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Chittaranjan Basumaty resigned

Assam Rising
Guwahati, May 27 :

Chittaranjan Basumaty resigned from the Assam Jatiya Parishad (AJP) on Friday. As per sources, Basumaty tendered his resignation to Lurin Jyoti Gogoi, the party president. However, the AJP nor Basumaty has disclosed the reason behind the sudden decision. Chittaranjan Basumaty was the secretary of the AJP and was one of the founding members of the party. Although no reasons were announced, Basumaty in a Facebook post wrote,

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Assam Rising
Guwahati, May 27 :

Police have arrested a fraudster who was involved in duping a car owner on the pretext of paying a monthly income by leasing his four-wheeler vehicle. According to reports, the accused, identified as Ramzan Ali, was apprehended from Kerala and was brought to Guwahati on a transit remand. Police said that Ali allegedly approached the complainant in Guwahati eight months back and assured him of monthly income by leasing his Hyundai Accent car. However, he faked his own false abduction in Nagaland and never contacted the complainant until an FIR was lodged at city's Hatigaon police station recently.

Drugs seized

Assam Rising
Guwahati, May 27 :

Special Operation Group (SOG) and Gorchuk Police have nabbed a drugs peddler from ISBT in Guwahati. Police seized 5 packets of drugs worth lakhs of rupees from the possession of the drugs peddler. It may be mentioned that a year since the Assam government launched a war on drugs in the state, Assam police has seized more than 548.53 crore worth of drugs. Under the current BJP led government, state police has registered 2,834 cases under the Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act and has arrested more than 4,838 drug traffickers.

Assam floods: Centre releases advance of Rs 324 crore



Assam Rising
Guwahati, May 27 :

The Central government has released an advance of 324 crore rupees from the State Disaster Relief Fund (SDRF) to the flood-hit Assam. A team of officials from the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) yesterday reached Guwahati and held a meeting with Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) officials regarding the damage as-

essment of recent flood and landslide in the state. The flood this year has hit many parts of Assam and affected almost 3.46 lakh people and 247 villages. Fact check: Is Power Grid running a lucky draw by offering a chance to win Rs 6,000? Ads by Ads by Taboola Sponsored Links CI Private Wealth CI Private Wealth Learn More Attention-These Are Warning Signs Before A Heart

Attack Travel Sent According to the reports of ASDMA, it was discussed that to accelerate an effective damage assessment, an Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT) members will be divided into two groups for visiting the relevant affected districts. A total of 47,139.12 hectares of crop areas have been affected and 295 relief camps and 70 relief distribution centres have been opened in all af-

ected areas. A total of 66,836 inmates are staying in these centres. The flood situation in Assam remained critical on Thursday with two more persons, including a child, losing their lives and over 5.61 lakh people still suffering in the deluge across seven districts, as per an official bulletin. According to the daily flood report of the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA), one person each died in Kamrup and Raha of Nagaon district. With this, the total number of people losing their lives in this year's flood and landslides has reached 30. ASDMA said more than 5,61,100 persons are hit by

the flood in Cachar, Dima Hasao, Hailakandi, Hojai, Karbi Anglong West, Morigaon and Nagaon districts. Nagaon is the worst hit with over 3.68 lakh people suffering, followed by Cachar with nearly 1.5 lakh persons and Morigaon with more than 41,000 people affected. Till Tuesday, over 5.75 lakh people were affected in the deluge across nine districts of the state. An Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT) reached Guwahati on Thursday and interacted with the Revenue and Disaster Management Department and ASDMA officials for damage assessment of the flood

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PM Modi Flies Surveillance Drone In Delhi During Drone Mahotsav



New Delhi, May 27 :

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today flew a drone at the 'Bharat Drone Mahotsav 2022' in New Delhi. During the festival, PM Modi flew a drone made by Asteria Aerospace Limited, a Bengaluru-based drone technology company. The drone PM Modi flew is

meant to be used for security and surveillance across industry sectors. The Bharat Drone Mahotsav 2022 is a two-day event with over 70 exhibitors displaying various use cases of drones. The festival was inaugurated today by PM Modi. At the

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Assam CM inaugurates conclave on Act East through Northeast



Assam Rising
Guwahati, May 27 :

Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma said that Government of India under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has put a renewed thrust on Act

East policy which has resulted into fast-paced growth and brought about paradigm shift to development narrative in Assam and other Northeastern states. Inaugurating a conclave on Act East through Northeast in presence of the ambassa-

dors and high commissioners of ASEAN countries here today, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma said that development narrative generated by the Act East policy has given a new hope to the people of Northeast to align themselves with the development initiatives of the Government of India. He also said that in the backdrop of Act East policy, his government is striving to

position Assam as the expressway and gateway to ASEAN bloc. He also said that the conclave which is a part of several initiatives of the Act East policy Affairs Department, Government of Assam to brainstorm on various aspects of Act East policy and strengthen the roadmap for leveraging the opportunity of Assam's

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Assam Cong rubbished reports of Rakibul quitting party

Assam Rising
Guwahati, May 27 :

Amid reports of resignation of deputy Congress Legislature Party (CLP) leader Rakibul Hussain from the party, the Assam Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC) on Thursday rubbished the speculation. A group of 10 Congress MLAs gathered at Rakibul's residence recently and expressed concern at the "style of functioning" of state PCC chief Bhupen Borah and some of them expressed resentment for not taking their opinion while selecting district Congress presidents recently. Rakibul has been in Mecca on Haj pilgrimage, but is likely to arrive in New Delhi soon. Though



the former Assam cabinet minister will make his stand clear soon after arriving in the country, CLP chief whip Wazed Ali Choudhury told the media, "Rakibul Hussain has resigned as executive (member) of the APCC committee. Our high command was informed about the decision by him." Choudhury said Hussain is still the deputy leader of the CLP. "It cannot be termed as rebellion but sometimes people feel

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Former Haryana CM Om Prakash Chautala gets four years in jail in disproportionate assets case

New Delhi, May 27 :

A Delhi court awarded four-year imprisonment and a Rs 50 lakh fine to former Haryana chief minister Om Prakash Chautala in a disproportionate assets case on Friday. When the Indian National Lok Dal leader failed to satisfactorily account for the assets found by the CBI to be disproportionate to his legitimate sources of income between 1993 and 2006, he was convicted by special judge Vikas Dhull on May 21. The disproportionate assets were calculated to be worth Rs 6.09 crore, as per the chargesheet filed on March 26, 2010. The special judge,



for maximum punishment. "The person in this case is a public figure and giving minimum punishment would send a wrong message. He does not have clean antecedents. It is the second case in which he has been convicted," the

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Booker Prize To Hindi Novel For 1st Time: Geetanjali Shree's "Tomb Of Sand"

London, May 27 :

Author Geetanjali Shree's Hindi novel 'Tomb of Sand' has become the first book in any Indian language to win the prestigious International Booker Prize. At a ceremony in London on Thursday, the New Delhi-based writer said she was "completely overwhelmed" with the "bolt from the blue" as she accepted her prize, worth GBP 50,000 and shared with the book's

English translator, Daisy Rockwell. 'Tomb of Sand', originally 'Ret Samadhi', is set in northern India and follows an 80-year-old woman in a tale the Booker judges dubbed a "joyous cacophony" and an "irresistible novel". "I never dreamt of the Booker, I never thought I could. What a huge recognition, I'm amazed, delighted, honoured and humbled," said Ms Shree, in her acceptance speech. "There is a



melancholy satisfaction in the award going to it. 'Ret Samadhi/Tomb of Sand' is an elegy for the world we inhabit, a lasting energy that

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Assam Governor attends 2nd convocation of Cotton University



Assam Rising
Guwahati, May 27 :

"The world is now full of competition and our bright young students must strive for excellence

addressing the 2nd Convocation of the varsity today at the International Auditorium of the Srimanta Sankardev Kalakshetra, Guwahati. Extending his wishes to the degree holders, Prof Mukhi emphasized

that students have an obligation towards the society. "Our nation has given us everything. In return we should pay back something. You should stay and serve the country. Our country is creating a strong

foundation for the startup ecosystem. So, our students should cooperate, stay in the country and serve the nation to become absolutely

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Aryan Khan gets clean chit Action to be taken against ex-NCB official Sameer Wankhede



Mumbai, May 27 :

After the Narcotics Control

Bureau (NCB) gave a clean chit to Aryan Khan, son of Bollywood superstar Shah

Rukh Khan, in the 'drugs on cruise' case, sources say that action against Sameer Wankhede, ex-NCB official, is expected. According to news agency ANI, sources have said, "It's learnt that the government has asked competent authority to take appropriate action against ex-NCB official Sameer Wankhede for his shoddy

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Jaipur's new museum 'Khazana Mahal' of rare gems, jewels to open for public in June



Jaipur, May 27 : Jaipur, the pink city of India, has got a new museum, namely Khazana Mahal which showcases rare gems, jewels, and stones, and will be opened for the public in June. Khazana Mahal is constructed in an area of 12,000 square yards with 3-feet security walls, apart from the manual and high-tech security deployed here. The founder of the Mahal, Anoop Srivastava, told that the museum has been a dream of 87-year-old Jeweller Dr Rajnikath Shah who is based in New York. "It is basically his collection. He visited Jaipur Wax Museum at Nahargarh Fort and taking inspiration from that, he proposed the idea of this

palace to me," said Srivastava. The museum is built after restoring a 200-year-old Haveli, which was known as 'Cheeta ki Haudi Barood Khana'. Srivastava said that it took around 2.5 years to complete the project of restoring the said Haveli to Khazana Mahal. Revealing the basic concept behind the museum, he added that the entire collection in the museum is Shah's very own. ALSO READ: Use of drones will increase in defence sector, disaster management: PM Narendra Modi at Bharat Drone Mahotsav 2022 "On witnessing the collection,

I felt that the museum should be magnificent enough to be watched and should involve entertainment so that even a child could enjoy it." Via the means of entertainment, the museum will telecast how a stone is turned into an important part of the jewellery. "The museum can be a great means of infotainment for the visitors," he added. "Almost 95 per cent of the gems and stones here are original. There is no such museum in the world where one could find these many stones. One

can get to see Ulka Pind, Ramsetu ka Patthar, Shark tooth converted to a diamond, and the Dinosaur's excreta converted to a diamond," he added. "We have introduced Zip-line activities and a few more adventurous activities are to be welcomed here soon... The place is a complete family entertainer, as a food joint is also scheduled to be introduced very soon," he said. The authorities are planning to open the Mahal for the general public in Mid-June with a ticket of Rs 500 for Indians and Rs 1,500 for foreigners.

Taiwanese people stuck with the name 'Salmon' after sushi promotion

London, May 27 : Taiwanese parliamentarians have debated changing legal limits on name changes, after some of the hundreds of people who legally altered their name to "Salmon" in return for free sushi reportedly became stuck with it. In March 2021



restaurant chain Sushiro ran a promotion offering free all-you-can-eat sushi for a whole table to anyone with the Chinese characters for salmon, "gui yu", in their name. In what was later dubbed "Salmon chaos", 331 people took part, paying a nominal administration fee to legally call themselves names including "Salmon Dream" and "Dancing Salmon". At the time the government was critical of the promotion, asking people to be "rational" and complaining that the stunt created pointless extra work for Taiwan's paperwork-heavy bureaucracy. Some

participants built social media followings off the international media attention, while others ran small businesses taking friends to the restaurant for a fee. Once the two-day promotion ended, most returned to their normal names, but more than one year on some have hit a roadblock - the government only allows people to change their names three times. On Thursday legislators in Taiwan's national parliament debated proposed amendments to the names ordinance, with members from both the government and opposition parties calling for changes to help those stuck as Salmons, or to prevent another

"salmon chaos". "After the salmon chaos incident some people had already changed their name three times and now have no way to change them back," said New Power Party legislator, Chiu Hsien-chih, suggesting other measures including fee changes and cooling-off periods. Other legislators, from both the governing Democratic Progress Party (DPP) and main opposition Kuomintang, called for it to be made more difficult. "Our trust in civic rationality is too low," said legislator Kuan Bi-ling, opposing an increase to restrictions as an intrusion into people's daily lives. On Taiwanese social media residents were scathing of the debate, saying adults should be more responsible, and that this was a waste of the legislature's time. "How can we amend the law for those who sell their personality for the sake of benefits?" said one commenter. "Be responsible for your own life, Salmons!" said another.

