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HSLC Result 2022 Assam Rising Guwahati, May 25 :

The Board of Secondary Education, Assam (SEBA) is expected to declare the Assam HSLC or Class 10 board exam results 2022 soon. However, the board is yet to make an official announcement regarding the SEBA HSLC Leaving Certificate (HSLC) results date and time. Once declared, Assam HSLC Result 2022 will be made available on the official website-sebaonline.org and resultssam.nic.in. The Assam Board 10th exams that started on March 15 continued till March 31, and the papers were held in two shifts on all the exam days. A total of 4.31 lakh (4,31,132) students had registered to sit for the SEBA HSLC examination this year. As per reports, the Assam HSLC result 2022 is expected either in the last week of May or latest by the first week of June. The date of declaring SEBA Class 10 results is yet to be announced officially.

Leopard killed

Assam Rising
Guwahati, May 25 :

A leopard was killed after being hit by a speeding vehicle in Assam's Golaghat district on Wednesday. The incident was reported at Panbari area in Bokakhat. According to sources, the leopard was hit by the vehicle on national highway 37 while it was crossing the road. The vehicle reportedly fled the scene soon after. Meanwhile, forest officials reached the spot and transported carcass of the leopard for post-mortem. Earlier this year, a leopard was killed by the vehicle on national highway 37 while it was crossing the road. The vehicle reportedly fled the scene soon after. Meanwhile, forest officials reached the spot and transported carcass of the leopard for post-mortem. Earlier this year, a leopard was killed by the vehicle on national highway 37 while it was crossing the road. The vehicle reportedly fled the scene soon after. Meanwhile, forest officials reached the spot and transported carcass of the leopard for post-mortem.

Temple vandalized

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Guwahati, May 25 :

In Guwahati's Bhetapara area after a mandir was vandalized by unidentified miscreants on Tuesday night. According to sources, miscreants vandalized and desecrated the shiva temple located in Bhetapara, enraging locals. "We informed the police early morning at around 6 am but they arrived at 8.30 am after repeated calls," a local claimed. A ganesh mandir was also vandalized by the miscreants wherein the idol of lord Ganesh was uprooted from its place and thrown outside the temple, sources said. Last month, unidentified miscreants allegedly vandalized an idol of Lord Hanuman and later set it afire in Hajo under Kamrup Rural district.

Inter-ministerial central team to visit flood-hit Assam to assess damage



Assam Rising
Guwahati, May 25 :

An inter-ministerial Central team of six members will be on two-day visit to the flood-ravaged Assam beginning Friday to assess the damage to the properties, crops, loss of lives and other aspects of the deluge, officials said on Wednesday. Officials of the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) said that the team, led by

Ravinesh Kumar, Financial Advisor, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) of the Home Ministry, would visit Cachar, Dima Hasao, Darrang, Nagaon and Hojai districts to assess the extent of loss caused by rain-induced floods and landslides. After the field visit on Friday and Saturday, the team would hold meetings with the state government officials. The situation in Assam, where the pre-monsoon floods

have affected large parts of the state since May 13, continued to improve for the fourth day on Wednesday, but still around 5.80 lakh people in 18 districts are affected. The death toll has risen to 27 till early on

Wednesday. Of the 27 deaths, 21 died in floods and remaining in landslides in different districts. The Indian Railways has begun the restoration works to rebuild the railway infrastructure damaged in Assam's Dima Hasao, which was ravaged by floods and landslides. According to the Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR), incessant rains caused floods and landslides which damaged the railway network at 60 locations in Dima Hasao under the 170 kilometer long Luming-Badarpur section. Chief public relations officer (CPRO) of NFR, Sabyasachi De was quoted by ANI as saying that the railways has started restoration works at 10-11 of the locations destroyed

by the floods. He said, "Recent floods and landslides in Dima Hasao district have affected the train services in the area. The Luming-Badarpur is a 170-km long section and landslides and floods have damaged the railway network at 60 locations in this section." "Out of these 60 locations, we have already restored 11 sites and works are under-going for the remaining areas. And out of the remaining 49 locations as well, 10-11 such locations are some critical areas where restoration is going on in full swing," De added. De further said that the NF Railway has cancelled 26 pairs of trains and partially cancelled around 28 other pairs,

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Governor administers oath to two members of APSC



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Guwahati, May 25 :

Assam Governor Prof. Jagdish Mukhi administered the oath of office to Smti. Alka Bhargava, IFS (Retd.) and Dr. Padma Sarma, Associate Professor (Retd.) as new members of the Assam Public Service Commission (APSC) at a ceremony held in the Durbar Hall of Raj Bhavan today. Earlier,

Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam Jishnu Barua sought the permission of the Governor to start the proceedings of the ceremony. The ceremony was attended among others by Chairman of APSC Rajiv Kumar Bora, Chief Information Commissioner Samudra Gupta Kashyap, members and other office bearers of APSC, senior officers of the state government.

Yasin Malik, Separatist leader from Jammu & Kashmir, gets life imprisonment



New Delhi, May 25 :

Yasin Malik, separatist leader from Jammu and Kashmir, has sentenced to life imprisonment in terror funding case. On Wednesday (May 25), the National Investigation Agency (NIA) had urged the court to give the death penalty to Yasin Malik. Malik had said that will not beg for anything and left the decision on court. The lawyer who attended the court proceeding said, in the courtroom, "Yasin said that if he has been involved in any terrorist activity or violence in 28 years, if Indian Intelligence

proves this, then he will also retire from politics. 'I will accept the hanging. With seven Prime Ministers, I have worked.' On the demand by NIA for the death penalty to the separatist leader, he said, "I will not beg for anything. The case is before this court and I left on the court to decide it." NIA SPP (Special Public Prosecutor) told the court that Yasin Malik is responsible, in part, for the Kashmiri Pandit exodus. The court on the last date had convicted him in the matter. Malik recently had pleaded guilty in the terror funding case. The lawyer representing NIA on Wednesday sought maximum punishment against Malik. However, Advocate Akhand Pratap Singh (court-appointed amicus) sought minimum punishment (life imprisonment). Earlier, the court asked NIA to give an affidavit on the socio-economic status of convict Yasin Malik after taking the help of local authorities. Malik is also di

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Central minister Darshana Jardosh visited the Crafts demonstration Programme at Aizawl



Aizawl, May 25 :

Darshana Jardosh, Minister of State for Railways and Textiles, Govt. of India visited the Crafts demonstration Programme at ZOHANDCO building Chaltlang, Aizawl, Mizoram

on 24 May. Approx. 21 numbers artisans from Edenthar, Zemabawkl and Durtlang villages of Aizawl district in Cane & Bamboo and Hand Embroidery crafts demonstrated and displayed their

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Govt. to provide Rs.1 crore each for 800 Jagannath Sewa Kendra in 800 tea gardens: CM



Assam Rising
Guwahati, May 25 :

Ushering in a new era of academic excellence in tea garden areas in Assam, Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma dedicated 96 newly built Model High

Schools in Tea Garden areas at a function held in Sonitpur district today. Chief Minister Dr. Sarma inaugurated Tezpur-Ghogora and Rupajuli Tea Garden Model school, Sonajuli Tea Garden Model High School, Nahoroni Model High

School, Phulbari and Thakurbari Model High School. It may be noted that from today within May 30, the Ministers, MPs and MLAs will inaugurate these schools in their respective jurisdiction. Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister

Dr. Sarma said that to use education as a tool to bring about overall development of the people belonging to tea garden areas, State government for the first time set up model high schools in the tea garden areas. These schools will be able to impart qualitative and value-based education to the students to help them to bring laurels to the state. He also informed that in these 96 model schools as many as 14,594 students have enrolled their names. To impart instructions, eight faculty members in each school have been appointed which has ushered in a ray of hope in the tea garden areas. Stating that these schools will be named after great personalities belonging to the tea communities who have immense contributions towards



socio-economic and academic development of the tea communities, the Chief Minister said that the Model school in Tezpur-Ghogora has been named after Swahid Mangri Orang, Rupajuli Tea Garden Model school as Amiyu Kumar Das model high school, Sonajuli Tea Garden Model High School as Swahid Hemlal Kalandi Model High

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India becomes largest producer, second largest exporter of sugar

New Delhi, May 25 :

The government on Wednesday claimed that India has become the largest producer of sugar in the world in the year 2022-23, more than Brazil, while it would be the second largest exporter of sugar. Sugar

production in 2018-19 was 332 lakh metric tonnes (LMT) after discounting diversion of 3 LMT for ethanol; in 2019-20, it was 274 LMT (after discounting diversion of 9 LMT for ethanol); in 2020-21, the production increased to 310 LMT (after discounting diversion

of 22 LMT for ethanol) and for 2021-22, it is 335 LMT (after discounting diversion of 35 LMT for ethanol). The production of sugar has increased and so has sugar exports. In sugar seasons 2017-18, 2018-19 & 2019-20, only about 6.2 LMT, 38 LMT & 59.60 LMT of sugar was

exported. "In sugar season 2020-21 against target of 60 LMT, about 70 LMT have been exported. In the current sugar season 2021-22, against the projected 100 LMT exports, contracts for export of about 90 LMT

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Biscuits, ghee and hair oil to get cheaper after government duty cut - but after three months

Assam Rising
Guwahati, May 25 :

The Indian government's decision to allow duty-free import of crude soybean oil and sunflower oil, coupled with limiting of the basic import tax on crude palm oil to 10%, will bring cheer to the inflation-hit consumers as well as FMCG players. According to the analysts Business Insider spoke with, the current relaxations are go-

ing to bring down the cost of goods like - cooking oils, food items and even cosmetics. FMCG companies will have to pay much less for their raw material like sunflower and palm oil which goes into these products. The benefits of this reduction will be accrued in the next three months, Suman Jagdev, partner at Praxis Global Alliance told Business Insider India. He noted that the companies importing these

edible oils will have to pay less, and the perk would be transferred to customers." Because of its low domestic oilseed production, India imports about 55-60% of its annual edible oil consumption," Jagdev elaborated. Vinit Bolinjkar, head of research at Ventura Securities, also said that the price of edible oils should go down in the short term. Besides this, the price of food items like biscuits, ghee, hair oil, coco-



nut oil would also see a reduction with the latest move. "The move is aimed

to bring down the prices

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BHEJA FRY



Let's go for the flood myself what to expect from the government.

Mangaluru imposes Section 144 around Juma Masjid after Hindu temple-like structure found

Mangaluru, May 25 : Heavy police personnel has been deployed at Malali Juma Masjid in Mangaluru after right-wing organisations performed 'Tambula Prashne' at Sri Ramanjaneya Bhajana Mandira in Malali on Wednesday morning. According to Mangaluru authorities, Section 144 will be in place within a 500-meter area of Juma Masjid in Mangaluru till 8 am on May 26. Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP) and Bajrang Dal performed 'Tambula Prashne' at Sri Ramanjaneya Bhajana Mandira in Malali this morning. It is noteworthy that a Hindu temple-like architectural design was discovered underneath an old mosque on the outskirts of Mangaluru on April 21.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Chief Judicial Magistrate, Majuli invited Quotations affixing Court fee of RS. 8.25 (Non-refundable) from reputed/authorized persons who are engaged in the business of outsourcing vehicle. The required no. Of outsourcing vehicle 1 (One) for the undersigned.

The tender should reach the undersigned on or before **31/05/2022**.

Sl.No.	Name of Vehicle	Brand	Quantity	Rate	Remarks
1	Verna	Hyundai	1 no.	On monthly rental basis	Preference
2	City	Honda		On monthly rental basis	Will be given to vehicle with good conditions.
3	Claz	Maruti		On monthly rental basis	
4	Scorpio	Mahindra		On monthly rental basis	
5	XUV500	Mahindra		On monthly rental basis	

Terms & Conditions :-

- The maintenance of the vehicle shall be done by the outsourcing vendor (except driver fuel).
- There should not be any tigation with the said vehicle.
- The contact period will be initially for 1 (one) year which may be extended (if necessary) or till new vehicles are provided by the Government.
- The interested Parties (Vendor) must be SBI Account Holder and GST Reg. No., Pan Card Number, etc For online payment of Bill.
- The scaled envelope containing quotation shall be marked as "Quotation for Outsourcing Vehide".
- Payments shall be made through online after submission of Bills.
- The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders part or full, without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Sd/-
Chief Judicial Magistrate
Majuli

Janasanyog/C/3168/22

No.KMB-18/BTC/2020-23/305

Dated. Kokrajhar the 25/05/2022

NOTICE FOR TENDER

Sealed tender affixing court fee Rs. 8.25 (Rupees Eight and Paise twenty five) only are invited from the registered contractor from PWD or firm or Municipal Registered contractors up to 2:00PM on 02/06/2022 for the following work with the completion of working days up to 180 days, and same will be opened by the undersigned on the same date and hours. The tender papers will be issued to the contractor or authorized agent up to 12.00.00 PM on 02/06/2022. The details of NIT & Terms and Conditions may be seen in all working days in the office of the undersigned.

