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NEWS IN BRIEF

One person killed

Mumbai, June 04 :

One person has been critically injured after a speeding train hit him in Sivasagar district of Assam. A train moving towards lower Assam hit the man due to which both his legs were cut off. The incident took place at Amguri in Sivasagar at the time when the train was crossing the train line in the area. However, the identity of the injured person has not been identified as of now. The injured person has been shifted to a nearby hospital for treatment. On May, one person died after being hit by a speeding train at Samarajan Panitula in Dhemaji district of Assam.

Man killed by elephant

Assam Rising Guwahati, June 04 :

A 22-year old man was trampled to death by a wild elephant at Nagaon district in Assam, official said on Saturday. The deceased man has been identified as Bijay Konwar, a resident of Amsoi under Raha police station of the district. According to the sources, Konwar went to the nearby forest to graze his cattle when he was attacked by the wild elephant. Local rushed to the scene and recovered Konwar's body and informed the police, said sources. However, the forest department has intensified patrolling in the area, an official said. Meanwhile, the body has been sent to Nagaon Civil Hospital for postmortem.

Jignesh Mevani

New Delhi, June 04 :

A sessions court in Gujarat's Mehsana ordered Vadgam MLA Jignesh Mevani and 10 other accused to not leave the state without permission in connection with a case dating back to 2017, in which Mevani had organised a march without the police's permission, a press release stated on Friday, 3 June. On 5 May, a court had ordered the imprisonment of Mevani and other accused for a period of three months with regard to the case.

Dragonfly species

Assam Rising Guwahati, June 04 :

A new dragonfly species discovered in Assam's Tezpur has been named after two women for their pioneering work in the northeast. Monisha Behal, a founder member of North East Network (NEN) and Rita Banerji, the founder of Green Hub, are the names of the new species, *Platygomphus beniritarum*. Two researchers, Shantanu Joshi and Anuja Mital, found the species, a single male near the banks of the Brahmaputra in Assam's Tezpur district in June 2020.

'No, India not sitting on fence'

Jaishankar says Europe has to change mindset



New Delhi, June 04 :

External affairs minister S Jaishankar on Thursday said India's foreign policy is not sitting on the fence, just because its policy may not be agreeable to some other countries. "I am not sitting on the fence just because I don't agree with

you. It means I am sitting on my ground," the foreign minister said taking part at GLOBESEC, talking on 'Taking Friendship to the Next Level: Allies in the Indo-Pacific'. The statement came as the foreign minister was asked about New Delhi's stance on the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war and

whether India can afford to be sitting on the fence as an emerging world leader. "This idea that I do a transaction, that I come in one conflict because it will help in conflict 2- that's not how the world works. A lot of our problems in China have nothing to do with Ukraine, Russia. They are predated," Jaishankar said as he was asked on whether India expects global help in its situation with China. There are a lot of issues where Europe did not speak, the foreign minister said. "Europe has to get out of the mindset that

Europe's problem is the world's problem but the world's problem is not Europe's problem," the foreign minister said adding, "Today linkages being made between China and India and what's happening in Ukraine. Come on guys, China and India happened way before Ukraine. I do not see this as a clever argument." All big challenges facing the world today have their solutions coming from India some way or the other, Jaishankar said. On being asked whether India buying Rus-

sian oil is not funding the ongoing war, Jaishankar said, "Look I don't want to sound argumentative. But then, buying Russian gas is not funding the war? It's only Indian money and Russian oil coming to India that is funding the war and not Russia's gas coming to Europe? Let's be a little even-handed." Replying to a question from a journalist on India 'ignoring' Russia-Ukraine war, Jaishankar said India condemned Bucha killing and sought an investigation.

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SI Junmoni Rabha arrested by Majuli police



Assam Rising Guwahati, June 04 :

edly duped many people for crores of rupees promising them to provide job in the ONGC. After coming to know about the alleged crimes committed by her fiancé Rana Pogag, Junmoni Rabha

Junmoni Rabha, who is serving as a sub-inspector in Nagaon district of Assam, arrested by Majuli police today. Earlier she arrested her fiancé Rana Pogag. Rana Pogag had allegedly falsely claimed to be working for the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) in Assam. Moreover, Pogag had also alleg-

herself filed an FIR, based on which he was arrested. "I am grateful to the three people who came to me with information about him (Rana Pogag) on how big fraud he is. They opened my eyes," said Junmoni Rabha. Meanwhile, the police have seized fake seals and documents of ONGC from the possession of Rana Pogag, who is now in police custody. Notably, Junmoni Rabha got engaged with Rana Pogag in October last year and the couple were slated to get married in November this year.

Kashmiri Pandits flee Kashmir Valley

New Delhi, June 04 :

Hundreds of fear-stricken Kashmiri Pandits left the Valley for Hindu-majority Jammu district on Friday even as the Centre turned down their demand of relocation. Amid this, a promi-

nent Pandits' body, the Kashmiri Pandit Sangharsh Samiti (KPSS), in an open letter to the J&K Chief Justice, sought his intervention to allow frightened Pandits to leave the Valley. Scores

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P Chidambaram, Kapil Sibal Among 41 Elected Unopposed To Rajya Sabha



New Delhi, June 04 :

P Chidambaram and Rajeev Shukla of the Congress, BJP's Sumitra Valmiki and Kavita Patidar, former Congress leader Kapil Sibal, RJD's Misa Bharti and Jayant Chaudhary of the RLD were among the 41 winners declared elected unopposed to Rajya Sabha

All the 11 candidates in Uttar Pradesh, six in Tamil Nadu, five in Bihar, four in Andhra Pradesh, three each in Madhya Pradesh and Odisha, two each in Chhattisgarh, Punjab, Telangana and Jharkhand and one candidate in Uttarakhand won without a

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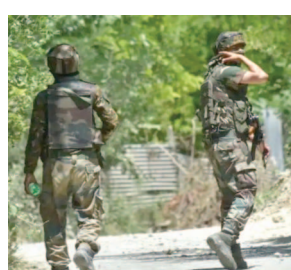
SEBA Releases Websites to Get HSLC, AHM Results

Assam Rising Guwahati, June 04 :

Assam Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma announced that the results of High School Leaving Certificate (HSLC) exam and Assam High Madrasa (AHM) will be declared on June 7. A total of 4,19,887 candidates appeared in the HSLC exam out of which 1,95,181 are male and 2,24,706 are female. On the other hand, 11, 245 candidates ap-

peared in AHM exam out of which 4,199 are male and 7,046 are female. The Board of Secondary Education, Assam (SEBA) has also released 14 websites in which candidates will get their results. The websites are: results.sebaonline.org, resultsassam.nic.in, www.indiaresults.com, www.results.shiksha, www.assam.shiksha, www.assamonline.in, exametc.com, www.schools9.com,

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Srinagar, June 04 :

Terrorist Commander of proscribed terror outfit Hizbul-Mujahideen Nisar Khanday was killed while three soldiers and a civilian were injured in an overnight encounter in Jammu and Kashmir's Anantnag district on in the wee hours of Saturday (May 4, 2022). In-

criminating materials, arms and ammunition including one AK 47 rifle was recovered from the terrorist. "Terrorist Commander of proscribed #terror outfit HM Nisar Khanday killed. #Incriminating materials, #arms & ammunition including 01 AK 47 rifle recovered. #Operation in progress," Inspector General of Police, Kashmir, Vijay Kumar tweeted. The gunfight broke out between terrorists and security forces in Rishipora village Kapran area of Anantnag district of South Kashmir. A police officer

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Maharashtra brings back compulsory masking as covid cases surge

Mumbai, June 04 :

Maharashtra has reintroduced compulsory masking in public, except in open spaces, due to a surge in the covid cases in the last few days. Over 1,000-plus cases were recorded in Maharashtra for the third day on June 3. The state government's announcement is part of a strategic



plan to contain the surge and keep hospitalisation to a minimum. The Maharashtra health department on June 3 asked district and civic authorities to ramp up coronavirus test-

ing as the numbers of samples being examined had fallen while cases were rising. In a letter to collectors, municipal corporations and chief executive officers, Additional Chief Secretary (Health) Pradeep Vyas said all districts should ensure the proportion of RT-PCR tests was at least 60 per cent. "People should be advised to wear masks in closed public spaces like trains, buses, cinemas, auditoriums, offices, hospitals, colleges and schools," Vyas

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Villagers of Dhansiri to Plant 1 Lakh Saplings on World Environment Day



Assam Rising Guwahati, June 04 :

The villagers of Dhansiri 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. MLA of Sarupathar constituency,

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Bongaigaon- awareness campaign for Environment

Karnataka disbands Textbook Revision Committee after allegations of saffronisation

New Delhi, June 04 :

In a major development, the Karnataka government has disbanded the Textbook Revision Committee headed by writer Rohith Chakrathirtha. The development comes after the committee faced flak, with allegations of saffronisation of school syllabus and insulting great personalities of Karnataka. Religious seers wrote letters to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai to rectify the mis-



takes and had also warned the state government not to play with the feelings of people. In a statement on Friday night, the Chief Minister said the Committee

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An Algerian child has her forehead painted during a Dragon Boat Festival event in Algiers, Algeria.

Pennsylvania Republican primary conceded to Trump-backed Mehmet Oz

Pennsylvania, June 04 : David McCormick has conceded the Republican primary in Pennsylvania for US Senate to the celebrity heart surgeon Dr Mehmet Oz, ending his campaign more than two weeks after the election as he acknowledged an ongoing statewide recount wouldn't give him enough votes to make up the deficit. "It's now clear to me with the recount now largely complete that we have a nominee," McCormick said at a campaign party at a Pittsburgh hotel. "Tonight is really about all us coming together." Before the recount, Oz led McCormick by 972 votes out of 1.34m votes counted in the primary, which took place on 17 May. The Associated Press has not declared a winner in the race because an automatic recount is underway and the margin between the two candidates is just 0.07 percentage points. Friday's development sets up a general election between Oz, who was endorsed by Donald Trump, and Democrat John Fetterman in what is expected to be one of the nation's premier Senate contests. The race could help determine control of the closely divided chamber. Fetterman, the state's lieutenant governor, acknowledged earlier Friday in a statement that he nearly died when he suffered a stroke just days before his primary. He said he had ignored warning signs for years and a doctor's advice to take blood thinners. Oz, who is best known as the host of the daytime TV show The DrOz Show, had to overcome millions of dollars in attack ads and misgivings among hard-line Trump backers about his conservative credentials on guns, abortion, transgender rights and other core Republican issues.

BJP workers stage protests over Hyderabad gang-rape case involving minor girl

Hyderabad, June 04 : Members of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Telangana protested at Jubilee Hills Police Station on Friday over the alleged rape case reported by a father. A complaint was lodged by the Hyderabad police on Friday after a man accused 5 minors of allegedly raping his minor daughter on May 28 at the Jubilee Hills Police Station

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Sri Kshitish Ch. Pegu, ACS, CEO, ZP and PD, DRDA, Morigaon will be the Nodal Officer to mitigate the grievances.

Phone Nos:- Mobile-88119-51552
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The sealed quotations should reach on or before 20th June, 2022 during office hours.

