said that all machinery tools, generator sets and other equipments were brought to range office after dismantling for further legal action.

Guwahati Police Commissioner held a press conference at Azara

Correspondent, Palasbari, August 29: The vast empire of drugs has grown at an alarming rate in the state. In the last one month, the Assam Police has arrested 121 criminals and 3 kg of heroin, 4 thousand cough syrup bottles, 8.5 thousand yaba tablets, 20 vehicles and 12.5 kg of ganja were seized. The Guwahati police have also been able to nab criminals from Delhi and Manipur. The Guwahati Police Commissioner Harmeet Singh held a press conference at Azara Police Station on Sunday. Chief Minister Himanta Bishwa Sharma has taken over the charge and directed the Assam Police to take stern action against drugs. Since then, the Chief Minister's directives have been accepted as credentials and the campaign has been carried out in various parts of the state.

BSF to start pilot project to prevent shifting sand dunes along India-Pakistan border

Jaisalmer, Aug 29: The Border Security Force (BSF) will start a pilot project to deal with the shifting sand dunes on the international border adjoining Jaisalmer. Under the pilot project, local saplings and stubble grass will be planted in one square kilometre area. From March to June, there is a strong dust storm from Pakistan. Due to this, the sand dunes keep shifting from their place. It is more visible in the Shahgarh Bulge of Jaisalmer and other adjoining areas. According to BSF, due to the strong dust storms and winds coming from across the border, the large gorges of sand keep changing their places. Strong winds also damage the border fence. This creates a threat of infiltration along the borders. During his visit to Jaisalmer, Pankaj Kumar, Inspector General, Border Security Force Frontier Headquarters, Rajasthan had informed that in view of the threat of cross-border infiltration and smuggling of drugs, a special technique for preventing sand dunes has been developed as a pilot project by the Central Arid Zone Research Institute (CAZRI). So that the problems of shifting sand dunes can be solved.

CM holds VC with DCs Constant monitoring must to achieve development goals on time: CM



STAFFREPORTER Guwahati, Aug 29: Chief Minister Dr Himanta Biswa

Sarma today held a video conference with the Deputy Commissioners of all dis-

tricts from his conference room at Janata Bhawan and discussed various issues

and took review of various schemes' implementation. The Chief Minister discussed about the targets set in recent DCs' Conference in Diphu on August 22 and 23, which will be monitored closely. He stressed on the need for constant monitoring to achieve development goals on time and instructed the DCs to implement the development schemes expeditiously in close coordination with the departments. He also directed the DCs to intensify Covid vaccination drive in the districts so that maximum population can be covered. Complete vaccination is one of the keys to fight the pandemic effectively in the future, he said. Asking DCs to stay prepared for floods while taking steps to facilitate relief and rehabilitation of the flood affected at the earliest, the Chief Minister emphasised on the importance of affective preparatory measures for the floods so that damages can be minimised. Chief Secretary Jishnu Baruah, Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister Samir Kumar Sinha were also present in today's VC among others.

India-Pakistan ceasefire successful because of our strength : Defence Minister Rajnath Singh



New Delhi, Aug 29: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Sunday (August 29) laid an unveiled attack on Pakistan and accused the country of resorting to proxy war, after losing two

wars to India. He also said that a ceasefire between the two countries is successful today because of India's strength. In his address to the faculty and students of Defence Service Staff College Wellington, the Defence Minister, as quoted by, said, "After losing two wars, one of our neighbouring countries (Pakistan) has started resorting to proxy war, and terrorism has become an integral part of its state policy. It has started targeting India by providing arms, funds, and training to terrorists." Singh alleged that Pakistan has started targeting India by providing

Sishu Niketan launches Higher Secondary section

STAFFREPORTER Guwahati, Aug 29: With the aim to provide quality education specially to the middle-class society the Management Committee of Shishu Niketan High School, Narayan Nagar, Kumarpara, Guwahati has decided to upgrade the school to higher secondary level from the current academic session to cater to the needs of large number of students who have passed out in this year's



HSLC examinations. The President of the School Pawan Kumar Agarwala has informed that the school plans to start class XI classes in Arts and Commerce streams this year and

100% organic farming by a Doctor

STAFFREPORTER Guwahati, Aug 29: A government doctor has set an example to many by engaging in agriculture. The doctor has grown a wide variety of vegetables in a completely biological way at Satpakhali village. Dr Gargaram Mali from Satpakhali village under Palasbari constituency, has planted a large farm on ten bigha land on the banks of the river Batha at Satpakhali. It may be mentioned here that Dr. Mali had first started farming on ten bigha land in 2018, which now become the

norm for ten more people. Dr Mali is accompanied by Kamal Kumar Mali, a former government employee. According to Mali, all the crops grown in the year are cultivated in that farm in an organic method of cultivation. The feature of this farm is to cultivate using 100% organic farming methods. In this farm, okra (ladies' finger), banana, different types

Tokyo Paralympics Nishad Kumar wins silver medal in T47 high jump event



Tokyo, August 29: High jumper Nishad Kumar clinched a silver medal in Paralympics 2020. He made a jump of 2.06m and as a result and also went on to cre-

ate an Asian Record as the event turned out to be a good affair for the Indian para-athlete. U.S.A's Roderick Townsend and

2,000 students apply for admission to Kalaguru Bishnu Rabha Junior college

Correspondent Orang, August 29: Kalaguru Bishnu Rabha junior College was established in 1988 adjacent to the historic Panchnai river at Orang on the eastern end of udalguri district. This college has been bringing up education for the past four decades to students associated with the future of the country in Orang as well as the adjoining areas.

Kawaimari Dhekiajuli in Sonitpur district for the past several years. However, this year the students are worried about the students and lecturers of the college. "Mamalu Ram Deka, in-charge of Kalaguru Bishnu Rabha Junior College in Orang, said that this year many students have dropped their applications for admission online as compared to other years. According to information reported by the college's principal Mamalu Ram Deka. The school, which has been lighting up education has access to education facilities for 300 students every year. However, this year, 400 students are running all schemes to teach instead of 300 students last year. This time 4 has raised fresh concerns

Chief Minister of Karnataka, today inaugurated Bengaluru Metro Station



Bengaluru, Aug 29: Hardeep Singh Puri, Union Minister of Housing & Urban Affairs and Petroleum & Natural Gas, in the presence of Shri Basavaraj Bommai, Chief Minister of Karnataka, today inaugurated the 7.5-km long Western Extension Metro Line under Phase-2 of Bengaluru's Namma Metro,

from Mysore Road to Kengeri Metro Station. Speaking at the event, the Union Minister said, "Bengaluru is one of the major engines of economic growth for the entire country, with strong presence in information technology, biotechnology and applied sciences research. The city accounts for nearly 38% of

total IT exports from the country. The Inauguration of the Western Extension Metro Line today is a step towards enabling faster commute and smart mobility options in the City." The minister further added that under the visionary leadership of the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, there has been a paradigm shift in the approach towards urbanisation and the government is determined to provide world class infrastructure to the citizens. Elaborating on the progress of Metro Rail in the country, the Shri Puri said that the operational punctuality of Bengaluru Metro is 99.8% which is one of the

UK PM Boris Johnson defends Kabul airlift as criticism grows

London, Aug 29: British Prime Minister Boris Johnson defended Britain's airlift out of Kabul on Sunday (August 29) and praised the troops for their mission after criticism grew that the government had been "asleep on watch" in Afghanistan. Britain's last military flight left Kabul late on Saturday, ending a chaotic two weeks in which soldiers helped to evacuate more than 15,000 people

from the crowds who descended on the capital's airport, desperate to flee the Taliban. Johnson said Britain would not have wished to leave Afghanistan in this manner following its near 20-year presence there, but he said the armed forces should be proud of their achievements none the less. "I thank everyone involved, and I believe they can be very proud of what they've done," he said in a video

online. Richard Dannatt, former chief of staff of the British army, said the government now needed an inquiry to establish why it was so ill-prepared for the rapid fall of Afghanistan to the Taliban. "It is unfathomable why it would appear that the government was asleep on watch," he told. "We've had this chaotic extraction, we should have done better, we could have done better." Britain's de-

fence minister, Ben Wallace, has said around 1,000 people who were eligible to come to Britain, including former staff to the British, were unlikely to get out. Lisa Nandy, the opposition Labour spokeswoman for the foreign office, said ministers appeared to have been completely unprepared for the speed of events and it was not clear how Afghans could now get

Passenger train service between Manipur and Assam flagged off by Chief Minister Manipur and Minister of State of Railways

STAFFREPORTER Guwahati, Aug 29: To provide better rail connectivity to the people of Manipur, a passenger train service was flagged off today by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Manipur Shri Nongthombam Biren Singh and Shri Raosaheb Patil Danve, Hon'ble Minister of State of Railways, Coal & Mine. Passenger train service which



has been re-introduced today between Jiribam of Manipur and Silchar of Assam having no. 05659/05660 will fulfill long standing requirement of the people of Manipur. The flagging off programme was held remotely through video link from Imphal. State Ministers, MPs, MLAs and senior officials from Railways and State Govt. of Manipur were also present. Chief Minister

of Manipur conveyed through his address, his keen interest in development of railway infrastructure for the benefit of people of Manipur. In his speech, Minister of State of Railways, Coal & Mine said that this train will fulfill the cherished goal of enabling the people of Manipur to travel through railways to the rest of country. Minister of State of Railways, Shri

Raosaheb Patil Danve and Chief Minister of Manipur, Shri Nongthombam Biren Singh also discussed future plans of railways in the development of the state of Manipur. Train no 05659 will start from Silchar on every Monday and Thursday at 07-00 AM to reach Jiribam at 08-55 AM. During return journey train no 05660 will

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Biden warns another militant attack in Afghanistan is highly likely

Kabul, August 29 : President Joe Biden warned that another militant attack was highly likely as U.S. troops began leaving Kabul airport after a two-week scramble by Washington and its allies to evacuate citizens and at-risk Afghans. As Washington neared the end of its military involvement in the country with the Taliban militants it ousted 20 years ago back in power, the United States said it killed two Islamic State militants planning attacks in Afghanistan after a deadly suicide bombing outside the airport on Thursday. American officials also warned of a high risk of additional attacks by the group - enemies of both the West and Afghanistan's new Taliban rulers - as U.S. forces wind up their mission before a Tuesday deadline set by Biden. The U.S. president said the situation on the ground remained "extremely dangerous" and that military commanders had told him an attack was highly likely in the next 24 to 36 hours. After Thursday's blast that killed scores of Afghans and 13 American troops, the most lethal incident for U.S. service members in Afghanistan in a decade, Biden vowed to hunt down the perpetrators. He said Friday's strike was not the last. "We will continue to hunt down any person involved in that heinous attack and make them pay," he



said. The Taliban condemned the overnight U.S. drone strike, which took place in Nangarhar Province, an eastern area that borders Pakistan. "The Americans should have informed us before conducting the air strike. It was a clear attack on Afghan territory," a Taliban spokesman told Reuters, adding that two women and a child were wounded in the attack. The Taliban have said they have arrested some suspects involved in the airport blast. Spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid also said the Taliban would take over the airport "very soon", after U.S. forces withdraw, and announce a full cabinet in the coming days. The Western-backed government and Afghan army melted away as the hardline Islamist militants entered the capital on Aug. 15, leaving an administrative vacuum that has bolstered fears of a financial collapse and widespread

hunger. Mujahid told Reuters the group had appointed governors and police chiefs in all but one of Afghanistan's 34 provinces and would act to solve the country's economic problems. A U.S. official told on Saturday there were fewer than 4,000 troops left at the airport, down from 5,800 at the peak of the evacuation mission. Pentagon spokesman John Kirby later confirmed to reporters that the withdrawal had begun but declined to say how many service members remained. Thursday's suicide blast, claimed by (ISIS-K), the Afghan affiliate of Islamic State, caused a bloodbath outside the gates of the airport - where thousands of Afghans have gathered to try to get a flight out since the Taliban returned to power. The U.S.-led invasion of Afghanistan in late 2001 overthrew the then-ruling Taliban as punishment for harboring the

al Qaeda militants behind the Sept. 11 attacks that year. The Taliban, facing the loss of billions of dollars of aid for the country, appealed to the United States and other Western nations to maintain diplomatic relations after their withdrawal; Britain said that should only happen if the Taliban allow safe passage for those who want to leave and respect human rights. The White House said the next few days were likely to be the most dangerous of the evacuation operation. The United States and allies have taken about 113,500 people out of Afghanistan in the past two weeks, it said. U.S. military and allied countries' flights carried fewer people on Saturday as Washington prepared to end its mission. With another attack against Kabul airport a near certainty, according to U.S. officials, the State Department reiterated its warning to Americans to immediately leave the area due to "a specific, credible threat", including the South gate, new Ministry of Interior, and gate near Panjshir petrol station. The last British flight evacuating civilians from Afghanistan left Kabul on Saturday. British troops would take small numbers of Afghan citizens with them as they leave this weekend, a defense ministry spokesman said. Armed forces chief Nick Carter said hundreds of people who had worked with

Britain would not make it through. In the Pentagon's strike on militant suspects in Nangarhar, a U.S. official said on Friday that an MQ-9 Reaper unmanned aircraft flown from the Middle East targeted an Islamic State militant who was planning attacks and was in a car with an associate. Residents of Jalalabad, the provincial capital, said they had heard several explosions around midnight and community elder Malik Adib said three people were killed and four were wounded in an air strike, adding that he had been summoned by the Taliban investigating the incident. "Women and children are among the victims," said Adib, though he did not have information about their identity. The U.S. military said in a statement that it knew of no civilian casualties. While Kabul's airport has been in chaos, the rest of the city has been generally calm. The Taliban have told residents to hand over government equipment including weapons and vehicles within a week, the group's spokesman said. The airport attack added fuel to criticism Biden faced at home and abroad for the chaos after Afghanistan's government and military collapsed before a lightning Taliban advance. He has defended his decisions, saying the United States long ago achieved its rationale for invading in 2001.