Name of Project	Amount
Name of work:- Construction of RCC Slab cover at different location under Kokrajhar Town.	Rs. 2,46,500.00

Sd/-Chairperson
Kokrajhar Municipal Board
Kokrajhar.

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Advertisement

(Dated Tinsukia the 24th May, 2022)

Applications are invited from Citizens of India as defined under Article 5 & 6 of the constitution of India in Standard Form as published in Par-IX of The Assam Gazette, for filling up 1 (One) Post of Driver for official vehicle in the Establishment of the Chief Magistrate, Tinsukia, :

Sl. No	Name of the Post	Category	Required Qualification	Pay	No. Of Vacant Post
1.	Driver	UR	Class VIII passed with valid driving licence	Rs. 14,000=60,500/- Plus Grade Pay- Rs. 5,200/-	01 (One)

Terms & Conditions :-

- Candidate must not be less than 18 years and more than 40 years of age as on 01.01.2022. The upper age is relaxable as per Govt. norms vide O.M. No ABP.06/2016/51, Dated Dispur, the 2nd September. 2020. The candidate must be a citizen of Indian as per Article-5 to 8. Constitution of India.
- Candidates must have registered their names in the Employment Exchange and the Registration is to be valid as on the date of submission of applications.
- Minimum educational qualification is Class VIII passed and also having valid Driving Licence.
- The candidate must mention in the application form the details of criminal cases, if any instituted against him/her, whether pending or disposed of; if disposed of, whether convicted or acquitted.
- Applications should reach the Office of the undersigned on or before **20.06.2022** during office hours.
- No TA/DA will be admissible to the candidate for attending the Test/Interview.
- Canvassing directly or indirectly will disqualify the candidature,
- The list of eligible candidates shall be uploaded in the official website of Tinsukia District Judiciary i.e. www.tinsukiajudiciary.gov.in. All information regarding date of Test/Interview will be intimated through the above noted official website. **Therefore, candidates are advised to check the Official website regularly. No separate calling letter will be issued.**
- Mode of Test/Interview will be notified later in the Official website of Tinsukia District Judiciary i.e. www.tinsukiajudiciary.gov.in as per Board's decision.
- Mere calling of candidates to the Test/Interview doesn't necessarily mean acceptance of the candidature and if at any stage it is found that the candidate doesn't fulfill any of the eligibility conditions or has suppressed his/her educational qualification or provided wrong information, his/her candidature shall stand rejected with immediate effect, without any intimation to him/her and it may lead to criminal proceedings against him/her in appropriate cases. Final appointment of the selected candidate will be subject to satisfactory police verification report and medical fitness certificate as per Rules

HOW TO APPLY

- Candidates have to send their application in Standard Form through post, superscribing the post applied for on the top of the envelope to the address "**The Chief Judicial Magistrate, Tinsukia, Borguri, Pin- 786126, Assam**". The candidates may also submit their applications in the **DROP BOX** placed at the Office of the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Tinsukia, Assam during office hours i.e. 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. The appointing authority shall not be responsible under any circumstances for any postal delay.
- Applications must be accompanied with the self attested copies of all the testimonials regarding educational qualification, age, caste, valid Employment Exchange Registration Card, experience (if any) along with three copies of recent passports Size photographs.
- Candidates serving in Govt. Departments, other offices should submit their application through proper channel and should submit NOC from his/her present employer.
- Incomplete applications will be summarily rejected without intimating the applicant.
- The applicant shall mention their mobile numbers, email address, if any, in the application form without fail.
- The Selection Board reserves the right to cancel, alter and modify any terms or conditions at any stage without any prior notice. All other matters, which are not specifically mentioned in this advertisement, shall be decided by the Selection Board Office of the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Tinsukia.

Sd/-
Chief Judicial Magistrate,
Tinsukia.

Janasanyog/D/4048/22

Delhi government opens national resource centre for oral health, tobacco cessation

with the objective of spreading awareness about the ill-effects of tobacco and drugs, to provide better training to the dentists of the country and to conduct research on dental health", adding "It is the first national resource centre among the total 315 dental colleges in the country." Launching the official logo of the NRC-OH-TC, the minister said that most of the people are still not aware about their oral health and dental hygiene, and this is the reason why the cases of oral cancer are increasing rapidly, even among the youth. "Every year more than seven million deaths occur due to tobacco use alone across the world. This is an alarming signal for the people.



Nicotine found in tobacco is very harmful to health and well-being. Due to its

'What if a man marries another man...': Bihar CM Nitish Kumar on dowry

Patna, May 25 : Criticizing the prevalent dowry system in the society, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has said that there is nothing worse than demanding dowry for marrying a girl else what will happen to childbirth if a "man marries another



Minister made these remarks during the inauguration of a newly constructed girls' hostel in Patna on Tuesday. Speaking at the occasion, the Chief Minister said, "In our times there used to be no girls in the colleges. How bad it felt. But today, girls are in every field be it medical or engineering. A lot of initiatives have been taken for women's empowerment.

We imposed prohibition. We started a campaign against the dowry system and child marriage." The Janata Dal-United leader continued by saying, "There is nothing worse than demanding dowry for marrying a girl. If you will get married, then only children will be born. What will happen to childbirth if a man gets married to another man? I have already said that I would attend a marriage only if it was declared that dowry was not taken." The Bihar Chief Minister's remarks, made in a light tone, left the audience in a pool of laughter. Many could be heard shouting pro-govt slogans and clapping.

Brad Raffensperger defeats Trump's effort to oust him as Georgia's top election official

Brad Raffensperger defeated congressman Jody Hice on Tuesday in a closely watched Republican primary for Georgia secretary of state, a significant victory for a politician who has been scorned by his own party for refusing Donald Trump's request to overturn the 2020 election. In a surprise, Raffensperger avoided a runoff and won an outright victory over Hice, getting more than 50% of the vote, according to the election monitoring website Decision Desk HQ. The race was called by the Associated Press and other outlets late on Tuesday night. Raffensperger's victory is the biggest rebuke so far to Trump in this election season. There have been few other Republicans who have attracted the former president's wrath for refusing to overturn the election result. Two other Republicans, Georgia governor Brian Kemp



and attorney general Chris Carr easily fended off Trump-backed challengers Tuesday evening. There was a record turnout going into election day, and the Republican primary for secretary of state - long an overlooked office - was seen as perhaps the most important test of Donald Trump's efforts to install allies who have questioned the election results in roles in which they would wield considerable power over election rules. Trump's preferred candidates have already won GOP nominations in Michigan and Pennsylvania, also critical battleground states,

Six Bengal tourists killed, 40 injured as bus overturns in Odisha

New Delhi, May 25 : At least six tourists from West Bengal, including four women, were killed and 40 others were injured late on Tuesday (May 24, 2022) night when the bus they were travelling in rolled down the road at Kalinga Ghat on the borders of Kandhamal and Ganjam districts of Odisha. The incident took place near the Durgaprasad village in Ganjam and 15 people among the injured are in serious condition, the PTI news agency quoted police as saying on Wednesday. The bus was reportedly carrying 77 people, of which, about 65 were from West Bengal's Howrah and Hooghly districts. It was moving towards Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh from Daringibandi in Kandhamal district when the mishap took place, the PTI reported citing Ganjam superintendent of police Brijesh Rai. The bodies of the six tourists -- Supiya Denre (33), Sanjeet Patra (33), Rima Denre (22), Mausumi Denre, Barnali Manna (34) and Swapan Gushait (44) -- were retrieved after breaking the window panes of the bus. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, and Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik expressed grief over the accident. "I am deeply pained by the loss of lives due to a tragic accident in Odisha's Ganjam district. In this tragic hour, my thoughts are with the bereaved families. I pray that those injured recover at the very earliest: PM @narendramodi," tweeted Prime Minister's office.

situation, it is important that one takes special care of dental health. Dentists of the country, including in Delhi, will be given better training at this centre. Different types of training programmes and sessions will be conducted. Also, this centre will play an important role in conducting research, developing and supporting government policies, it said. According to the statement, the government policies will be formulated by keeping the population in mind and those who are addicted to consuming tobacco avoiding their oral health and dental hygiene, adding that various awareness programmes about health-related issues would also be organized at the centre. For the last 10 years, Jain said that 10,000 patients have been treated at the Maulana Azad Institute of Dental Sciences (MAIDS) for tobacco prevention and cessation. Dr Sangeeta Talwar, Director, MAIDS, reportedly said the centre will now play a key role in developing a range of dental healthcare professionals in patient care, research and tobacco cessation. Tobacco cessation will help many helpless and needy people who are unaware of the ill-effects of tobacco consumption.

Karnataka MLC elections on June 3, BJP denies ticket to BS Yediyurappa's son Vijayendra

Bengaluru, May 25 : The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Tuesday announced its candidates for the biennial election to the Karnataka Legislative Council which is to be

held on June 3. The party has denied its MLC ticket to the son of former Chief Minister of the state and senior BJP leader BS Yediyurappa. The Central Election Committee of the BJP has given tickets to Chaluvadi Narayanaswamy, Hemlata Nayak, S Keshavprasad and Lakshmana Savadi while BS Yediyurappa's son Vijayendra has been denied a ticket. Apart from this, Karnataka Legislative Council Chairman Basavaraj Horatti has also been given a ticket. Earlier in the month, the Election Commission of India (ECI) announced the dates of the biennial elections for 57 seats of the Rajya Sabha. The states where these biennial elections will be held are Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Odisha, Maharashtra, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Bihar, Jharkhand and Haryana.

Name Change

I am MD Abu Sharif S/O MD Abdul Rezak, Vill Kupatimari, P.O & P.S Bhuragaon, Pin 782121 Dist Morigaon (Assam) I have change my name to Abu Sharif, S/O Abdul Rezak vide affidavit dt 24/5/22 Sworn before notary in morigaon district judicial court.

Regards
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Governor releases a Hand Book on the Geographical Indications



Assam Rising, Guwahati, May 25: Assam Governor Prof. Jagdish Mukhi released a Handbook on the Geographical Indications (With special focus on North-East Region), published under the auspices of the DPIIT-CIPAM IPR Chair of National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam in the university campus today. While speaking on the book release function, the Governor said that North-East, India com-

prising eight states Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, and Tripura is a veritable repository of rare flora - fauna and distinctive cultural bequest. Geographical Indication registration of the natural and cultural abundance of the region, has the potential to establish the physiographical authen-

ticity and also map regional exclusivity on a global platform. In this context, the Handbook published by National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam is an opportunity that could guide regional stakeholders towards securing the sanctity of their bio-cultural heritage and also safeguarding their livelihood. While underlining the importance of Geographical Indications, Prof. Mukhi

said, "It is a laudable enterprise which offers on the mechanism of GI registration of traditional artistry, natural and manufactured products endemic to the region. The handbook is pertinent in the context of North East India, which, in spite of the rich biodiversity, is lagging behind in terms of optimizing GI tagging to its benefit." Further the Governor stressed on the need to spread awareness about GI tagging among the grass root stakeholders, who are the curator of traditional knowledge and predominantly engage in agrarian activities. He also said that educational institutes should expand their purview and reach out to the community with the vision to empower them with knowledge. The Governor also urged upon the university to disseminate the knowledge documented in the handbook among the masses, particularly those who live in ru-

ral and peri-urban locales of the region where natural bounty thrives in abundance. The Governor congratulated NLUJA, Assam IPR Chair for its efforts towards protection of the natural and cultural abundance of the North-East region in respect of Geographical Indications in the form of the publication of the book. The book release function was attended by Chief Justice (Acting) of Gauhati High Court and Chancellor of National Law University and Judicial Academy Hon'ble Mr. Justice N. Kotiswar Singh, Vice-Chancellor of the University Prof. V. K. Ahuja, Deputy Commissioner Kamrup, Kailash Karthik N, faculty members, administrative staff, students of the university along with other dignitaries.



India International dance festival concludes

Assam Rising, Guwahati, May 25: The 2 days IIDF (India International Dance Festival) concludes successfully on May 22. It was a dance festival organized by the Darpan Dance Academy, Guwahati in association with Samskritiki, Bhubaneswar, in collaboration with Cultural Af-

fairs, Govt of Assam, in the aegis of the eminent Odissi dancer Dr Anjanamoyee Saikia and Shyamhari Chakra. The festival was organized on May 21-22, at the Ravindra Bhawan. Young known classical, folk and creative dancers across the state have participated in the festival. Jugnu Kapadia from Gujarat and Korok Biswas from Kolkata have also come all the way to take part in the festival. IIDF Future Face Award for the years 2019 and 2022 were also announced in the programme. B. Palkee and Shristi Bhattacharya received the

award in Kathak, Violina Thakuria and Dikshita Kalita received it for BharatNatyam and Himashree Roy and Arisha Sheikh received the award in Sattriya for the year 2022. For the year 2019, Hriday Parash Kalita, Sukanya Bora and Kaushik Dutta were selected in Kathak, Sharmistha Choudhury and Devarati Saha in Odissi, Tanaya Patra and Arisha Sheikh in Bharat Natyam and Kakoli Bezbarauh, Nishita Parashar, Tutumoni Das and Pranami Goswami have received the award of IIDF Future Face Award in Sattriya, for the year 2019, stated in a press release.