Sd/-
I/C District & Sessions Judge
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Heatwave returns to pockets in central, northwest India

New Delhi, June 04 : Unlike earlier predictions by the India Meteorological Department (IMD), several parts of the country witnessed heatwave conditions on Friday with mercury breaching 45 degrees Celsius mark in northern parts of west Rajasthan and eastern Vidarbha and in some parts of Bundelkhand region. Chandrapur in Maharashtra's eastern Vidarbha area recorded the highest maximum temperature at 46.4 degrees Celsius. Other parts of India, including Delhi-NCR, Vidarbha, Rajasthan, and Madhya Pradesh also recorded temperatures above 44-45 degrees Celsius. Earlier, in the last week of May, the Met Office had at least twice forecasted that there would be no heatwave conditions in the country. Even the May 31 bulletin of IMD had said, "No heatwave conditions likely over the country during the next five days." The weather department in its forecast, however, mentioned a "gradual rise in maximum temperatures by 2-3 degrees Celsius very likely over most parts of northwest and central India during next three days and no significant change thereafter". A

heatwave is declared when the maximum temperature is over 40 degrees Celsius and at least 4.5 notches above normal. A severe heatwave is declared if the departure from normal temperature is more than 6.4 notches, according to the IMD. Based on absolute recorded temperatures, a heatwave is declared when an area logs a maximum temperature of 45 degrees Celsius. A severe heatwave is declared if the maximum temperature crosses the 47-degree Celsius mark. "The temperature has been increasing since June 1 but the heat wave is restricted to a very limited area - only some districts such as Ganganagar in Rajasthan, Brahmpuri 45.3 degrees Celsius, Wardha 45.4 degrees Celsius and Nagpur 45 degrees Celsius," an RMC official informed. Most parts of western Rajasthan recorded day temperature above 45 degrees Celsius on Friday, Meteorological Department said. According to a MeT data, the highest maximum temperature of 46.3 degrees Celsius was recorded in Sri Ganganagar on Friday. The MeT department has predicted heatwave conditions in Dholpur, Karauli, Churu, Hanumangarh, Ganganagar districts during the next 24 hours. The IMD said, "Fairly widespread/ widespread light/moderate rainfall with thunderstorm/lightning very

Tallinn, June 04 : Estonia's prime minister, Kaja Kallas, has called for talks on a new government after her ruling coalition fell apart, urging unity because of security concerns over neighbouring Russia. Kallas spoke to reporters after President Alar Karis accepted her request to dismiss seven Centre party ministers from the 15-strong cabinet, including the foreign minister, Eva-Maria Liimets. "More than ever, Estonia needs a functioning government based on common values," Kallas said on Friday, according to the Baltic news agency. "The security situation in

Europe does not give me any opportunity as prime minister to continue cooperation with the Centre party." The dismissal of the Centre ministers follows weeks of political deadlock, including a vote on an education bill in which the coalition partner voted against the government and with the far-right EKRE opposition instead. "It's honest to say that this agreement is over and we're going to form a new coalition," Kallas said. Kallas's Reform party has proposed coalition talks with the rightwing Isamaa conservatives and the Social Democrats. The Centre and Reform parties have alternated in

likely over Coastal Karnataka, South Interior Karnataka, Kerala & Mahe and Lakshadweep and isolated to scattered over Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, North

capital. Temperatures crossed 45 degrees Celsius in several parts of Vidarbha in Maharashtra on Friday, prompting the Met office to issue a heatwave warning



for the region. "In the 24-period ending at 8.30 am today, Chandrapur recorded 46.8 degrees Celsius, Brahmpuri 45.3 degrees Celsius, Wardha 45.4 degrees Celsius and Nagpur 45 degrees Celsius," an RMC official informed. Most parts of western Rajasthan recorded day temperature above 45 degrees Celsius on Friday, Meteorological Department said. According to a MeT data, the highest maximum temperature of 46.3 degrees Celsius was recorded in Sri Ganganagar on Friday. The MeT department has predicted heatwave conditions in Dholpur, Karauli, Churu, Hanumangarh, Ganganagar districts during the next 24 hours. The IMD said, "Fairly widespread/ widespread light/moderate rainfall with thunderstorm/lightning very

Interior Karnataka & Tamilnadu, Puducherry & Karaikal during next 5 days. "The MeT department, in its weather bulletin, said, "Strong Winds (wind speed 40-50 kmph gusting to 60 kmph) over southwest & adjoining westcentral Arabian Sea, Comorin area, gulf of Mannar, south Tamil Nadu coast 03rd & 04th southwest Arabian Sea during next 5 days. Fishermen are advised not to venture into these areas." IMD had predicted heavy rainfall in Karnataka for four days from Friday. The weather department has sounded a yellow alert for Bengaluru and coastal regions. The Bengaluru city, Bengaluru Rural, coastal districts of Dakshina Kannada, Uttara Kannada and Udupi are to witness heavy showers.

Hyderabad gang-rape shocker: Second accused arrested



Hyderabad, June 04 : The Telangana Police has arrested the second accused in the case of gang-rape of a teenage girl in Hyderabad's Jubilee Hills last week. One person was arrested on Friday (June 3). In total, five people have been identified. In a press conference, Deputy Commissioner of Police (West Zone) Joel Davis said the suspect Saduddin Malik was arrested by the police. Out of the five people identified, three are minors, the police added. CCTV footage and the statement of the victim have led the cops to the accused. "Hyderabad rape victim could not reveal anything about the culprits. But she managed

to reveal one name and special teams were immediately formed to nab them. CCTV footage has been recovered. We have identified five culprits as per CCTV footage and as per the statement of the victim," Joel Davis said. He further said that the cops have identified a juvenile boy and his location has been traced. However, as per law, minors should not be apprehended in night time. "I am hopeful that we will be able to apprehend him on Saturday," Davis had said on Friday. The DCP, however, clarified that the name of an AIMIM MLA's son as alleged by the Telangana BJP did not figure in the victim's statement as of now. "The investigation will continue

and if the victim gives any further details as and when she is in a position to do so, we will investigate accordingly. We will not spare anyone however high and mighty they are," the DCP reiterated. The security footage which is viral on social media purportedly showed the girl standing with the suspected attackers outside the pub where she had met them. The boys had offered to drop her home. Instead, she was assaulted inside a parked car in the city. Her attackers took turns to rape her while the others stood guard outside the car. The 17-year-old girl was allegedly gang-raped when she was returning home after a party in Jubilee Hills area of Hyderabad on May 28. The matter came to light after the minor girl's father submitted a complaint to the police regarding the incident. On the complaint of girl's father, a police case has been registered against five persons. The case has been registered under Sections 354 and 323 of the Indian Penal Code

(IPC) and Section 9 read with 10 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. Ruling TRS Working President and Telangana Minister KT Rama Rao on Friday requested the state's Home Minister, Director General of Police (DGP) and Hyderabad City Police Commissioner to take "immediate and stern action" in the gang rape of a teenage girl in Hyderabad.

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Padma Shri Jadav Payeng plants sapling along with Dr. Prashanna Gogoi, Moinul Haque at Shilpgram, Guwahati on June 3.

ADBU organised Workshop on Entrepreneurship & Patents

Assam Rising
Guwahati, June 4: A two-day national workshop on entrepreneurship and patents organized by the Assam Don Bosco University's IPR Cell and Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) concluded on 4th June. The event was catalysed and supported by Patent Information Centre (PIC), Assam Science Technology and Environment Council (ASTEC). The workshop was conducted on May 28 and June 4. The workshop was held to spread awareness of patents, increase patent filings from the region, and to encourage the spirit of self-employment among the students. On the first day of the workshop,

Achintya Kumar Baruah, Chief Programme Coordinator, Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship, Guwahati, delivered a talk on 'Entrepreneurship', Ratul Borah, Founder and CEO, Elecnovo Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru, delivered a talk on "Business Opportunities in the Electric Vehicles Sector", and Partha Pratim Pathak, Director, delivered a talk on "Converting Student Projects to Business Ventures: A Success Story". On the second day of the workshop, Dr. Jupi Gogoi, Associate Professor, National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam, delivered a talk on "Basics of Pat-

ents, and Patent Registration in India", Dr. V. Agalya, Professor and Associate Head R&D, New Horizon College of Engineering, Bengaluru, delivered a talk on "IP Identification, and Converting Research/Project Works into Patents", and Siddhartha Devnath, Scientist-C, Patent Information Centre, ASTEC, demonstrated how patents are drafted.

Annual session of Sankar-Ajan Academy, held



Assam Rising, Sipajhar, June 3: The fourth annual session of Sankar-Ajan Academy, Sanoa was held along with prize distribution ceremony with a two day long programme recently. On first day the programme started with hoisting of Academy's flag by Obed Ali, President, Management committee followed planting of saplings by Phakharuddin Ahmed and Matin Ali. The cultural competition among students was inaugurated by Hamid Ali, Advisor, Management committee. The one act play competition organized on the occasion was also organized as part of the programme. On the second day the open meeting was held under the presidency of Obed Ali. Addressing the meeting as appointed speaker Koushik Kalita, Lecturer, Ramanujan Academy,

Baihata Chariyal called upon the students to be attentive in their studies and personality development. Paban Kumar Kalita, Subject teacher of Sipajhar Higher Secondary and Multipurpose School in his speech as chief guest stressed on the need of book reading habit among students and teachers. Chitta Kumar Nath, Coordinator, Garukhuti Cluster Resource Center addressed the meeting as distinguished guest. Bhaben Saharia, Hamid Ali, Phakharuddin Ahmed also spoke on the occasion. The literary, quiz, and debating competitions were also organized as part of the celebration of the annual session. Popular Youtuber Dipjyoti Deka's interesting items enthralled the audience.

GU celebrated World Bicycle day

Assam Rising, Palasbari, June 4: Gauhati university celebrated World Bicycle Day on June 3 at Gauhati university campus along with the rest of the globe. Flagging Off the Bicycle rally Registrar, Gauhati University Dr Hemanta Kr Nath said that university fraternity should promote Bicycles in their day to day life to maintain a healthy lifestyle and fitness body. To combat environmental pollution and global warming, the use of Bicycles is of utmost importance. Coordinator of the Program Dr Ranjan Kr Kakati, DSW and Programme coordinator, GU NSS Cell highlighted different benefits of Cycling and

mentioned that this program has been done as per direction from UGC and Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, New Delhi. In a message GU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Pratap Jyoti Handique congratulated all the participants who took part in the rally and appealed to create a Bicycle user environment in the campus. Bicycle rally starts at the University campus to Airport to Rani Gate and Azara to GU campus which completes 25 kms. Gauhati University Faculty members, Officers, PGSU members, NSS volunteers and Students took part in the Bicycle rally.