Last UK military flight leaves Afghanistan after evacuating 15,000 people

London, August 29 : Britain's last military flight left Kabul late on Saturday after evacuating more than 15,000 people in the two weeks since the Taliban took control of Afghanistan, ending nearly 20 years of British military presence in the country. "The final flight carrying UK Armed Forces personnel has left Kabul," Britain's Ministry of Defence said. Britain on Friday had said its evacuation mission would end within hours and that its military would be unable to fly out any Afghan citizens eligible for resettlement who had not already entered Kabul airport. "We should be proud of our armed forces, welcoming to those coming for a better life and sad for those left behind," Defence Minister Ben Wallace said after the final British flight. Britain was at Washington's side from the start of the U.S.-led invasion of Afghanistan that overthrew the then-ruling Taliban in punishment for harbouring the al Qaeda militants

... we are forever receiving messages and texts from our Afghan friends that are very distressing. We're living this in the most painful way," Carter said. Prime Minister Boris Johnson praised Britain's armed forces. "I want to thank everyone involved and the thousands of those who served over the last two decades. You can be proud of what you have achieved," he said. Carter said Britain and its allies might cooperate with the Taliban in the future to tackle threats from the Islamic State militant group. The group, enemies of both Western countries and the Taliban, claimed responsibility for a suicide bombing attack just outside Kabul airport on Thursday that killed scores of people, including 13 U.S. service members. "If the Taliban are able to demonstrate that they can behave in the way that a normal government would behave in relation to a terrorist threat, we may well discover that we (can) operate together," Carter



behind the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. More than 450 British armed forces personnel died during two decades of deployment in the country. President Joe Biden has set an Aug. 31 deadline for the U.S. military to leave Afghanistan, while allied forces including Britain have chosen to leave before then. Britain has also suspended embassy operations in Afghanistan. Wallace estimated on Friday that between 800 and 1,100 Afghans who had worked with Britain and were eligible for resettlement would not make it out by air, and pledged to help them if they could leave by land. General Nick Carter, the head of Britain's armed forces, told the BBC on Saturday that the total would be in the "high hundreds." "People like me

told Sky News. "But we've got to wait and see. Certainly some of the stories we get about the way that they are treating their enemies would mean it would be quite difficult for us to work with them at the moment," he added. Johnson discussed the Afghanistan situation with German Chancellor Angela Merkel on Saturday, when the two leaders agreed that the Group of Seven rich nations should take a common approach to dealing with any future Taliban government. "The Prime Minister stressed that any recognition and engagement with the Taliban must be conditional on them allowing safe passage for those who want to leave the country and respecting human rights," Johnson's office said.

Singapore to tighten border measures for travellers from New Zealand after rise in COVID-19 cases

Singapore, August 29: Singapore announced tighter COVID-19 border measures for travellers from New Zealand due to the increase in the number of cases there. In a media release, the Ministry of Health (MOH) also said that travellers from China's Jiangsu province will not have to serve a stay-home notice period if they tested negative for COVID-19 on arrival. Singaporeans, permanent residents and long-term pass holders who have travel history to New Zealand in the past 21 days before departure to Singapore will have to serve a seven-day stay-home notice at their place of residence. They will also have to do a COVID-19 polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test on arrival, as well as before the end of their stay-home notice period. Short-term travellers holding an Air Travel Pass (ATP) with travel history to New Zealand within the past 21 days before their departure to Singapore will not be allowed to enter Singapore. These measures will be taken for travellers from New Zealand "given the increase in the number of COVID-19 cases there", said MOH. New Zealand, which is currently under a strict lockdown, on Saturday reported 82 local COVID-19 cases, all in the

MOH. "As the global situation evolves, we will continue to adjust our border measures in tandem with our roadmap to becoming a COVID resilient nation," said the ministry. COVID-19 PCR test upon arrival. They will be allowed to go about their activities in Singapore if the PCR test result is negative, and will no longer be required to serve a seven-day stay-home notice period. Short-term visitors with travel history to Jiangsu province within the last 21 days before departure to Singapore can apply for an ATP with immediate effect, for entry into Singapore on or after Sep 4. Currently, travellers from Jiangsu have to serve a seven-day stay-home notice at their place of residence. They also have to take PCR tests on arrival in Singapore and before the end of their stay-home notice period. Travellers who are already serving their seven-day stay-home notice at their residence as of 11.59pm on Monday will still be required to complete their seven-day stay-home notice and exit swab, said MOH. Border measures for travellers from Jiangsu province will be eased as the COVID-19 situation in the province has improved, said MOH. All other travellers with travel history to mainland China, excluding Jiangsu province, in the last 21 days prior to travel will continue to be subject to a COVID-19 test upon arrival at the airport, in lieu of a stay-home notice, said



epicentre Auckland. From 11.59pm on Monday, all travellers entering Singapore with travel history to China's Jiangsu province within the past 21 days before departure for Singapore will undergo a

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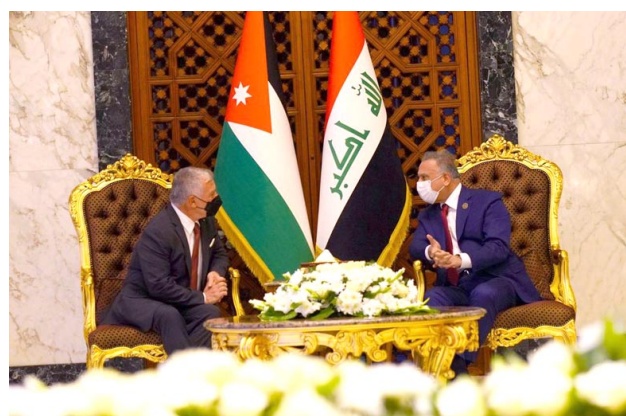
Iranian, Gulf Arab officials meet in Baghdad

Baghdad, August 29 : Iranian and Gulf Arab officials met in Baghdad on Saturday on the sidelines of a regional summit that Iraq hoped would encourage its neighbours to talk to each other instead of settling scores on its territory. The meetings come months after regional foes Iran and Saudi Arabia resumed direct talks in Iraq which have achieved no breakthrough but have helped offset escalating tension in the Middle East. Iraq's security has improved in recent years but it is still plagued by big power rivalries, rampant corruption among its own

region have also led to disruptions to global oil supplies with attacks on Saudi Arabian oil installations - blamed on but denied by Tehran. Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian met his counterparts from Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates on Saturday, officials from the two Gulf Arab states said, but provided no further details. There was no indication of any direct meetings between Iran and Saudi Arabia, but Iraq said talks between the two countries, which began in April, were continuing. Heads of state attending included

State insurgents. Shi'ite Muslim Iran and Sunni Saudi Arabia, longtime rivals for regional dominance, sent their foreign ministers. The two countries resumed direct talks in Iraq in April this year, but those meetings yielded no breakthroughs. Organisers of the Baghdad summit said they did not expect any diplomatic breakthroughs. "Getting these countries to sit around the table - that will be achievement enough," said one Iraqi government official. Iranian officials have said they are focused more on the outcome of talks in Vienna with Western powers over Iran's nuclear programme and international sanctions. "The meeting in Iraq ... is only focused on Iraq and how the regional countries can cooperate to help Iraq," an Iranian official told Reuters ahead of the Baghdad summit. The U.S.-Iran rivalry brought the Middle East to the brink of war after the United States under former U.S. President Donald Trump killed Iran's military mastermind Qassem Soleimani in a drone strike at Baghdad airport in 2020. Iran-backed militias have launched increasingly sophisticated drone and rocket attacks against U.S. forces stationed in Iraq, and also fired drones at Riyadh. Saudi Arabia has blamed attacks on its oil installations on Iran - a charge Tehran denies. The U.S. military drawdown in Iraq

and the new nuclear talks with Iran instigated by President Joe Biden's administration have prompted Riyadh to favour engagement with Iran as a way to contain tensions without abandoning its security concerns. Ahead of the summit, UAE Vice-President Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al-Maktoum met Qatar's al-Thani and described him as a "brother and friend" in a sign of warming ties between the Gulf rivals. Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Bahrain and Egypt in 2017 severed ties with Qatar over charges it supports terrorism - a broad reference to Islamist groups - which Qatar denied. Since a deal in January, Riyadh and Cairo have restored diplomatic ties. Abu Dhabi and Manama have yet to do so. Complicating the security landscape in Iraq, Turkish troops are battling Kurdish separatists in the north. Their presence has drawn rocket fire from Iran-aligned militias.



politicians and heavily armed militia groups. Competition for influence in the Middle East between Iran on one side and the United States, Israel and Gulf Arab states on the other has made Iraq the scene of attacks against U.S. forces and assassinations of Iranian and Iraqi paramilitary leaders. The strained relationships within the

Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, King Abdullah of Jordan, Qatari Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani and Macron. Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates sent their heads of government, and Turkey its foreign minister. Macron was due to stay an extra day, meet Iraqi leaders and visit French special forces fighting Islamic

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UK and Germany seek common G7 approach on Taliban

London, Aug 29: British Prime Minister Boris Johnson and German Chancellor Angela Merkel discussed the situation in Afghanistan on Saturday and agreed on the need for international aid and a common approach by the G7 to the future government of Afghanistan. "The Prime Minister and Chancellor resolved to work, alongside the rest of the G7, to put in place the roadmap on dealing with

any new Afghan government discussed at last week's leaders' meeting," Johnson's office said in a statement. "The Prime Minister stressed that any recognition and engagement with the Taliban must be conditional on them allowing safe passage for those who want to leave the country and respecting human rights," the British statement added. Merkel also spoke to Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte. Her office said Merkel, Johnson

and Rutte were all agreed that organising the departure of nationals, local support staff and Afghans in need of protection was still a top priority. "The Chancellor and the Prime Ministers also discussed possible political and diplomatic options with regard to the departure of staff, necessary due to the security situation," a German government spokesperson said.

Russia wants CSTO security alliance to boost cooperation over Afghanistan

Moscow, Aug 29 : Moscow will work more closely with fellow members of a post-Soviet security alliance as the withdrawal of U.S. forces from Afghanistan raises regional security risks, Russia's defence minister was quoted as saying. The U.S. exit from Afghanistan has created a security headache for Moscow, which sees former Soviet Central Asia as part of its southern defensive flank and fears the spread of radical Islam. Russian Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu said Moscow had stepped up contacts within the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO), a Moscow-led alliance that groups six former Soviet states. "We're in close contact with CSTO members over

Afghanistan ... That's why our interaction within CSTO should be strengthened," Shoigu was quoted as saying by the RIA news agency. He said the risk of Afghan militants crossing into neighbouring countries had spread following the Taliban's rapid takeover of the country this month as U.S. forces withdrew. Drug trafficking is another concern, he added. The CSTO said on Friday it would hold military exercises in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan from September to October involving several thousand troops due to the situation in Afghanistan. Shoigu said an ongoing programme to rearm the armies of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan would continue.



Around hundred youths ceremonially join AGP's Yuva Parishad at Nagaon

Correspondent Nagaon, August 29: The party leadership of Asom Gana Parishad (AGP) and state ministers duo - Atul Bora and Keshab Mahanta today participated in a mass joining rally organized by the party's youth wing - district body of Yuva Parishad at Nagaon Sangskritik Prakaalpa here today. It is noteworthy to state that it is the only mega event in the district headquarters organized by the party after resuming the state power in

Dispur in alliance with the saffron which apparently has drawn the attention of the people of the small town. Addressing to the rally, the state president of AGP as well as the state agriculture minister Atul Bora said AGP was formed with the blood of all and it is still flowing through the veins of all. Pointing at the current poor party's strength in the state, Bora said that the party would not move ahead if the party leadership failed to welcome

the new blood towards the party floor. He asserted it too that if AGP would be able to strengthen its base in the state, the regionalism in Assam would be automatically strengthened. Many ill power generated by the opposition parties tried to weaken the base of Asom Gana Parishad during the last assembly election. But their attempts were being foiled at the end, Bora reiterated. On the other hand, the state health minister and party's execu-

tive president Keshab Mahanta said Nagaon district led the regional politics since 1985 and also assumed the chair of the chief minister for two times. The people of the district are still bearing the trends of the regionalism in politics although the nationalism grabbed the mindsets of many due to various reasons, Mahanta added. Expressing his trust on the party's newcomers, he however expected that the young generation would be

able to unfurl the flag of regional politics as well as Assamese nationalism. In presence of both AGP ministers, around hundred local youths from various organizations including Asom Jatiyatabadi Yuva Chakra Parishad, All Assam Students' Union and other today ceremonially joined the party's youth wing - Asom Yuva Parishad. These youths joined Asom Yuva Parishad under the leadership of AJYCP leader Kashyap Phukon.



Book released at Tezpur

Correspondent Biswanath Charilai, August 29: Bikrambrir Thapa, mera Akhijhyabata; an anthology of the life of Bikrambrir Thapa, a Sahitya Akademi award winning writer was released in function held at Asamiya Club, Tezpur on Sunday with Gyan Bahadur Chetry, a known critic in the chair. The book in the Nepali language penned by Bishal KC, an emerging poet from Balijuri, Jamugurihat was released by Chatraman Subba, a known critic and poet as well. After the formal release of the book, poets Mohan Subedi, Bishnu Shastri, Kamal Sedai, Sunil Chetry, Rita Singh addressed the gathering. The book release function organized as per Covid protocol was organized by Devanagari Sahitya Prakashan.

Poet Bishal KC forwarded welcome address in the beginning of the function followed by lighting of ceremonial lights by Kanchan Chetry, chairperson of Devanagari Sahitya Prakashan. In between the programme, Anjan Baskota, Sahitya Akademi's young writer's award winning writer Anjan Baskota was felicitated with a citation, gamocha, a packet of books and cash amount. Dakhina Devi Gajurel, central executive member of Assam Nepali Sahitya Sabha carried out the proceedings of the meeting. The meeting was also attended by many dignitaries including Nara Bahadur Darjee, Naba Prabha Adhikari, Ganesh Poudel, Madhab Bhattarai, Kharga Bahadur Koushik, Sagar Sapkota along with others.

