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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Decomposed body

Assam Rising  
Guwahati, June 07:

A decomposed body of a Royal Bengal tiger was recovered near Orang National Park in Assam's Sonitpur district. According to reports, the carcass of the tiger was buried in an area adjacent to the boundary of the national park. Upon receiving information, forest official reached the scene and dug out the carcass. Notably, the park has one of the highest numbers of Royal Bengal tigers in the country. A forest official informed that someone had allegedly killed the tiger in an act of revenge and buried the body. The man responsible has reportedly fled away along with his family, he added. As per protocol, the carcass of the tiger was burnt in presence of police and district officials, he further said.

### Woman killed

Assam Rising  
Guwahati, June 07:

A woman was trampled to death by a wild elephant in Assam's Nagaon district on Tuesday. The deceased woman has been identified as Asulota Mallik. The incident was reported from a tea garden in Rajagaon village. Another person was also grievously injured in the attack. He has been identified as one Sappan Mallik. Following the incident, Sappan was admitted to a local hospital in critical condition. Last month, a 16-year-old minor boy was killed in an elephant attack in Assam's Goalpara district. The incident was reported at Kursapakhri village in Lakhimpur area. According to sources, as many as 40 wild elephants barged into the village and started vandalizing houses and property.

### Paper mill employee

Assam Rising  
Guwahati, June 07:

An employee of a defunct paper mill, earlier owned by Hindustan Paper Corporation (HPC), in Assam's Nagaon district died due to illness after failing to pay for his treatment, its union informed on Tuesday. The deceased has been identified as Koliman Basumatary, a resident of Jagiroad in Morigaon district. He reportedly died due to a cardiac arrest on Monday evening. He was 57. Its union, the Joint Action Committee of Recognized Unions (JACRU), said that Basumatary had been suffering from serious heart ailments but failed to afford desired treatment due to financial crisis owing to non-payment of salary. With his death, the death toll of the paper mill employees has reached 105. While the Cachar unit stopped functioning in October 2015, the Nagaon mill in Jagiroad became defunct in March 2017.

## HSLC, AHM Exam Results Declared: 56.49 Pass Percentage Recorded

### Raktotpal Saikia from North Lakhimpur Tops Exam



Assam Rising  
Guwahati, June 07:

The results of High School Leaving Certificate (HSLC) and Assam High Madrasa (AHM) examinations under SEBA (Board of Secondary Education) are out and a total pass percentage of 56.49% has been recorded in the state. Around 4.31 lakh applicants appeared in the board examination. Of the total, 65,176 students secured first division,



99,854 students got second division and 64,101 students got third division. While 14,047 students received star marks, 8,373 students bagged distinction marks in the examinations. Raktotpal Saikia from North Lakhimpur topped the High School Leaving Certificate (HSLC) examination, the results of which were declared on Tuesday (June 7). In addition to HSLC, Assam High Madrasa re-

sult 2022 also published on Tuesday. Result of HSLC final examination published at 10 am. This year, a total of 4,31,132 students have appeared for HSLC examination and 11,245 students have appeared for AHM exam 2022. Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma had last week confirmed the date for Assam Matric result. SEBA conducted Assam HSLC exam 2022 from March 15 to March 31, 2022 in offline

mode. The board examinations were conducted in two shifts and all the COVID-19 protocols were followed including social distancing, use of face masks and sanitisers. Raktotpal secured 1st position from St. Mary's High School, North Lakhimpur

with 597 marks. A total of 2,29,131 students have cleared the HSLC 2022 exam conducted by the Board of Secondary Education, Assam (SEBA). A total of 4,05,582 students have appeared for the HSLC examination this year of which 64,101 - have cleared the exam in third division, followed by 99,854 in second and 65,176 students who cleared the exam in first division. The pass percentage stands at 56.49 per cent. Boys have performed better than girls as 62.91 per cent of girls who appeared for the exam have cleared the same while 69.93 per cent of boys who appeared for their HSLC exam have passed it. The second rank is secured

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## Low Pass % in HSLC Exam is Expectable due to COVID Pandemic: Ranoj Pegu

Assam Rising  
Guwahati, June 07:

Congratulation the candidates who passed in the HSLC examination today, Assam Education Minister Ranoj Pegu on Tuesday said that the low pass percentage in the examination is inevitable due to the COVID-19 pandemic which has affected the education system. The minister said that the HSLC examination will continue and the 10 positions will also be there. "The pass percentages of government schools have reduced and the reason for

this will be scrutinized. The results in tribal districts of Chirang, Cachar and Karbi Anglong are not up to the mark and this needs to be examined. The result of Dima Hasao district is better than Karbi Anglong," the minister added. He further stated that the education system in the tea garden areas are lacking behind. "The schools have been established in the tea garden areas but the education is lacking behind and we will examine as to why they are lacking behind. We have also instructed SEBA to find out the reason as to why the



tea garden areas are lacking behind in the education system," Pegu said. The minister further stated that

the results of English medium schools are good. "The infrastructure and number of teachers in the government schools are not up to the mark for which the performance is not good. The government is trying to improve the infrastructure in the government schools so that the performance could be better," he added.

## Assam High Madrasa Result 54.73 Pass Percentage Recorded

Assam Rising  
Guwahati, June 07:

A total of 54.73 % of students passed the Assam High Madrasa examination which was declared on

Tuesday (June 7). The first position secured in the High Madrasa examination is Mufasir Al Hussain with 556 marks. Mufasir Hussain from Al Kouser Model Academy, Sonitpur topped the

## Shiv Sena corrals MLAs in Mumbai hotel to avoid poaching ahead of Rajya Sabha polls

Mumbai, June 07:

The ruling Shiv Sena has decided to shift its MLAs from a resort in suburban Malad to a five-star hotel in south Mumbai as part of a strategy to ward off

poaching, ahead of the Rajya Sabha polls. All the Sena legislators have been summoned to Mumbai where they will stay together till the polls on June 10, a senior party leader told PTI on Tuesday. "We were in

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## Dhemaji Records Highest Pass Percentage

Assam Rising  
Guwahati, June 07:

In Dhemaji district in Assam, the pass percentage of students in HSLC exam 2022 is 85.46% which is the best among all districts. A total of 13452 students appeared for HSLC exam in the district, of which 11496 have passed. A total of 2,29,131 students have cleared the HSLC 2022 exam conducted by the Board of Secondary Education, Assam (SEBA). A total of 4,05,582 students have appeared for the HSLC examination this year of which 64,101 - have cleared the exam in third di-

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Tezpur- HSLC 10th Kallol Biswas Sacred Heart High School

## 'If you have the power, put a gun on my chest', Mamata Banerjee hits back at KLO Chief

Kolkata, June 07:

Mamata Banerjee, Bengal Chief Minister gets threats from the Kamtapur Liberation Organisation (KLO) chief Jibon Singh.

He said, "I am telling Mamata Banerjee, dare not set foot in Koch Kamtapur. You cannot interfere or oppose the formation of Koch Kamtapur." On the second day of her visit to North



Bengal, Mamata Banerjee held a meeting in

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## Two Candidates Commit Suicide



Assam Rising  
Guwahati, June 07:

Two candidates committed suicide after the results of High School Leaving Certificate (HSLC) examination was declared on Tuesday. A 15-year-old Rahul Bora of Mangaldoi committed suicide on Monday (June 6) a day before the results were declared. A suicide note

has also been found near his body in which it was written, "Maa and Deuta (mother and father) I will not be able to give what you want. Therefore, I seek apology from you both. I wish you both to stay good." The 15-year-old who committed suicide yesterday secured letter marks in

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## Woman Cop In Assam Carries 7-Month-Old Baby To Work, Wins Praise

Assam Rising  
Guwahati, June 07:

A woman police constable in Assam has won plaudits after she was seen carrying her seven-month-old baby to her workplace. Sachita Rani Roy, deputised in Silchar PI Court in Cachar district, was spotted walking into her office with her baby in a carrier. With her maternity leave over, Ms Roy reaches office with her baby at 10:30 am every

morning and only leaves after completing the day's work. She has been forced to bring her baby along as her request for a leave has not been granted. The 27-year-old added that there is no one back at home to take care of the baby. "I have no one at home to take care of my baby so I am forced to bring her along with me. It gets uncomfortable at times but I have no other option," said Ms Roy. Ms Roy's husband is a Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) jawan and is

posted outside of Assam. A resident of Silchar's Malugram area, Ms Roy said she is grateful to her colleagues and the police department for being very accommodating. "I do leave a little early as it gets very difficult for the baby to be with me throughout the day," she added with a smile. Ms Roy's dedication to her duties has won her applause from all quarters. "I have applied for further leave but until it is approved, I will continue my duty this way," she said.



## Merit list of first ten ranks



1st position - 597 marks

Raktotpal Saikia - St. Marys High School, Lakhimpur

2nd position - 596 marks

Bhuyashi Medhi - Little Flower School, Nalbari, Mridupawan Kalita - Don Bosco School, Kheroni, West Karbi Anglong.

3rd position - 595 marks

Labeeb Muzib - Don Bosco H.S School, Boiragimath, Dibrugarh, Partha Pratim Das - Lohit Dikrong H.S School, Bihpuria, Lakhimpur.

4th position - 594 marks

Samadrita Sarmah - Don Bosco High School, Baghchung, Jorhat, Annesha Borah - Don Bosco High School, Doomdooma, Tinsukia, Sneha Saikia - Dayanand Vidya Niketan, Golaghat.

5th position - 593 marks

Jubaer Hussain - Palhaz H.S School, Barpeta, Pranjit Bardalai - Nagaon Anchalik High School, Darrang, Shanaj Anjum Yasmin - Bengarden High School, Jorhat, Equit Abbot Dutta - St. Mary's High School, North Lakhimpur.

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### BHEJA FRY



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Craftsmen discuss the making of an instrument at a traditional musical instrument atelier in village of Towanki-ogusak in Kashgar Prefecture, northwest China

## Russia walks out of UN security council meeting over claim it is using food as 'stealth missile'

**Moscow, June 07 :** European Council president Charles Michel has accused Russia of using food supplies as "a stealth missile against developing countries", and blamed the Kremlin for the looming global food crisis, prompting Moscow's UN ambassador to walk out of a security council meeting. Michel addressed Russian ambassador Vassily Nebenzia directly at a council

meeting on Monday, saying he saw millions of tons of grain and wheat stuck in containers and ships at the Ukrainian port of Odesa a few weeks ago "because of Russian warships in the Black Sea". "This is driving up food prices, pushing people into poverty and destabilising entire regions," Michel said. "Russia is solely responsible for this looming food crisis. Russia alone," Michel accused

Russian forces of stealing grain from areas in Ukraine that it has occupied "while shifting the blame of others," calling this "cowardly" and "propaganda, pure and simple". Nebenzia walked out, giving Russia's seat to another diplomat. Russia's deputy UN ambassador Dmitry Polyansky said later on Telegram's Russian channel that Michel's comments were

"so rude" that the Russian ambassador left the security council chamber. Nebenzia later told Reuters: "I couldn't stay", claiming it was because of "the lies that Charles Michel came here to distribute". Amid a worsening global food crisis, US secretary of state Antony Blinken said there were "credible reports" that Russia was "pilfering" Ukraine's grain exports to sell for profit. Blinken said

the alleged theft was part of broader Russian actions during its war in Ukraine that have hit Ukraine's ability to export its wheat crop. Prices for grains, cooking oils, fuel and fertiliser have soared since the invasion, which began on 24 February. Russia and Ukraine account for nearly a third of global wheat supplies, while Russia is also a fertiliser exporter and Ukraine is an exporter of corn and sunflower oil.