Regional stakeholders' Meet and Consultative workshop held

Assam Rising
Guwahati, June 4: "Conserving the goods and services of wetlands and sustainably intensifying the wetland ecosystem services are of paramount importance for poverty alleviation as well as food and livelihood security for marginal poor segments of the society". This was stated by Minister for Environment and Forest, Fisheries and Excise, Parimal Suklabaidya while inaugurating the Regional

Stakeholders' Meet and Consultative Workshop on 'Assessing the price of wetland ecosystem services' at the Assam Agricultural University campus here on Saturday. On the eve of World Environment Day, SAFE in association with Progyan Foundation for Research and Innovation (PFR) organised the Multi Stakeholders' Workshop for engendering a platform in sync with the

prevalent policy and schemes of Mission Amrit Sarovar for maximizing the benefits of stakeholders through multifaceted convergence. Delivering the keynote address, Senior Scientist, South Asian Forum for Environment, Dr. Malancha Dey said the significance of ecosystem services (ESS) in global policy has been evident in the Paris Agreement, emerging REDD+ and initiatives like Aichi Targets, and SDGs. "FAO (2019) reported that lack of ecosystem services valuation has led to over-exploitation of resources and poorly informed decisions in countries of Asia Pacific. In the climate milieu, a fundamental plea for plural values of ESS will be imperative. SAFE has

extensively worked over the wetlands in eastern and north-eastern parts and has an edge over others, having worked at the community-ecosystem interface," he said, adding that SAFE has successfully worked on the Deepor Beel Ramsar site and in Majuli river island to facilitate adaptive learning over time and space. "Wetlands are vital for human survival. They cover a total area of 12.1 million km² and account for 40.6% of the total global ecosystem services value. Wetlands are acknowledged as both critical for ES delivery and highly threatened by a range of human activities which has resulted in a 35% loss in the global wetland extent since 1970. 5% of the total geographical area is nearly 15

million hectares is wetland in India, of which 42 Ramsar wetlands cover only 1.07 million hectares and the rest designated wetlands cover another 1.3 million hectares, are conserved and host the livelihood of nearly 4.8 million people, mostly indigenous marginal fishers and farmers," Dr. Dey added. The workshop, a deliverable of a project funded by Asia Pacific Network (APN), Japan aims at formulating a sustainable economic model for all the important ecosystem services which are provided by the environment free of cost. Apart from this project, the scale up phase of Global Development Network (GDN) will also be implemented in coming years with prime focus on sustainable aquaculture and agriculture.

Smuggled betel nut seized : held 2



Assam Rising
Chhaygaon, June 4: The Chhaygaon police under Kamrup district are continuing their crackdown on drugs, ganja and illegal activities. During the operation, a large quantity of smuggling betel nut was seized by the Chhaygaon police in a raid at Kalatoli Pathar last Thursday. In a raid led by Bhagwan Deka, police officer in charge of Chhaygaon police station, seized a Bolero car with smuggled betel nut worth

lakhs of rupees and two persons were arrested. The two arrested persons by Chhaygaon police were Manirul Haque and Iman Ali who prepared the smuggling betel nut for sale. It was at that time when Chhaygaon police in their operation managed to nab the two culprits.

Awareness lecture on Child Abuse held

Assam Rising, Biswanath, June 4: Siaha COB of Lokra Battalion under the aegis of Inspector General Assam Rifles (East) conducted awareness lecture on Child Abuse in Siaha, Mizoram on June 4. The aim of the lecture was to make the

local children aware about the certain aspects of child abuse like introduction to the child abuse and its psychological effects, laws against the child abuse and basic parenting skills. Children were also educated about the indicators of the child abuse and how to tackle

Assam Rising
Nagaon, June 4: Lt Moheswar Sarma Borthakur memorial award was presented to Sukonya Boruah and Alimpika Boruah here at a function held at Nowgong College (autonomous) on Wednesday last. The award presentation function was organized by the Department of Zoology, Nowgong College in association with the Alumni Association of the department concerned. Dr Sarat Borkatoki, principal of the

college delivered the welcome address while Dr Biva Goswami, professor Lalit Chandra Gogoi, former HoD, Department of Zoology professor Bipul Chandra Katoki graced the occasion as invitees. It is noteworthy to be mentioned here that the awardee Sukonya Boruah secured highest marks in Zoology honours in 2020 while Alimpika Boruah re-

corded as the best graduate (UG Science) in 2021 from Gauhati University. Earlier, the renovated museum of the Zoology Department was also ceremonially inaugurated by professor Bipul Chandra Katoki, former HOD and vice principal of the college and Dr Sarat Borkatoki in presence of other faculty members, alumni and students of the college, a release added.

USTM Earth Science celebrated environment day



Assam Rising, Guwahati, June 4: As part of its outreach programme, the Department of Earth Science, University of Science and Technology Meghalaya collaborated with the Pillangkatta Secondary School, Ri-Bhoi and carried out various activities yesterday to raise awareness on the occasion of World Environment Day that is celebrated on June 5 every year. The main objective of the event was to spread awareness among school students about responsibility and reduced consumption of resources to create a sustainable world. Entire event was based on the theme 'Only One Earth.' Speaking in this regard, Dr Palme Borthakur, Head, Department of Earth Science of USTM said, "Our department has organised awareness programme by engaging students of the school in various activities including games and plantation drives within the school campus as part of celebra-

tion of Pre World Environment Day 2022 and also to execute one of our best practices". L. Raj Kishor Singha, Headmaster of Pillangkatta Secondary School started the event with a welcome address and encouraged students to create a sustainable environment. Dr. Lalit Saikia, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Earth Science and Kitboklang Sun, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Earth Science made the event interesting with their talk and students activities respectively. Students of the school showcased their talents

through presenting songs, speeches and paintings related to the theme of the event. Faculty members and students of Dept. of Earth Science distributed saplings among the school children and dustbins in the classrooms to ensure and encourage a green living. Dr. Palme Borthakur, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Earth Science concluded the event by offering a vote of thanks. The event was attended by all teaching staff of the Pillangkatta Secondary School and students of class nine and ten.

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APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6)]
Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties
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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Physical / Constructive / Symbolic** (whichever is applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Indian Bank, Rangia Dongpar Branch, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **07.07.2022**, for recovery of **Rs. 84,75,074.00 (Rupees Eighty Four Lakhs Seventy Five Thousand and Seventy Four only)** (as on 31.08.2021) due to the Indian Bank, Rangia Dongpar Branch, Secured Creditor, from **M/s. Bikash Enterprise, Prop. Bikash Kumar Das, Tetliguri, Station Road, Ward No. 9, P.O. & P.S.- Rangia, Dist. Kamrup, Assam-781354** (Name and address of the borrower / guarantor).

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World Environment Day, 2022

Change is a very obscure word that can mean both good and bad things - depending on the context. The world is changing at an unprecedented rate right before our eyes. And while the changes in technology and innovation are signs of how well the human race is doing, changes in our Earth's climate are concerning. The climate crisis has exacerbated extreme weather events that kill or displace thousands, while resulting in trillions of dollars in economic losses. These disastrous consequences are pushing humanity towards a change of a different kind: a change in our priorities. We need a world where policy makers care more about the environmental aspects of any given project over the monetary viability. The best way to make this happen is to spread awareness and make people realise just how dire and precocious our positions are. To do so, the World Environment Day is celebrated annually - to stress on just how close the Earth is to tipping over the point of no return. World Environment Day is celebrated on June 5 annually to highlight these dangers to our natural world and to urge people to protect it. World Environment Day has its origin in 1972, at the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, held in Stockholm. The conference began on June 5 and continued till June 16. The annual event, led by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), was first observed on June 5, 1973, as noted on the UNEP website. Since 1987, the event, is held in different countries on a rotational basis. This year, World Environment Day will take place in Sweden and marks the 50th anniversary of the UN conference in 1972, referred to as Stockholm+50. The theme for this year's celebration of World Environment Day is 'Only One Earth.' This was also the slogan for the 1972 conference at Stockholm which led to the birth of the annual global event on June 5. The theme underscores the fact that out of all the galaxies, star systems and planets known, only Earth sustains life. Since human actions are causing irreversible damage to our environment, there is an urgent need to minimise or prevent further damage to our biosphere. Greenhouse gas emissions due to human activity are raising global temperatures to unsafe levels. Extreme weather events are occurring which might displace countless people and devastate our flora and fauna. Pollution from factories, plastic wastes, deforestation is killing animals on land and seas. World Environment Day highlights the urgent need to take corrective measures to safeguard our planet. The UN conducts several awareness programs on June 5, with participation of civil society, governments, schools, businesses and celebrities, to urge the adoption of such corrective measures.

Letter to The Editor

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Letter to the Editor

Government should safeguard Hindu population in Kashmir

Dear Editor,

Hindus, where they are a minority, in Neighbouring countries like Pakistan or Bangladesh are being troubled in different ways, as we find quite often. We are unable to help them. When a similar situation arises in our own Kashmir, if we cannot safeguard them, we feel awfully bad and sad. I earnestly suggest our Union Government and J & K Government to ensure safety and security of citizens especially Hindus as Top Priority. It is disheartening to see innocent Bank Manager, innocent Teacher and others losing their lives in recent killings by the Terrorists. Hindus there want to vacate the valley fearing their own safety and security. It is high time for the Government to assure them and safeguard them.

 **Kantamsetti Lakshman Rao**

Visakhapatnam

Cotton, other crops shouldn't meet fate of wheat. Govt needs an empowered group

The Narendra Modi government announced the imposition of a ban on export of wheat on 13 May 2022. Even though the ban exempted wheat exports for which irrevocable letters of credit had been obtained before 13 May. The notification by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) also mentioned that exports to foreign countries will not be covered by this ban if they are allowed by the Centre to meet the food security needs of importing countries. In this article, we examine the government's decision-making process behind the wheat export ban. It is widely acknowledged that due to the suddenness of the ban, there was chaos at the ports and the loading of ships and unloading of trucks came to a halt almost. After several days of disruption at the ports, the loading of wheat was resumed and a ship sailed to Egypt on 20 May. While deciding on the ban, the Modi government may have



taken note of high food



Siraj Hussain

was not restored. At the official level, a group of secretaries of ministries of agriculture, commerce, food and public distribution and consumer affairs would have been surely advising the government on the poorer size of wheat crop and almost double-digit consumer price inflation in wheat. It is not known if the information on lower crop size and rising prices, submitted to the ministers, was not adequate to

Humanity is using up the world's resources faster than they can naturally recover, says the UN. World Environment Day, on 5 June, is a global event to celebrate and encourage action on the climate crisis. The cost of climate adaptation in developing nations is now estimated to be \$500 billion a year. CO2 emissions will need to halve by 2030, the UN says, to avoid temperature rises of 2.7C and higher by the end of the century. We're running out of time to save our planet - using up the equivalent of 1.6 Earths to maintain our current way of life - and nature simply cannot keep up with our demands. That's the message from the organizers of World Environment Day 2022 on 5 June. First held in 1973, World Environment Day is described as "a global platform for inspiring positive change" by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the organization that created it. It is now the largest global environmental event, with millions of people in more than 150 countries participating. The idea is to engage



"governments, businesses, civil society, schools, celebrities, cities and communities [in] raising awareness and celebrating environmental action". The 2022 World Environment Day, hosted by Sweden, campaigns for "collective, transformative action on a global scale to celebrate, protect and restore our planet", encouraging everyone, everywhere, to live sustainably and take action on the climate crisis. This year marks 50 years since the first global environment summit. The 1972 United Nations Conference on the Human Environment in Stockholm led to the founding of UNEP. UNEP says that, despite a raft of climate

 **Douglas Broom**

in developing nations was estimated at \$100 billion a year. Today that figure is \$500 billion. To limit the rise in global temperature, which is driving climate change, to 1.5C, worldwide CO2 emissions will need to halve by 2030, UNEP says. If there is no change in current plans, temperatures will be 2.7C higher by the end of the century. The World Economic Forum's Global Risks Report 2022 rated climate action failure as the most severe risk facing the world over the next decade, a risk it said had been worsened by the COVID-19 pandemic. Another

agreements, progress towards halting climate change is still too slow and individuals and civil society must play a key role in raising awareness and urging governments and the private sector to make large-scale changes. The cost of climate change is rising, says Inger Andersen, Executive Director of UNEP, as is the gap between what is being spent to adapt to climate change and what is needed. As recently as 2014, the cost of adaptation

way of measuring how humanity is using Earth's resources faster than they can be replaced is Earth Overshoot Day, the day in the year on which the world stops living sustainably. The earlier in the year it falls, the more unsustainable life on Earth becomes. It is calculated annually by the Global Footprint Network (GFN) by dividing the amount of resources Earth can generate in a given year by human demand for resources in that year. In 2021 it was 29 July. The global slowdown caused by the COVID-19 pandemic pushed 2020 Earth Overshoot Day back to 22 August. The date for 2022 has yet to be calculated. For World Environment Day 2022, the theme #OnlyOneEarth, which was used at the first global environment gathering in 1972, is being revived. Sweden will also host an international conference called Stockholm+50 to accelerate climate action. Across the world, events are planned from seminars and concerts to beach and countryside clean-ups. Brussels will be staging a city environment festival, while Mumbai will stage the Green Ride Cyclothon to promote a more sustainable way to travel.

