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Official arrested

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Guwahati, May 24 :

Vigilance and Anti-Corruption cell on Tuesday apprehended a government official on bribery charges at Mangaldoi in Assam's Darrang district. Hemanta Talukdar, who works as the general manager in the District Industries and Commerce centre in Darrang, was caught red-handed while taking a bribe of Rs 10,000. According to sources, he demanded a commission in lieu of sanctioning a loan to the complainant under Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) scheme. Acting on information, police officials laid a trap and was finally able to apprehend Talukdar red-handed while he was taking the bribe from the complainant. Meanwhile, a case has been registered in ACB police station under Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (as amended in 2018) against Talukdar.

Wild animals

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Guwahati, May 24 :

The Assam Forest Department has made all preventive arrangements in the national parks, wildlife sanctuaries of the state to protect the wild animals during floods, forest minister Parimal Suklabaidya asserted on Tuesday. He said that the forest department and authorities of the national parks, and the wildlife sanctuaries have made all necessary arrangements to deal with food shortage and to protect the wild animals. "Every year, we have taken measures to tackle floods and we have given top priority to rescue the wild animals. We always try how to rescue all animals in the national parks, and wildlife sanctuaries during floods. This year also, we have made all arrangements for it," Suklabaidya said.

Unlimited calling and data

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Guwahati, May 24 :

After Reliance Jio, now Airtel comes up with an offer of unlimited calling and data benefits to facilitate communication for people affected by torrential rains and floods in Assam and other parts of North-eastern states. The Airtel customers in the affected locations of Dima Hasao, Karbi Anglong, North Cachar Hills, Cachar, Tamenglong, South-west Khasi Hills (Cherrapunji), East Jaintia Hills, West Jaintia Hills will get unlimited calls and 2GB data for 5 days to ensure that they remain connected with their near and dear ones and can stay online.

CM Dr. Sarma inspects landslide areas & relief camps in Haflong



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Guwahati, May 24 :

Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma today visited Haflong, the district head-quarter of Dima Hasao and inspected landslide areas including a road at Sarkari Bagan area which got badly damaged by the incessant rain and consequent landslide. He took stock of the damages of the road for the restoration work to start at

the earliest for convenience of the people. Dr. Sarma asked the PWD to take appropriate steps for reconstruction of the road at a fast pace. He also asked to look for an alternative alignment to save the stretch of the road from future damages due to landslides. Since the landslide rendered several people out of their homes, Dr. Sarma also visited temporary relief camps in Lower Haflong

High school and LP school and interacted with the inmates who took shelter there. He reviewed medical and other facilities and asked the Deputy Commissioner to look after the needs of the inmates and help them to repair their houses. There are 149 inmates in both the camps. During the visit, the Chief Minister also met family members of the three people who were killed in the land-

slide triggered by heavy rain at Hokai Pungchi Jeme village. Dr. Sarma interacted with them and offered his condolences. He assured them of all help from the government at this difficult time. Itais to be mentioned that ex-gratia payment from the government has already been released to the next of kin of the deceased. As a part of his visit, the Chief Minister also took a review of the preliminary destruction caused by landslides at Haflong and other parts of the district. He stressed on immediate resumption of full-scale transportation in the district and laid emphasis on restoration of roads damaged

by landslides. The Chief Minister said that the government both at the Centre and State will help North Cachar Hills Autonomous Council with adequate funds to tide over the present crisis. He further informed that the government is working on finding a permanent solution so that heavy rainfall induced landslides can be averted. He also informed that a Central Team will visit Dima Hasao on May 27 to assess the extent of loss caused by rain-induced landslides in the district. CEM North Cachar Hills Autonomous Council Debolal Gorlosa, MLA

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"We Share Similar Views On Indo-Pacific": PM Modi Meets Joe Biden



Tokyo, May 24 :

Prime Minister Narendra Modi met US President Joe Biden in Tokyo today shortly after holding the Quad Leaders' Summit and said that India and US partnership is a partnership of trust in a true sense. "We took part in a positive and useful Quad Summit today. India and

US partnership in the true sense is a partnership of trust. Our common interests and values have strengthened this bond of trust between our two countries," Prime Minister Modi said during the meeting with Biden. The Prime Minister said that India and the US share

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Punjab Health Minister sacked by CM Bhagwant Mann over corruption allegations, arrested

Chandigarh, May 24 :

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Tuesday sacked his Health Minister Vijay Singla from the cabinet over alleged corruption charges. The Chief Minister said the health minister was "involved in corruption cases" and they had solid proof of that. The sacked minister is a legislator from the Mansa Assembly. CM Mann also ordered the registration of an FIR against the minister. The sacked minister is alleged to have demanded one per cent commission from each government tender. CM Mann said there would be "zero tolerance" for corruption. The Chief Minister took the big step after receiving complaints against



the Health Minister. Minutes later, Vijay Singla was arrested by the state's anti-corruption department in connection with the corruption charges against him. Shortly after Punjab CM sacked the minister over alleged corruption, he was highly praised by his party boss, Arvind Kejriwal, who said the move "brought tears to my eyes". This is only the second time in the country's history that a Chief Minister has taken

such strict action against their own cabinet colleague. Earlier, Aam Aadmi Party convenor and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal had sacked one of his Ministers on corruption charges in 2015. Reacting to the Punjab health minister's sacking by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann for corruption charges, Delhi CM and Aam Aadmi Party national convener Arvind Kejriwal on Tuesday (May 24) said,

he is proud of Bhagwant Mann and his action has brought tears to his eyes. Taking to the Twitter Delhi CM Kejriwal wrote, "Proud of you Bhagwant. Ur action has brought tears to my eyes. Whole nation today feels proud of AAP." AAP leader's reaction comes after Punjab Health Minister Vijay Singla was sacked from the state Cabinet on

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Petrol at Rs 420, Diesel Rs 400 per litre; Fuel price is on fire in this country

New Delhi, May 24 :

The fire of political unrest is burning in Sri Lanka. The market is also on fire due to

the economic crisis. Meanwhile, fuel prices also hit a record high in India's southern island nation. The Sri Lankan administration on Tuesday hiked petrol prices by 24.3 per cent. Diesel prices have gone up by 38.4 per cent. Never before has the price of fuel increased so much in Sri Lanka, according to the country's economic experts. This is the second increase in fuel prices in Sri Lanka since April 19. With the new increase, the Octane 92 petrol

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Assam flood: Death toll rises to 25, 6.5 lakh hit



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Guwahati, May 24 :

The flood situation in Assam has slightly abated even though the death toll

rose to 25 as one more person died and over 6.5 lakh people remained affected by the deluge across 22 districts, an official bulletin said. According to the daily

flood report of the Assam state disaster management authority (ASDMA), one person in Silchar of Cachar district was lost to floodwaters. With this, the total number of people losing their lives in this year's flood and landslides has gone up to 25 across the state, it said on Monday. ASDMA said more than 6,50,400 people are hit due to floods in Barpeta, Cachar, Darrang, Dhubri, Dibrugarh, Dima Hasao, Goalpara, Golaghat, Hailakandi, Hojai, Jorhat,

Kamrup, Kamrup Metropolitan, Karbi Anglong West, Karimganj, Lakhimpur, Majuli, Morigaon, Nagaon, Nalbari, Sonitpur and Udalguri districts. Nagaon is the worst hit district with over 3.51 lakh people in distress, followed by Cachar (nearly two lakh people) and Hojai (more than 44,500 people). Till Saturday, over 7.2 lakh people were affected by the deluge across 22 districts in the state. At present, 1,709

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Matak King Sarbananda Singha remembered on his 220th death anniversary

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Guwahati, May 24 :

Today is the 220th death anniversary of Matak King Sarbananda Singha. Sadou Asom Matak Sanmilan, Guwahati City Committee, Sadou Assam yuva Chatra Sanmilan celebrated the 220th death anniversary of the Moamoria leader King Sarbananda Singha at "Dainandin Barta" office,

Guwahati today. Prashanta Jyoti Barua, executive Editor of the Assam Tribune, Naren Hazarika, Chief Editor of "Dainandin Barta", Mantu Saikia, Senior Deputy Editor of 'Aamar Asom', Matak Autonomous Council Executive Member Amulya Senapati, Sadou Asom Matak Sanmilan city committee president Satyadhar Matak, general secretary Shankar Gohain,

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Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha organised a meeting at Vajpayee Bhawan, Guwahati on May 24.



Undated photo shows chukars in Pinglu County, north China's Shanxi Province

European fruit with traces of most toxic pesticides 'up 53% in nine years'

London, May 24 : Contamination of fresh fruits by the most hazardous pesticides has dramatically increased in Europe over the past decade, according to a nine-year study of government data. A third of apples and half of all blackberries surveyed had residues of the most toxic categories of pesticides, some of which have been linked to illnesses including cancer, heart disease and birth deformities. Residues on kiwi fruits rose from 4% in 2011 to 32% in 2019, with the contamination of cherries also more than doubling from 22% to 50% over the same time period. In all, the analysis of nearly 100,000 popular homegrown fruit samples in Europe found a 53% rise in contamination by the most hazardous pesticides, over nine years. The study was conducted by Pesticide Action Network (PAN) Europe. The survey did not include British produce but the UK imports over 3.2m tonnes of fresh fruits and vegetables from the EU each year, meeting about 40% of internal demand, according to the CBI. Prof Nicole Van Dam of the German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research (iDiv) described the report as "shocking". "What is the point of eating healthy if the healthy fruits and vegetables are sprayed with toxins?" she asked. PAN Europe spokeswoman Salomé Roynel said: "Consumers are now in an awful position, told to eat fresh fruit, much of which is contaminated with the most toxic pesticide residues linked to serious health impacts. It is clear to us that governments have no intention of banning these pesticides, whatever the law says. They are too afraid of the farming lobby, which depends on powerful chemicals and a broken agricultural model." Roynel said that chemicals used in the most toxic pesticides had no safe limits, and called on consumers to buy organic fruit this summer "especially if they are pregnant or feeding young children".

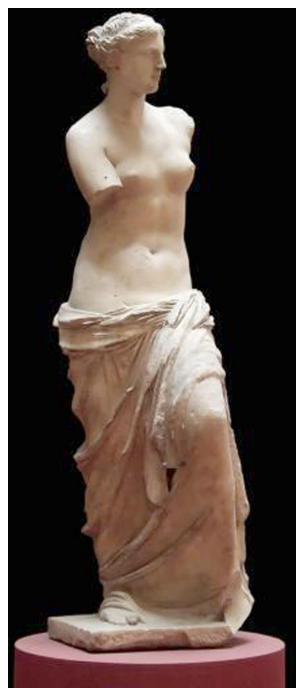
Stinky cheese: Victorian producer receives \$9,000 fine for offensive 'sour milk' odour

Melbourn, May 24 : A Victorian cheesemaker has been fined more than \$9,000 over an offensive odour likened to that of "sour milk with earthy characteristics" when facing into the wind. Yarra Valley Dairy, in the town of Yering, was slapped with a fine by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) Victoria after failing to comply with a remedial notice designed to stop an odour from escaping its premises. The EPA's northern metropolitan

regional manager, Jeremy Settle, said the smell was "unreasonable" and strong enough to cause "discomfort" in the surrounding community. After a VCAT [Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal] challenge to our original notice issued in May 2021, we issued an amended notice in October, but when EPA officers arrived in December to check on compliance, the odour on St Huberts Road was strong enough to cause

discomfort when facing into the wind," Settle said. "The company had complied with some of EPA's requirements, but not all, and the odour was still there," he said. The EPA found Yarra Valley Dairy had failed to make the necessary improvements to its wastewater treatment in order to prevent the smell from affecting neighbouring properties. The company was fined \$9,087 for contravening a section of the Environment Protection Act.