## Ukraine winery in area shelled by Russia wins gold at Decanter wine awards

**Kyiv, June 07 :** A small Ukrainian winemaker whose vineyards sit on the edge of territory newly occupied by Russia has won gold in the prestigious Decanter World Wines awards. "I can't say we were surprised that we won because our wine is really, really good," said Svitlana Tsybak, the chief executive of Beykush winery and president of the Ukrainian association of craft winemakers. It is the first year a Ukrainian wine has won gold, bringing joy to at least one small business in a country under bombardment. The number of small wine producers in Ukraine started to grow after Russia's first intervention in 2014. In early 2015, Ukraine's currency devalued by two-thirds, making imported goods expensive and prompting a

burst of Ukraine-made consumer goods such as clothes, food and furniture. This is the third year Beykush has submitted its wine. As exporting alcohol from Ukraine is expensive and difficult and visas for Ukrainians into the UK until recently near impossible, Tsybak and her team went to great lengths to get bottles to Decanter judges. Two years ago they sent some bottles with a Ukrainian diplomat flying to London. Last year, they drove their wine case by case to Spain and then shipped it to the UK. This year they sent it to Hungary. They moved six cases over the border, one at a time. But their friend in Hungary was then unable to take it to the UK. By that time, the war had started in Ukraine and so a friend stepped in to help. "A Ukrainian who lives in London offered to fly to Hungary with two suitcases. He filled them up with 30 bottles and took them to the UK," said Tsybak.



Tsybak has recently secured an importer in the UK. The wines the winery sent to western Ukraine are now in a van making its way across Europe. Russia now controls Ukraine's eastern seashore and a senior Russian commander has said it wants to take the whole Black Sea coast. Its warships have blocked Ukrainian ports. "Our region is shelled regularly so we just work when we can," said Tsybak. "There was a while when we didn't have access to our warehouse because of the fighting. As soon as we

got access, we put as much as we could in a lorry and shipped into western Ukraine." Beykush employs at most 17 people at a time during harvest season. The owner, businessman Eugene Shneyderis, originally from the Mykolaiv region, developed a taste for wine on holiday with his family. In 2013 he decided to see what grapes would grow in Mykolaiv. The family bought seeds from across Europe and inside Ukraine and eventually developed their own grape.

## EU faces legal challenge over plan to fast-track gas projects



**Brussels, June 07 :** An EU plan to fast-track funding and permits for 30 gas projects is facing a legal challenge from NGOs including Client Earth and Friends of the Earth Europe. The European Commission has been asked to review its backing for infrastructure projects such as the EastMed pipeline, a 1,180-mile (1,900km) gas pipeline to connect offshore gas fields in Israel and Cyprus to Italy. The EU's executive

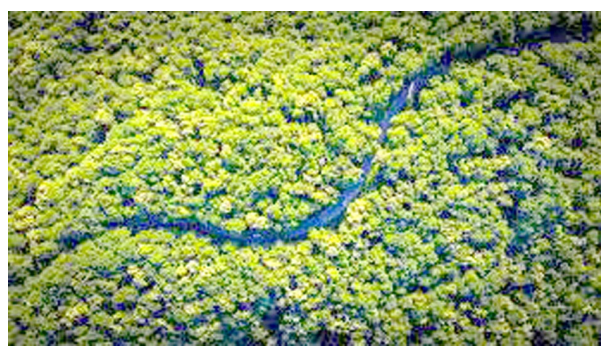
branch has up to 22 weeks to revise its initial decision or show that it does not violate environmental law, under a new way of challenging Brussels introduced last year. Should the commission fail to offer a satisfactory legal justification, the case could be taken to the European court of justice, potentially holding up progress on €3bn (£1.1bn) worth of projects. Guillermo Ramo, a lawyer for ClientEarth, said: "This list amounts to a VIP pass for fossil gas in Europe, when we should be talking

about its phase-out. The commission did not consider the impact of methane emissions derived from gas infrastructure projects, in spite of evidence that these are substantial. That's unlawful as it directly clashes with the EU's own climate laws and its legal obligations under the Paris agreement. "Every two years, the European Commission compiles a list of priority energy infrastructure projects deemed beneficial to the EU's 27 member states. Under reforms to the system, no entirely new gas projects can be listed, but projects necessary to secure supply can be included. Included among them this year are 30 gas projects that are now eligible for streamlined environmental impact assessment, a fast-tracked permitting procedure and EU funding. The listed projects involve gas transport, storage or import including pipelines and LNG terminals such as the €3bn EastMed pipeline, the Melita Transgas pipeline, the Cyprus LNG import terminal, the Baltic Pipe and the Poseidon pipeline between Greece and Italy. The International Energy Agency and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change have said no new oil and gas extraction projects should be built, to keep global warming to 1.5C above pre-industrial levels. The commission did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

## Wife of British journalist missing in Amazon urges action

**Rio de Janeiro, June 07 :** The wife of a British journalist who has gone missing in a remote corner of the Brazilian Amazon notorious for illegal mining and drug trafficking has urged authorities to intensify their search efforts. Dom Phillips, a longtime Guardian contributor, vanished on Sunday morning while journeying by boat through the Javari region of Amazonas state where he is reporting for a book he is writing about conservation. Brazilian Alessandra Sampaio, who lives with her husband in the north-eastern city of Salvador, said in statement: "Brazilian authorities, our families are in despair. Please answer the urgency of the moment with urgent actions." As I make this appeal they have been missing for more than 30 hours ... [and] in the forest every second counts, every second could be the difference between life and death," Sampaio added. "All

I can do is pray that Dom and Bruno [Araújo Pereira] are well, somewhere, and unable to continue with their journey because of some mechanical problem, and that all this will end up being just another story in these full lives of theirs." Phillips, 57, was travelling with Bruno Araújo Pereira, a celebrated Indigenous expert who has spent years working to protect the more than two dozen tribes who call the rainforests their home. As a second day of searches



came to an end without any sign of the two men, the journalist's sister, Sian Phillips, said in a video statement on Monday night: "We knew it was a

dangerous place but Dom really believed it's possible to safeguard the nature and the livelihood of the Indigenous people." "We are really worried about him and

urge the authorities in Brazil to do all they can to search the routes he was following. If anyone can help scale up resources for the search that would be great because time is crucial." "We love our brother and want him and his Brazilian guide found ... every minute counts," she added. Security forces and members of the Indigenous agency Funai reportedly spent most of Monday searching for the men on a stretch of river near the town of Atalaia do Norte - the main entry point to the Javari region.

## Thousands of Italian mafia operating in Australia, federal police say

**Sydney, June 07 :** Thousands of Italian mafia members are operating in Australia and until recently had gone largely undetected while "pulling the strings" of other criminal gangs, Australian federal police say. In a press conference on Tuesday, AFP assistant commissioner Nigel Ryan detailed the extent of Italian organised crime, including the 'Ndrangheta, in Australia and plans to target them. He said members of the notorious Calabrian mafia had

concealed themselves within the community for decades while conducting money laundering in secrecy. Police believe up to 5,000 mafia members are operating in Australia, in league with their colleagues in Italy. The Calabrian mafia work with other organised crime groups including bikie gangs and Asian or Middle Eastern crime groups to cooperate on drug importation, money laundering and violence.

They are headed by senior figures with authority over their clans, keep a low profile and run businesses to present a legitimate front. Over many decades the illegitimate wealth gained from organised crime has been slowly legitimised through those businesses. "It's entirely possible that people will be living next door to members of the 'Ndrangheta without knowing," Ryan said. "They've been able to stay under the radar while living modest lives in modest homes.

## Proud Boys leaders charged with seditious conspiracy in 6 January riot



**Washington, June 07 :** Top leaders of the far-right Proud Boys group, including its national chairman, Enrique Tarrio, have been charged with seditious conspiracy for plotting to storm the US Capitol to obstruct the certification of Joe Biden's election win over Donald Trump on 6 January 2021. The move by federal prosecutors to charge Tarrio and four other Proud Boys leaders with seditious conspiracy - in addition to previous charges of

obstructing a congressional proceeding - marks a major development in the criminal investigation into the Capitol attack. In the 33-page indictment unsealed in Washington DC on Monday, the justice department said Tarrio and his co-defendants Joseph Biggs, Ethan Nordean, Zachary Rehl and Dominic Pezzola for months used encrypted messaging apps to obstruct the certification of Joe Biden's election win over Donald Trump on 6 January 2021. The move by federal prosecutors to charge Tarrio and four other Proud Boys leaders with seditious conspiracy - in addition to previous charges of

leadership come days before the parallel congressional inquiry into the Capitol attack is scheduled to start televised hearings that are expected to examine, in part, Trump's personal culpability in the events of January 6. Seditious conspiracy, which is challenging to prove, requires federal prosecutors to show beyond a reasonable doubt that at least two people agreed to use force to overthrow the government or to interfere with the execution of a US law.

## 'Hit an iceberg': KFC switches to cabbage due to lettuce shortage

**London, June 07 :** Fast-food chain temporarily changes recipe due to supply chain issues caused by floods in Queensland and northern NSW earlier this year. Iceberg lettuce on sale for \$8.99 in Melbourne. KFC has started using cabbage because of the shortage of iceberg lettuces. If you've noticed a twist in your Twister, or a bit more zing in your Zinger, it could be that Australia's lettuce shortage is starting to bite. KFC has advised customers that they are temporarily using a blend of lettuce and cabbage in stores in Victoria, NSW, Queensland, the ACT and Tasmania because of supply issues across the country. "We've hit a bit of an Iceberg and are currently experiencing some lettuce supply chain disruptions due to the impacts of the recent Queensland and NSW floods," the fast-food chain posted online. Those who don't fancy cabbage can remove all greenery from their food instead. KFC said late last month, by using the customise option when ordering online. Iceberg lettuces, the variety favoured by fast food outlets, have hit prices as high as \$12 each in some supermarkets. In Queensland's Lockyer Valley, some lettuce farmers have lost three crops in a row, the ABC reported. KFC has not said how long the shortfall will last but an AusVeg spokesperson told Guardian Australia last week it could be some time before prices drop.



Students go to their examination site to get familiar with the environment ahead of the national college entrance exam in Hengyang, central China's Hunan Province

### No. B/SFG/Tender/GGGC(SOPD)/448 CORRIGENDUM: II

In partial modification of the Corrigendum No. SFG/Tender/GGGC (SOPD)/206 published in the "Asomiya Pratidin" dtd. 20.05.2022, the Quantity and Unit in the Item rate BOQ may be read as "1" and "number" instead of "1.5" and "Ha" respectively for nursery under Package No. I, III and IV.

The date of downloading and submission of bid documents is extended up to 15: 00 Hrs on 15/06/2022 and the technical bids will be opened at 11:00 Hrs on 17/06/2022.

All intending Contractors are requested to take note of the modifications and download the bid documents accordingly from the portal [www.assamtenders.gov.in](http://www.assamtenders.gov.in) by using their own ID.

The other conditions mentioned in the E-Tender notice shall remain same.