Nature's call for 'Green Building' revolution

People spend a major part of their lifetime indoors i.e. inside the buildings, which may be their homes, offices, hospitals, shops, factories, educational and other places. The time varies from 60 to 90 percent depending upon the nature of jobs and livings. According to UNEP, these buildings are a major source of carbon emissions (nearly 39%) causing global warming. Depleting natural resources, rapid industrialization and urbanization have led to a negative impact on the environment and life-cycle. To tackle this source of global warming, "Green Building" concept has evolved.

A Green Building is one which uses less water, optimizes energy efficiency, conserves natural resources, generates less wastes & pollution and provides healthier space for its occupants as compared to a conventional building. A green building in its design & construction minimizes negative impacts. It is based on "Triple Bottom Line (TBL)" benefits, which accounts for social and environmental performances in addition to financial performance. The concept is

also termed as the 3P approach - People, Planet and Profits. In India, as per census 2011, nearly 31.16 % population are living in urban areas. The government had informed Lok Sabha that by 2050, nearly 60% of the population will live in cities as India's rate of urbanization is dramatic. There has been an increase in nearly 700% commercial energy consumption in the last four decades and there is a water shortage of nearly 225 million liter per day (mld) in major Indian cities. A World Wildlife Fund (WWF) survey report reveals that 100 cities, including 30 in India, may face acute water shortage by 2050.

In Indian context, a Green Building construction contains, as its components, all Pancha-bhootas (5 manifestations of nature), i.e. Prithvi (Bhumi, earth)- Sustainable sites & materials, Apas (Jal, water)- Water efficiency, Agni (Fire)- Energy efficiency, Aakash (Space)- Daylight & atmosphere, and Vayu (Air)- Indoor environmental quality & pollution measures.

Prithvi- Material Efficiency Materials for construction should be obtained from natural, renewable sources managed in a sustainable manner. It can be obtained locally to reduce the embedded energy cost of transportation or salvaged from reclaimed materials at nearby sites.

Materials are assessed at their life cycle analysis (LCA) in terms of their embedded energy, durability, recycled contents, minimum wastes and their ability to be recycled.

In-fill development, that increases density, is inherently better than building on undeveloped (Greenfield) sites. Mixed-use development, in which residential and commercial uses are intermingled, can

 **Er. Prabhat Kishore**

bring down automobile use and help to create healthy communities.

Apas- Water Management In green buildings, water use is minimised through water efficient appliances, self-closing or spray tapes, low flush toilets or waterless composting toilets. Use of potable water is discouraged in non-potable applications such as landscaping or indoor plumbing needs. Rainwater and Greywater (i.e. water emanating from sinks, showers, bath tubs or cloth washers) catchment systems are installed, which recycle such water for toilet

flushing & irrigation purposes. Due to urbanization, infiltration of rain water into sub-soil has decreased and recharging of ground water diminished, so "Rain water harvesting" is essential for a building. Rain water may be stored on the surface for future use or may recharge to groundwater.

Agni- Energy Efficiency Green building incorporates energy efficient lighting, low energy appliances and renewable energy sources such as solar panels and wind turbines. The

passive solar design, high levels of insulation and energy efficient windows bring down the heating as well as cooling cost of the building. Passive solar power design is a part of the building itself and has heat absorbing surface materials and strategic placement of windows. It employs sunshine to heat, cool and light the building without mechanical and electrical devices. In this design, the building should be elongated on the east-west axis and its south face should receive sunlight during heating seasons. Interior spaces, requiring most light as well as heating & cooling, should be along the south face of the building and less used space on the north face. The two primary elements are south facing glass and thermal mass to absorb, store & distribute heat. Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFL) are energy savers, as incandescent bulbs use only 10% of energy into light & rest 90% produces just heat. Actually active solar power panels would be more effective and produce sufficient energy requirements for the house as India has an enormous scope of renewable energy. But its upfront installation costs are high and available equipment is of poor quality & short life, which discourages the common people. The government should give emphasis for research on renewable energy, particularly solar energy, so that the good quality equipment be available at optimum rate to all sections of the society which ultimately will aid in reducing greenhouse gas emission. Aakash- Daylight Harvesting Natural daylight design is the way to light in the interior of the building, when available, to reduce the need for energy-consuming artificial lighting.

Green buildings are designed to maximize that light and distribute it effectively deeper into the building. A common design of daylight harvesting uses passive devices known as "Light shelves" to direct daylight back up and further into a space by bouncing it off the ceiling. The light shelf may be polished or reflective, and the ceiling must be of a light colour with good reflective quality. This method of providing "indirect" natural light delivers a good quality of light - diffuse and glare-free - that is superior to direct daylight and especially direct sunlight. Natural light is more pleasant, healthful and psychologically beneficial than artificial light. Daylight harvesting can reduce energy consumption and costs of building lighting by over 25%.

Vayu- Health Concerns Non-toxic, ethical & sustainable materials should be used to improve the indoor air quality and to lessen the rate of asthma, allergy and sick building syndrome. These materials are emission free, have low VOC content and are moisture resistant to deter moulds, spores & other microbes. Indoor air quality is improved through proper ventilation systems and use of materials controlling humidity. Plantation is also an important ingredient for green buildings depending upon the available space. In case of limited space in the house, Tulsi, Ghritkumari (Aloe Vera) & other herbal/ medicinal plants in flowerpots would be a better solution.

In foreign countries, the "Green Building" concept is gaining momentum. In India too, it needs to be popularized through enacting proper laws as well as community involvement. In the first phase, all government buildings as well as manufacturing and construction industry sectors should adopt this concept and then by popularizing its benefits with sufficient proof, people should be encouraged to adopt this concept in their houses. Life on earth is secure so long as nature is pure. So nature must be conserved, restored and used sustainably while simultaneously meeting other global societal goals through urgent and concerted efforts. For fostering transformative changes, "Green Building" concept is the pivotal solution.

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Facial Cleansers for Oily Skin This Summer

Keeping your skin oil-free during summers can be an uphill task as an alarming number of face washes are overly harsh, too acidic, and biting for our sweaty, oily summer skin. Everything, from the rise in temperature to the harsh sun rays, makes your skin inclined to skin break out, pimples and moles that can strip your skin of its glow and make it dull. Oily skin is the main reason behind the over-creation of sebum in your skin that causes your complexion to appear lack-luster and dull, as the grease attracts dirt and pollution. The worst part is oily skin looks greasy and sticky which in turn catches other skin pollution which will in general obstruct pores and cause your skin to seem dull and clingy. The first step in successfully dealing with this problem is choosing the right cleanser to control and balance the sebum production of skin while getting rid of all the impurities to help decongest it and keep it fresher for longer. These face washes will heal and nourish your skin without stripping away its essential oils and causing damage to the



skin barrier. Cleansing is the main aspect of care for oily skins, especially since they tend to attract more dirt and pollutants from the environment. The oil also has to be removed and the pores have to be free of hardened oil. However, this does not mean that the face should be washed with soap and water several times a day. Actually, too much soap and water washing disrupts the normal acid-alkaline balance of the skin and makes the skin too alkaline. An alkaline skin is prone to problems like pimples and acne. Use a cleanser, which is specially formulated for oily skins. A cleansing lotion or face wash may be

can be mixed with cucumber juice in equal quantities and used to tone the skin and reduce oiliness. Exfoliation is an important aspect of the cleansing of oily skins. This involves the use of cleansing grains or scrubs for deep pore cleansing. These should be rubbed gently on the skin and washed off with water. They help to remove dead skin cells, refining the pores and keeping them free of hardened oil. They also improve the skin texture. You can make a scrub at home by mixing rice powder with rose water and applying it to the face. Rub gently with circular movements and wash off with water. This not only helps to prevent blackheads but also to close the pores gradually. However, do not use scrubs and grains on pimples and acne. Cleansing milk, containing sandalwood, or face wash, containing ingredients like tulsi and neem may be used for cleansing oily skin. Antiseptic soaps are also available. Some natural ingredients can be used for cleansing oily skin. You can try the following natural cleansers: Mix half a tea-

spoon of lemon juice and rose water with one teaspoon of cucumber juice. Apply this on the face and wipe off with moist cotton wool after 10 minutes. Then rinse with plenty of plain water. This suits oily skin and can also be used on acne-prone skin. To one-fourth teaspoon, of lemon juice, add one teaspoon each of cucumber juice and cool milk. Apply on the face and wash it off with plain water after 15 minutes. Egg white is also a good cleanser. Egg white can be mixed with lemon juice and applied to the face for oily skin. Wash it off after 15 minutes. Papaya is an excellent cleanser, as it contains enzymes. Ripe papaya pulp can be applied to the skin and washed off after half an hour. It softens dead skin cells and helps their removal. Potato juice also has a cleansing effect on the skin. For oily skin, mix potato juice with Multanimiti into a paste. Apply on the face and wash off when it is dry. Helps to reduce spots and make the skin clean and clear.