Roman sculpture up for auction in US linked to disgraced dealer



London, May 24 : An archaeologist is calling for a US auction house to withdraw a monumental Roman sculpture from sale, claiming he has photographic evidence of its direct link to a dealer involved with illicit trade. Prof Christos Tsirogiannis, whose academic research focuses on antiquities and trafficking

networks, said Hindman Auctions in Chicago should cancel its auction of the portrait head of Antisthenes, the Greek philosopher, scheduled for Thursday. The marble head, larger than life at 45.7cm tall, dates from the late 1st to early 2nd century AD and has been predicted to fetch a price of between \$100,000 and \$150,000 (£80,000 - £120,000). Tsirogiannis has three photographs that he said show the same piece in the possession of the disgraced British antiquities dealer Robin Symes and his late partner Christos Michaelides. The only difference was that the entire nose was missing and had since apparently been repaired, he said. The photographs were among archival material seized by police and held by authorities in Greece and Italy. In 2005 Symes served a jail sentence for disregarding court orders over the sale of a £3m Egyptian statue, with the judge dismissing his explanation as "a calculated

deception". In 2016 Italian and Swiss police recovered marble statues and other treasures stolen from Italy, which they said had been stored by Symes at the Geneva freeport in Switzerland. Symes has never faced any action from the authorities in relation to the haul and has remained out of the public eye. Asked about the sale and Tsirogiannis's allegations, Hindman Auctions said: "As is standard procedure for each of our sales, we cleared this lot with both the Art Loss Register and Interpol prior to bringing it to auction ... Should credible information emerge, then we would, of course, re-evaluate the piece and work to restore it to its rightful owners." It added that the presence of photos of the work in the home of Symes and Michaelides "is not in itself proof that it was either owned or traded by" Symes. Tsirogiannis, a Unesco chair at the Ionian University, Greece, is an associate professor at the Aarhus Institute of Advanced Studies and head

of the working group Illicit Antiquities Trafficking of the Unesco chair on threats to cultural heritage and cultural heritage-related activities, Ionian University, Greece. Through his research, he received official access to tens of thousands of images and other archival material seized in police raids from individuals involved in the illicit trade.



A dancer guides children to dance at the Bomas of Kenya in Nairobi, Kenya

Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal flags off 150 electric buses; free travel for 3 days

New Delhi, May 24 : Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal flags off 150 electric buses from the Indraprastha Depot, commuters get free of cost travel for three days, starting today, an official statement said. Delhi is going to equal the national record of inducting the most number of buses simultaneously with the addition of 150 electric buses to its fleet, it added. Kejriwal had flagged off two flagship electric buses in January. The people of Delhi will be able to travel free of cost for three days -- from May 24 to May 26 -- in the

electric buses plying on the roads of Delhi. These buses emit zero smoke, have CCTV cameras, GPS, 10 panic buttons, ramps for differently-abled, etc. Three depots at Mundela Kalan, Rajghat, and Rohini Sector-37 have been completely electrified and are ready to house these 150 new buses. The 150 remaining buses are also expected to be inducted in the coming month, it said. After being flagged off, these buses will run on major routes of Delhi, including Route No. 502 between Mori Gate and Mehrauli Terminal and the



IP Depot - Connaught Place - Safdarjung - South Extension - Ashram - Jangpura - India Gate route. The government also urged people to ride its e-buses, take a selfie, and post them with the hashtag #IrideBus on their Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook handles. The top three entries will have a chance to win an iPad. The transport department in an official communication on May 23 said, "All the officers and the operational crew of DTC may be informed accordingly and not to insist commuters for purchase of tickets, during the aforesaid period of 03 days in all pure electric buses of DTC." A DTC official said free travel is being offered to encourage people to promote e-buses. "It's being done to motivate people and to spread

awareness about e-buses. With the addition of 150 buses, the e-buses fleet will go up to 152," the official added. Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot was quoted in the statement saying, "This is a huge day for us. Delhi government has always been pushing its people to shift to greener modes of transport and make the switch to EVs. Shifting to public transport, especially sustainable modes of public transport, is a lifestyle change that we wish to see in Delhiites." "We really want people to travel in these buses, experience the comfort and spread the word. I've personally driven and travelled in these buses, now you can also ride in these buses which are synonyms of zero pollution, zero noise, maximum comfort," he added.

Sisters allegedly murdered by husbands in Pakistan 'honour' killing

Islamabad, May 24 : Two sisters with dual Pakistani and Spanish citizenship were allegedly killed by their husbands, uncle and brother in a so-called "honour" killing a day after they were tricked into travelling to Pakistan. Aneesa Abbas, 24, and Arooj Abbas, 21, were strangled and shot dead on Friday after arriving in the eastern city of Gujrat with their mother, Azra Bibi. It is understood that, on arrival in Pakistan, the sisters were pressured to help their husbands, who they were forced to marry last year, apply for spouse visas so they could travel to Europe. It is alleged Aneesa and Arooj were killed when they refused to help. Both women wanted to divorce their husbands, who were also their cousins, so that they could remarry in Spain. "The investigations have confirmed that both the sisters were killed in the name of 'honour'," said investigating police officer Muhammad Akhtar. Police said the women's husbands, Hassan Aurenzzeb and Atiq Hanif, their uncle, Hanif Goga, and their brother, Shehryar Abbas, have been arrested and confessed to the killing. Two other men have been arrested in connection with the attack. Hundreds of women are murdered by family members in Pakistan each year in so-called "honour" killings for violating conservative norms governing women's relationships, despite 2016 legislation ending the loopholes in the law that allowed culprits to walk free in the country's deeply patriarchal society. Earlier that year, the murder of Qandeel Baloch, known as "Pakistan's Kim Kardashian", by her brother Waseem Azeem sparked national outrage and demands for changes to the law. Azeem was sentenced to life imprisonment but was acquitted in February this year after his parents pardoned him. Samar Minallah, a human rights activist, said: "This is yet another brutal murder of innocent girls raised in another culture valuing basic human rights, yet treated like inanimate objects by their own families." According to the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan, an independent rights group, more than 470 cases of "honour" killings were reported in the country last year. Waseem Azeem, pictured in July 2016, who has been acquitted of murder after his parents pardoned him under Islamic law. It is not uncommon for parents with dual citizenship to force their daughters to marry cousins in Pakistan to secure European visas. A report on forced marriage, published by the UK government in 2020, found almost 40% of cases involved British citizens being taken to Pakistan to marry against their wishes. In 2016, Samia Shahid, a British Pakistani beauty queen from Bradford in the north of England, was raped and killed when she returned to Jhelum district after marrying a man from outside the family. She had previously left her first husband, a first cousin from their village in Pakistan. Her ex-husband and father were arrested for her murder. Six years later, the case is ongoing.

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Byatikram's 60-day Anti drugs awareness campaign from June 4



Assam Rising
Guwahati, May 24: One of the leading socio-cultural organizations Byatikram MASDO is all set to launch a 60-day anti-drugs awareness campaign in Assam. The campaign will be inaugurated by His Excellency the Governor of Assam Jagdish Mukhi on June 4 from the Darbar Hall of the Raj Bhavan, Governor's House, Guwahati, Assam. The preparations for the awareness campaign are already underway. Earlier, Byatikram

Ramesh, and others. A delegation from Byatikram MASDO held a long discussion with the Director-General of Police (DGP) Bhaskariyoti Mahanta to discuss the issues related to the programme. The delegation was accompanied by the Advisor of Byatikram MASDO Manisha Hazarika, Founder President Dr. Saumen Bharatiya, Organizing Secretary Kaveri Sharma Barua, and Disha Chowdhury. The Director-General of Police has assured all possible cooperation

from the police department in implementing the anti-drug awareness campaign. Post-meeting with DGP, Dr. Saumen Bharatiya said that "Our Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sharma's dream project is a drug-free Assam. The Byatikram MASDO's Anti-Drugs Awareness Campaign is intended to support that great cause. "This is just the beginning. It will then gradually expand to the entire Assam. It will be a huge loss to society if the younger generation cannot be guided in the matter of drug addiction" said Manisha Hazarika. Therefore, this campaign aims to keep the youth away from drugs. Legendary Singer Jayanta Hazarika's son Mayukh Hazarika has already composed and dubbed an awareness song on the anti drug campaign. All members of the community can cooperate in this campaign. For any other assistance one can contact 7399002444 - a release added.

Workshop on Manuscript reading & conservation held

Chhaygaon, May 24: On the occasion of Platinum Jubilee of Gauhati University a one day workshop was held on 'Reading and Conservation of Assamese old Manuscripts' organised successfully by K.K.H Library, Gauhati University and D.K college Library, Mirza in collaboration with Barheramdo Sattrra which was established by Mahapurush Madhabdev at Amranga ,Barihat under palashbari constituency on May 22 last. The programme was started by plantation of tree at the Sattrra Campus . Lightening of lamp and morning prayer was inaugurated by Umesh Mahanta Adhikary, Puiyapad Burha Sattradhiakar, Barheramdo Sattrra. After that Bharat Chandra Mahanta , Gayan Silpee of Barheramdo Sattrra



performed a Borgeet . The programme of the workshop which was hosted by Sunil Talukdar, Associate Professor , D.K college , Mirza and inaugurated by Dr. Nabajyoti Das, the Principal of Dakshin Kamrup College . The keynote address was given by Dr. Sanjay Kr. Singh , Library IC , K.K.H Library G.U . An address from the Sattrra authority was delivered by Dhiren Mahanta Adhikary, Puiyapad Deka Sattradhiakar , Barheramdo Sattrra. At this auspicious occasion the welcoming speech was given by young promising writer Dhanmoni Das. The other dignitaries like - Adward Steady N. Sangma, Asst. Professor , D.K. College, Mirza , Khirod Baruah, Advisor , Managing Committee , Barheramdo

Sattrra, Jiten Mahanta, President, Managing Committee, Barheramdo Sattrra, Mukul Mahanta, Secretary , Managing Committee, Barheramdo Sattrra and many more graced the occasion with their presence . Dhanjit Talukdar, Archival Assistant ,K.K.H ,Library G.U and eminent expert of Assamese Manuscript enriched the programme with his presence. The workshop was successfully completed with a group prayer. It is notable here that the presence of youths at the workshop from different educational institutions is a positive sign for future fruitful conservation of assamese old manuscripts.

Five minor girls rescued from Rangia Railway Station

Assam Rising, Tamulpur, May 24: Tamulpur police managed to rescue five minor girls on Monday who were tried to allegedly traffic to outer state by train from Rangia, tempting them to work. Some trafficker allegedly tried to take these five minor girls from Kumarikata in Tamulpur district without concern for their families. The vicious circle tried to take the minor girls from Rangia railway station to Rajkoat in Gujarat. Based on special in-

formation this afternoon, Rupjyoti Kalita, SDPO of Tamulpur with a police team from Tamulpur police station launched an operation in collaboration with GRPF of Rangia in Rangiya railway station and managed to rescue the minor girls from the vicious circle. After rescuing the minor girls they were brought back to Tamulpur Police Station. Police have detained a woman from Rangia named Anita who had been suspected to be involved in the trafficking case. Tamulpur police has registered a case and is continuing interrogation for more information.

Flood scene slightly improved in Nagaon

Assam Rising, Nagaon, May 24: The flood situation in Nagaon district has been slightly improved although over 250 revenue villages under Kampur, Nagaon and Raha revenue circles are still reeling under flood water. During the last 24 hours, the flood water claimed the lives of two persons including a child identified as Bejia Das and Rehal Ali, respectively at Kampur Ghilaniati village and Kampur Tokoudubi area, sources added. Sources claimed that Bejia Das drowned in flood water late evening on Monday last when he was on the way back home from the shopping centre. Besides, the child was drowned in flood water near his house this morning when he was playing on their doorstep, sources added.

Seminar on Education held at LCC

Assam Rising, North Lakhimpur, May 24: Aseminar on education was organized at Lakhimpur Commerce College (LCC), North Lakhimpur today.. The seminar was organized by the Department of Education of the college and was inaugurated by Dr. Arupa Dutta, Assistant Professor of Department of Education. A discussion on "Role of Education in Capitalist and Socialist Economy"

was delivered by Ripunjoy Bora and Eltaf Hussain, students of BA VI Semester(Education honours). Another deliberation on "Gender Inequalities in patriarchal and matriarchal Societies" was discussed by students Priya Kumari and Sangeeta Chetry. The interactive session of the seminar ended with a vote of thanks by Dr. Lima Baruah, Head, Department of Education, LCC.

Affidavit

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CORRIGENDUM

Reference to Eol No.DSW(ICDS)/GNP/98/2021/1, dated 09/08/2021 in regard to "Lifting of rice (to be allotted by the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD, Govt. of India) from FCI depots in Assam and Re-packing of Lifted Rice from FCI Depots in Assam and supply of other food stuff etc. (and packing thereof)" as Take Home Ration (THR)/ Hot Cooked Meal (HCM) for various Anganwadi Centres and Mini-Anganwadi Centres of Assam, the following modifications are hereby notified through this corrigendum.