NFR Cancelled trains for capacity augmentation work

Assam Rising, Guwahati, May 25: Due to Non-Interlocking work at Bandel, Adisaptagram and Magra stations in Howrah - Bardhaman section of Eastern Railway for commissioning of third line, the services of several express trains have been cancelled. Train No. 13142 (New Alipurduar - Sealdah) and train No. 13146 (Radhikapur - Kolkata) and train No. 13034 (Katihar - Howrah) will remain cancelled from May 27-30 next, Train No. 13063/13064 (Howrah - Balurghat - Howrah) & train No. 15961 (Howrah - Dibrugarh) from May 27-30 next, Train No. 15959 (Howrah - Dibrugarh) and train No. 13164 (Saharsa Jn - Sealdah) will remain cancelled from May 29-30 next, Train No. 13141 (Sealdah - New Alipurduar), train No. 13145 (Kolkata - Radhikapur) and train No. 13033 (Howrah - Katihar) will remain cancelled from May 26-29 next, Train No. 15962 (Dibrugarh - Howrah), train No. 13169 (Sealdah - Saharsa Jn), train No. 15644 (Kamakhya - Puri) and train No. 03129 (New Jalpaiguri - Sealdah) will remain cancelled on May 26, Train No. 13170 (Saharsa Jn - Sealdah), train No. 15722 (New Jalpaiguri - Digha), train No. 13159 (Kolkata - Jogbani), train No. 03101 (Sealdah - Kamakhya), train No. 05754/05753 (New Jalpaiguri - Kolkata - New Jalpaiguri) and train No. 03130 (Sealdah - New Jalpaiguri) will remain cancelled on May 27, Train No. 15721 (Digha - New Jalpaiguri), train No. 15643 (Puri - Kamakhya), train No. 13160 (Jogbani - Kolkata) and train No. 03102 (Kamakhya - Sealdah) and train No. 02518 (Guwahati - Kolkata) will remain cancelled on May 28. Similarly, train No. 15960 (Dibrugarh - Howrah) will remain cancelled on May 25, 27 and 28, train No. 13163 (Sealdah - Saharsa Jn) will remain cancelled on May 27, 28, train No. 13054 (Radhikapur - Howrah) will remain cancelled from May, 27-31, train No. 02517 (Kolkata - Guwahati) will remain cancelled on May, 29 and train No. 13053 (Howrah - Radhikapur) will remain cancelled from May, 26-30.

Quality Furniture Donated by USTM to Government School at Kahilipara

Assam Rising, Khanapara, Ri Bhoi, May 25: As part of its outreach initiative, the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya has donated quality desk bench to Phaguna Rabha High School at Jatiya, Kahilipara, Guwahati. Shri Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor of USTM and Prof Alaka Sarma, accomplished educationist and Executive Director of Akshar Foundation, apart from the teachers and students of the school, officials of USTM and teachers of Akshar were present in a formal ceremony held at the school campus in Kahilipara today. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Mahbubul Hoque said, "There is potential for lot of development in the Government schools and self financed institutions or private corporate must come forward to support the public institutions considering the benefits of the masses, especially underprivileged section of the society who cannot afford to go for private institutions". The Akshar Foundation, a non-profit educational organization, has adopted this school and USTM has partnered with Akshar Foundation to empower education by ex-



tending humble support like proving furniture, financial assistance etc. In this context, Prof Alaka Sarma said that the main problem of the Government schools is high dropout and low enrolment rate. "The main reason behind this is, the students are generally weak in certain subjects like Maths and English. They don't have any facility to catch up the unlearned things of a particular class in the next class to which they are promoted. The Akshar has done a baseline study of the government schools of Assam with a survey of different schools during December

2021 and found that the learning outcome of the students is extremely poor. This is the first school we are providing support service, and we will be slow extending our service to other schools", she said. Pamita Sarma, Co-Founder and Associate Director at Akshar Foundation said, "Akshar is engaged in remedial teaching through the pedagogy developed by us which is aligned with the National Education Policy 2020. We are also giving vocational training to the students. The salient

feature of NEP is that the drop out children should be enrolled again and for that remedial teaching is must. According to our pedagogy, a student may be in class 5 as far as Maths is concerned, in class 3 as far as Assamese is concerned and class 2 as far as English is concerned. We have reclassified the students and are teaching them as per their need through remedial teaching with help of Tablets, Worksheets and engagement of senior students to teach the junior ones".

Shri Dharmendra Pradhan and Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma unveil 'Guwahati Declaration' during NERC 2022 at IIT Guwahati

Assam Rising, Guwahati, May 25: Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati will be playing a key role in the implementation of the 'Guwahati Declaration,' unveiled by Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Union Minister of Education, Entrepreneurship and Skill Development and Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam during North East Research Conclave (NERC) 2022 held from 20th to 22nd May 2022 at IIT Guwahati. The Guwahati Declaration launched at the valedictory function of the conclave by Shri

Lok Ranjan, Secretary, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DONER), in the presence of Shri Kailash Karthik, Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup is intended to create a set of guidelines, through which individual, as well as a collective responsibility to promote and encourage innovation at the grass-root level and strive to stimulate and execute industrialization and entrepreneurship, can be taken up. It also encourages advancement in dis-

coveries through sustainable routes. At least 100 start-ups are expected to be incubated with around 100 doctoral students to be added within the next three years. The ecosystem support necessary for these developments will be provided for achieving their success. Speaking on the significance of the declaration Prof. T. G. Sitharam, Director, IIT Guwahati, said, that this Guwahati Declaration, prepared after extensive deliberation with Hon'ble Minister, Secretaries, and Senior Officials will help to develop a ro-

bust ecosystem of innovation and entrepreneurship across the northeast region and beyond. It will also facilitate better coordination among institutions by promoting collaborations in the field of science & technology, protecting indigenous know-how and sustainability in traditional knowledge and translational research areas. Prof. Parameswar K. Iyer, Dean (Public Relations, Branding and Ranking), IIT Guwahati mentioned, that this Guwahati Declaration is a unique document, and its objectives will bring boundless synergy among stakeholders from governments, funding agencies, industries, academia, research institutes, philanthropists and help promote local entrepreneurship, self-reliance and accomplish larger objectives of sustainable growth. Prof. Vimal Katiyar, Dean (Research and Development) and Convener NERC2022, IIT Guwahati said, that this conclave has helped to shape this historic Guwahati Declaration which was developed on the suggestion by Shri Dharmendra Pradhan ji and will lead to self-sustenance at every level across the region and contribute to the overall growth of R&D, entrepreneurship and

sustainability and fulfill the objectives of this mega conclave. Under this declaration, a framework to achieve holistic and converging objectives and build targeted mission-mode collaborative efforts will be initiated. Progress on ten broad thrust areas will be initiated that would lead to sustainable socio-economic development, efficient bio-resources utilization, automation of indigenous tools and technology, disaster management, and climate change aspects. These broad working areas include: 1. Bio-medical and Environmental devices development and testing 2. Food Processing Technology 3. Advanced Functional Materials and Biomaterials 4. Drug Discovery from Natural Resources 5. Drone Technology Development and Application 6. High Altitude Waste Management 7. Fossil fuel and Alternative Energy Utilization and Devices 8. Geo-Spatial Technology 9. Livelihood Projects 10. Automation in Agriculture, Sericulture, Pisciculture. The declaration requires indi-

viduals and institutions to build upon their strengths and expertise for promoting and nurturing innovation at the grass-root level, engaging individuals from an early level so as to inculcate the values of innovative thinking and collective growth. IIT Guwahati has already been working with self-help groups of women making Piitha (an Assamese delicacy) and helping them in increasing the shelf-life, packaging, and branding of Piitha. Institutes and Universities across the northeast region and nation will have to be intertwined with various state and central government ministries, PSUs and industries and create a knowledge center, facilitating the declaration objectives. Feedback from participating institute heads, was obtained after a brainstorming session, and broad working areas were identified and listed in the declaration document. This declaration that was released during the valedictory function of the NERC2022 is expected to encourage innovation and entrepreneurship by combining synergies of all stakeholders.

Section 144 imposed in the Dullungmukh Range

Assam Rising, North Lakhimpur, May 25: Through an order issued on Monday, Lakhimpur Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate Sumit Sattawan imposed section 144 Cr.P.C. in Dullungmukh Range of Lakhimpur district. The order read, "Seen the Letter No.2RU/S5510/1/Ops DTD.22/04/2022 submitted by G. Tyagi, Eg. Cdr., Commanding Officer, 2 AFPU, AF, C/O.11 Wing, AF, C/O.99 APO seeking clearance certificate for using the Dullungmukh Firing Range for live bombing, rocketry and gunnery firing activities from June, 1 to May, 23 next" The order further read, "Perused the report submitted by the Superintendent of Police, Lakhimpur vide no.NL(R)/2022/5522 dated May 17 last. Also perused the report submitted by the Divisional Forest Officer, Lakhimpur vide no.FLKT/S/SSS/ Bombing Range/2022/2486-87 dated 21/05/2022. Now, considering the priority of the National Security issue, permission is hereby accorded to the 11 Wing, IAF to use the Dullungmukh Range N:27°30'09.4" and E:94°14'40.2"(PBT) and N:27°29'39.0" and E:94°13'54.1." "Further to permit any damage to life and property during the practice of extension Eve bombing, rocketry and gunnery firing, I, Sri Sumit Sattawan, IAS, District Magistrate, in the exercise of power conferred under section 144 Cr.P.C. do hereby prohibit the entry of human beings and any kind of vehicle traffic in the proposed firing range area during the period from June 1 to of August, 31," the order added.

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45th Annual General Meeting of the Equity Shareholders of Warren Tea Limited

This is in furtherance to our Notice published on 20th May, 2022 in an English Daily Business Standard, Assam Rising (English), Guwahati and Dainandin Barta (Assamese), Guwahati about the conduct of Annual General Meeting of the Company through Video Conference/Other Audio Visual Means on Wednesday, 22nd June, 2022 at 2 P.M., remote e-voting etc. Shareholders are hereby informed that CB Management Services (P) Ltd. (CBMSL), Registrar of the Company (RTA) for and on behalf of the Company, have e-mailed the Annual Report for the year 2021-22 along with the Notice of the Annual General Meeting on 25th May, 2022 to all those shareholders whose e-mail address is registered with the Company/depositories. The Annual report along with the Notice convening AGM is also available on the website www.evotingindia.com, www.warrentea.com, www.bseindia.com and www.cse-india.com

Remote e-voting commences on 18th June, 2022 at 9 a.m. and ends on 21st June, 2022 at 5 p.m. Thereafter Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) will disable the remote e-voting module. The cut-off date for determining entitlement of electronic voting is Wednesday, 15th June, 2022. Members who have cast their vote through remote e-voting prior to the meeting date may attend the meeting but shall not be entitled to cast their vote again.

Any person, who acquired shares of the Company and become a member after sending of Notice by CBMSL by e-mail and holding shares as on the cut-off date i.e. Wednesday, 15th June, 2022 may obtain the login ID and password by sending a request to the Registrar and Share Transfer Agent of the Company at rtac@cbmsl.com by mentioning their folio No./DP ID and Client ID. However, if the member is already registered with CDSL for remote e-voting, then he can use his existing user ID and password for casting vote.

In case you have any queries or issues regarding non-receipt of Annual Report and AGM Notice by e-mail and voting by electronic means, you may contact Mr. Suji Sengupta, Manager, CB Management Services (P) Limited, P-22 Bondel Road, Kolkata 700 019 at rtac@cbmsl.com or at 033-40116700 and also refer Frequently Asked Questions ("FAQs") and e-voting manual available at www.evotingindia.com under help section or write an e-mail to helpdesk.evoting@cslindia.com.

Place : Kolkata
Dated : 25th May, 2022

For Warren Tea Limited
Soma Chakraborty
Company Secretary

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The Lankan debt trap

Sri Lanka's foreign exchange reserves collapsed. In the event, it has had to default on its external debt. Scrutiny of this trajectory raises the question as to how Sri Lanka, with its tenuous balance of payments situation, was able to access large volumes of foreign debt, with outstanding debt totalling \$56 billion in 2020. With hindsight it appears that this 'favourable' treatment the island economy received from foreign lenders was dependent on its willingness to embrace a market-friendly, open economy policy regime recommended by the Bretton Woods institutions since its early post-independence years. Immediately after 1948 and till 1956, the Sri Lankan government chose to continue with the export dependent economic structure inherited from the pre-independence era in which production and trade were linked to the colonial agenda and were dominated by three primary products - tea, rubber and coconut. That policy stance was endorsed by the World Bank which, in 1953 urged the government to adopt an open economy framework, combined with fiscal and monetary prudence and deft use of exchange rate adjustment to manage the balance of payments. It also promised 'support' to facilitate such a strategy. During those years, that policy stance seemed to work for Sri Lanka as improved export receipts delivered by the primary commodity boom associated with the Korean War enhanced government revenues and growth without balance of payments difficulties. But with the end of the Korean War boom exports turned sluggish, rising just 14 per cent between 1957 and 1965, while imports (which included those of essentials) remained high. Not surprisingly, over the period from 1959 to 1976, to varying degrees, governments put in place import controls involving quantitative restrictions and higher tariffs, to reduce imports and alter the structure of the economy to reduce import dependence. However, given the obstacles created by global inequality and by domestic political and economic circumstances, the medium- and long-term objectives of restructuring the economy to reduce import dependence and enhance export revenues were only partially realised. Current account deficits widened, leading to a foreign exchange crisis in the mid-1960s. This intensified elite pressure to revert to a less restrictive and open economic regime. It was at this point in time that the IMF, which had always stayed in the shadows, decided to respond positively and "generously" to requests of assistance, in return for assurances that the interventionist economic regime would be dismantled. The IMF support also called forth help initially from the donor community (the Aid Ceylon Group) and later from international private finance. That triggered a transition to a liberal economic order when the United National Party was voted to power in 1977 and a new Constitution with a Presidential form of government was adopted. An open, market-friendly economic policy regime in some form has been in place since.