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used. For oily skin problems, like spots, blackheads, pimples, and acne, use a medicated soap or cleanser, which helps to remove impurities without disturbing the acid-alkaline balance. It also creates a germicidal environment on the skin. An astringent lotion is also an integral part of the cleansing oily skin, as it helps to remove oiliness. After washing the face, wipe it with an astringent lotion, using cotton wool. If it is too harsh, mix the astringent lotion with rose water in equal quantities and use it. Rosewater by itself is a powerful natural skin tonic. For oily skins, rose water

Jackfruit tree

The Jackfruit tree (Artocarpusheterophyllum Lam) is a sacred tree of Assam. Unless we take proper care, it cannot grow up. If the leaves are eaten by goats and cows, it cannot grow well. We eat jackfruit from its early stage. An immature jackfruit is highly essential for the first supper of the Assamese New Year. May it be green or ripe, a jackfruit is tasty. There are some proverbs about jackfruit. A jackfruit can be fully utilised. The outward thorny side of the jackfruit and the cover of the seed is unnecessary. The paste of a jackfruit can be used as medicine. The paste is collected with the help of a stick. It is boiled and preserved. The preserved paste helps us to pick up the tiny insect called 'Chahi' in

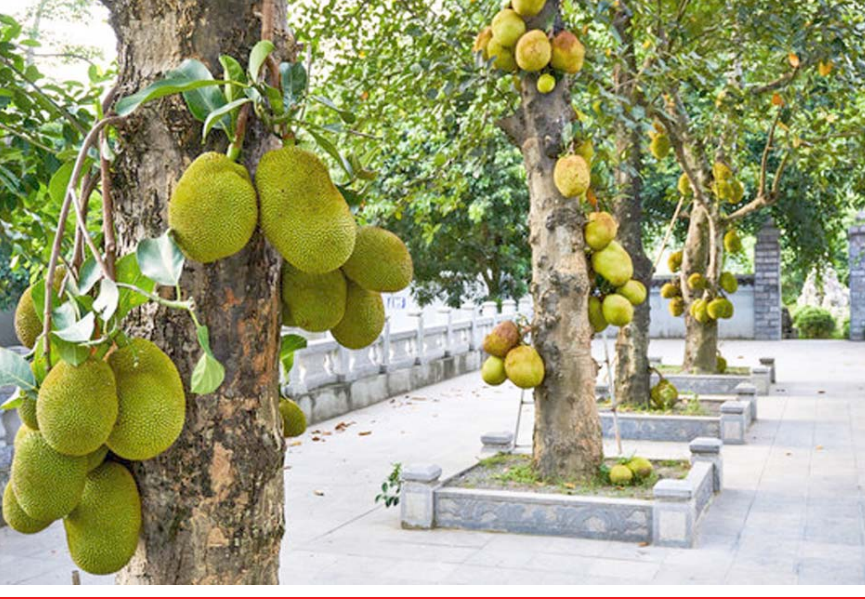
honour a respected person or an Assembly of respected persons. A Sarai made of jackfruit wood and painted red coloured called 'Rangoli Sarai' is everlasting and attractive. The raw eatables kept on a wooden Sarai are pollution free. A block of wood with a hole for husking rice with a pestle is called 'khubali' in



■ Debeswar Gogoi

Assamese. Such a block made of jackfruit wood lasts long. A 'Khol' or a 'Dhol' made of jackfruit wood is ever lasting. A Khol is a kind of drum, an essential musical instrument of Vaisnavite culture. An artist who plays on a Khol is called 'Khulia' and being expert and capable of teaching others is recognised as a 'Bayan'. A Bayan creates cultural and musical atmosphere. It is said that in the residence of a Bayan even a 'Bunda' makes sound that resembles a musical sound. An artist who plays on a 'Dhol' is called a Dhulia in Assamese. One who can create Pali (disciple) is recognised as an 'Oja'. A Dhol is the main musical instrument of folk culture. The cultivators work hard. When a Dhol is played on, the hard-working people neglect tiredness and get unbound pleasure in dancing and singing voluntarily. Here the people realise the existence of Lord Shiva, the God of cultivation. Paying homage to Lord Shiva the cultivators till the land, sow seed and plant the seedlings. A barren plot of land becomes green with the standing crops and in time the granaries become full of paddy. They are the makers of their own fortune. They have no time to pay heed to the words of a religious leader or a political leader.

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Diabetes: its causes & symptoms

Diabetes, often referred to by doctors as diabetes mellitus, describes a group of metabolic diseases in which the person has high blood glucose (blood sugar), either because insulin production is inadequate, or because the body's cells do not respond properly to insulin, or both. Patients with high blood sugar will typically experience polyuria (frequent urination), they will become increasingly thirsty (polydipsia) and hungry (polyphagia). The meaning and origin of diabetes mellitus: Diabetes comes from Greek, and it means a "siphon". Aretus the Cappadocian, a Greek physician during the second century A.D., named the condition diabainein. He described patients who were passing too much water (polyuria) - like a siphon. The word became "diabetes" from the English adoption of the Medieval Latin diabetes. In 1675, Thomas Willis added mellitus to the term, although it is commonly referred to simply as diabetes. Mel in Latin means "honey"; the urine and blood of people with diabetes has excess glucose, and glucose is sweet like honey. Diabetes mellitus could literally mean "siphoning off sweet water". In ancient China people observed that ants would be attracted to some people's urine, because it was sweet. The term "Sweet Urine Disease" was coined.

1) Type 1 diabetes: The body does not produce insulin. Some people may refer to this type as insulin-dependent diabetes, juvenile diabetes, or early-onset diabetes. People usually develop type 1 diabetes before their 40th year, often in early adulthood or teenage years. Type 1 diabetes is nowhere near as common as type 2 diabetes. Approximately 10% of all diabetes cases are type 1. Patients with type 1 diabetes will need to take insulin injections for the rest of their life. They must also ensure proper blood-glucose levels by carrying out regular blood tests and following a special diet.

2) Type 2 diabetes: The body does not produce enough insulin for proper function, or the cells in the body do not react to insulin (insulin resistance). Approximately 90% of all cases of diabetes worldwide are type 2. Some people may be able to control their type 2 diabetes symptoms by losing weight, following a healthy diet, doing plenty of exercise, and monitoring their blood glucose levels. However, type 2 diabetes is typically a progressive disease - it gradually gets worse - and the patient will probably end up have to take insulin, usually in tablet form. Overweight and obese people have a much higher risk of developing type 2 diabetes compared to

those with a healthy body weight. People with a lot of visceral fat, also known as central obesity, belly fat, or abdominal obesity, are especially at risk. Being overweight/obese causes the body to release chemicals that can destabilize the body's cardiovascular and metabolic systems. Being overweight, physically inactive and eating the wrong foods all contribute to our risk of developing type 2 diabetes. The scientists believe that the impact of sugary soft drinks on diabetes risk may be a direct one, rather than simply an influence on body weight. The risk of developing type 2 diabetes is also greater as we get older. Experts are not completely sure why, but say.

3) Gestational diabetes: This type affects females during pregnancy. Some women have very high levels of glucose in their blood, and their bodies are unable to produce enough insulin to transport all of the glucose into their cells, resulting in progressively rising levels of glucose. Diagnosis of gestational diabetes is made during pregnancy. The majority of gestational diabetes patients can control their diabetes with exercise and diet. Between 10 to 20 percent of them will need to take some kind of blood-glucose-controlling medications. Undiagnosed or uncontrolled gestational diabetes can raise the risk of complications during childbirth. All types of diabetes are treatable. Diabetes type 1 lasts a lifetime, there is no known cure. Type 2 usually lasts a lifetime, however, some people have managed to get rid of their symptoms without medication,

through a combination of yoga, exercise, diet and body weight control. Patients with type 1 are treated with regular insulin injections, as well as a special diet, yoga and exercise. Patients with Type 2 diabetes are usually treated with tablets, exercise and a special diet, but sometimes insulin injections are also required. If diabetes is not adequately controlled the patient has a significantly higher risk of developing complications. Diabetes can often be detected by carrying out a urine test, which finds out whether excess glucose is present. This is normally backed up by a blood test, which measures blood glucose levels and can confirm if the cause of your symptoms is diabetes. If you are worried that you may have some of the above symptoms, you are recommended to talk to your Doctor or a qualified health professional.

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Rapid industrialization will bring development in Assam

Meditation to rejuvenate our mind & body

Meditation has become popular in many Western nations, especially the USA. An increasing body of research shows various health benefits associated with meditation and these findings have sparked interest in the field of medicine. The practice of meditation originated in the ancient Vedic times of India and is described in the ancient Vedic texts. Meditation is one of the modalities used in Ayurveda



(Science of Life), the comprehensive, natural health care system that originated in the ancient Vedic times of India. The term "meditation" is now loosely used to refer to a large number of diverse techniques. According to Vedic science, the true purpose of meditation is to connect oneself to one's deep inner Self. Techniques which achieve that goal serve the true purpose of meditation. Neurological and physiological correlates of meditation have been investigated previously. This article describes the process of meditation at a more fundamental level and aims to shed light on the deeper underlying mechanism of the benefi-

cial effects associated with meditation. Research on the effects of meditation is summarized. The practice of meditation has become popular in many Western nations, especially the USA. An ever-increasing body of research shows various health benefits associated with meditation and these findings have sparked interest in the field of medicine. The practice of meditation originated in the ancient Vedic times of India and is described in the Vedic texts. Meditation is one of the modalities used in Ayurveda (Science of Life), the comprehensive, natural health care system that originated in the ancient Vedic times of India. The term "meditation" is now loosely used to refer to a large number of diverse techniques.

Assam has a wealth of mineral resources, aquatic resources and forest resources. The raw materials obtained from these can be used to establish many industries in Assam. Oil and ONGC controlled oil refineries, natural gas plants, cement factories, limestone industries etc. have been developed in Assam based on mineral resources. The application of advanced technology in these industries will strengthen the economy. Currently, there are four oil refineries in Assam. Assam is an important state in India in terms of crude oil and natural gas. In 2018, Assam produced 4,345 metric tonnes of crude oil. The Digboi, Guwahati, Bangaigaon and Numaligarh oil refineries combined produce an average of seven million metric tonnes of crude oil annually. The royalty funds for these wealth received from the Central Government and the share of the Government of Assam is likely to take Assam to the peak of development. Apart from oil refineries, the tea industry of Assam can boost the economy of Assam. The tea industry is the largest agricultural industry in Assam. The tea industry of Assam has a reputation not only in India but all over the world. According to the Directorate of Economics and Surveys

of Assam, there are 49,102 tea plantations in Assam out of which 3,375 are small tea plantations. Assam has a total area of 2,99,502 hectares of tea cultivation and produces 48,749,000 kg of tea annually which is 50 per cent of the total tea production rate in the country. Assam accounts for 5 per cent of the state's GDP from tea. In terms of tea production, Assam produced about 247 million kg of tea in 2021. The tea industry in Assam employs an average of more than 6.86 lakh people daily. Smallholder tea farmers in Assam have cultivated tea on about 88,000 hectares of land and produced about 107 thousand tonnes of tea. Assam has a distinct place in the country in terms of total tea production in India. At present, the fisheries industry is slowly gaining importance in the economic sector of Assam. There is a lot of potential for the fisheries industry in Assam. Assam is a state of rivers and tributaries. Its numerous rivers, canals, lakes and reservoirs are naturally rich in fish.