Asomiya Yuva Mancha burns effigy of CM in North Lakhimpur

Correspondent North Lakhimpur, August 29: Asomiya Yuva Mancha North Lakhimpur town regional committee staged a protest against the Subansiri Lower Hydroelectric Project (SLHP) at Malpani Chariail in the heart of North Lakhimpur town today. By staging the

protest program, the organization expressed vehement resentment against the SLHP for its latest activities. The protesters also burnt the effigy of the Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma. More than hundred activists of the town regional unit took part in today's protest program

under the leadership of the unit's president Dipankar Nath and secretary Sambhu Shah. Asomiya Yuva Mancha Lakhimpur district unit president Chiranjib Bordoloi, vice-president Mantu Das and central organising secretary Anupam Saikia were also present in the protest program.

Minister Suklabaidya lays foundation stone of Bagbahar Basti PWSS

Correspondent Silchar, August 29: Minister for Environment and Forest, Fisheries and Excise, Parimal Suklabaidya laid the foundation stone for retrofitting of Bagbahar Basti Piped Water Supply Scheme (PWSS) 2020-21 under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) at Kamlabari under Bagbahar Gaon Panchayat here on Sunday. The estimated amount of the PWSS is Rs.66.50 lakh. Laying the foundation stone of the PWSS scheme under Silchar PHED Division II, Cachar in the presence of ZP Member, Lakhi Rani Yadav, AP President, Subodh Das, GP President, Arpita Sharma and AP Member, Sonali Roy,

Suklabaidya said under the ambitious JJM, tap water connections will be provided to all rural households by 2024. He said Assam is also marching towards providing tap connections to rural households within the stipulated timeframe. The Minister said the Har Ghar Nal Se Jal programme forms a crucial component of the Jal Jeevan Mission. "The programme aims to implement source sustainability measures as mandatory elements, such as recharge and reuse through grey water management, water conservation, and rain water harvesting," he added.

Cycle Rally organised by SSB, To commemorate 75th year India's Independence

Correspondent Barpeta Road 29 August: To celebrate the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' regarding completion of 75th year Independence Day, 34 personnel of SSB will ride and traverse through Assam, Bengal, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh culminating in Rajghat, Delhi. The cycle rally was inaugurated by Hon'ble Governor of Assam Sh. JAGDISH

MUKHI on 28/08/2021 at Guwahati. Chief guests were Ranjit Das MLA, Dulal Talukdar Director of Sree Academy and other dignitaries. The day long programme of ride was from Nalbari to Barpeta approx 70kms en-route was sojourned for breakfast and lunch at designated points at Nalbari and Sree Academy, Pathsala respectively. The cultural

programme also found its mention during the sojourn to uplift the moral of cyclist (participants). Culmination of the day's programme was with the flag off ceremony by the Sh. N.K. Tamta, Commandant, 64th BN, Barama. He said that the troops will further proceed to Bengal via Sreerampur Assam Bengal Border and to its desired destination.

Ginjiya branch of ANSS formed

Correspondent Biswanath Charilai, August 29: Ginjiya branch of Assam Nepali Sahitya Sabha (ANSSA) under Biswanath district was formed in a general meeting held at Ginjiya on Sunday with Hari Upadhyaya in the chair. The general meeting began with a chorus followed by felicitations of guests and dignitaries. Narayan Sarma briefed the objectives of the meeting while general observers Hem Kumar Goutam, Prem Biswakarma and Bedadeep Upadhyaya briefed the importance of forming

the literary body. Dr. Sanjib Upadhyaya, chief guest of the meeting addressed the gathering. A new Ginjiya branch of ANSS was formed with 21 members including Tilak Sarma as president, Loknath Newpane as working president, Narayan Sarma as secretary.

Heartning reception of Swarnim Vijay Varsh Victory Flame at Kokrajhar Panbari

Correspondent kokrajhar 29 August: The Swarnim Vijay Victory Flame commemorating 50 years of Indian armed forces victory over Pakistan in 1971 Indo-Pak War reached Dhubri District on 29 August 2021 with full military honours. The Victory Flame was received with enthusiasm by troops of Red Horns Division who reiterated their pledge towards defence of motherland. A ceremony was organised at Dhubri, Assam by 25th Battalion, The RAJPUT REGIMENT of Red Horns Army Division to lay Wreath and paying homage to honour the supreme sacrifices of the gallant soldiers of 1971 war. The aim of the journey is to spread the message of India's victory and sacrifices of our war heroes to

the remotest areas and shores of the country. On the fortuitous occasion, Ex-Servicemen from Dhubri too were felicitated. Dignitaries and Superintendent of Police, Dhubri partook in the event. In addition, DIG 5 Sector Headquarters BSF (Border Security Force) and other senior officers from Para Military Forces alongwith school children & veterans too payed homage to the 'Flame'. It was then taken via the mighty Brahmaputra river to Mahamayachar BOP of BSF near Indo-Bangladesh border, wherein locals gathered in large numbers & payed homage. In December 1971, the Indian Armed Forces had secured victory over the Pakistan Army, and a new nation 'Bangladesh' was created. The victory resulted in the largest mili-



Celebration of National Sports Day at Gauhati University

CORRESPONDENT Palasbari, Aug 29: Gauhati University Post Graduate Students' Union celebrated National Sports Day today through a webinar. Inaugurating the webinar Dr. Ranjan Kr. Kakati, Director, Students' Welfare, GU said sports teach us lot of important life skills and also keep us physically and mentally fit. Dr Kakati also said that Sports brings us unity among all the people irrespective of cast and religion

and now a day's sports should be taken as a career those who want to pursue on it. Attending as Chief Guest Dr. Subhash Basumatary, former Regional Director, Sports Authority of India, Guwahati said that National Sports Day's main goal is to promote awareness about the importance of sports and being physically active in daily life. Dr Basumatary highlighted many important points related to sports

promotion and potential of sports man ship in NE region. Attending as a speaker former International Boxer Kalpana Choudhury highlighted many aspects of sports in Assam and shared her sports journey. She also mentioned that if we have a target and confidence, we may definitely achieve the goal. Another international young sports personality in Archery Bishal Sangmai has explained his

sports experienced in life and how he has achieved two gold medal in youth world championship in Archery. Udit Ullah Bora, President PGSU, Parsaw Patgiri, General Secretary, PGSU, GU also spoke on the occasion and Ritwik Kashyap, Minor Games Secretary, PGSU coordinated the webinar. About 200 participants of faculties, students, NSS PO, NSS volunteers participated in the webinar.

Trapped baby Elephant Finally Rescued But Dies Due To irresponsibility of Forest Department



Correspondent Udalguri, August 29: On Saturday evening in Barangajuli of Udalguri, a baby elephant was

trapped in the middle of a tea garden. Some local people saw in the early hours of the morning and informed to all the nearby

people and the Forest Department. Soon after, some nature and wildlife enthusiasts came to the garden and continued their boundless efforts to rescue the baby elephant. After boundless efforts of the enthusiasts the elephant calf was rescued. After the rescue of the elephant calf alive, all the youths were overjoyed. Unfortunately, after some time the elephant calf died. Local people complaint and said that after getting the news local forest department did not reached in time at the spot. There was also

an argument between the local people and the Forest Department. The elephant calf died a tragic death due to the late arrival of the forest department at the spot after the forest department was informed in the early morning. Even the forest department did not bring any food items for the elephant calf that had been trapped in the mud since night. Kushal Deka did not pay any attention to the incident after local called the forest department. Even when the local people informed through phone about this incident, forest department was abused. The dead elephant was finally taken to the Barnadi Sanctuary for post-mortem examination.

63 rescued turtles airlifted to Assam; to be released into wild

Guwahati, August 29: As many as 63 turtles belonging to rare species were airlifted from Maharashtra's Pune and flown to Assam, to be released into their natural habitat, a forest official said on Thursday. Turtles of endangered species such as Indian roof turtle, crowned river turtle, brown roof turtle and spotted river terrapin were rescued during various seizures in the state, the official said. The exercise was a joint initiative by the state forest department and the Turtle Survival Alliance, he said. "This is the first

time that endangered and rare species of turtles are being sent by airways to be released into their natural habitat in the northeastern state," Rahul Patil, Deputy Conservator of Forest (Pune division) said. On reaching Guwahati, the turtles will be handed over to Turtle Survival Alliance and forest officials from Assam and later will be released in their natural habitat, the official said. Of 63 turtles, 55 were with Indian Herpetological Society, Katraj in Pune, and eight had been with RESQ Charitable Trust, it was stated.

Cleaning Workers Kneeled Down and Begged for Their Unpaid Dues

Correspondent Golaghat, Aug 29: Today in Golaghat town several cleaning workers working under Golaghat Municipal Board were seen kneeling down in the street, crying and begging. These workers are getting deprived of their salaries for the last six months and at present they are facing difficulties to run

their families in this Covid pandemic situation. The cleaning workers have been continuously performing duties to make the town neat and clean. But these workers who also engaged in disposal of Covid death cases are getting deprived of their dues. Today they appealed local MLA and state finance minister Ajanta

Neog and Chief Minister Dr Himanta Biswa Sharma by kneeling down and begging in the street seeking their dues. This scene created sharp reactions among the conscious citizens of Golaghat and they also requested the concerned authorities to look into the matter seriously and do necessary steps.

Meeting of Dhansiri Open Scout Training Centre Held

Golaghat, Aug 29: Today a meeting of Dhansiri Open Scout Training Centre was held at Rupjyoti Nagar LP School in Golaghat. The meeting was presided over by the President of Dhansiri Open Scout Training Centre Jogen Bora. In the meeting discussions were held on restarting

of Scout training, setting up of a permanent Scout Training Centre, observation of upcoming Teacher's Day along with several other topics. Several decisions were taken in the meeting. As such on September 5 a cleanliness drive in association with NRL will be conducted in different

parts of Arengapara region in Golaghat and an awareness campaign on hand wash will be organised by Dhansiri Open Scout Centre. Senior journalist Prakash Samra, Scout Trainer Partha Jyoti Bora, parents of Scout trainees were present in the meeting.

MYM organised Cyclothon in Hojai

Correspondent Hojai, August 29: On the call of All India Marwari Yuva Manch to organise Cyclothon-2021 on the occasion of National Sports Day on August 29, in order to create mass awareness on Sports and fitness. Marwari Yuva Manch, Hojai Branch along with the others branches at their respective area took out a Cycle rally here in Hojai. The rally kicked off in the morning from Shri Laxminarayana Temple and culminated at Rupkonwar Jyoti Prasad Agarwalla Smriti Bhawan, which was flagged off by Journalist Niranjan Sarawagi and Lalit Bora. At the end, in a

bid to encourage the kids, gifts were presented by MYM Hojai team.



Name Change

I have changed my name from Daisy Rani Das to Daisy Sharma by an affidavit before Notary Kamrup (M) on 25-08-2021.
Daisy Sharma,
w/o Dwipen Sharma,
Kamakhya Gate,
Pin-781009

LOST

I have lost my High school leaving certificate of Admit card bearing Roll 0714 No-0135 in the year 2011.
Prishmita Duwarah
Kharanjan Tangia
P.O Simlurguri, Gohpur
Biswanath.

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Covid-19 Third Wave

COVID-19 was first reported in the UK at the end of January 2020 and lockdown announced on 23 March 2020. Many of us have uttered the words 'when this is over', but what does that really mean? As the first-, second- and third-order impacts of the virus manifest over different time frames, this pandemic will not necessarily be 'over' until we are through the impact of the 'third wave' of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are currently experiencing the effects of the first wave, where deaths and disability are directly linked to COVID-19. Alongside the atrocious death toll, an as yet untold number of people are living with the lasting aftermath of a severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 infection-for some, even mild COVID-19 can be debilitating for months on end, even after they are clinically cured of the infection. The second wave refers to those who will suffer in the medium-term due to measures taken to limit the spread of COVID-19. It includes, among many others, those who delay presenting to healthcare facilities for fear of COVID-19 infection; those with progressive diseases whose appointments are rescheduled; and those who miss routine screening. The question of how doctors, particularly those working in primary care, will navigate the backlog remains unanswered. The third wave is the effect of virus on the social determinants of health, and its effects on the next generation. The virus will worsen health inequalities through severe economic injury. It is the sectors that rely on low-paid staff (often women, young people and Black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) people) that will take longest to recover from the predicted deep economic recession. The health impacts caused by this worsening of economic conditions will be complex, but it is likely that groups that are at the intersection between poverty and poor health that will suffer most. Children have already been locked out of schools. Despite teachers' best efforts, there will be children who will never compensate for their months of lost education, who will be locked out of well-paid jobs and locked into a lifetime of poorer health as a result. Early reports suggest privately educated children have been able to continue learning from home, whereas their state-schooled counterparts are missing out. Of course, it is a lot easier to transition to online learning if you have your own laptop and your parents are able to keep an eye on your activities while they work from home. Parental loss of income will impact on children's diets, housing and educational opportunities. Possible resultant cuts to public funding could lead to youth centres being shuttered; libraries never reopening; and the end of council-funded arts programmes (if they existed earlier). Children would lose even more spaces to socialise safely, potentially having to settle for obesogenic spaces such as fried chicken shops. For vulnerable children living in temporary accommodation, losing access to routine check-ins from health services, legal advice and immigration support could have consequences that mark them for life. Lockdown means an increased risk of child abuse and domestic violence, both adverse childhood experiences with demonstrated repercussions in later life. Changes in law aimed at accommodating social distancing have also weakened statutory protections for some children: it is as yet unclear when these changes will be refined or reversed. Even beginning to trace the lasting impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic can be overwhelming. Yet this is the meaning of a pandemic: the virus has got into everything. It's in our funding decisions, our legal protections, our hearts our minds. The pandemic cannot be 'over' until it is reckoned with in every sphere of our lives. But we mustn't lose sight of that crucial thing about the third wave-it's still far out at sea. The future is not foregone. We can act now, to mitigate economic injury, to prioritise the return of libraries, youth and community centres. The third wave doesn't have to crash on undefended shores.

