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Pod hotel

Mumbai, June 03 :

A pod hotel is being developed at the iconic Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT) in south Mumbai, which is likely to be opened for the public later this month, officials of the Central Railway (CR) said. Mumbai will soon have its second 'pod hotel' at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT) in south Mumbai after Mumbai Central railway station of the Western Railway (WR). The pod hotel is being developed at the terminus and is likely to be open for the public by the end of this month, officials of the Central Railway (CR) said.

1 lakh saplings

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Guwahati, June 03 :

The villagers of Dhanisiri area in Assam's Golaghat district in collaboration with the state forest department and district administration have jointly planned to plant 1 lakh saplings on the occasion of World Environment Day on June 5. This initiative has been taken for a green and clean environment as well as to set a new record. The district administration, forest department and local villagers have taken the unique initiative to plant 1 lakh saplings over 40 hectares of land in a single day at Tengani Dui Noi Mukh area.

Gas leak

New Delhi, June 03 :

About 200 women workers of an apparels firm fell sick after a gas leakage at adjacent veterinary drugs company in Andhra Pradesh's Anapalle district. The gas leak occurred at Porus Laboratories affecting staff of an adjacent firm in the Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in Atchutapuram area. The affected women complained of vomiting, headache and burning sensation in eyes. Police said that all the affected employees were shifted to hospital and they are out of danger. Anapalle Superintendent of Police Gautami Sali said that the gas is not fatal.

Assam Cabinet Reshuffle on June 9 : CM Himanta Biswa Sarma

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Guwahati, June 03 :

The Assam cabinet will witness a reshuffle on June 9. One minister from the hills districts will be inducted into the cabinet. This was confirmed by Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma. However, the chief minister did not reveal the name of any minister as of now. Speaking to media persons, the chief minister Sarma said, "One MLA from the hills district will take oath as a cabinet minister in Assam on June 9 when the cabinet will undergo a reshuffle." It may be mentioned that the Himanta Biswa Sarma-led Assam government completed one year in May 2022 without



any cabinet reshuffle. Earlier, CM Sarma had said that the expansion of his Cabinet might occur somewhere around November 2022. In 2021, Himanta Biswa Sarma led the BJP to victory, wooing women voters by promising to waive off small loans and not mentioning any implementation of CAA - which had been the main poll plank of the Congress.

The BJP won 60 seats while its alliance partners AGP got nine seats and UPPL got 6 seats, while Congress failed miserably, winning 29 seats while its Mahajot alliance partners won - AIUDF

(16), BPF (4) and CPM (1). The BJP-led alliance was sworn in on 10 May 2021. The Assam cabinet included 11 ministers from BJP, 2 from alliance partner Asom Gana Parishad (AGP) and 1 from UPPL. Notably, Article 164(1A) of the Constitution stipulates that the size of the council of ministers in the state should not exceed 15% of the total strength of the Assembly. With 126 members in the Assembly, Assam can have a maximum of 18 ministers including the Chief Minister. Meanwhile, ahead of the

expansion, the Assam Cabinet on Sunday decided to provide Minority Certificates to people of six religious minority communities. These include Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, and Parsis. The development was confirmed by Assam Minister Keshab Mahanta. Notably, CM Sarma expressed his thoughts on redefining the minority status in Assam in April this year. The CM had stated that Muslims, who many think are the only

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National Herald case: ED issues fresh summons to Rahul Gandhi

New Delhi, June 03 :

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has issued fresh summons to Congress MP Rahul Gandhi to appear before it on June 13 for questioning in a money laundering case linked to the National Herald newspaper, officials said on Friday. He was earlier asked to depose on June 2 but the Lok Sabha member from Wayanad seat in Kerala sought a fresh date as he was out of the country. Officials said Rahul Gandhi, 51, has now been asked to appear



on June 13 at the headquarters of the federal agency in central Delhi. His mother and Congress president Sonia Gandhi, 75, has been asked to depose before the agency on June 8. The case pertains to the ED probe into the alleged financial irregularities

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100 days of Russia's ongoing war against Ukraine

Kyiv, June 03 :

Russia's ongoing war against Ukraine completed 100 days on Friday, with Moscow's forces now in control of 20 per cent of Ukrainian territory. On the eve of the anniversary, Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky said up to 100 of his soldiers were dying each day as they resisted Russia's push to control the country's eastern region, the BBC reported. He also said that Russia now occupies a fifth of Ukraine's territory. Before the war, which began on February 24, Russia and Moscow-backed separatists accounted for less than 10 per cent of Ukraine's



make up. Following the end of the battle in Mariupol last month, with Russia taking control of the Azovstal

steel plant and the city, both sides have now shifted their military focus to the north-eastern part of the Donetsk

region, and the western part of the Luhansk region, both in Donbas. The current military action is centred

around two strategically important cities in the Luhansk region, namely Severodonetsk and Lysychansk, reports Xinhua news agency. The Ukrainian side has confirmed that heavy fighting continued in Severodonetsk. The head of the Luhansk regional military administration Sergei Haidai recently said that Russia was gaining control of most of the city, while Ukrainian forces were still showing resistance. During his visit to the frontline in Kharkiv region on Sunday, President Zelensky said his country's troops were facing an extremely difficult situation. In a Telegram post following the visit, the leader said his country would "defend its land till the very end" and "would fight and definitely win". Meanwhile, Russian Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu confirmed that Moscow's "special military operation", a term Moscow uses for the war, would continue despite Western pressure and increased Western assistance to Kiev. While there were noticeable developments on the battlefield, the same cannot be said about the current state of

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Recruitment process of 5 new Commando Battalions of Assam police to be completed by August

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Guwahati, June 03 :

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Thursday said that the recruitment process of five new Commando Battalions of Assam police will be completed by August this year. The statement from the chief minister comes after taking part in a campaign rally for the "Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council" poll in the Dhanisiri area in the Karbi Anglong district. Speaking to the media, Sarma said "Out of five new Commando Battalions one Battalion will be deployed at Dhanisiri." "Recruitment



process is going on and results will be out by July last or August and recruitment process will be completed. The tender process has also been completed for setting up the battalion here (Dhanisiri). We will be able to see a new atmosphere here within one

year," the chief minister said. A senior official of the state Home Department said that a Commandant of the SP rank officer will lead each Commando Battalion and will have three Deputy Commandants, and seven Assistant Commandants. The strength of each Commando Battalion will be around 800 posts. The new Commando Battalions will come up in

Karbi Anglong, Hailakandi, Sivasagar, Biswanath, and Tinsukia districts, the senior official further said. The Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council election will be held on June 8 and the counting of votes will be held on June 12. The Council has 26 constituencies covering both Karbi Anglong and West Karbi Anglong districts.

Soon Pakistan will be next Sri Lanka

New Delhi, June 03 :

The dynamics of South Asian geopolitics is all set to change in the coming months with Pakistan going the Sri Lanka way, buckling under the debt pressure of China. Many other economies in the region are likely to face similar headwinds considering the economic downturn if the Russia-Ukraine conflict does not abate soon. For India, the

economic and political crisis in Pakistan is both a challenge and an opportunity to script a new chapter in geopolitics and geo-economics. The Shehbaz Sharif government has many things in common with ousted PM Imran Khan's regime - its readiness to bow to the dictates of the Pakistan Army is only one of them. Add to the list

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Assam Govt Sets Max Speed Limit on Various Categories of Roads

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Guwahati, June 03 :

The Assam government has fixed the maximum speed limit on various categories of roads and various classes of motor vehicles with effect from June 2. The move comes after considering the opinions and views of different stakeholders regarding the proposal of speed limits in different types of roads in the state for various modes of vehicles. According to a notification issued by the



Assam transport department, the maximum speed limit on a 4-lane divided carriageway for passenger vehicles (non-transparent) having a maximum of eight seats in addition to the driver's seat has been set at 100km/hr. The maximum speed limit for vehicles falling under this category on roads within municipal limits and other roads will be 60 km/h and 80 km/h, respectively. As far as passenger vehicles

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Opposition parties in Assam have demanded a probe by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) into an alleged PPE-kit supply scam during the Covid-19 pandemic by companies linked to Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma's wife, Riniki Bhuyan Sarma. On Thursday, the Congress, Rajiwar Dal and Assam Jatiya Parishad sought a probe by the central agency into the irregularities in pandemic supplies - including hand sanitisers and PPE kits - in 2020 when Sarma was the state's health minister. The demands were based on two reports published by Delhi-based news website The Wire, in collaboration with Guwahati-based portal The Cross Current, which had alleged that emergency medical supply



orders during the pandemic were given to firms owned by Bhuyan (Sarma's wife), and the family's "close" business associates, without following a proper tender process. The allegations were based on RTI replies from the state's National Health Mission. Addressing the press while campaigning for the upcoming Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council polls, state Congress president Bhupen Kumar Borah accused the Chief Minister and his family of "running

a PPE-kit business" when people of Assam were suffering under the lockdown. Wearing PPE kits, Congress workers also protested in Guwahati, demanding a probe into the allegations by either CBI and Directorate of Enforcement (ED). Borah added that supply orders were placed with the firms at 65 per cent higher rates than the market prices. Leader of Opposition Debabrata Saikia alleged that Sarma and his family

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Stewards of China Railway Kunming Bureau Group Co., Ltd. are pictured in Kunming Railway Station in Kunming

PM to inaugurate 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' Iconic Week

Delhi, June 2: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will grace the inaugural function of the iconic week under "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" on June 6 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The ceremony would be celebrated live simultaneously in 75 cities across India keeping up with the spirit of 75 years of India's Independence. During this programme, the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Corporate Affairs will be showcasing

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various governance reforms fructified under both the ministries encompassing evolution of the financial sector and economic development of the country. Financial inclusion is emphasized during the event as it is indeed the flow of money on the basis of which the people prosper. As people prosper, the nation/motherland is happy. All the efforts of PM Modi have been in the direction of rapid and wholesome progress of the nation. Under this theme, a short film namely, Money Flows, Nation Grows will be shown. Various other programmes will be held by various departments of Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Corporate Affairs across India like Central Board

of Direct Taxes, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs, Department of Financial Services, Controller General of Accounts, Arun Jaitley National Institute of Financial Management etc from June, 6-11 next. Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is an initiative of the Government of India to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of independence and the glorious history of its people, culture and achievements. This Mahotsav is dedicated to the people of India who have not only been instrumental in bringing India thus far in its evolutionary journey but

also hold within them the power and potential to enable Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of activating India 2.0, fuelled by the spirit of Aatma Nirbhar Bharat. The official journey of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav commenced on March 12 which started a 75-week countdown to our 75th anniversary of independence and will end post a year on August 15 of 2023.