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# RPF rescued 4 minors Arrested 3 traffickers



**Assam Rising**  
**Guwahati, June 7:** The Railway Protection Force (RPF) of N. F. Railway successfully rescued 04 minors during routine checking at different trains and railway stations over N. F. Railway. All of them were rescued from trains, railway premises and stations over N. F. Railway. RPF also apprehended 03 persons during this period who were involved in human trafficking. Sub Inspector along with staff of RPF post, Guwahati conducted a joint

checking with member of Railway Child line at Guwahati station against human trafficking. During the checking they rescued one minor girl on June 2. Moreover, in an incident on June 3 under the supervision of Sub Inspector of the RPF Meri Saheli team, Rangiya conducted a check at Rangiya Railway Station. They rescued one minor girl during their checking. In another incident on June 4 a team of RPF rescued one minor boy from train no. 12506 DN (Northeast Ex-

press) while performing their duty. Later, the rescued minors were handed over to Railway ChildLine/Guwahati, Childline/Kamrup and Childline/Barpeta for safe custody and further course of action. In a recent incident on June

5 Head Constable along with Constable of New Maynaguri RPF Outpost, while conducting a routine checking detected one minor girl with three male persons at New Maynaguri Railway station sitting in a suspicious manner. On interrogation the minor girl stated that she ran away with the three male persons. The male persons disclosed that they all are residents of Katkina Iswaripur village under Magrahat Police Station in South 24 Pargana (West Bengal) District. The matter was informed to the parents of the rescued girl. Suspecting it to be a case of human trafficking the three apprehended persons

along with the rescued girl were handed over to Officer Incharge/Maynaguri/Police Station for necessary legal action. Railway Protection Force (RPF) train escort parties and staff deployed at stations are vigilant and lookout for suspected persons involved in human trafficking as well as the movement of children in a suspicious manner, travelling alone, without proper guardian etc. A new initiative under "Meri Saheli" has been initiated over N. F. Railway and functioning round the clock to make aware women/child passengers about the safety/security and use of helpline no. 139 in case of any exigency.



## PG block of NETES inaugurated at Mirza

**Assam Rising**  
**Chhaygaon, June 7:** The formal inaugural ceremony of the PG block of NETES Institute of Pharmaceutical Science (NIPS), NEMCARE Group of Institutions, Mirza was held on June 5. The new PG Block was inaugurated by Dr. Montu Kumar M. Patel, President, Pharmacy Council of India in presence of Dharmendra Singh, Executive Council member of Pharmacy Council of India, M Sukirti Das, Central Council member of Pharmacy Council of India, Dr. Khushboo Patel and other dignitaries. The Managing

Director, NEMCARE Group of Institutions, Dr. Hitesh Baruah welcomed the guests and audience followed by an introductory speech by Dr. Bhargab Jyoti Sahariah, Principal, NIPS. Dharmendra Singh, conveyed his thanks to the NEMCARE Group of Institutions for the invitation and addressed the gathering. He spoke about the development of Pharmacy education in the North-East region. Dr. Montu Kumar M. Patel, President, Pharmacy Council of India also extended his thanks and spoke about the newer policies that are designed under his esteemed

leadership to further improve the pharmacy education in India. He motivated the students to come forward and serve the community in the health sector. Other dignitaries present in this auspicious occasion were namely Dr. Mihir Kumar Baruah, Executive Director, NEMCARE Group of Institutions, Dr. Hitesh Deka, Mentor and Chief Administrator, NEMCARE Group of Institutions and other trustee members of NEMCARE Group of Institutions. The ceremony thus ended with a vote of thanks to the chair followed by the National Anthem of India.

## Seminar on Global Certification Process on IT held at USTM



**Assam Rising, Guwahati, June 7:** The Department of Computer Science and Electronics in association with Center for Career Guidance, University of Science and Technology Meghalaya (USTM) organized a daylong Seminar on the topic "Global Certification Process on IT: Prospect & Opportunities" on June 6 at Nirmal Kumar Choudhary Auditorium of the university. Abu Zakaria, Founder and MD, Echotech Lab, USA addressed the seminar as the keynote speaker. Addressing the participants, the resource person Abu Zakaria elaborated about how to select different certificate courses in the IT section, convert ideas into reality, solve problems, how to be a freelancer and provide knowledge of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning. During his presentation he discussed the unemployment issues of graduates. Prof. G.D. Sarma, Vice Chancellor, USTM was also present in the seminar. He said that such kind of certification programmes on cloud infrastructure AI/ML and data analytics will give more opportunities to get the dream jobs with not only having technical knowledge but also communication skills. This seminar has been very much beneficial for students as they were informed about how to get benefits of the certificates and get jobs in different multinational Companies. The students also learnt how to get global certificates from a worldwide organization that reflects quality learning, stated Prof R.K. Sharma, Advisor, USTM.

## Star Health and Allied Insurance service station inaugurated

**Assam Rising, Hojai, June 7:** The service station of Star Health and Allied Insurance Company Limited was formally inaugurated by Chandanjyoti Borgohain, Circle Officer who served as Chief Guest. This service station is located near Axis Bank at JK Kedia Road (Main Road), Hojai on Monday. Speaking on the occasion, Chandan Jyoti Borgohain said that the importance of health insurance has increased a lot in the present times as medical treatment has become expensive, so health insurance can prove to be beneficial during treatment. Along with this, he said that with the opening of the said service station in Hojai, the public here would be able to get detailed information about health insurance and the unemployed youths of the locality and nearby areas will get employment opportunities. Giving detailed information about the company during the inauguration ceremony, ZSM Zakir Ahmed said that the aim of the company is to care about the interests of the policyholders by providing the best service. He said any individual can take insurance from Star Health & Allied Insurance Company Limited. He further said that the said company was established in 2006 and at present 12800+ people are working in it all over India as well as 640+ branches are all over India. He said that due to the presence of the said service station in Hojai, people of the surrounding areas would come to know about health insurance and they would be able to take advantage of it. Many dignitaries including Nagaon Branch Manager Mridul Shankar Barua, TSM Tapan Sarma, SM Nirmoy Ghosh were present in the inauguration ceremony along with many others guests.

## HSLC result: Six students bring laurels to Nagaon

**Assam Rising, Nagaon, June 7:** Six students from private sector educational institutions altogether have brought laurels to Nagaon by securing rank in top ten list in High School Leaving Certificate Examination 2022 which results are declared today by the authority concerned of State Board of Education, Assam. Among these 6 top ten rank holders, 3 students achieved 8th position from Christiyoti School, Nagaon, 2 students bagged 9th and 10th positions respectively from Christiyoti School, Dhing while one student secured 10th position from St Boniface School. Udesha Bordoloi, Rajnandini Baidya and Tejal Agarwal from Nagaon Christiyoti School secured 8th rank altogether, Srishti Nanda Kashyap and Udit Das from Christiyoti School, Dhing bagged 9th and 10th position while Hammadur Rahman from

Nagaon St Boniface School, achieved 10th position in HSLC Examination 2022. Udesha Bordoloi (590), the daughter of Bhaskar Bordoloi, an railway employee and Gargi Boruah, a school teacher of Nagaon Panigaon Chariali will take admission in science stream in Ramanujan Junior college aiming to be a physician in far future while Rajnandini Baidya (590), the daughter of Tapan Kumar Baidya, principal of Nowgong Dawson Higher Secondary and Multipurpose School and Debajani Bora, a senior teacher also targeted to be a physician in future and will take admission in science stream in Dawson Higher Secondary and Multipurpose School in which her father is working as the principal. Similarly Tejal Agarwal (590), daughter of successful businessmen of the small town Sanjay Kumar Agarwal and

Sima Agarwal of Haiborgaon Ananda Nagar area, claimed that she studied only 3-4 hours regularly in preparation to appear for the examination. Hammadur Rahman (588) of St Boniface School who is the son of Mujahidul Ahmed, a professor of Jura College and Fatima Rahman of Bherbheri near Batadroba, also wanted to be a doctor in future and will go on accordingly. While speaking to media persons here, he said he will take admission in Guwahati Hindustani Kendriya Vidyalaya. On the other hand, the students duo of Christiyoti School, Dhing - Srishti Nanda Kashyap (589) is the daughter of Dr Mnganka Saikia, principal of GNDG Commerce College, Nagaon while Udit Das (588) is the daughter of Dr Ujjayanta Das, professor of Dhing College.

## HSLC result : Lakhimpur district secured top six positions

**Assam Rising**  
**North Lakhimpur, June 7:** The results of High School Leaving Certificate (HSLC) Examination, 2022 were declared today with this year's total pass percentage being 75.62 in Lakhimpur district. A total number of 15,942 students have appeared for their HSLC exams this year in Lakhimpur district in offline mode, of which 12,055 succeeded. As many as 6 meritorious students from the district made it to the list of top ten rank holders. Raktotpal Saikia of St. Mary's High School, North Lakhimpur topped the HSLC exams this year securing 597 marks (99.5%). The other five rank holders in the list of top ten rank holders are Partha Pratim Das (3rd, Lohit Dikrong HS School, Bihpuria, 595.99.1%), Equit Abbott Dutta (5th, St. Mary's High School, North Lakhimpur, 593.98.83%), Samisha

Bhagawati (7th, Jawaharjioti High School, Pithaguri, 591, 98.5%), Partha Pratim Borah (9th, Gyanjyoti Academy, Narayanpur, 589, 98.1%), and Ayon Mitra (10th, St. Mary's High School, North Lakhimpur, 588.98%).



Rank holder in HSLC exam Nisha Sarma visited Panbazar Adarsha LP School on June 7.

## Assam Rifles celebrated World food safety day

**Assam Rising, Biswanath Chariali, June 7:** COB Saiha of Lokra Battalion, Assam conducted a lecture on the occasion of World Food Safety Day in the border village Lungbung, Mizoram on Jun 7 under the aegis of Inspector General Assam Rifles (East). The locals of Lungbung village were sensitized about the prevailing food safety measures prescribed by WHO & attention was drawn towards the measures to be taken in order to prevent, detect and manage foodborne risks and improve human health. The lecture was attended by 25 locals of the border village of Lungbung. The locals expressed their heartfelt gratitude for having organised such an innovative and informative lecture and pledged to adopt a sustainable food management system in the village. Saiha COB of Lokra Bn, Assam conducted a lecture on the occasion of World Food Safety day under the aegis of Inspector General Assam Rifles (East) on Jun 7.

**Assam Rising**  
**Biswanath Chariali, June 7:** World Environment Day was celebrated with a series of programmes in Biswanath College. The "Environment and Climate Cell" of the college organised an awareness programme at Biswanath Ghat LP School besides plant-



tion programme at college premises. Dr Kingkar Ratna Goswami, Associate Professor of PM Agronomy from Biswanath Agriculture College delivered a popular talk as resource person. Dr Biswajit Sarma, Coordinator of Environment and Climate Cell offered welcome speech and apprised the students and local

community about the need of awareness programme adopted by the cell. Later on at 2 PM a seminar was organised on "Understanding of Carbon Dioxide, GreenHouse Gases and Climate Change" by IQAC in the presence of faculty members and the students of the college. Dr Chinta Mani Sharma, Principal of the college dwelt at length about

the topic as resource person. Dr Naresh Thakur, coordinator of IQAC, compared the programme. Two poetry books written by Tapti Duti Bora and Hritik kumar Bora and one book jointly edited by Nayan Jyoti Gowala and Kushal Sharma, the president and general secretary respectively of Biswanath College Students' Union were released on this day.