Here is what 5G Wireless technology is actually about: Making it feasible for telecommunications providers to deliver profitable services over their wireless networks. 4G LTE made running their radio access networks (RAN) too expensive. Compared with 5G, 4G consumes too many resources, requires too much human oversight, and to borrow a phrase best uttered by Ella Fitzgerald, runs too darn hot. The promise of 5G is that it cuts costs. Realizing this promise means selling consumers and businesses on 5G as an ideal, well before 4G LTE (which ironically stood for "Long-Term Evolution") was originally due to expire. 5G requires a tremendous capital investment, not only in retrofitting existing base stations but also in constructing a denser mesh of smaller, cooler towers, and laying the network of fiber optic cable that connects them. For telcos to afford that investment, they have to sell consumers and businesses on the 5G ideal, well before it can effectively be demonstrated, let alone



realized. They're all pitching a service that has yet to go live. To consumers, 5G is being marketed as a higher quality-of-service option for media-rich, multi-party communications. To enterprises, 5G represents an alternative route to cloud data centers and global business services. Both service classes are being pitched not so much as eventualities as inevitabilities. Sev-

What is 5G?

eral years into the 5G transition already, there remain open questions and unresolved issues. Most importantly, some services with the "5G" moniker are live now, or at least available in some early form, and consumers are searching for that much-promised value. The first stage of the 5G Wireless platform is here now, for users of 5G devices in many metropolitan areas. 5G was designed to co-exist with previous generations of wireless communications equipment, particularly 4G LTE. 5G's principal purpose is to enable telecommunications service providers ("telcos") the ability to offer a wider variety of higher-bandwidth services, on newly allocated spectrum. Those services are not available everywhere yet, especially in North America, but the platform is being put in place now. If you use a 4G cellular phone today, it

may be operating on a hybrid 4G/5G network at 4G frequencies. The biggest promise of 5G for consumers is this: Media transfer and data transaction speeds comparable to wired Ethernet networks across the country, and at boosted speeds in areas where the topology and service infrastructure support the necessary technology. Once all of 5G's components

Disaster management is to conserve the lives of people and their property during the natural disaster or man-made disaster. In the vulnerable areas the disasters are seen as the cause of hazards. In the low vulnerability area the hazards are occur and don't shown the result of disaster, the disaster is affecting the life of people and great damage agricultural land and property are the result shown of disaster. The disaster is affecting immeasurable damage with the varies geographical location. The disaster had the following effects in concerned areas: In the normal day to day life is completely worried, the emergency systems are harmfully persuade, the disaster is depending on the severity and intensity of the normal needs and processes are badly deteriorated and affected. In the vulnerable area disaster are the cause of hazard. In the low vulnerability area the hazard are occur but don't shown the result of disaster. Disaster management study is important because it helps us in the process of resources management of disaster and dealing with all the emergencies of humanitarian aspects. The Natural disaster activities had order to increase the awareness of disaster of response, preparedness and recovery during the disaster in all the vulnerable areas of hazard. The research paper we will discuss the disaster management of flood in Assam. The flood is a natural disaster and it's occurring due to heavy rainfall and the geo-climatic conditions during monsoon season in Assam. In the Brahmaputra River the flood is occur every year in the state of Assam and the worst flood occur in August 2000 in the Brahmaputra valley. The flood cause because due to land erosion, human activities, disruption of roads and rail, and geomorphological changes and affecting the cultivated lands because of flood. After 1998 the biggest flood reported was in the year 2012 were 21 district was affected out of 27. The floods of Assam in 2013 occur due to heavy rainfall and affected 396 villages. In 12 districts and the agriculture land was destroyed almost 7000 hectares. The Assam flood 2014, the people of Assam were almost affected 42 lakh people and 85 people died during the flood in Assam. Recently in 2020 the flood is occur in Assam during the COVID-19 pandemic. In Assam the flood were initially started recently on May 2020 due to the heavy rainfall till July and it affected 2 to 3 million in 27 districts. According to Assam State disaster management authority we can see that more than 3000 villages were affected and 44 thousand people were moved in relief camps and agricultural land also destroyed. During the floods the animals were moved



to another place because more than half of the area Kaziranga national park and Pobitorawildlife sanctuary were affected. In 2020 the flood is caused due to the excess summer season and affected the state of Assam. Till July according to the meteorological department of Assam they receive rainfall almost 1,164mm as compared to normal rainfall 894mm during the period. The Assam face major floods during post-independence period in 1954, 1962, 1972, 1977, 1984, 1998, 2002, 2004 and 2012. Another major reason in Assam the flood is occur due to the bank of Erosion in Brahmaputra and Barak valley by their tributaries. In 1954 after the disaster of flood in the country the government of India had announced the national policy of floods: the immediate, short-term and long-term measures. When national water policy had announced the flood control activities had started in Assam. The flood control in Assam there are various plan were prepared for the main areas were we need immediate and urgent attention were identified. In Assam the water resource department were take works primarily for the general development in the rural sector to protect the major townships for the both Brahmaputra valley and Barak Valley. In the important areas and the cities the scheme were had taken for the drainage congestion.

1. Flood zoning area in Assam
2. Drainage improvement.
3. Construction of Embankments and flood walls.
4. Flood warning and forecasting.
5. Town protection works and anti-erosion
6. River training and bank protection works.

In Assam, according to the State water Resources Department the long term measures had not implemented yet for the flood and erosion problems of the state. Till now in Assam only short term and immediate measures are implemented

the current reality of entertainment." For Telco's; the makers of transmitter, radio, and antenna equipment; and the producers and providers of data networking services, their reality has been this: Customer and enterprise demands on the current wireless network cannot be met with the 4G LTE generations - perhaps in the near future, and already in countries such as Japan, several years past. In these densely populated regions of the world, according to operators there, maintaining the equipment that supports 4G and 3G Wireless generates more expenses than they earn in revenue. Service providers desperately need an infrastructure that enables a sustainable business model, through the use of durable, reliable, manageable, affordable equipment. They must meet these new customer demands for quality and availability of service, without succumbing to accelerated technological obsolescence or the unpredictable whims of the global economy. The whole point of "Gs" in wireless standards, originally, was to emphasize the ease of transition between one wireless system of delivery and a newer one - or at least make that transition seem reasonably pain-free. (Not that any transition has ever been a trip to the fair.) 5G entails a set of simultaneous revolutions, all of which would have to go off without a hitch, or at least without any further hitches:

"Converged service could lead to converged carriers. In much of the continental US, a consumer's broadband internet provider also has been her cable TV provider. And that relationship is protected by municipally regulated monopolies. 5G wireless aims to level the playing field here, placing AT&T, Verizon, and T-Mobile in competition against Comcast and Charter Communications, both for broadband internet and "cable" television. "Small cell infrastructure could remake landscapes.

for the flood. According to the administration of district, the Water Commission of central is responsibility to control all the rivers in Assam. The central Water Commission were discuss the warning to the Assam Disaster Management and District Disaster Management Authority for further spreading through the immediately pre-announced disaster established by DDMA. State government had apply a resource person for each village leader and responsible for the spreading of immediately warning during the flood situation. The Central Government of India had applied National water policy and after the announcement the flood control activities had mainly started in Assam. In Assam for the rural areas the department of water resource had taken many initiatives till date and to protect the major township in Barak and Brahmaputra valley. The water resource department had not implemented long-term measures. However, the water resource department had only implemented for short term measures to control the flood disaster. Under the Ministry Of Water Resource the central Govt. had implemented Brahmaputra Board under Brahmaputra act in 1980. Department of water Resource had the responsibility to take the survey in both the areas in Brahmaputra and Barak valley and they need to take prevention to control the flood before the incident of flood disaster, and they also need to control

Health risks associated with mobile phones use

Mobile or cell phones are now a days an integral part of modern telecommunications in every individual life. In many countries, over half of the population use mobile phones and the mobile phone market is growing rapidly. Saudi Arabia rank first among the countries of the gulf region with highest proportion of mobile users, a study conducted by United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). In gulf countries, Oman ranked second, followed by Kuwait and the UAE. As billions of people use mobile phones globally, a small increase in the incidence of adverse effects on health could have major public health implications on long term basis. Besides the number of cell phone calls per day, the length of each call and the amount of time people use cell phones are important factors which enhance the health related risk. Mobile phones emit radiofrequency energy, a form of non-ionizing electromagnetic radiation, which can be absorbed by tissues close to the phone. The amount of radiofrequency energy a mobile phone user is exposed depend on many factors as the technology of the phone, the distance between the phone and the user,

the drainage system and bank erosion to control the floods. The Brahmaputra Board had also prepared plans to utilize the Water resource in Brahmaputra for hydropower, irrigation and other activities. During Flood in Assam the Government and NGOs had taken measures initiatives to rescue the people from flood. In Assam when the flood incident happen (NDRF, SDRF) and Army had taken immediate action during the flood to rescue the people and other activities. To the flood victims the Central Government and State Government provide the basic commodities and facilities of hospital to the victims for the flood. However, during the Flood the NGOs also provide the essentials to the victims during the Flood. The flood causes in Assam is occur due to the heavy rainfall during the monsoon season and annual rainfall reach in Brahmaputra is 2480 mm and in north-eastern hills is 6350 mm of rainfall, and in every year the Assam state were largely affected by flood. In Assam the flood also occur due to the seismicity and landslide, the Brahmaputra valleys falls under Zone V and it means highly risk of flood and the Brahmaputra valleys is of flood and the Brahmaputra valleys is of flood is also occur due to the manmade cause like deforestation. The continuing deforestation in Assam is lead to heavy amount of top soils coming down due to rains and in river, soils has followed during rains and the river water were collect lot of silt and sediments due to this the river water level raised. The factors which cause flood in Assam are the bank erosion, earthquake activity and the high growth of population especially in the flood prone belt. The flood is also occur due to the no proper drainage system and the railway, buildings, roads and bridges, had restricted natural flows of water, in vulnerable areas the embankments is breaking down due to forced. However, another main reason is encroachment in forest lands and water bodies and that causes the flood in Assam. The other reason is caused the flood in Assam is manmade reasons were the releasing of water from the dams. The unregulated release of water floods in Assam plains and in every year thousands of people of homeless due to the flood disaster in Assam.

this group and is currently assessing the health impact of RF fields on all studied endpoints. A cohort study in Denmark linked billing information from more than 358,000 cell phone subscribers with brain tumour incidence data from the Danish Cancer Registry. The analyses found no association between cell phone use and the incidence of glioma, meningioma, or acoustic neuroma, even among people who had been cell phone subscribers for 13 or more years. The American Cancer Society (ACS) states that the IARC classification means that there could be some risk associated with cancer,

Zahid Naem

but the evidence is not strong enough to be considered causal and needs to be investigated further. Individuals who are concerned about radiofrequency exposure can limit their exposure, including using an ear piece and limiting cell phone use, particularly among children. Scientists have reported adverse health effects of using mobile phones including changes in brain activity, reaction times, and sleep patterns. More studies are underway to try to confirm these findings. When mobile phones are used very close to some medical devices (including pacemakers, implantable defibrillators, and certain hearing aids) there is the possibility of causing interference with their operation. There is also the potential of interference between mobile phones signals and aircraft electronics. Some countries have licensed mobile phone use on aircraft during flight using systems that control the phone output power. Research has shown an increased risk of traffic accidents, about 3-4 times greater chance of an accident, when mobile phones (either handheld or with a "hands-free" kit) are used while driving due to distraction. Children have the potential to be at greater risk than adults for developing brain cancer from cell phones. Their nervous systems are still developing and therefore more vulnerable to factors that may cause cancer. The FDA have suggested steps to reduce the exposure to radiofrequency energy: Reserve the use of cell phones for shorter conversations or for times when a landline phone is not available. Use a hands-free device, which places more distance between the phone and the head of the user.



the extent and type of mobile phone use and the user's distance from cell phone towers. In 2011, International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) classified mobile phone radiation possibly carcinogenic, means that there "could be some risk" of carcinogenicity, so additional research into the long-term, heavy use of mobile phones needs to be conducted. While an increased risk of brain tumours from the use of mobile phones is not established, the increasing use of mobile phones and the lack of data for mobile phone use over time periods longer than 15 years warrant further research of mobile phone use and brain cancer risk. In particular, with the recent popularity of mobile phone use among younger people, potentially longer lifetime of exposure, WHO has promoted further research on

Godrej keeps your perishables fresh for up to 30 days with new Cool Balance Technology in its latest refrigerators