Penny Wong urges Pacific nations to weigh up 'consequences' of China security offers



Melbourn, May 27 : Australia's foreign minister has used a visit to Fiji to urge Pacific countries to weigh up the "consequences" of accepting security offers from Beijing, saying the region should determine its own security. Speaking on the second day of her trip, Penny Wong said Australia wanted to show it was a reliable and trustworthy partner, and was

also "determined to make up for" what she described as "a lost decade on climate action". Wong's visit coincides with a marathon eight-country visit by China's foreign minister, Wang Yi, in a sign of the growing competition for influence in the region. But the Chinese embassy in Canberra said on Friday that China had not sought a "sphere of influence" and it believed the South Pacific "should not be the battlefield for geopolitical manoeuvring". In a boost for the US, Fiji has become the first Pacific island country to join Joe Biden's newly launched Indo-Pacific

economic framework. The White House praised the decision, saying Fiji was a regional leader and would provide "vital value and perspective" on tackling the climate crisis. The Australian foreign minister is scheduled to meet with Fiji's prime minister and foreign minister, Frank Bainimarama, on Friday afternoon. In a press conference after she met with Pacific workers due to travel to Australia, Wong was asked directly whether the Australian government was concerned about China's influence in the Pacific.

Notice Inviting Tender

Office Order No.119

Sealed tenders in prescribed form affixing Court fee stamp of Rs.8.25 (Rupees eight and paise twenty five) only are hereby invited from the Govt, registered Contractors/Firms according to their limits of eligibility for execution of following works.

Implementation of Infrastructural Activities under APFBC Scheme, Sivasagar Division (1), Sivasagar				
Sl. No.	Particulars of work	Estimated cost including GST and other taxes	Earnest money	Location
1	Construction of 1 (one) no. Range Office Building	Rs. 14,00,000.00	2% of estimated value for General and 1% of estimated value for SC/ST/OBC/ MOBC Caste	At Sonari Range
2	Construction of 1 (one) no. Beat Office Building	Rs. 14,00,000.00		Under Sonari Range

The tender will be received in the office of the undersigned on all working days up to 3.00 PM (IST) of **17-6-2022** and will be opened on the same day at the same place at 3.30 PM in presence of the willing tenderer or their authorized agent who wish to attend the same. In the event of unusual occurrence due to Strike, Bandh, Holiday etc; the same will be received on the next working day upto the same time and be opened at 3.30 PM.

Details particulars of the works may be seen in the office of the undersigned during office hour and Tender Paper may be obtained with effect from **31-5-2022 up to 3.00 pm of 17-6-2022** during all office working days.

The acceptance of the tenders and the issue of work order is subject to release of fund by the Govt, of Assam / Competent authority without hereby incurring any liabilities to the affected tenderers or any obligation to inform the affected tenderer of the grounds.

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No. FA/TR/Tender/Dismantling/664 Dated Barpeta Road, the 20th May/2022.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed tenders are invited affixing non-refundable court fee of Rs. 8.25 (Rupees Eight and twenty five paise) from interested bidders for Dismantling of 28 (twenty eight) nos. of Old Govt. Quarters under Manas Tiger Reserve which will be received by the undersigned through a tender box till **3 PM (I.S.T.) on 31/05/2022** and will be opened on **31/05/2022 at 3:30 PM (I.S.T.)** in the O/o the Field Director, Manas Tiger Reserve, Barpeta Road.

Sl. No.	Particulars	Tender opening date	Closing date	Time of completion	Rate
1	Dismantling of 28 (twenty eight) nos. of Old Govt. Quarters under Manas Tiger Reserve	20-05-2022	31-05-2022 upto 3:00 PM (I.S.T.)	Within 30 (thirty) days from the date of issue of work order	Highest rate to be quoted

The Bidders shall quote the maximum amount in tender in the form of **Bankers Cheque/Bank Draft** in favour of **Manas Tiger Conservation Foundation payable at Barpeta Road.**

The Bidders should strictly follow the **Terms and Conditions** for dismantling of the above mentioned quarters which can be seen in the O/o the Field Director, Manas Tiger Reserve from **20-05-2022 to 30-05-2022.**

Sd/-
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Manas Tiger Reserve

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Undated file photo shows Keval Maram Bala (2nd R), an Indian student of Ningxia Medical University, posing for a group photo with other students during a class in northwest China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region.

Man sues Sainsbury's for banning his assistance cat Chloe

London, May 27 : Chloe the assistance cat could make legal history with her handler, Ian Fenn, after Sainsbury's refused to allow her into one of its shops. Fenn, who has autism and has trained the black cat to be a support for him, is taking legal action against the supermarket. He says Chloe prevents sensory overload and should be treated like a guide dog or any other aid designed to help someone with a disability. On a visit to Sainsbury's in Clapham, south London, in March, Fenn was told by security and staff that he would need to leave the cat outside. After he complained, Sainsbury's told him it would only allow assistance dogs into its stores. Chris Fry, who specialises in disability discrimination actions and is bringing a case for Fenn under the Equality Act, said: "There are plenty of cases about guide dogs being refused access to places or services but there hasn't really been any judicial exploration of what constitutes an assistance animal if it's not a dog." Hospitals, shops and hotel chains have allowed Fenn, a product designer from south London, to bring Chloe along for assistance. The black cat is on a lead when he takes her to shops and wears a fluorescent yellow "service cat" jacket. She typically sits on Fenn's shoulders as he walks around. "Chloe accompanies me to hospital, GP, and blood donation appointments," Fenn wrote using Chloe's Twitter handle on Friday. "We've been to zoos and aquariums where biosecurity needs to be considered. We've been to other supermarkets. What is so special about Sainsbury's, who originally said I was welcome in any store?" Sainsbury's said it was working with an environmental health team to see if there was a way for Fenn and his cat to visit safely.

Turkey's plan to forcibly relocate Syrian refugees gains momentum



London, May 27 : Turkey's plan to expand a buffer zone inside northern Syria and use it to relocate large numbers of refugees has gained momentum after officials endorsed a military push that analysts from both countries say will force demographic shifts inside Syria. Though a timeline has not been decided, military and political leaders have confirmed that an extensive operation is being prepared to move Kurdish populations away from Turkey's southern border and assert Turkish control as deep as 18 miles into northern Syria. While not explicitly stated, the move involves moving Syrian Arabs into the new zones, in which Turkey will secure economic influence and political approval on the home front ahead of elections next year. Kurdish populations that dominated the 500-mile border are set

to lose more sway after being forced from key towns during three Turkish incursions in the past five years. Plans for a new operation have taken rapid shape in recent weeks against a shifting geopolitical backdrop in Europe, where Sweden and Finland's request to join Nato has given Turkey the chance to press its own domestic agendas. President Recep Tayyip Erdo'an flagged the new push into northern Syria on Monday, claiming it would

have the twin effect of defanging the Kurdistan Workers' party (PKK), which dominates northeastern Syria, and further weakening the Islamic State terror group. Earlier he had announced that up to 1 million Syrian refugees would be returned from Turkey. Despite its implications for regional security, the announcement has met a muted response: the US has expressed "concern" but needs

Turkish support for the Nordic states' ambitions to join the alliance. Local considerations remain paramount for Erdo'an, who has led Turkey for two decades and faces a troubled economy and potentially his toughest re-

election challenge yet in 2023. The issue of Syrian refugees on Turkish soil is one domestic issue he could capitalise on, as anti-refugee sentiment runs high and moves to repatriate some long-term Syrian residents winning political favour.

Six Irish Guards held on drugs and money-laundering offences

London, May 27 : Six Irish Guards and a Coldstream Guardsman veteran have been arrested on suspicion of drugs and money-laundering offences, the Ministry of Defence has said. A statement from the MoD press office said: "As part of a planned operation, the Royal Military police arrested six Irish Guards soldiers and a Coldstream Guardsman veteran from across the UK on suspicion of conspiracy to supply drugs and money lending and laundering offences. "None of the soldiers under investigation will participate in planned Queen's platinum jubilee parades. "The army does not tolerate any type of illegal or fraudulent behaviour. As this is now the subject of an independent Royal Military police investigation, it is inappropriate to comment further." The Daily Mirror reported that the suspects were detained on Wednesday during raids in Hampshire, Berkshire, north Wales and Northern Ireland.



Gulibekge Maiming Reheman patrols at Jiaohe ancient city, Turpan, northwest China's Xinjiang

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Gunotsav 2022 successfully conducted in Chhaygaon

Assam Rising Chhaygaon, May 27: In a bid to revive the education sector heavily impacted by COVID-19 and contribute towards overall development of students, Govt of Assam is celebrating Gunotsav, 2022 across the State from May 11-June 4, 2022. Under the initiative of the Department of Education, Assam and Axom Sarba Siksha Abhiyan Mission, this year Gunotsav will be in three phases. It is notable here that the Chief minister and his cabinet colleagues, IAS, IPS and IFS officers have been visiting classrooms across 46,000 schools for quality assessment of 42.50 lakh schoolchildren and to identify learning gaps. As a part of Gunotsav-2022 in Chhaygaon also different educational institutions had prepared well from a few months back. During



the last few days at the various schools of Chhaygaon constituency the evaluation process has been conducted successfully. On May 25 Chhaygaon Govt M.V school conducted Gunotsav where Dr.

Shiromani Bhuyan, Lecturer, DIET, Mirza, Dr. Mukul Das, District Veterinary Officer was present as external evaluators. Other dignitaries like Prasanta Jagannath, B.E.E.O Chhaygaon Education Block and L.O

Tapan Baishya graced the occasion with their presence. It is to be mentioned here that Additional Deputy Commissioner of Kamrup district Kamal Baruah also visited the school and enriched the programme. Similarly another historic institution of Chhaygaon at Barbhitha Anchalik High School under Goroimari Circle Gunotsav was conducted successfully yesterday. As external evaluators for evaluation of the performance of students and school Veterinary officer Dr. Diganta Sarmah and Lecturer Jeuti Deka were present. At Chhaygaon Champaknagar Girls High School professor Sadhana Kalita and Dhiren ch. Das performed duty as external evaluators and successfully conducted the programme. The another leading educational institution of

Chhaygaon the Chhaygaon Higher secondary school also successfully performed the occasion of Gunotsav-22. To evaluate the performance as external evaluators professor Lakhya Sarma and Deiji Das were present at the occasion. It is known from the source that other various High School, M.E and L.P schools also have conducted Gunotsav successfully across the whole region.



Gunotsav-2022 programme at 31 No Dahali L.P School on Thursday.