(1) In modification of the earlier corrigendum issued vide No. DSW (ICDS) G/SNP/98/2021/93, Dated 23rd May, 2022. In 4. DOCUMENTS/PARTICULARS REQUIRED FOR TECHNICAL BID, Point No. 10 at Page No. 6 of Eol Document may be read as:

"The bidders must furnish EMD of Rs. 10.00 Lakhs only which will have to be furnished in the form of Crossed Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque/ Fixed Deposit/Bank Guarantee only issued by Scheduled Commercial Bank drawn in favour of the Director of Social Welfare, Assam and payable at Guwahati."

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The intending buyer to submit unconditional offer letter along with a refundable/adjustable Pay Order/ Demand Draft favoring Indian Bank and payable at Guwahati for the interest free earnest money deposit (EMD) as mentioned above for the vehicles to be purchased in sealed envelopes subscribed and the same should **REACH** the undersigned on or before the close of working hour of **25-05-2022 (Wednesday)**. The sealed quotations will be opened at **3.00 PM on 01-06-2022 (Wednesday)** at the venue of Auction sale as per respective Branch in presence of intending Bidders. Successful Bidder will have to deposit price in full within 7 (seven) working days from the date of opening of quotation or any time as may be extended by the undersigned, failing which, the EMD shall be forfeited and the vehicle will be sold forthwith.

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2	Indian Bank (eALB) SRCB Road Branch AC No.- 50339832273	AS 01 HC 0186	Model: Ashok Leyland Mfg. Year 2016	A. 5,00,000.00 B. 50,000.00	Ms. Vandana Singh M. No. 9123331830
3	Indian Bank (eALB) SRCB Road Branch AC No.- 50336457963	AS 25BC 7897	Model: Maruti Suzuki Alto Mfg. Year 2016	A. 50,000.00 B. 5,000.00	Ms. Vandana Singh M. No. 9123331830
4	Indian Bank (eALB) Mangaldoi Karim Chowk AC No.- 50238440767	AS-13 C-4979	Model: TATA Ace Magic Mfg. Year 2014	A. 50,000.00 B. 5,000.00	Md. Ali M. No. 8638016651
5	Indian Bank (eALB) Barpeta AC No.- 50253636910	AS 15 C-6897	Model: Power Trac Tractor Mfg. Year 2015	A. 1,20,000.00 B. 12,000.00	Mr. Nehkhomang Changsan M. No. 7896224323
6	Indian Bank (eALB) Barpeta AC No.- 50306328397	AS 15 C-7546	Model: Force Motor Traveller Mfg. Year 2015	A. 1,90,000.00 B. 19,000.00	Mr. Nehkhomang Changsan M. No. 7896224323

Date: 23.05.2022
Place: Guwahati
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EXTRACT OF AUDITED STANDALONE FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2022

Sl. No.	Particulars	3 Months ended 31.03.2022 [Audited] Balancing figure	3 Months ended 31.12.2021 (Unaudited)	3 Months ended 31.03.2021 [Audited] Balancing figure	Year ended 31.03.2022 (Audited)	Year ended 31.03.2021 (Audited)
1.	Total Income from Operations	1,433	1,315	1,307	5,042	4,254
2.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	319	340	87	883	542
3.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	319	340	87	883	542
4.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	233	253	118	631	410
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	256	253	95	654	387
6.	Equity Share Capital	276	276	276	276	276
7.	Earning per Share (of Rs. 10/- each)	8.42	9.20	4.28	22.88	14.88
	Basic Diluted	8.42 9.20	9.20 4.28	4.28 22.88	22.88 14.88	14.88

Notes :

- The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their respective meetings held on 23rd May 2022.
- The above is an extract of detailed format of Quarterly / Yearly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations 2015. The full format of the Quarterly / Yearly Financial Results are available on the website of the Company at www.assamcarbon.in and on the website of The Calcutta Stock Exchange Ltd at www.cse-india.com.
- Figures have been regrouped or rearranged wherever necessary. Further, the figures has been rounded off to the nearest Lacs rupees.
- These financials results have been prepared in accordance with the Companies (Indian Accounting Standard) Rules, 2015 (Ind AS) prescribed under section 133 of the Companies Act 2013.

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Extract of the Standalone and Consolidated Audited Financial Results for the Quarter and Year ended 31st March, 2022

(Rs. in lakhs except EPS)

PARTICULARS	Standalone				Consolidated			
	Quarter ended 31-Mar-22 Audited	Quarter ended 31-Dec-21 Unaudited	Quarter ended 31-Mar-21 Audited	Year ended 31-Mar-22 Audited	Quarter ended 31-Mar-22 Audited	Quarter ended 31-Dec-21 Unaudited	Quarter ended 31-Mar-21 Audited	Year ended 31-Mar-22 Audited
Total Income from operations	15,372.40	14,386.02	14,416.95	56,808.31	44,676.12	15,384.36	14,391.59	14,416.95
Net Profit for the period before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items	730.83	511.58	1,155.54	3,206.02	4,405.65	739.86	508.66	1,152.89
Net Profit for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	730.83	511.58	1,155.54	3,206.02	4,405.65	739.86	508.66	1,152.89
Net Profit for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	547.25	363.33	855.08	2,374.69	3,270.59	556.28	360.41	852.43
Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	541.55	360.73	891.34	2,361.19	3,280.16	551.05	353.62	885.81
Equity Share Capital (Paid-up)	1,100.40	1,100.40	1,100.40	1,100.40	1,100.40	1,100.40	1,100.40	1,100.40
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year	-	-	-	15,167.97	13,027.16	-	-	15,126.14
Earnings Per Share (Rs. 2/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) -	0.99	0.66	1.55	4.32	5.94	1.01	0.66	1.55
a)Basic b)Diluted	0.99 0.66	0.66 1.55	1.55 4.32	4.32 5.94	5.94 1.01	1.01 0.66	0.66 1.55	1.55 4.34

Notes:

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- The full format of above extract of the Audited Financial Results, together with the Audit Report of the Statutory Auditors have been filed separately with the Stock Exchange. These documents are being made available on Company's website : www.amines.com and also on Stock Exchange website : www.bseindia.com.
- The Board of Directors have recommended, subject to the approval of the equity shareholders at the ensuing Annual General Meeting, a dividend of 20% i.e. Rs.0.40/- per Equity Share of Rs.2/- each.

For Amines & Plasticizers Limited
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Hemant Kumar Ruia
Chairman & Managing Director
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Decline in Russia's grain exports

What is provoking these warnings is that there is no way to replace Ukrainian grain exports, which constitute 9% of the world's, made worse by the decline in Russia's grain exports. Only a fraction of Ukraine's cereal harvests can find their way into global markets via road or through ports in Romania - and Russia has no intention of lifting its blockade while it faces sanctions that may last years, given the stalemate in Ukraine. The price of grain is thus certain to rise - it is already 59% higher than in January - reflecting that there is less to go around. Those who can't pay will simply go without, raising the prospect of famine spreading to hundreds of millions in poorer countries and a new flood of refugees. Nor will Britain be unaffected, although it is largely self-sufficient in grain. Overall, we rely on imports to meet around half our food demands. All over the world, countries facing shortages of grain and other foodstuffs are simply halting their food exports; already, 22 countries have prohibited 10% of all food trade. Our four major food suppliers are our EU neighbours and former partners, now all too often turned into enemies: France, Ireland, the Netherlands and Germany. Yet, just at this moment the Johnson government, with its habitual reckless incompetence and obsessive hatred of all things EU related, is prepared to risk an EU trade war by unilaterally abrogating the Brexit treaty. The UK may not want to damage crucial EU food imports, already deferring any regulatory checks until the end of next year. But why should EU member states play ball with a country whose leader they regard as a deceitful clown in hock to the worst of his party's right, who never loses the chance to criticise the common agricultural policy (CAP), built to ensure European food security? Suddenly the CAP looks like a strategic asset, with the EU recently moving to strengthen its farmers' productive capacity and self-sufficiency in ways wholly at odds with Britain's disdainful neglect of its own farmers. The EU may decide in response to Britain's provocation that EU food security is of paramount importance, directing food exports only to where there is more need than Britain - for example, increasing its already hefty food support to Ukraine - or just making haulage and shipping regulatory requirements even tougher. They can do so, secure that EU producers can sell their food elsewhere, so creating food shortages in Britain. If the EU does not wish to go so far, it has other effective levers to make Boris Johnson back down. Russia is the world's biggest exporter of fertilisers, whose price has now soared 300% following the west's trade sanctions. The UK produces only two-fifths of the fertiliser our farmers need, the balance imported mainly from the EU, Germany in particular.

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Is the great pandemic parcel boom finally over?

As regular life resumes in fits and starts, Royal Mail is feeling the squeeze. This is partly because everybody's queezed, but partly because deliveries are down, and from this it would seem that the new normal is steadily returning to the old normal. If you have observed the younger generation over the past two years, you'd think times had changed for ever. Teenagers and twentysomethings see a five-day delivery estimate as a breach of their human rights. I've seen a look of mild bafflement cross my kids' faces when they order something on Amazon and it doesn't arrive immediately, as if they were dealing not with a complex delivery chain but a magic lamp. For the rest of us, those pandemic years during which there was an actual cardboard shortage because we were sending and receiving so many parcels were more mixed. Did our online shopping habits bring us

closer to our neighbours? Maybe for a while, as we took in each other's parcels and made like characters in a Richard Scarry book, but there was always the question: "When will this go too far? When will next-door have had an absolute barf of my repeat dishwasher tablet order? When will the smiling fade?" There was something unsettling about the galloping consumption, typified not by Royal Mail, but by

 **Zoe Williams**

Amazon. Midway through the pandemic, I ordered a fishing net from there which came in a box the size of a coffin. It begged the question, if you ordered a coffin, what size box would that come in? Would it be as big as your house? Resituating my shopping back to the actual shops was quite soothing, as it protected me from the realities of its waste and needlessness, which was a bit of a, ahem, paradox. The whole move

Australia has shown how quickly the right can crumble. Boris Johnson, be warned



Populists can be beaten. There was a time not long ago when few could type that sentence with confidence, so the outcome of Australia's recent elections will leave many progressives battling with the still unfamiliar sensation of victory. Scott Morrison, the now ousted rightwing prime minister dubbed Australia's first "post-truth" leader, was never quite a Trumpian. But he was a shameless culture warrior presiding over a bungled Covid response and ensuing recession, plus a clumsy response to high-profile sexual misconduct allegations against parliamentary colleagues. He dragged his feet on the climate crisis even as apocalyptic floods, fires and droughts were convincing Australians that something had to change, and holidayed in Hawaii as wildfires raged at home. His opponent, Labor's Anthony Albanese, was not exactly overburdened with charisma and the progressive vote eventually split between Labor, the Greens and the so-called teal independents, an exasperated army of mainly female candidates pledging to clean up politics and tackle the climate. But the cautious Albanese and his mantra of

"safe change" - nothing too big or scarily radical - still made it over the line, having seemingly learned from a previous Labor defeat blamed on an over-ambitious manifesto. If any of this sounds uncannily familiar to British readers, then it's easy to see why Keir Starmer's Labour party (and indeed the Greens) might suddenly have their tails up. First Donald Trump, then Marine Le Pen in the French presidential elections, now Morrison. This toppling of rightwing dominoes creates the sense of momentum British progressives have been missing. Now there are successful campaign architects to learn from overseas, and new ideas being road-tested in government; there will be friends in strategic places, perhaps new energy behind global efforts to combat the climate crisis, and the morale-boosting idea that the zeitgeist might finally be with them. You can almost feel the pendulum swinging away from a polarising and ultimately grubby era back towards a politics at least vaguely connected to truth and reality. Or at least you can if you want to badly enough. For a more cynical way of looking at this is that two years in, Biden's ratings have sunk far enough to give Republicans plenty of hope for next time; Le Pen still got way too many votes for comfort; Albanese's victory was not thumping; and

Britain's first-past-the-post system makes similar Green breakthroughs or progressive alliances harder here. Nor is Australia, which shifted rightwards in 1996 just as Britain was doing the reverse, historically a very reliable political weathervane. All that said, what should send a shiver down Tory spines is that Morrison's aggressively divisive approach to issues such as immigration and his pursuit of socially conservative Labor voters seemingly cost his party dear in its wealthier, more