Guwahati, August 29 : As the demand for premium appliances witnesses a rise after a subdued summer, Godrej & Boyce, the flagship company of the Godrej Group, announced that its business Godrej Appliances, one of the leading appliances players in India unveiled two new series of advanced frost-free refrigerators: Godrej Eon Valor and Godrej Eon Alpha. With higher safety concerns, more consumers are refraining from frequent visits to the stores and hence the rising need for cooling solutions that provide lasting freshness for veggies and fruits. The new Godrej Eon Valor and Alpha refrigerators deploy new Cool Balance Technology with break through air flow design, offering up to 30 days of freshness and up to 60% longer preservation. The Godrej Eon Valor and Godrej Eon Alpha refrigerators offer a much higher value with a host of relevant features - Multi-Inverter technology in Eon Valor for more efficient cooling Intelligent Weather Sensing technology in Eon Valor for automatic adjustment of cooling according to external weather conditions Moisture control technology in the vegetable tray to enhance freshness. Commenting on the launch, Mr. Kamal Nandi, Busi-



ness Head and EVP - Godrej Appliances said, "The pandemic has accelerated certain shifts in consumer behaviour like increased storage needs at home for perishables. The higher end of appliances is also witnessing increased demand. Our newest additions to refrigerator portfolio - Godrej New Eon Valor and Godrej Eon Alpha are high on preservation, aesthetics and convenient storage and in sync with the brand's promise of 'things made thoughtfully.'" Mr. Anup Bhargava, Product Group Head - Refrigerators, Godrej Appliances, further added, "Frost

free refrigerators account for about 24% of the total refrigerator sales and are growing faster than the rest of the category, at 45%. Our recently launched Godrej New Eon Valor and Godrej Eon Alpha allow consumers to get lasting preservation and more convenience and are also high on aesthetics. We are confident this new range will further strengthen our position further in the refrigerator category." Godrej New Eon Valor is available in 3 capacities - 244L, 265L and 294L, starting from INR 34,700 while Godrej Eon Alpha is available in 234L and 253L,

starting from INR 30,200. Godrej Appliances is one of the largest players in the Home Appliances space in India and has always delighted the consumer with relevant technology across a wide range of products. In 1958, Godrej was the First Indian Company to manufacture Refrigerators and has now become synonymous with the category. The company is known for delighting the consumer with innovative, relevant and green technologies. Godrej has created many milestones in the Indian appliance space - be it in the environment/energy efficiency space, including the launch of the first green AC in the world (2012), launch of the first green refrigerator in India (2001), launch of the first 5 star range of refrigerators (2008), launch of the first inverter AC in India (2005), the first refrigerator with 6 Star Performance (2012) or a pure consumer delight space like the launch of the music refrigerator, DAC (Dynamic Aqua Power Control) Technology, Tilt drum and U-Sonic technology in washing machine or Steam Microwave Ovens and Pizza/Kebab makers in Microwave Ovens. In recognition for its efforts, the brand has been conferred with many prestigious

awards and honors such as the Asia's Most Promising Brand Award (2016, 15), Reader's Digest Trusted Brand- Gold (2016, 15, 13, 12, 10, 09, 08, 07, 06), Business Superbrand (2016, 11, 10, 08), ET Promising Brand (2015) & Best Corporate Brands (2016); India Design Mark award for Green Balance ACs, Glitz Washing Machines and Edge Digi Refrigerator (2015, 14, 13), National Energy Conservation Award by Govt. of India, Ministry of Power, BEE (2016, 15, 14, 09), Good Design Award by Japan Institute of Design Promotion for Eon Frost Free Refrigerators & Eon Green Balance ACs (2016) & Edge Digi Refrigerators (2015), Golden Peacock Award for Eco Innovations (2016) and many more. Both the manufacturing units of Godrej Appliances - in Shirwal and Mohali became the first and only manufacturing units in the country to be honored with the coveted Platinum Green Co certification for their efforts in green manufacturing. Godrej's focus on balancing consumer needs with the environmental cause has enabled the organization to redefine the technology landscape in the appliances industry - to the delight of both the consumer and the environment.

Delhivery acquires Spoton to become one of the Leading B2B Express Logistics Players

Guwahati, Aug 29 : Delhivery, a leading end-to-end logistics, and supply chain services company in India, confirmed the acquisition of Bangalore-based Spoton Logistics. This move further strengthens Delhivery's existing B2B capabilities. Commenting on the announcement, Sahil Barua, Delhivery CEO, said, "This development is consistent with our objective of being growth-oriented and building scale in each of our business lines. Over 10 years Delhivery has established a leading position in B2C logistics and now by combining our part truckload business with Spoton's we will be on the path to the same position in B2B express as well. More importantly, we are well placed to provide benefits of synergies between our B2C and B2B express businesses to the customers of both Delhivery and Spoton, and further enhance our end-to-end supply chain capabilities". Abhik Mitra, Managing Director, Spoton Logistics, said, "The Spoton team and I are hugely excited to be part of Delhivery's journey of growth and value-creation. The Delhivery team

has done a tremendous job in creating a leading end-to-end logistics, and supply chain services company in India in a short span. Spoton is known for its focus on customer relationships and service quality, professional management and technology and engineering, which are values shared by Delhivery as well, and that sets us up to together be one of India's leading logistics companies. We will continue to invest in improving our clients' businesses through our investments in people, technology, network and infrastructure. Our teams and our business partners will have an opportunity to be part of a much larger organization with significant opportunities for growth". Sandeep Barasia, Chief Business Officer of Delhivery, also added, "Spton is a great business. Abhik and the team have done a fantastic job of building the company. We take great pleasure in welcoming the entire Spoton team to Delhivery. This is a coming together of two high quality companies with shared values. Our combined scale and focus on technology and data will enable us to develop new solutions for our customers and allow us to enter new verticals in freight". Samara Capital and Xponentia that together acquired Spoton from IEP in 2018, are making a full exit for cash as part of the transaction. Kotak Mahindra Capital Company acted as the financial advisor and Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co. acted as the legal advisor to Delhivery on this transaction.

Koo zooms past 1 crore downloads

Guwahati, Aug 29: Koo, India's multi-language micro-blogging app, has crossed 1 crore (10 million) downloads, registering a massive growth since its launch in March 2020. The platform now has people from all walks of life - including some of the most prominent faces like movie stars, politicians, sportspersons, authors, journalists - sharing their updates and connecting daily with their followers, in eight languages. The brainchild of serial entrepreneurs Aprameya Radhakrishna and Mayank Bidawatka, Koo is now available in 8 languages

on the platform. The likes of leading actors like Anupam Kher, Tiger Shroff, Kangana Ranaut; prominent ministers and politicians such as Himanta Biswa Sarma, Debabrata Saikia, Dr. Jyoti Basu, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi, Nitin Gadkari, Kamal Nath, Ashok Gehlot, Yogi Adityanath, Shivraj Singh Chauhan, Supriya Sule, Piyush Goyal, Ashwini Vaishnaw, Ravi Shankar Prasad, Sanjay Singh, Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy, Basavaraj Bommai, H D Kumaraswamy, Bhupinder Singh Hooda and Chandrashekhar Azad to

tial App for 2020 and got a special mention by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his Mann Ki Baat address. Multi-party Political Voices: Koo has representation from Chief Ministers of 14 Indian states and several Cabinet ministers - both Central and State. In addition, official handles or leaders of almost all political parties of India including the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Indian National Congress (INC), Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), Samajwadi Party (SP), Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), Janata Dal (United), Shiv Sena, Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD), Yuva Jagan Sramika Rhyth Congress Party (YSR Congress), Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), Janata Dal (Secular), Lok Janshakti Party, All India Majlis-e-Itehadul Muslimin (AIMIM), Suheldev Bhartiya Samaj Party, Azad Samaj Party and Apna Dal, among others have handles on Koo. Leading Media Houses Present: The Koo App boasts of over 2,500 media handles across languages and from national and regional media houses. The list includes some of the most reputed media houses like Dainik Jagran, Times of India, NDTV, India Today, Republic TV, Network 18, Zee News, Amar Ujala, The New Indian Express, The Sentinel, Guwahati Times, News 18 Assam NE, ND24, Northeast Today, News Daily 24, Dainandin Axom, etc. Celebrities: Several high-profile celebrities have created official handles to connect with fans. Tiger Shroff is the most recent high-profile celebrity to start using the Koo App. Apart from him, other well-known celebrities on the platform include Anupam Kher, Kangana Ranaut, Raveena Tandon, Lara Dutta, Vijayashanti, Anushka Shetty, Pranitha Subhash, Eesha Rebba, Naga Shaurya, etc. Sports Stars: In the run up to the Olympics, conversations on sports saw a spike on Koo. The India-England tour star, Mohammad Shami, has been very active as the conversations related to cricket and sports have begun to increase across languages. Hima Das, Wriddhiman Saha, Ishan Porel, Pragnan Ojha, Anil Kumble, Javagal Srinath, Aakash Chopra are some of the cricketers on Koo. Other sports stars include Olympians like Sakshom Mirabai Chalu, Saina Nehwal, Lovlina

Borghain, Ravi Kumar Dahiya, MC Mary Kom, Manu Bhaker, Yogeshwar Dutt, etc. Spirituality Leaders: Spiritual leaders from various belief systems can be found on Koo, including Baba Ramdev, Gundevee Sri Sri Ravishankar, Sadhguru, Gaur Gopal Das and BK Shivani. Business Accounts: In addition, several prominent brands like Flipkart, Amul, Practo, IMG HDFC Securities, UCO Bank and Steel Authority of India Limited; and business leaders like Mohandas Pai, Neeraj Khandelwal, Lizzie Chapman, Naval Ravikant and Balaji Srinivasan are on Koo. Koo was founded in March 2020, as a multi-language micro-blogging platform in both Indian languages and English, which gives a voice to the millions of Indians who communicate in Indian languages. Currently available in Hindi, Kannada, Marathi, Tamil, Telugu, Assamese, Gujarati, Bangla and English, Koo enables people from across India to express themselves online in their mother tongues. In a country where under 10% of the population speaks English as a native language, Koo meets the need for a social media platform that can deliver an immersive language experience to an Indian user, thereby enabling them to connect and interact with each other.



including Assamese, Hindi, Kannada, Marathi, Tamil, Telugu, Bangla and English. With an India-first approach to building the platform, Koo has introduced a slew of technological features that enable more Indians to engage in online conversations, empowering them to express themselves freely through the platform. Koo enables a deeper connection within the various language communities by helping find Koo users with similar interests in the same language. Koo is committed to think India-first and release a number of features catering to Indians over the next few months. A Koo spokesperson said: "Koo was started with a dream to create a digital platform where millions of Indians could express freely and share their thoughts in their preferred language. Since we launched in March 2020, the response has been heartening. Koo has achieved 1 crore downloads now. Our growth in the future will be at an even faster pace than what we've experienced in the recent past. We are both humbled and excited to pave the way for homegrown digital companies to go global as India aspires to make the 'Aatmanirbhar Digital India' dream a reality and unite the country through technology and languages." Koo has seen many prominent faces

name a few; sportspersons like Mohammed Shami, Wriddhiman Saha, Aakash Chopra, Javagal Srinath, Saina Nehwal, Abhinav Bindra, Ravi Kumar Dahiya, Mary Kom and many others. The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MEITY), Press Information Bureau (PIB), Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, MyGov, Digital India, BSNL, India Post, National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT) now have a presence on Koo. Chief Ministers of 14 Indian states, politicians from various political parties - both regional and national - and media houses are also active on Koo. The platform is now host to a plethora of Government departments and individuals who use it to showcase developments and share updates with people in Indian languages. The app facilitates active conversations as creators can express themselves and users can follow creators of their choice to create a customised feed. It is a one-of-a-kind, multi-lingual India-first platform. The app has received appreciation from all quarters, having won the Aatmanirbhar App Innovation Challenge in 2020 held by the Indian government. It was also named Google Play Store's Best Daily Essen-

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Vedanta Foundation opens new livelihood linked skill training centers



Guwahati, August 29 : Vedanta Foundation, philanthropic arm of Vedanta Group, has announced the opening of 100 new livelihood linked skill training centers across the country between August 15 and September 15. The newly established centers, also known as

Rojgar centers, will be in addition to its current 170 centres functional across India. 37 such centres were opened this month. The Foundation collaborates with social institutions like the Ramkrishna Mission, government agencies, & NGOs, to set up training centers and to reach out

to the unemployed youth. The Foundation is working closely with the industry to map possible employment opportunities in some of the Rojgar centres. Each of the companies that have recruited candidates from the Rojgar centres include State Bank of India, Axis Bank, Paytm, Reliance, Godrej, Flipkart, Amazon, Genpact, LIC, among others. Suman Didwania, Trustee, Vedanta Foundation said, "Millions of youths had lost their jobs. The state of migrant workers working in metropolises was particularly dismal. That's when we laid the foundation of our pilot project Vedanta Rojgar."

Yamaha announces Exciting Festive offers for August 2021

Guwahati, August 29 : Yamaha Motor India group of companies, one of the leading two-wheeler companies in India, today announced special offers, in lieu of the upcoming festivities, which are valid till 31st August '21. The offers are currently valid on Yamaha's scooter range available in India, which includes the newly launched Fascino 125 Fi Hybrid, followed by the Ray ZR 125 Fi, Ray ZR Street Rally 125 Fland the non-Hybrid version of the Fascino 125 Fi. The customers who are planning to purchase a Yamaha scooter in August will get an assured gift worth Rs. 2,999. In addition to this, they also stand a chance to win a bumper prize as well as additional

benefits of Rs. 20,000 and more. Going forward, Yamaha will continue to announce exciting offers for its entire range of two-wheelers in India, enabling customers to make the most of the upcoming festivities. Yamaha's current product portfolio includes YZF-R15 version 3.0 (155cc) with ABS, MT-15 (155cc) with ABS; Blue-Core Technology-enabled models such as FZ.25 (249cc) with ABS, FZS 25 (249cc) with ABS, FZ-S FI (149cc) with ABS, FZ FI (149cc) with ABS, FZ-X (149cc) with ABS and UBS enabled scooters like Fascino 125 Fi Hybrid (125cc), Fascino 125 Fi (125cc), Ray ZR 125 Fi (125cc) and Street Rally 125 Fi (125cc).

Theranos founder claims abuse by ex-boyfriend in fraud trial - court filings

Chicago, August 29 : Theranos Inc founder Elizabeth Holmes has accused her former boyfriend, who was president of the blood-testing startup, of abusing her, court documents unsealed on Saturday showed, hinting at a possible defense strategy with jury selection in her fraud trial set to start next week. In court filings submitted more than 18 months ago, Holmes' lawyers said they planned to present evidence that Ramesh "Sunny" Balwani abused her emotionally and psychologically in a relationship that spanned more than a decade. That includes the period when the company claimed its technology could enable a wide array of medical tests with a few drops of blood. Theranos, which Holmes founded in 2003 at the age of 19, collapsed in March 2018 when she, Balwani and the \$9 billion company were charged with fraud by U.S. regulators. Theranos had made Holmes, a



Stanford University dropout, a Silicon Valley star. In the filings, Holmes' lawyers argued that the alleged "intimate partner abuse" was relevant to the question of whether she knew that financial information provided to investors and others was false. Holmes intends to blame Balwani, alleging

he exerted controlled over her through the abusive relationship, the filings indicate. Balwani, whose case is being handled separately, has denied the allegations. "Mr. Balwani unequivocally denies that he engaged in any abuse at any time," his lawyers wrote in a December 2019 filing. Holmes

and Balwani have both pleaded not guilty to charges that they defrauded investors, doctors and patients by falsely claiming Theranos could revolutionize medical lab testing with its technology. Lawyers at Williams & Connolly for Holmes and attorneys for Balwani at Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe could not immediately be reached for comment. Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeff Schenk, the lead prosecutor on the case, did not respond to an email seeking comment. Holmes' lawyers had previously flagged they would make her mental health an issue in the case. Last year they said Mindy Mechanic, a California State University at Fullerton professor specializing in psychosocial consequences of violence, trauma and victimization, would offer expert testimony at trial. The case is United States v. Holmes, U.S. District Court, Northern District of California, No. 18-cr-00258.