Batadroba arson case: 7 accused arrested

Assam Rising Nagaon, May 27: In connection with the incident of Batadroba PS arson, Nagaon police arrested 7 core accused persons including two women till the time of filing this report. Besides, police detained 14 persons and also released them after questioning, sources added. Police arrested one accused person yesterday while he was taking shelter at a household in the Bhumraguri area. The arrested person was absconding from police since the incident, sources added. Meanwhile police have identified over 32 persons involved in the arson attack on the police station. The arrested persons till today, have been identified as Rofikul Islam (Salnabari),

Mojibur Rahman (Salnabari), Anuwar Hussain (Solapothar), Sabina Khatun (Salnabari), Rashida Khatun (Salnabari) and Anowar Hussain (Hidoobi). While speaking on this correspondent here this afternoon SP Leena Doley said that the Special Investigative Team (SIT) constituted by the police administration started investigation into the entire episode and during investigation, it analysed all possible corners of the incident. Based on the ground of its investigation report, the police will move for further legal proceedings in context to the barbaric act of the mob, Doley said. Referring to the land encroachment in and around the Batadroba Than, the

birthplace of great Vaishnavite Guru Mahapurush Srimanta Shankardev, SP Doley said - police received information that many people among the attackers occupied as well as purchased government as well as Satra land on fake land documents for which the administration decided to carry out a proper survey in this regard and under directives of Deputy Commissioner, Nagaon, the concerned government agencies had already started the survey of land in those disputed territory. Meanwhile, the district agriculture department also submitted a plea to district administration as well as police administration to clear over 50 bighas of land of Batadroba Agriculture Farm encroached by some suspected nation-

als. In the plea submitted by district agriculture department, district agriculture officer Tarun Hazarika stated that over 50 families of a particular community as well as suspected nationals forcefully encroached over 50 bighas of land of the agriculture seed farm situated at Hidoobi near Batadroba Than and also destroyed the boundary walls of the agriculture farm and were trying to encroach more land in the farm at Hidoobi. Referring to the importance of the government farm, Hazarika stated that the firm contained over 120 bighas of land among which over 50 bighas of its land had been encroached by some 50 families of a particular community and also constructed concrete houses as well as semi concrete houses inside it.

Awareness meet on cyber security held at LCC

Assam Rising North Lakhimpur, May 27: An awareness meet on cyber security was held at Lakhimpur Commerce College (LCC), North Lakhimpur today. The meeting was organized by the IT and Cyber Security Cell of the college in collaboration with Gratiyas Technology, New Delhi. The objective of the meeting was explained by Prof. Mridushmita Hazarika, a member of the IT & Cyber Security Cell of the college. Biju Pegu and Varun Pathak from Gratiyas Technology, New Delhi attended the meeting as resource persons. In a highly interactive session of the meeting, both the resource persons demonstrated and explained pros and cons of cyber se-



curity and the online domain. They also demonstrated the students about the vulnerability of their social media accounts to hackers and showed how to get pro-

tection from them. Matters related to cyber crime, online fraud, malware attack were also explained in the meeting. The meeting was also attended by the Principal of LCC Dr. Lohit

Hazarika and all the teaching faculty of the college along with students. The vote of thanks was delivered by Prof. Mahesh Dutta, convener of the IT & Cyber Security Cell of the college.

South Point School & LCC jointly launched campaign



Assam Rising, North Lakhimpur, May 27: The South Point School, Guwahati and Lakhimpur Commerce College (LCC), North Lakhimpur today jointly launched an action plan for combating climate change. This was launched during a joint programme by the two academic institutes at a program held at Lakhimpur Commerce College. The Eco-Club of Lakhimpur Commerce College along with the NCC unit

of South Point School and Soulmate, an SHG by NCC alumni of different districts conducted a joint campaign for climate change combat in association with Aina Foundation, an NGO working for the livelihood concerns in among the marginalized sections of the society. The joint campaign was inaugurated by Dr. Lohit Hazarika, Principal of Lakhimpur Commerce

College where the objective of the meet was explained by Dr. Harinee Patowary Das, Maitree Hazarika, ANO, NCC, South Point School, Guwahati and founder of Soulmate delivered the key-note address of the meeting. The members of the Eco-Club of Lakhimpur Commerce College and NCC cadets from South Point School, Guwahati delivered presentations of climate change and the ways to combat it. The founder of Aina Foundation and alum-

nae of Lakhimpur Commerce College and an ace flue player Krishna Pratim Bordoloi delivered a presentation on e-waste management in that programme. The meeting was also addressed by Saurabh Jyoti Dutta of Chai Community. The two institutes also exchanged saplings and eco-friendly products produced by Soulmate NGO on the occasion. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks by Dr. Rupjyoti Bhattacharjee of Eco-Club, Lakhimpur Commerce College.

Art exhibition at Jorhat

Assam Rising Kakopather, May 27: A-3 day Art Exhibition is being organised at Vision Art Asom Art Gallery of Jorhat by four renowned artist of the state Tapan Mahatta from Kakopather, Ali Haydor and Dipali Dowarah from Sibsagar and Nazira respectively, and Joydeep

Chakraborty from Dibrugarh. The exhibition opened on May 27 and will continue till May 29 next. All of the four artists urged the people of the state to come and visit the exhibition and encourage them with a fruitful message.

Seminar held at ADBU

Assam Rising, Guwahati, May 27: A seminar on "Career Paths after Mechanical Engineering" was organized by the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Don Bosco College of Engineering and Technology, Assam Don Bosco University on May 27. The seminar was conducted by Dr. Buljit Buragohain, Head, Department of Mechanical Engineering and renowned career counsellor of the state. Apart from clearing the doubts of the students while choosing the right career path, Dr. Buragohain also responded to all the ques-

tions. He gave a detailed explanation on how with hard work and dedication, all the students can mold a successful career for themselves. In the seminar, he also explains about different options apart from higher studies after getting an engineering degree. Shahnowaz Hussain, Training and Placement Officer of Assam Don Bosco University and Leena H. Nemade, Assistant Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering also spoke in the seminar.

MISSING INFORMATION



The above is photograph is of Smt. Barasha Baruah (24Yrs), Vill- Barara., P.S.- Khoirabari, Dist.- Udaluguri who has been missing since- 27/04/2022 from her home.

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3. Height - 5 Feet
4. Built - Medium
5. L/ Known - Assamese
6. Wearing apparel - Red colour Mekhela & White Sadar

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Udaluguri, Assam

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The Dima Hasao tragedy

Assam have been affected by floods, with the hill district of Dima Hasao getting cut off from the rest of the state after landslides triggered by incessant rain snapped rail and road links. They particularly singled out the construction of roads and railway networks in the North Cachar Hills, where the district is located, as being responsible for the scenes being witnessed in the region since May 15, 2022. Heavy rains in and around Dima Hasao caused mudslides which, in turn, caused the New Haflong Railway Station to be enveloped in mud. A tunnel on the national highway in the nearby town of Maibong is also full of debris. Debris is also strewn on railway tracks throughout the district. The Barak Valley, one of the three major regions of Assam besides the Brahmaputra Valley and the North Cachar Hills, has been cut off from the rest of the North East due to the damage to rail and road infrastructure. "Five people have died in Haflong alone," activist Holiram Terang told this reporter. The state government has had to use helicopters to ferry food, medicines and other essentials to the area. Some 2,200 passengers in two trains were stranded due to the mudslides. Helicopters were used to evacuate 119 old and sick passengers to Silchar in neighbouring Cachar district. The others had to trek over a damaged rail bridge to get to a rescue train. Helicopters were also used to evacuate 35 railway employees. Haflong and Dima Hasao are paying the price for unplanned development. There have always been floods in Assam. But something like this is unprecedented. "The hills of Dima Hasao have been blasted to link the Barak Valley, Mizoram, Tripura and Manipur via rail and road. All this was done using unscientific methods. This is the result," he added. The road link was part of the East-West Corridor that connects Saurashtra in Gujarat to Silchar. Similarly, the Lumding-Badarpur rail line was converted into broad gauge. The composition and carrying capacity of the soil were not assessed before either project. Interestingly, the incidents of mudslides began after the construction started.

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Dear PM Modi, only you can stop Hindutva brigade that attacks Islamic history for attention

The Hindutva brigade, which has been nurtured by the Bharatiya Janata Party, is getting out of hand. Both its intentions and actions run afoul. In a series of petitions against 'Islamic' structures and practices, the latest wants to dig the Taj Mahal and find out whether it was a temple. Even the Qutub Minar in Delhi hasn't been spared. Facts and evidence for such claims are usually found in WhatsApp forwards. Similarly, the list of mosques with 'temple-underneath' claims keeps increasing with each petition gaining maximum media attention. There's the Gyanvapi mosque in Varanasi and then there's the Shahi Idgah in Mathura. Not to mention Mohammadpur becoming Madhavpuram and 40 other villages whose names Delhi BJP chief Adesh Gupta wants to be changed into more Hindu-sounding ones. All of this for what? Just to get your attention and get into the BJP? After all, the saffron mob gone wild has enough examples. BJP MP Jayant Sinha, Union Minister at the time, felicitated and garlanded seven men convicted of murdering a Muslim meat trader after the

high court suspended their sentence and released them on bail. MP Giriraj Singh has often told Muslims of India to 'go to Pakistan'. Kapil Mishra's provocative speeches just before the Delhi riots go unpunished while MP Anurag Thakur can fearlessly lead a BJP campaign rally with the chant 'Desh ke gaddaron ko...', which his supporters complete with 'Goli maaro saalon ko.' Soon after, Thakur is made minister of sports (youth affairs) and minister of information and broadcasting.

Zainab Sikander

Clearly, such things give members of the saffron brigade a hope to make it big in the BJP. How come former Dumariyaganj MLA Raghvendra Pratap Singh can organise a rally in Uttar Pradesh, whose CM Yogi Adityanath credits himself for improving the law and order situation in the state, where people chant "Jab katue kaate jaayenge, tab Ram Ram chillaenge (when Muslims will be killed, they will shout Ram's name)?" Do they think doing such things will increase their chances of getting an invite from you to meet them at 7, Lok Kalyan Marg for discussion on their elevation in the ranks of BJP? The question is, when are you going to tell them

The unemployed youths do not see any guarantee of income in agriculture. They are away from home and have no savings for the future. These young men, who turned their backs on farm work in their youth and worked as security guards in foreign companies, have a dark future. As they get older, they will one day be forced to go home and will not have the strength to work in the fields and support their families. They will never be free from poverty if they are not established for the future while there is time. Their children will be deprived of higher education due to lack of money. They are leaving the golden period of their youth in other states in their productive age despite the full potential of becoming self-

sufficient from local businesses or home farms and gardens. As reported, vegetables worth Rs 397 crore have been sold in the state during the lockdown period. There are many ways in which you can improve your self-confidence, but the most important thing is to improve your self-confidence. There are many ways in which you can improve your self-confidence. A sage said, "It is not unfortunate to be born poor, the unfortunate thing is to die poor. Everyone saw the plight of migrant workers during the lockdown. The lockdown is also weakening the country's economy. If we do not focus on domestic production, the per capita income of the country is likely to fall many times over. What will happen to the country's economy if we ignore the cultivation of paddy, beans,

soybeans, fruits, vegetables etc. and sit in expectation of imports from abroad! There will be inflation and unemployment along with the day by day growth of population. Therefore, agriculture is one way to deal with this disaster. The answer to the lockdown is that millions of unemployed

Sanjay Robidas

people in our state should be creative, productive and try to become self-reliant in any way. The government should take immediate decisions to attract the non-agricultural unemployed to agriculture by providing agricultural loans, modern agricultural implements,

improved seeds, pesticides and fertilizers. These schemes are being implemented by the administration to ensure that the real beneficiaries are not deprived, distribution is not irregular. Corruption disappoints the younger generation.

Famous scientist, former President of India Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam said, "As long as the purpose of education is to accept a job, you will be born of servants, not masters. After the lockdown, we must not only employ ourselves, we must also be able to employ ten others. The government provides subsidized loans for agriculture, animal husbandry, fisheries, shops, small businesses, construction workers, purchase of passenger vehicles etc. to unemployed

youth to become self-reliant by small businesses even if it is not possible for the government to employ everyone. Therefore, it is necessary to take measures to solve the unemployment problem in the state. In addition, Bihari thelwalla, rickshaw drivers, mushi, barber etc. are taking golden advantage of the lazy nature of Assamese youth to work in Assam and send money home monthly. What is the shame of the unemployed Assamese youth who rush to Chennai, Bangalore, Kerala in search of jobs to do these things in their own state? Does shame quench hunger? Who will give shame? Society should also stop ridiculing those who earn by physical labor and on the right path by labeling them as lowly professionals.