 **Gaby Hinsliff**

metropolitan former heartlands. The nagging fear some Conservatives have that a diet of sleaze, culture wars and threats to tear up the Brexit deal will only lose them Tory votes in Worthing or Surrey has just played out on a big screen Down Under, producing roughly the kind of electoral realignment they fear. What makes this otherwise faraway election feel closer to home is that the Australian right's thinking remains core to Boris Johnson's project. Priti Patel's plan to export asylum seekers to Rwanda mirrors an Australian scheme to send refugees to Papua New Guinea, and she recently hired the man who negotiated that deal to lead a review of Britain's Border Force. Lynton Crosby, the 65-year-old Australian campaigns guru who enjoys near-legendary status in the Conservative party, doesn't personally run campaigns any more but he still takes the odd phone call; his protegee Isaac Levido ran Johnson's

successful 2019 campaign, months after helping deliver a surprise victory for Morrison. David Canzini, the new deputy chief of staff installed at Downing Street to restore order post-Partygate, has also worked closely with Crosby. Interestingly the same questions asked in recent years about Crosby's companies and their past relationships with the fossil fuel industry are now being asked in Whitehall, as the government wrestles with what to do about soaring gas bills. The Treasury is visibly warming to the idea of a windfall tax on oil and gas companies, just so long as it doesn't look like Labour's windfall tax plan. But reports that Downing Street considers such a move "un-Conservative" have set rumours swirling. Johnson has never noticeably cared whether something is or isn't conservative, if it's popular. But Canzini cares. He is close to the pro-Brexit, low-tax, strongly ideological Tory right in Britain, some of whom also happen to be hostile to the net-zero agenda and may prefer to see fuel bills cut by scrapping green taxes (which fund the development of renewable energies in the longer term) than introducing new taxes. The outcome of all this wrangling obviously matters most to people who can't pay their heating bills, but it's a litmus test of Downing Street's intentions too. If the windfall tax doesn't happen some may begin to wonder - as an unnamed MP suggested recently to the Times - about the government's commitment to ban the installation of new gas boilers by 2035. Does Johnson really want to go into an election arguing with outraged pensioners who can't afford to replace their central heating? Or

is this bold climate policy too at risk of being deemed a "barnacle on the boat", that famous Crosby shorthand for anything that creates unnecessary friction or muddies the message? Contrary to popular belief, Crosby disciples don't just blindly run the same hard-right campaign every time. Instead his hallmark is clarity, or the disciplined repetition of one key message carefully tailored to electoral circumstances, excluding everything else. That was as true of the London mayoral campaign he ran, pitching Johnson as a cuddly liberal, as of Levido's tub-thumping "Get Brexit Done" campaign. But campaigns are ultimately just strategies for helping a party survive in office; they're not necessarily about providing what a country actually needs. What's interesting about Australia is that voters seem to have been pragmatically focused on the latter. Morrison was found wanting in thoroughly practical ways by climate emergencies and Covid. Some of Le Pen's wilder ideas about tackling the cost of living crisis fell apart under scrutiny. Donald Trump did not make America great again. Simple answers to complex problems appeal, but they don't actually work, and when that becomes painfully obvious - whether because wildfire smoke is choking your Melbourne suburb, or because your export business is collapsing thanks to Brexit - then populists become vulnerable. Perhaps the most useful lesson to take from Australia is that bad politics can still melt on contact with inconvenient truths. That feeling you vaguely recognise, but can't quite put a finger on? That would be hope.

The UK's view of Rwanda is deeply ignorant-I once fell prey to it myself

It's easy to fall prey to misconceptions about Rwanda. I've done so myself while writing about the small country - about twice the size of Yorkshire - to which we are dispatching our "migrant problem". With flights to Kigali imminent, and the president, Paul Kagame, proposing alleged UK-based "génocidaires" be extradited to face trial, I wonder if we really understand what we're getting into. Faults in Priti Patel's policy should not need rehearsing. Yet so great is western ignorance and amnesia about Rwanda (and the wider Great Lakes region of Africa) that the arguments against require reinforcement. For there

has, since the genocide, been a "blank ahistoricism" about the country, as the Rwanda expert Michela Wrong has put it. The arguments against this devil's bargain with the Rwandan government include: its assassination or abduction of rivals abroad, notably allegations surrounding the cases of Patrick Karegeya (Kagame's former intelligence chief, strangled in a Johannesburg hotel - the government has denied any involvement) and Paul Rusesabagina (subject of the film Hotel Rwanda, tricked into flying to Rwanda from Texas); the suppression of activists and journalists within Rwanda; a poor history of hosting migrants (many Eritreans and Sudanese, sent from Israel, fled Rwanda for Uganda - others started the journey to Europe); a likely lack of oversight of UK funds (initially £120m) paid to Rwanda; and, not least, the difficulty of fending off challenges by - to use Johnson's judiciary-hating phrase - "lefty lawyers". It's fallacious to say, as Patel has done, that the policy is right simply because no one is offering alternatives. It's instructive, too, that fellow Conservative Andrew Mitchell, first among those few MPs who know Rwanda, does not support this policy. Maybe he agrees with David Davis that the scheme is "moral delinquency". These are not the usual bedfellows of lefty lawyers. My own fitful learning began more than 30 years ago, in October 1990. From a house on the Uganda-Rwanda border, while writing The Last King of Scotland, I watched canvas-sided lorries traverse the valley below. They were carrying troops of the Rwandan Patriotic Front (RPF) to incursion points from Uganda into Rwanda. This force, consisting mainly of exiled Tutsi veterans of the Ugandan wars that followed Idi Amin's despotism, was on that occasion repulsed. Next developed

18 months of guerrilla warfare, led by Kagame, from an RPF base in the cross-border Virunga mountains. Later came the RPF's militarised response to the genocide of 1994, again led by the same man who will host some 50 migrants the British government is

 **Giles Foden**

hoping to send in coming weeks. No one should doubt that Hutu supremacists were responsible for the genocide and Kagame's forces ended it. These facts should not mask the continuing cauldron of complexity into which we are now diving headlong. In respect of extrajudicial killings since the genocide, the Rwandan government has honoured itself almost as much as Putin's Russia. Its history of this is not limited to notable opponents. During the first and second Congo wars (1996-1997 and 1998-2003), attacks on Hutu civilians who had fled to the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), committed by proxy Rwandan militias and the Rwandan army, cost the lives of tens of thousands. Data for the execution of Hutu refugees are recorded in Gérard Prunier's From Genocide to Continental War: The Congolese Conflict and the Crisis of Contemporary Africa (2009). Western nations turned their eyes from Rwanda's "refugee management programmes" during that period. Unwilling to risk a fragile post-genocide stability, they also had political and natural-resource interests in DRC. And they did not understand the complexity. Neither did I at the time - not enough, or too



late. What happened in the Congo wars, forming the historical basis of my scales-fallen-from-eyes novel, Freight Dogs, is why I doubt Johnson and Patel's assertion that Rwanda is transformed into "one of the safest countries in the world". It's not just Conservatives who don't get it: those two wars involve a particularly British disregard of the Great Lakes. The second war officially ended in July 2003, with the worst massacres long dispatched; only in April had the Blair government, focused on Iraq, begun to half consider them. Five years later, as new violence erupted, calls for EU intervention were blocked by Britain. Rwanda was the prime mover in much of this, although at least eight other African nations were implicated in the second war, along with myriad armed groups. This little reported suite of antagonisms caused a death toll of 5.4 million. That figure includes mortality from dysentery, malaria and malnutrition, as refugees fled fighting. It remains nonetheless the deadliest global conflict since the second world war, causing chaos in DRC, a country nearly four times the size of Ukraine, with about 50 million more people. One might speak of black lives not mattering. Rage about this was why I wrote my

novel, which took all too long, because the subject is indeed so complex. Despite talks last month to get Rwanda's proxy rebel group, M23, to lay down its arms, conflict continues in eastern DRC, albeit much less so than formerly. On Monday and Sunday, M23 attacked UN forces in the region. Uganda, not Rwanda, has borne the brunt of a consequent refugee crisis in the Great Lakes - among other factors, it is perceived as safer than Rwanda. Uganda hosts the largest population of refugees in Africa: more than 1.5 million, of which nearly 460,000 are from DRC, along with many from other nations, including Rwanda itself. Given Rwanda's role in causing DRC and its own citizens to flee, is it wise to be sending people there? Or anywhere in the Great Lakes, a region that has so often fallen victim to itself and the asymmetric morality western nations apply to it. To do so as neighbouring east Africa faces a severe drought, with the UN's World Food Programme saying 20 million people are at immediate risk of hunger, which will cause further flows of refugees, shows how wrong this policy is. We are a small island with a relatively small migrant problem. Even smaller Rwanda, so often misconceived, should not be coming into the solution at all.

Revised Nagaland State Biodiversity Strategy Action Plan launched



Kohima, May 24 : The Revised Nagaland State Biodiversity Strategy Action Plan (NSBSAP) was launched by Minister for Forests, Environment & Climate Change Y M Yallowkonyak on Friday during the celebration of the International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB) 2022. The revised plan includes the identification of twelve new biodiversity targets for the state and the timeline for achieving the target is set at five years with 2026 being the cut off year for evaluation. The Department of Environment Forests & Climate Change jointly with the Centre for Environmental Studies, North Eastern Hill University, Shillong prepared the State-Level Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (BSAP) of Nagaland in 2005. The Nagaland State Biodiversity Board (NSBB), in

collaboration with Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), undertook the task to update and revise the BSAP of Nagaland based on the five strategic goals and the 20 Aichi Biodiversity Targets, the National Biodiversity Targets and the local realities and conservation scenario within Nagaland. The NSBSAP is supported by the global project under the Indo-German development cooperation project 'Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in Agrarian Landscapes (IKI-Biodiv)', implemented by GIZ and commissioned by the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection. Held at the Regional Centre of Excellence for Music and Arts held at RCEMPA, Jotsoma, the event was organised by the

Nagaland State Biodiversity Board (NSBB) and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) to commemorate the adoption of 22nd May as International Day for Biological Diversity, under the theme 'Building a shared future for all life-In-dia for Nature.' On the occasion, Counsellor, Head of Environmental Affairs, German Embassy, New Delhi, Dr Antje C Berger said that biodiversity remains the key answer to several sustainable development challenges. With two of the world's 36 biodiversity hotspots present in the northeastern region, and as Nagaland is located in the Indo-Burma biodiversity hotspot, she said that the launch of the revised NBSAP is a step towards maintaining the unique landscape and management. As agriculture contributes to 70% of biodiversity loss, and

52% of agriculture area is affected by degradation caused by inappropriate production methods, she said that the 'Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in Agrarian Landscapes (IKI-Biodiv)' project will boost the knowledge on increasing biodiversity and sustainable use of ecosystem and agriculture. Berger added that the project has proved that agriculture practices can have positive effects on biodiversity and the ecosystem. She also pointed out that shifting cultivation has the potential to promote biodiversity and ecosystem services and improve agriculture production and resilience to climate change. The project has generated awareness and strengthened the capacity of jhumoptimisation, while also intensifying measures, ensuring food and livelihood securities of farmers. Further, it engaged in a constant exchange between practitioners, scientists, academia and policy and policymakers, with the deepest knowledge found in the communities of the most vulnerable. She informed me that the project will come to an end by November this year and a new project on 'Protec-

tion and Sustainable Management of Aquatic Resources in Northeastern Himalayan Region of India" will be undertaken in Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya and Nagaland. Farhad Vania, GIZ India, informed that GIZ has been in Nagaland for over a decade and has been working with Nagaland in biodiversity areas. He said that with biodiversity and climate change issues becoming more complex, the search for solutions has increased. He said that it is not possible for one country to try and resolve such problems and there is a need for international co-operation so recently a Cabinet Consultation of Head of States was held where Prime Minister Narendra Modi met with the Chancellor of Germany, Olaf Scholz on May 2, and has entered into Indo-German Green and Sustainable Development Partnership, which has all the content for future development and gives direction towards the Sustainable Development Goals.