Elon Musk's return-to-office threat to Tesla staff sparks Twitter spat with Australian billionaire

Washington, June 03 : Elon Musk's order that Tesla workers return to the office has sparked a Twitter spat with Australian billionaire Scott Farquhar, after the Atlassian CEO suggested he would be happy to poach Musk's staff for remote working positions. In a memo sent to staff, headlined "Remote work is no longer acceptable" [sic], the Tesla CEO wrote that "anyone who wishes to do remote work must be in the office for a minimum (and I mean *minimum*) of 40 hours a week or depart Tesla. This is less than we ask of factory workers". In a reply to a Twitter follower asking for "additional comment to people who think coming into work is an antiquated concept", Musk wrote: "They should pretend to work somewhere else." By contrast, software giant Atlassian told employees in mid-2020 they never needed to come back into the office. The company later reported the work-from-home option had helped attract talent in a labour market that had tightened during the pandemic due to skilled workers not being able to enter Australia on work visas. On Thursday, Farquhar tweeted that Musk's demand that staff return to the office for at least 40 hours a week "feels like something out of the 1950s" and allowing people to choose where and how they want to work had been a successful strategy for Atlassian. "This is the future of how we will work.

New Delhi, June 03 : Amid a spike in recent targeted killings in Jammu and Kashmir, Shiv Sena MP Sanjay Raut on Friday (June 3) attacked the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) for seeking votes in the name of 'Hindutva' while taking no measures to improve people's lives in the Valley. "Today the same situation has arisen in Kashmir that was in the 1990s. You (BJP) talked about the return of Kashmiri Pandits to the valley and fetched votes on the same in the name of Hindutva. There is no improvement in people's lives despite the abrogation of Article 370 in J-K," ANI quoted Raut as saying. Congress also upped its attack on the Centre over the recent killing of civilians in J&K. Chhattisgarh Chief Minister and senior Congress leader Bhupesh Baghel asked who will take the responsibility for the killings. "Article 370 is removed, J&K is divided into 3 parts, President's rule also imposed, LG (Manoj Sinha) is there. But today, Kashmiri Pandits are being killed, Hindus are being killed; who'll take the responsibility? Why can't GoI & Gov provide security?" the CM questioned. Baghel further said that if official government employees cannot be provided security in the Valley then how will they keep the general public safe. He added, "They used to say that by removing Article 370 & dividing J&K into 3 divisions, everything will become fine. Why is the situation not normal now?" Questioning the "silence" of BJP and RSS, Baghel said the government's strategy in J&K has "completely failed". Former Uttar Pradesh CM and BSP chief Mayawati also urged the Centre on Friday to take strict action against those responsible for such attacks. J&K has been witnessing a slew of protests amid the recent killings of the Kashmiri Hindus, with protestors demanding relocation to safer places outside



Kashmir. On Thursday, hours after a bank manager, known as Vijay Kumar, was shot dead right outside his office by terrorists in the Kulgam district, a migrant labourer was killed in Budgam, while another was seriously injured in the terror attack. A few days back, a 36-year-old Hindu teacher Rajni Bala, hailing from

Jammu's Samba district, was shot dead by terrorists at a government school in Gopalpora, Kulgam. In view of the spate on attacks, Union Home Minister Amit Shah will also hold a security review meeting with J&K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and other top officials in Delhi today.

Ukraine renews diplomatic push for speedy EU membership

Kyiv, June 03 : Ukrainian officials are embarking on a concerted diplomatic push to start the country's journey towards EU membership, as scepticism remains in a number of western European capitals about a fast-track approach. Since Russia's invasion, many in Europe, including Ursula von der Leyen, the president of the European Commission, have spoken in favour of putting Ukraine on a speedy path to EU accession by granting it candidate status. However there are still doubts in Berlin, Paris and other capitals over whether it is possible to begin the formal process already, before a leaders' summit later this month that is expected to decide on the issue. "It will be very hard to say no, but it will be even harder to say yes," said one European diplomat briefed on the discussions. Ultimately, the decision is likely to come down to personal discussion between European leaders at the summit, with the positions of France's Emmanuel Macron and Germany's Olaf Scholz seen as crucial. Some people have floated alternatives, such as giving Ukraine a commitment to candidate status later, or admitting it to a broader and looser framework of countries without granting full membership. Olha Stefanishyna, Ukraine's deputy prime minister with responsibility for European integration, said either of these outcomes would be extremely disappointing. "If European leaders keep going in the same way they were before 24 February, in terms of speed, ambiguity and a lack of willingness to irritate Putin, this would be a major failure of Europe as a project," she said, in a telephone interview from Paris, which she was visiting as part of a European tour to shore up support for candidate status. "Ukraine wants a legal commitment and not a political promise," she added, citing the 1994 Budapest memorandum - under which Ukraine gave up its nuclear weapons - and the 2008 promise of future membership in Nato as pledges the west had not fulfilled, which had made Ukraine weaker politically.



Highly distributed, highly flexible. Yes, right now it's not perfect, but we have to experiment to get it right," he tweeted. "In the past year alone, 42% of our new hires globally live 2 or more hours from an office. There is great talent all over the world - not just within a 1hr radius of our offices." He tweeted a link to Atlassian's careers page, asking if any Tesla employees were interested. The thread earned the ire of Musk, who replied: "The above set of tweets illustrate why recessions serve a vital economic cleansing function." Farquhar did not reply to Musk or the legions of reply guys who follow the billionaire's every tweet, but he later tweeted "hard to believe it's been 20 years since we started Atlassian (in a recession), but we're just getting started!"

Met police profiling children 'on a large scale', documents show

London, June 03 : Metropolitan police documents say the force has been collecting "children's personal data" from social media sites as part of a project to carry out "profiling on a large scale". The Met says the scheme, known as Project Alpha, helps fight serious violence, with the intelligence gathered identifying offenders and securing the removal of videos glorifying stabbings and shootings from platforms such as YouTube. The unit, comprising more than 30 staff and launched in 2019 with Home Office funding, scours social media sites looking at drill music videos and other content. A Met document, seen by the Guardian, says the project "will carry out profiling on a large scale", with males aged 15 to 21 a focus of the project. After questioning, the force said both of these were a mistake. Met blunders over an earlier anti-gangs

database helped fuel concerns about Project Alpha, the privacy of children, and police focusing on young black children for signs of

criminality. Stafford Scott, a veteran community campaigner, said he feared the project was part of a continued assault on young black people.

MISSING INFORMATION



The above is photograph of Smt. Rejismita Doimari (22 Yrs), W/O. Sri William Doimari, Vill- Kanpur., PS - Udalguri, District- Udalguri who has been missing since- 06/05/2022 from Udalguri Town.

This refers to Udalguri PS GDE No-109 Dtd; 06/05/2022 and this office Man Missing Register Entry No. 48 Dtd. 19/05/2019

Descriptive Roll of the Missing Person :

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| 1. Complexion | - Dark |
| 2. Age | - 22 Years |
| 3. Height | - 5 Feet |
| 4. Built | - Slim |
| 5. L/ Known | - Assamese & Bodo |
| 6. Wearing apparel | - Pant & Blue colour Kurta |

All our efforts may be made to trace out/recover the above noted missing person at the earliest and result thereof may be intimated to this office at the following helpline numbers for further necessary action: 8134852559/9859427622 (Cell phone).

Sd/-
Superintendent of Police,
Udalguri, Assam

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Tender Nodee No. CSL.578/2017/PT/

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT) for selection/appointment of Handling and Transport Contractor for transportation of Food-grains under NFSA/2013. Chhnrnideo District.

The Deputy Commissioner, Charaideo invites E-Tender for transportation of Food-grains as per provision of the NFSA/2013.

E-Tender to cover under 02 (Two) Tier system comprising of Technical and Financial (Price) Bid are invited from interested handling transport contractor (s) for selection and appointment as Handling and Transport Contractor and Fixation of Rate "for transportation of Food-grains under NFSA/2013 in 02 (two) Tier System i.e. Tier-I (from FCI Godown to GPSS Godown) and Tier-II (from GPSS Godown to the premises of Fair Price Shop Dealers (FPSD)/Agents) in respect of Charaideo District few the year 2022-23.

Name of work 1	Specification 2	Period of work 3
Transportation of Food-grains under NFS A /2013. Charaideo District.	Carrying/loading /unloading of allotted Food-grains i.e. Rice under NFSA/2013 in 02 (two) Tier System. Tier-I (from FCI Godown to GPSS Godown) and Tier-II (from GPSS Godown to premises of Fair Price Shop Dealers (FPSD) /Agents)	2022-2023 Financial Year

Schedule of Tender :

Particulars 1	Date 2	Time 3
Tender Publishing date	02/06/2022	02:30 pm
Tender Download Starting date	01/06/2022	02:30 pm
Bid Submission Start date	03.06/2022	10:00 am
Last Date of submission of tender document fees and EMD in the office.	23/06/2022	04:00 pm
Bid Submission Closing date	23/06/2022	04:00 pm
Technical Bid Opening date	24/06/2022	01:00 pm
Financial Bid Opening	To be informed later after opening of Technical Bid.	-

E-Tender is to be submitted online through the portal <https://assamtenders.gov.in>. Bidders have to enroll themselves with portal and read the instructions carefully before participating. The Deputy Commissioner, Charaideo reserves the right to change the dates by notifying die same on die website. The Department will not be responsible for any delay in submission of tender's system error (if any).

Sd/-
Deputy Commissioner,
Chhnrnideo

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Notice Inviting Quotation (NIQ) for Hiring of Vehicles

Project Director Assam Health Infrastructure Development and Management Society (AHIDMS) invites sealed quotation from interested and eligible firms/agencies for "Hiring of vehicles for official use in daily/ monthly basis under AHIDMS" Bidders may submit their quotations complete in all respect to the office of the undersigned latest by 11.00 a.m on 17th June, 2022 Detail RFO may be obtained from the O/o The Project Director AHIDM Society Nayanantara Supermarket Complex. 3rd floor Sixmile Guwahati-781022 Assam.

The tender document should be sealed in an envelope superscribed as "Quotation for Hiring of vehicles for official use in daily/monthly basis under AHIDMS" and addressed to the O/o Project Director AHIDM Society 3rd floor Nayanantara Supermarket Complex Six Mile Khanapara Guwahati- 781022 The Society will not be responsible for any postal delay damage or loss in transit in case of delivery.

The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
Lass date of submission of Tender 17th June 2022 upto 11. 00 a.m.
Opening of Technical Bids 17th June 2022 at 3.00 p.m.