Drones -Giving Wings to a Digital India



Not too long ago, drones were either classified as expensive military equipment or small recreational toys. However, things have drastically changed over the last few years as drones, officially known as Remotely Piloted Aerial Systems (RPAS), have been found to be a practical solution for applications across several industries. This change in how drones are viewed can be primarily attributed to their capability to generate on-demand digital aerial data, rapidly, in a cost-effective manner.

It would be fair to say that the development, adoption, and usage of drones are still at a nascent stage. However, it is also true that drones are providing disruptive solutions that are bringing pen-and-

paper operations into the digital age.

The last few years have seen drones becoming an integral part of the operations of many government and private establishments, especially in industry sectors that had been technologically stagnant due to one reason or another. Drones are performing dull, dirty, and dangerous jobs in an efficient and timely manner, and thus becoming a better alternative to traditional ways of working.

Some of the current applications of drones include

surveillance & security, inspection and monitoring of critical assets, surveying, and logistics. These applications are across multiple industry sectors, such as defence and homeland security, agriculture, oil & gas, energy & utilities, telecommunications, geospatial surveying, mining, construction, and transport. The adoption of drone technology in India in these sectors has moved from an initial exploratory phase to a stage where businesses are now intent on embracing it as they discover and

Neel Mehta

appropriately utilize its scope and potential.

Today, drones in India are being used in areas ranging from monitoring crop health for precision farming to inspecting hundreds of kilometers of gas pipelines to providing border security to delivering vital healthcare supplies in time. The

government of India has been an early adopter of this technology through widespread usage of drones for digitizing land records as part of the SVAMITVA scheme, mandating the use of drone surveys in mines and highway construction, and promoting Drone Shakti and Kisan Drone initiatives for agricultural transformation, among others. With such a diverse spectrum of use cases, it is estimated that the market for drones and related solutions in the country will grow to over ₹15,000 crores in the next 3-4 years.

Recognizing the potential of this emerging and strategic technology sector, the government has the vision to make India a global drone hub by the end of the decade. With this goal in mind, the Ministry of Civil Aviation has, starting with the Drone Rules 2021, introduced a slew of policies and regulations to liberalize the manufacturing and operation of drones in the country. This is exactly the support needed by the industry to increase the capability, supply, and

proliferation of drone technology while also generating new-age employment opportunities for the youth of the country. As the sector grows, the drone industry can generate more than 10,000 direct jobs in the near-term, including drone pilots, data analysts, hardware and software developers, and manufacturing, service & repair technicians.

With a large potential market, a strong forte in software and solution development, and a technical workforce for Drone-as-a-Service delivery, India has the right platform and resources to create and deliver drone-based solutions at scale.

Opportunities, such as creating specialized and sandboxed test sites in public-private partnerships for testing new drone and counter-drone technologies and testing complex operations, such as beyond-visual-line-of-sight (BVLOS) operation can accelerate this development, as well as attract global players.

India must also attract a component manufacturing ecosystem (batteries, electric motors, electro-optics, and sensors) which can be leveraged to create drone products and economies of scale that can compete globally. Since drones are essentially a mix of mobile phones and electric vehicles, steps taken to incentivize component manufacturing in these sectors will give a much-needed boost to drone manufacturing as well.

The future looks bright for the drone sector in India. The next few years are going to be crucial for scaling the adoption of drones and the industry must ensure that it promotes the use of drones in a responsible, safe manner, while providing effective outcomes to the end users.

(The author is Director & Co-Founder, Asteria Aerospace)

What Akal Takht must know about harmonium and music before banishing it from Golden Temple

In your visit to the Golden Temple in Amritsar, you don't just see a structure. There are little things that complete the spiritual vibe of that place—the golden dome, the sarovar, the devotees. And what acts as a connecting force between them is the soft, continuous music. Every day, a group of 15 ragi jathas (hymn singers) sings about 31 rags over a span of 20 hours, an activity indispensable to the nature and veneration of the place. This music is a prominently expressive way of spiritually appreciating and worshipping the Adi Granth, the holy book of the Sikhs. Of this music, the harmonium forms the soul sound, a 'key' instrument. But now the sound of harmonium may go mute at the Harmandir Sahib. The Akal Takht Jathedar Giani Harpreet Singh has ordered the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) to replace the harmonium with more traditional string instruments and phase it out within three years. According to the Takht, Harmonium is an instrument with colonial roots, hence not the most appropriate medium for delineation of the Gurbani. In an era where India's past and 'purity' are constantly being dug up and debated, the humble harmonium has become the latest victim. The irony: music has always been seen as a global connector and not something that divides. Harmonium was developed by Alexandre Debain of France in 1840 and patented. Before that, many, including Anton Haeckl and Christian Gottlieb Kratzenstein worked on earlier prototypes. Later, Victor Mustel in Paris and Jacob

Estey in the US made improvements to the patented harmonium and brought it near its contemporary form. Harmonium became a staple for Western classical music, being played in church, and used by multiple music

Neel Mehta

producers such as bohemian composer Antonin Dvořák, German composer Sigfrid Karg-Elert, French composer Louis Vierne among others during the early 1900s. By now, it was smaller in size than a pipe organ, much lighter in weight, and efficient. However, in the 1930s, with the advent of the electronic organ, the demand for harmonium started to fall. It was the British who carried the harmonium to India, to their homes and churches. In India, musician Dwarkanath Ghosh, who owned a manufacturing unit for musical instruments, modified the harmonium. The foot-operated bellows beneath the keyboard in the European harmonium were replaced by the hand-operated bellows at the rear. Drone knobs were added to the instrument to produce harmonies in Indian classical music. A scale-changing technique was also added to the Indian version of the instrument. By 1915, India had become the leading manufacturer of the

harmonium. This new instrument was more durable, cost-effective, and easier to maintain and repair. Thus, it can be said that the harmonium found itself a second life in India where to the date, musicians use it in a variety of productions - not just in rigid classical music but also in Bollywood songs, vernacular compositions among others. Ask, and most Indians would not know that harmonium is not an Indian instrument.

Letter to the Editor

Govt borrowings are quite shocking, during the last 8 years

Sir,

The borrowings by the union government are quite high—(one crore crores of Indian Rupees as seen in the press, even if it is not the right figure, one thing is certain the borrowings are high, as it is always deficit budget only). I earnestly suggested to the union government to be more careful and start austerity measures immediately. Bullet train project may be withdrawn and the same amount may be invested in another industrial or infrastructural project. Let us not spend lavishly for housing of Governors and Presidents, where huge money is being spent with Royal pomp, though we canceled Princely states, long time ago. The salaries, pensions, and privileges to public representatives and Ministers should be regulated. The frequent hikes in Salaries, Privileges and Pension of Government Employees should be stopped. Otherwise we may be in a worse situation than the present position of Sri Lanka.

KL Rao
Vizag

QUIZ

Q.1- Who is the Governor of Assam?

Ans-

Q.2- Which day is observed as World Environment Day?

Ans-

Q.3- Which colour symbolizes peace?

Ans-

Q.4- Who is the owner of WhatsApp?

Ans-

Q.5- Which way is anti-clockwise, left or right?

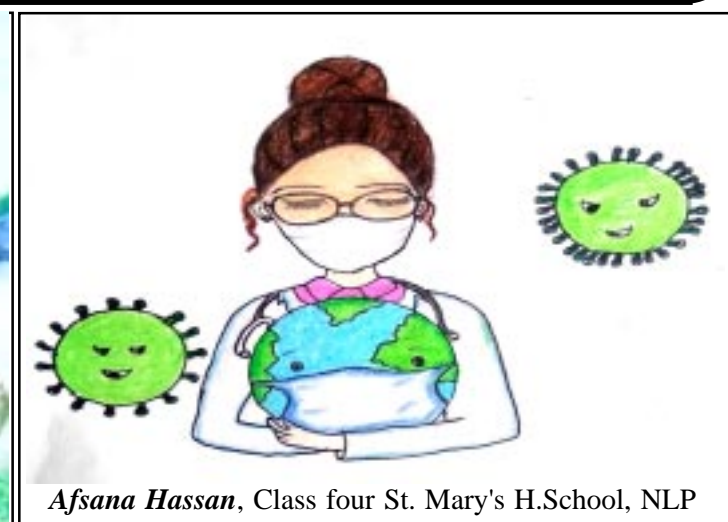
Ans-

Those who will give all the 5 correct answers, his/her name and photo will be published next week. You can send your answers to : assamrising@gmail.com

Last week quiz Answers Three (red, green, and blue), An igloo, Diwali, Bimal Bora (BJP), 8 Medical College (AMCH, GMCH, SMCH, JMCH, TMCH, FAAMCH, LMCH and DMCH)



Vivian Buragohain, Class Six, MonAti Aasha Group, Sivasagar



Afsana Hassan, Class four St. Mary's H.School, NLP

Home work : Fill the picture with colour



Find 5 differences



Short-Story

The Most Foolish Person

Emperor Akbar was very fond of beautiful, strong horses. His stables were full of horses. Yet, he would like to buy new horses.



One day, a horse merchant came to meet Akbar with some lovely Arabian horses. Akbar was very pleased to see the horses and at once bought them. He also ordered some more Arabian horses and paid a bag full of gold coins as an advance to the horse trader. The man saluted the emperor and promised to come soon before leaving the place. But

he never came back.

After a few weeks, Akbar asked Birbal to make a list of all the fools of his kingdom. Birbal nodded and he submitted a list of all the fools the very next day. Akbar quickly began to read the list. Gradually, his face grew red in anger. It was because he saw his own name at the top of the list. He asked Birbal the reason of it.

"Your Majesty, pardon me for this list. I never saw that a man could believe a completely unknown person and give him a bag full of gold coins as an advance." "All right", said Akbar, "but if the unknown man would come back with the horse?" "Surely, I would put his name in place of your name." Replied Birbal with a smile.



Ankuran Sarma, Class - V, Lakhimpur Govt. Boys' School



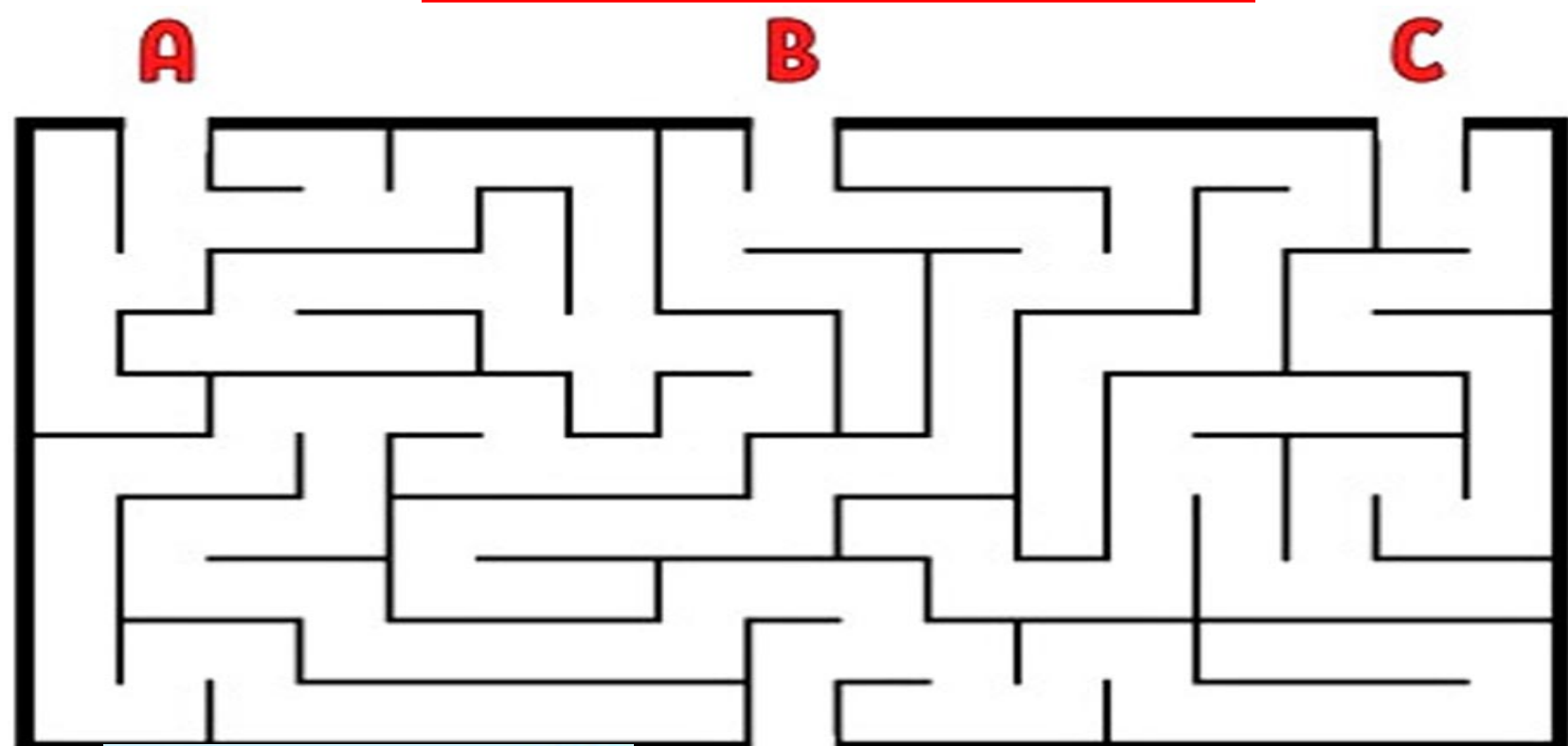
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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations! **Saranga Pallab Chetia** for answering all five correct answers of last week's quiz. **Saranga Pallab** is a student of Class VII of VKV, Tinsukia. We wish you success in future.