On State Day, Sikkim CM bats for business corridor at Nepal border

GANGTOK, May 24 : On the occasion of the 47th State Day celebration on May 16, Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Golay asserted a business corridor on the Indo-Nepal border at hewabhanjyang, Geyzing district. Golay asserted on national security is a top priority, even more than the development of the state. The road connecting Uttarey with Chewabhanjyang will cost about Rs 56 crore. Highlighting the grievances of the SahastraSeemaBal deputed at the border, Golay shared, "If our SSB personnel or locals fall sick, they have to be carried for 5 hours to reach Uttarey. Eight border outposts fall in the Uttarey to Chewabhanjyang stretch. Even our water sources are currently in Nepal. We have stressed the border necessities with the Central government. National Highway construction has already started. It can be a broad business corridor, Sikkim needs to be taken forward." Golay said Sikkim had "No second thoughts on the progress made by the state with the Indian democracy. Those that



contributed to bringing democracy to Sikkim, we have immense praise and respect for them. All of our 10 Legislative Assemblies so far have contributed to the state's progress. This is our 47th State Day, just three years shy of the grand 50th State Day celebration in 2025 taking the vision for a centenary celebration of India's Independence in 2047." Sikkim Chief Minister also highlighted foreign employment training programme, stressing how Sikkim can provide a workforce globally. "Japan needs nurses, we have learned of their need in our exchange with the Japanese embassy. Through foreign employment training programmes, we can teach our people the Japanese language in collaboration with their embassy. Unlike

Kerala, we do not have a foreign affairs department or exchange department, but even without it, we are working towards the development of the workforce." Chief Minister Prem Singh Golay was attending the State alongside Governor Ganga Prasad as the Chief Guest, along with Lok Sabha MP Indra Hang Subba and the cabinet of Ministers. Both the Governor and Chief Minister stressed the various achievements of the state under their governance. The Chief Minister also said that the upcoming Geyzing Degree College will be named after the fourth Chief Minister of Sikkim, Late Sanchaman Limboo, as a mark of respect. Also, the state will provide medical reimbursement for muster roll, Adhoc and contractual employees up to Rs. 2.5 lakh under Chief Minister's Swastha Yojana.

Owaisi is BJP's paid agent, claims Tripura Congress' Sudip Roy Barman



Agartala, May 24 : Former Minister in ex-CM Biplab Kumar Deb cabinet and senior Congress leader Sudip Roy Barman on Saturday accused AIMIM leader and MP Asaduddin Owaisi of being a "paid agent" of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party. Barman said this is the reason why despite making inflammatory statements such leaders never face legal action whereas leaders of Congress party are being chased by central agencies like ED and CBI time and again. "The elections are coming and again the divisive forces will be activated. The central agencies like ED and CBI will be pressed into action against Congress leaders to serve political masters. On the

other hand, BJP's paid agents in other parties; to name one Asaduddin Owaisi shall never come under the radar of such central agencies because they are the paid agents of BJP. They will come in the TV debates and intentionally make some statements that help the BJP consolidate the majority sentiments. And, electorally their BJP's backup team," said Barman. The Congress leader also slammed the BJP over rapidly rising prices of essential commodities. "The real issues are subsidised when elections come. The country is facing a tough time to recover from the economic slowdown due to Covid 19, the GDP is record low, the

job market is shrinking and the ruling party seems not bothered by the real issue. Their only objective is to divide the country on the basis of religion and caste", he added. Barman was addressing a joining programme at Sabroom under South Tripura district of Tripura. Around 500 voters from different parties including BJP joined the Congress during the event. Exuding confidence in the present Congress supporters, Barman said, "Tripura government has betrayed the people of Tripura. The youth has seen no fresh recruitment drives, the employees did not get the promised central pay commission; people from all walks of life were betrayed by this party." "The Congress is the only alternative left and I want you to be strong enough to unseat the BJP in next elections. Our doors are open for all but mark my words those who are threatening people to loot their votes and throttling the spirit of democracy have no space in Congress," he added.

BRO completes excavation of Nechiphu tunnel in Arunachal

Itanagar, May 24 : Border Roads Organisation (BRO) on Friday completed the excavation of Nechiphu tunnel in West Kameng district of Arunachal Pradesh. The last blast was initiated by BRO Director General Lt Gen Rajeev Chaudhary virtually, Tezpur-based Defence spokesman Lt Col AS Walia informed. The 500 m Nechiphu tunnel between Km 82 to 88 along the Balipara-Charduar-Tawang Road, which connects Balipara in Assam to Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh bordering China, is located at an altitude of 5700 ft. This is one of the many tunnels conceived by BRO along border areas to improve existing road geometrics, avoid foggy areas, circumvent

slide prone areas and reduce black spots on the roads to offer greater safety and all weather connectivity to the military and civil traffic movement, Lt Col Walia. The D-shaped tunnel has been excavated under 'Project Vartak' and will accommodate two-way traffic. It will be equipped with modern lighting and safety facilities, said Brig Harish Kumar, chief engineer of Project Vartak, under which the tunnel is being made. Once in service, Nechiphu tunnel will not only provide safe all weather passage but will also cut short the travel time by 30 min and reduce the road distance by 7 km of the heavily foggy stretch. This environment friendly construction and

reduction in distance will also help reduce the carbon foot print of the roads in the area, he said. The tunnel has been constructed by cutting through fragile Himalayan mountains with highly fractured rock under low overburden through strict 3D monitoring and through proactive application of desired tunnel support system. The new Austrian tunneling method has been used to achieve construction at a fast pace. BRO personnel created a record on the tunnel by excavating 100 m in just 40 days, defence spokesman said. The tunnel will be provided with a state-of-the-art electro-mechanical system including fire fighting devices, auto illumination system and SCADA controlled monitoring systems.

Show-cause notice to Congress leaders over MNF alliance



Aizawl, May 24 : The Political Affairs Committee of the Mizoram Congress has directed its Party Disciplinary Action Committee to give show-cause notices to Congress leaders in Mara Autonomous District Council (MADC) and four newly elected Members of District Council (MDC) for joining hands with arch-rival the Mizo National Front (MNF), in the Mara council, a party leader said. State Congress spokesperson Lallianchhunga said that the PAC held an emergency meeting on Friday under the leadership of party president Lalsawta. During the meeting, the Congress disciplinary action committee has been instructed to serve show-cause notices to the four elected Congress members and party leaders in the Mara area for disobeying the

party high command's decision and forging a post-poll alliance with the MNF in the Mara council, he said. The PAC had earlier decided that it would not forge a post-poll alliance with any party in the MADC after the council polls results threw up a hung house. It had said that the Congress would sit on the opposition bench as the Mara people have given their mandate to the party to be in the opposition. Despite the PAC decision and resolution, four Congress MDCs and Mara District Congress Committee (MDCC) have tied up with the MNF in the MADC, much to the disappointment of state party headquarters. The joint legislature party of

MNF and Congress had also sought approval from the state governor to form an executive body on Friday. MDCC president S Hiato said they forged a post-poll alliance with the MNF because the latter consented to the Congress-led council. According to the seat-sharing formula, Congress would take the Chief Executive Member (CEM), three Executive Members besides a nominated seat, while Deputy CEM, Chairman, five Executive Members and two nominated seats would go to the MNF. The MADC polls held on May 5 threw up a hung house as no single party could win a majority when results were declared on May 9. The BJP emerged as the single largest party winning 12 seats, while MNF bagged 9 seats and Congress won 4 seats. The MADC polls held on May 5 threw up a hung house as no single party could win a majority when results were declared on May 9. The BJP emerged as the single largest party winning 12 seats, while MNF bagged 9 seats and Congress won 4 seats.

Congress, BJP at loggerheads over ex-CM Deb's 'VIP treatment'

Agartala, May 24 : The 'VIP treatment' of former Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb has triggered a fresh political slugfest between the opposition Congress and the ruling BJP, which Congress sees as a 'misuse' of power. The BJP, on the other hand, considers that the former CM is eligible for the privileges. Addressing a press conference at the Tripura Pradesh Congress Bhavan, former minister Sudip Roy Barman said, "Despite the fact that former Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb is just an MLA right now, he is entitled to all the facilities and privileges that he once used to enjoy as the Chief Minister of the state. A cavalcade consisting of ten to twelve vehicles, high-end security arrangements, frequent helicopter rides to different parts of the state and most importantly accommodation in the lavish CM's residence; all these undue privileges are being awarded to a normal MLA. And, why the administration is

silent knowing all these is a mystery for us". Accusing the former Chief Minister of violating the protocols to "run a parallel administration," Barman urged the DGP Tripura Police and Chief Secretary to withdraw all these facilities. "The Pradesh Congress is making a demand to the DGP Tripura police and Chief Secretary seeking his intervention to withdraw all the undue entitlements of Deb. The District Magistrates and SPs are not bound to receive Deb during his visits. But, they are being forced to do that, we are still finding it very hard as to how is being given free hands to do this or is he trying to run a parallel administration. Cancelling college classes, students are being forced to attend interaction programmes with Biplab Kumar Deb; the government must clarify on what



capacity he is holding such sessions," asked Barman. Barman also requested Chief Minister Dr Manik Saha to take a tough stand against this misuse of power. "If you don't take action, people will consider you as a prototype of the previous CM. The way exploited his chair for large scale corruption; we don't want to see you follow the suit. I feel the CM tried to make a subtle statement by taking minimal security cover as we saw him during the visit to flood-affected areas, but power-hun-

gry people like Biplab Kumar Deb shall never understand that," he added. Reacting sharply to the issue, BJP Chief Spokesperson Subrata Chakraborty said, "The Congress leaders are frustrated as they see no revival chances in near future and thus in search of some space they are making such statements devoid of factual ground. Former CM Biplab Kumar Deb is a Y-Plus category protectee, and he is entitled to this security cover ever since he assumed the

charge of state BJP President in 2016. Whether the security cover will be withdrawn or not, the matter lies with the Ministry of Home. Knowing everything beforehand, making such statements does not make any sense." Chakraborty also countered Baraman's allegation of parallel administration and said that BJP is different from Congress where lobbyism and infighting are at their peak. "Deb has set an example in Tripura politics by stepping down from the top post to pave the way for his successor. He made this sacrifice to strengthen the party's organisation for the forthcoming assembly elections. The former Minister may have stayed in the BJP for a while but failed completely to understand the spirit of the BJP. He still feels the BJP is like Congress or Trinamool Congress that is ideologically bankrupt." Hitting out at the Congress, Chakraborty said, "People did not forget the dark alliance period of 1988 to 93.

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"We Share Similar Views On

similar views on Indo-Pacific." "We share similar views on Indo-Pacific, at the bilateral level as well as with like-minded countries to work to protect our common concerns. Our discussions today will give speed to this positive momentum," he said. Speaking further, Prime Minister Modi said people-to-people ties and strong economic cooperation make India-US partnership unique. "Our trade and investment relations are also steadily on the rise but they are below our potential. I am confident that with the conclusion of the US Investment Incentive Agreement we will see concrete progress in investment between our two countries." The meeting between Prime Minister Modi and Biden marks a continuation of their regular dialogue having interacted most recently in virtual mode on April 11. The two leaders are expected to review the India-US Strategic Partnership and follow up on discussions held during PM's bilateral meeting with President Biden in September 2021. They will also exchange views on regional and global developments of shared interest. This meeting comes after the fourth interaction of Quad Leaders since their first virtual meeting in March 2021, in-person Summit in Washington D.C. in September 2021 and virtual meeting in March 2022. The Quad Summit provided an opportunity for the Leaders to exchange views about developments in the Indo-Pacific region and contemporary global issues of mutual interest. The Quad summit witnessed the launch of a new initiative for continuous collaboration in the maritime domain, space, climate change, health and cyber security.

CM Dr. Sarma inspects landslide

Nandita Gorlosa, Chairperson NCHAC Ranu Langthasa, Executive Members and MACs of NCHAC, Chief Secretary to the Government of Assam Jishnu Baruah, Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister Samir Kumar Sinha, Principal Secretary NCHAC TT Daulagupui, DC, SP and heads of the departments in Dima Hasao district were present in the review meeting.

Punjab Health Minister sacked by

Tuesday and arrested on corruption charges with Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann asserting that his government has zero-tolerance towards corruption. Punjab CM said the decision was made after he came to know that Singla was allegedly demanding one per cent commission in tenders and purchases of his department. The chief minister said that he has also directed the police to register a case against Singla. Later, he was arrested by the Punjab Police, sources said. "A case was brought to my notice in which one minister in my government was demanding one per cent commission from each tender or purchase of his department. I took this case very seriously. Only I knew this case. Neither media nor opposition knew it," Mann said in a video message. "I am taking strict action against that minister and I am removing him from the cabinet. I am also giving directions to the police to register a case against him," he said, adding, "That minister's name is Vijay Singla. He was the health minister." Mann said that Singla was allegedly involved in wrongdoings in his department and he has also admitted to the same. Asserting that the AAP government has zero-tolerance towards corruption, Mann pointed out that Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal had also removed his food and supplies minister in 2015 and handed over the case to the CBI. "I will not tolerate corruption of a single rupee. We want to turn Punjab into a corruption-free state" Mann asserted. Vijay Singla, 52, was elected MLA from the Mansa seat. He had defeated Punjabi singer and Congress candidate Shubdeep Singh Sidhu, also called Sidhu Moosewala. Singla is a dental surgeon.