Project Director
ASSAM HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND
MANAGEMENT SOCIETY (AHIDMS)
DISPUR, GUWAHATI - 781006

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A girl watches the Trooping the Colour parade in celebration of Britain's Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee, in London



Guwahati- Asom Yuva Parishad Joining Program

SSS to organise workshop on Brajawali

Assam Rising

Guwahati, June 3: Society for Srimanta Sankaradeva (SSS), and Parampara Pravah, two organisations which have been spearheading a movement for propagation of the Srimanta Sankaradeva legacy, have decided to organise a workshop on the use of Brajawali, as it is very important for Sankari culture. It will be held in July in Guwahati at and in collaboration with Srimanta Sankaradeva Kalakshetra Society, The International Council for Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS), North East region will also be associated with it. The dates of the workshop are July 21-

23 next. There will be two sessions daily, where practical classes will be held, to impart knowledge of Brajawali. Dr Basanta Kumar Goswami, an eminent linguist and former General Secretary of Asom Sahitya Sabha will be the main resource person of the workshop. He will be present in all three days of the workshop. Dr Girikanta Goswami, retired professor of Nagaon College and several other scholars also will be present in the workshop. As decided at the annual general meeting held at Nagaon recently under the Presidentship of

Dr Sanjib Kumar Borkakoti, President of SSS, the workshop will be co-ordinated by the vice president of SSS and Director of Parampara Pravah Dr. Malika Kandali, who will be assisted by Dr. Madhuchanda Chaliha Bhuyan, vice president; Anjana Tamuli assistant secretary and Dr. Buljit Buragohain, media in charge of SSS. Dr Sanjib Kumar Borkakoti, President of SSS, Mridu Moucham Bora, Secretary of SSS and Pradip Hazarika, Coordinator of SSS will make overall supervision of it. The workshop will be open for only a limited number of candidates. Society for Srimanta Sankaradeva there-

fore welcomes prior registration for the workshop. Interested candidates can contact the organisers at the phone numbers of Dr Malika Kandali (9435013577), Dr Madhuchanda Chaliha Bhuyan (9435148098) and Anjana Tamuli (9435118607) for prior registration, by paying the registration fees of Rs. 500.



Karbi Anglong- People Crossing the Bamboo Bridge

Gunotsav held at Garchiga Tribal HS school

Assam Rising, North Lakhimpur, June 3: Along with the rest of Lakhimpur district, the Gunotsav-2022, phase-3 was also held at Garchiga Tribal HS School under Nowboicha Development Block of Lakhimpur district. Today, on the second day of the Gunotsav, after the completion of the morning assembly, an evaluation examination was held where students were evaluated. Junior Engineers of Public Health and Engineering Department,

North Lakhimpur Division Dharma Saikia, Karuna Saikia and Krishnachandra Jadav were attended in the school as External Evaluators. The attendance percentage of students in the school was 95.58%. The first day of the Gunotsav of the school was held on Wednesday. On that day, self-evaluation of the students was held. Notably, the third phase of Gunotsav-2022 has been running in Lakhimpur district since June 1.

NFR undertaken various developmental works in Assam

Aiming better rail connectivity and passenger comfort

Assam Rising

Guwahati, June 3: Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) has undertaken many development, infrastructural works in Assam to boost tourism and improve connectivity. Assam has seen major development works in Railway sector from 2014-22. The entire Railway network in Assam has been converted to a broad gauge network in 2014-19 thereby eliminating all metre gauge railway lines in Assam. To enhance connectivity, Naharlagun in Arunachal Pradesh and Bairabi in Mizoram got connected by broad gauge line to Harmuti and Katakhal in Assam respectively. First ever train connectivity was established with Meghalaya when Dudhnoi in Assam got connected by broad gauge line to Mendipathar in Meghalaya in 2014. During the period from 2014-22, 149 km of new broad gauge lines commissioned in Assam. Out of this 149 km, 82.84 km was



part of 289 km long Maynaguri - Jogighoga New Line Project. This project provides an alternative link to the landlocked state of Assam and six other NE states and ensures uninterrupted connectivity. Doubling of broad gauge line between New

Bongaigaon - Abhayapuri, Pancharatna - Dudhnoi and Digaru - Lumding were achieved during 2014-22. As part of the Ministry of Railways policy for 100% electrification, 434 km of electrification works has been completed in Assam. Another 825 km is targeted to be commissioned by 2022-

23. Electrification from Kamakhya to Chaparmukh

has been completed. Electrification up to Dibrugarh via Lumding is also in progress. As a part of NFR's Go-Green mission all stations in Assam have been provided with 100% LED lights during 2014-22. During the period 2014-22, NFR has provided several new amenities in stations and trains from Assam. 64 Foot over Bridges, 220 Divyang toilets, 59 toilets, 25 new platforms, 28 lifts and 17 escalators were constructed at different stations over Assam during 2014-22. 12 New station buildings have also been inaugurated at Pancharatna, Goalpara town, Krishnai, Dudhnoi, Chaparmukh, Thekraguri,

Dharamtul, Aujuri, Jagirad, Dhansiri, Chapar, Bechimari stations during 2021-22. High speed LHB coaches with modern amenities were introduced in 49 trains. Mechanised cleaning of coaches has been introduced in all trains originating from Assam. All trains originating from Assam have been fitted with environment friendly bio-toilets. Free Wi-Fi were provided at 218 stations in Assam. CCTV monitoring systems were provided at 15 stations during 2014-22 for enhanced security of Railway property and passengers.

World cycle day celebrated in Tamulpur

Assam Rising

Tamulpur, June 3: The Boroland Journalists Association, in collaboration with the Tourism Department of BTC and the Tamulpur Press Club, organizes a Bicycle Rally on account of world cycle day today. The cycle rally started at 5-00 am in the premises of Tamulpur Press Club. The cycle rally was launched by BTC Tourism Department Executive Member Dr. Dharma Narayan Das



with the goal of raising the public awareness about the benefits of cycling for transportation, including improved health, reduced fuel use, a cleaner environment, and environmen-

tal protection. The cycle rally was attended by local journalists, retired employees, students, social workers, leaders of political parties and nature lovers.

Yog Samaroh-2022 at USTM

Assam Rising,

Guwahati, June 3: Yoga is a way of life that aims towards a healthy mind in a healthy body. The art of practicing yoga helps in controlling an individual's mind, body and soul. Keeping with this spirit, a month-long Yog Samaroh-2022 has begun at the campus of University of Science and Technology Meghalaya with participation of students, faculty members and staff under the guidance of several na-

tionally reputed Yoga teachers. This Yog Samaroh is being organised by the Yoga Centre of USTM and sponsored by the Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga, Ministry of Ayush, Government of India. The Yog Samaroh-2022 has begun from May 29 and will culminate on the International Yoga Day on June 21 next. The yoga sessions have been taken 7 days a week with enthusiastic participation. The inaugural day of the Samaroh saw participation of USTM Chancellor Shri Mahbubul Hoque, Vice-Chancellor Prof GD Sharma and other high officials who performed several yoga asanas and pranayams. The event is a part of the Government of India's campaign of 100 days countdown to International Yoga day. Speaking in this regard, Priyanka Baishya, Yoga mentor at USTM said, "Different



themes have been taken for different yoga sessions every day. Some of the themes are: yoga for youth, yoga for better life, relevance of Yoga in modern days, yoga theories and its application, etc." The Asanas practiced in three categories: balancing, basic stretching and Breathing practice

(pranayama), said Anamika Baro, another Yoga mentor at USTM. The various resource persons of the Yog Samaroh are: Sourav Raturi, Himalayan Yoga Association, Uttarakhand; Dr. Prashant Rai, Associate Prof, Department of Physical Education and Yoga, Bir Bahadur Singh Purbanchal University, Jaipur; Ms.

Durgesh, Bali International Yoga School, Indonesia (online), Dr. Jitendra Sharma, Head, Department of Yoga, Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak, Madhya Pradesh; Mayuri Shewale, Yoga Teacher from Mumbai, Manash Pratim Sharma, Padma Kumari, Praveen Das, Anamika Baro, Biman gogoi.

Cotton University organised bicycle rally

Assam Rising, Guwahati, June 3: Vice Chancellor of Cotton University, Prof. B C Goswami in the presence of Longint Terang (APS), Assistant Inspector General of Police (Law and Order) flagged off a bicycle rally organised jointly by Cotton Cycling Community, Cotton University Students' Union (CUSU) and Cotton University NSS Unit in collaboration with Guwahati Smart City Limited here today. Before flagging off the rally the VC said, "I strongly believe cycling is an extremely good exercise. It keeps us healthy and fit. Moreover, it is good for the environment. I am a cycling enthusiast. Those who can manage, should try to commute by cycle to college, schools or offices and become the ambassadors of the green revolution." The rally started from the University campus at around 6 am to encourage people to take up cycling not only for fitness, but also for daily commuting. Around 60 participants, including the VC, Terang, NSS volunteers, students, faculty members, Sports Officer and other members took part in the rally. After winding up the rally at the starting point, all participants were provided with refreshments by the University authority.

MSSV celebrated World Bicycle day

Assam Rising, Nagaon, June 3: As a part of Azadika Amrit Mahotsav, the NSS Unit of Mahapurusha Srimanta Sankaradeva Viswavidyalaya celebrates the "World Bicycle Day" today. Teachers, students, officers and librarians have taken part in the celebration. Before starting the rally Prof. Mrinal Kr. Borah, Registrar of the university explains the objective of the day. Prof. Borah in his speech informed that the day is celebrated to cherish and follow the noble ideas and inspire the freedom struggle of India, and to enhance the brotherhood, nationalism. He also asked the students to use bicycles for strengthening the physical and mental health and protection of the environment. The district police administration extends full cooperation during the rally. NSS Program Officer Dr. Ajit Debnath, Yova Kr. Boro, Assistant Professor, dept. of Sociology took the initiative to organize the celebration. Prof. Mridul Hazarika, Vice-Chancellor, Dr. S.K. Sarkar, Deputy Registrar (Admin), Dr. Nayanmoni Saikia, Deputy Registrar (Academic), Bichitra Bikash, Asstt. Registrar (Academic) & NSS Coordinator thanked all the participants for successfully completing the program.



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The most pressing environmental issues

Deforestation is one of the most pressing environmental issues that the world is facing currently. It is the conversion of forested land to non-forested land by humans. Deforestation occurs when a land dominated by naturally occurring trees is converted to provide certain services in response to the human demand. The indiscriminate felling of trees has resulted in a reduction of 3.16% in the global forest cover from 1990 to 2015. Although India has seen an increment in the total forest cover of ca. 1%, still there are certain regions in the country that have sought a decrease in the forest cover. The main reasons attributed to the reduction in forest cover are shifting cultivation, rotational felling, other biotic pressures, diversion of forest lands for developmental activities, etc. Continuous illicit cutting of trees has impacted the microclimatic conditions, hydrological cycle, soil quality, biodiversity, etc. of the country, thereby making the country more vulnerable for any uneventful happening. Sustainable forest management practices, alternatives for shifting cultivation, promotion of plantation outside the forest and the usage of certified forest products, etc. are some of the measures that can be adopted to curb the rate of deforestation. When Global Forest Watch (GFW) data is adjusted to the tree cover canopy threshold of 10%, it shows 39.1 million hectares of natural forests and 3.71 million hectares of plantations in India, mainly for wood fiber, timber, fruit and oil palm according to data from the Spatial Database of Planted Trees. However, GFW assesses tree cover on a global scale, and our methods are fine-tuned for the detection of humid tropical forest. Employing country specific data from India grants more insights into their unique forest ecosystems. In its latest biennial India State of Forests report, the Forest Survey of India (FSI) estimated nearly 71.2 million hectares of forest cover in India- a number that includes tree cover in plantations and other non-forest areas. Other India specific datasets have estimated the extent of natural forests, which are crucial to combatting climate change, being 40 times more effective at sequestering carbon than planted forests. WRI India's analysis of vegetation type maps, identifies approximately 65 million hectares of natural and naturalized forests.