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## The Ukraine Refugee Crisis

The world has seen several refugee crises over the last decade, from conflicts in the Americas, the Middle East, Africa, and Asia. However, over the last few months, another migrant crisis has emerged, and once again Europe has been the focus. On February 24, 2022, Russia launched a full-scale military invasion of Ukraine. Since then, millions of Ukrainians have fled their homes in search of refuge, with a majority heading through neighboring countries like Poland, Romania, and Russia. This map by Elbie Bentley uses immigration data from the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) as of May 24th, 2022 to visualize current migration crisis that's happening across Europe. It shows where Ukrainian refugees crossed borders as they fled the conflict. Though the UNHCR tracks departures individually, it's important to note that arrivals can include people who've crossed multiple borders after leaving Ukraine. For example, a refugee heading to Romania via Moldova may be counted twice in the dataset. For this reason, adding the individual country totals together results in a number higher than 6.6 million. Poland has seen the highest number of Ukrainian refugees, with an estimated 3.5 million people crossing the border since February 24th. About a million of those refugees have been registered in Poland, and 94% of those registered refugees have been women and children. Russia has received the third most refugees, with many of them coming from or near separatist regions in the east of Ukraine. Russia also says it helped evacuate 140,000 civilians from Mariupol, but claims that those populations were not forced to migrate to Russia. Hungary has seen the fourth-largest influx of refugees, seeing 644,474 Ukrainians cross into the country since the start of the conflict. In recent years, the Hungarian government been in the headlines because of its views towards migrants, including in 2018, when Hungary's Prime Minister Viktor Orbán made controversial comments about Syrian refugees. While the above countries are the entry points for refugees, it's worth noting that many migrants ultimately make their way to many other places throughout Europe and the world. For example, Germany has accepted 780,000 Ukrainian refugees since the start of the war, despite not sharing a border directly with Ukraine.

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## Letter to The Editor

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## Timid Biden condemns Ukrainians to an agonising war without end

It seems odd, to put it mildly, that Joe Biden is happy to supply Ukraine with advanced rockets as long as it does not fire them at Russia. Vladimir Putin can aim missiles at Ukrainians from across the border whenever he wants – but Volodymyr Zelenskyy's troops can't shoot back at their tormentors. Strange, too, that the UN is seeking Russia's agreement for convoys to escort grain from Odesa and other Ukrainian ports. It's Putin who is preventing 22 million tonnes of grain reaching the Middle East and Africa, where millions face famine. Don't ask permission. Send a multinational force to smash his illegal blockade. The US and UK have made a big fuss in the past about preserving freedom of navigation in international waters, including the Black Sea. Puzzlingly, they in effect ceded these waters on 24 February to Russia, whose navy bombards and besieges Ukraine's cities and ports at will. Wise heads point to Turkey's guardianship of an obscure 1936 convention restricting wartime passage through the Bosphorus. A fig for that! Recep Tayyip Erdogan should help his western partners. It's high time Turkey's ageing

bully minded his responsibilities, which include welcoming Nato applicants Finland and Sweden. Nato's reluctance to seize the initiative, rather than passively reacting to Russian actions, is unfathomable, too. Proposals for a no-fly zone and safe havens in western Ukraine are repeatedly rejected as too risky. So dare to try something else! Nato has the muscle and means. It could do much more to stop the systematic killing of civilians and push Russia

 **Simon Tisdall**

back, as previously argued here. Left to fight alone, Zelenskyy pleads for heavy weapons but his pleas still often go unmet or responses are delayed. "We need to get serious about supplying [Ukraine's] army so that it can do what the world is asking it to do: fight a world superpower alone on the battlefield," says US Gen Philip Breedlove, formerly Nato commander in Europe. He's right. It's no good relying on sanctions, as the EU proved again last week. Its decision to let Hungary's mini-Putin, Viktor Orbán, water down an oil embargo was weird. Yet Germany's Olaf Scholz and fellow euro-wobblers are content. Duty done on oil, they

will now more stubbornly resist what their bankers and businessmen most fear: sanctions on gas. Hardest of all to understand, perhaps, is why some western governments persist in attempting business as usual with Putin, who they know, for certain, is overseeing atrocities and war crimes. Scholz and France's Emmanuel Macron hold regular phone chats with him. It's said they are realists seeking peace. No. They are dupes, normalising mass murder. Sophisticated diplomats explain that it's necessary to maintain channels of communication. Fearful of a destabilising Russian meltdown, they want to give Putin a "way out". But they don't get it. "Messianic" Putin's just not listening. Another puzzle: why is Russian foreign minister Sergei Lavrov's shameless spewing of disinformation tolerated around the world? Why do Russia's ambassadors get free airtime to spin their lies? It's time they are sent packing, western envoys in Moscow recalled, and \$300bn in frozen Russian central bank assets repurposed to rebuild Ukraine.

Telangana celebrated its eighth anniversary on 2 June last week, and most newspapers carried a four-page supplement highlighting the state's achievements. The tagline: 'India's youngest state is fast becoming India's best state'. Telangana now possesses Hyderabad version 3.0 and districts that were part of the erstwhile Hyderabad State till the States Reorganisation Committee (SRC) push for linguistic states in 1956, which brought the entire Telugu-speaking region under one politico-administrative unit. Three years earlier, in 1953, an Andhra state, with its capital at Kurnool, had been carved out of the eleven Telugu-speaking districts of the erstwhile Madras Presidency after the riots that followed the fast-unto-death of Potti Srimamulu. From 1956 to 2014, the erstwhile Hyderabad districts were part of Andhra Pradesh, but the feeling of discrimination persisted. The belief that language alone could be the unifying factor was disproved in a series of agitation for a separate Telangana within the first few years of the state formation of Andhra Pradesh. In November 2022, Uttarakhand, Jharkhand, and Chhattisgarh will also mark the 22nd year of their formation and one can expect a similar advertisement blitz. New states are certainly a boon for the political and bureaucratic class because they expand the pool of chief ministers, chief secretaries, additional chief secretaries and director generals of police (DGPs), and chair many and



commissions. When states are reorganised, the State Reorganisation division in the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) is tasked with the allocation of the All India Services between the successor states. The broad principle includes allocation by option, followed by domicile, and lastly, by the inclusion of junior most personnel. If the number of posts allocated to a successor state is more than the total number of optees and domiciliary candidates, the balance posts are filled by those lower down in the seniority position in the cadre. While this looks fine on paper, it has often led to bitter litigation, especially in the context of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana as a majority of the Andhra officers wanted to stay on in Hyderabad. With regard to the hype about the 'growth miracle', the comparison was made on the criterion of GDP growth. While Telangana grew at 13.8 per cent, Andhra Pradesh was not far behind at 12.7 per cent. In fact, Andhra's growth is significant because of the absence of a city like Hyderabad, which is the main driver of growth for Telangana. Not only has Andhra Pradesh been able to overcome the loss of a major city and the confusion over multiple capitals, but it has also shown remarkable resilience in agriculture, food processing, MSME and infrastructure sectors. In a similar vein, both Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh have been neck and

connectivity and political outreach more meaningfully than when they were parts of a larger political formation. Uttarakhand framed its development policy keeping in mind the fact that over 71 per cent of the state was under forest cover. As the Rural Development Secretary in Uttarakhand from 2002 to 2003, I have seen it refashion the Agriculture Production Commissioner's branch as the Forest and Rural Development Commissioner's branch because conventional agriculture was not the mainstay of the state's farmers. The focus shifted to organic agriculture, medicinal plants, and ecotourism and this would not have been possible if the political dispensation was based out of Lucknow. Some political commentators have given importance to the increase in the number of constituencies, and the ability of the legislators to pay greater attention to the development works in their areas. Thus, in the erstwhile 'undivided' Uttar Pradesh, there were only 22 legislative seats for the districts that now constitute Uttarakhand. As a separate state, they now have 70 seats. Uttar Pradesh's strength was reduced marginally from 425 to 403. Similarly, while the 'undivided' Andhra had 295 assembly seats, after reorganisation, Andhra has 175 and Telangana 119. We also have a contrary example as well: the reorganisation of Bihar and Madhya Pradesh did not see the number of MLAs go up. The 324 seats of Bihar and 320 seats of Madhya Pradesh were distributed in terms of population: thus, Jharkhand got 81 and Bihar retained 243. In the

case of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, the figure was 230 and 90, respectively. One clearly identifiable factor is the stability in the tenure of the chief ministers. The states that have done better are those where the CMs have been in firm command. Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath outlasted three Uttarakhand CMs (Trivendra Singh Rawat, Tirath Singh Rawat and Pushkar Singh Dhami) in the last five years. Same for K. Chandrasekhar Rao and Nitish Kumar in Telangana and Bihar. But for a brief interlude, Shivraj Singh Chouhan has been at the helm in Madhya Pradesh. However, in the case of both Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh, Raghubar Das and Raman Singh had to make way for Hemant Soren and Bhupesh Baghel. Both Soren and Baghel are facing internal dissidence and they must divide their time between managing the party and the state. While the Union government lays down the broad policy format and provides the major funding, the actual implementation of projects on the ground, from health to education to agriculture, is well within the purview of the state government. Stable tenures matter. Not just for the CMs but also for the district magistrates and other field functionaries who are tasked with the implementation of multiple programmes from skilling to cleanliness, start-ups to crop diversification and health insurance to school attendance. When the CMs have a stable tenure, the frequency of transfers down the line is substantially reduced, which is a key success factor in improving the parameters of good governance—an omnibus term that includes both Ease of Living and Ease of Doing Business.

## The dead shellfish littering our beaches tell you a lot about safety and secrecy in Britain

With every passing week, it looks more like a cover-up. The repeated mass strandings of crabs and lobsters on the coast of north-east England, and the ever less plausible explanations provided by the government, are the outward signs of an undersea disaster and a grim new politics. Last October, beaches around the Tees estuary and along the coast of North Yorkshire were suddenly covered in dead

and dying crabs and lobsters. The government launched what it called an "investigation". In January, hundreds of dogs reportedly fell ill after being walked on the same beaches. In February, a government press release announced that the mass death of sea creatures was caused by an "algal bloom" – a rapid increase in the population of algae that can release toxins into the water and affect other wildlife. No

 **George Monbiot**

report was published, no data, no evidence of any kind. An algal bloom in October seems highly unlikely in north-east England, as such blooms require high temperatures and clear water: the sea at the time was almost certainly too cold and turbid. No bloom had been noticed by the fishing community or any other water users. Soon after the press release was published, another mass death of crabs and lobsters was reported on the same coastline. While an algal bloom in October is implausible, an algal bloom in February is impossible. The government reopened its investigation, but promptly shut it down again, on the extraordinary grounds that a few healthy crabs and lobsters had been caught. Nothing to see here. Last month, there was another mass stranding of crabs and lobsters on the same beaches. Divers reported that the seabed immediately south of the River Tees was a "dead zone": even the seaweed was dying. The government has still not published its evidence. When I asked, it refused to send it to me. It was unable to produce a convincing explanation for this refusal. So we have no means of determining whether its methodology was robust, whether its data gathering, management and analysis was sound, or whether its conclusions reflected its results. Transparency is a basic scientific principle: if it's not published, it's not science. A coalition of local commercial fishers and anglers raised the money for an independent investigation by the marine pollution consultant Tim Deere-Jones. He made a series of freedom of

information requests, which revealed that the government's only evidence for an algal bloom consisted of satellite images. But such images, without corroboration by water sampling, can be misleading: plumes of sediment can give similar results. Astonishingly, although there is no evidence that it conducted such

sampling, the government concluded not only that a bloom had occurred, but that it was caused by a particular, toxic species: *Karenia mikimotoi*. This is the stuff of science fiction. *Karenia* thrives in temperatures between 20 and 24C. The average water temperature on this coast in October is 13C. There is no plausible mechanism by which a *Karenia* bloom could cause the mass death of lobsters and crabs without also killing large numbers of fish, sea urchins and many other species. The freedom of information requests revealed something else: that the levels of a pollutant called pyridine in the north-eastern crabs the government tested were up to 74 times higher than those found in crabs caught in Cornwall. Pyridine is highly toxic to aquatic life. Despite this finding, the government press release claimed it has "ruled out chemical pollution as a likely cause". It says that "pyridine was not present in water and surface sediment samples collected off the Tees". Until we see the evidence, we have no means of knowing when, where and how such samples were taken, or how were they assessed. Pyridine is a waste product of heavy industry, and is also manufactured as a base for insecticides and marine biocides. Several of the

industries once located on the Tees estuary are likely to have produced it. Deere-Jones found that there were very high levels of pyridine derivatives in sediments in the estuary. A dredger started work in the mouth of the Tees at the end of September, deepening the

channel. Deere-Jones's hypothesis is that the dredger inadvertently exposed contaminated mud. This was then dumped at the legal disposal sites farther offshore. The currents flowing southwards, he believes, spread these sediments down the coast.