Petrol at Rs 420, Diesel Rs 400 per

that people use the most in Sri Lanka is now priced at Rs 420 per litre and the price of diesel has reached Rs 400 per litre. The decision to raise fuel prices in Sri Lanka came amid the country's economic crisis by the country's energy regulator Ceylon Petroleum Corporation. It was their decision that the price of petrol was hiked by Rs 82 in one stroke and diesel by Rs 111. Sri Lanka's Energy Minister Kanchana Wijesekera said on Twitter that the new prices will be effective from 3 pm on Tuesday. At the same time, fuel prices are going to increase, the prices of other goods, services and vehicle fares are going to increase. Sri Lanka's new Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe has taken the responsibility on his own shoulders before the situation reaches such a point. Meanwhile, due to the hike in fuel prices, auto rickshaw-pullers in Sri Lanka have said that from now on autos will have to pay a minimum fare of Rs 90 for the first one kilometre journey. The passenger will have to pay Rs 80 for every kilometre after that. Many companies have advised their employees to work from home due to unusual increase in the fares of vehicles. Sri Lankan economists blame the shortage of supplies behind sky-rocketing fuel prices. Over the past few days, pictures of long queues of shoppers at various petrol pumps in Sri Lanka due to this fuel crisis have been circulating through the net.

Assam flood: Death toll rises to 25

villages are under water and 82,503 hectares of crop areas have been damaged across Assam, ASDMA said. It further said authorities are running 656 relief camps and distribution centres in eight districts, where 90,597 people, including 19,555 children, have taken shelter. The bulletin said the Army, paramilitary force, National Disaster Response Force, SDRF, civil administration, trained volunteers, and fire and emergency services personnel have evacuated 110 people from various flood-hit areas. The authorities have distributed 4,278.45 quintals of rice, dal and salt, 2,555.97 litres of mustard oil, 1,232.41 quintals of cattle feed and other flood relief items. Massive erosions have been witnessed in Barpeta, Biswanath, Dhubri, Dibrugarh, Goalpara, Golaghat, Nalbari, Sivasagar, Sonitpur, Tinsukia and Udalguri districts. Embankments, roads, bridges and other infrastructure have been damaged by floodwaters in Nagaon, Barpeta, Cachar, Darrang, Dhubri, Goalpara, Karimganj, Morigaon, Nalbari, Sonitpur, Hajo and Udalguri, ASDMA said. A total of 2,27,529 domestic animals and poultry have been affected in the deluge across nine districts, ASDMA said. Brahmaputra's tributary Kopili at Dharamtil and Kamrup are flowing above the danger marks, the bulletin stated. The overall flood situation in Assam has been improving and the water level is receding in many parts of the state, but many villagers still fear the second wave of floods ahead of the upcoming monsoon season. Many villagers have lost everything in this first spell of floods and their household goods, properties were washed away by floodwaters. They are now worried about their future life. Phanidhar Bora, a resident of Gossaigaon village under the Kamrup revenue circle in central Assam's Nagaon district said that he lost everything in this devastating flood. "The floodwaters had fully damaged my granary and washed away about 65 mun paddy grain (about 2600 kilograms of paddy grain). Apart from it, several rooms including the kitchen of my house are also damaged in this flood. The floodwaters entered my house after the embankment was breached. I spent about Rs 65,000 to develop a pond and it also damaged," Phanidhar Bora said. He has appealed to the Assam Chief Minister to help him and his family to live. "If the government will not help us, then there will be no other option for us. We are now totally helpless," Phanidhar Bora said. Not only Phanidhar Bora, but many other villagers, and farmers of Gossaigaon village have also faced similar problems after the devastating flood hit them badly. Dipen Bora, a farmer of Gossaigaon village said that his all household goods were washed away by floodwaters. "The floodwaters had entered my house on Sunday evening (May 15) and washed away all household goods, damaged several rooms of my house. We are now helpless. I need a house urgently. We are now living in another villager's house these days during nights," Dipen Bora said. The aftermath of the devastating flood has forced the people of Gossaigaon village to repair their houses who live there along with their families. The villagers also fear the second wave of floods that is likely to take place during the monsoon season. More than 3.51 lakh people have been affected by the devastating flood alone in Nagaon district and out of them nearly 2.37 lakh people have been affected in the areas under the Kamrup revenue circle. As many as 25 people died in floods and landslides in the state so far and 7 persons died alone in the Nagaon district.

Matak King Sarbananda Singha

general secretary of Sadou Asom Matak Yuva Chatra Sammilan Rajdeep Gogoi, Anil Saikia, cultural secretary of the Sadou Asom Matak Sammilan and many other dignitaries attended the function. It is noteworthy that Sarbananda Singha or Mejera was a Moamoria leader. He was Matak Chutia by ethnicity. He was the first ruler of the autonomous region called Matak rajya, selected by his followers, with its capital in Bengmara, in what is now Tinsukia district in the Indian state of Assam. He was the son of Merutnandan. He was succeeded by his eldest son Matibor Borsenapoti as the second ruler of the Matak Kingdom. Matak is a name of a community who are basically follower of Moamariya Vaishnavism. After the second Moamriya Rebellion, the Ahom ruling class was completely uprooted from Upper Assam and new kings emerged. The capital Rangpur was occupied by Bharat Singha, Majuli by Hahua, area around Lakhimpur/dhemaj by Harihar Tanti and Dibrugarh/Tinisukia area of now by one Sarbananda Singha. The area where Sarbananda Singha was ruling was later identified as Matak kingdom. The rest of areas were recovered by Ahom ruling class by bringing in the British. However before the area occupied by Sarbananda Singha could be liberated, the British expedition was called back. Later Ahom troops under Purananda Singha and Sarbananda Singha continued to fight against each other. However by 1805 a compromise was made between Ahom premier Purnananda Buragohain and Sarbananda Singha by which sovereignty of Matak kingdom was identified against a payment of Rs 10000/- every year as tribute to Ahom kingdom.

TET exams : Education Dept to Move

of two months from the service of a certified copy of this order," the court said in its order. Uncertainty looms large over the jobs of more than seven thousand secondary TET teachers in the state following the order, and there is uncertainty over the jobs of many candidates who have been working in various schools after passing the secondary TET with grace marks. It is believed there were some TET qualified candidates with grace marks among 2,221 candidates who were appointed by the DoSE on May 11 as part of the state government's one lakh job for the state's youth. Meanwhile, the list of 1,381 TET qualified candidates will also be declared till the final judgement of the order by the High Court. The results of secondary TET were announced on March 4, 2020, in which 7,417 have been declared as TET qualified. Later, an additional 4,615 candidates have also been declared as TET qualified by giving five grace marks. With this, the total number of secondary TET qualified candidates has gone up to 11,322. In addition to this, more than 710 candidates have been declared TET qualified to grant one more grace mark to each owing to the error in answer scripts following which the total number of secondary TET qualified candidates has further gone up to 12,032. Of them, the recruitment process was one for 5,746 secondary TET teachers, official sources said.

Batadrava incident: Safikul's wife

since police suspect the accused have "terror links". While the first two have been registered at Batadrava police station, the UAPA case was registered under Dhing police station, which has jurisdiction over the village of the accused people. "We have been informed about many criminal activities of the accused persons... we suspect (they have) terror links, too, and have got in touch with the police in Barpeta and Bongaigaon districts to confirm whether any of them are linked to the Ansarullah Bangla Team (ABT)," Doley said. The ABT is a proscribed terrorist organisation in Bangladesh. Since March, Assam Police has arrested at least 10 people in Barpeta and Bongaigaon districts with alleged links to ABT. The NIA is also probing the case. On Saturday, Doley said, the mob had come "prepared" to attack the police station. "While there was an element of reactive response following the death, there is more to it, considering the intensity and force of the attack. There were several instigators and we are identifying them all," she said. The SP said the forensic report on Safikul's death is not ready yet. "We are probing his death, too," she said. Safikul was arrested on Friday night after police found him allegedly inebriated. Police claim he died since he was unwell. Safikul's family has alleged that police demanded Rs 10,000 and a duck as bribe to release him, and beat him up in custody, leading to his death. Meanwhile, leaders from the opposition AIUDF and Congress visited the village on Monday and criticised the BJP-led government in the state. AIUDF MLA Ashraf Hussain said the incident reflects "failure" of the police and demanded a judicial inquiry. "We demand that every perpetrator of this incident be brought to book and punished following due process of law," he said. "What's the court and the Constitution for if police are allowed to abuse the law with such impunity?" Trinamool Congress state president Ripun Bora said: "Why is the law not allowed to take its own course? Is it BJP Raj or Hitler Raj?" Following Saturday's mob violence and arson, the authorities on Sunday demolished homes of those who had allegedly set fire to the police station. This included Safikul's home. According to police, the accused were "encroachers" and were staying on government land with "forged" documents.

Lending a helping hand to marooned families

Assam Rising, Guwahati, May 24: A humble effort to overcome the aftermath of the devastating floods in Assam was undertaken under the leadership of CTO Dr Mumtaz Mazumdar of MC Das College, Sonai in Cachar dist on Monday. She mobilised a team of motivated NCC cadets of 62 Assam Girls Bn (Cp HQ NCC Silchar) to distribute essential ration and grocery items on boats to the stranded fellow residents of the region.

Tamulpur police rescued Five minor girls

Assam Rising, Tamulpur, May 24: Tamualpur police today managed to rescue five minor girls who were allegedly trafficked to another state by train from Rangia, tempting them to work. Some trafficker tried to take these five minor girls from Kumarikata in Tamulpur district without concern for their families. The vicious circle tried to take the minor girls from Rangia railway station to Rajkoat in Gujarat. Based on a special information this afternoon, Rupjyoti Kalita, SDPO of Tamulpur with a police team from Tamulpur police station launched an operation in collaboration with GRPF of Rangia in Rangiya railway station and managed to rescue the minor girls from the vicious circle. After rescuing the minor girls were brought back to Tamulpur Police Station. Police have detained a woman from Rangia named Anita who was suspected to be involved in the trafficking case. Tamulpur police is continuing interrogation for more information.

'Baggage Wrapping' facility launched at LGBIA

Assam Rising, Palasbari, May 24: Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport has launched some additional services for passengers' convenience at the airport. As of late, Guwahati Airport has launched a 'baggage wrapping' facility outside the terminal of departure hall on May 22. Now passengers can avail this service at the airport while traveling.

Flu: Paediatrician urges flu vaccine for all kids

Assam Rising, Guwahati, May 24: Transmission of influenza (flu) virus happens through the nose and respiratory tract particularly when kids share close quarters like they do in school classrooms. Children younger than 5 years are at higher risk of developing serious flu-related complications, hence flu vaccination should be made an integral part of the child's back to school plan. This coupled with covid appropriate behaviors of masking and sanitizing should protect the child from seasonal infections. Experts predict we may be in for a difficult year when it comes to the flu. Highlighting the need for the influenza vaccine for Dr Nirmal Jain, MBBS, MD –(Paediatrics) Gauhati Medical College and Hospital, Guwahati said, "Recently, many children have been exposed to the external environment and have begun spending time outside. Because children have been staying indoors for the past two years, there could be a resurgence of infectious diseases. With the onset of monsoon season children are most susceptible to respiratory illnesses. Infants under the age of five are especially vulnerable to influenza. Those with comorbid conditions like asthma, heart disease, and people over 65 years of age are also severely impacted. Flu vaccination is considered a necessity to prevent the spread of the disease within the family and the community. The Flu vaccine is updated every year in response to changes in virus strains. It is advisable to get the vaccine as early as May, as it takes a few weeks for the antibodies to build up during the Flu season (June-September)". Flu can result in up to 35% increase in OPD visits and excess hospitalization in children. Vaccination is the most effective way to prevent flu infection, which affects at least 4 out of 10 children in the preschool age and a minimum of 3 out of 10 children in the age group of 6 to 12 years, during outbreaks. So, if children are attending school or heading out for family vacations, both of which involve exposure to crowds, parents should make sure their vaccination schedules are up-to-date and the entire family is vaccinated against influenza. To protect kids against infection is essential in the developing years as it may impact on their growth - a release added.