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Smartphone addiction and the new generation

The modern era is the era of information technology. Electronic devices like robots and mobile phones have become smarter than humans in machine civilization. Nowadays, everyone from fifteen-sixteen year old children to sixty year old people have an Android phone with 4G internet worth Rs.ten to fifteen thousand. Smart mobile phones have become essential items for the students, unemployed youths as well as professionals. What is not there in this mobile? Clock,

radio, camera, calculator, music play, TV, Internet, YouTube, e-mail, video games, Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp-- everything is in this phone. As a result, we can spend our time beautifully with this device. We can enjoy a lot of entertainment until we get tired of it. That is why we have become its mechanical slaves. Our open discussions and conversations are decreasing because of internet addiction. Everyone is becoming self-centered with the mobile phone in their hand. We nowadays laugh and cry with online videos. Today, whoever does not have a mobile, is addicted to TV serials. The 21st century Internet world has devoured humanity, morality. We live in a consumerist world of

materialism. There is only selfishness, conspiracy and artificiality all around. We are trapped in greed and delusion in the concrete magic city, mobiles have taken away our thinking power, wasted time, created a labour-averse culture.

Using mobile phones for hours at home has caused us to lose physical labour and time for physical exercise. For internet addiction, we are used to sleeping

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late at night and getting up late in the morning which is not good for good health at all. Our life experience will be limited to Facebook timelines, WhatsApp conversations, in entertaining movies, serials on YouTube etc. 4G unlimited data, full talktime, recharge vouchers, offers, network etc. will be the memories of our lives in old age. Unknowingly, we are addicted to mobile phones. We are now so addicted that our brains cannot even think of a way out. Mobile phones have destroyed human relationships and values, tarnished the spirituality of love. Mobile love taught us to be naked in front of the camera, making heavenly love a tool for physical enjoyment. In the grip of mobile,

Honey is one of most important and nutritional natural products which has great medicinal value. It has been used by humans since ages. In ancient times, Chinese, Romans, Greeks, Egyptians etc. used honey not only for nutritional benefits but also for its medicinal properties. As we know, honey is the only insect derived natural product formed from nectar of flowers by honeybees. It is considered as a balanced diet and can be used by everyone of all ages. It does not require refrigeration and it never spoils. According to the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation, bees and other insect pollinators are vital for human life, fertilizing nearly 70% of the world's food crops. Due to the presence of bees, production of mustard, coconuts, mangoes, litchis etc. are increased in the village areas. Moreover, honey is considered one of the healthiest foods across the world. It has a number of health benefits and advantages. Honey can strengthen our immune system and nourish our skin and face. It is used as a home remedy for cough, dandruff



etc. and to ease sinus issues.

Honey is a natural energy drink and is very useful in weight management. It acts as a natural sleeping aid, helps with gum disease and prevents and helps to control eczema. Honey can boost our memory and heal our wounds. For such types of enormous health benefits, honey is among the most popular and widely used sweeteners in the world. In view of the increasing demand and importance of honey, Assamese people are surprisingly

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not much interested in beekeeping which is considered one of the most profitable businesses of the present time. As per the report, the State has only 5000 beekeepers and most of them have only one or two bee hives. Common people of Assam have not fully or partially explored the potentiality of

beekeeping till today. Recently, Tanuram Bora an educated young youth of Kamarbandha, Gologhat shows his enthusiastic performance in bee keeping or apiculture. At first, he had undergone bee keeping training in the Agriculture University, Jorhat and was provided with 20 hives of bees by the University. Moreover, he was also encouraged for apiculture by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission, Guwahati which provided him 10 hives of western species of bees and by the Agriculture department of Gologhat district which provided 10 hives of bees. At present, Bora has 200 hives under his possession and thus he earns more than 6 lakhs rupees every year by selling pure honey from home. Moreover, he had started 'Bora Honey Industry' (Contact No.6002208477 or 7896729338) 12 years ago at his native village Chutia Gaon and it received Government recognition in the year 2021. Through this industry, he distributed more than 70 hives (which were full of bees) in the different parts of Gologhat district. Last month of the current year, Bora is awarded by 'Certificate of

Registration' from National Bee Board, Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India for his individual Beekeeping practices. Tanuram Bora conducts bee keeping training regularly among the people and runs apiculture workshops in different parts of the district. Till date, more than 200 persons underwent training from him and after successful completion of the training; the trainees have boosted their incomes from beekeeping on their own. Bora shows an easy source of earning to the people which needs less labour and cost. Gradually, his industry becomes popular in the district and spreads its name and fame across the State. Bora supports his family solely on bee keeping and provides placement of 8 nos. of families in his honey industry. Besides that, he sells hives (with bees) as per the demand of the consumers. No doubt, he may be considered one of the ideal persons of our society who shows the right and easy way of earning to the thousands of unemployed young youths of Assam. His positive attitude, hard work, enthusiasm and perseverance are really praiseworthy and adorable.

Swachh Bharat Mission: A Jan Andolan

Remember the 'Panchayat 2' episode when the DM visits Phulera village to check its ODF (Open Defecation Free) status. How Panchayat employees go into overdrive to protect the ODF status. This reel-life drama reflects real-life events across over 4400 urban areas and lakhs of villages in India.

Swachh Bharat has crept into our jargon to the extent that it has become an intrinsic part of our daily life. Villagers and towns' quest for toilets is for real. Open defecation is no longer acceptable. It is taboo. We have watched how Akshay Kumar's reel-life wife in 'Tiolet-Ek Prem Katha' leaves him to maintain her dignity.

This craving for cleanliness and hygiene was always ignored. Come October 2, 2014, the Modi government decided to take bull by the horns. And Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) was born.

Before the launch of the Swachh Bharat Mission - Urban (SBM-U), public health, environmental quality, and the dignity of women was compromised. Several

problems related to open defecation, manual scavenging, and even women's safety were the cause of concern.

SBM-U brought phenomenal changes and transformed India in just eight years. On the call of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, SBM-U became a movement. Eight years on, SBM-U is one of the most successful programs in the country.

Under the SBM-U, building toilets in every household and locality, desludging, faecal sludge treatment, and wet and solid waste management were taken up. SBM-U took the concept of Swachhata to every citizen in the nook and corner of the country, irrespective of their age, religion, political affiliation, income background, etc. The project is phenomenal, considering the scale. Almost all states adopted the mission and started working towards achieving the goals.

Official figures reveal that 4317 cities were certified as ODF. This means people residing in these areas have access to toilet facilities. Likewise, 3354 cities were certified ODF+. It means ODF and functionality of community and public toilets. 964 cities were certified ODF++. It means cities are ODF and have a faecal sludge management system. Under SBM - U, 66.9 lakh household toilets and 6.42 lakh toilets have been built.

It is the first of its kind initiative where all the government departments were brought under the same roof. Swachhata has become a mainstream concept in almost all government departments.

Healthy competition is always good. SBM created positive

competition among states for performance improvement. Not just municipal authorities but even political leaders, irrespective of their ideologies, took part and promoted the program.

To sustain the outcomes achieved under SBM-U and take it to scale, on October 1, 2021, Prime Minister launched Swachh Bharat Mission - Urban 2.0, with the overall vision of creating 'Garbage Free Cities'. The purpose is to sustain the initiatives that had

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begun, to be continued without interruption, till the final intended outcomes and impact have been achieved.

Under SBM-U 2.0, all households and premises segregate their waste into 'wet waste' (from kitchen and gardens) and 'dry waste' (including paper, glass, plastic, and domestic hazardous waste and sanitary waste wrapped separately). The programme entails 100% door-to-door collection of segregated waste from each household. It focuses on 100% scientific management of all fractions of waste, including safe disposal in a scientific landfill. All used water including faecal sludge, especially in smaller cities is safely contained, transported, processed, and disposed of so that no untreated faecal sludge and used water pollutes the ground or water bodies.



SBM-U 2.0 would also entail remediation of 1,673 lakh metric tonnes of legacy wastes in dumpsites, creating C&D waste processing facilities with the capacity to handle 10,000 TPD waste.

SBM 2.0 has brought such unprecedented changes in the system that now even corporates and start-ups have also taken up the concept of Swachhata seriously. An entire start-up ecosystem has evolved that exclusively deals with garbage management, wastewater treatment, waste segregation, etc. This has in turn opened up several new economic opportunities. It would not be an exaggeration to draw parallels between the IT revolution that we saw in the 2000s and the sanitation and Swachhata revolution that is booming in the country now.

SBM 2.0 initiatives are playing a big role in the empowerment of women. There was a huge impact on girls. When toilets were built in

schools, girls started attending classes regularly. Women Self Help Groups (SHGs) have also started working around Swachhata concepts.

Eight years on, Swachhata has become a household thing. By making it a Jan Andolan, the whole program has brought a behavioural change in the people. The mission is not just about making India garbage-free or improving environmental quality but essentially changing the attitude of the citizens in the long run.

SBM is not just one of the many successful people-orientated missions of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, but has become a revolutionary movement. This has brought about a human behavioural change in the current generation and Gen-X. It has received accolades internationally and will place India on a different bench, all together.