## Letter to the Editor

### HSLC Result

Sir,

The Board of Secondary Education, Assam has declared the class 10 High School Leaving Certificate Examination results for 2022 board exams on 7th June, 2022. Out of the total appearance of 10,454 students, 872 students secured 1st division, 2909 students secured 2nd division and 1940 students were placed in 3rd division. The overall pass percentage was declared to be 54.73%. However, if we compare the pass percentage from the previous years, the curve has shown a declining trend. The pass percentage for the year 2021 was 93.10%, for 2020 was 64.80% and in the year 2019, it was 60.23%. Many claim that the decline in the pass percentage is attributed to low performance by students.

As a concerned citizen, I feel that this declining trend is where the various institutions, organizations, etc. associated with the Education System of the state must work upon. The betterment of masses is where we need to focus more.

 **Jyotirupa Kalita**

Guwahati

## NTR deserves Bharat Ratna

Sir,

NT Rama Rao was an Eminent Film Star. He played important Roles, including Rama, Ravana, Krishna, Karna, Brihannala etc Pauranic Films, which earned popularity for his excellent action. As a Political Leader he founded Telugu Desam Party and became a Popular Leader due to his Welfare Government. He gave rights to women for inheriting the Property. He could impress upon all the opposition Leaders and integrate into the United Forum known as National Front and was chosen as President. He deserves Bharat Ratna. I suggest the public write to Modiji. Then he certainly complies with.

 **Kantamsetti Lakshman Rao**

Visakhapatnam.



## CM Khandu talks how to tackle climate change



**Itanagar, June 07 :** Urging people to work for protection of environment, Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu on Sunday called for immediate attention to deal with climate change, loss of biodiversity and pollution. He also appealed to citizens to cooperate with authorities to tackle the environmental issues through low carbon mobility, waste and plastics management and local sustainability. "Three planet emergencies - climate change, biodiversity and nature loss and pollution and waste - cry for immediate attention. On #WorldEnvironmentDay I call upon citizens to join hands to tackle them through low carbon mobility;

waste and plastics Mngmt & local sustainability," Khandu wrote on Twitter. On the occasion of World Environment Day, he planted a sapling and appealed to all to do their best to "protect and preserve natural heritage of Arunachal Pradesh". "Our mother nature nourishes us and helps in our well-being at every point and the responsibility of saving her lies on all of us... No better pleasure than nurturing Mother Earth and doing our own very tiny bits to add to her beauty & plenty," he said on the microblogging site. World Environment Day is celebrated on June 5 every year. Governor Brig (Retd) Dr B D Mishra along with

his wife Neelam Mishra participated in an event with the children of Oju Mission School at Naharlagun near here. The governor planted a sapling on the school campus and said that there is a need for a change of mindset towards nature for the perfect balance between ecology and development. "Every citizen must imbibe the mantra to leave this planet in a better state and shape than what he or she has inherited from one's forebears by wisely ensuring a cleaner, greener and nature compatible lifestyle," he said. Mishra appealed to the people of the state, especially the students and youth, to plant as many saplings as possible to make Arunachal Pradesh a better place for the posterity to live. Pained to learn that the intake capacity of the institute has been reduced due to lack of infrastructure, the governor assured the school authorities of trying to get them a hostel block through Corporate Social Responsibility fund. For proper development of the school premises, the governor asked the administration to prepare a master plan by an architect. Earlier, the governor interacted with children from Puroik Community and orphans from districts affected by insurgency.

## Nagaland CM stresses on sustainable living



**Kohima, June 07 :** Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio on Sunday appealed to people to live sustainably with nature by "choosing cleaner and greener lifestyles" with his government taking a mega plantation drive across the state on the occasion of World Environment Day. With this year's theme 'Only One Earth', he also said all citizens must realise that the earth is irreplaceable and all are part of

its ecosystem. "Let us live sustainably with nature by choosing cleaner & greener lifestyles. Happy World Environment Day," Rio said on Twitter. In a major initiative, the planning and development board of Phek district planted around two lakh saplings to celebrate the day. State Planning and Land Revenue Minister Neiba Kronu also joined the drive and urged people to take care of the planted trees for economic value. He also stressed on the need to encourage villagers for undertaking large scale plantations of fruit trees in the district. A youth organisation planted more than 10,000 saplings suitable for 104 Angami villages in three districts - Chumoukedima, Dimapur and Kohima, while another

such body of Kohima Village observed the day with the planting of 1,500 saplings. In Tsemnyu district, Sewanu village marked the day by conducting mass plantations of cherry, ashoka and bokal trees. Churches across the state are also conducting tree-plantation drives on their complexes to create a green environment. The Naga Students' Federation, an apex body of Nagas students in Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Nagaland with headquarters in Kohima, also observed the day. World Environment Day is celebrated on June 5 every year. The NSF in the presence of its senior leaders, including cabinet ministers and legislators, conducted tree plantation drives in the Naga Solidarity Park in Kohima.

## Tripura village women help cops find fraudster who conned SHGs

**Agartala, June 07 :** A clever approach by women run Self Help Groups (SHG) helped the Police to arrest a fraudster woman accused of deceiving gullible villagers promising high returns. She, later, fled away from her village with the collected money to evade repayment, said police. The accused woman, Aseema Bhowmik, a resident of Atisa village that comes under the limits of Purnarajbari police station of Belonia, allegedly borrowed a huge sum of money from different SHG groups mainly operated by women with a promise of high returns. One fine morning, she fled the village and despite repeated attempts, she could not be traced. After months, the duped villagers came to know that she was staying in Kolkata. They established contact with the woman and lured her with lucrative offers. Driven by her weakness for money, the accused landed at the MBB Airport Agartala on Saturday and locals took her to the village forcefully. She was held captive for hours by the locals at the Panchayat Samiti office. On



being informed, the local Block Development Officer along with the officer in charge of PR Bari reached the spot but failed to pla-

cate the irate crowd of women. About a thousand women gathered in the area and administrative officials were barred from entering the

premises. Later, reinforcement was called and she was arrested with the help of women cops. On Sunday, she was produced before the Court and subsequently awarded one day police custody. Police said the accused had borrowed money from 15 prominent Self Help Groups in the area. "She collected Rs 21 lakh as loan in three months with a commitment of high interest rates. But, all of a sudden she left her house. The locals later visited the house of her parents in Melaghar

under Sepahijala district of Tripura. They came to know that after a brief stay there, the accused woman left for Kolkata," said police. According to the police, a case was registered against her under Indian Penal Code section 420 and 406 with PR Bari Police Station. "The deceived SHG members later tricked her to return and after that she was brought to the village. An investigation is underway in connection with the case," said police.

## Blue Duke declared state butterfly

**Gangtok, June 07 :** Sikkim marked the World Environment Day in an apt manner, announcing the Blue Duke as the state butterfly. Of the 720 butterfly species in Sikkim, Blue Duke was selected as the state butterfly securing 57 per cent of the votes in a recent online poll. Blue Duke, also called Bassaronadurgadurga, is unique to Sikkim and Eastern Himalayas, first discovered in the state in 1858. The idea of a state butterfly was brought by butterfly enthusiast Nosang M Limboo

from Darap as part of The Butterfly Society of Sikkim (TPCF) in 2018. Blue Duke falls in Schedule 2 of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 and is a highly protected butterfly species in the Himalayas. Krishna Peacock (Papilio krishna) secured 43 per cent of the votes in the online polls to secure the second position. The online poll included 4,036 votes with 3,700 votes from Sikkim. Nosang M Limboo, also known as the Butterfly Man of Sikkim, shared, "The Blue Duke represents Sikkim with its two

unique colours blue representing the sky and white depicting the snow-clad mountains of the Himalayas, it is befitting to Sikkim and its unique identity. There can be no other butterfly that can represent Sikkim than the Blue Duke." Blue Duke, also called Bassaronadurgadurga, is unique to Sikkim and Eastern Himalayas, first discovered in the state in 1858. The idea of a state butterfly was brought by



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## United Naga Council, civil society demand NRC in Manipur



**Imphal, June 07 :** The Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity (COCOMI) and United Naga Council (UNC) has asked the Manipur government to adopt the National Register of Citizenship (NRC) to check the influx of immigrants from neighbouring countries. In a memorandum submitted to chief minister N Biren Singh, the civil society groups urged the state government to give attention to the pressing issue related to the unregulated inflow of migrants and illegal immigrants to Manipur since 1947. "The influx of immigrants has threatened the native people territorially, economically and social-politically," the two organisations said. The civil society groups in Manipur alleged that a large number of illegal immigrants are con-

tinuously migrating into the state from the long porous international boundary of Myanmar, Bangladesh and Nepal. The civil society groups stated that the im-

migrant influx has adversely impacted the demography, social order and geographical topography which is often manifested in racial, ethnic, religious and political ten-

land issues. "Many present socio-political unrests in the state are directly or indirectly the consequences of the influx of migrants and illegal immigrants from neighbouring state/countries, especially Myanmar, Bangladesh and Nepal," it stated. It further stated that the native people of Manipur can no longer afford to remain silent as this menace has been adversely impacting the future and well-being of the original natives. The civil society groups also cautioned that if the present situation is allowed to continue, more serious unwanted ethnic conflicts and violence is imminent in the state. To avert such unwanted eventualities, appropriate and timely intervention is required from the state government to ascertain the legality of such citizenships and the landholdings, it added. The groups also suggested the need for scientific and reliable data on the population of native people as well as bonafide citizens of the state to check the rate of illegal immigration. A competent State Population Commission is highly essential at this juncture to be established by the Manipur government at the earliest, the groups added.