Fish production can be increased by fish farming in these lakes and ponds with scientific methods and planning. As of 2011-12, there are 430 government registered beel (lake-like wetland) in Assam covering an area of about 60,000 hectares. In addition, weaving industry, dam-centric hydropower projects, silk industry, Guwahati Tea Auction Centre, Nagaon Paper Mill, Lakua Thermal Power Plant, cottage industries etc. have made Assam economically self-reliant. Therefore, it is necessary to take into consideration the fact that the film industry in Assam has not increased in proportion to the demand which can be facilitated by the government if it wishes. The government can also boost revenue from this as entertainment tax. In Assam, state-owned industries like Jagiroad Paper Mill, BaruaBamun Village Chemical Mill etc. are closed down. Revival of these dying industries due to government neglect can prevent many problems in Assam. However, indus-

tries like Namrup Fertilizer Factory, HUL ie Hindustan Unilever branch in Dumduma, Patanjali Manufacturing Branch in Tezpur etc. are actively functioning. According to government sources, there are now about 102 medium enterprises and 110 large enterprises in Assam. The state government should take a leading role in setting up small and medium enterprises in Assam under PPP (Public-Private Partnership) model beneficial for state GDP and employment schemes. Industry requires development of energy sector, skilled labour, capital, land, easy transportation, markets etc. The expansion of the industrial sector in Assam will increase the GDP, per capita income of Assam and significantly reduce the unemployment problem. Small and large scale industries contribute to the increase of GDP and per capita income of the state. Food processing industry can make an important contribution to the economy of Assam. Food processing industry is involved in any form of value addition in agricultural and horticultural production

and includes sorting, grading, packaging etc. - which extends the overall shelf life of food produced. Food processing industry further links agriculture and industry and enhances cooperation. This industry promotes commercialization of agricultural products, encourages value addition of agricultural commodities, increases employment and increases exports. The steps to be taken to start a food processing business are market demand study, packaging and labeling of the produce, marketing and distribution NABARD and other government, non-government financial institutions provide loans for setting up such industries. Textiles in Assam are an important and mainstream economic source for women to get involved. Assam has been producing silk cloth since ancient times. Various varieties of velvet, jute and eri yarn are produced and marketed. Dhakuakhana and Shuwalkuchi are the main hubs of this industry. Assam will create a golden history in textile production if weaving centers are established in every district of Assam.

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contest. Of the 41 winners, 14 are from the BJP, four each from Congress and YSR Congress; three each from DMK and BJD; two each from AAP, RJD, TRS, AIADMK, one each from JMM, JDU, SP and RLD besides Independent Sibal. Elections were scheduled to be held on June 10 to fill 57 Rajya Sabha seats from 15 states that will be falling vacant due to the retirement of members on different dates between June and August. Friday was the last date for withdrawal of candidature. On June 10, elections will now be held for six seats in Maharashtra, four each in Rajasthan and Karnataka and two in Haryana. Results will be declared the same day. Of the 11 candidates declared elected in Uttar Pradesh, eight are from BJP, one each from AAP, Jharkhand Mukti Morcha, Samajwadi Party and RLD (Rashtriya Lok Dal), along with independent Sibal. The winners from the state are Jayant Chaudhary (RLD), Javed Ali Khan (SP), Darshana Singh, Babu Ram Nishad, Mithilesh Kumar, Radha Mohan Dal Agarwal, K Laxman, Laxmikant Bajpai, Surendra Singh Nagar, Sangeeta Yadav (all BJP). The winners from Tamil Nadu are the ruling DMK's S Kalyanasundaram, R Girirajan and KRN Rajesh Kumar, AIADMK's C Ve Shanmugam and R Dharmar and Congress's Chidambaram. In the Upper House, the DMK's current strength of 10 would continue to unaltered and AIADMK representation is set to slide to 4 MPs from 5 members. With Chidambaram's election, the Congress party would have a member from Tamil Nadu in the Rajya Sabha after a long gap. In 2016, Chidambaram was elected to the Rajya Sabha from Maharashtra and his term ends on July 4. All five candidates from Bihar were elected unopposed - Misa Bharti and Faiyaz Ahmed (RJD), Satish Chandra Dubey and Shambhu Sharan Patel (BJP), and Kheeru Mahto (JDU). Bharti, the eldest daughter of RJD supremo Lalu Prasad, and Dubey shall be enjoying their second consecutive terms. V Vijayasai Reddy, Beeda Masthan Rao, R Krishniah and S Niranjan Reddy of the ruling YSR Congress were also elected unopposed from Andhra Pradesh. With this win, the strength of the YSRC has now increased to nine in Rajya Sabha, out of 11 from the state, with the TDP and the BJP having one member each. Vijayasai has been re-elected for the second consecutive term. AAP candidates -- noted environmentalist Balbir Singh Seechewal and entrepreneur-social activist Vikramjit Singh Sahney -- were declared winners in Punjab. The terms of Rajya Sabha members from Punjab Ambika Soni (Congress) and Balwinder Singh Bhunder (Shiromani Akali Dal) are due to expire on July 4. In March, the AAP had nominated former cricketer Harbhajan Singh, AAP leader Raghav Chadha, Lovely Professional University founder Ashok Mittal, former IIT Delhi faculty Sandeep Pathak and industrialist Sanjeev Arora for Rajya Sabha. They all were elected unopposed from Punjab. In Chhattisgarh, both the nominees of the ruling Congress - Shukla and Ranjeet Ranjan - were elected unopposed. The Opposition BJP did not field its candidate in view of its low strength in the state assembly. Of the five Rajya Sabha members from Chhattisgarh, the terms of two - Chhaya Verma (Congress) and Ramvihar Netam (BJP) - are set to expire next month. The other three Rajya Sabha members from the state are KTS Tulsii and Phulodevi Netam of the Congress and Saroj Pandey of the BJP. JMM's Mahua Maji and BJP's Aditya Sahu were declared elected unopposed from Jharkhand. BJP candidate from Uttarakhand, Kalpana Saini, was also elected unopposed and will fill the lone seat to the upper house after the term of Congress's Pradeep Tamta ends on July 4. The BJD won all the three seats in Odisha and the TRS both the seats in Telangana. In Maharashtra, the Shiv Sena and the BJP will battle it out for the sixth seat of Rajya Sabha as none of the seven candidates in the fray - four of the ruling Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) and three of BJP - withdrew their nomination. This will be for the first time in more than two decades that the state will see election to the Upper House of the Parliament. The last such election was in 1998, where the Congress candidate Ram Pradhan had lost despite the party having enough numbers in its favour. Six candidates are in the fray for the polls to four seats from Karnataka. Despite not having an adequate number of votes to win the fourth seat, BJP, Congress and JD(S) have fielded candidates for the seat, forcing an election. Meanwhile, keen contests for the four seats in Rajasthan and two in Haryana are on the cards as none of the candidates withdrew their candidatures on the last day. The Congress is expecting three seats in Rajasthan and the BJP is one of its own and is supporting an independent and media baron Subhash Chandra for the fourth seat. In Haryana, Congress has fielded Ajay Maken for one seat and the BJP has fielded one candidate and is supporting another independent candidate and media baron Kartikeya Sharma for the second seat.

'No, India not sitting on fence'

"In terms of what is happening with the Ukraine conflict, our stand is very clear that we favour an immediate cessation of hostilities. It's not that we have ignored it unless you call phone calls to Putin and Zelensky as ignoring something." India does not accept the 'construct' that it has to side with a power axis and if it does not side with one camp, it will automatically be considered as belonging to the other camp, Jaishankar said. "I am one-fifth of the world's population. I am what today the 5th or 6th largest economy in the world. Forget the history and civilisation bit; everybody knows that. I feel I am entitled to have my own side. I am entitled to weigh my own interests, and make my own choices. My choices will not be cynical and transactional. They will be a balance of my values and my interests. There is no country in the world which disregards its interests," Jaishankar said. "A lot is happening outside Europe. We have, partly because of climate change, a lot of humanitarian, natural disaster responses in our part of the world today. A lot of people look to us to help out. The days when they expected Europe to come -- which Europe did during the 2004 Tsunami. The difference is nobody today is even thinking of that anymore. So the world is changing and new players are coming; new capabilities are coming. But new agenda must also come. The world can not be that Eurocentric as it used to be in the past," Jaishankar said. "They are not exclusionary but we are a democracy, a market economy, a pluralistic society. We have laws and contracts. We have positions on international law. I think that should give you a fair part of the answer," Jaishankar said referring to Quad.

Kashmiri Pandits flee Kashmir

of vehicles, carrying Pandit employees and their families, left the Valley early in the morning from the Pandit transit colonies in south Kashmir's Mattan and Vessu, Srinagar's Sheikhpora and north Kashmir's Baramulla and Kupwara. Kashmiri Pandits living at the Mattan transit colony in Anantnag claimed that over 80 per cent of the families left for Jammu since June 1. "We get to hear only hollow assurances from the administration. We do not feel safe after the recent killings. Out of the 96 families living in the Mattan colony, only a dozen are left behind. They too will leave this place in coming days," said a Pandit employee, on the condition of anonymity. A majority of the 250 Pandit employees living in rented accommodations in Mattan area hired vehicles before sunrise and moved to Jammu district, which is around 290 km away from the Kashmir Valley. "There is back-to-back killings in the Valley. The killings of a schoolteacher and a bank manager have shattered our faith in the security system. Our only demand is to relocate the employees outside Kashmir till the situation improves. Posting employees to district headquarters won't help or protect them," said a protesting Pandit in south Kashmir's Mattan camp. The Jagti camp in Jammu, which was set up in the 1990s, received 120 Pandit families from north Kashmir's Baramulla and Kupwara districts in the past 24 hours. "The killing of Pandits has not stopped since 1990. In the 1990s, we knew where there was a greater degree of threat to life. This time we are not sure which place is safe," Sunil, a Pandit employee, said. One unofficial estimate suggested that over 300 Pandits had reached Jammu in the past two days. However, the government has neither confirmed nor denied the reports of mass migration of Pandits from the Valley. Meanwhile, Sanjay K. Tickoo, president of the Kashmiri Pandit Sangharsh Samiti, a body of Kashmiri Pandits who did not leave the Valley in the 1990s, has written a letter to the J&K Chief Justice. "Every member of the religious minority is under direct threat from the terrorists operating in Kashmir Valley. The Union Territory and the Central administration have failed to secure their lives. The Kashmiri Pandits and Hindus want to leave Kashmir Valley but the government is not allowing them to leave. Some blue-eyed persons who have access to the power corridors managed the posting of their kith and kin outside the Kashmir Valley," Mr. Tickoo said in the letter. He said it was a clear violation of the right to life, which is guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution of India, that on the one hand, the administration failed to protect their lives and on the other hand, it does not let them leave the Kashmir Valley so that they can protect their lives. "My plea should be accepted as a public interest litigation as the lives of the religious minorities are at stake due to the unethical and callous approach from the UT and the Central administration. The UT and the Central government should be directed to move or relocate religious minorities living in Kashmir Valley," Mr. Tickoo said. He demanded an investigation into all the targeted killings in the past eight months in Kashmir. "All the officers and officials whose involvement or lapse is proved in the preliminary allegations should be suspended without any further delay. A Special Investigation Team (SIT) should be constituted to submit its report within a stipulated time and it should be monitored by the High Court," he added. An imam, during the Friday sermon in Anantnag's Jamia Masjid, condemned the killings of members of the minority community. He appealed to the members of the majority to denounce the targeted attacks and offer protection to the minority community. The Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI), a prominent body of local businessmen, has termed the bloodshed of innocent civilians "unacceptable and against humanity". "It goes against the basic spirit and concept of Kashmiriyat. The office-bearers of Kashmir's largest trade body are deeply shocked and distressed at the killing spree over the past few weeks. This has dented the image of Kashmir again and is against its cultural ethos," a KCCI spokesman said.

Hizb commander killed

monitoring the operation said that a joint team of police, Army and CRPF after receiving input about the presence of terrorists in the village launched cordon and search operation. The official informed that as the joint team of searching party cordoned the suspected spot, the exchange of fire begun between terrorists and searching party, soon more reinforcements were rushed to spot and all entry and exit points were sealed. IGP Kashmir Vijay Kumar confirming the exchange of fire said, "Encounter has started at Rishipora area of Anantnag. Police and security forces are on the job. Further details will be shared." Source in police said that input is that two terrorists are trapped inside the cordon, however actual number can be told once operation is over. It's pertained to mention that it was the 56th Encounter of this year security forces have managed to kill now 89 terrorists including 26 Pakistani in earlier operations. And have arrested 44 active terrorists and their 184 associates, however, 17 civilians and 16 security personals too have lost their lives in Kashmir this year terror incidents.