Can you help the A, B, C to reach bottom??



A Happy Child

My house is red - a little house;
A happy child am I:
I laugh and play the whole day long,
I hardly ever cry.

I have a tree, a green, green tree,
To shade me from the sun;
And under it I often sit,
When all my play is done.

My Cat Is Fat

I've a cat named Vesters,
And he eats all day.
He always lays around,
And never wants to play.

Not even with a squeaky toy,
Nor anything that moves.
When I have him exercise,
He always disapproves.

So we've put him on a diet,
But now he yells all day.
And even though he's thinner,
He still won't come and play.

Dear Bhagins,

Moral values are standards that help an individual choose between right and wrong or good and bad. This understanding is necessary to make honest, credible, and fair decisions in daily life. Children can shape a good character and a pleasant personality by moral values. Never try to be the first, but try to be the best. You may not secure the highest marks but you may be a good human being. It all depends upon how we behave, how we nurtured, what we learnt and how we utilise our knowledge.

Your
Abhi mama,
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PM Modi Flies Surveillance Drone

festival, PM Modi interacted with kisan drone pilots and witnessed open-air drone demonstrations. Calling drones a game-changer in agriculture, PM Modi said that India has witnessed the adoption of technology and innovation by farmers. "Agriculture is being revolutionised due to technology. Be it soil health cards, e-NAM or drones, they are emerging as a game-changer in the agricultural sector," PM Modi said. "In the last eight years, we have seen improvements in technology. We have witnessed increased adoption of technology and innovation by farmers. The agriculture sector is now transforming with the help of technology. Drones will be important in also improving last-mile healthcare delivery. Even during Covid, drones helped in delivering vaccines to the remotest corners of the country," he added. Over 1,600 delegates comprising government officials, foreign diplomats, armed forces, central armed police forces, public sector undertakings, private companies, and drone startups are participating in the festival. The event will also witness a virtual award of drone pilot certificates, product launches, panel discussions, flying demonstrations and a display of a Made in India drone taxi prototype.

Assam floods: Centre releases

and landslides in the state. To accelerate an effective damage assessment, IMCT members will be divided into two groups for visiting the relevant affected districts, ASDMA said in a statement. The first group will visit Cachar and Dima Hasao districts, while the second group will go to Darrang, Nagaon and Hojai, it added. At present, 956 villages are under water and 47,139.12 hectares of crop area has been damaged across Assam, ASDMA said. The authorities are running 365 relief camps and distribution centres in six districts, where 66,836 people, including 13,988 children, are taking shelter. So far, 1,243.65 quintals of rice, dal and salt, 5,075.11 litres of mustard oil, 300 quintals of cattle feed and other flood relief items have been distributed. Massive erosions were reported from Dhubri, Dibrugarh, Golaghat, Nalbari, Sivasagar, South Salmara, Tinsukia and Udalguri districts. Embankments, roads, bridges and other infrastructure have been damaged by flood waters in Cachar, Udalguri, Dhubri, Karimganj, Nagaon, Nalbari, Dima Hasao, Goalpara and Hojai, ASDMA said. A total of 1,88,698 domestic animals and poultry have been affected in the deluge across nine districts, ASDMA said.

Assam CM inaugurates conclave

geo-strategic location to use the state as a springboard for economic cooperation, enhancing connectivity and addressing the issues for seamless movement of trade and investment. Dr. Sarma said that since 2014, under the dynamic and visionary leadership of Prime Minister Modi, the Northeastern region has witnessed rapid transformation. The Prime Minister whose aim is to "Act East" and 'act fast' for India's northeast, has given new hope, energy and force to the people of Northeast. He said that the Prime Minister has taken the Central government to the doorsteps of Northeast India with several development projects. The Chief Minister also said that Centre's continued attention to Northeast and its people has proved that the region is not the periphery of India, it is in fact the centre of fastest emerging nations of SouthEast Asia which has the potential to become the link for the emergence of trade and commerce with these nations. The Government of Assam, therefore, is working to position Assam as the gateway and the expressway to ASEAN and SouthEast Asia. Government is also working hard to make Assam the industrial hub which can serve not only the region, but also the population of BBN and ASEAN countries, Dr. Sarma added. Speaking on Northeastern region's geographical proximity with ASEAN countries, Dr. Sarma said, "We have no less than 5300 kms of international borders with a host of countries like Myanmar, China, Bhutan, Nepal and Bangladesh. The Northeast is truly India's Gateway to Southeast Asia, and I believe the emerging connectivity with the ASEAN nations will play a defining role in enhancing our shared prosperity". Industries and Commerce Minister Chandra Mohan Patowary while speaking on the occasion presented the prevailing landscape in Assam which holds immense potential for investment. He highlighted the infrastructural development in Assam in terms of roadways, railways, airways and internet connectivity. He also said that prior to the announcement of Act East Policy, Assam was considered the last part of India. However, the Act East Policy has changed the misnomer, as Assam is now regarded as the Centre of India's relations with the ASEAN countries. The minister also requested the ASEAN ambassadors and high commissioners to send their business delegations to Assam for G2B and B2B meetings. Member, PM's Economic Advisory Council Sanjeev Sanyal, Chief Secretary Jishnu Baruah, Joint Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs Geetika Srivastava, High Commissioner, Singapore to India Simon Wie Kuen, Chairman FICCI North East Advisory Council Ranjit Barhakur also spoke on the occasion. Later on the sidelines of the conclave, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma also held a discussion with Sanjeev Sanyal on different ideas and a host of issues pertaining to Assam's economic growth and development

Former Haryana CM Om

agency said. In its judgment convicting Chautala, the court noted that the accused had acquired disproportionate assets to the tune of 103 per cent of his known sources of income. "Disproportionate assets acquired by the accused, during the check period, were to the tune of 103 per cent of the known sources of his income. The accused has failed to satisfactorily account for such disproportionality by proving his source of income or means by way of which he acquired assets during the check period," the court said. Chautala was found guilty under Section 13 (1)(e) read with 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act. This is Chautala's second corruption conviction. In 2013 he was sentenced by the Supreme Court in the junior basic trained (JBT) teachers' recruitment scam to seven years in jail on corruption charges and 10 years on charges of criminal conspiracy. Soon after the verdict in the assets was pronounced, Chautala was taken into custody. Reacting to the punishment awarded to Chautala, his son and MLA Abhay Chautala said, "We shall be filing an appeal against the court's order in a higher court". While seeking a lenient punishment, Chautala cited his ailing health, old-age, physical disability and the sentence that he had served at Tihar Jail in the JBT scam, during which he had completed his Class 10 and 12 education. Chautala's counsel Harsh Kumar Sharma pleaded that his disability had increased from 60 per cent to 90 per cent in recent years and that he was also suffering from an infection in his lungs. Sharma also told the court that Chautala could not even change his clothes on his own and constantly needed an attendant even to move around. The court asked Chautala to produce his physical-disability certificate. Sharma also pleaded that the period that Chautala served in Tihar Jail be considered as a sentence undergone in the current case of disproportionate assets. The CBI, however, contended that an "exemplary punishment" should be awarded to Chautala because he was a chief minister. "The sentence awarded to him should be exemplary. If lawmakers will commit crimes, what message shall go in the public. The strictest punishment and a hefty fine should be imposed on the convict. People look up to you [Om Prakash Chautala]. Your [Chautala's] decisions are followed. If you commit such crimes, what lessons will people learn from you?" the CBI's counsel said.

Assam Cong rubbished reports

disappointed," he added. Meanwhile, state PCC chief Bhupen Borah said the reports of Rakibul's resignation are baseless. "Rakibul Hussain talked to me before he left for Haj. He will return in a couple of days. It is very unfortunate that such reports are being spread while a leader is on pilgrimage," said Borah. Rakibul is an important leader of the Congress from central Assam and is vice-president of the state PCC. Congress has witnessed an exodus of its workers and leaders ever since the BJP came to power. Resignation of previous Assam Congress chief Ripun Bora was a jolt for the grand old party which has been facing challenges from various parties like Aam Aadmi Party where several Congress leaders joined recently.

Booker Prize To Hindi Novel For 1st Time

retains hope in the face of impending doom. The Booker will surely take it to many more people than it would have reached otherwise, that should do the book no harm," she said. Reflecting upon becoming the first work of fiction in Hindi to make the Booker cut, the 64-year-old author said it feels good to be the means of that happening. "But behind me and this book lies a rich and flourishing literary tradition in Hindi, and in other South Asian languages. World literature will be the richer for knowing some of the finest writers in these languages. The vocabulary of life will increase from such an interaction," she said. Rockwell, a painter, writer and translator living in Vermont, US, joined her on stage to receive her award for translating the novel she described as a "love letter to the Hindi language". "Ultimately, we were captivated by the power, the poignancy and the playfulness of 'Tomb of Sand', Geetanjali Shree's polyphonic novel of identity and belonging, in Daisy Rockwell's exuberant, coruscating translation," said Frank Wynne, chair of the judging panel. "This is a luminous novel of India and partition, but one whose spellbinding brio and fierce compassion weaves youth and age, male and female, family and nation into a kaleidoscopic whole," he said. The book's 80-year-old protagonist, Ma, to her family's consternation, insists on travelling to Pakistan, simultaneously confronting the unresolved trauma of her teenage experiences of Partition, and re-evaluating what it means to be a mother, a daughter, a woman, a feminist. The Booker jury were impressed that rather than respond to tragedy with seriousness, Ms Shree's playful tone and exuberant wordplay results in a book that is "engaging, funny, and utterly original", at the same time as being an urgent and timely protest against the destructive impact of borders and boundaries, whether between religions, countries, or genders. The author of three novels and several story collections, Mainpuri-born Ms Shree has translated her works into English, French, German, Serbian, and Korean. Originally published in Hindi in 2018, 'Tomb of Sand' is the first of her books to be published in the UK in English by Tilted Axis Press in August 2021. Ms Shree's novel was chosen from a shortlist of six books, the others being: 'Cursed Bunny' by Bora Chung, translated by Anton Hur from Korean; 'A New Name: Septology VI-VII' by Jon Fosse, translated by Damion Searls from Norwegian; 'Heaven' by Mieko Kawakami, translated by Samuel Bett and David Boyd from Japanese; 'Elena Knows' by Claudia Piñeiro, translated by Frances Riddle from Spanish; and 'The Books of Jacob' by Olga Tokarczuk, translated by Jennifer Croft from Polish. This year the judges considered 135 books and for the first time in 2022, all shortlisted authors and translators will each receive GBP 2,500, increased from GBP 1,000 in previous years - bringing the total value of the prize to GBP 80,000. Complementing the Booker Prize for Fiction, the international prize is awarded every year for a single book that is translated into English and published in the UK or Ireland.