Vi Movies & TV' in 'Vi App

Guwahati, August 29 : Vi has announced a significant capacity addition by integrating 'Vi Movies & TV App' into the 'Vi App', which allows customers to stream their favourite content seamlessly. Vi App will now double up as an OTT app offering a rich repertoire of content, in addition to the wide range of products & services available. Vi subscribers can now access robust content on Vi App from 450+ Live TV channels which include Zee TV, Zee Cinema, Colors HD, Colors Infinity, Discovery, MTV and many more, Live News on channels and Premium content from OTT apps like Voot Select, Discovery, Lionsgate Play, SunNxt and Shemaroo Me etc.

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Tokyo Paralympics Nishad Kumar wins silver medal in T47

Dallas Wise won gold and bronze medals respectively. Townsend made the jump of 2.15m while Wise recorded a jump of 2.06 m. Nishad and Wise both finished on the same mark, but Nishad had crossed the 2.02 mark in his first attempt while Wise took two, as a result, Nishad won silver. India's Rampal Chahar finished at the fifth spot with a jump of 1.94m. Earlier, paddler Bhavinaben Patel became only the second Indian woman to win a medal at the Paralympics after she won a historic silver following a 0-3 loss to China's Ying Zhou in the women's singles table tennis class 4 final. Bhavina is the first table tennis player ever to win a medal at the Paralympics for India and the second female athlete after PCI chief Deepa Malik to achieve this feat. Deepa had won silver at Rio 2016 in women's shot put.

India-Pakistan ceasefire successful because of our strength : Defence

arms, funds and training to terrorists'. Speaking on 'Defence reforms in shifting National Security paradigm', Singh said, "If a ceasefire (between India and Pakistan) is successful today, it is because of our strength. In 2016, cross-border strikes changed our reactionary mindset into a proactive mindset, which was further strengthened by the Balakot airstrike in 2019." "I want to salute the armed forces who defeated the neighbour (Pakistan) which has been targeting our nation," he added. Singh said that "despite challenges at our borders", citizens are confident there will be "no compromise" with India's national security. The Defence Minister stated, "The belief that India would not only end terrorism on its own land but also not hesitate to conduct counter-terrorism operations on their land if needed is gradually becoming stronger." Commenting on the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan, Singh said the changing equation in the Afghan nation has emerged as a challenge for India. "The changing equation in Afghanistan is a challenge for us. These situations have forced our country to rethink its strategy. We are changing our strategy and the formation of QUAD underlines this strategy," the Defence Minister said. He added that the Defence Ministry is "seriously considering the formation of Integrated Battle Groups" amid these developments.

Sishu Niketan launches Higher Sec

school and has completed over 55 years of its glorious existence and it enjoys the reputation of being a premier high school of the city providing quality affordable education. The school has state of the art infrastructure and well qualified dedicated teaching staff. This has ensured consistent excellent results by the students of the school in the HSLC examinations in the past. Secretary of the School Prof. (Dr) Pradeep K Jain informed that the school plans to organise career development programmes with competent resource persons for the students from time to time and expressed confidence that the school will emerge as a leading institute of higher secondary education in the near future.

2,000 students apply for admission to Kalaguru Bishnu Rabha Junior

about increasing the number of students as compared to the previous year. But the recent 2,000 number suing for admission to the college through an online portal has worried the college authorities, About 2,000 students from villages, towns etc. from different areas of the area as well as often 50/60 km around the area have already applied online in the college which can barely teach only 400 students. The number of students applying and the college's capacity has often been worried about being 4 times higher. Already, Politics 2, A total of six lecturer posts are lying vacant in the college due to the retirement of 1 person in history, education, economics and the death of the assamese subject lecturer in an accident. How to teach students even after six lecturers are lying vacant in the college which has to admit students free of cost has become a matter of concern. There is another new problem in the dissolution of the governing body already in the college. It has issued an official directive to select and enroll names on merit basis between September 1 and September 5. As a result hundreds of students from all over Orang region do not see hope of getting the facility to enroll kalaguru Bishnu Rabha College this time. On the other hand, the college infrastructure is not improved to enroll a large number of students. Classrooms, Desk benches, teachers etc. have to be done as and when required. So this time it is already certain that most of the students are deprived of admission to the college. It is expected that a terrible situation may also arise if it is not able to enroll in the college in the entire Orang region this afternoon. So the concerned department, Concerned citizens have urged the authorities to come up with a solution and take appropriate action on the admission issue.

100% organic farming by a Doctor

of chillies, Sugarcane (saccharum plants) and various types of vegetables are cultivated. 100 % organic vegetables of this farm are sold in local areas like Kukurmara, Chhaygaon, Saru Tezpur, Rampur, Batarhat, Bijoynagar etc. It may be mentioned here that the farm has become a source of livelihood for 10-12 families during the financial crisis due to the corona virus. The development of the farm has been hampered by the lack of necessary markets. Ashok das, a professor of Bilasipara college, who is particularly involved with the farm, said that the need for markets, improved transportation systems, the duality of pesticide fertilizers in the market are important. It is worth mentioning that, due to the recent torrential rains, the flooding has caused a lot considerable damage to the farm. In such times, the farm should be assisted by the department of agriculture.

UK PM Boris Johnson defends Kabul airlift as criticism grows

to Britain after the airlift had ended. "It really is an unparalleled moment of shame for this government, that we've allowed it to come to this," she told Sky News. Johnson said troops and UK officials had worked around the clock and in harrowing conditions to complete a mission "unlike anything we've seen in our lifetimes". Speaking to the 150,000 men and women who completed a tour of Afghanistan, and the families of the 457 who died there, Johnson said they had succeeded in keeping Britain safe and in improving the livelihoods for locals there. "It is at the darkest and most difficult moments that the Armed Forces of this country have always performed their greatest and most astonishing feats," he said of the final departure. One flight carrying troops and London's ambassador to Afghanistan, Laurie Bristow, landed back in Britain on Sunday morning and further flights are expected later in the day.

Chief Minister of Karnataka, today inaugurated Bengaluru

best amongst all metro networks in the country. Since the inauguration of first metro line in Delhi in 2002, today about 730 kms of metro lines are operational in 18 different cities. About 1,049 kms of metro rail / RRTS projects are under construction in various cities". Thanking the Central Government for all the cooperation, Karnataka Chief Minister said, "The state believes that with the support and guidance of Central Government, the state will overcome the challenges in building new urban centres. Nava Karnataka for Nava Bharat will help the vision of New India come true".

Passenger train service between Manipur and Assam flagged off by

start from Jiribam at 01-30 PM to reach Silchar at 03-30 PM. The train timings and days of run have been planned to facilitate the passengers of Imphal to board long distance trains from Silchar. The train will have 8(eight) General class compartments and 2(two) luggage cum guard vans. The train will stop at seven stations during its journey. This service is expected to boost the socio-economic condition of the people of Manipur. It may be mentioned here that the train service on this route was suspended w.e.f. from 07.06.2019 due low patronage and Covid 19 pandemic. Shri Raosaheb Patil Danve, Minister of State of Railways also reviewed the progress of various ongoing railway projects of Northeast Frontier Railway. Shri Anshul Gupta, General Manager/Northeast Frontier Railway gave a presentation to Minister on overall performance of Northeast Frontier Railway (Open line) and day to day functioning pertaining to operation of trains and development of passenger amenities in various states. Shri Sunil Sharma General Manager/Northeast Frontier Railway (Construction) along with senior railway officials from the construction organization also gave a presentation of the ongoing projects of Railway Construction in North east. It may be mentioned here that, a 100 feet tall Monumental Flag was installed recently at the Jiribam Railway station which is the District Headquarter of the Jiribam district of Manipur. This has not only improved the aesthetics of the station but has also imparted a sense of nationalism & patriotism among the passengers of Indian Railways. It may be mentioned here that the Northeast Frontier Railway (Construction) organization is executing the Jiribam - Imphal New BG railway line projects (110.625 kms) at an anticipated cost of Rs. 12,264.15 crs. Eight new station buildings, 11 major bridges, 134 minor bridges, 4 Road Over Bridges, 12 Road Under Bridges and more than 71066 meter of tunneling are being constructed. The target date for completion of the project is December 2023. Various issues related to timely completion of the project was discussed by all stake holders. Timely completion of this project is very crucial for further extending rail connectivity to Myanmar in future, keeping with the "Act East" policy of the Govt. of India.

PIB Shillong organizes Webinar on 'Unsung Heroes of Meghalaya' to Commemorate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

Experts Highlight the Freedom Movement in Meghalaya

Shillong, August 29: Press Information Bureau Shillong held a virtual discussion on 'Unsung Heroes of Meghalaya' as part of the nationwide celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. With India celebrating its 75th year of independence, the discussion highlighted the efforts of the Freedom Fighters, Historians, Writers and the associated people to develop the sentiment of anti-British and embracing freedom instead. Today's webinar reminisced the country's freedom and marked the occasion of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav in reverence of the unsung Heroes of Meghalaya. Senior Journalist and President of the Shillong Press Club, Shri David Laitphlang began the webinar with his welcome address, wherein he introduced the Speakers for the session - HoD, History, North Eastern Hill University (NEHU), Professor CA Mawlong, Professor S Lamare, History department, NEHU and Wing Commander Shri Ratnakar Singh, PRO, Defence, Shillong. Prof (Dr) Mawlong dwelt on the freedom struggle of the Unsung Heroes of Khasis. She began with the valour of U Tirot Sing, the great freedom fighter from Khasi Hills, who declared war and fought against British for attempting to take over control of the land of the Khasis. She touched upon the efforts of different Writers and Historians to represent the Freedom Fighters from the Khasis. She highlighted how these writers were successful in empowering the Khasis and they were successful in bringing to the fore who Khasis were. Prof. Shobhan.N. Lamare, Department of History, North-Eastern Hills University who is known for his researches and works relating to the life and history of the Jaintias dwelt upon the freedom struggle of the Jaintias in an attempt to understand the colonial psyche and the Jaintia resistance. U Kiang Nangbah, a commoner, was chosen and garlanded by the Daloi of Nartiang to lead the struggle against British Imperialism. U Kiang Nangbah and his most trusted Lieutenant U Chey Rangbah toured and inspired the people. The leaders who were working with U Kiang Nangbah were U Long Padu, U Swar Sutnga, U Mon Rymbai, U Bang, U Bakher, U Mulon Mynso, U Kiang Sule, U Kat Changpung and U Woh Rieng. U Mulon, the former Daloi of Mynso and the principal leader after the execution of U Kiang Nangbah declared his determination to carry on the fight till the last. He was regarded as the successor of U Kiang Nangbah. In the mean time U Sa Nartiang, the son of U Kat from Rymbai was captured and tried by Captain Morton on 16th January 1863. He was found guilty of rebelling against the British and was hanged. Senior Journalist and President Shillong Press Club, Shri David Laitphlang in his address appreciated the efforts of the Press Information Bureau in holding the webinar to spread information about the contribution of freedom fighters including 'Unsung Heroes' of the freedom struggle. He opined that the learnings should be part of the regular curriculum in schools and colleges of the state. He also opined that the findings and minutes of the webinar, comprising the recommendation of the panelists, should be shared with the State Education Department. Shri S N Pradhan, Additional Director General, North East Zone, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting said that Press Information Bureau can share details of the webinar with the state government with recommendation from the panelists. He added that the government, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, aims to strengthen the economic development of the Northeastern Region (NER) in order to promote economic cooperation, cultural ties, and developing a strategic relationship with countries in the Indo-pacific region. Wing Commander Shri Ratnakar Singh, PRO, Defence, Shillong congratulated the team of Press Information Bureau in successfully holding the interactive webinar on Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. Media and Communication Officer, PIB Shillong, Shri Gopajit Das moderated today's session on 'Unsung Heroes of Meghalaya'

A 26-year-old man from Tangla is diagnosed with cancer Seek for help

Correspondent

Udalguri, August 29: Sujit Dhar (26), son of Dulal Dhar and Sandhya Dhar of Bartangla in Paneri constituency of Udalguri district, has been diagnosed with cancer for about 10 months and now bedridden. For his treatment in B. Borooah Cancer hospital in Guwahati, he sold all his property including jewellery, cows and goats. But, the financially weak family is not able to take him for treatment due to financial crisis, as a result, Sujit Dhar is now completely bedridden due to lack of treatment. Biswajit Daimari, MLA of Paneri and Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, had donated Rs 20,000, though it cost over Rs 20,000 to go to the hospital once. Sujit Dhar's father Dulal Dhar is the only source of income for the family. Dulal, who works as an electrician from house to house, lives with 6 family members along with his wife, Sujit Dhar, wife of Sujit dhar and Sujit's two sons. The family did not get any medical facilities despite having Atal Amrit card. Eventually, his father, Dulal, lost his way and seek help from government. On the other hand Sujit Dhar and his mother appealed to the government and kind hearted people for help. All those who want to help should call 97063-19964 and also family members requested to help with some amount in the bank account A/C No. 39679262911 IFSC Code SBIN0007118.