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Britain's immigration system is racist, and always has been. Now let's fix it

The unspoken rationale underlying British immigration policy since the second world war has always been about race. A new leaked Home Office document, which was never intended to be seen by the public, spells this out. The report, which was commissioned by the Home Office in the wake of the Windrush scandal, was leaked to the Guardian after repeated attempts by the government to suppress its publication. It has a stark conclusion: that the origins of the "deep-rooted racism of the Windrush scandal" lie in the fact that "during the period 1950-1981, every single piece of immigration or citizenship legislation was designed at least in part to reduce the number of people with black or brown skin who were permitted to live and work in the UK". This was true whichever political party was in power. Who can forget the red mug marketed by the Labour party in 2015 emblazoned with the words "Controls on immigration"? The problem was not

the mug, but the fact that cracking down on immigration was one of our election promises at all. It was the 1962 Commonwealth Immigrants Act that for the first time brought restrictions on the entry of Commonwealth citizens into the UK. Before this, there had been freedom of movement for all

citizens of the United Kingdom

and its colonies. Postwar Britain was suffering a labour shortage and so by the late 1940s, employers were recruiting directly from the Commonwealth. For instance the London Transport executive had recruitment drives in Barbados, Trinidad and Jamaica. But there were already murmurings of disapproval even then. The day the Windrush

docked in Tilbury, Essex in 1948, 11 Labour MPs sent a letter to the prime minister, Clement Attlee, asking for controls on immigration, stating that the British people "are blest with the absence of a colour racial problem. An influx of coloured people domiciled here is likely to impair the harmony, strength and cohesion of our public and social

life and to cause discord

and unhappiness among all concerned." In 1949, the Royal Commission on Population reported that "immigrants of good stock would be welcomed without reserve". "Good stock" in this context might be assumed to mean white. In 1956, a ministerial committee was set up to investigate colonial migration - and whether it should be curbed. It argued that: "The principle that the

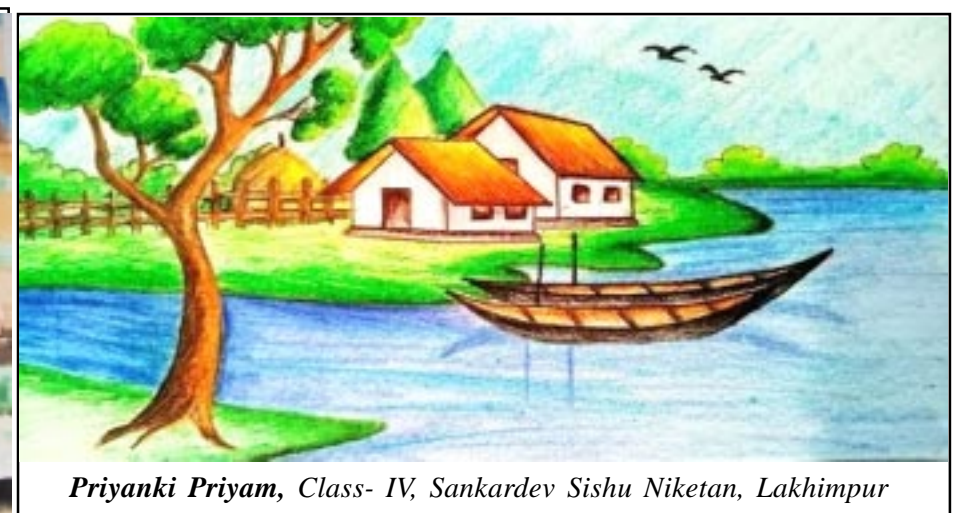
United Kingdom should maintain an open door for British subjects grew up tacitly at a time when the coloured races of the Commonwealth were at a more primitive stage of development than now. There was no danger then of a coloured invasion of this country ... In the meantime circumstances have changed ..." The report continues: "We clearly cannot undertake to absorb ... all the coloured immigrants who may wish to come here. "With their fear of a "coloured invasion", these MPs were foreshadowing what Margaret Thatcher would say more than 20 years later, when she referred to Britain being "swamped" by migrants. Pertinently, that 1956 report also said: "There is no doubt that even though a bill would in form be non-discriminatory, it would nevertheless be clear against whom the bill was really directed."



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Short-Story

The Pot of Wit

Once upon a time, king Akbar got so mad at Birbal that he told Birbal to leave the kingdom and go away. Heartbroken, Birbal left the kingdom and took refuge at a farmer's house in a nearby village. Birbal spent his days working at the farm. As time passed, King Akbar started missing his favourite courtier. One day, Akbar decided to send across his royal guards to find Birbal. The guards looked for Birbal in all directions, but all their efforts went to waste. Akbar thought of a trick to find Birbal – he made an announcement that whoever got him a pot full of wit would be given a pot filled with diamonds.



The news reached all the nearby villages, and to Birbal as well. The villagers held a meeting to decide how to solve the king's mystery. Birbal offered to help, stating that he needs a month's time. Birbal took a pot and put a small watermelon in it without cutting it from its vines. After a month, the watermelon grew up to the size of the pot. This pot was sent to the King, and he was told that the wit should only be removed without breaking the pot. Akbar knew that this could be no one else but Birbal, and he went to bring Birbal back to his court.

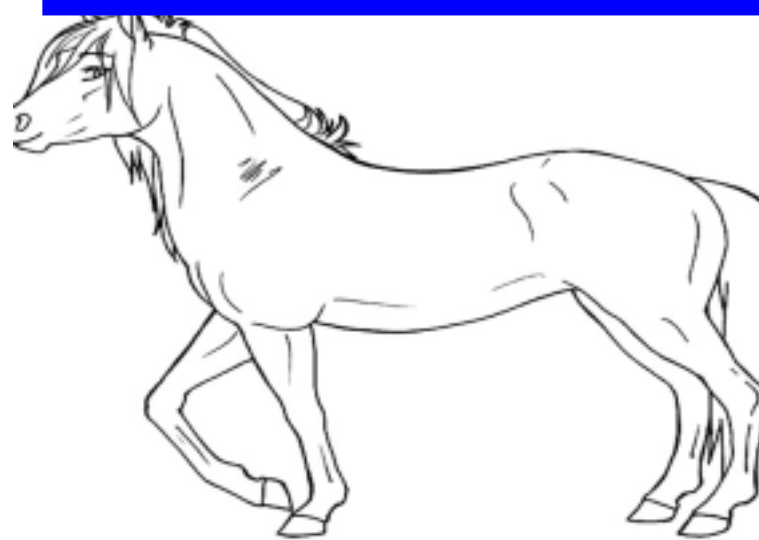
Moral : Haste makes waste, think hard because there is a solution to every problem.

The Foolish Thief

Once upon a time, a rich merchant was robbed in King Akbar's kingdom. The grief-stricken merchant went to the court and asked for help. Akbar asked Birbal to help the merchant find the robber. The merchant told Birbal that he was suspicious of one of his servants. On getting the hint from the merchant, Birbal summoned all the servants and told them to stand in a straight line. When asked about the robbery, everyone denied doing it, as expected. Birbal then handed over one stick of the same length, to each one of them. While dispersing, Birbal said, "By tomorrow, the robber's stick will increase by two inches". The next day when Birbal summoned everyone and inspected their sticks, one servant's stick was shorter by two inches. On being asked by the merchant about the mystery of finding the real thief, Birbal said, "It was simple: the thief had cut his stick by two inches, fearing that it would increase in size".

Moral : Truth always prevails.

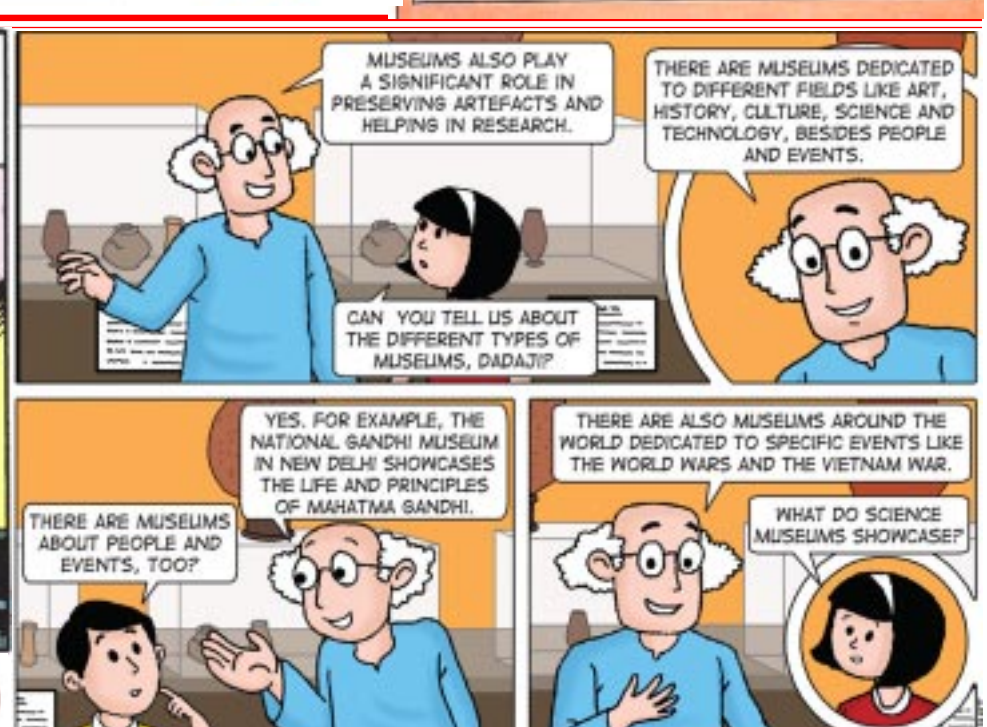
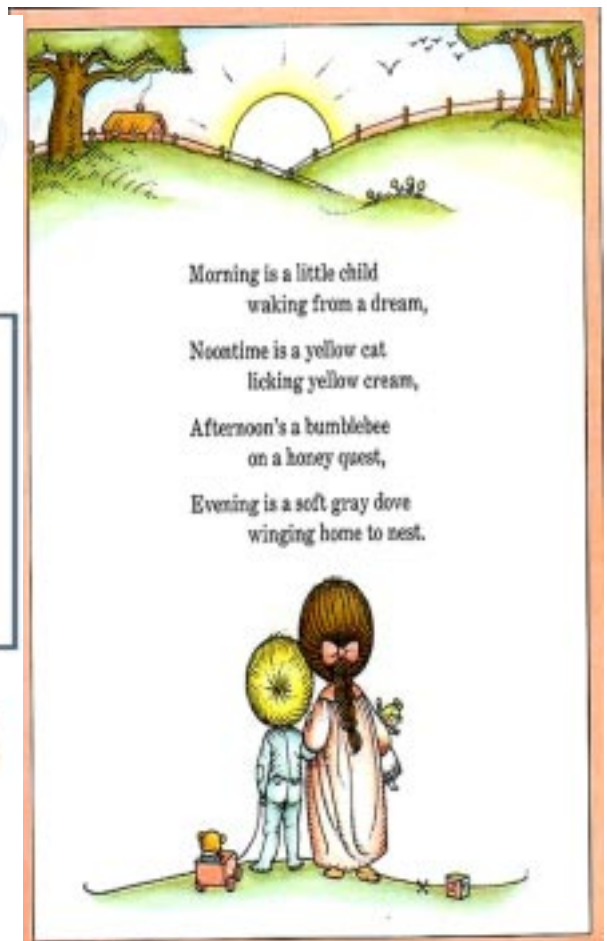
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Dream to fly

Sometimes I dream that I can fly.
I lift and flap my arms just so,
And soon I'm soaring to the sky.
Graceful like a bird I go.
I find a fluffy cotton cloud
And catch myself a comfy ride.
I cannot hear a single sound,
As slowly through the air I glide.
My silky cloud floats with the breeze,
Through the bluest sky.
Just like a sailboat on the sea,

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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National Herald case: ED issues

in the party-promoted Young Indian that owns the National Herald newspaper. The agency, officials said, wants to record the statements of Rahul Gandhi and Sonia Gandhi under criminal sections of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). The National Herald is published by Associated Journals Limited (AJL) and owned by Young Indian Pvt Limited. The agency recently questioned senior Congress leaders Mallikarjun Kharge and Pawan Bansal as part of the investigation. The questioning of the senior Congress leaders and the Gandhis is part of the ED's investigation to understand the share holding pattern, financial transactions and role of the promoters of Young Indian and AJL, officials had said. The agency registered a fresh case under the criminal provisions of the PMLA after a trial court here took cognisance of an Income Tax Department probe against Young Indian Pvt Ltd on the basis of a private criminal complaint filed by BJP MP Subramanian Swamy in 2013. The Congress party had called the ED action as "vendetta". "The Modi government should know that by registering such fake and fabricated cases, they cannot succeed in their cowardly conspiracy," Congress leader Abhishek Manu Singhvi had told reporters early this week.