## 38 custodial deaths in Meghalaya since 2012



**Shillong, June 07 :** The Meghalaya government has informed the high court that 38 custodial deaths have been recorded in the state since 2012. A bench comprising Chief Justice Sanjib Banerjee and Justice H S Thangkhiew said that an exercise has to be carried out to ascertain which custodial deaths were unnatural. The court fixed a tentative amount of Rs 10 lakh as compensation for the next of kin of those inmates who died unnaturally in custody and said the ex gratia has to be increased if the deceased was aged below 40. It asked the state government to issue advertisements in select newspapers published from Shillong, Tura and Nongstoin inviting information on custodial deaths in addition to the 38 indicated by the state. The matter was on May 31 heard suomotu as

a public interest litigation instituted by the HC following an order of the Supreme Court. The state government filed affidavits before the court mentioning the complete list of people dying in custody since 2012. It said that notices have been sent to next of kin of the deceased as per a previous court order on May 2. "The figures furnished by the State indicate a total number of 38 custodial deaths in the State since 2012. Though certain anomalies in the figures previously furnished by the State had been indicated by ASG, who has been appointed as Amicus Curiae, but there does not appear to be any further input regarding more deaths in custody during the relevant period," the court

said. Regarding its order to seek information for any more custodial deaths, it said, "The advertisements should provide that any person with verified information on any other custodial death in the State, apart from the 38 indicated by the State, during the period 2012 onwards, may write to the Court with supporting documents or may even appear before this Bench with all particulars in support." The order said the exercise that is now to be conducted is to ascertain which of the 38 deaths during the period may have been due to natural causes and which others may have been unnatural. The post-mortem and magisterial reports pertaining to the custodial deaths are available and shall be specifically compiled in respect of the 38 cases for the court to go through the same. "In the event of unnatural deaths, a quantum of compensation would be required to be paid by the State to the next of kin of the deceased inmates. Tentatively, the quantum of compensation is fixed at Rs 10 lakh as on date, with a provision for an increased amount if the age of the inmate who suffered an unnatural death was below 40 at the relevant time," it added.

## Security forces seize heroin in Mizoram



**Aizawl, June 07 :** In a major crackdown on drug trafficking, Mizoram police along with security forces seized heroin and foreign cigarettes worth over Rs 3.4 crore, in separate operations at different locations, in Mizoram on Saturday. Police said that a special branch of the Crime Investigation Department under the state police seized 222 grams of heroin on Saturday on the outskirts of Sateek village in Aizawl district. The contraband, which is worth Rs 1.11 crore in the international market, was concealed in 17 soap cases, police said. Two peddlers identified as Lalhruiduanga (25) and Vanlaluata (27), both from south Mizoram's Lunglei town, have been arrested for possessing the contraband, police said. In another operation, Aizawl battalion of Assam Rifles also recovered foreign cigarette worth Rs 2.34 crore near Khuangphah village in Champhai district bordering Myanmar on Saturday, the security forces said in a statement. The recovered foreign cigarettes included 156 cases of ESSE cigarettes (500 packets in each case), 270 packets of Valiant cigarettes and 63 packets of Farstar cigarettes, the statement said. The recovered contraband was handed over to state police for further legal action, it said.

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### Short Tender Notice

Sealed quota invited affixing Court Fee of Rs.8.25 on all working days from the intending local firm for supply of Stationary Items and others for this Directorate for the year 2022-23.

The Quotations will be received from 07/06/2022 between 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM in the office of the undersigned on all working days. The last date for submitting quotations is 14/06/2022 at 2:00 PM and shall be opened on at 3:00 PM on the same day with or without the presence of the tenderers.

### Terms and Condition :-

- The sealed envelope containing quotation shall be marked as "Quotation for Supply of Stationary items" and the following documents must be annexed with the quotation.
  - Copy of PAN Card.
  - Copy of GST Registration Certificate.
  - Copy of up to date Municipal Board Trade License.
- Payment shall be made after satisfactory execution of the order and supply of material in satisfactory condition on bill basis. The decision of the undersigned, towards satisfaction of quality of material shall be final. Payment of the material supplied under purchase order will be paid on receipt of complete consignment and checking of the material and on production of following :
  - Invoice in Triplicate.
  - Delivery Challan duly signed by the consignee.
- Rate quoted both in figure and words shall be inclusive of all taxes (including GST).
- The undersigned is not bound to accept the lowest tender.
- The undersigned reserves the right to terminate the purchase order at anytime by giving information in writing without assigning any reason.
- The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the Quotation without showing any reason thereof.
- Payment shall be made only subject to availability of fund.
- The undersigned shall not be responsible for payment of fund beyond his control and authority.

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## Merit list of first ten ranks

**6th position - 592 marks**  
Bitupan Medhi - St. Sebestian's School, Matia, Goalpara, Murchana Barman - Little Flower School, Nalbari

**7th position - 591 marks**  
Jyotipal Talukdar - Anundoram Borooah Academy High School, Barpeta, Sarmishta Bhagawati - Jawajyoti High School, Pithaguri, Lakhimpur, Priyanuj Bordoloi - New Look Academy, Phukan Nagar, Sivasagar, Dipshikha Boruah - Demow Girl's High School, Sivasagar, Ashlesha Sharma - St. Marys's HS School, Guwahati, Kamrup Metro, Nisha Sharma - T C Govt Girls HS & MP School, Guwahati, Kamrup Metro

**8th position - 590 marks**  
Harshit Barman - Pathsala Sikshapith Adarsha High School, Barpeta, Olivia Bora - Don Bosco High School, Baghchung, Jorhat, Rajnandini Baidya - Christijyoti School, Nagaon, Tejal Agarwal - Christijyoti School, Nagaon, Udesha Bordoloi - Christijyoti School, Nagaon, Neha Upadhyay - Barchala HS School, Sonitpur

**9th position - 589 marks**  
Divine A.P Sharma - Pathsala Sikshapith Adarsha High School, Barpeta, Akash Deep Bhuyan - Happy Child English School, Sipajhar, Darrang, Dhritishman Dutta - Salt Brook School, Dibrugarh, Tabibul Haque - Al Ameen Islamic Model School, Kamrup Rural, Partha Pratim Borah - Gyanjyoti Academy, Narayanpur, Lakhimpur, Bidisha Nath - Sankardev Vidya Niketan, Charaibahi, Morigaon, Shristi Nanda Kashyap - Christ Jyoti School, Dhing, Nagaon, Arin Bhuyan - Holy Name School, Sivasagar, Jyotirmoy Dutta - Srimanta Sankardev Vidyalaya, Nitaipukhuri, Sivasagar, Anasuya Thakuria - G U Model High School (English section), Kamrup Metro

**10th position - 588 marks**  
Almina Khatun - Navamilan Higher Secondary School, Barpeeta, Anubhab Kapil - Bongaigaon HS School, Bongaigaon, Biswadip Nath - Holy Cross HS School, Ananya Bharadwaj - Little Flower HS School, Dibrugarh, Anikankana Gogoi - Tengakhat Jatiya Vidyalaya, Dibrugarh, Ayon Mitra - St Mary's High School, North Lakhimpur, Koustav Jyoti Nath - Sankardev Bidya Niketan, Morigaon, Uditi Das - Christ Jyoti School, Dhing, Nagaon, Dibyajyoti Lahkar - Sankardev Vidya Niketan, Nalbari, Dhritishmita Deka - Sankardev Vidya Niketan, Nalbari, Himanshu Das - Sri Sundarmal Modern School, Roktupal Borah - Sri Sundarmal Modern School, Kallol Biswas - Sacred Heart School, Tezpur, Sonitpur, Saurav Barman - Assam Jatiya Bidyalay, Noonmati, Kamrup Metro, Mayank Agarwal - Nichols High School, Satribari (Guwahati), Kamrup Metro, Jurishma Chakravarty - St Stephen's School, Kamrup Metro, Anurag Borah - Sankardev Sishu Niketan, Bongaon, Majuli, Md. Hammadur Rahman - St. Boniface High School, Nagaon

## HSLC, AHM Exam Results Declared

by Bhuyashi Medhi from Little Flower School, Nalbari followed by three students at the third rank Mridupaban Kalita from Don Bosco High School, Kheroni (Karbi Anglong) , Labeeb Muzib from Don Bosco HS School, Boiragimath (Dibrugarh) and Partha Pratim Das from Lohit Dikrong HS School, Bihpuria (Lakhimpur). Among districts, Dima Hasao delivered top performance with 81.31 per cent students clearing from the region followed by Sivasagar with 81.71 per cent. Chirang recorded as worst performing district with 34.27 per cent cleared the exam followed by Hojai with 37.29 per cent.

## Dhemaji Records Highest Pass

for the exam have cleared the same while 69.93 per cent of boys who appeared for their HSLC exam have passed it.

## Assam High Madrassa Result 54.73

marks while Mustak Ahmed from Piradhara High Madrassa, Bongaigaon also secured second position. Moreover, Sahanaz Parvin from Daulatpur Madrassa, Lakhimpur and Irsad Ullah from Barghuli Madrassa secured third position with 549 marks. A total of 10454 candidates appeared in the examination out of which 3870 are male and 6584 are female. A total of 872 candidates secured 1st division while 2909 candidates secured second division and 1940 candidates secured third division. In High Madrassa examination too, boys outshine girls as 57.67 percentage of boys who appeared in the examination passed the examination while 52.99 percentage of girls passed the examination.

## Shiv Sena corrals MLAs in Mumbai

Trident' (in south Mumbai) today," PTI quoted Sena MLA and party spokesperson Sunil Prabhu as saying. The Trident is at a stone's throw from the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly where voting will take place for the six Rajya Sabha seats. The Sena has 55 MLAs (one MLA had died due to a heart attack last month) in the 288-member House. Chief Minister and Shiv Sena president Uddhav Thackeray reportedly met the party MLAs as well as others supporting it on Monday. After more than two decades, the state will witness a contest in the Rajya Sabha polls as there are seven candidates in the fray for six seats. The Sena has fielded two candidates -- Sanjay Raut and Sanjay Pawar, while the BJP has nominated Union minister Piyush Goyal, Anil Bonde and Dhananjay Mahadik. The NCP (Praful Patel) and Congress (Imran Pratapgarhi) have fielded one candidate each. The contest lies for the sixth seat between Pawar and Mahadik. Given its strength in the Assembly, the BJP has enough votes to win two seats, while the Sena, NCP and Congress can win one seat each. The Sena (55), NCP (52) and Congress (44) -- all constituents of the Maha Vikas Aghadi-- have enough votes together to ensure the victory for the second candidate of the Sena. Two NCP MLAs- Anil Deshmukh and minister Nawab Malik- are currently in jail, while one seat is lying vacant in the 288-member House. Apart from the four main parties, the Assembly has 25 MLAs from smaller parties and Independents. The Sena decided to corral its MLAs after accusing the opposition BJP of "horse-trading" and using Central agencies to pressure independent MLAs. AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi has claimed that no one from the ruling Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) in Maharashtra has contacted them for support in the upcoming elections to six Rajya Sabha seats from the state. "If they want our support, they should contact us," Owaisi told reporters in Nanded. The All India Majlis-E-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) has two members in the 288-member Maharashtra Assembly, which forms the electoral college for the Rajya Sabha polls, scheduled on June 10. Notably, after more than two decades, the state will witness a contest in the Rajya Sabha polls as there are seven candidates in the fray for six seats.

## Two Candidates Commit Suicide

Sanskrit securing second division in HSLC examination of which the results have been declared today but he is not there to hear his result anymore. Son of Tarini Bora and Anna Bora, Rahul committed suicide yesterday at around 2 pm in the kitchen room of his house by hanging himself in the absence of his parents. On the other hand, another suicide case has been reported in Merapani as a student committed suicide after he failed the HSLC examination. The student identified as Sobin Chutia was a resident of Jitour village in Charaimari. He was a student of Charaimari High School. A total of 2,29,131 students have cleared the HSLC 2022 exam conducted by the Board of Secondary Education, Assam (SEBA). A total of 4,05,582 students have appeared for the HSLC examination this year of which 64101 - have cleared the exam in third division, followed by 99854 in second and 65176 students who cleared the exam in first division. The pass percentage stands at 56.49 per cent. Boys have performed better than girls as 62.91 per cent of girls who appeared for the exam have cleared the same while 69.93 per cent of boys who appeared for their HSLC exam have passed it.