Tokyo Paralympics: Bhavina Patel wins Silver Medal; India's First in Table Tennis

Tokyo, Aug 29: India's Bhavina Patel opened the account for India at the Tokyo Paralympics Games winning a historic silver medal in the women's individual Class 4 Table Tennis on Sunday. Patel, ranked World No.12, went down to World No.1 and London Games Gold Medalist, Zhou Ying in straight Games 7-11, 7-11, 6-11 in 19 minutes. Bhavina had lost to Ying in her opening match at the Games and had not won against her Chinese opponent in her last eight matches, and in the final, the Indian fell short yet again. Bhavina had had a brilliant run to the final beating higher-ranked opponents during her campaign. This is India's first medal in Table Tennis, fifth silver at the Paralympic Games. She also becomes only the second women para-athlete to finish at the podium after Deepa Malik's claimed silver at the Women's Shot Put F53 in Rio 2016. Bhavina lost the first game 7-11 to World No.1 Ying in just six minutes and even though showed some fight in the second, Ying was too strong and took a 2-0 lead with an 11-5 win. Ying's strategy was clear as she avoided Bhavina's forehand as much as possible and employed the long balls on the table stifling Bhavina's reach. In the third game, Ying had four gold medal points and claimed her third singles gold medal at the Paralympic Games with a smash to the body to close out 6-11. On Saturday, the 34-year-old Patel had beaten world no. 3 Chinese opponent 7-11, 11-7, 11-4, 9-11, and 11-8 in the semifinal showdown that lasted 34 minutes. Competing in her maiden Paralympics, Patel lost the opening game in a tight contest. But, she made a strong recovery, claiming the next two games. In the quarterfinal on Friday, Patel had defeated 2016 Rio Paralympics gold winner and world number two Borislava Peric Rankovic of Serbia to clinch a medal and script history. She made her international debut in 2009 at Jordan and won her first medal in 2011, a silver by beating her Chinese opponent at the Para Table Tennis Thailand Open. There was no stopping her as Bhavina won a historic silver medal, India's first, in Asian Regional Championship in 2013. She continued to play international tournaments in various countries like Jordan, Taiwan, China, South Korea, Germany, Indonesia, Slovenia, Thailand, Spain, the Netherlands, and Egypt but a gold medal continued to elude her. Having taken up table tennis around 2004 to maintain fitness, the sport became her passion. After three years of hard work and practice, she won her first national title in Para Table Tennis Nationals in Bangalore in 2007 and that set her on a course that has taken



her to the Tokyo 2020 and a place in India's Paralympic Games history as the first table tennis player to win a medal. But Bhavina was not so dedicated and hard-working initially. Born on November 6, 1986, at Sundhiya village, Vadnagar, in Mehsana district of Gujarat, she got infected by poliomyelitis when she was 12 months old. Coming from a middle-class background, her father could not get her treated when she was young. Though he had to take care of a family of five, he managed to get Bhavina operated upon at Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh but the surgery did not yield desired results as Bhavina was careless and did not follow the rehab procedure properly. Indian para table tennis player Bhavina Patel on Sunday gave the country its first medal in the ongoing Tokyo Paralympics 2020. She bagged the silver medal after losing the summit clash 3-0 against world number one Chinese paddler Ying Zhou in the women's singles class 4 final. Making her maiden appearance at the Paralympics, Bhavina showed grit and lost two matches in her way to the medal, which also is India's first in Paralympics table tennis. The 34-year-old after winning the medal expressed the desire to meet batting maestro Sachin Tendulkar, who has been one of the biggest motivator in her career. Bhavina said: "I have always been inspired by Sachin Tendulkar. I want to see him with my own eyes and I want to soak in all the motivational speeches from him that will give me even more confidence." Master Blaster Sachin Tendulkar praised paddler Bhavina Patel for winning a silver in the ongoing Tokyo Paralympics and said every medal India win will "inspire millions into the sport". The Table Tennis Federation of India announced a Rs 31 lakh cash reward for Bhavina. Haryana Deputy Chief Minister and TTFI President Dushyant Chautala announced the cash reward via a social media post. Bhavina lost the final on Sunday but capped off a memorable campaign with a historic silver. The 34-year-old Patel's impressive run at the Games ended with a fighting 7-11 5-11 6-11 loss to China's Ying Zhou, a two-time gold medalist. Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Shri Anurag Thakur went back in history and recollected some cherished moments Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had shared with Bhavina. The Union Minister shared a photo from 2010 where Bhavina and her compatriot Sonalben Patel were felicitated by the then-Gujarat Chief Minister, Shri Narendra Modi. "Sonal and Bhavina were heading for the 2010 Delhi Commonwealth Games. CM Narendra Modi met and encouraged them to give their best," Shri Thakur wrote on his Twitter. "Building a sports culture, supporting every sport and sportspersons has been a lifelong endeavour, which continues and bears its fruits today. Sportspersons' Prime Minister!" the tweet further read. Prime Minister called up Bhavina following her final match against Zhou Ying on Sunday morning and congratulated her on winning the silver medal. The 34-year-old Indian para-Table Tennis player, ranked 12th in the world in the Class 4 category, had a big mountain to climb against Ying in the final. She went down 0-3 to the World No 1, who now has six gold medals from four Paralympic Games. Bhavina had come up short against the Chinese in her opening group stage match as well. Nevertheless, the amount of upsets she caused right from the pre-quarters stage is noteworthy. Bhavina, playing just her maiden Paralympic Games, won her round of 16 match against Brazil's Joyce de Oliveira, a higher-ranked opponent, in straight games 3-0. Serbia's Borislava Peric, Bhavina's opponent in the QF, was a gold as well as a silver medalist at the 2016 Rio Paralympics. The Indian dominated her en-route a 3-0 victory as well. In semis, Bhavina defeated 2012 Paralympics gold medalist and 2016 Paralympics silver medalist Zhang Miao in a 3-2 thriller. Bhavina has been given the utmost support as possible by the Government of India in terms of participation in international competitions, financial assistance towards procuring a TT Table, TT Robot 'Butterfly - Amicus Prime', worth Rs 2.85 lakh as well as an Ottobock Wheelchair worth Rs 2.74 Lakh.

Bajrang backs Neeraj protest over 'agenda', says respect athletes, whether from Pak or elsewhere

Chandigarh, August 29 :

A day after Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra urged people to not use his name to "further propaganda and dirty agenda", fellow Olympians, including Tokyo Games medalist Bajrang Punia, came out in his support, saying sport should not be used as a medium to discriminate. "Whether the athlete is from Pakistan or any other country, he represents his nation. He is a sportsperson first. So it's not like we'll say something against that person because he is from Pakistan. There should be respect for athletes," wrestler Bajrang, who won the bronze medal in the 65kg weight class on the same day that Chopra won the javelin gold, told PTI. Chopra was dragged into a controversy after his comment in an interview, that Pakistani javelin thrower Arshad Nadeem was "moving around" with his javelin during the Olympic final, were twisted by people with "vested interests". Thursday, Chopra said on Twitter: "I would request everyone to please not use me and my comments as a medium to further your vested interests and propaganda. Sports teaches us to be together and united. I'm extremely disappointed to see some of the reactions from the public on my recent comments. "Nadeem said the two throwers were "very good friends". He told The Indian Express on



Friday: "Neeraj bhaine bikultheek kahahi. Hum donobahutachche dost ha in a ura is ch eezennahinhonichahiye (Neeraj did the right thing. We are very good friends and such things should not happen)." Chopra's comments received backing from the wider sporting fraternity in India. Rio Olympics bronze medalist wrestler Sakshi Malik said: "I completely don't approve of athletes being dragged into controversies or being used for political reasons and to spread hate. And we are pulled into bizarre controversies. Like Neeraj has been very badly affected by what happened, and just thinking that a very small out-of-context remark blew up into such a massive controversy."

"All kinds of weird questions are being asked and news channels turned a small normal act of the Pakistani javelin thrower using Neeraj's javelin for one attempt," Sakshi said. "I'd urge fans to support Indian athletes and understand at same time that our on-field rivalries do not ever equate to off-field enmity. They are our friends and peers from the same sport. And no athlete will be comfortable to be used for hate against another nation." Table tennis player Sharath Kamal called the incident "disturbing". "When we competed in the SAFF Games in 2004 in Islamabad, there was always police or army escort with us. It was always the same person, so we got talking, and both sides realised that

what we are told is different from what the reality on the ground is. We're all the same people," Kamal, a four-time Olympian, told this paper. He added: "We went shopping and he came along with us, showing us which shop to go to, what are the good things to buy, and what are not. That's when we realised how much hatred is fed to people around, which is unnecessary." Chopra and Nadeem, who finished fifth in Tokyo, share a cordial relationship outside competition. Even before the final, the duo sat next to each other during their bus ride from the Athletes' Village to the National Stadium, reliving old memories. Bajrang said it was important for people to respect the spirit athletes share. "I haven't seen Neeraj's video, but sport teaches us how to remain united, instead of discriminating. When I meet wrestlers from Russia, USA, it's always very cordial, it doesn't feel like we are rivals; we are all like brothers. The competitive spirit is on the mat only," Bajrang said. His views were echoed by former India hockey captain Viren Rasquinha, who said sports and politics should not be mixed. "Whether I played against Pakistan or Australia or Germany... it's all the same. It's war on the ground, but I shake hands before the game and shake hands after the game. We don't take anything outside

the field," Rasquinha said. "I've always believed that we should play sport in its purest form. Give everything for the country in the match that we're representing, but let's not mix (sports and politics)," he said. During the Tokyo Olympics final, Chopra, before his first throw, could not find his javelin before realising it was with Arshad. He asked for it and sprinted to the start of his run-up. "I was searching for my javelin at the start of the final (in Olympics). I was not able to find it. Suddenly I saw Arshad Nadeem was moving around with my javelin. Then I told him 'bhai give this javelin to me. It is my javelin. I have to throw with it'. That is why you must have seen I took my first throw hurriedly," Chopra told PTI. Stories run by a few websites, based on this quote, and comments on social media portrayed Nadeem as the bad guy. Discuss thrower Kamal Preet Kaur, who finished sixth at the Tokyo Games, called Nadeem a "good person" who is always "eager to learn". "When on the field, I can understand that players compete against each other. But once off the field, we all are good friends," she said. "Sport does not know any boundaries. Be it India, be it Pakistan, sports should be seen in the right spirit."

Cristiano Ronaldo's Salary At Man United CR7 To Become The Club's Highest-paid Player

Portugal, August 29 :



Ronaldo's new contract from Man United will see him earn £480,000 per week and would propel him to the top of the club's highest-paid players. Cristiano Ronaldo is set to become Manchester United's highest-paid player following his transfer from Juventus. Ronaldo's stunning homecoming to Old Trafford will earn him £480,000 a week, making him the club's highest-paid player. On Friday, August 27, the Portuguese star made a spectacular return to Man United after appearing to be poised to join rivals Manchester City only hours before. As per reports, City had been dominating the fight for Ronaldo's signing for most of the transfer drama. However, they eventually called it quits due to claimed differences about the transfer's terms. As a result of the scenario, Manchester United were able to make their way in and re-sign Ronaldo with a call from Sir Alex Ferguson having played a part in changing the mind of the player. Ronaldo's new contract from United will see him earn £480,000 per week and would propel him to the top of the Premier League club's highest-paid players,

surpassing David de Gea, who makes £375,000 per week on his United contract. Paul Pogba was second on United's list with £290k per week, while United's new acquisitions Jadon Sancho and Raphael Varane make £350k and £340k per week, respectively. Manchester United released a statement after signing Cristiano Ronaldo from Juventus on a two-year deal. Ronaldo moved back to Portugal after bidding goodbye to the Italian club and will now join the United squad after clearing the medical and other requirements. "Manchester United is delighted to confirm that the club has reached an agreement with Juventus for the transfer of Cristiano Ronaldo, subject to agreement of personal terms, visa, and medical. Cristiano, a five-time Ballon d'Or winner, has so far won over 30 major trophies during his career, including five UEFA Champions League titles, four FIFA Club World Cups, seven league titles in England, Spain, and Italy, and the European Championship for his native Portugal. In his first spell for Manchester United, he scored 118 goals in 292 games. Everyone at the club looks forward to welcoming Cristiano back to Manchester," read Manchester United's statement.

Chongtham, Suresh in final of Asian Youth & Junior Boxing

New Delhi, August 29 :



Three Indian youth boxers, led by 2021 World Youth bronze medalist Bishwamitra Chongtham (51kg) stormed into the finals at ASBC Asian Youth & Junior Boxing Championships in Dubai on Saturday. In the 51kg semifinal, Bishwamitra Chongtham continued his rich form and made light work of Tajikistan's Abdurakhmonzoda Akarali on his way to the final. The sharp and diminutive Indian boxer displayed his speed and skill throughout the bout and played on the counter to secure an easy 5-0 win. He will face Kuzboev Ahmadjon of Uzbekistan in the final. In the light-flyweight semifinal, Vishwamath Suresh (48kg) was up against Brunei's Sayed Fadel. The Indian boxer had a tough start in the first round but after gauging his opponent's strategy, he came

back strongly in the remaining rounds and played from a distance to convincingly win the bout 5-0. He will square off against Kazakhstan's Sanzarfashenbay in the final. In one of the closest semifinal bouts of the day, Jaydeep Rawat (71kg) faced Murasebekov Bekbol of Kyrgyzstan. The bout witnessed a lot of mighty blows from both sides and a lot of clinching in what was a high-intensity attacking affair. Throwing caution to the wind, India's Jaydeep decided to go for an all-out attack in the last round and landed more clear punches to nail a 3-2 split victory. He will face a tough challenge from Abdullaev Alokxon of Uzbekistan in the final. On the other hand, Deepak (75kg) suffered a 1-4 defeat against Kazakhstan's Bakbergen Aliaskarov in the semifinal. In the 70kg women's semifinal, Lashu Yadav lost 0-5 to Gauhkar Shaibekova of Kazakhstan.