Assam Governor attends 2nd convocation

Atmanirbhar," he added. Eminent writer Shri RongBong Terang was conferred upon with the honorary D.Litt. degree for his significant contribution to Assamese literature and Karbi language. Altogether, 1375 students were awarded their respective degrees. While 57 student toppers were awarded gold medals, 11 students received their doctorate degrees at the convocation. Also present on the occasion as the Convocation speaker, Prof. Basuthkar Jagadeeshwar Rao, Vice Chancellor, University of Hyderabad, in his address emphasized on the role of quality education in shaping a nation. "The future of a great nation like ours hinges on its young citizens and the quality of education and values they imbibe. The role of higher education is not only to give information and facts, not only to cultivate intellect, but also to ignite the imagination and creativity. It has to create scholars and leaders and not just academics; transfer values and not just information; and prepare you for a career and not just a job," he said. Minister of Education, Govt. of Assam Dr Ranoj Pegu who graced the occasion as the guest of honour emphasised that higher educational institutions should focus their courses on three key areas - designing courses that increase the employability of students, impetus on creation of entrepreneurs and increased attention on research. Presenting his report, the Vice Chancellor of the University Prof Bhabesh Chandra Goswami highlighted the developments made in the last two years. The convocation started with an academic procession in which the Chancellor of the University, Vice Chancellor, Minister of Education, Govt of Assam, Convocation Speaker, Registrar, Academic Registrar, Deans of faculties, members of the University Court, Executive Council and Academic Council took part. The procession was flagged off by Registrar Prof Diganta Kumar Das. The programme was anchored by Dr Merry Baruah of the Department of English. Vice Chancellor Prof Bhabesh Chandra Goswami and Convocation Convener Dr Shantanu Chakravarty have thanked all the stakeholders for successful completion of the event.

7 soldiers killed as Army bus carrying 26

of 50-60 feet, resulting in injuries to all of them, they said. A rescue operation was carried out swiftly and all the soldiers were evacuated to field hospital in Partapur, the officials said. "Seven individuals have been declared fatal so far. There are grievous injuries to others as well. Dedicated efforts are underway to ensure that the best medical care is provided to the injured, including requisition of air effort from the Air Force to shift the more serious casualties to Western Command," an official was quoted.

Aryan Khan gets clean chit Action to be

investigation into Aryan Khan drugs haul case. The government has already taken action in the case of Sameer Wankhede's fake caste certificate case. "The NCB on Friday gave a clean chit to Aryan Khan in the October 2021 'drugs on cruise' case in which he was arrested last year. Officials of the NCB, which filed its chargesheet in a Mumbai court, said Aryan Khan and five others had not been named due to "lack of sufficient evidence". Commenting on the case, NCB chief SN Pradhan said, "The principle of preponderance and probability is not applicable to NDPS Act. There should be beyond a reasonable doubt, we did not find such evidence." He added, "There should be physical corroboration of WhatsApp chat. Courts have clarified that WhatsApp chat, in itself, holds no value. You can talk about anything on WhatsApp but if not corroborated with physical evidence, it's not complete evidence." Meanwhile, the case took a political turn with the ruling NCP in Maharashtra on Friday (May 26) asking, post the judgement, who would be held responsible for the trauma Aryan Khan suffered. It also said that the then zonal director of the NCB, Sameer Wankhede, was answerable to the people of this country. Ally Congress alleged that the entire case was part of a "larger conspiracy" to topple the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government, in which it shares power with the Shiv Sena and NCP. Asserting that its Special Investigation Team (SIT) carried out its probe in an "objective manner", the federal anti-drugs agency said in a statement in Delhi that "the touchstone of the principle of proof beyond reasonable doubt has been applied". Reacting to the development, NCP spokesman Clyde Crasto said, "If Aryan Khan was clean, why was he tainted? What was the motive? Who will be held responsible for the trauma this young man suffered? Many questions arise." NCP's chief spokesperson Mahesh Tapase said the NCB giving a clean chit to Aryan Khan proves that Maharashtra minister and NCP leader Nawab Malik was right when he had said that the case was fake. Malik had criticised the way raids were conducted and witnesses identified, he said. Aryan Khan was arrested in the case by the NCB on October 3 last year and released from jail later that month after being granted bail. An NCB team led by Wankhede had conducted a raid on the cruise ship, after which 20 persons, including Aryan, were arrested.

Career counseling program held at Biswanath College

Assam Rising, Biswanath Chariali, May 27: Success Mantras--a training -cum-awareness session on preparation for competitive examinations with special focus on UPSC examinations was held on May 26 at Biswanath College under the aegis of the Career Counseling Cell in collaboration with Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of the college. The programme was conducted by Meenakshi Saikia, Director, Assam Coaching Centre, Guwahati, as the resource person. Inaugurating the session, Dr Chinta Mani Sharma, principal, Biswanath College stated that students of our rural colleges have immense potential and the institutions must play a proactive role in harnessing their potentials. He expressed the hope that such training and orientation programmes would go a long way in building the career paths of the students. Resource person Meenakshi Saikia offered the students detailed information on IAS, IPS and different allied services under the Union Public Service Commission. She also oriented the students on APSC, SSC, Railways and banking sector examinations. Overcoming the fear factor and proper knowledge of the syllabus are the initial steps to crack an examination, she quipped. After the presentation, a lively interaction with the students took place. At the outset of the programme, a brief introduction of the resource person was offered by Dr Dipankar Saikia, coordinator, Career Counseling Cell. Besides a large number of students, the training session was also attended by Dr Naresh Thakur, coordinator, IQAC, Dr Arun Chaliha, president, Biswanath College Teachers Unit, Dr Mita Hazarika, Dr Debashis Sarmah, assistant coordinator, IQAC, Dr. Lalit Baruah, Dr Rinkumoni Kalita, Arabinda Das and a host of other teachers.

ATTSA submits memorandum to Margherita SDO

Assam Rising, Margherita, May 27: Assam Tea Tribe's Students Association (ATTSA) Margherita Branch Committee on Friday submitted a memorandum to Margherita Sub-divisional officer (Civil) regarding anomalies at Margherita Gas Supply wherein the name of delivery consumers of LPG domestic cylinder was duped by Rajen Mili proprietor of Margherita Gas Supply. Nuwel Patra General Secretary of ATTSA Margherita Branch Committee, Pranjal Baraik Executive member of ATTSA Central Executive Committee, Umesh Jaal Assistant Secretary of ATTSA Tinsukia district committee, Munna Singh Vice president of ATTSA Margherita Branch Committee, and Mahesh Nand member of ATTSA Tinsukia district committee were present during the submission of memorandum to Margherita SDO (Civil). Pranjal Baraik said that it is unfortunate that in the name of delivery Margherita Gas Supply Proprietor Rajen Mili has duped lakhs of rupees from the consumers of Margherita region which he condemned. Domestic LPG cylinders cost Rs 972.52, but Margherita Gas Supply charges Rs 1001.50, with the name of delivery Rs 28.98 being directly duped from Margherita Gas Supply customers. Unfortunately, consumers have to pay Rs 1001.50 or their LPG connections would be disconnected, according to a Margherita Gas Supply customer in anonymity. "We often do not receive our LPG domestic cylinder on time due to black marketing of LPG cylinders by black marketers, who sell one LPG cylinder for Rs 1500 to Rs 2000 on the black market," said a consumer of Margherita Gas Supply in condition of anonymity. "We demand Margherita SDO (Civil) to undertake an impartial investigation on Rajen Mili, the proprietor of Margherita Gas Supply, and that all delivery amounts of Rs 28.98 be returned to all Margherita Gas Supply customers," said Pranjal Baraik Executive member of ATTSA central executive committee.

Four more pilgrims to Kedarnath die, total 38 deaths since May 6

Rishikesh, May 27 : Four more pilgrims going to Kedarnath shrine died on Wednesday while three others were flown to AIIMS-Rishikesh in an air ambulance for treatment after they were taken ill. Rudraprayag's Chief Medical Officer B K Shukla said a total of 38 pilgrims on way to Kedarnath since its opening on May 6 have died because of cardiac and other health problems. Pilgrims to Kedarnath who died on Wednesday were identified as Rishi Bhadauriya, 65, from Gwalior, Shambhu Dayal Yadav, 66, from Guna in Madhya Pradesh, Kamalnath Bhatt, 60, from Uttar Pradesh and Chandgdev Janardan Shinde from Kolhapur in Maharashtra. Meanwhile, three pilgrims including two women were airlifted to AIIMS-Rishikesh for treatment after they complained of breathlessness. They have been identified as Munni Devi, 49, from Bhind in Madhya Pradesh, 60-year-old Savitri Devi from Guna and 65-year-old Tara Chand from Nagpur in Maharashtra. The annual pilgrimage to the holy Kedarnath Dham began on May 6.

Inquiry committee formed on DBU land grabbing issue

Assam Rising, Guwahati, May 27: In view of the suicide of an entrepreneur and the land grabbing case surrounding his death, State government has constituted a three member inquiry committee headed by Additional Chief Secretary Paban Barhakur. The committee will investigate the Don Bosco University Land Grabbing matter under Sonapur Revenue Circle. The other members of the Committee are G D Tripathy, Commissioner and Secretary, Revenue and Pallav Gopal Jha, DC, Kamrup, Metro. The Committee will enquire whether the allegations are true and in the event of so, the Committee will suggest means to recover the land.

MSSV organised brainstorming session

Assam Rising, Guwahati, May 27: "A Brainstorming Session-a way Forward" event was organized yesterday by Mahapurusha Srimanta Sankaradeva Viswavidyalaya to develop an action plan to position the University nationally & globally as a leading university. The programme, conducted by Prof. Mridul Hazarika, Vice Chancellor of MSSV, was attended by Prof. Nani Gopal Mahanta, Academic Advisor, Govt. of Assam among other experts in different fields. Prof. Nani Gopal Mahanta highlighted the need of illustration of Bhakti Movement across the country vis-a-vis the role of Mahapurusha Srimanta Sankaradeva. He suggested an exclusive brainstorming Session of NEP in the university to make everybody aware of the current needs of higher education. He further mentioned about the reorientation of the traditional courses by incorporated by contemporary issues based on demand. The Skill development programme, greater involvement in demonstration of yoga & Naturopathy critical thinking innovation reputation of ideas were same of the highlights in his speech. He spoke as the conduction of Assam govt. with INFOSYS in digital empowerment of youth. Earlier Babul Bora, Director (Planning & Finance) MSSV & Pradhan Sampadak, Srimanta Sankaradeva Sangha welcomed the participants and hoped that this will help in drawing other strategies for the future. Prafulla Govinda Baruah, Editor of Esteemed English Daily "Assam Tribune" advised for a Santiniketan model for this university keeping in mind the versatility of Mahapurusha Srimanta Sankaradeva. Dr. Amal Chandra Kataki, Director; B. Boroah Cancer institute, Mayur Bora, writer, critic & public speaker, Prof. Jogen Ch. Kalita, Dept. of Zoology, Guwahati University, Bhabendra Nath Deka; adviser of Srimanta Sankardev Sangha, Anuraj Jain, MD of Assam Skill mission, Dr. Suresh Nath. Dr. Mukulesh Barua, Dr. Mrinal Kr. Bora and other senior professors were also present in the meeting. This has been informed by Dr. S. K. Sarkar, Deputy Registrar (Admin.) of the University in a press release.