Assam Cabinet Reshuffle on June 9

minorities in India, are a majority in several districts of Assam such as South Salmara-Mankachar in the west, where Muslims account for nearly 95% of the population. Speaking during the Budget Session of the Assembly, the Assam CM had also rooted for a more granular division of religious minorities, which he believed should be decided at the district level. His remarks came after the Centre told the Supreme Court that states have the power to designate minority status.

100 days of Russia's ongoing war

the negotiation process between Russia and Ukraine. The prospect of peace remains bleak, as talks were put on hold in April. Russian officials said that Moscow was willing to continue diplomatic talks, despite Ukraine's constant urge to deviate from previous agreements. After sending draft proposals to Kiev in April, Russia said the "ball was now in Ukraine's court". Speaking at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Zelensky said that Russian forces must return to positions held before the start of the conflict for diplomatic talks to continue. Deputy Chairman of Russia's Security Council Dmitry Medvedev said such conditions were "impossible in principle". World leaders have nonetheless continued to pursue mediation efforts. Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi, French President Emmanuel Macron, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz have held multiple telephone conversations with Putin to discuss the Ukrainian crisis and the peace talks. Turkey, which has expressed its desire to play a mediating role in the conflict and has already hosted a round of Russia-Ukraine talks, recently expressed readiness to host a new round of negotiations. Nevertheless, none of the current efforts have led to a successful revival of the talks because of stark differences in the negotiation positions of both sides. Russia has already begun strengthening its presence in southern and eastern Ukraine, including simplifying the procedures for residents in the Zaporizhzhya and Kherson regions in southern Ukraine to apply for Russian citizenship. Meanwhile, the US and its Western allies have continued to exert pressure on Russia, ramp up sanctions, and provide military assistance to Ukraine in an attempt to end the war. US President Joe Biden announced on Tuesday that his administration would supply Ukraine with advanced rocket systems that Kiev had requested. The Ukrainian Defence Ministry has also announced recently that the country was receiving Harpoon anti-ship missile systems from Denmark, the UK, and the Netherlands to defend itself in the Black Sea, while other countries will also supply defence equipment in the near future. In a bid to contain Russia even further, European Union leaders have recently agreed to ban "more than two thirds" of Russian oil imports to the bloc, as they adopted their sixth package of sanctions against Russia. In recent telephone conversations with European leaders, Putin pointed out that the supply of weapons would further destabilise the situation and worsen the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine. Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov has warned that the West is fighting a proxy war against Russia, using Ukraine as the battlefield. Since the war began, 4,149 people have been killed in Ukraine and 4,945 injured, according to the UN. Zelensky has claimed that 243 Ukrainian children have died, while 200,000 were forcefully taken to Russia. According to the UN, most of the civilian casualties were due to explosive weapons, shelling from heavy artillery and multiple launch rocket systems, and missile and air strikes. Meanwhile, the Russia government has claimed that 1,351 troops killed, with 3,825 others injured. The UN Refugee Agency estimates that more than 14 million people have fled Ukraine. Poland has taken in highest number of Ukrainian refugees - 3,544,995. While some 2.1 million Ukrainians have returned, over 8 million people remain internally displaced.

Assam Govt Sets Max Speed

(transport) comprising a maximum of eight seats in addition to the driver's seat is concerned, the maximum speed limit has been fixed at 80 km/h on the 4-lane divided carriageway, 70 km/h on other roads and 60 km/h on roads within municipal limits. On the other hand, the maximum speed limit for motor vehicles, including both transport and non-transport, having nine or more seats in addition to the driver's seat (M2 and M3 category vehicles), has been fixed at 80 km per hour on 4-lane divided carriageway, 70 km per hour on other roads while for roads within municipal limit, it has been set at 60 km per hour. Meanwhile, the speed limit for vehicles which are used for the transportation of goods (N category vehicles) has been fixed at 70 km/h, 60 km/h and 40 km/h respectively. Three-wheeled (passenger goods) vehicles will have to adhere to the speed limit of 50 km/h on 4-lane divided carriageway, 50 km/h on other roads and 40 km/h on roads within municipal limits. As far as two-wheelers are concerned, the riders have been mandated to maintain the speed limit of 80 km/h on 4-lane divided carriageway, 60 km/h on other roads and 50 km/h on roads within municipal limits. The notification also informed that the speed limits shall be decreased at specific locations such as accident-prone zones, black spots, areas under construction, areas requiring modification in engineering aspects, market areas, school areas, etc for the greater interest of public safety.

PPE kits : Opposition seeks probe

had violated the "code of conduct of ministers". He added that he had hoped that the Chief Minister would "exhibit some courage" and allow a probe. Akhil Gogoi's Rajior Dal described the scam as the "tip of the iceberg". "The companies involved must be blacklisted for corruption," Rajior Dal Working president Bhasco De Saikia said. Asom Jatiya Parishad's Lurinjyoti Gogoi said the charges against the Chief Minister and his family needed to be investigated by an independent agency. Meanwhile, Sarma's wife, Riniki Bhuyan Sarma, refuted the allegations. In a statement shared on Twitter on Wednesday, Bhuyan wrote: "A website called The Wire has come out with an unfounded accusation with regard to my supply of PPE kits to the NHM. In the first week of the pandemic, not a single PPE kit was available in Assam." She added: "Taking cognisance of the same, I reached out to a business acquaintance, and delivered around 1,500 PPE kits to the NHM with a lot of effort. Later on, I wrote to the NHM to treat the same as a part of my CSR." She also attached a purported picture of NHM's letter acknowledging the same. She stated that she did not make a "single penny" out of the supply. "I have always been transparent about my belief in giving back to society, irrespective of her husband's political standing," she said.

Soon Pakistan will be next Sri Lanka

the government's desperate need for financial assistance to avoid an economic catastrophe. And like its predecessor, Sharif can only look at Gulf states for help. Pakistan urgently needs billions of dollars infused into its foreign reserve to ward off payment defaults. Besides, the steady flow of oil on credit has to be kept up to avoid scarcity and a riotous situation. It is clear that the western neighbour is on its way to meet the fate of Sri Lanka. Economic profligacy, rampant corruption and excessive spending on army, whose agencies remain preoccupied in perpetrating terrorism in India and elsewhere, can be considered to be the hallmark of Pakistan's economic planning. While Imran Khan lamented of corruption at high places - "countries go bankrupt and become indebted when the head of state/government and his ministers are corrupt" - the present interior minister Rana Sanaullah called the former PM's tenure a rule by "an incompetent mob". Meanwhile, the people of Pakistan are having to tighten their belts and prepare for a bigger disaster than the one they have faced so far. The country's central bank said its foreign exchange reserves declined by \$145 million to reach \$10 billion by mid May. The negative foreign reserve inflows, trade and current account deficit, and mounting debt repayment burden has forced the government to hold negotiations with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for a bailout package. Under pressure from the IMF, the government has increased the retail price of cooking oil, palm oil and fuel to an all-time high. The rollback in fuel subsidies and skyrocketing prices have resulted in chaotic situations on the streets, which could go out of control anytime. To add fuel to the fire, the ousted PM Imran Khan is all set to make the most of the discontent and vitiate the atmosphere. Many friendly countries are not ready to bail the Sharif government out as it is a temporary one and not likely to complete its full term. Pakistan's beeline to the Gulf states will require it to amend many of its foreign policy decisions, ostensibly taken under pressure from either the US or China. Islamabad had proposed to mediate between the US and Iran on nuclear issues. The Central Asian countries have to depend on Iran and Pakistan to reach out to the Indian Ocean for trade. Both countries are on the Chinese development radar in Gwadar and Chabahar. The two countries are also required to cooperate on border issues and deal with the fallout of Afghan turmoil. Pakistan is under Chinese obligation to reign in the Baloch freedom fighters who are known to use the Iranian soil for refuge. All these factors brought Islamabad and Tehran closer during the Imran Khan regime. Now, some of the Gulf states would want Pakistan to amend its Iran policy much to the annoyance of both China and the US. In any case, a bankrupt Pakistan is of little use to Tehran. The US too is not happy with Pakistan in the face of its ongoing energy security projects with Iran. In fact, the Iran-Pakistan-India gas pipeline project was jettisoned a decade back as New Delhi felt the cost was very high and the prevailing security situation in Pakistan was not conducive to the success of the project. But Pakistan continued with the project, which was partially completed by the Iranian side. Pakistan had to withdraw from the agreement due to US sanctions on Iran much to the irritation of Tehran. The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) was touted as a game changer for Pakistan's economy. For China, it was a strategic move to construct a road through Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK). India raised objections on PoK being usurped by China. Even as some of the CPEC projects are yet to begin, the ongoing ones do not seem to accrue any benefit to the local population. Pakistan's inability to repay about \$1.5 billion dollars of the outstanding dues is cited as a reason behind China halting some of the projects. In reality, though, it could be because of the resurgence of Covid-19 in China. In any case, the CPEC story seems to be over. In a few months from now, with a bankrupt Pakistan, China could be looking for an alternative route to ports in the Indian Ocean. With the announcement of the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity and other factors, New Delhi has a window of opportunity to alter South Asia's geopolitics to the best of its national interests and emerge as a strong trading partner in the region for anyone willing to come on board, including Beijing.

Violence erupts in Kanpur as Muslims clash with cops, 6 hurt; several detained

New Delhi, June 03: At least six persons were injured after violence erupted in Kanpur city of Uttar Pradesh on Friday as members of the minority community clashed with police. According to reports, the violence broke out in the Beconganj area near Yatimkhana after police baton-charged some locals. Hundreds of people had taken to the streets in protest. Later, 16 people were taken into custody. The injured were rushed to the hospital. Some locals, including shopkeepers, reportedly observed a shutdown and had taken out a procession after Friday prayers over an alleged insult to Prophet Mohammad. Soon after, the clash broke out. While initially the situation was brought under control, the violence resumed a little later with at least two shots being fired. According to available reports, police have sought additional reinforcement. The stone pelting has currently stopped. Joint commissioner of police Anand Prakash Tiwari said an investigation is underway and efforts are being to bring the situation under control.