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Desi defence start-up helps Army go off decades-long dependence on imported cold-weather gear

India's import dependence for extreme cold-weather clothing systems (ECWCS) - which equip soldiers to withstand extreme cold in high-altitude areas like Siachen - is now history. Thanks to India's first defence start-up specialising in defence clothing - AROO - soldiers are now being equipped with indigenous clothing systems. ECWCS is a three-layer modular clothing system, worn together and designed to keep the body warm in temperatures of up to minus 50 degrees Celsius. It is worn by soldiers in high-altitude regions, including the Siachen Glacier, which is the highest battlefield in the world. With the Army confident about the product, they have re-ordered the indigenous ECWCS, rather than importing it from Switzerland, Vietnam or even Sri Lanka, as they earlier used to do. While AROO does the research on the product, the manufacturing is handled by another company with which it has a tie-up. AROO, through its Bengaluru-based manufacturing partner, started the delivery of the latest set of ECWCS last week

- its third since passing field trials in 2017. "We can with pride comment that AROO ECWCS outperforms the imported clothing systems provided to the Indian Army. It also comes at a lower cost, thus providing savings to the Indian government. Furthermore, the Indian Army is no longer dependent on foreign companies for this life-saving apparel," Hinduja added. He said AROO is also in advanced field trials with the Indian Army for new extreme cold clothing (ECC) trousers, which provides protection in temperatures of up to minus 30 degrees Celsius. Explaining how the company operates, Hinduja said AROO is a creator of the product and develops it through its own research and development. It then ties up with an original equipment manufacturer (OEM), which bids for the Army tender. AROO gets its money through fees for sharing its intellectual property rights over the product, Hinduja said. "The manufacturing process designed by AROO is focused on creating a defect-free product.

Snehesh Alex Philip

For BJP, Gyanvapi is like Babri. It'll swing elections but take India back to a dark past

It was the vehemence of the reaction from the BJP establishment that convinced me that this time was different. As I have written before, the Hindu Right-wing has followed a strategy of keeping communal tensions on a steady simmer. Hindu-Muslim issues are constantly raised - the 'secret' rooms at the Taj Mahal 'which was actually a Hindu palace', the demand for renaming of Delhi's Akbar and Humayun Roads, the fuss over schoolgirls in hijab and so on - because the BJP usually does better electorally when Hindu emotions run high. Moreover, the religious issues serve as a useful distraction from the reality of today's India: inflation, high fuel prices, Chinese presence inside our borders, etc. At first, I assumed that the controversy over an alleged shivling at a mosque in Varanasi was just another of those issues. The BJP would make it a talking point and then, when the issue ran out of steam, it would find something new to raise. But this time, it seems as though the Gyanvapi mosque issue is here to stay. As the alleged shivling in question looked a lot like a fountain, there was a flurry of jokes on social media about similarly shaped objects that could also be described as shivlings. Some of these jokes were harmless enough; others were in questionable taste. But no matter what the joke was, the BJP IT cell and its surrogates in the world of social media retaliated with devastating force. Anyone who had made such a joke was abused, threatened with prosecution and warned that the wrath of Lord Shiva had been incurred. Then, the Delhi Police, always the best indicator of what the mood of the government is, got in on the act and arrested a Delhi University professor and Dalit activist who had tweeted about the shivling controversy. When he was produced before the court the next day, the professor was lucky enough to appear before a fair-minded judge who gave him bail though the counsel for the Delhi police asked that he be sent to judicial custody for 14 days. All this - the simulated anger, the arrest, the vigorous social media campaign - indicates only one thing: this is not just another keep-the-pot-boiling issue. This is a matter that the BJP takes seriously and will stick with, perhaps, all the way to the next Lok Sabha election in 2024. If you think about it - as I did when it became clear how serious the BJP was about the mandir-masjid issue - it really is a no-brainer. It is easy to see why the Sangh and its organs and allies want to harp on this issue. It is, after all, exactly how the BJP rose to national prominence in the first place, way back in the 1980s. You may



already know all this but bear with me while I do a brief history recap for younger readers. In the 1984 Lok Sabha election, the BJP was wiped out, winning just two seats. It searched desperately for an issue to stage a comeback. It found one, in 1986/7, in the Babri Masjid controversy. This was an old dispute over a mosque in Ayodhya. Some Hindus claimed that the mosque had been built by Muslims who had destroyed the temple that originally stood there. It wasn't just any old temple either, the Hindu side in the dispute said, it was a temple erected on the exact spot where Lord Ram had been born. The dispute had raged for decades and the controversy led to the end of all religious ceremonies in the mosque. Namaz had not been said there for years and it was, for all practical purposes, a disused, dilapidated, disputed structure. L.K. Advani brought the dispute to national attention by asking that Muslims move the mosque so that a Ram temple could be built on the spot. The mosque had no special significance for Muslims, he said, and mosques were moved all the time, often brick by brick, in Pakistan for such mundane reasons as to facilitate the building of a highway. He would even help them move the mosque, he offered, because surely, Muslims recognised that this was one of the most sacred spots in Hinduism. A lot of this was less reasonable than it sounded. Most Hindus outside of UP had never even heard of this Ramjanmabhoomi spot till Advani raised the issue. And in any case, we know so little about the historical Ram that is impossible to say where he was born. Advani brushed all these objections aside ("it is a matter of faith", he said) because he knew what would happen next. He was sure a) the management of the mosque and Muslim organisations would reject any compromise solution; b) he was sure that secularists would deny that there was ever a temple at the site even though, without archaeological excavations, nobody could be sure of this; and c) the Congress government would back the recalcitrant mosque management. All of the above duly

happened - as Advani had hoped it would. He then moved into phase two of his campaign. He used the

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stubbornness of the mosque management and the aggressive stance of something called the Babri Masjid Action Committee (BMAC) to make his real point: What kind of secularism was it when Muslims could hold on to a disused mosque that had been built by destroying a Hindu temple and brazenly deny Hindus access to one of their most sacred sites? This was not secularism, he said, this was 'pseudo-secularism'. At this, the secular establishment doubled down on its stubborn stance, reasserted that there never had been a temple there (how did they know? I wondered) and called Advani names. I thought they had walked into Advani's trap. My view then (borne out, I think, by what followed in the decades to come) was that this pseudo-secularism thing was catching on and Advani had successfully created a sense of Hindu victimhood. Far better, therefore, for Muslims themselves to come forward and to offer to shift the structure as a gesture of magnanimity. After all, it wasn't even a functioning mosque. That would deflate Advani's campaign and make it impossible for him to go on about Muslim appeasement. Nearly everyone who heard me out said that what I was advocating was dangerous and communal. Didn't I realise that if Muslims gave in this time, the BJP would ask for every mosque to be moved? I responded that if the Muslim side did not (even for purely tactical reasons) suggest some sort of accommodation, the sense of Hindu victimhood would grow, that

the BJP would get even more extreme in its position and that demands for returning disputed 'temples' would actually increase. The whole episode taught us several things. One of them was that when there are fault lines between communities (and let's not forget that India was born in the bloodshed of Hindu-Muslim violence), the worst thing any government can do is to aggressively back obstinate positions taken by one community. Another was that political secularists did not really understand the Hindu sense of historical grievance. And finally, you cannot rewrite history to suit the needs of today's politics. You cannot say that no Muslim ever destroyed a temple or broke an idol - because they did. You cannot say with certainty whether or not a mosque was built on the site of a temple without looking at the evidence - and yet, secularists were committed to denying that any mosque had ever been built after destroying any temple. I am not sure many secularists have learned any of those lessons, not even after the fiasco of the Babri Masjid, which was destroyed while a Congress government ruled in Delhi. And the spot where it stood has now been given to the Hindu side in the dispute to build a temple. How much easier would it have been to settle that dispute in 1988? If nothing else, it would have stopped the Hindu Right from using the disused masjid as a symbol of so-called Muslim appeasement. And it may have prevented at least some of the communal hatred that the controversy fostered. The BJP, on the other hand, has learned the lessons of the Babri Masjid saga well. It knows that once it raises the issue of any mosque that may have been built on the site of a mandir, the knee-jerk secular response will be to deny the historicity of the claim. When some of these mosques will turn out to have been built after destroying temples, it will reinforce the old Sangh claim that the secular establishment is biased towards Muslims. That's why the BJP is raising the issue of mosques and temples at Kashi and Mathura again. It wants the secular establishment to tie itself up in knots. And even if nothing happens to change the character of what it calls symbols of Islamic subjugation of Hindu religious shrines, the campaign will still appeal to its Hindu base. Will nothing happen?

Secularists are convinced these issues are doomed because the Places of Worship Act passed in 1991 preserves the religious character of a place of worship as it existed in 1947. And even in the Ayodhya judgment, the Supreme Court praised this Act. The problem is that courts will entertain suits about temples and mosques anyway, regardless of what the Act says. The Supreme Court must know that the 1991 Act was intended to "foreclose any controversy" such as those "arising from time to time in conversion of places of worship." Despite that, it has allowed litigation about the Gyanvapi dispute to continue and has allowed local courts to commission surveys that seek to determine whether the structure was once a temple. Given that the Supreme Court still respects (I think) the 1991 Act, what happens if the survey shows that the mosque was indeed built on the site of a temple? Will the court take the line that even so, it's tough luck for Hindus because the 1991 Act bans any change in the character of places of worship? And isn't that exactly what the BJP needs? Exactly what it wants? So, the secular establishment is mistaken if it thinks that the 1991 Act changed everything or that the Supreme Court will not allow such controversies to proliferate. Both assumptions are being proved wrong every day. Far better for all secularists to admit what many of us intuitively believe anyway: Yes, medieval temples were converted into mosques. But centuries later, there is not a lot that we can do about it. Nor does it make any sense to blame today's Muslims for deeds committed hundreds of years ago. Indian history has many unfortunate chapters including the way we have treated our Dalits. But Dalits do not demand bloody revenge from us for the atrocities our society has inflicted on them for generations. All of us try and move on as one nation. Scratch at the scabs of historical injustices and the blood will flow again. At a time when India needs healing, not more bloodshed, neighbour will turn against neighbour. Instead of going forward to claim our rightful place in the world, we will walk backwards, reliving the darkest chapters of our history. But let's not kid ourselves: It will certainly help swing elections. It has worked in the past. And it will work again.

Could strikes solve the cost of living crisis for Britain's workers?

That the UK is a low-strike society and a low-pay economy is no freakish coincidence. In-work poverty is at a record high in large part because working days lost to strikes are at record lows. When unions were smashed by a combination of legislation, defeats and mass unemployment in the 1980s, we lost the most effective means we have to ensure that workers get a fair slice of the pie they make. That's why Boris Johnson's proclamation that work is the best route out of poverty is trolling the nation from the prime ministerial pulpit. Most people living in poverty are in work. He may brag about healthy employment figures, but the fact that they are accompanied by an unprecedented crisis in living standards exposes the inequality baked into our economic model as people's wages cannot meet the rising inflation in prices. Millions of workers are deprived of a comfortable existence in large part because organising for better wages and conditions has been made so deliberately difficult. That the Tories are planning to further hobble an already battered labour movement should be understood as yet another assault on workers' living standards. In response to the National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport

balloting its members in support of industrial action, ministers are threatening legislation to make effective strikes illegal. The motivation for the proposed action is very straightforward: pay freezes - or, given inflation hit a four-decade high of 9%, a real-terms pay cut - and 2,500 job losses. Those opposing the action highlight the supposedly exorbitant salaries of train drivers, which

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£20,000 to £65,000. They are the same people, of course, who wail about the "politics of envy" if the booming salaries of millionaire bosses are questioned. But the wages of train drivers are an advertisement for striking, not against. By taking industrial action - rather than being resigned to their lot - drivers have succeeded in driving up their pay. The Bank of England governor, Andrew Bailey, has pleaded for workers to exercise "pay restraint": an easy demand to make when you're paid half a million each year, rather than say a care worker on £17,000, nearly 30 times less. However, surging prices



have not been caused by rising wages, but by supply chain issues in China, rising energy costs and companies taking home windfall profits. The response of workers to a crisis imposed upon them should not be stoic acceptance of their lot. We've had, regrettably, far too much of that. According to the High Pay Centre, the median CEO is paid 111 times more than the lowest-paid worker. We spend tens of billions of pounds a year on in-work benefits and personal debt has ballooned to unprecedented levels. Workers who are unionised benefit from a so-called "wage premium" of between 10% and 15%, while the pay of non-unionised workers is dragged upwards by trade unions, too. The

government doesn't lack tools to fix the cost of living crisis, such as hiking the minimum wage and social security entitlements, but strengthening unions is a no-brainer. After all, does anyone really think that countries such as Sweden - where nearly nine in 10 workers are covered by collective bargaining agreement, and where living standards are substantially higher than our own - are economic disasters? Expect an escalating media blitz against the unions. Ours is a society in which working-class people are demonised for being too weak - for supposedly languishing in poverty because of a lack of aspiration; and for being too strong - for daring to fight for a just share of the wealth they create with their hard graft.