## 'If you have the power, put a gun on

Alipurduar. Mamata protested against the demand of a section of BJP's North Bengal leaders for the partition of Bengal. Mamata Banerjee claimed that there was no development in North Bengal during the Left regime. 'I will not allow Bengal to be divided till I have blood in my body.' This is how Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee warned the BJP about the division of Bengal from a meeting in Alipurduar. She alleged that the BJP threatened to divide Bengal as soon as the vote came. On the second day of her visit to North Bengal, Mamata Banerjee held a meeting in Alipurduar. From that meeting, the Chief Minister protested against the demand of a section of BJP's North Bengal leaders for the partition of Bengal. Mamata Banerjee claimed that there was no development in North Bengal during the Left regime. The Chief Minister said, "There has been a lot of development in North Bengal in the last 10 years. Now the people of North Bengal do not have to go to South Bengal." A number of BJP leaders, including John Barla, have raised the issue of a separate North Bengal, mainly alleging underdevelopment. On this day, Mamata Banerjee said, "Before the polls, they said that we will do Gorkhaland. Some people in the BJP are saying that we will make North Bengal separate. We will remain united. As long as there is blood in my body, I will not allow Bengal to be divided. The BJP does the politics of division. We don't divide, we grow together." Meanwhile, Bengal Chief Minister gets threats from the Kamtapur Liberation Organisation (KLO) chief Jibon Singh. He said, "I am telling Mamata Banerjee, dare not set foot in Koch Kamtapur. You cannot interfere or oppose the formation of Koch Kamtapur." After this, the Chief Minister said, "He is saying that if we do not divide North Bengal, he will kill me. If you have the power, put a gun on my chest. I have seen a lot of guns." Mamata has repeatedly visited North Bengal and tried to blunt the BJP's allegation. She had gone to Darjeeling a few days ago. The day of the GTA elections has also been announced. The hills are also very calm now. Bimal Gurung and Roshan Giri, who were most vocal in the demand for a separate Gorkhaland, are also on the backfoot. In this situation, the Chief Minister does not want to indulge in politics over the BJP's demand for a separate North Bengal.



Nalbari- HSLC 2nd Bhuyashi Medhi & 6th Murchana Barman

## ED raids Satyendar Jain's residences, seizes Rs 2.85 cr cash, gold coins

**New Delhi, June 7:** "Unexplained" cash of Rs 2.85 crore and 133 gold coins were seized after raids were conducted at the premises of Delhi minister Satyendar Jain and his alleged associates as part of a money laundering probe against him, the ED said Tuesday. The Enforcement Directorate (ED) said those raided on Monday were "either directly or indirectly assisted" the minister in the process of money laundering. The cash and coins were "unexplained" and were kept in a "secret" place, it said in a statement. Jain, 57, was arrested on May 30 under the criminal sections of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) and he is in ED custody till June 9. The ED had conducted searches at about 7 premises, including that of a jeweller, in Delhi and some neighbouring locations on Monday. Jain, a minister without portfolio in the Arvind Kejriwal government, is being probed by the federal agency under the PMLA on charges of alleged hawala dealings.

## Narrow escape for RJD chief Lalu Prasad as fan in his room catches fire

**Medininagar , June 7:** RJD chief Lalu Prasad on Tuesday morning had a narrow escape as a fire broke out in a room of the circuit house in Jharkhand's Palamu district where he was staying. Prasad, 73, was having breakfast in his room around 8 am when the wall-mounted fan caught fire, said a PTI report. The fire was immediately doused by his aides. "The fire was caused by a short circuit and electricity supply to the premises was snapped after the incident," PTI quoted Deputy Commissioner of Palamu Shashiranjana, who further said that no one has suffered any injury due to the incident and no significant damage has been reported. Palamu Deputy Commissioner said that the short circuit has been rectified and the fan that caught fire was removed. Lalu Prasad arrived in Medininagar on Monday to appear before a special court on Wednesday in connection with a 13-year-old case pertaining to the violation of the Model Code of Conduct during elections. The RJD chief is slated to appear in the court of special judge Satish Kumar Munda. Prasad's counsel Prabhat Kumar reportedly said that the case was later transferred to Ranchi and then to Medininagar. A case under IPC sections 188, 279, 290, 291 and 34, and section 127 of Representation of People's Act was registered against him in Garhwa district after his chopper landed in a paddy field allegedly owing to the mistake of the pilot, instead of the scheduled helipad in Medininagar, during the 2009 assembly polls in Jharkhand. Meanwhile, Lalu Prasad has appealed to a special CBI court for the release of his passport in order to renew it as he may need to travel abroad for a possible kidney transplant, his counsel said on Monday. On April 22, Jharkhand High Court granted bail to the RJD chief in the Doranda Treasury case involving embezzlement of over Rs 139 crore in which a CBI special court had sentenced him to five years in prison. "Lalu Prasad has prayed for the renewal of his passport. He has pleaded before a special CBI court that his passport be handed over for renewal. The application mentions that after renewal the passport will be submitted to the court," Prasad's counsel Prabhat Kumar told. Kumar said: "He has taken the plea that it is a case of kidney failure and he may be required to go abroad for treatment or transplant" and added: "If we get an appointment from the doctor then we will pray for passport release and permission to go abroad for treatment." The next date of hearing has been fixed as June 10. Lalu Prasad suffers from multiple ailments, including renal problems. He is a patient of stage-4 kidney ailment.

## GAEF organised webinar on Opening Doors to the Middle East

**Assam Rising, Guwahati, June 7:** Global Assamese Entrepreneurship Forum (GAEF) organized a webinar "Opening Doors to the Middle East" on June 5 last. The resource persons of the webinar were Prafulla Saikia, Retired Additional Director of Industries and Commerce, Government of Assam and Jay Bhagawati, Chief Business Officer of Riyara Associates, Bahrain. Partha Gogoi, the President of GAEF, inaugurated the webinar and officially announced the launch of the GAEF website <https://gaefnortheast.org>. In the webinar, Prafulla Saikia explained the different ways of Trade and the pros and cons along with the products list and Jay Bhagawati explained the opportunities and challenges of conducting business in Bahrain, UAE and beyond. Bahrain along with its Free Trade Agreements with the United States. GAEF is the platform that opens up the opportunities for Assamese Entrepreneurs to global businesses. The Middle East is a particularly important doorway because the needs of this market are very much something that Assamese Entrepreneurs can cater to. The Middle East market, for approximately Rs. 3,500 Crores of export takes place, Assam tea holds a huge chunk alongside orthodox, blended and green tea. The webinar was anchored by Ellora Goswami (AIR/Doordarshan). Assamese entrepreneur and scientist Dr. Binoy Bordoloi was also attending the webinar, his pain relief cream, HerboJoint, came into the US market, in early 2022. Anjana Bordoloi, General Secretary USA, offered the vote of thanks mentioning the Speakers, Moderator and GAEF core team including Partha Gogoi, Krishna Hazarika, Rachna Nath, Tara Bhuyan, Dibya Borgohain, Rita Kakati Shah, Dr Bhaskar Bora, Amit Baruah, Pinky Pathak and Dr. Buljit Buragohain

## Defence ministry approves ₹76,390 crore proposal to buy India-made arms, ammunitions

**New Delhi, June 7:** The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), which met on Monday under the chairmanship of defence minister Rajnath Singh, accorded acceptance of necessity (AoN) for capital acquisition proposals of the armed forces worth ₹76,390 crore under 'Buy (Indian)', 'Buy & Make (Indian)' and 'Buy (Indian-IDDM)' categories - giving a major boost to the 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' campaign. These include procurement of rough terrain forklift trucks, bridge laying tanks, wheeled armoured fighting vehicles with anti-tank guided missiles and weapon locating radars through domestic sources with emphasis on indigenous design and development - for the Indian Army. "For the Indian Navy, the DAC accorded AoN for procurement of next-generation corvettes (NGCs) at an estimated cost of approx ₹36,000 crore. These NGCs will be versatile platforms for a variety of roles viz. surveillance missions, escort operations, deterrence, surface action group (SAG) operations, search and attack and coastal defence," a defence ministry statement said. It added that these NGCs would be constructed based on the new in-house design of the Indian Navy using the latest technology of ship-building and would contribute to further the government's initiative of "SAGAR (security and growth for all in the region)". The DAC also accorded AoNs for the manufacture of Dornier aircraft and Su-30 MKI aero-engines by the Navratna CPSE M/s Hindustan Aeronautics Limited with a focus on enhancing indigenisation, particularly in indigenising aero-engine material. "In pursuance of the Government's vision for digital transformation in Defence, the 'Digital Coast Guard' project under 'Buy (Indian)' Category has been approved by the DAC. Under this project, a pan India secure network for digitising of various surface and aviation operations, logistics, finance and HR processes in Coast Guard will be established," the statement added.

## Candles, flags and a howl of pain: Taiwan remembers Tiananmen

**Taipei, June 7:** On a steamy summer's night several hundred people gathered at the foot of Taipei's grand Chiang Kai-shek memorial for one of dozens of vigils being held around the world to mark the 33rd anniversary of the Tiananmen Square massacre. A man walked on to the stage, with the eyes of the crowd upon him, and voiced a timid welcome: "Hello everyone." Then he began to scream. Roaring at the top of his voice in Mandarin, he spoke about how pro-democracy demonstrators were beaten and killed in Beijing as if it were happening in front of his eyes. His words echoed around Liberty Square. Later, the crowd would sing and light candles of remembrance of the victims of the massacre, and wave flags for Hong Kong independence. On 4 June 1989 Chinese authorities brutally crushed a student-led protest in Tiananmen Square, sending in troops with tanks and guns. Chinese authorities claimed that 200 people died, but it is believed the true figure could be in the thousands. Commemorating the massacre has never been allowed in China and the topic is strictly censored. Today, it is all but outlawed in Hong Kong, which for 30 years had been the traditional keeper of the vigil. After a brutal crackdown on the 2019 protests, Hong Kong authorities turned their sights to the pro-democracy movement with which the vigil is closely tied. Thousands of protesters and residents fled the city, with at least a few hundred coming to Taiwan. Some people now hope this island, which shares linguistic and cultural traditions with Hong Kong and China, can take on the primary role of annual remembrance. But it's complicated. Taiwan is under threat of invasion from Communist party-ruled China, which considers it to be a wayward province bound for inevitable "reunification", peaceful or otherwise. The treatment of Hong Kong in recent years has only driven the Taiwanese further from Beijing's entreaties. For some, this has fostered solidarity with Hong Kong. For others, however, it has confirmed that an event like Tiananmen is not their cause.

## Nupur Sharma, her family get security after she received death threats

**New Delhi, , June 7:** The Delhi Police has provided security to suspended BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma and her family after an FIR was registered on a complaint that she was getting death threats over her controversial remarks on Prophet Muhammad, officials said on Tuesday. She had requested the police to provide security citing harassment and threats she had been receiving. "Nupur Sharma and her family have been provided police security after she alleged that she has been receiving threats and was being harassed over her remarks," an official said. The BJP on Sunday suspended Sharma and expelled its Delhi unit media head Naveen Kumar Jindal as the row over their alleged derogatory remarks against Prophet Muhammad escalated with protests from some Muslim countries. Amid demonstrations by Muslim groups and the sharp reaction from countries like Kuwait, Qatar and Iran, the BJP issued a statement asserting that it respects all religions and strongly denounces insults of any religious personality. Sharma's comments, made during a TV debate nearly 10 days ago, and Jindal's now-deleted tweets sparked a Twitter trend calling for a boycott of Indian products in some countries. After the action, Sharma unconditionally withdrew her controversial statement and claimed that her comments were a reaction to "continuous insult and disrespect towards our Mahadev (Lord Shiva)". Police said on May 28, its cyber cell unit received a complaint from Sharma against various persons about death threats and targeted hatred. Based on this complaint, an FIR was registered under IPC sections 506 (criminal intimidation), 507 (Criminal intimidation by anonymous communication) and 509 (Word, gesture or act intended to insult the modesty of a woman) against unknown people. "During the probe, another complaint was received from Sharma against certain persons promoting enmity. Following this, Section 153A of IPC was added to the case." Notices have been sent to Twitter Inc. And a reply from it is awaited. Investigation into the case is underway," the senior police official said.