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Moose Wala Case: Suspect Lawrence Bishnoi Says His Gang Planned Murder

New Delhi, June 03 : Gangster Lawrence Bishnoi has told investigators that his gang's members, including Canada-based Goldy Brar, conspired, planned and killed Sidhu Moose Wala, officials said today. According to them, Bishnoi, who is in the custody of the Delhi Police's Special Cell, has alleged that Moose Wala was involved in the killing of Akali Dal youth leader Vikramjit Singh alias Vicky Muddukhera on August 7 last year which led to a "rivalry" between him and the Punjabi singer. Bishnoi has been very uncooperative and has not yet disclosed the names of his gang members who were the real conspirators behind the killing, officials told news agency Press Trust of India. The 28-year-old singer-politician was shot dead by some unidentified attackers in Punjab's Mansa district on May 29, a day after the Punjab government curtailed his security cover. The Delhi Police Special Cell, which is probing the matter, got the custody of Bishnoi for three days after arresting him from Tihar in a case registered under the Arms Act, officials added. "Bishnoi has been very uncooperative so far. But during interrogation, he accepted that he had a rivalry with Moose Wala and claimed that his gang members killed the singer," officials told Press Trust of India. "He has revealed that Goldy Brar was one of the gang members who conspired and executed the killing of Moose Wala but has not yet disclosed the names of other associates who were the real conspirators and executioners of the killing," a police official told. The official said, "Bishnoi has not disclosed the exact motive behind executing the killing and has been uncooperative about revealing other details about the murder." Bishnoi, who is facing nearly 60 cases, was in Central Jail number eight of Delhi's Tihar Jail. According to officials, after questioning Bishnoi in Tihar prison, he was produced at the Patiala House court and was remanded in three days of police custody for questioning in connection with the case where three criminals were arrested after a brief encounter with the Special Cell's unit last month. During interrogation, the arrested criminals had disclosed that the weapons recovered from them were supplied by Bishnoi, a senior police official said. The development came a day after a Delhi court refused to entertain a plea filed by Bishnoi seeking a direction to the jail authorities not to give his custody to Punjab police, which suspects that he had plotted the singer's killing. Bishnoi has approached the Delhi High Court under the apprehension of a fake encounter by the Punjab Police. The Punjab Police had earlier said Moose Wala's killing seemed to be the result of an inter-gang rivalry and the Lawrence Bishnoi gang was involved in it.



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Chess: Carlsen starts badly in Stavanger while seven-year-old eyes Expert record

London, June 03 : Magnus Carlsen has made a poor start this week with two lacklustre draws at Stavanger, the Norway tournament which the world champion has won on its last three renewals. The No 1's games are screened live and free daily from 4pm BST to a global internet audience, with grandmaster commentaries and a board sidebar which enables non-chess players to see who is winning. Draws are immediately replayed as Armageddons, where White has 10 minutes to Black's seven but a halved result on the board counts as a black win for the score table. That rule cost Carlsen in his second round Armageddon against Wesley So, as the US grandmaster scored with a queen-rook mating attack. Earlier, Carlsen had opted for another bizarre first move in the pre-tournament blitz, following his use of 1 f2-f3 and 1 h2-h4 in the previous week's online



Chessable Masters. This time it was 1 a2-a4, known as the Meadow Hay because its originator in the 1870s, Preston Ware, was a farmer who also played, as Black, the Corn Stalk Defence 1...a7-a5. Such eccentricities fit uneasily with the world crown, and Carlsen is now under some pressure to find his true form quickly. He needs to win Stavanger

convincingly to avoid falling behind in his quest to achieve a 2900 rating, a chess Everest that he approached in 2014 when he reached 2889. Vishy Anand, India's five-time world champion, has been in superb form of

late and belied his 52 years by taking the early Stavanger lead with wins in both his classical games. Anand declined selection for India's Olympiad team to give more chances to younger players, but there

have already been calls for him to reverse his decision, and these will increase if his great start continues into the later rounds. The biennial chess Olympiad, which starts in Chennai in late July, has already attracted a record 189 teams in the Open section and 154 in the Women's. England has just announced its team as Michael Adams, Luke McShane, Gawain Jones, David Howell and Ravi Haria, with a women's squad of Jovanka Houska, Katarzyna Toma, Lan Yao, Akshaya Kalaiyalahan and Zoe Varney. The open team will aim for the top six, and even top 10 would count as a success. The US will be clear favourites for gold, with China and the two Indian teams contenders for silver and bronze.



Matt Potts heats up England but familiar batting woes cool expectations

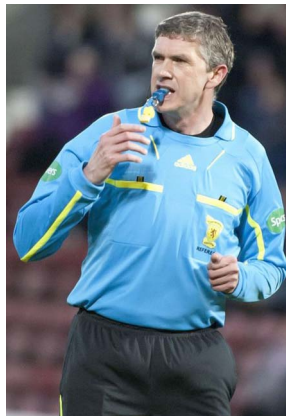
London, June 03 : At the end of a wild day featuring success with the ball followed by failure with the bat for England, the new-look team's first response

was: job well done. "We've come to entertain, that's our thing first and foremost, and it's been an entertaining day of cricket," said Matt Potts, whose side were 116 for seven at stumps, still 16 runs behind New Zealand. "It's one that I've thoroughly enjoyed. I know the team's enjoyed it, we're still in a contest to win a game of Test cricket and we're going to attack the day tomorrow." If the performance across the afternoon was a reminder that this team are still dogged by the frailties that have led them to limp through their last 17 Tests with just a single victory, the response to it neatly encapsulates the approach their new coach and captain, Brendon McCullum and Ben Stokes, are encouraging. But it is no surprise that Potts enjoyed himself. He may have

played his part in England's collapse from 92 for two to 100 for seven, squirming awkwardly at a Trent Boult short ball and diverting it off his glove to slip - forgivable perhaps given that it was only his second delivery as a Test batter - but bowling figures of four wickets for 13 runs off 9.2 overs were beyond the wildest imaginings of a 23-year-old making his international debut. It took five balls for him to make an impact, Kane Williamson edging behind where Ben Foakes took a fine low catch. "I mean, absolute elation," Potts said of that moment. "A Test debut at the home of cricket, in the pinnacle format of cricket, and then to get the New Zealand captain out fifth ball ... absolutely over the moon. I can't put into words how that feels."

Scottish football referees Craig Napier and Lloyd Wilson come out as gay

London, June 03 : Two referees have come out as gay in an attempt to change the culture of Scottish football. Craig Napier and Lloyd Wilson become the first openly gay participants in men's Scottish football since Justin Fashanu, who played for Airdrie and then Hearts in 1993 and 1994, several years after announcing his sexuality. Napier, who took charge of 10 top-flight games in Scotland in the 2021-22 season, spoke about his sexuality in a video on the Scottish Football Association Twitter account. "We need to see the climate change so that people do feel that they can be their true self and live happily and comfortably in their own skin, and that needs to then transcend into football," he said. Wilson, who referees in Scotland's lower leagues, talked about his sexuality in a video on the YouTube channel of the mental health charity Back Onside. Asked why he was speaking publicly now, Wilson said: "I think really the reason being that this has been a horrific journey, to be honest. A journey of maybe 17 years of living a life that I didn't want to live, living a lie, living the way that other people maybe wanted me to live or that I thought other people wanted me to live. And probably dictated and directed in many ways by football." The Blackpool forward Jake Daniels last month became the first male British player in the professional game to come out publicly as gay since Fashanu in 1990. The 17-year-old said he had been inspired by other sports figures such as the Adelaide defender Josh Cavallo, Matt Morton - Thetford's player-manager - and the Olympic diving champion Tom Daley.



Celtics use huge fourth quarter to roar past Warriors in NBA finals opener



London, June 03 : Once Boston's balanced roster of NBA finals first-timers found a groove from long range, the determined Celtics delivered a memorable comeback and rallied past Stephen Curry and the Golden State old guard. Jaylen Brown fueled the late charge and scored 24 points, Al Horford hit six three-pointers and the Celtics rode the most lopsided fourth quarter in NBA finals history to a 120-108 victory over the Warriors in Game 1 on Thursday night. Horford finished with 26 points and the Celtics outscored the Warriors 40-16 in the final 12 minutes after trailing by 15 points late in the third quarter. The 15th-year big man, who turns 36 Friday, played in 141 previous postseason games, most ever before playing in the NBA Finals. "I felt like the guys kept finding me time after time. Also Derrick White hit some tough shots there, too," Horford said. "I was just getting the looks, knocking them down. That's that." Boston made their first seven tries from long distance in the fourth and wound up 9 of 12 beyond the arc in the period as almost everybody got involved in the three-point flurry. Jayson Tatum was the lone Celtics regular who struggled offensively, finishing 3 for 17, though he did have 13 assists. Curry scored 34 points in his return to the NBA's big stage for the first time in three years, but the Warriors couldn't sustain momentum from a 38-point third quarter that put them ahead 92-80 going into the final 12 minutes. Game 2 is Sunday night back at Chase Center.

Hideki Matsuyama disqualified from PGA event for illegal marking on club

London, June 03 : The former champion Hideki Matsuyama was disqualified from the Memorial Tournament in Dublin, Ohio midway through his first round on Thursday due to an illegal marking on one of his clubs. Matsuyama, who earned the first of his eight PGA Tour wins at the 2014 Memorial Tournament, was disqualified from the Jack Nicklaus-hosted event after painted lines were discovered on the face of his three wood. It marked the first time the former Masters champion has been disqualified from a PGA Tour event. The PGA



Tour senior tournament director, Steve Rintoul, said images of the club were posted online and his team learned of them only after Matsuyama had used it on the first tee. Had he not used the club, he could have kept playing. Rintoul said his team approached Matsuyama on the second hole to ask if he had used the club and the former Masters champion was forthright about it. "The material was applied to the face for alignment for Hideki to set the ball inside the circle of the lines. That's actually the centre of the face," Rintoul told reporters. "And applying a small, discrete dot with a Sharpie to help you with alignment is fine. We have players who do it all the time. But the amount of substance that was up on the face of the club, when we sent it to the USGA, their equipment standards guys, it was just excessive." And that's what could affect - could affect - the performance of the ball. Matsuyama, playing in a group alongside Rory McIlroy and Patrick Reed, was three-over-par 39 when he reached the turn at Muirfield Village after a double-bogey at the second hole and bogey at the sixth.