The Naso Kingdom and La Amistad world heritage site



The Global Conservation Central America team kicked off a new GC Project with the Naso People of Panama to protect La Amistad International Park. Working with the Amazon Conservation Team, the government's park authorities and a new 60-person Indigenous Protection Force, Global Conservation will deploy Global Park Defense to protect over 400,000 acres of intact, pristine and highly biodiverse forests and wildlife habitats. Global Conservation's collaboration with the Naso People is core to our work in park and

wildlife protection of La Amistad International Park (Parque Internacional La Amistad, PILA), a UNESCO World Heritage Site that is shared between Costa Rica and Panama. Covering nearly 800,000 acres of the Talamanca mountain range, it is the largest and most remote nature reserve in Central America. It is an incredible biodiversity resource for both the region and the world, harboring about 20% of Central America's species diversity. This amazing landscape is be-

ing threatened by hunting, illegal extraction of resources, forest fires, land tenure issues, and the propagation and trafficking of illicit drugs. All of these contribute to loss of habitat, resulting in escalating conflicts between jaguars and livestock and between peccaries and farmers. Weak cell and internet service interfere with the ability to respond efficiently to illegal activity. Currently, Global Conservation is providing Global Park Defense training for the national park to improve the capacity of La Amistad rangers to organize patrols using SMART systems, and to strengthen the community ranger program with the Naso People. During our mission this month, we held meetings with the King of the Naso, Reynaldo Santana, and the Council of Seven Communities of the Naso Kingdom to solidify areas of cooperation for protecting the forest and

wildlife of the Naso Kingdom and PILA. Led by Max Villalobos, Director of Central America, we presented Global Conservation's strategy in Panama to protect Darien and La Amistad National Parks, and Coiba Marine National Park - all 3 of Panama's Natural UNESCO World Heritage. With the Naso Kingdom, we agreed on an initial 18 month Pilot Protection program focusing on 2 high threat / high biodiversity areas of the Naso Kingdom. This Global Park Defense program will provide funding, equipment and training for Naso Protection Teams working closely with the National Park Authority, Border Police, Department of Justice and Environmental Police to stop illegal land invasion, land clearing, illegal logging and wildlife poaching over the 200,000 acres now legally under the Naso Kingdom.

Monkey Virus- The Cousin of Smallpox

The Health Ministry of India has recently directed National Centre for Disease Control & Indian Council of Medical Research to keep a close watch with respect to the situation of rising cases of extremely rare disease called Monkey virus in United States. Meanwhile, WHO has confirmed the outbreak of the disease in 11 European countries. Considering the situations, the Union Health Ministry of our country has directed airport & port health officers to be vigilant in this matter. This orthopox virus includes the variola virus, which causes small pox & the vaccinia virus,

which was used as an antidote in smallpox vaccine. Monkeypox is a viral zoonosis with symptoms similar to smallpox virus, which primarily occurs in tropical rainforest areas of Central and West Africa.

Jyotirupa Kalita Monkeypox infection was first discovered in 1958 in colonies of monkey kept for research and hence the name. The symptoms typically include fever, rash and swollen lymph nodes. The virus is generally transmitted from wild animals like primates and rodents to humans. It was in 1970 that the first human to human transmission was detected in Demo-

cratic Republic of Congo. The human transmission occurs by contact with lesions, body fluids, droplets and contaminated clothes/beddings. Though it is less severe than smallpox virus yet most deaths are seen to occur in younger age groups. Presently a new third generation vaccinia vaccine has been approved for the prevention of monkey pox virus. With China reporting the first human death case of Monkeypox virus infection, it has become important to refocus our attention to this new disease. Moreover, it has become a necessity to improve surveillance and response towards this area and raise awareness about this new diseases among masses.

Bees are the lifeline of life on the earth



Prabhat Kishore

"If the bees disappeared from the surface of the globe the man would only have four years of life left. No more bees, no more pollination, no more plants, no more animals, no more man." - Albert Einstein. World Bee Day is celebrated every year on 20th May. This day is intended to generate awareness about importance of Bee-keeping activities in increasing yield of various agricultural and horticultural products and providing income and employment support. Beekeeping activities are being carried out by farmers in rural areas under Integrated Farming System (IFS). Honeybees are one of the best pollinators which enhances the yields and quality of produce of various crops such as fruits, vegetables, pulses, oil seeds, etc. through pollination support. They are vital for the preservation of ecological balance and biodiversity in nature. By sucking on the nectar of flowering plants, bees spread pollen to other plants and help with the fertilization process. About 85% of plants exist because of bees and one-third of all food we eat depends on pollinators. Bees pollinate nearly 70 to 100 types of crops. Beekeeping provides income and employment to the rural people by way of increasing yield of various crops along with providing honey & other beehive products, such as - bees wax, propolis, pollen, royal jelly, comb honey, bee venom, etc. which have great importance in hu-

man life. Therefore, honeybees/beekeeping is being treated as one of the most important 5th input for sustainable development of agriculture/horticulture. Keeping in view the importance of beekeeping, GOI has approved a central sector scheme "National Beekeeping & Honey Mission (NBHM)" (100% funded by Central Government) for overall promotion and development of scientific beekeeping in mission mode to achieve the goal of "Sweet Revolution" in the country. The Mission will have 3 sub-schemes/Mini Missions (MMs)-MM-I, MM-II, MM-III. Under MM-I, thrust will be given on production & productivity improvement of various crops through pollination assisted by adoption of scientific beekeeping. Integrated Beekeeping Development Centers (IBDC), honey testing labs, bee disease diagnostic & treatment labs, Api-therapy centers and other infrastructure will be set up. This will also include development of nucleus stock & bee breeders, Custom hiring centers, digitization/online registration & insurance, promotion of bee friendly plants/flora/bee gardens, involvement & empowerment of women etc. MM-II will concen-

Planet Earth

Earth, our home planet, is a world unlike any other. The third planet from the sun, Earth is the only place in the known universe confirmed to host life. With a radius of 3,959 miles, Earth is the fifth largest planet in our solar system, and it's the only one known for sure to have liquid water on its surface. Earth is also unique in terms of monikers. Every other solar system planet was named for a Greek or Roman deity, but for at least a thousand years, some cultures have described our world using the Germanic word "earth," which means simply "the ground." Earth, third planet from the Sun and the fifth largest planet in the solar system in terms of size and mass. Its single most outstanding feature is that its near-surface environments are the only places in the universe known to harbour life. It is designated by the symbol \oplus . Earth's name in English, the international language of astronomy, derives from Old English and Germanic words for ground and earth, and it is the only name for a planet of the solar system that does not come from Greco-Roman mythology. Since the Copernican revolution of the 16th century, at which time the Polish astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus proposed a Sun-centred model of the universe (see heliocentric system), enlightened



thinkers have regarded Earth as a planet like the others of the solar system. Concurrent sea voyages provided practical proof that Earth is a globe, just as Galileo's use of his newly invented telescope

in the early 17th century soon showed various other planets to be globes as well. It was only after the dawn of the space age, however, when photographs from rockets and orbiting spacecraft first captured the dramatic curvature of Earth's horizon, that the conception of Earth as a roughly spherical planet rather than as a flat entity was verified by direct human observation. Humans first witnessed Earth as a complete orb floating in the inky blackness of space in December 1968 when Apollo 8 carried astronauts around the Moon. Robotic space probes on their way to destinations beyond Earth, such as the Galileo and the Near Earth Asteroid Rendezvous (NEAR) spacecraft in the 1990s, also looked back with their cameras to provide other unique portraits of the planet, viewed from another planet in the solar system, Earth would appear bright and bluish in colour. Easiest to see through a large telescope would be its atmospheric features, chiefly the swirling white cloud patterns of midlatitude and tropical storms, ranged in roughly latitudinal belts around the planet. The polar regions also would appear a brilliant white, because of the clouds above and the snow and ice below. Beneath the changing patterns of clouds would appear the much darker blue-black oceans, interrupted by occasional tawny patches of desert lands. The green landscapes that harbour most human life would not be easily seen from space. Not only do they constitute a modest fraction of the land area, which itself is less than one-third of Earth's surface, but they are often obscured by clouds. Over the course of the seasons, some changes in the storm patterns and cloud belts on Earth would be observed. Also prominent would be the growth and recession of the winter snowcap across land areas of the Northern Hemisphere. Scientists have applied the full battery of modern instrumentation to studying Earth in ways that have not yet been possible for the other planets; thus, much more is known about its structure and composition. This detailed knowledge, in turn, provides deeper insight into the mechanisms by which planets in general cool down, by which their magnetic fields are generated, and by which the separation of lighter elements from heavier ones as planets develop their internal structure releases additional energy for geologic processes and alters crustal compositions.



Bird, (class **Aves**), any of the more than 10,400 living species unique in having feathers, the major characteristic that distinguishes them from all other animals. A more-elaborate definition would note that they are warm-blooded vertebrates more related to reptiles than to mammals and that they have a four-chambered heart (as do mammals), forelimbs modified into wings (a trait shared with bats), a hard-shelled egg, and keen vision, the major sense they rely on for information about the environment. Their sense of smell is not highly developed, and auditory range is limited. Most birds are diurnal in habit. More than 1,000 extinct species have been identified from fossil remains. Since earliest times birds have been not only a material but also a cultural resource. Bird figures were created by prehistoric humans in the Lascaux Grotto of France and have featured prominently in the mythology and literature of societies throughout the world. Long before ornithology was practiced as a science, interest in birds and the knowledge of them found expression in conversation and stories, which then crystallized



into the records of general culture. Ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs and paintings, for example, include bird figures. The Bible refers to Noah's use of the raven and dove to bring him information about the proverbial Flood. Various bird attributes, real or imagined, have led to their symbolic use in language as in art. Aesop's fables abound in bird characters. The Physiologus and its descendants, the bestiaries of the Middle Ages, contain moralistic writings that use birds as symbols for conveying ideas but indicate little knowledge of the birds themselves. Supernatural beliefs about birds probably took hold as early as recognition of the fact that some birds were good to eat. Australian Aborigines, for example, drove the black-and-white flycatcher from camp, lest it overhear conversation and carry the tales to enemies. Peoples of the Pacific Islands saw frigate birds as symbols of the Sun and as carriers of omens and frequently portrayed them in their art. The raven-a common symbol of dark

prophecy-was the most important creature to the Indians of the Pacific Northwest and was immortalized in Edgar Allan Poe's poem "The Raven." Eagles have long been symbols of power and prestige in many parts of the world, including Europe, where their representations are often seen in heraldry. Native Americans sprinkled eagle down before guests as a sign of peace and friendship, and eagle feathers were commonly used in rituals and headdresses. The resplendent quetzal-the national bird of Guatemala, which shares its name with the currency and is a popular motif in art, fabric, and jewelry-was worshipped and deified by the ancient Mayans and Aztecs. Highly symbolic birds include the phoenix, representing resurrection, and the owl, a common symbol of wisdom but also a reminder of death in Native American mythology. The bird in general has long been a common Christian symbol of the transcendent soul, and in medieval iconography a bird entangled in foliage symbolized the soul embroiled in the materialism of the secular world. In modern times the recreational pleasures of

bird-watching have grown in tandem with the rise of environmentalism. Evolving from the American and European "shoot-and-stuff" mania of the 19th century, bird-watching became a sportlike activity based on rapid identification-the rarest being the most rewarding-with the aid of binoculars and spotting scopes. The change from shooting to sighting coincided with campaigns, beginning about 1900, to halt the slaughter of wild birds for food and millinery. Bird-watching was advanced by the publication of excellent field guides and improvements in photography and sound recording. By mid-century the watcher's enjoyable but rather unscientific tallying of "year lists" and "life lists" of species personally observed was being augmented, if not replaced, by interest in careful studies of bird behaviour, migration, ecology, and the like. This trend was

abetted by bird banding (called ringing in the United Kingdom) and by such organizations as the British Trust for Ornithology and the National Audubon Society, which coordinate professional and amateur observations and efforts with scientific studies. The ability to fly has permitted an almost unlimited diversification of birds, so that they are now found virtually everywhere on Earth, from occasional stragglers over the polar ice caps to complex communities in tropical forests. In general the number of species found breeding in a given area is directly proportional to the size of the area and the diversity of habitats available. The total number of species is also related to such factors as the position of the area with respect to migration routes and to wintering grounds of species that nest outside the area. In the United States, Texas and California have the most-approximately 620 for each (the figure varies based on crite-



ria used for inclusion on state lists, such as unconfirmed, accidental, hypothetical, extirpated, and extinct species). More than 920 species have been recorded from North America north of Mexico. The figure for Europe west of the Ural Mountains and including most of Turkey is 514. More than 700 species live in Russia. At least 4,400 species live in North and South America. Although several South American countries boast well over 1,000 species, Costa Rica, with an area of only about 51,000 square km (about 20,000 square miles) and a known avifauna of more than 800 species, probably has the most diversity for its size. Asia accounts for more than 25 percent of the world's species, with 2,700 species, and Africa slightly less, with about 2,300.