Villagers of Dhansiri to Plant 1

Biswajit Phukan said that the local villagers, state forest department, district administration had planned to plant 1 lakh saplings in a single day on June 5 at Tengani Dui Noi Mukh area with the help of Village Headman association, local villagers and various organizations. Biswajit Phukan said, "In view of drought-like situation in Dhansiri sub-division, we have planned to plant at least 15 lakh saplings during our tenure. We appeal to every family to plant at least 10 saplings on June 5, as there are 1 lakh families in Dhansiri sub-division." On June 5, the saplings will be planted over 40 hectares of land and we will take measures to protect every sapling. I appreciate the villagers of Tengani area who come forward to take part in this initiative," he further said. Moreover, he said that many villagers have given their cultivated lands for creating forests. Several tractors have been used to plough the lands for planting 1 lakh saplings. Also, the local MLA and district administration officials have joined along with the villagers to make this initiative a success.

Maharashtra brings back

said. Vyas also asked officials to carry out periodic analysis of new cases with respect to time, place and person so that a localised action plan can be carved out. The letter also stated that an appropriate number of samples need to be referred for genomic sequencing to identified INSCOG laboratory. The letter said vaccination coverage needed to be increased, adding that precaution dose should be promoted and expedited, while vaccination in the 12-18 age group needed to improve.

SEBA Releases Websites to Get

<https://iresults.net>, assamjobalerts.com, assamresult.in, necareer.com, www.jagranjosh.com, www.vidyavision.com, Candidates will also be able to download their results from the mobile application SEBA Results, 2022 which should be downloaded from Google Play Store. This year, SEBA held the Assam HSLC, Class 10 Exams from March 15-31, 2022 in offline mode. As per the reports, this year, around 4 lakh students appeared for the Assam HSLC 2022 Exams. To check the Assam HSLC Result 2022, candidates are required to enter their examination roll number, roll code, and security captcha on the official website of SEBA.

Karnataka disbands Textbook Revision

was disbanded following the completion of its revision work. He also assured that the state's ruling BJP government is open to further rectify the syllabus. Bommai added that the textbook revision exercise is undertaken regularly to find if there were objectionable content in Kannada and Social Science textbooks prescribed for children. "Panditaradhya Swamiji and other seers have objected to the content on Basavanna in the syllabus. The content is same regarding Basavanna when compared to previous revision committee headed by Prof Baragur Ramachandrappa. However, the content on Basavanna will be revised in such a way that feelings are not hurt." The cyber crime police, Bengaluru, have been directed to investigate and initiate legal action against the persons who had distorted the state anthem as per the wishes of Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji and other seers, he said. Bommai maintained that no lesson of any great personalities have been dropped from the syllabus as alleged by the Opposition. He explained that lesson on Hinduism is included along with Islam and Christian religions in the new syllabus.

Retired official at Nonoi college

Assam Rising, Nagaon, June 4:

The retired district agriculture officer, Nagaon Ashok Kumar Borthakur was felicitated at his Nagaon Panigaon residence by the college authority, management committee as well as other teaching staff of Nonoi college, a rural higher education institute of the greater Nonoi area on Thursday last. It was the part of gratitude of the management and authority concerned of the rural institute for higher education and its teaching staff towards him for his outstanding support as well as financial assistance to the institution for development of the infrastructure of the rural higher educational institution, a release added. It was stated that the retired official extended his financial support to the college for setting up a library as well as construction of a study hall in the college premise so that the poor students from the remote rural areas could be able to get benefits of knowledge as like the students of other colleges in the state. It is noteworthy to be mentioned here that being a social activist, Borthakur is extending his helping hands to a slew of educational as well as other religious institutions of the district and has offered financial assistance from the money he received right after his retirement. Besides, he is also constructing a rural open and almost free hall for marriage ceremonies for the poor villagers at Nagaon Dakshinpat - Tulsimukh village.



World Bicycle day observed in Biswanath College

Assam Rising,

Biswanath Chariati,

June 4: The World

Bicycle Day was ob-

served in Biswanath

College on June 3, in

the presence of the

teachers and the stu-

dents of the College.

A cycle rally was

taken out on the occasion which was participated by Dr Chinta Mani Sharma,

the principal, Dr Naresh Thakur, Coordinator, IQAC, Mr Bhaben Kalita, Asstt

Professor, Department of Education, Mr Balin Bhuyan, Asstt Professor, De-

partment of Assamese, Dr Biswajit Sarmah, Asstt Professor and HoD of the

Department of zoology, Dr Rinku Moni Kalita, Asstt Professor and HOD of the

Department of Botany and Mr Raju Katak, the gym Instructor besides the

members of Biswanath College Students' Union, the NCC, the NSS unit and a few other students. The rally started at 7 am and it covered a distance of

more than eight kilometers. Later, a meeting was also organised by the IQAC

of the college which was chaired by Dr Chinta Mani Sharma, principal of the

college and was attended by the teachers, the students, the members of

Biswanath College Students Union, the NCC and the NSS unit of the college.

In his speech Dr Sharma stressed the importance of cycling for good health

and for prevention of environmental pollution and containing global warm-

ing. Dr Naresh Thakur said that this year's World Bicycle Day was observed

in India in the perspective of celebration of Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav as

directed by the government of India. Mr Balin Bhuyan, Mr Bhaben Kalita, Dr

Biswajit Sarmah and Dr Rinku Moni Kalita told the students about various

benefits of cycling and urged students to start cycling and create awareness

about benefits of cycling among the community members. Mr Kushal Sharma,

General Secretary of BCSU also spoke on the occasion







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Women's Test matches 'not part of future landscape', says ICC chief

Lord's, June 04 : Greg Barclay, the independent chair of the International Cricket Council, has warned fans to brace for a reduction in the amount of Test cricket over the next few years - and said women's Tests will not be "part of the landscape moving forward to any real extent". A total of 143 women's Tests have been played in the format's 88-year history but only five since 2015, and only once since 2007 has a team other than England, India and Australia competed in one. With the sport's focus increasingly trained on shorter formats, Barclay does not expect a scheduling surge. "If you look at the way cricket is going there is no doubt that white ball is the way of the future - that is the game that is sought after by the fans, where the broadcasters are putting their resources and what is driving the money," Barclay said. "Therefore the counties that are developing women's cricket will focus on that. In order



to play Test cricket you have to the structures in place domestically and they don't really exist, so I can't really see women's Test or long-form cricket evolving at any speed at all. That's not to say they can't choose to play Test cricket, but I don't really see that as part of the landscape moving forward to any real extent." Barclay, who was elected chair of the ICC in 2020 having been a director of New Zealand cricket for the

previous eight years, played down the possibility of Afghanistan being stripped of full member status because of their failure to operate a women's team, suggesting the collapse of the women's game in the country since Taliban retook control last year represented "something of a blip". "The people involved in Afghan cricket assure me they are doing everything they can to get the women's game better established and what has happened is hopefully

something of a blip in that process," he said. "Some other members have also had slow progress in developing a women's game so let's give it time." But the bad news on the subject of Test cricket was not restricted to the women's game, with Barclay warning

that many nations - perhaps everyone outside the game's current financial superpowers of India, Australia and England - will play fewer matches in future. "Men's Test cricket represents the history and legacy of the game - it is what makes the game unique," he said. "We are fortunate that we have other formats that can help us sustain Test cricket financially because other than one or two series is effectively loss making for boards." The World Test Championship has driven some relevancy into it. In 10 or 15 years time I still see Test cricket being an integral part, [but] some of the smaller full members will have to accept that they can't play the amount of Test cricket that they want to."

Michael Stoute, sport's great survivor, has Desert Crown primed for Derby



London, June 04 : Shergar, Shahrastani and three more Derby winners have passed through Sir Michael Stoute's stable over the last 50 years, as well as the winners of more than 100 Group One races. But he takes scarcely a moment to consider the options when asked to name his most memorable success. "Blue Cashmere in the [1973] Ayr Gold Cup," he said at his Newmarket stable last week. "He paid some bills." It is a typically Stoutian response, one that would be familiar to any reporter on the racing beat over the past five decades. As would his standard reaction to a group of journalists pointing microphones in his direction, which is akin to the way Bear Grylls might

treat an angry rattlesnake: edge backwards ever-so-slowly for a minute or two, and then make a run for it. But then he is, after all, the sport's greatest survivor, a fixed point on Newmarket's Bury Road since the early 1970s as the careers of dozens of trainers in Flat racing's capital city have waxed and waned. Punters who turned 18 and placed their first legal bets in 1972, when Stoute scrapped together enough horses to take out a trainer's licence, are now pensioners. And since his first Classic success, when Fair Salimia took the Oaks in 1978, just seven seasons have passed without at least one win for the stable in one of the handful of races with Group One status. Victory for Stoute's colt Desert Crown, the favourite, in the Cazoo Derby at Epsom on Saturday, would extend that record for another season. His fifth Derby victory would also arrive 41 years after the first, with Shergar in 1981, and eclipse the achievement of Mathew Dawson, one of the greatest trainers of the

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



London, June 04 : 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. "It's an unbelievable feeling just to be here and competing at this level against such a dynamic franchise the last couple years," Boston guard Payton Pritchard said. "I think we're all just looking forward to the challenge to go through the series and try to get it done."

London, June 04 : Andreas Cornelius's second-half double stunned France as Denmark won 2-1 at the Stade de France in their opening Nations League game. The Trabzonspor striker cancelled out Karim Benzema's second-half opener for France with a neat 68th-minute finish and lashed in the winner with two minutes to go. Denmark sit behind early group A1 leaders Austria, who opened their campaign with an impressive 3-0 win in Croatia in new head coach Ralf Rangnick's first game in charge. Marko Arnautovic gave Austria a half-time lead before second-half goals from Michael Gregoritsch and Marcel Sabitzer sealed victory against the 2018 World Cup finalists. Belgium's opening group A4 encounter ended in an emphatic 4-1 defeat by the Netherlands in Brussels. Tottenham winger Steven Bergwijn's long-range



effort gave the visitors the lead at the break and Memphis Depay's brilliant start as two second-half goals from Abat Aytembetov secured them a 2-0 home win against Azerbaijan. Latvia forward Roberts Uldriks also scored twice, one in either half, during his side's opening group D1 win against Andorra in Riga, with Janis Ikumieks's late penalty sealing a 3-0 success. Group rivals Moldova won 2-0 in Liechtenstein thanks to Ion Nicolaescu's early penalty and Vadim Bolohan's late effort.