250 villages are still reeling under flood water in Nagaon

Assam Rising, Nagaon, May 24: Over 250 villages under Kampur, Nagaon and Raha revenue circles in the district are still reeling under flood water and no improvement has been marked till today.

The flood water ravaged over 15,324.24 hectares of land with various crops and vegetables in the district till the time of filing this report. Meanwhile the flash flood also hit over 3,51070 people under those three revenue circles of the district for which over 20,692 flood hit inmates were taking shelter in over 162 relief camps set up the district administration, sources from district disaster management authority, Nagaon said, adding that among those relief camps, 15 were in active in Kampur revenue circle, 60 in Nagaon Sadar revenue circle while 87 were under Raha revenue circle. As per an official report issued by district disaster management authority, Nagaon this afternoon, the flood water wreaked havoc in Nagaon Sadar revenue circle and submerged over 68 revenue villages. Besides, the surging water from the Kolong river breached a road cum road near Nagaon Milanpur a couple of days ago for which a large areas of Milanpur, Sutahaibor and Baidatup in the town were reeling under water. According to the latest report of the district disaster management authority, Nagaon, during the flash wave of flood damaged almost 17 roads constructed by PWD as well as other departments under Nagaon, Kampur and Raha revenue circles till today. The surface routes to Kampur town from all districts headquarters of Nagaon, Hajo and West Karbi Anglong were still being disrupted for over a week due to breaching as well as damages caused by the flash flood. However it was stated in the report that during the last 72 hours,


Terror of Tiger: Forest officials drive to find the tiger



Assam Rising, Tamulpur, May 24: Tiger terror now prevails in the Nabingaon village in Kawli area along the Indo-Bhutan border in Tamulpur district in parallel with wild elephants terror. Some locals heard the roaring sound of a tiger along the bank of Matanga River adjacent to Nabingaon in Kawli area in Tamulpur district early this morning. As the news of tiger menace spread in the area, there was a severe panic in the greater Kawli area. Immediately the villagers went in search of the tiger with some sticks and sharp weapons in their hands. Local people witnessed tiger steps on the sand of Matanga River and became sure that tigers came out evening. It may be recalled that a tiger was also spotted by a man who came to take a cow that had been abandoned on the banks of the river yesterday evening. A team of forest officials from Kumarikata Forest Range office reached Nabingaon after receiving information about the tiger coming out and raided the dense forest along the banks of the river today with the help of locals but could not find the tiger till the time of filling the report. Forest department officials have suspected that the tiger was swept away in the rising waters of the river flowing from the Bhutan border a few days ago. Forest officials are continuing their operation in search of the tiger till evening.

Road mishap: died 5

Assam Rising,, Sipajhar, May 24: Five persons namely Jaymati Barua, Sangita Deka Sarma, Indadul Haque, Jintumoni Ahmed and Rekeb Ali died and four others critically injured after a speeding truck (No-As--11--BC--1555) hit them at National Highway 15 near Sipajhar College Chowk. The critically injured persons were admitted to hospital.

MISSING INFORMATION	
	
Mrs. Mitali Beypi (29 yrs)	
The above is photograph of a woman namely Mrs Mitali Beypi (29 yrs), W/O. Sri Jyotish Engti, Vill- Barajarani, PS - Biswanath Charilai, District- Biswanath (Assam) who has been missing since- 12/05/2022 from her father's house as a reported by the complainant at Tinsuti PP.	
On receipt of the information, a missing entry vide Tinsuti PP GDE No-87575 Dated; 17/05/2022 was made and investigated into for tracing out the missing woman.	
The Descriptive Roll of the Missing woman is as follows :-	
1. Height	- 5 Feet
2. Complexion	- Swarthy
3. Hair	- Black long
4. Age	- 29 Years
5. Wearing	- Black colour long pant and red colour sporting
6. Body Build	- -
7. Weight	- 65 kgs
8. Language Known	- Assamese/ Karbi
9. Identification mark	- No
10. Any contact No of the victim	- No
11. Ant Suspect	- No
Contact No	- Biswanath PCR- 8135837614/6026900206
All efforts may kindly be taken to trace out the above woman with intimation to the undersigned.	
Sd/- Superintendent of Police, Biswanath, Assam	
Janasanyog/D/3989/22	



Tezpur entered into semi final in Nuruddin Senior Inter-District Cricket

GUWAHATI, May 24 : Tezpur into the semi final of the Nuruddin Senior Inter District Cricket defeating Morigaon by an innings and 40 runs in their last league match at the ACA Stadium, Barsapara here today. Tezpur, rode on a fine century from Anurag Talukdar (110), declared their first innings 360-7. Bastab narrowly missed a century as the batsman got out on 96. Morigaon, scored 163-9 in their first innings, also didn't do well with the bat in the second innings and were bowled out 157. Bhoirabh Bharali (55) was the top scorer and Sidharth Sarmah picked up 4-25. Tezpur earned 7 points from the match. At Amingaon, Silchar required 126 runs to win their tie against Tinsukia on Tuesday. In the morning Silchar (163 in the first innings) earned a slender 14 runs first innings lead and later they bowled out Tinsukia in second innings 177 runs thanks to a nice spell from Rahul Singh who bagged 6-41. Nihar Narah (61) was the top scorer. Silchar were 38-2 in their second innings. Biswanath Chariali were successful to earn 116 runs first innings lead against Karbi Anglong. The match was held at the Judges ground. In reply to Karbi Anglong's first innings total 179 Biswanath Chariali today bowled out 295 in their first innings. Shrabhan Kumar (104) scored a century. S Rongpi bagged 4-46. Karbi Anglong were 26-2 in their second innings at stumps on day II. At the Nehru Stadium, Dibrugarh are in the driver's seat against Bongaigaon. Dibrugarh today declared their first innings 364-7. Sourav Saha (134) and Ishan Ahmed (123) scored centuries in the first innings. Bongaigaon bowled out 86 in the first innings. Dibrugarh were 21-1 in their second innings at stumps on day II.

Rafael Nadal sinks Jordan Thompson to launch bid for 14th French Open title

London, May 24 : Eleven short days after Rafael Nadal limped out of the Italian Open with a bitter flare-up of his chronic foot injury, he was a picture of comfort on Monday afternoon as he returned to the tournament of his life with a calm opening victory. Nadal moved into the second round without incident, defeating the Australian player Jordan Thompson 6-2, 6-2, 6-2. "[It] is a good start, of course, straight sets. That's it. I mean, I played good for a while. Then things that I could do better and I need to do better. But is a positive start, and that gives me a chance to have one more day on practice tomorrow and then another chance after tomorrow." As he chases his 14th French Open title, the coming encounters for Nadal will carry some unusual urgency as he continues to attempt to rebuild his form after his fractured rib in March and the foot issues that further hurt his preparation for Paris. This is the first time that Nadal has contested the French Open without reaching a prior clay court Masters 1,000 final. "How is



my level of confidence, how would things be if I didn't get injured? I don't know," he said. "We never know. So I'm not a big fan of thinking about the things that could happen if - 'it' is a dangerous word." "[This] is the moment to accept the moment, to accept the situation, and to have the confidence to put all my effort in every single day, to get better and better. Let's see how far I can keep going." Nadal will next face the French wildcard Corentin Moutet, who defeated Stan Wawrinka 2-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7-2), 6-3 as the Swiss continues his comeback from injury. Cameron Norrie took a positive first step into his French Open campaign by defeating the local wildcard

Manuel Guinard 7-5, 6-2, 6-0 to reach the second round. The contest started as an attritional battle, with Norrie far from his top level as he lost an early break but in damp, heavy conditions he was consistent enough to see out an exhausting 72-minute set. With the opening set under his belt, however, Norrie relaxed and as he played freely until the end the difference in quality between himself and the 26-year-old ranked 146th became clear. Norrie, the 10th seed in Paris, won his fourth ATP title in Lyon on Saturday and he had only one day to both rest and adjust to the Paris conditions. After a day of rest, he will next face Australia's Jason Kubler.

Steelers QB Dwayne Haskins was twice over alcohol limit when killed



Washington, May 24 : Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Dwayne Haskins was legally drunk and had taken drugs before he was fatally hit by a truck while walking on a Florida highway last month, an autopsy report released on Monday concluded. The Broward county medical examiner's office said Haskins' blood alcohol content was 0.20 when he was killed just before dawn

on 9 April. The legal limit for driving in the state is 0.08. According to the University of California, Davis, someone of Haskins' weight (230lb) would have needed at least 10 drinks in the hours before his death to reach that blood alcohol level. He also had ketamine and its metabolite norketamine in his system. The drug can be prescribed by a doctor, but is also used recreationally. The

report does not say why the former Ohio State University star had the drugs in his system. The report said investigators found Haskins' car out of gas near where he was hit. A woman he was with told investigators the 24-year-old had left to get fuel. Witnesses said he was trying to wave down cars and standing in the center lane when he was hit by the truck and then an SUV. The report said he died of blunt force trauma. No charges have been filed. The Steelers told investigators that Haskins had no mental health issues and had never talked of suicide. They said he sometimes drank and used marijuana, but was not known to use any other recreational drugs. The medical examiner ruled the death an accident. Haskins had been in south Florida training with some of his Steelers teammates. The report said Haskins had gone to dinner with teammates and then to a club with a friend

or cousin, possibly in Miami. The two got into an argument and separated. Haskins had been on the phone with his wife, Kalabrya, back in Pittsburgh shortly before he was struck, telling her he had run out of gas. She told a 911 dispatcher she was worried when he didn't call back and wasn't answering her calls. She could be heard praying on the recording after the dispatcher put her on hold to find out if anything had been reported. The dispatcher then told her to stay by her phone and someone would contact her. Haskins starred at Ohio State in 2018, setting several school passing records and was named the MVP in both the Big Ten Championship game and in the Buckeyes' Rose Bowl win over the Washington Huskies. A 2019 first-round NFL draft pick by Washington, Haskins was released by the team after two seasons.

Mercedes are back in F1 title fight, declares upbeat Wolff after car upgrades

Barcelona, May 24 : Lewis Hamilton's performance at the Spanish Grand Prix has given Mercedes belief that they can join the Formula One world championship fight this season. The team principal, Toto Wolff, heralded Hamilton's charge from 19th to a fifth-place finish as indicative that they finally have a car poised to join Red Bull and Ferrari at the front of the grid and a tilt at the title. Max Verstappen won for Red Bull in Barcelona and has taken a six-point lead in the title race after Ferrari's Charles Leclerc failed to finish due to a power unit failure. Behind him however this was by a country mile the best performance Mercedes have returned all season. Britain's George Russell took third place with a gutsy display praised by Wolff and Hamilton delivered another superb recovery drive. The seven-time champion came through the field with pace he believed would have been sufficient to let him challenge the Red Bulls had he not dropped back after being clipped by Kevin Magnussen on the opening lap. Pitting with a puncture

immediately afterwards Hamilton returned to the field 50 seconds off the lead and 38 seconds from the nearest car. Mercedes had brought a swathe of upgrades to Barcelona intended to solve their porpoising - the car bouncing due to a ground effect downforce stall - and they worked. With the problem largely eliminated, Wolff finally had cause for optimism. "Can we fight for another world championship? Well we bet we can," he said. "We just need to have a car able to finish first and second. We have reasons to believe we can get there. If you look at the odds they are against us but motor racing is a different ball game. We saw on Sunday that Ferrari did not score a lot of points although they



should have, so we are absolutely pushing flat out to bring us back into the game." "I have seen a car that

reminded me of the race cars of previous seasons. Where you are 30-plus seconds behind the whole

field and you come all the way to the front and near the podium. That is very encouraging and shows we

England's Farrell and Smith partner up to revitalise attack for Australia tour

London, May 24 : Owen Farrell has returned to the England squad with a renewed hunger and has teamed up with Marcus Smith to set about revitalising their misfiring attack, according to the assistant coach Martin Gleeson. Farrell missed the entire Six Nations through injury but has returned to the England fold for a mini training camp where he and Smith are plotting much-needed improvements before the summer tour of Australia. Eddie Jones has made no secret of his desire to pair Smith and Farrell together in the 10-12 axis - ideally with Manu Tuilagi outside them - but, because of injuries and Covid complications, the two have played only 68 minutes together, against Australia last autumn. In Farrell's absence, England scored only eight tries - five of which against Italy - during a disappointing Six Nations campaign. Since making his comeback for Saracens, however, Farrell has shown encouraging signs of form, having slipped off the boil last season and enduring a disappointing British & Irish Lions tour of South Africa. England gathered on Sunday for their three-day camp in south-west London to begin preparations for the tour of Australia. Gleeson, the



attack coach who is confident of "significant improvements" against the Wallabies, said Farrell and Smith have been putting their heads together. "Owen] is key for us, a really important figure within the squad," Gleeson said. "In the autumn him and Marcus got on really well. He drives a lot of the behaviours, the attitude, the desire in the team. The guy is hungry. He's a student of the game. We have little groups with him, me and Marcus, speaking about what we need

to do. It's good to have him back in camp, really good to have his presence back again. I think it's going to be a massive positive for the group." They do work together really well, and I think [Owen] can free up Marcus a little bit so he doesn't have too much to think about. Marcus plays with a smile on his face, plays what he sees and is pretty instinctive. [Owen] can be really controlled and methodical. The combination of those two from what I've seen is a good one." Tuilagi's return to the squad has also been welcomed by England while Gleeson is impressed by what he has seen from the 19-year-old London Irish speedster Henry Arundell. England will face the Barbarians on 19 June before seeking to extend their winning sequence against the Wallabies to nine.