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Inter-ministerial central team

which will continue till June 30. The NFR CPRO said, "We have started the restoration works and it will be costing around Rs 180 crore. We are targeting to complete the restoration soon." The Union ministry of railways recently sanctioned Rs 180 crores for the restoration of the network in the hill district that was ravaged by the recent floods. Meanwhile, the Chief Minister of Assam, Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma had earlier met with Union railways minister Ashwini Vaishnaw in New Delhi on Sunday and assured to complete the restoration of railway network by July 10 this year.

CM Dr. Sarma dedicates Model

school. He also informed that from the coming academic session, all the model high schools will be upgraded to higher secondary schools. He also said that from the next academic session, Mathematics and Science will be taught in English Medium and Social Studies will be taught in Assamese Medium in these schools. Moreover, curriculum based on Assamese medium will also be imparted in these schools. This has been done to help the young generation to gain knowledge both in English and Assamese. For the management of these schools, Rs. 1 lakh each has been earmarked and Rs. 25 thousand each has already been released and remaining Rs. 75 thousand will be released very shortly. The students of these schools will be entitled to free text books, free mid day meals and free uniforms. Chief Minister Dr. Sarma also called upon guardians of the students belonging to tea garden areas to send their wards to schools to ensure their bright future. He also announced that for setting up 'Jagannath Seva Kendra' all 800 tea gardens in Assam will be given Rs. 800 crore that is Rs. 1 crore to each tea garden. Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Ashok Singhal, MP Pallab Lochan Das, MLAs Krishna Kamal Thati, Prithvi Raj Rabha, Ganesh Limbu and host of other dignitaries were present on the occasion. Later Chief Minister Dr. Sarma also inaugurated Model Anganwadi Centre at Phulbari Tea Garden in Rangapara Assembly Constituency. Rs. 25 lakh has been used to set up this Model Anganwadi Centre. In Sonitpur District altogether 55 Model Anganwadi Centres will be set up, 11 in each five Legislative Assembly Constituencies in the district.

India becomes largest producer

have been signed, about 82 LMT sugar has been dispatched from sugar mills for export and approximately 78 LMT have been exported. Export of sugar in current sugar season 2021-22 is the historically highest," Subodh Singh, Joint Secretary, Food, told media persons. About 80 percent of sugar is produced in Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka and because the two states south of Narmada are nearer to the ports, export takes place more from these states. Earlier, late last night, the government has restricted sugar export up to 100 LMT from June 1 till October 31, 2022 with a view to maintain the domestic availability and price stability during the sugar season 2021-22 (October-September).

Yasin Malik, Separatist leader from

rected to file an affidavit disclosing all sources of his income and assets (movable and immovable). Yasin Malik has been charged with hatching a criminal conspiracy, waging war against the country, other unlawful activities, and disturbing peace in Kashmir. He had pleaded guilty in the matter. On the last date of the hearing, he told the court that he was not contesting the charges levelled against him, including Sections 16 (terrorist act), 17 (raising funds for the terrorist act), 18 (conspiracy to commit terrorist act), and 20 (being member of a terrorist gang or organisation) of the UAPA and sections 120-B (criminal conspiracy) and 124-A (sedition) of the Indian Penal Code. The present case is related to the various terrorist outfits Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), Hizbul-Mujahideen (HM), Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) and Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) backed by Islamic State perpetrating the terrorist and secessionist activities to disturb Jammu and Kashmir. Stone pelting took place in Srinagar ahead of the verdict on Kashmiri Separatist leader Yasin Malik. In addition, internet services has been suspended in the city. Earlier, parts of Srinagar observed a spontaneous shutdown on Wednesday ahead of a court's verdict on the quantum of sentence for separatist Yasin Malik, who has been convicted in a terror funding case, officials said. Most of the shops and business establishments in Maisuma and adjoining areas, including some shops in Lal Chowk, were shut, they said. Shops in some areas of the old city here were also shut, however, public transport was plying normally, they added. Security forces have been deployed in strength in the city to avoid any law and order problems, they said. Malik, the chief of banned JKLF, was on May 19 convicted by a Delhi court under the stringent anti-terror law in a case related to funding of terror activities in Jammu and Kashmir, after he pleaded guilty to all charges framed against him. Special Judge Praveen Singh had then posted the matter for May 25 to announce the quantum of punishment and also directed the National Investigation Agency (NIA) to assess Malik's financial condition to determine the amount of fine that could be imposed.

Central minister Darshana Jardosh

crafts. The minister interacted with the participating artisans one by one where Deeptansu Haldar, Regional Director (in-charge) NER, O/o the D. C. (Handicrafts), North Eastern Region briefed about the products and artisans including the benefits they were provided by the O/o the D. C. (Handicrafts). The Minister appreciated the products and also suggested to explore more product lines and to provide platforms to more numbers of artisan to be actively participated in various marketing events throughout country as well as E-marketing platform like GeM portal.

Biscuits, ghee and hair oil to get

of edible oil in the domestic market and curtail inflation. We believe that domestic margins will pass through the decreased cost to consumers and still be able to protect their margins barring some minor basis point cut. Overall, the move should help organized players as they will again become at par with local players in terms of pricing," Bolinjar added. Indian FMCG players - including Nestle India, Marico, Hindustan Unilever, Ruchi Soya, Britannia, Dabur, Colgate Palmolive, Emami, Tata Consumer Products, Wipro Consumer Care - have hiked prices several times across several products over the last two years. The price hike was taken up due to several reasons including supply chain disruption due to Covid-19; and then the Russia-Ukraine war as well as inflationary pressure due to both the events that increased input costs. The price of raw material - food items and even crude oil increased - and reduced the margins of all the big FMCG players. The CEO of Nestle India, Suresh Narayanan, in an interview with CNBC in November 2021 pointed out that nine out of the 13 key ingredients that it buys from the market have not been this expensive in nearly a decade. The Government of India capped sugar exports and banned wheat exports too. All these factors would benefit FMCG companies like Adani Wilmar, Marico and others, both Jagdev of Praxis Global Alliance and Bolinjar of Ventura Securities agree. "While the move may hamper the profits of edible oil companies in the short run, we are particularly bullish on Adani Wilmar who is the largest edible oil player. It is now diversifying into other food categories and hence we believe that one can keep on accumulating the stock in his portfolio but in a staggered manner," Bolinjar of Ventura Securities added.



154 candidates will fray from different constituencies in KAAC election 2022

The Assam Rising, Diphu, May 25: As the Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council (KAAC) election 2022 has roars up in the twin hills district of Karbi Anglong and West Karbi Anglong, a total of 154 candidates will contest from 26 Member of Autonomous Council (MAC) Constituencies. On the last day for filing nominations i.e. on May 23, a total of 163 candidates from BJP, INC, ASDC, APHLC, AAP, GSP, and independent candidates filled their nominations. But on the day of scrutiny of nomination papers which were held on May 24, 9 candidates withdrew from their nomination. The highest among the withdrawal candidates are from Bithung Rengthama MAC Constituency, which is also the contesting constituency of KAAC CEM Dr. Tuliram Ronghang, a total of 4 candidates have pulled their nomination from different parties including INC, ASDC, CPI(ML) and independent candidates. The other candidates who have withdrawn their nomination were APHLC candidate from Socheng, ASDC Candidate from Chinthong, independent candidate from Amri and Lumbajong, and INC Candidate from Langhin MAC Constituency respectively. The highest number of contesting candidates were from Langpher and Borjan MAC Constituency, which are 10 candidates each. The lowest number of contesting candidates is at Bithung Rengthama MAC Constituency, which has only 2 candidates i.e. Tuliram Ronghang for BJP and Bikram Hanse from APHLC party. It may be mentioned that Assam State Election Commission (ASEC) published the notification for the KAAC election 2022 on May 12 last. The poll will be on June 8, 2022, and the repoll, if any, will be on June 10. The counting of votes will be on June 12.

Implementation of AJYCP protest programme demanding release of Tirap Calliery.



The Assam Rising, Margherita 25 May: The Margherita Regional Committee of the AJYCPs today launched a protest demanding the Re-opening of the Tirap Calliery under North east coal field Margherita. The activists blocking the Lidu Calliery National Highway and protest programme. Hundreds of the AJYCPs Committee members staged a massive protest with various anti-government slogans. The economy of Margherita North East coal field has been completely shut down for three years as the backbone of the economy of Assam and Margherita has had a huge impact on the economy of Margherita. The condition of bricks industries as well as business trade firms in addition to the non-essential workers associated with the industry. A few days ago tikak Colliery comprising North East coal field Margherita was opened but the rest of the colliery were still not open today. AJYCPs has demanded the early release of Tirap Coalfield as the backbone of Margherita. Otherwise, the AJYCPs Margherita regional committee has warned from the protest hall that it will implement a strong democratic movement. (With photos)

Successful end of Bhawana festival at Silapathar Majgaon Hari Temple

The Assam Rising, Dhemaji, May 25: Today, the One Day Programme at Silapathar Majgaon Hari Temple celebrates the spiritual rituals of The yearly Bhawana festival. The morning programme was organized at 6 am to celebrate the environment neat and clean at 7 pm by lighting the lamp, lifting of dharmadhwa and reserving memories. Similarly, it was then that Bhagavata Vahak Bhaven Boruah led a procession programme of Bhagavat Yatra was organized in collaboration with the people of Majgaon with the help of Bhakta-Vaishnava. At 11 a.m. The name reference and kirtan was recited under the leadership of Purnakanta Mahanta, the authority of The Namsaraya Mairamara Satra in Gelgeli. Haridhar Borah, Tarun Boruah, Chitra Borgohain, Premdhar Saikia, Gukul Saikia, Jiten Rajkhowa, Binod Khanikar and many other content persons are present at the bhawana festival. It may be recalled that by night, the sudarshan cultural theatre group Nilakh will be displaying the pretense of Ban Porajay, the Silapathar Majgaon Bhawana festival Celebration Committee President Dharmeswar Chutia, Working President Ganesh Mech, Joint Secretary Ratul Saikia and Bipul Dutta said.



'If you fall asleep...': Biden jokes with new Australia PM during Quad Summit

New Delhi, May 25: Australia's new Prime Minister Anthony Albanese was warmly welcomed by the Quad leaders at his first summit in Tokyo on Tuesday, a day after he assumed office, with US President Joe Biden joking and saying "even if you fall asleep while you're here, it's OK." Albanese, 59, was sworn in at a brief ceremony lasting in Government House, Canberra on Monday. Australia's new Prime Minister took office a few hours before making a long flight to attend the Quad summit in Tokyo. He was sitting together with the world leaders, talking about climate change, and the challenges faced by the Indo-Pacific region. The Quad or Quadrilateral Security Dialogue comprises India, the US, Japan and Australia. Biden expressed admiration that Albanese made the long flight right after winning his election as prime minister. So "if you fall asleep while you're here, it's OK, because I don't know how you're doing it. It's really quite extraordinary -- just getting off the campaign trail as well - congratulations on your election," the US President added. Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated Albanese for his election win and said: "First of all, I congratulate Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, and extend my best wishes for winning the elections. Your presence amongst us 24 hours after taking the oath reflects the strength of Quad's friendship and your commitment towards it." At the Quad meet, Australian Prime Minister Albanese focused on climate change "My government is committed to working with your countries. The new Australian government gives priority to taking action on climate change and building a more resilient Indo-Pacific region through economic, cyber, energy, health and environmental security," he said. "My government will set a new target to reduce emissions by 43% by 2030, putting us on track for net-zero emissions by 2050," Albanese said. In a statement ahead of the meeting, Albanese said: "The Quad Leaders' Summit brings together four leaders of great liberal democracies - Australia, Japan, India, and the United States of America - in support of a free, open and resilient Indo-Pacific," the BBC reported. Albanese has said the Quad alliance is an absolute priority for Australia. The report added that this meeting comes at a crucial and tense time in the region with a growing Chinese influence that's making Australia and its allies nervous. The Quad summit is hosted by Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida.