Rongbong Terang Conferred D.Litt. Degree

Guwahati, May 27 : Eminent writer Rongbong Terang was conferred with the Doctor of Literature (D.Litt.) degree for his immense contribution to Assamese literature and culture. The honour was conferred on Terang by Assam Governor Jagdish Mukhi at Cotton University. Terang received the honour at the second convocation of the Cotton University that was held at the Srimanta Sankaradeva Kalakshetra in Guwahati on Friday. Education minister Ranoj Pegu graced the occasion as the guest of honour. Meanwhile Professor Basuthkar Jagadeeshwar Rao, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Hyderabad delivered the convocation address. More than 1000 students were awarded their respective degrees by Jagdish Mukhi and 57 students were awarded gold medals on the occasion.

Robinson setback adds to England's injury woes for New Zealand Tests

London, May 27 : The mystery surrounding Ollie Robinson's fitness rumbles on after the England seamer was once again forced to watch from the sidelines due to stiffness in his back. Robinson, 28, was due to face New Zealand for the County Select XI in Chelmsford but pulled out of the four-day match before the toss on Thursday with a recurrence of the problem that led to him missing all three Tests in the Caribbean in March. Having been similarly plagued with conditioning problems that resulted in him aborting three spells during the Ashes, England's medical team must establish whether Robinson has a serious underlying problem or a form of performance-related anxiety is now at play. Either way it shrinks Robinson's prospects of featuring in the three-match Test series that gets under way at Lord's next Thursday and a further blow for the national team given long-term injuries to



Saqib Mahmood, Jofra Archer and Matthew Fisher. All three have been ruled out for the season due to stress fractures of the lower back - an early sign of which is often stiffness in the same area - while Mark Wood is also unlikely to play long-form cricket until the end of the summer after elbow surgery. Robinson's latest setback is particularly galling after a bright start to his Test career that returned 28 wickets at 19 runs apiece last summer and raised hopes of a new-ball specialist to take over from Jimmy Anderson and Stuart Broad in the long

term. It also led to him being named one of Wisden's cricketers of the year last month. In the accompanying interview he admitted to renewed fitness goals following a public dressing down from Jon Lewis, England's bowling coach, in Hobart in January. Robinson said: "I know I need to be fitter to maintain spells at my ideal pace of 82, 83mph. I get that little bit more off the wicket. If I can do that consistently

for five days, instead of being 80, 81 the first two days, then 78 the last few, it would mean batters don't feel they are getting as much relief." That Robinson has been ruled out of the match in Chelmsford entirely - and replaced by Ethan Bamber in the squad - is a clear concern. The four-day affair is not first-class, meaning he could have featured for the County Select XI later on in proceedings. Nottinghamshire's Liam Patterson-White was the County Select XI's most dangerous bowler in Robinson's absence, taking three wickets as New Zealand finished the day on 298 for eight. Matt Henry impressed for the tourists, scoring an unbeaten 65 from just 67 balls, while Daryl Mitchell chipped in with 58 in the Vitality Blast, Paul Stirling smashed a debut century as Birmingham

Bears started their campaign with a 125-run defeat of Northamptonshire. Stirling made 119 from 51 balls including 34 runs from one over, hitting 10 sixes and nine fours to help his new side to 207 for three in a 16-over innings reduced by rain. The Birmingham spinners Jake Lintott and Danny Briggs then continued a miserable day for their opponents, with the former taking three for 19 and the latter three for 21 as Northamptonshire were bowled out for 81. The Middlesex captain, Stevie Eskinazi, scored 87 from 37 balls to give his side the edge over Gloucestershire. Eoin Morgan also thumped 41 from 24 balls as the hosts finished on 229 for nine, and while Benny Howell's impressive 46 from 20 deliveries gave Gloucestershire hope, they could only finish on 199 for nine.

Team GB gymnastics coach Amanda Reddin quits before abuse review

London, May 27 : The top women's gymnastics coach Amanda Reddin, who helped steer Team GB to their greatest Olympic performance at the Rio Games in 2016, has quit just weeks before an independent review into abuse in the sport. The news was announced by British Gymnastics, who said it had been "mutually agreed" that Reddin would leave her role as head national coach with immediate effect. British Gymnastics revealed Reddin had been cleared of some of the accusations against her, but another independent investigation was continuing into "further historical complaints". Her methods have been criticised by a number of gymnasts including Team GB's Ruby Harrold, who claimed she presided over a "culture of fear" at training camps in Lilleshall, and described food portions that left her and her fellow gymnasts hungry. Another Rio 2016 competitor, the bronze medalist Amy Tinkler, said she had been "terrified" of



Reddin and described training as like a "prison". Reddin strenuously denied any wrongdoing but temporarily stood down and missed last year's Tokyo Games while the complaints were looked at by an independent panel run by the disputes body Sports Resolutions. British Gymnastics said: "Following the conclusion of the Sports Resolutions process and changes in the sport over the past 18 months, it has been mutually

agreed she will step down with immediate effect." Further historical complaints, unrelated to employment matters, remain and a robust independent process is under way to ensure a thorough and fair investigation. Amanda has, and continues to fully cooperate with all investigations. "It was reported by ITV News in August 2020 that British Gymnastics had been unable to substantiate allegations against Reddin that included claims of fat-

shaming, slapping and shouting. Reddin said at the time he "completely refuted" the historical claim. Reddin's departure comes ahead of the Whyte review, a Sport England and UK Sport-commissioned review into abuse at the elite and grassroots level of gymnastics led by Anne Whyte QC. Its publication had been due in late May but it is now unlikely to be published until the middle of June.

Giro d'Italia: De Bondt leads breakaway home as sprinters denied on stage 18

London, May 27 : Dries De Bondt won stage 18 of the Giro d'Italia as a four-man breakaway denied the final opportunity for Mark Cavendish and the rest of the sprinters. The predominantly flat 156km run from Borgo Valsugana to Treviso should have been one for the quick men, and the last bunch sprint of this Giro, but the sprint squads got their sums wrong as the break stayed clear, with De Bondt beating Edoardo Affini, Magnus

Cort and Davide Gabburo to the line. Alberto Dainese brought home the sprinters 14 seconds later, with Cavendish rolling home in eighth place, having been unable to add to his stage three win in this race. The sprint finish meant no change at the top of the general classification, in which Richard Carapaz leads Jai Hindley by just three seconds with three stages remaining. Hindley was distanced in the finale

having suffered a mechanical, rolling in a minute down, but as the incident happened in the final three kilometres he did not lose time overall. "I checked [third-placed Mikel] Landa and Hindley all the time as I knew there could be some gaps," Carapaz said. "I want to keep the maglia rosa till the end, I trust in my legs." However, João Almeida, who had dropped from third to fourth on Wednesday's stage to

Lavarone, did not start on Thursday having tested positive for Covid-19 overnight. The rest of the UAE Team Emirates squad and staff returned negative tests. The peloton appeared to have the breakaway under control for the bulk of the stage, but after the front four upped the pace on the short but sharp climb of the Muro di Ca' del Poggio, around 50km from the finish, they built a gap the peloton failed to close.

Charles Leclerc puts Monaco failures behind him as he eyes historic F1 win

Monaco, May 27 : Charles Leclerc insists he feels no pressure at his home grand prix in Monte Carlo despite the streak of poor fortune that has plagued his performances here. The Ferrari driver believes this is the year he can see off his Monaco curse, a meeting where he has yet to make the finish line. Leclerc is also aware that victory would help recover some of the momentum he has lost in a fierce title fight with Red Bull's Max Verstappen. The 24-year-old, who was born and grew up in the principality, was relaxed speaking before Sunday's race, despite carrying the expectations of delivering a win in front of a home crowd. "I honestly don't feel the pressure, I am just really happy to be here," he said.



"To be back on this amazing track it is very special for me having grown up here, on these roads I know so well. There is no added pressure, I know that the performance is in the car for a great result this weekend. I just have to get into the car and do the job and hopefully the results will be there at the end of the weekend." Now in his fifth season in F1 this is Leclerc's best shot at a win on the narrow streets of Monte Carlo. With Ferrari enjoying a competitive car, after the third meeting in Australia he had a 46-point lead over Verstappen but the Dutchman has since taken three wins on the trot. The last meeting in Spain was particularly painful. Ferrari's upgrades had been successful and Leclerc had a comfortable race lead when his car suffered a turbo and MGU-H failure. Verstappen's 19-point championship deficit was turned into an advantage of six and Leclerc is committed to regaining his advantage, to winning and in so doing become the first Monegasque driver to win in Monaco, which has proved to be so frustratingly cruel to its most successful son in the past. On his first outing here

in 2017 in F2, Leclerc was in a strong position to take the win until an ill-timed safety car proved costly, relegating him to fourth before he retired with a suspension problem. His attempt to come back in the following sprint race also ended with a retirement after a crash resulted in a bent wishbone. His first F1 outing with Alfa Romeo in 2018 was looking promising for a finish in a solid 12th place with eight laps to go when a brake failure caused him to shunt heavily into the back of Brendon Hartley's Toro Rosso, ending his race. He might have felt his bad luck had run its course but worse was still to come. The following year he locked up on his first lap in qualifying and damaged his tyres. Ferrari kept him out for another lap with which he returned sixth. The team believed it was enough to see him through to Q2 safely but badly miscalculated. The times kept falling as Leclerc sat forlorn in his car as he was knocked out in Q1. Knowing he had to charge he duly took the risks but ultimately ran out of space, with a puncture from hitting the wall causing damage forcing a retirement.

Premiership clubs face losing England players for half of games next season

Northampton, May 27 : Premiership clubs face losing England players for half of their league matches next season due to mandatory rest periods and clashes with international fixtures in a truncated campaign before the Rugby World Cup. The 2022-23 season will begin on 9 September and is due to run for 38 weeks, two fewer than the current campaign, with the final taking place in late May to give England more preparation time for the 2023 World Cup in France. That was part of the agreement that led to the Rugby Football Union last year approving a halt to relegation from the Premiership. It is understood, however, that England players who tour Australia are contracted to 10 weeks off before returning for their clubs and are due to miss the first two rounds of next season. In addition, with the national side playing four autumn matches this year and England entitled to convene their squads a week before Test campaigns begin, players could be absent from their clubs for 11 Premiership rounds from October onwards. Bye weeks provide some mitigation but factor in how England internationals are also entitled to a week's rest during the season provided they reach a certain threshold of game-time during the autumn fixtures and Six Nations and some players may miss at least half of their club's league campaigns. "Next season, in a very congested programme, when you look at the extended November series with the extra week and the Six Nations and the shortened season, I think the international players are available [for] something like 50% of the games," the Northampton director of rugby Chris Boyd said recently. "From a pure player availability point of view, it's tough. From a financial point of view for the club it's tough because you're paying those guys' wages when they're away. But part of the obligation of the Premiership clubs is to produce players for the international game and if we lose sight of that then we go into a situation where the club game becomes more important than the international game and we get a completely different feel to our game."