London, June 03 : Along sections of Ukraine's frontline, more trivial concerns could take hold for an hour or two. When Taras Stepanenko checked his phone after anchoring the midfield masterfully at Hampden Park, one of the first in more than 100 messages was from a close friend who has been serving in the army since Russia invaded. The soldiers had been able to find a screen and the muscle memory of football fans kicked in again when Callum McGregor briefly gave Scotland hope of a comeback. "He is at a difficult point, fighting every day," Stepanenko said of his associate. "He told me the army at the border didn't think the ball had crossed the line." By then, Stepanenko and his teammates had made sure the debate was, save for providing valuable escapism, irrelevant. They outclassed Scotland for the vast majority of their World Cup playoff semi-final: the maelstrom of emotions and profound sense of responsibility the squad had been feeling were turned into an advantage, not a burden. "It's come from our



heart and our soul," Stepanenko said. "Sometimes you can't say what you feel. When I heard the anthem of Ukraine I wanted to cry." Yet within minutes Ukraine had clicked into a performance that felt cool, considered, lucid, logical. It seemed reasonable to wonder whether they would tear away like headless chickens and burn themselves out; instead they put on a study in control after a scruffy first 10 minutes and it was a

reminder, heightened upon glancing down the starting XI's parent clubs, that these are professionals of exceptional pedigree as well as fierce patriots. Ukraine were driven by their hearts but won with their heads, doing what they knew. That was certainly evident in the display of Oleksandr Zinchenko, who ran the game and looked every inch a player who grew noticeably in stature towards the end of the domestic season with Manchester City.

Alongside him the Atalanta midfielder Ruslan Malinovskyi was intelligent and deft, always a step or two ahead of Scotland's engine room. Then there was Stepanenko, who had not played a competitive game since Shakhtar Donetsk won at Oleksandriya on 11 December. The 32-year-old took a heavy whack in each half but he is famously made of strong stuff. "I can't say I didn't run or anything like this," he said. "I felt very good."

Nashwa gives Hollie Doyle chance of fulfilling Classic dream in the Oaks

London, June 03 : There may well come a time when Hollie Doyle takes a fancied big-race ride and her gender does not rate a mention, but probably not until a few more firsts have been scratched from the list. Britain's leading female Flat jockey has an obvious chance to nail one of the biggest in the Oaks at Epsom on Friday. Approximately 250 Classics have been run in Britain in the half-century since Meriel Tufnell became the first

woman to ride a winner on a British track, in 1972. Every one has been won by a male jockey, so victory for Nashwa, the 4-1 second-favourite, in the Oaks would be a milestone not only for Doyle, but for all female riders in the only major sport they compete on level terms with male opponents. The majority of Flat jockeys, regardless of their gender, go through their careers without riding in a Classic,

never mind winning one. These are races that tend to feature the same handful of riders from one season to the next: those with a retainer to a major operation such as Ballydoyle in Ireland or Godolphin in Newmarket. Hard work - and some essential good luck - can take a jockey a long way, but reaching the very top requires sustained support from a major player. In that respect, the race is an

opportunity nearly two years in the making, after Doyle signed a contract to ride for Imad Al Sagar - whose colours were carried to a Derby victory on Authorized in 2007 - in July 2020. Al Sagar's offer arrived a couple of weeks after Doyle rode her first Group-race winner at Newmarket and when Nashwa was just one of the latest crop of yearlings at the owner's Blue Diamond Stud.

Portugal's Ricardo Horta strikes late to earn point against wasteful Spain

Paris, June 03 : There were 10 minutes remaining when the Spain fans inside this stadium in Seville stood to applaud a 17-year-old from 20km down the road who looks as if he will go a very long way. Pablo Martín Páez Gavira, or Gavi, had covered every corner of the pitch and made the goal that seemed to have set Spain on course to victory over their neighbours. Almost as soon as he had been replaced, though, Ricardo Horta scored to earn Portugal a draw in the opening game of a Nations League that it sometimes felt they could do without. It is the fourth time in a row these two sides

have finished all square after 90 minutes. Portugal pressed to see if they could get another goal and Spain might still have won it, Jordi Alba sending a diving header wide in the final minutes. But despite decent chances, Álvaro Morata and Horta were the only players to find the net on a night that, for all the fatigue and flashes of defensive fragility, had been enjoyable enough for the Spain fans half-filling this stadium. How useful it was for Luis Enrique and Fernando Santos may be a different matter; the Portugal manager had already expressed concern at playing

four games in 10 days. He may be pleased, though, at how his side pressed to find a way back late on. Spain had led since the 25th minute, the goal superbly worked: an incisive counterattack executed with apparent ease, like a training drill. It started with a Portugal advance, Rafael Leão escaping César Azpilicueta, but his cross was too deep and the ball escaped the area. Gavi, chest out, laces undone, was the quickest to see it and the quickest to move as well. Sprinting across and travelling much faster than Bruno Fernandes, whom he beat to the ball, Gavi set off up the left.



Milan's Fikayo Tomori

'It was sweet for all of us. We knew we could do it'



London, June 03 : Fikayo Tomori had been warned. As Milan chased their first Serie A title since 2011, the one player in the squad who had been a part of it back then spoke up. It was Zlatan Ibrahimovic. "He was like: 'Guys, if we win, be ready because it will go crazy,'" Tomori says. Even so, it is doubtful whether anything could have prepared Tomori and his teammates for the reaction to what they achieved on the Sunday before last, getting the result they needed at Sassuolo to deliver Milan's 19th Scudetto. And certainly not for the scenes during the open-top bus parade the following night. The reports vary but some claimed there were as many as one million fans

out in celebration, slowing the bus to a crawl as it navigated its way to Piazza del Duomo from Casa Milan, the club's HQ. Red flares burned; the outpouring of emotion was extraordinary. "It was like nothing I've ever seen before - so many people," Tomori says. "It was a three-, four-, five-kilometre drag but it took hours. To see everyone on the streets... I can't really describe it." Few thought Milan would be able to hold off their city rivals, Internazionale - not with such a young, unstarred squad (Ibrahimovic aside) and definitely not with the inexperienced back four the manager, Stefano Pioli, came to rely upon. Tomori, 24, was partnered in the centre by Pierre Kalulu, 21.

The full-backs were Davide Calabria, 25, and Theo Hernandez, 24. You win nothing with kids and not at Milan, where the shirt is so heavy. But they would finish with the division's joint-best defensive record. During the run-in they conceded twice in 11 matches. "No one expected us to do it," Tomori says. "So when we did, it felt even better - kind of proving people wrong, it was sweet for all of us. We knew we could do it." What a season it has been for Tomori after his £25m move from Chelsea; he had been on loan at Milan for the second half of the previous campaign. He is one of the first

names on Pioli's teamsheet, his pace helping to facilitate a high line; his aggression and anticipation standing out as his concentration and tactical awareness have improved. The cherry on top? His England recall for the Nations League fixtures, the first of which is against Hungary in Budapest on Saturday. The third of the four is against Italy at Molineux next Saturday. Tomori was previously selected by Gareth Southgate last October, when he won his second cap as a substitute in the 5-0 away win over Andorra. His debut had come in November 2019 as a substitute in the 4-0 victory in

Kosovo. There was surprise in some quarters when Tomori was overlooked for the March programme but his timing feels in, with this the penultimate get-together before the World Cup kicks off in Qatar on 21 November. He is essentially a replacement for Tyrone Mings and his competition for the final squad is likely to come from Conor Coady, Marc Guéhi and Ben White. "If I don't get called up, I'm not thinking: 'Ah, what's happening?'" Tomori says. "I wasn't panicking [in March], I was just focusing on my performances and helping Milan. But from there, if I do get called up, it's making

sure I take the steps to stay here. "Tomori loves the Italian view of defending as an art form and he is enjoying Pioli's attention to detail, as well as the occasional chat with Paolo Maldini, the Milan technical director. "I saw [Franco] Baresi after the last game, which was cool," Tomori says. "You see different legends just flying about."

Andy Murray turns to Rafael Nadal and Marin Cilic for inspiration ahead of Wimbledon

London, June 03 : Two-time Wimbledon champion Andy Murray is hoping to draw inspiration from the age-defying feats of Rafa Nadal and Marin Cilic at the French Open as he seeks to build momentum

ahead of the grasscourt major this month. The 35-year-old, who skipped Roland Garros to preserve his fitness and prepare for Wimbledon, overcame Dutchman Gijs Brouwer 7-6(4) 7-6(3) to advance to

the quarter-finals of the Surbiton Trophy Challenger event on Thursday. Murray said he had one eye on events in Paris, where Nadal and Cilic will be in semi-final action later on Friday.

8-yr-old Assam girl set India Book of Record

Assam Rising, Sivasagar, June 3: Angel Priya Saikia(8), daughter of Madhusmita Phukon Saikia and Partha Saikia(Akash) of Amguri, Sivasagar, Assam and a student of standard III at Don Bosco High School, Amguri, Sivasagar, Assam, has set a record by winning a total of 10 gold medals in Taekwondo (Poomsae, blocking, punching and fighting movements). At the

age of four, she had won her first gold medal (state level). She, along with being a black belt holder in Taekwondo, has also won the best fighter prize in two events. As a result of her efforts, she has become the first girl in the state of Assam to win so many gold medals at such a young age. She has also bagged 2 gold and 2 bronze medals at recently held Assam State Inter-Club

Taekwondo Championship-2022 venue: Deshbhaka Tarun Ram Phookan Indoor Stadium, Guwahati. She has been training under the guidance Master Raju Konwar of Assam Taekwondo Academy India, Amguri. The India Book of Records (IBR) honours her with a India Record certificate and wishes her the best of luck in her near future endeavours.



Assam Rising, Guwahati, June 3: A Chess tournament is being organized by Guwahati Chess Academy among Under-7 and Under-11 age group players from June 3-5 at Academy premises at R G Baruah Road, Guwahati. Under-7 Category will be held in round robin system while Under-11 category will be conducted in swiss league system for 6 rounds. 22 players including 7 players in under 7 category are participating in the tournament. Pranab Kumar Nath will conduct the tournament as Chief Arbiter. Top four players from each category will be awarded prizes. The prize distribution ceremony will be held on 5th June at R G Baruah Road, Guwahati Chess Academy.

Nuruddin Senior Inter District Cricket : Silchar achieved Trophy by defeating Biswanath Chariali

Guwahati, June 03 : Silchar lifted the Nuruddin Senior Inter District Cricket Tournament title by defeating Biswanath Chariali by 10 wickets in the final at the ACA Stadium, Barsapara here today. It was the second time when Silchar won the title. Earlier, they lifted the coveted trophy in 2008. The four-day final didn't last even two and a half days as the batting of Biswanath Chariali was not



at par in both the innings. The team scored 122 runs in the first innings and 140 in the second. Team Biswanath started from their overnight score of 90-4 in the morning and lost the first wicket when the score was 94. Thereafter, the contest was totally one

sided. They lost their next four wickets on the way to adding just 22 runs. However, a 26-run partnership between Asarjo Ganthal and Mintu Kumar Roy for the last wicket made the total a little respectable. In the second innings, Ram Das displayed brilliant performance with the ball and managed to pick up five wickets, giving away only 15 runs. Rahul Singh, adjudged man of the match on the final match, bagged 3-36.



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