Drug addict youths detained In Digboi

Assam Rising, Margherita, May 25: Now the new generation is seen to be in the wake of deadly drugs. The new generation that has come up in the state as well as in Tinsukia district has been caught by these drugs. Various crimes have been committed for drug addicts in the past. Today, two youths had to be detained while consuming drugs in Digboi city. The detained drug addicts are Sanjeev Sonowal of Lakhpathar and Rishi Dutta of Digboi charali Market respectively. Rishi Dutta's father Tulsi Dutta managed to nab another drug addict including his son while he was injecting deadly drugs. It may be recalled that the detained youths were at the rehabilitation centre to give up drugs but came out and took drugs again. Digboi police reached the spot and arrested two drug addicts and brought them to the police station.



Awareness meeting against drugs held at Margherita

Assam Rising, Margherita, May 25: An Awareness programme on drug control, health and education was held at Margherita tea garden on Monday which was jointly organised by AASAA Margherita regional Committee and Margherita Police administration. Homeshwar Konwar, office in charge Margherita police station, Jarnal Minj, President Margherita regional Committee, Margherita Journalist Association Executive Member Abdul Alim were present at the programme.



Don Bosco vice chancellor arrested for allegedly abetting suicide of entrepreneur

Guwahati, May 25 : The Guwahati Police arrested the vice chancellor of the Assam Don Bosco University for allegedly abetting the suicide of an entrepreneur. The entrepreneur, George Bordoloi, owned George's Retreat Eco Camp in the Guwahati district. He was found hanging from a tree in the resort compound on Monday morning. In a purported note recovered by the police, George Bordoloi had held Stephen Mavely, the vice chancellor of the university, responsible for his suicide, according to the Shillong Times. The entrepreneur's son Patrick Bordoloi lodged a complaint, based on which the police filed a first information report against Mavely and several other persons. In the suicide note, George Bordoloi had alleged that Mavely had filed a false complaint against him and Patrick Bordoloi. Mavely had allegedly accused the entrepreneur and his son of trespassing on the university campus and destroying rubber and coconut trees. George Bordoloi had denied the allegations. "We have never intruded on their campus as we are always busy in our eco camp at Hatimura village which is located far away from their campus," his note read. George Bordoloi had alleged that Mavely had constructed buildings in elephant habitat. It had forced the elephants to enter his village and destroy crops, he had claimed. Patrick Bordoloi said that his father had been disturbed after receiving court summons. "He was not a greedy person," he said. "On the contrary, everyone knew him as a good person and nature lover. He was a popular figure who had built a reputation for himself in Assam." Meanwhile, the university said that it had been involved in a court case with George Bordoloi in connection with a boundary dispute.... thank you for making Scroll.in the digital-only news organisation with the widest reach in India. We request you to support our award-winning journalism by making a financial contribution towards the Scroll Ground Reporting Fund. The fund will ensure we can continue to ask the questions that need to be asked, investigate what needs to be uncovered, document what must not go unrecorded.

Tottenham owner injects £150m into club for Conte's transfer chest



London, May 25 : Tottenham's owner has invested £150m into the club as it prepares to back Antonio Conte in the transfer market this summer. The majority shareholder, Enic, has pledged the cash - via the issue of convertible A Shares and accompanying warrants - to provide "greater financial flexibility and the ability to further invest on and off the pitch". Tottenham's manager, Antonio Conte, and his players celebrate in front of the club's supporters after the victory at Norwich. The additional funds, in combination with revenue from a first full season at their new stadium at full capacity, comes on the back of Spurs returning to the Champions League after two years away. It will be music to the ears of Conte, who warned about the need for investment in order to compete on all fronts next year. He has also spoken about the desire to improve his squad with "important players" and this will now give Spurs the opportunity to do so this summer. Daniel Levy, the chairman, said: "The delivery of a world-class home was always a key building block in driving diversified revenues to enable us to invest in the teams and support our ambitions to be consistently competing at the highest levels of European football." Additional capital from Enic will now enable further investment in the club at an important time. "Conte is due to meet with the club later this week to discuss his future, having previously refused to commit to being in the role next season. The Bahamas-based Enic is 70%-owned by the British businessman Joe Lewis, with Levy and his family owning the rest.

Jarrold Bowen and James Justin get first England call-ups as Tomori returns

London, May 25 : Gareth Southgate has given Jarrod Bowen his first England call-up, rewarding the winger for his fine season at West Ham. The manager has also selected the uncapped Leicester full-back James Justin in a 27-man squad for the extensive Nations League programme in the first half of June. England face Hungary and Germany away from home before taking on Italy and Hungary at Molineux. The Hungary game in Budapest and the Italy tie will be played behind closed doors as punishments for fan disorder. Southgate has recalled the Milan centre-half Fikayo Tomori together with Kyle Walker, Kieran Trippier and Calvin Phillips. Trippier and Phillips were injured for the previous international get-together at the end of March, when England beat Switzerland and Ivory Coast, while Walker was rested. The manager has omitted the Aston Villa centre-half Tyrone Mings and the Arsenal attacking midfielder



Emile Smith Rowe, who has a slight injury, and he has left out the Liverpool captain, Jordan Henderson - mindful of the 31-year-old's workload this season. Henderson is preparing for Saturday's Champions League final against Real Madrid in Paris and Southgate explained why he included Trent Alexander-Arnold, who will probably stay with the squad for only the



first two matches, and not his Liverpool teammate. He said: "I spoke with the two lads about what they felt was best for them. They're in different positions because Jordan's age, the number of caps he's got, is totally different to Trent of course and we've got good players in all those [midfield] areas of the pitch. We've got cover. But we felt that with Hendo, we didn't need to see him this summer and with Trent, slightly different. We'd like him to be with us from the start of the camp. We gave him the option of reporting a bit later so he got a longer break after the final, but he felt more comfortable to keep going and finish a bit earlier. There is no place for the Villa striker Ollie Watkins, who was a late replacement for the injured Tammy Abraham in the last squad. Abraham is again

Sawbuck at 300-1 equals odds of longest-priced winner in racing history

Paris, May 25 : Sawbuck, a four-year-old gelding that had failed to reach the frame in six previous starts on the Flat and over hurdles, equalled the British and Irish record for the longest starting price of a winner with a 300-1 success in the opening race at Punchestown on Tuesday. Trained by Conor O'Dwyer, the former Gold Cup-winning jockey, and ridden by his son, Charlie, Sawbuck briefly touched 400-1 in the betting for the maiden hurdle before settling at 300-1 at the off, but rarely looked in much danger of being overhauled after taking the lead in the early stages. Hollie Doyle leaves the weighing room at Windsor last Monday. His last start before Tuesday's success was on the all-weather Flat course at Dundalk, where Sawbuck finished 10th of 12. It is less than two years since Luke Comer's He Knows No Fear set a new record for a winning SP in Britain and Ireland with a 300-1 victory on the Flat at Leopardstown in August 2020. The previous highest winning SP in Ireland was the 200-1 returned on Killahara Castle at Thurles in 2017, while the top-priced winner in Britain is still Equinoctial, who went in at 250-1 in a hurdle race at Kelso in 1990. "He's been in great form at home," Charlie O'Dwyer said, "and after his last two runs over hurdles, I came here thinking if he could finish somewhere in the middle of them, I would have been delighted. The minute the flag dropped he travelled great and I couldn't fault him anywhere. He just got a bit close to the last but he's done it fairly handsomely enough." Despite his huge SP and unpromising form going in to Tuesday's race, Sawbuck did not go entirely unbacked. Coral reported a £2 each-way bet on the winner, which returned £724. "Not many punters looked twice at the horse," John Hill, the firm's spokesperson, said. "They clearly saw something others had missed."



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Obed McCoy Strikes To Dismiss Matthew Wade, Gujarat Titans 3 Down

New Delhi, May 25 : The 72-run stand between Shubman Gill and Matthew Wade came to an end in the 8th over as Gill departed via run-out after scoring 35. Soon after, Wade also perished and Gujarat lost three wickets inside ten overs. Earlier, Gill and Matthew Wade put on a

show, taking the score to 64/1 after the end of first six overs. Gujarat Titans had got off to the worst start possible in their chase of 189 as Trent Boult removed Wriddhiman Saha on the second ball of the innings and now Matthew Wade and Shubman Gill are looking to rebuild the innings. Earlier, Jos Buttler played a knock of 89 runs

as Rajasthan Royals posted 188/6 against Gujarat Titans in the ongoing Qualifier 1 of IPL 2022 at the Eden Gardens. Buttler was slow off the blocks initially and he was left struggling as he searched for timing. However, having reached his half-century in the 17th over of the innings, Buttler managed to strike boundaries

at regular intervals and hence Rajasthan Royals posted a score of more than the run mark. Earlier, Sanju Samson missed out on his half-century as he was dismissed by Sai Kishore in the 10th over of the innings. The RR skipper departed after scoring 47. Earlier, Sanju Samson and Jos Buttler helped Rajasthan Royals end the

New Delhi, May 25 : Talismanic Sunil Chhetri on Tuesday returned to the Indian football team after a hiatus of six months when he was named in the 25-member squad for the international friendly against Jordan in Doha on May 28. The 37-year-old Chhetri last played for India during their 3-0 win over Nepal in the SAFF Championships final in October but since then was sidelined due to injuries. The squad, announced by national coach Igor Stimac, was picked from an extended training camp in Kolkata. Besides Chhetri, Ishan Pandita has also made a comeback in the forward line at the cost of VP Suhair and injured Rahim Ali. In the midfield, Glan Martins, Ritwik Das, Udanta Singh, Sahal Abdul Samad, Suresh Wangjam and Aashique Kuruniyan have been included with Pronay Halder and Danish Bhat being the notable omissions. The defence



include the likes of Rahul Bheke, Akash Mishra, Harmanjot Singh Khabra, Roshan Singh, Anwar Ali, Sandesh Jhingra, Subhashish Bose and Pritam Kotal. While Gurpreet Singh Sandhu and Amrinder Singh remains a constant under the crossbar, Laxmikant Kattimani replaced Prabhsukhan Singh Gill following his heroics in the ISL final. The Blue Tigers, as part of their preparation for the AFC Asian Cup final round qualifiers, had been

camping in Bellary and Kolkata. They have played practice matches against ATK Mohun Bagan, the Hero I-League and Hero Santosh Trophy All-Stars team and the West Bengal team. The Blue Tigers will leave for Doha on May 25, where they will continue their training before taking on Jordan. After the friendly, the team is set to return to Kolkata on May 30, before resuming their training for the AFC Asian Cup Qualifiers. Goalkeepers:

Gurpreet Singh Sandhu, Laxmikant Kattimani, Amrinder Singh. Defenders: Rahul Bheke, Akash Mishra, Harmanjot Singh Khabra, Roshan Singh, Anwar Ali, Sandesh Jhingra, Subhashish Bose, Pritam Kotal. Midfielders: Jaakson Singh, Anirudh Thapa, Glan Martins, Brandon Fernandes, Ritwik Das, Udanta Singh, Yasir Mohammad, Sahal Abdul Samad, Suresh Wangjam, Ashique Kuruniyan, Liston Colaco.

Sourav Ganguly not worried about Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli's form, says 'matter of time'

New Delhi, May 25 : Indian skipper Rohit Sharma's abysmal form in the IPL is not a matter of concern as he will be back among the runs soon, BCCI president Sourav Ganguly said on Tuesday. The record five-time IPL winning Mumbai Indians skipper had a woeful season finishing with 268 runs from 14 innings at an average of 19.14 with a modest strike-rate 120.17 as their team finished at the bottom of the standings this season. "Everybody is

human. There will be mistakes but Rohit's record as captain is outstanding. Five IPL titles, Asia Cup winner, he has won whatever he has captained, so his record as captain is outstanding. Mistakes will happen because they are all human," Ganguly said on the sidelines of a promotional event. Before the last match where he scored a fiery fifty against Kolkata Knight Riders, former India captain Kohli also endured his worst-ever IPL with 236 runs from 13

innings which included three golden ducks. Backing the duo, Ganguly said: "They are very good players. I'm sure they will be back among runs. They play so much of cricket that at times they go out of form. Kohli played very well in the last game, especially when it was required for RCB." That's why he (Kohli) was so happy that RCB qualified. They are all great players, it's a matter of time they will be at their best," Ganguly added. Captain Sharma, Kohli and senior

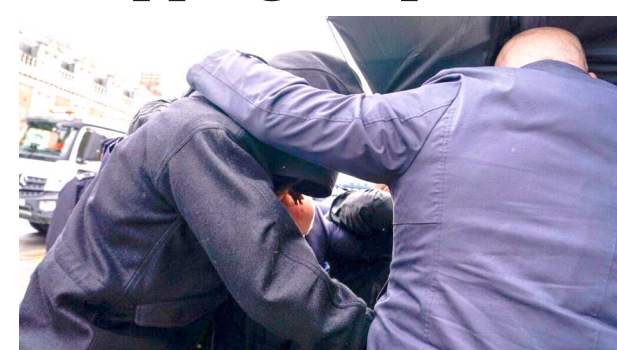
pacer Jasprit Bumrah have all been rested from the five-match home T20I series against South Africa next month. In Rohit's absence, KL Rahul has been appointed as the captain of the Indian team for the T20I series against



Grand Prix 2022-2023 titles : Rajat, Nalinakhyia and Nihad win

GUWAHATI, May 25 : The 2nd edition of the GTC Chess Grand Prix 2022-2023 was held yesterday at Gauhati Town Club premises. Altogether 92 players from across the state participated in this day-long event organized by GTC Chess Foundation. Matches were held in the age category of Under 9, Under 15 and Open Category. Rajat Bafna and Nalinakhyia Kashyap clinched the championship in the Under 9 category and Under 15 category respectively by scoring 5 points out of 5 rounds. In the Open category, Nihad Islam Hazarika clinched the title by scoring 3.5 points. The top three players in the age group of Under 6, Under 9, Under 11, Under 13, Under 15, Under 19 and Open Category were awarded Prizes and E Certificate. Prize distribution ceremony was attended by Deep Borah, former first class Cricketer of Assam and Chiranjiban Bhuyan, Senior Chess coach of Assam.