England shocked by Hungary hosting 36,000 for Nations League despite ban

London, June 04 : Gareth Southgate says England are surprised that 36,000 spectators will be allowed inside the Puskas Arena in Budapest for Saturday's match against Hungary, which is nominally being staged behind closed doors. The Nations League fixture is one of five that Hungary are required to host under sanctions, two of them suspended, after repeated misconduct from their supporters. Uefa handed down a three-game stadium closure in June for discriminatory behaviour at Euro 2020, while Fifa added two more in September after racist abuse clouded



England's last visit in the World Cup qualifiers. Hungary's 67,000-capacity ground will be more than half-full, though, after the local FA were able to exploit Uefa regulations that allow an unlimited number of under-14s to attend such games. One adult is allowed to accompany every 10 children, meaning around 3,300 could be inside the stadium. England will make use of the loophole when they serve the first of their own two-game stadium ban against Italy on 11 June, when around 3,000 children could be watching at Molineux, but the prospect of a significantly bigger crowd in Budapest has raised eyebrows. "I think we're all surprised," Southgate said. "But we're inviting children into our stadium so I wasn't really clear on the rules of any of it. I don't know what the [crowd size] should or shouldn't be. We've got to make sure we're consistent in our beliefs, the stand we take as a team, the fact we're united on [discrimination and racism] being unacceptable, and it's for other people to administer sanctions." Once we're administering sanctions it's gone too far anyway so the key is education, and the young people in the stadium hopefully pick up that message tomorrow."

High-profile exits highlight spending constraints facing Premiership clubs

Paris, June 04 : It is now 10 years since Newcastle travelled to Wasps, needing to win by 24 points to leapfrog their opponents at the foot of the table and avoid relegation on the final day of the season. Ultimately, the Falcons edged a four-point win, going down to the Championship swinging while Wasps narrowly avoided falling into the abyss. It was not a classic but for tension you couldn't beat it and it is worth noting it was one of the rare occasions when Wasps attracted a capacity crowd



in High Wycombe. A decade on and a cursory glance at both the table

and the fixture list suggests that Worcester's home match against Bath on Saturday

should be similarly dramatic. All roads really should be leading to Sixways but with relegation on pause until at least the summer of 2024, Worcester and Bath will play out a dead rubber. The sense of apathy is palpable and not just because Bath have recently been giving the impression they have already clocked off for the summer. Premiership Rugby this week reaffirmed the commitment to a return of relegation in two years' time - or rather reminded us that is what the agreement says, because given the stringent

criteria for promotion, given the security it offers Premiership clubs, it cannot be taken as read. The Premiership Rugby chief executive, Simon Massie-Taylor, also argued that the absence of relegation has not had a material impact on audiences and that it is a necessary evil after the financial hardship brought on by the pandemic, when clubs were losing millions of pounds and pushed to the brink of bankruptcy. Still, we approach the final day of the regular campaign with little on the line. Fourth place is yet to be decided but Northampton are hot favourites to clinch the victory they need against Newcastle, who have won once in the league since November. Saracens' team

selection against Gloucester - the other side in contention for fourth - only serves to emphasise the feeling that we are killing time until the playoffs begin. Instead, it is a final day most notable for the number of farewells being made because the amount of players without contracts for next season has significantly increased and the number of high-profile players seeking bigger contracts overseas is also on the up. Faf de Klerk, Lood de Jager, Taulupe Faletau and Malakai Fekitoa to name but a few are all departing this summer - the latter two to the URC where clubs now boast more spending power than those in the Premiership with the salary cap coming down and the marquee player allowance cut from two to one.

Packer's double helps Saracens past Exeter to third women's Premier 15s title

Worcester, June 04 : A brace of Marlie Packer tries helped Saracens to their third Premier 15s title as they defeated Exeter Chiefs in front of a record crowd of 3,238 in Worcester. Saracens dominated as the head coach Alex Austerberry said he could not put into words how

much the win meant. "They are outstanding to work with, unbelievably driven and they are an extension of my family," he said. "You get up in the morning and you're working with these guys, you get a bounce in your step. You feed off their enthusiasm. I probably don't have the vocabulary to express how much I care about them." Sarah McKenna made a crucial early turnover with the Chiefs edging into their 22.

Saracens turned up the heat as they drew first blood. They were pulled back for a penalty advantage and Poppy Cleall took a quick tap which was inches from the line. The recycled ball found player-of-the-match Packer and she went under the posts. Exeter fans willed their side to hit back and a driving maul earned them a penalty. They displayed their intentions with a kick to the corner but a Saracens wall hit the maul and the defence proved impenetrable as they

cleared their lines. May Campbell then bagged a turnover to quash Exeter's momentum. Saracens supporters found their voices next as a clean scrum and great breaks from McKenna and Packer set Austerberry's side just metres from their second score. It came out to Vicky Fleetwood who dotted down. Exeter knew they had to be the next to score to get a foot back in the final and Patricia Garcia produced the goods.

Oaks wins dramatic after favourite Emily Upjohn's awful start

London, June 04 : Tuesday edged out Emily Upjohn, the favourite, in a head-bobbing finish to the Oaks here on Friday, after a compelling Classic in which the first stride proved to be as significant as the last. Frankie Dettori, on Emily Upjohn, slipped leaving the stalls and

found himself last after a furlong, and while he passed nine opponents over the next two and a half minutes, Emily Upjohn was still a short head behind Tuesday at the line. It was not only the lost ground at the start which counted against Dettori as he was, after all, back within a length of Tuesday and

Ryan Moore as they came down the hill. Moore, though, was able to take a more direct route to the finish from his position on the rail and pick the perfect moment to kick for home. Dettori was forced to come wider, around several opponents, allowing his rival to carve out (just) enough to hold

on. "She lost her footing completely, the front and the back, and the race was gone then," Dettori said afterwards. "I'm way too far back behind a lot of bad horses." Ryan had the privilege to have the rail, he knew that the field would open up on the inside.



Iga Swiatek frank and honest in riding streak all the way to French Open final



Paris, June 04 : In the last notable tournament before the French Open began, Iga Swiatek won her fifth title in as many tournaments at the Italian Open. It was a result expected by all, but even so as Ons Jabeur's final backhand struck the net Swiatek fell to her knees and sobbed into the clay. The tears from Swiatek were no dramatic expression of her joy, but rather the instant release of nerves, of tension, of being reminded a dozen times each day of her winning streak, all on top of her own lofty expectations. If that is what it took out of her to win Italian Open, it is hard

to imagine the effort it has taken to remain composed for six matches under grand slam pressure and move to the French Open final again. Swiatek's 34-match winning streak is remarkable in itself, the joint second-highest of the 21st century alongside Serena Williams and one behind Venus Williams's count of 35 in 2000. While the others faced more difficult rivals, the circumstances are particularly awkward given its timing. Arriving at the French Open with all her 28 wins coming at WTA tournaments seemed like such an extra burden that some believed a loss in Rome

might have helped her manage the pressure. As she has navigated the draw, Swiatek has handled the occasion in different ways. She has talked about the value of maintaining low expectations, taking things day by day, even though her ambitions make it so difficult. She has been frank about the possible outcomes here, including the fact that losing is an option that should be prepared for, one that would not be a tragedy. Essentially, she has kept herself honest, and the result is that she has played her best tennis of the tournament deep into the event, arming herself with an incredible opportunity to set down a historic marker in the final. At 21, it is clear that her second French Open title after her breakout win in 2020 could herald an era of dominance in Paris. Under most other circumstances, the main story of this final

would be Coco Gauff. She was widely hyped as a prodigy throughout her childhood, then she broke out to international stardom at Wimbledon in 2019, the hype deafening. Even then, there were no guarantees of her future success. It is deeply impressive that as the youngest grand slam finalist since 2004, she is still taking these steps at such a young age. Gauff has enjoyed a nice draw, her highest-ranked opponent the No 31 seed Elise Mertens, but she has dealt with it brilliantly and without dropping a set. On Friday, she also reached the doubles final alongside Jessica Pegula. As the world No 10 in doubles compared to No 23 in singles, and in her second final, she is technically a more successful doubles player. But the most important aspect of her run has been the growth she has demonstrated after three years on

the tour. Gauff has talked about how her perspective has shifted, and now she understands that winning or losing tennis matches is not the end of the world. Her more relaxed outlook has clearly been liberating. Gauff is in the process of moulding an accomplished game and she has numerous abilities to put forward against Swiatek, who leads the head-to-head 2-0. She possesses a huge and increasingly precise first serve, a top-quality backhand, some of the best defence in the game and the ability to play with variety off both sides. Her game is still a work in progress, though, particularly her hitchy forehand that Swiatek will batter with her own. If Swiatek manages her nerves, Gauff will have to play at a level she has not yet reached just to compete, but she has at least given herself the best chance of doing so.

Nadal reaches French Open final after Zverev forced to retire with injury

London, June 04 : Rafael Nadal is a French Open finalist for the 14th time in his career as a gripping, lengthy and messy semi-final ended with Alexander Zverev being forced to retire in the second set. Zverev badly twisted his ankle while chasing a ball and was taken off the court in a wheelchair. After com-

peting for over three hours without completing the second set, Nadal won 7-6 (8), 6-6 ret. to advance to the final. Nadal, who was celebrating his 36th birthday, will play for a record-extending 14th French Open title and 22nd major title, with his French Open win-loss record now 111-3 (97%). After his triumph at



the Australian Open he will attempt to win the first two major tournaments of the

year for the first time in his career. "Very sad for him, honestly, he was playing an unbelievable tournament," Nadal said of Zverev, who had reached the semi-final for a second successive year. "He's a very good colleague on the tour. I know how much he's fighting to win a grand slam but for the moment he was very unlucky. The only

thing I'm sure of is that he is going to win not one [but] much more than one. So I wish him all the very best." Nadal will face Casper Ruud, the eighth seed, in the final after he recovered from a set down to defeat Marin Cilic 3-6, 6-4, 6-2, 6-2 and reach his first grand slam final. Ruud is the first Norwegian player in the open era to

reach a major singles final. As Ruud accelerated to victory, the match was punctuated for 10 minutes after a climate protester entered the court and glued herself to the net. The protester, who walked on to the court and was able to attach herself to the net without any security even reacting, wore a shirt that stated: "We have 1,028 days left."

Skipper Babar Azam and chief selector Wasim spar over Shan's batting number

London, June 04 : Pakistan captain Babar Azam has refused chairman of selectors Muhammad Wasim's request to accommodate specialist opener Shan Masood in the middle-order for the West Indies series as the differences between the two is now out in public domain. Wasim in an interview to a YouTube channel had said that he was in touch with Shan, who is scoring heavily in English county championship as well as Vitality T20 blast matches. Wasim had discussed with Shan about the possibility of trying him out in the middle-order in white ball formats as competition for the opening slots was very tight in the Pakistan team. "I have told Shan that he should now try to bat in the middle-order so that we have evidence he can make the change for us," Wasim said. Interestingly, when the media spoke to Babar, he made it clear there was no possibility of this happening. Babar insisted that



including Shan in the side as a middle-order batter would be unfair with the left-hander and also with the other players who are already in contention for middle-order slots. "Shan Masood bats at the top of the order and he has not batted lower down the order. I think it would be unfair with Shan to play him at Nos 5 or 6. We have an eye on him and he will be considered taking the balance of the side into account," Babar said in Lahore. The 32-year-old Shan was part of the Pakistan Test squad for the recent home series against Australia but

didn't get a chance to play but his form in white ball formats has also been impressive in domestic cricket, PSL and now in England. There have also been speculations about Wasim and head coach Saqlain Mushtaq surrendering to Babar and other senior players when they refused to take a break from the ODI series against the West Indies. Although Wasim denies this, word is that Babar didn't agree with selectors and coaches on taking rest while allowing fringe players a go against the West Indies.



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