Simona Halep suffers panic attack during French Open defeat



London, May 27 : The former world No 1 Simona Halep suffered from a panic attack in the middle of her second-round match at the French Open and she was unable to recover, losing 2-6, 6-2, 6-1 to the 19-year-old Zheng Qinwen. Halep, the 2018 champion in Paris, was comprehensively leading the match when the panic attack occurred and she eventually called the doctor on the court. "I probably put pressure on myself too much, because I really wanted to do well," she said afterwards. "I felt good. I practise. I work hard. But it just didn't happen, and probably I got a little bit of panic during [the match] thinking, overthinking." But I was leading, so there is no reason, in particular, why it happened. But it happened, so I have to accept it. It's something normal that everybody has. "Throughout the final two sets, although her ailment was not clear, Halep was extremely flat until the end. She said she had never experienced a panic attack before and she was unable to focus. "I didn't feel better during the match," she said. "If I would have felt better, I would have started to play a little bit better. No, I couldn't. That's why I said at the start I couldn't manage it, and I don't have many words about it. I just accept it, and I take it." There were more upsets in the women's draw as Karolina Pliskova, the No 8 seed, was defeated 6-2, 6-2 by the French wildcard Leolia Jeanjean and the ninth seed, Danielle Collins, lost 6-4, 6-3 to Shelby Rogers. Seven of the top 10 women's seeds are out of the draw before the third round. As the upsets have piled up, Iga Swiatek has continued unabated. She reached the third round with a ballistic 6-0, 6-2 win over Alison Riske. Such was her dominance over the former top 20 player, the American was reduced to cheering exuberantly after winning her first game at 0-6, 0-3 down. Swiatek, 21 at the end of the month, has now won 30 matches in a row, an achievement bettered this century by only Venus Williams, Serena Williams and Justine Henin. She has now dished out 15 6-0 sets just five months into this season; only five women have registered more in an entire season since 2000.

'It goes beyond sport': Huddersfield ready for weekend unlike any other



London, May 27 : It is the birthplace of Patrick Stewart and the location where the Sex Pistols played their final British gig in 1977 but this weekend the West Yorkshire town of Huddersfield will be at the centre of the sporting world like never before. Huddersfield has its place in British sporting folklore already secure: it is where rugby league was founded in 1895 and Huddersfield Town were once the driving force of English football, the first club to win the league three times in a row, from 1924-26. But the town

nestled on the edge of the Pennines and in the shadow of Leeds and Manchester - geographically and metaphorically - has never known a time like this. On Saturday, Huddersfield Giants will aim to win rugby league's Challenge Cup for the first time since 1953 when they face Wigan in the final at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium. That alone would have heightened the mood in an area that was once at the heart of Britain's textile boom, but 24 hours later Huddersfield Town

seek a return to the Premier League in the Championship playoff final at Wembley, with Nottingham Forest their opponents. Sport plays a huge role in the mood of folk in this part of the world and never has that been more apparent than now. "I get emails from constituents all the time and in the last few weeks, they've been all about Giants and Town," says Jason McCartney, the Conservative MP for Colne Valley. His constituency covers most of the major suburbs in and around

Huddersfield and as an ardent supporter of both clubs who will be present at both games, he understands the magnitude of this weekend for his home town: on and off the pitch. "I was in London last weekend and saw Sunderland supporters taking over Trafalgar Square and it hit home just how special a weekend this will be for our town," he says. "It goes beyond sport. It could kickstart the town's fortunes and take it to the next level in terms of economic growth."

New boards please

Wimbledon to drop Mrs and Miss on women's honour roll



London, May 27 : The All England Lawn Tennis Club has decided to change Wimbledon's honour roll for the Championships next month, removing titles before the names of its female champions in line with the tournament's presentation of its male winners. The change to the honours boards around the club is part of a push to further modernise the tournament. Since the tournament began in 1877, women's and men's names on the honour roll have been presented differently. The men's champions are recorded as just their first initial and their surname, meaning last year's champion, Novak Djokovic, has always been presented as "N Djokovic". The women's champions,

meanwhile, have always been referred to with their title included. Venus Williams, the five-time winner, had her name presented as Miss V. Williams each time. Last year Ashleigh Barty was identified on the honours board as Miss A. Barty. Wimbledon's decision to replace their honours boards, first reported in the Times, will notably see a change in how married women's champions are recorded, with married women no longer being identified by both the initials and surnames of their husbands, as things have also stood since the tournament's inception. After marrying John Lloyd, Chris Evert was identified on the women's singles honours boards for her 1981 triumph as Mrs. J.M. Lloyd. Both before her

marriage to Lloyd and after their divorce in 1987, her name was engraved as Miss C.M. Evert while the original 1981 version has not been altered. She will now be referred to as C.M. Evert for all three of her victories. Even Billie Jean King, the six-time women's singles champion and legendary pioneer for equality, was not spared. She has always been listed on Wimbledon's honours boards as Mrs. L.W. King despite her divorce to Larry King in 1987. Likewise, Evonne Goolagong Cawley has been listed on the All England Club's honour boards as Mrs. R. Cawley for her 1980 championship win. Wimbledon's honour board has been discussed and criticised frequently in the past, seen by some as a reflection of Wimbledon being outdated and out of touch. In 2018, the New York Times drew attention to the practice of umpires identifying male and female players differently. A year later, in 2019, Wimbledon decided to end the policy of umpires identifying women's players with their titles while they only called out male players' surnames.

Emma Raducanu can rejoice in year on tour despite harshness of spotlight

Washington, May 27 : As Emma Raducanu dusted the dirt off her clay-court shoes and discarded them until next year after her second-round loss to Aliaksandra Sasnovich on Wednesday, a notable cycle came to a close. Having made her professional debut in the week after the French Open at the small grass-court tournament in Nottingham last year, Raducanu has now completed one year at the top level of professional tennis. It is, first of all, a moment of reflection after a manic 12 months in which her life has transformed, a mood she appeared to be in even before her exit in Paris: "We were saying with my team this morning, it's pretty much a year anniversary since my comeback to competitive tennis," she said on Thursday. "I was playing a British tour [a low-level national event] in Connaught. I think I have come a long way since then. I think I do really welcome going around the second time." Since Raducanu took her first timid steps on the WTA tour last June, when even her first round against Harriet Dart was too overwhelming for her to play her best tennis, she has navigated the madness of her breakthrough



coming at Wimbledon. Then, in her first extended trip abroad, she left it having won the US Open. With her success has come certain difficulties. She has had to adjust to the reality of being a grand slam champion: the target on her back in the locker room, the scrutiny outside of it, the reality that she no longer has nothing to lose on court and even a stalker invading her privacy. Since the US Open Raducanu has lost more than she has won, compiling a 10-13 record, and has pulled up with innumerable physical complaints. Every struggle Raducanu has had this year should primarily be a reminder how abnormal and astonishing her US Open run was. She was clearly not physically or mentally

prepared for the rigours of the tour yet she was able to play at the highest level for 10 consecutive matches from qualifying, winning without dropping a set. That run showed the potential she has but building a career to last and a game that can hold firm regardless of the conditions, form or opposition is an entirely different proposition. In the WTA Race, the yearly rankings, Raducanu currently sits at 61st, a more accurate reflection of her current stature than her ranking of 11. That is no shame. The only other teenagers above her in the race are Coco Gauff and Leylah Fernandez. Even without her US Open title, simply reaching the top 100

just a year after her WTA debut would have been a significant achievement. Over the past year, Raducanu has certainly made decisions to be questioned, such as her well-publicised coaching situation. Her preference for frequently changing coaches and relying on various sources for advice predates 2021 and her unconventional methods have clearly helped her to significant success, but given her own inexperience, the notion that she can successfully coach herself is questionable. Certain parts of her game have also regressed recently, particularly her serve and forehand. More recently, she

has spent so much of her first clay-court season experimenting with her game on the surface, mixing in loopier top spin, angles and junk, that on a hot day in faster conditions against Sasnovich her forehand desperately lacked the attacking quality that had contributed so much to her success. But Raducanu's overexposure has meant the criticism has often been too much, and the response to some of her losses has been extremely toxic. The tennis career is long, there are slumps to be endured, mistakes to be made. The best players are those who learn from their trials, overcome them and eventually thrive. It is not only the case for Raducanu; Gauff, Fernandez and all of the other young players of their generation also deserve the space to grow, particularly in an individual sport like tennis where the young athletes learn to make their own decisions and there is nowhere to hide. The reality for Raducanu though is, as she heads to the grass season and Wimbledon next, the attention, the scrutiny and the noise will be almost unbearable, and she will somehow have to endure it in order to progress further.

Klay Thompson powers Warriors past Mavericks and into NBA finals

London, May 27 : Klay Thompson shimmied his way to 32 points and the Golden State Warriors advanced to their sixth NBA finals in the past eight seasons by beating the Dallas Mavericks 120-110 in Game 5 of the Western Conference finals on Thursday night. Thompson scored 19 points in the first half, including a three-pointer that he punctuated with teammate Stephen Curry's signature shake as the Warriors raced out to a 17-point halftime lead and coasted the rest of the way. Andrew Wiggins added 18 points and 10 rebounds, Draymond Green scored 17 points and Curry had 15 points and nine assists for Golden State. After missing the playoffs in 2020 and 2021 in back-to-back injury-plagued seasons, the Warriors are returning to a familiar stage. They are the first team to make six finals



appearances in an eight-year span since the Michael Jordan-led Chicago Bulls had a pair of three-peats from 1991-93 and 1996-98. Golden State will host the winner of the Eastern Conference finals between Boston and Miami on 2 June in Game 1 of the NBA finals. The Celtics hold a 3-2 lead

heading into Game 6 at home on Friday night. Golden State are now 9-0 at the Chase Center this postseason, tying the 2017 team for the most consecutive home wins in a single postseason in NBA history. The star this game was Thompson, who sat out the past two seasons

with injuries but showed flashes of his old self in this clincher. After making just seven three-pointers in the first four games of the series, Thompson had eight this game. He gave the Warriors a 13-point lead in the first half when he hit one from the corner before dancing and added two early in the third

quarter for a 23-point lead. Dallas cut a 25-point deficit down to eight in the final minute of the third quarter but couldn't get over the hump in the fourth. Doncic has typically been a playoff star. His 32.7 points per game in his first 27 playoff games were second best to Jordan's 33.4 ppg among players with at least 10 playoff games. But he had a rough start in this elimination game against Golden State. He shot 2 for 10 in the first quarter, with his eight misses tied for the most in the opening quarter of a playoff game since LeBron James missed all nine of his attempts in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference finals against Atlanta in 2015. Doncic was held to six points in the first half, his lowest opening half of his postseason career, on 2-for-12 shooting before finding his stroke in the third quarter.

If Saha is stubborn, we have to give him NoC: CAB

New Delhi, May 27 : Wriddhiman Saha has refused to play for Bengal in the upcoming Ranji Trophy knockouts, the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) has informed via a statement. It is learnt that Saha has also left the Bengal Ranji team WhatsApp group. This all but brings about an acrimonious end to his stellar career for Bengal that started in 2007. Bengal will play their Ranji Trophy quarter final against Jharkhand in Bangalore from June 6. "The Cricket Association of Bengal wanted Wriddhiman Saha to play for Bengal at this crucial juncture, especially when Bengal would be fighting in the knockout stage in a bid to win the Ranji Trophy after becoming the top-ranked team in the country at the end of the group stage. I had expressed this to Wriddhiman and requested him to reconsider his decision. However,

Wriddhiman has now communicated to us that he is not willing to play the Ranji Trophy knockouts," CAB president Avishek Dalmiya said in a statement. The 37-year-old wicketkeeper-batsman, who has played 122 first-class matches, has already requested for interstate NoC from the state association. "What to do? If he is that stubborn, we have to give him. But nobody should try to arm-twist the state association, as it is bigger than any individual," a top CAB official told. A member of the Bengal team coaching staff said: "I won't comment about Saha's decision to pull out. But now that the picture is clear, we can plan accordingly." This appears to be the culmination of a controversy that started after Saha had opted out of the Ranji Trophy group stage, on the heels of his exclusion from the Indian Test team for the two-match home series against Sri Lanka in February. CAB



joint-secretary Debabrata Das had criticised Saha's decision and publicly questioned his commitment. The player, on the other hand, took strong exception to the comment from the CAB office-bearer, as he cited the illness of a family member for his unavailability. After a 22-member Bengal squad was announced for the game against Jharkhand, with Saha included, the latter had a conversation over the phone with Avishek and stuck to his guns that the joint-secretary crossed a line by making the comment.

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