Kurt Zouma pleads guilty to kicking, slapping his pet cat



London, May 25 : The 27-year-old France international appeared at a hearing at Thames Magistrates' Court accused of three offenses under the Animal Welfare Act in relation to footage of the abuse that took place on Feb. 6 and surfaced on social media. Zouma pleaded guilty to two counts of causing unnecessary suffering to a protected animal, while another charge was dismissed. He will be sentenced on June 1. Zouma arrived at the court in a car and was accompanied by several security guards who held out umbrellas to form a protective shield around him as he was bundled into the court. Zouma's younger brother, Yoan, filmed the incident involving the cat and posted it on Snapchat. Kurt Zouma could be seen kicking his Bengal cat across his kitchen, before throwing a pair of shoes at it and slapping its head. The court was told by prosecutor Hazel Stevens that Kurt Zouma could be heard saying: "I swear I'll kill it. I swear I'll kill it." Stevens said the cats were deemed responsible by Zouma for damaging a chair in his home. "Since this footage was put in public domain," Stevens said, "there has been a spate of people hitting cats and posting it on various social media sites. Yoan Zouma admitted to one count of aiding, abetting, counselling or procuring his brother to commit an offense. He was suspended in February by fifth-tier team Dagenham. The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals took Kurt Zouma's two pet cats into care after the incident. West Ham fined Zouma two weeks of salary - the maximum amount possible - when the incident came to light, but manager David Moyes continued to pick the defender to play when healthy. Zouma also lost a sponsorship deal with Adidas. The RSPCA brought the prosecution against the brothers even though it does not have the power to charge people. British law allows organizations such as the RSPCA to use specialist lawyers to bring private prosecutions against individuals, with such cases heard in court and sometimes taken over by public prosecutors.

East Bengal in talks with Manchester United and others for ownership: Sourav Ganguly



New Delhi, May 25: Premier League giants Manchester United could well end up taking ownership of East Bengal, one of the oldest football clubs in the country. The development was confirmed by BCCI President and former India captain Sourav Ganguly in an interaction with the media on Tuesday. According to Ganguly, negotiations are on with the 'Red Devils' and a few others and a clear picture will emerge in a couple of weeks. "Yes we have spoken to them and others also. It will take 10-12 more days

to know who will be the entity," Ganguly was quoted. When asked if United would assume the role of an investor, Ganguly said: "No-no (they are coming) as an owner." "It takes some time. First, let it reach a stage then we will make a comment. I will speak only after there's a concrete development," he added. East Bengal has been struggling with off-the-field issues, their association with Shree Cement Ltd coming to an end last month after the company handed over the sporting rights. Earlier, it was reported that East Bengal

was also talking with Bangladesh-based conglomerate Bashundhara Group but it did not lead to any deal. Before the coronavirus-induced pandemic, East Bengal was also set to play a friendly with United. Manchester United had given the green light for a pre-season friendly against East Bengal in 2020. Talks were in place for an exhibition match that would be held at the iconic Yuva Bharati Krirangan Stadium in Salt Lake, Kolkata. Last year in November, a four-member delegation from the United had arrived in the city and met state sports minister Aroop Biswas at Nabanna. Allan John Dawson, Manchester United's director of football, Christoffer Laurens Komen, director of tours and friendlies of the club and officials Philip Malcolm Smith and Matthew Charles Jones were part of the four-member delegation.

Supernovas beat Trailblazers by 49 runs in Women's T20 Challenge opening match

New Delhi, May 25: Pooja Vastrakar picked up four wickets for just 12 runs in a brilliant pace-bowling display as Supernovas notched up an easy 49-run win over Trailblazers in a record-breaking opening match of the Women's T20 Challenge. The 22-year-old Vastrakar claimed the wickets of Trailblazers' captain Smriti Mandhana (34), her opening partner Hayley Matthews (18), No. 4 Sophia Dunkley (1) and Salma Khatun (0) in two separate spells to tear apart the batting line-up of the defending champions. England left-arm spinner Sophie Ecclestone and Australia all-rounder Alana King chipped in with two wickets apiece as Trailblazers could only score 114 for 9 in 20 overs while chasing 164. The Supernovas had earlier scored the tournament's highest-ever score of 163 all out after opting to

bat. Mandhana and Dunkley in the space of four balls in the eighth over. Wickets kept on tumbling in quick succession as Sharmin Akhter (0) was out in the next over for a duck to be King's first victim of the day. Runs were hard to come by for Trailblazers as they reached 71 for 4 at the halfway mark. But two quick wickets in the 11th over bowled by Ecclestone virtually ended the contest. Ecclestone had Richa Gosh (2) off the second ball of the over and Arundhati Reddy (0) was run out in the next delivery as Trailblazers batters looked in a hurry to return to the hut. Harmanpreet Kaur brought Vastrakar for her second spell and the pacewoman got immediate success by having Khatun to reduce Trailblazers to 73 for 7 at the end of 12 overs. Asking rate had climbed more than 11 runs an over by



then and one-down Jemimah Rodrigues (24) tried to make a match out of it but she also fell in the 14th over to Meghna Singh to extinguish any hopes of Trailblazers' fight back. Earlier, Supernovas captain Kaur top-scored with 37 off 29 balls while Harleen Deol and Deandra Dottin chipped in with 35 and 32 respectively. They, however, lost five wickets in the last two overs for just eight runs, including that of Kaur, in a dramatic collapse. Trailblazers lose their captain Smriti Mandhana & Sophia Dunkley. Matthews was the pick of the Trailblazers bowlers with figures of 3

for 29 while Salma Khatun took two for 30 runs. The Supernovas made a rollicking start, reaching to the tournament's best-ever power-play score of 58 for one with opener Dottin (32 off just 17 balls) in ominous form. Dottin hit Renuka Singh for three fours in the third over from which the Supernovas took 14 runs. She was, however, run out in the fifth over while backing out too far from her crease. She hit five fours and one six in all. The other opener Priya Punia (22) continued a bit longer before she was out in the eighth over. Young Deol showed tremendous form and shared 37 runs

for the third wicket with captain Kaur. She hit Matthews for consecutive fours in the eighth over but could not convert her start to a big score, getting out in the 12th over. Kaur, coming out at the fall of Punia in the eighth over, took the onus of steadying the ship on herself though her side lost wickets in clusters. Sune Luus (10) fell to Rajeshwari Gayakwad (1/34) in the 15th over before King (5) became Khatun's second wicket of the day. Vastrakar and Kaur were out in the space of three balls in the 19th over before Supernovas lost another three wickets in the dramatic final over.

Asia Cup: India faces defeat

New Delhi, May 25: A new-look Indian team paid for its inexperience and profligacy with Asian champions Japan soundly thrashing them 5-2 in a group A league match of the men's Asia Cup hockey championship here on Tuesday. Having drawn against Pakistan in the opening game, India's chances after this defeat will be badly dented as even a big win against Indonesia in the last game might not be enough for qualification to the knock-out stages. Ken Nagayoshi, Kosei Kawabe (twice), Ryomi Ooka and Koji Yamasaki scored for Japan while Pawan Rajbhar and Uttam Singh found the target for the Indians. However, the younger crop of players didn't measure up against the Japanese, who looked more organised and hit India repeatedly on the counters. The two seniors - Birendra Lakra and SV Sunil - looked well past their prime and couldn't make any tangible difference with their performances. "First two quarters were very tough because we didn't get into any rhythm. We got better in the last two quarters but didn't create many chances," said Lakra, the India captain. Full Time! India put in a valiant ef-

fort but was defeated by Japan by three goals in today's Hero Asia Cup in Jakarta, hoping for a better game in the upcoming matches. "In the final quarter, we lost our defensive structure and conceded a couple of goals. Also we lost two men and that had an effect," Lakra added. India could have gone ahead in the fifth minute of the first half itself when 20-year-old Karthi Selvam kept an inch perfect cross from wide left for veteran SV Sunil, who was inches short of laying his stick for a tap-in. The first quarter was all about trying to get control of the midfield with rookie Indian players losing a lot of possession during the phase of play. But, to their delight, the Japanese also failed to make too many inroads save one penalty corner, which was well-saved by a diving Indian custodian Suraj Karkera. However, in the second quarter central midfielder Raj Kumar took a crack at goal from the edge of the striking circle, which was saved by Japan goalie Koji Yamasaki and, to India's horror, the ball found Sunil's boots as he was lurking inside the 'D'. But India suddenly fizzled out in the second quarter after that initial spark, even as the Japanese upped



their ante and earned two more penalty corners - the first of which found drag-flicker Yoshiaki Kirishita off the mark as his powerful drag-flick sailed well over the cross-piece. However, in the 24th minute, Ken Nagayoshi converted the penalty corner with a powerful angular drive that beat a diving Suraj all ends up. There came a chance of an equaliser when Nilam Sanjeep Xess' assist found Raj Kumar, whose reverse hit was saved by the keeper. The problem with the inexperienced outfit was its propensity to attack primarily down the middle-third instead of spreading the game onto the wide flanks. The ageing Sunil's poor outing also didn't help the Indians much as the team seemed to lack the art of playing the pressing game to earn the penalty corners unlike the Japanese, who were brilliant

on the counter during the last two quarters of the game. It was in the 40th minute Japan made it 2-0 in a counter-attack with Kosei Kawabi snatching the ball from the Indian midfield and sprinting down the right wing running left-back Dipsan Tirkey ragged with his speed. It was a spectacular goal with Kawabi having his back towards the Indian goal with his markers Dipsan and Nilam closing in on him. With a body feint, Kawabi wrong-footed goalkeeper Suraj and then smashed it home from an acute angle. India found something going their way in the dying moments of the third quarter when veteran Birendra Lakra kept a powerful assist inside the striking circle melee and the big-bodied center forward Pawan Rajbhar was in the right place to lay his stick for a perfect deflec-

tion that found the top corner of the net. The final quarter once again saw the Indians going all out and conceding a goal against the run of play in the 49th minute. With all but one players on the overlap, Ryosei Kato got a cross-field pass on the wide right and he cut inside with goalkeeper Suraj at his mercy, and Ryomo Ooka waiting for an open goal. Kato passed it to Ooka, who put it gleefully to make it 3-1. However, India equalised with the very next move when Rajbhar sent a cross from right and forward Uttam Singh tapped it in from close range to make it 2-3. But there was more bad luck for India as they suddenly lost the numerical advantage with temporary suspensions of Rajbhar and Karthi. The nine versus eleven became a lopsided contest as Japan repeatedly used the right flank to launch their attack. Koji Yamasaki got his goal in the 54th minute with a touch-in after none of the Indian defenders cared to intercept a cross from the wide right. The Indian resistance had ended and the fifth goal was the final nail in the coffin - Kawabe slotting home in the 56th minute after his first shot rebounded off the goalkeeper.

Path is going to be challenging, continue to work hard: Sachin tells son Arjun

New Delhi, May 25: Sachin Tendulkar's son Arjun warmed the benches for 28 Indian Premier League matches across two seasons and the batting great has been telling the budding all-rounder that the path is going to be challenging for him and he needs to put in the hard yards. The cricket icon, who has been associated with Mumbai Indians, also made it crystal clear that he does not interfere in selections. Arjun, a left-arm pacer and a left-handed batter, was picked up by five-time IPL champions Mumbai Indians but did not get a single game across two seasons of the lucrative league. "This is a different question. What I am thinking or what I feel is not important. The season is already over,"



Tendulkar said at a show 'Sachinsight', when asked whether he would have liked to watch Arjun play this year. "And my conversation with Arjun has always been that the path is going to be challenging, it is going to be difficult. You started playing cricket because you are in love with cricket, continue to do so, continue to work hard and results will follow," added Tendulkar, who has numerous world records to his name. According to Tendulkar, a veteran of 200

Tests, as far selection is concerned, he leaves the matter to the team management. And if we speak about selection, I have never involved myself in selection. I leave all these things to the (team) management because that is how I have always functioned," Tendulkar stressed. In his career so far, the 22-year-old Arjun has only played two T20 games for his domestic side Mumbai and featured in the 'T20 Mumbai' league.

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