Learnt wobble seam delivery from Jimmy: Ollie Robinson

Leeds, August 29 :

England pacer Ollie Robinson on Saturday said his legendary teammate James Anderson helped him in tweaking his wobble grip ball technique and it gave him a perfect result in the third Test against India. Robinson exploited the second new ball on the fourth morning en route splendid bowling figures of 26-65-5 as England drew level in the five match series with an innings and 76 runs win. "I noticed Jimmy holding his wobble grip slightly differently. I was holding it from the other side so I spoke to him and just tried to practice it in the nets," Robinson told reporters after his man-of-the-match performance. "It went quite nicely, so I tried it in the game and it worked quite well. It's something I need to practice



a bit more. This learning opportunity is invaluable for me at this stage in my career and luckily it came off today." "Obviously, it's great to open the bowling with Jimmy and build pressure on both ends. I enjoyed it and hopefully I can continue." India collapsed from 215 for two to 278 all out. England began the proceedings

with the second new ball and it all began with Robinson dismissing Cheteshwar Pujara on his overnight score of 91. Out-of-form India skipper Virat Kohli got to his first fifty of the series but only

to be dismissed by Robinson that triggered a stunning collapse. "It feels like a very special day, I don't quite feel like it's settled in yet. For me, it's one of the great days in my cricket career, to get my first Test win is really special." On taking the prized scalp of Kohli, he said: "It is an amazing feeling. The crowds here were unbelievable. The noise when we got Kohli out was deafening, just an unbelievable experience and feeling to get that wicket." Not long ago, the Sussex pacer had doubts over his fate in England cricket as he was suspended for offensive old racist tweets

following his spectacular Test debut against New Zealand in June. After his apology, the Sussex seamer earned a recall for the Trent Bridge Test where he grabbed his maiden wicket. "It's off the back of quite a few hard years, I've had to work hard to get here and do a lot of extra to get here so to get the rewards in the last four Test matches has been very pleasing," the 27-year-old said. "When you are performing obviously the scrutiny is off you a little bit. It (the racist tweet episode) is still quite fresh in my memory and I'm trying to work on becoming a better person."

India vs England, 3rd Test : Ollie Robinson blows away India as England win by an innings and 76 runs

Leeds, August 29 :

Pacer Ollie Robinson engineered a middle-order collapse with the second new ball as England completed a facile innings and 76 run victory against India on the fourth day of the third Test, here on Saturday. All the good work on Friday when India reached 215 for two at stumps was completely undone as Robinson (5/26) and James Anderson (1/26) hit the right lengths and got movement off the pitch to wrap up the Indian innings in a jiffy. It was a match that England won by executing their strategies to perfection with an idea of opposition's soft underbellies. It was Robinson's second five-for in the series and the tall seamer after a difficult initiation to Test cricket due to off-field controversies is proving to be an asset for this team. Robinson had served an unconditional apology after his racist tweets surfaced on the day of his Test debut against New Zealand in June. India had

lost the match on the first day itself when they were bowled out for 78 as it meant that they were always playing a catching up game in this Test match. India skipper Virat Kohli said it was high quality bowling from England that forced mistakes from the visiting batsmen. "It's quite bizarre, it can happen in this country, batting collapses. We thought the pitch was good to bat on, coming on nicely. But the discipline forced mistakes and the pressure was relentless. Difficult to cope when you're not scoring runs. That caused the batting order to crumble," he said. A huge first innings lead of 354 taken by England only increased the worry with three days of batting needed to save the game. Kohli acknowledged the "scoreboard pressure". "Always up against it when you get out for under 80, and the opposition puts up such a big score. But we did well to stay in the game yesterday, fight back as much as we could, and gave ourselves a chance. "But the pressure today was outstanding from the England

bowlers and eventually they got the results they wanted," he said. It was an improbable task to bat out three days in conditions which can change rapidly to make batting difficult. Playing out time isn't a virtue that many in this team, save likes of Rohit Sharma and Cheteshwar Pujara, possess. The middle-order which looked solid yesterday was completely rattled on penultimate morning under bright sunshine as most of the batsmen didn't know where there off-stump was which was pretty baffling if one takes the third day's performance into consideration. India lost eight wickets for addition of only 63 runs and the memories of a morning collapse in Adelaide once again became fresh as good balls found their way either into the gloves or hands of slip fielders. It started with Cheteshwar Pujara (91) misjudging the length of Robinson's in-cutter which he perhaps thought would fly over the stumps as he decided not to offer a shot. A good



review taken by Joe Root saw India number three's back but there was still hope for a fight as skipper Virat Kohli clipped Anderson for two boundaries en route his first fifty of the series. However unlike third evening, the Indian skipper again looked circumspect as he played and missed a few and survived a caught behind chance. But Robinson then decisively tilted the game with a nicely pitched up delivery that was slightly angled in and

Kohli jabbed at it and the result was the fifth consecutive time in this series that he was gobbled up either by wicketkeeper or the slip cordon. Saturday was slip's turn where his opposite number Joe Root was standing. Ajinkya Rahane (10) got a couple of boundaries but it was another similar manner of dismissal for the Test vice-captain as Anderson got one to straighten from length which took the outside

Crystal Palace sign midfielder Hughes from Watford

London, August 29 :

Crystal Palace have signed midfielder Will Hughes from newly promoted Watford on a three-year-deal, the south London club announced on Saturday. Hughes spent the past four seasons at Watford, helping them to reach the FA Cup final in 2019 and making more than 100 appearances



for the club. He also played a key role in their promotion back to the Premier League last season, following Watford's relegation in 2020. "Fans want to see players give 100% and that's the minimum I'll give," Hughes told Palace TV. "Palace are planning for the future and it's exciting times ahead. They're not just planning for the here and now, which is obviously important, but they've got a big project going on here so it's exciting to be part of it." Hughes is Palace manager Patrick Vieira's sixth signing of the transfer window, after the additions of Marc Guehi, Joachim Andersen, Michael Olise, Remi Matthews and Conor Gallagher, signed on loan from Chelsea's under-23 team. Palace face West Ham United in the Premier League later on Saturday.

Naomi Osaka to donate prize earnings to Haiti earthquake relief efforts

New York, August 29 :

The tennis star Naomi Osaka has announced that she will donate prize earnings from her next tournament to support relief efforts in Haiti, where a 7.2 magnitude earthquake killed at least 1,297 people over the weekend and



injured more than 5,700. Osaka, who is of Haitian and

Japanese descent, made the announcement on Twitter on Sunday. "Really hurts to see all the devastation that's going on in Haiti," she wrote, "and I feel like we really can't catch a break. I'm about to play a tournament this week and I'll give all the prize

money to relief efforts for Haiti. I know our ancestors blood is strong we'll keep rising." The 23-year old four-time Grand Slam champion will play in the Western and Southern Open in Cincinnati, which begins on Monday. The tournament is expected to award the women's singles winner \$255,220. The runner-up will receive \$188,945. Osaka, seeded No 2 with a bye into the second round, will be playing her first tournament since the Tokyo Olympics, where she lost in the third round to Marketa Vondrousova. That performance came months after she pulled out of the French Open and the Australian Open, citing mental health concerns. Osaka has used her growing platform to bring attention to issues including police violence, racial justice and stigmas surrounding mental health. Saturday's earthquake struck the southwestern part of Haiti, de-

stroying towns and triggering immense landslides. "There are many people injured. The hospitals are overwhelmed. Some are treating people on the floor; some are just sending people back home," said Akim Kikonda, an air worker from the Catholic Relief Services. The damages are expected to worsen, as Tropical Storm Grace is predicted to reach the country late on Monday or early Tuesday, bringing torrential rainfall that may trigger flooding and mudslides. Haiti's prime minister, Ariel Henry, declared a one-month state of emergency and said he would not ask for international help until the extent of the damage was known. He also called for "structural solidarity" to ensure the relief response was coordinated to avoid the confusion that followed a devastating earthquake in 2010, when aid was slow to reach residents.

Delighted to see India embrace the Paralympics this year : Sachin Tendulkar

Tokyo, August 29 :

It is time for the Paralympics and I would like to appeal to all Indians to get behind our contingent of 54 athletes in Tokyo. I have always believed that these women and men are not athletes with special abilities. Rather, they are women and men of extraordinary ability who are all real-life heroes for each one of us. Their journeys are an eye-opener to what women and men can do with passion, commitment



and determination and serve as inspiration for every one of us. I have always believed that if we can celebrate our Paralympic athletes in the

very same manner that we celebrate our Olympic heroes and our cricketers, we can become a better society. And it is not simply about the

medal winners. Not every athlete among the 54 participating in the Paralympics will win a medal. However, it is important we celebrate them all. We need to celebrate the process and not simply the outcome. That's when real change will happen in our sport. I have been reading that we might win more than 10 medals this time around. I hope we win more. In Rio, we won 4 medals. If that goes up to 10 it is a significant upswing that all of us should celebrate.

Abu Dhabi T10 : Faf du Plessis named Bangla Tigers captain

Dubai, August 29 :



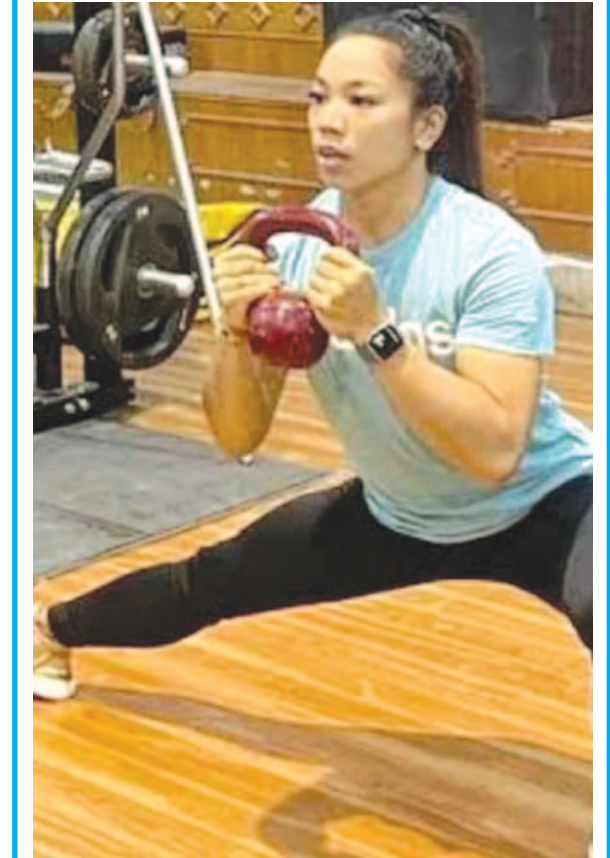
South Africa's talismanic former captain Faf du Plessis has been named Bangla Tigers' icon player and captain for the upcoming fifth edition of Abu Dhabi T10 tournament. The event is being staged under the aegis of the Emirates Cricket Board (ECB), with official approval of the International Cricket Council (ICC) at the Zayed Cricket Stadium in Abu Dhabi. Du Plessis has played 69 Tests, 143 ODIs and 50 T20Is for South Africa in a career which started in 2011.

He has also captained South Africa in all three formats. His appointment is the first in a series of announcements scheduled to be made by Bangla Tigers in the coming days. These announcements will range from players who have been retained to the coaching staff who will guide the squad from the side lines. Speaking about joining the Bangla Tigers squad, du Plessis said: "It is an exciting new format to be part of. I am looking forward to joining forces with some of the world's biggest names in this league and representing team Bangla Tigers. It is going to be a thrilling time for the game of cricket. It's heart-warming to see leagues like T10 putting in so much hard work and offering such exciting formats for sports enthusiasts. I can't wait to get going." Bangla Tigers owner Mohammad Yasin Chowdhury said: "It is terrific to have a world-class player like Faf in our squad. We have all seen his exploits for South Africa in various formats. He is a champion cricketer. It is a huge honour to have him in our squad. We all know what he has achieved both on and off the field. His deeds speak for his brilliance. I wholeheartedly welcome Faf to the Bangla Tigers family."

Mirabai Chanu resumes training for the upcoming events

New Delhi, August 29 :

Mirabai Chanu might have won a silver medal in the Tokyo Olympics, but the Indian weightlifter has already set sights on going a step further in the Paris Games in 2024. After a sensational show in Tokyo, Mirabai Chanu is back in action and has resumed



training for the upcoming events with an eye on Paris 2024. "Back in action! #missionparis2024," Mirabai Chanu tweeted. The Indian weightlifter on Wednesday said everyone should support girls who

follow my dream. I am happy that I could fulfill their dream. I received a lot of support from the government. I request everyone to support girls who want to enter the field of sports," Chanu told. Agencies.



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বেচন কাৰ্ড পৰিহাৰ কৰি মেলি দিওঁ আহক কৰুণাৰ এখনি হাত



খাদ্য আৰু অসামৰিক যোগান বিভাগে জাৰি কৰা বেচন কাৰ্ডসমূহৰ আধাৰত অসমৰ লাখ লাখ দৰিদ্ৰজনে কেতবোৰ অত্যাৱশ্যকীয় সামগ্ৰী সুলভ মূল্যত লাভ কৰে। পূৰ্বে বেচন কাৰ্ড লাভ কৰা বহু পৰিয়ালে পৰৱৰ্তী পৰ্যায়ত আৰ্থিক স্বচ্ছলতাৰ মুখ দেখিছে। আৰ্থিকভাৱে স্বচ্ছল লোকসকলে নিজৰ বেচন কাৰ্ডসমূহ পৰিহাৰ কৰিলে একো একোজন দৰিদ্ৰ নাৰায়ণৰ বাবে আমি সুলভ মূল্যৰ সামগ্ৰীৰ যোগান বৃদ্ধি কৰিব পাৰোঁ।

ইতিমধ্যে ৰাজ্য চৰকাৰৰ আহ্বানত আৰ্থিকভাৱে স্বচ্ছল আৰু হৃদয়বান বহু লোকে নিঃস্ব আৰু দুৰ্বলজনৰ স্বার্থত বেচন কাৰ্ড পৰিহাৰ কৰিছে। তেওঁলোকলৈ আন্তৰিক কৃতজ্ঞতা জনাইছোঁ।

বেচন কাৰ্ড পৰিহাৰৰ এই প্ৰয়াসক এক মহৎ আন্দোলনলৈ ৰূপান্তৰ কৰি দৰিদ্ৰ নাৰায়ণক সহায় কৰোঁ আহক।

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