Burnley fans fear bleak future with players leaving and debts to repay

Paris, May 24 : Certainties at Turf Moor are few and far between. The fact they will start next season in the second tier after their defeat against Newcastle on Sunday consigned them to the Championship after six years in the Premier League is about the only thing Burnley know for sure. They have no manager, nine players are out of contract this summer, their academy is at risk of being downgraded and they have the small matter of needing to pay back "a significant proportion" of a £65m loan owner ALK Capital took out when buying the club. Premier League TV rights money provided 90% of income for the club during the years affected by Covid, something Burnley will lose from next season. Parachute payments will help soften the blow but they will need to reconfigure finances to make the club sustainable. On the playing side of things, a recruitment drive will be required to replace departing players. Of those whose deals expire, James Tarkowski will definitely leave and talks with long-serving captain Ben Mee will now take place over extending his 10-year stay at the club. Matej Vydra is another who could be persuaded to re-sign but Ashley Barnes, Phil Bardsley, Jack Cork, Aaron Lennon, Erik Pieters and Dale Stephens might need to look elsewhere. Due to the

disappointing nature of the season, few in the Burnley ranks will fetch a high price. Nick Pope will be the most expensive due to his impressive form to keep Burnley within touching distance of safety and Maxwel Cornet will attract interest thanks to a £17.5m release clause. Nathan Collins looked a Premier League player after deputising for Mee and Tarkowski for lengthy periods, while Dwight McNeil showed flashes of his talent after being reinvigorated following Sean Dyche's sacking. Ensuring Mee stays is of the utmost importance for Burnley. He is a figurehead for the club, becoming the key middleman when asked to join the interim coaching staff for the final fling. Mee knows what makes the squad tick and was passing on information to Mike



Jackson, seeing immediate improvements from players such as McNeil. The players look up to him and seek his advice on professional and personal matters. Burnley might need an overhaul but keeping their captain can help build a future. This leads to a problem for a club who are not known for their

recruitment, rarely dipping their toes into the market during Dyche's final years in charge. To completely overhaul an ageing squad with a strategy focused on signing younger players and with one eye on the overseas market is tricky, especially with an unknown budget available to whoever comes in.

Justin Thomas credits caddie 'Bones' Mackay for US PGA comeback win

Tulsa, May 24 : It remains unclear whether Phil Mickelson will emerge from exile when Greg Norman and his Saudi Arabian circus rumbles into Hertfordshire next month. Mickelson presumably has enough on his mind without contemplating the bitter irony of events at Southern Hills on Sunday. Nonetheless, to others it was striking that as Mickelson - the defending

champion - sat at home in San Diego, a man once key to his success was instrumental in Justin Thomas claiming a second US PGA Championship. Relations between Mickelson and Jim "Bones" Mackay are understood to be non-existent despite 25 years of professional association. Mackay was on the bag as Mickelson won five of his six major championships.

Having stepped back from bag carrying duties and while working in television, Mackay decided privately that the only player for whom he would return to the game was Thomas. The call arrived last September; eight months on, Thomas has doubled his tally of major victories. "I think he has more shots than anyone on tour," Mackay says of his employer.

Emma Raducanu fights back to sink Linda Noskova at French Open



Washington, May 24 : Throughout the past 11 months as she has made her first journey around the WTA tour, every time Emma Raducanu has stepped on to a tennis court she has had to battle against the greater experience of her opponents as well as the quality of their games. Her sparse competitive record has meant that even opponents around the same age as her marched on to the court far more mentally and physically prepared for the fight to come. But on a damp, rainy evening on Court Simonne-Mathieu, Raducanu faced a

completely different scenario. For the first time in her career at the highest level, even on her French Open debut, she was both the elder and more experienced player on the court. As she faced a picture of precocity in the 17-year-old Czech Linda Noskova, a grand slam qualifying debutant just one week ago who immediately won three rounds to reach her first main draw, Raducanu dug deep to hold her off, recovering from a set and break down to reach the second round in Paris with a 6-7 (4), 7-5, 6-1 win in two hours, 37 minutes. "It was an

absolute battle. I have to say Linda is playing some amazing tennis and she really came out there firing," Raducanu said. "As soon as I dropped my ball speed, she was all over me and killing me from the end of the first set." Despite breaking serve early in that first set, Raducanu was too passive from the beginning, opting to disrupt Noskova with copious looping balls and elongating points rather than imposing herself from inside the baseline. Noskova, meanwhile, knew exactly what she wanted to do in the biggest moment of

her young career so far: attack. She took the ball daringly early with pristine timing, smothered all short balls and every time an opportunity to take her favoured backhand down the line opened up, Noskova took it on without a hint of doubt. Both in style and daring, she was not so dissimilar to the fearless Raducanu of last year before the blessing and burden of being a grand slam champion. As the first set wore on, Noskova's confidence grew and it culminated in a stunning tiebreak triumph. She continued to blaze through the second set, breaking serve with a perfect return game to go ahead 4-3. As the match reached its most pivotal moments, Raducanu slowly began to creep closer to the baseline, taking the ball earlier and responding to Noskova's fire with some of her own. Under pressure by Raducanu for the first time, Noskova offered up more errors. The gritty set ended

with a touch of magic as Raducanu snatched it with a sweet winning drop shot. With the momentum on her side, and Noskova's high-octane attacking laced with far more frequent errors, Raducanu moved swiftly through the third set and into the second round. Even though Raducanu was heavily favoured to win, she demonstrated her toughness in addition to her durability after so many recent ailments. "I knew that if I got through some really tough moments in the second set, it might get to her," Raducanu said. "And I think in the third set I definitely was able to kind of keep pushing. Eventually I was dominating more and more. I was pretty pleased." Physically, I think I was really good out there. I lasted the whole three sets. I was really good. I was also thinking I'm going to outcompete her." After a day of rest, Raducanu will face Aliaksandra Sasnovich, the world No 47, for a place in the third round.

Naomi Osaka may skip Wimbledon 'exhibition' after ranking points removal



Wimbledon, May 24: Naomi Osaka says she is leaning towards not competing at Wimbledon in light of the WTA's decision to remove ranking points from the tournament in response to the All England Club's ban of Russian and Belarusian players due to the invasion of Ukraine. Speaking after her 5-7, 4-6 defeat in the French Open first round by the 27th seed, Amanda Anisimova, Osaka likened a Wimbledon without points to an exhibition and felt she would struggle for motivation. "I'm not sure why, but if I play Wimbledon without points, it's more like an exhibition," Osaka said. "I know this isn't true, right? But my brain just like feels that way. I just can't go at it 100%. I didn't even make my decision yet, but I'm leaning more towards not playing given the current circumstances, but that might change." Osaka, a four-time grand slam title winner and former world No 1, is ranked

38th and rising back up the rankings after playing fewer tournaments in 2021. She also withdrew from Wimbledon last year after a much-publicised withdrawal from the French Open, and has not played on grass since 2019. Her inexperience and mediocre results on clay and grass - she has never progressed past the third round at Roland Garros or Wimbledon - has been a constant source of discussion. "I would love to go just to get some experience on grass, but at the same time, for me, it's kind of - I don't want to say pointless, no pun intended," she said. "But I'm the type of player that gets motivated by seeing my ranking go up. So I think the intention was really good, but the execution is kind of all over the place." Novak Djokovic reached the second round in Paris with a 6-3, 6-1, 6-0 win over Japan's Yoshihito Nishioka. Afterwards, despite acknowledging that he is likely to lose his world No 1 ranking as a result, Djokovic threw his support behind the ATP's decision to revoke its points from Wimbledon. Djokovic called Wimbledon's ban the "wrong decision" and he suggested that All England Club had more options within the UK government guidance than stated.

New Zealand cricket great Daniel Vettori joins Australia's new coaching staff

Auckland, May 24: Former New Zealand Test spinner Daniel Vettori will make a full-time switch to Australia's cricket set-up after being appointed as one of Andrew McDonald's two new assistant coaches. Vettori and Victorian Andre Borovec have been confirmed as part of Australia's new-look coaching panel and will begin their roles next month in Sri Lanka. Their recruitment follows Justin Langer's exit at the end of the summer, with McDonald moving from assistant to take charge of the men's team. Fellow assistant Jeff Vaughan has also left the group, taking up the top job in Tasmania after a brief stint with the national side. The other remaining assistant, Michael Di Venuto, will stay on as a batting coach. Vettori, New Zealand's finest-ever spinner, worked with Australia on the white-ball component of the recent Pakistan tour. But a move into the full-



time role marks his most serious involvement with Australian cricket after previously coaching the Brisbane Heat in the Big Bash League. "Daniel joined the Pakistan tour for the white-ball series and was warmly welcomed," high-performance manager Ben Oliver said. "His international experience in all forms of the game as a player and coach is almost unrivalled and his strategic insights, coaching approach and collaborative style will be invaluable for Andrew and the team." Borovec will also take

charge of the Australia A team in Sri Lanka before the Test series. He was a player and coach in Victorian Premier Cricket, having since worked in the BBL alongside McDonald at the Melbourne Renegades. "Andre has been fantastic for the group when he has been involved as an extremely skilled and experienced high-performance coach," McDonald said. "He is a great fit culturally and brings the skills to complement our high-performance specialists."

Rodríguez's 1st Long Ball At Home Leads M's Past A's 7-6



New Delhi, May 24 : Prized rookie Julio Rodríguez homered at home for the first time, a three-run shot to give Seattle an early lead, and the Mariners beat Oakland 7-6 on Monday night for their 13th straight win over the Athletics. Cal Raleigh and Eugenio Suárez each added a two-run homer as the Mariners extended their domination of the A's dating to last season. Seattle went 15-4 against Oakland last year and hasn't lost to the A's since July 22, 2021. After a rough first couple of weeks, Rodríguez has been one of Seattle's best hitters for more than a month. He had his fifth multi-hit game in the past nine, adding a sharp single to go along with his fourth home run. Raleigh's homer in the fourth inning was his fourth of the season and just his fifth hit. Suárez added his ninth homer and third in the past eight games in the fifth inning. All the Seattle home runs came off Oakland starter Zach Logue, who had allowed four earned runs total in his previous three starts. Logue (2-3) was tagged

for seven earned runs. He walked four and struck out six. Seattle starter Marco Gonzales pitched 5 1/3 innings to get the victory but his final numbers didn't look great thanks to some bloop hits and shaky relief work by the Mariners. Gonzales (3-4) allowed five earned runs, but reliever Penn Murfee failed to get an out, giving up two hits and a walk after Gonzales was lifted. Paul Sewald pitched the ninth for his second save. Chad Pinder hit his fourth homer of the season off Gonzales, and Cristian Pache had a two-run double off Murfee. Tony Kemp also had two RBIs. The 13 straight losses by the A's to Seattle ties Oakland's longest losing streak against one team. The A's lost 13 straight to Cleveland (1994-95), Baltimore (1977-79) and Texas (1977-78). Athletics: OF Ramón Laureano was out of the lineup for a second straight game after getting hit on the hand Saturday against the Angels. There was optimism Laureano could be back in the lineup Tuesday. ... RHP Frankie Montas threw a bullpen and is on track to make his next scheduled start. Montas was struck by a line drive on the hand Saturday against the Angels. Mariners: Seattle is optimistic that 2020 AL Rookie of the Year Kyle Lewis will be activated off the injured list Tuesday. Lewis has missed nearly a year due to right knee issues.



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