# Gareth Southgate's England will put good vibes on the line in Germany

**Munich, June07** : Football loves its omens and portents. As Gareth Southgate prepares to send his limb-weary players out into the giant illuminated armadillo shell that is the Allianz Arena in Munich on Tuesday night there is perhaps some solace to be taken in the past. The last time England lost in Hungary in a World Cup year, defeat in Budapest was followed by a joyful, unifying, era-forging World Cup final triumph under a dapper and mild-mannered head coach. Admittedly, the surprise World Cup winners in question were West Germany in 1954. The glorious era that followed belonged to the powerhouse teams of Franz Beckenbauer and Lothar Matthäus. And the dapper and mild-mannered head coach, Sepp Herberger, turned out to have been a Nazi. But apart from that. Apart from that. Well, what exactly? It is hard to know what to take from the current slew of deathly close-season England internationals, other than a generalised sense of unease. The defeat in Hungary was no surprise, an awkward, bruising game for a group of England players running on fumes and lactic acid. But it was also one of the worst performances of Southgate's time in charge, defined by all the things the current era has set its face against: staleness, mediocrity, a lack of special qualities. It is that general



sense of unease that seems to define this England team right now. In Munich England's travelling support has already become the pre-story, with fears of reprise of the kind of events - booing, rioting, booing children - Southgate seems to have to address every time he finds himself frowning in front of an advert board. Even the triumph of reaching a final last summer was transformed into a toxic event by the aftermath of defeat. A mangled schedule has hardly helped in the months since. England have played four competitive games against non filler opponents since the European Championship and won one of them. There is a fear now that defeat in Munich could just flush this a little further out into the light. Southgate's greatest gift as England manager has

been tone, vibes, energy, clarity. He has above all been a Feelings Manager. Are we reaching a place now where that feeling starts to turn bad? If so, it would be entirely undeserved. Even in the best of times there has always been a seam of anti-Gareth hostility, with the sense that this is based more in resenting his politics, his unashamedly preachy and stentorian moral leadership, with being annoyed that England players make a gesture against racism before each game. There is frustration too with the non cavalier manner in which England have learned to win; and with the fact Southgate isn't a lad or a chap or a bloke and instead has the manner of a popular and courtly provincial curate. But the fact remains Southgate's record as England manager is peerless. Two semi-finals out of two after two in the previous half century. A better win ratio than any other England manager with

more than 50 games. Likable teams, victorious penalty shootouts. There may be questions about the development of his team over five years, and about his grasp of fine tactical margins in the biggest matches. But as this team take a breath five months out from a winter World Cup, what Southgate deserves is a little faith. Perhaps the current run of injuries and absences may even strengthen his hand by flagging up the meagreness of England's resources in key areas. One of the great misperceptions of Southgate's time in charge, the stick most often used to beat him with, is the idea England have an unprecedented well of talent, an envy-of-the-world stock of players. The argument is that Southgate is simply a lucky manager, that he is in fact strangling the basic unstoppable England-power of our brave boys. There are two issues with this. First, it isn't true. There are plenty of technical, orderly players

coming through now. But remove the Anglo-tinted spectacles, peel away the glare of the Premier League's internationalist brilliance, and the idea of an excess of world-level English talent is simply solipsism. Look around Europe and there are plenty of other squads just as strong. England fielded five players in their starting XI against Hungary who played in last season's Champions League. Portugal started with nine in midweek, Spain eight. Germany started with 11 and used 14 in all, nine of whom have actually won club football's biggest trophy. Meanwhile England have had one player - Trent Alexander Arnold - in the Fifpro team of the year during Southgate's time in charge. England have no genuine back-up centre-forward. They have a left-back issue. They have Declan Rice, but no other A-listers in central midfield. Would Jordan Pickford, Conor Coady and Harry Maguire be starting for any other major nation?

# Leicester will make flying start in Premiership semi-final, vows Genge

**Leicester, June07**: Ellis Genge has promised his Leicester side will come flying out of the blocks in the eagerly awaited Gallagher Premiership semi-final against Northampton on Saturday, and will not fall into the same early trap that cost the Tigers against Leinster in Europe last month. Genge, who is preparing to play his last home game for the club before switching to Bristol this summer, says he and the rest of the Tigers pack have resolved to make an instant impact, rather than sitting back and inviting the Saints to gather crucial momentum. "Leinster has probably ingrained a mentality that we will never come out of the blocks cold again," said Genge, who is looking to help steer Leicester to a first Premiership final since 2013. "We made a pact after that as forwards, that we would always come out of the blocks first. That's what we plan to do. You can expect that from Leicester Tigers sides for years to come." he



Tigers' head coach, Steve Borthwick, has also been stressing that finishing first in the regular season will count for nothing if Leicester ease up now. "I think one of the lessons from the Leinster game was how clinical they were in taking their opportunities," Borthwick said. "We weren't clinical enough. I think there's a big lesson there about not giving opposition of that quality too many opportunities. I think we've done that a bit better since." Genge is also understandably keen to make his farewell home appearance as Leicester skipper a memorable one to reward the hard work of all concerned, not least Borthwick. "Steve is absolutely incredible," the England prop said. "He's a well-decorated coach who probably doesn't get the plaudits he deserved. I'm so happy he's finally getting some recognition for being such a good operator. He works tirelessly, so he

deserves it. There are some brilliant people at this club who I am really going to miss dearly." Exeter have confirmed the appointment of Omar Mouneimne as their new defence coach. The experienced South African has spent the past two seasons at Bristol and has also previously worked in Europe with Edinburgh, Stade Français and Worcester, in addition to two years with the Italian national team between 2009 and 2011. The Chiefs' director of rugby, Rob Baxter, said he wanted Mouneimne to bring fresh energy to his coaching set-up. "I wanted to get a bit of a change in vibe in the coaching room, as well as the actual tactics and techniques we would be using," Baxter said. "It's quite interesting when you see a guy jumping to his feet to describe things defensively in the middle of a café and that infectious energy can rub off."

# Phil Mickelson confirms he will play in first Saudi-backed LIV Series event



**London, June07**: Phil Mickelson's widely anticipated reappearance will come in England this week, after it was confirmed the six-time major winner will play in the first event of the Saudi Arabia backed LIV Golf Series. Mickelson will feature in the 54-hole event at the Centurion Club from Thursday having taken the final spot in the 48-man field. The Guardian understands that Brooks Koepka and Rickie Fowler recently rebuffed deals worth tens of millions to play in LIV tournaments. The PGA Tour has warned those who tee up at Centurion will be in breach of its regulations. Mickelson now appears to have made

his plans clear. Mickelson's connection with the Saudis was at the root of his stepping away from the public eye. In comments reported in February, he admitted to full knowledge of Saudi's infamous human rights record, which he was prepared to overlook when looking to leverage the PGA Tour. The 51 year old golfer subsequently apologised for "reckless" words. He skipped the year's first two majors, the Masters and the US PGA Championship. Mickelson said on Twitter: "I am thrilled to begin with LIV Golf and I appreciate everyone involved. I also intend to play the majors. I fully realize and respect

some may disagree with this decision." His insistence he will play majors throws a ball into their organisers' court in terms of whether to side with existing Tours. There has always been a sense within golf that Mickelson had made a multimillion-dollar commitment to the LIV scheme, fronted by Greg Norman. Mickelson's involvement at Centurion will certainly draw extra levels of attention. Dustin Johnson, Sergio Garcia, Lee Westwood, Ian Poulter, Martin Kaymer and Graeme McDowell will also play this week. Kevin Na resigned from the PGA Tour in order to pursue LIV riches. Johnson, McDowell and Na will face the media at Centurion Club on Tuesday. Norman said: "Phil Mickelson is unequivocally one of the greatest golfers of this generation. His contributions to the sport and connection to fans around the globe cannot be overstated and we are grateful to have him. He strengthens an exciting field for London where we're proud to launch a new era for golf."

# The rise of tactical batting retirements Intriguing innovation or just not cricket?

**London, June07**: For a game rooted in centuries of tradition, cricket has often found itself curiously susceptible to fashion. Did you spot the moment, about five or six years ago, when it quietly became mandatory for any good fielder to be described as a "gun"? Bowling attacks were "the bowling unit" for most of the 2000s before imperceptibly morphing into "the bowling group". Left-arm wrist-spin is having its long-awaited moment in the sun, itself a reaction to the 2010s trend for spinners who didn't really spin the ball at all, but just did funny flicky things with their fingers while going "oooh" and stroking their chins a lot. And so, just as one wicket often brings two, another fashion is sweeping through short-form cricket. On Sunday at Edgbaston, while playing for Birmingham against Nottinghamshire in a rain-affected eight-over game, Carlos Brathwaite became the first batter in the history of the T20 Blast to be retired out for tactical reasons. Seeing Calvin Harrison, a leg-spinner, about to bowl the final over for Nottinghamshire, Brathwaite decided to leave the field and let Sam Hain - a better player of spin - replace him. Less than an hour later, Nottinghamshire's Samit Patel became the second.



With one ball remaining of the innings, three runs required and Patel at the non-striker's end, Nottinghamshire withdrew Patel so that Harrison - a quicker runner - could replace him. Did either change work? Not really. Hain didn't face a ball, while Harrison was only able to scamper through for a single that gave Birmingham a one-run victory. Nonetheless, this unprecedented double substitution - entirely within the laws of the game - offered a taste of where this most restless and unruly format may be heading. The first thing to say is that there is nothing particularly new about deliberately engineering a dismissal. Most recreational cricketers will have reached a point where they have intentionally lobbed one to extra cover because they have a train to catch. More intriguing is the tactical assassination. "Go and run the bugger out," Bob Willis urged a young Ian Botham

in Christchurch in 1978, with England in pursuit of a quick declaration and Geoff Boycott chiselling away at his usual glacial pace. "What have you done?" a horrified Boycott cried as Botham left him stranded halfway down the pitch. "I've run you out, you cunt," Botham retorted, barely able to contain the giggles. But the tactical retirement: this is a reasonably new phenomenon, and one largely driven by the growth of T20 and its fixation on marginal gains. Earlier this year Sydney Sixers courted controversy by sending the injured batter Jordan Silk to face the final over of a Big Bash game against Adelaide Strikers, only to retire him once he had reached the non-striker's end. If that was something of a grey area, then Ravichandran Ashwin's self-sacrifice for Rajasthan Royals in the Indian Premier League in April was the moment the tactical retirement went global.

# Sir Michael Stoute reveals Queen called to congratulate him on Derby success

**London, June07**: A congratulatory telephone call from the Queen helped to cement a memorable day for Sir Michael Stoute at Epsom on Saturday. The Newmarket trainer landed his sixth Derby victory following a magnificent performance from the unbeaten Desert Crown, and although Her Majesty was absent from the meeting she made sure to pass on her feelings to Stoute, who has trained many big winners in the royal silks. "Yes, I spoke to the Queen late afternoon. She was very pleased for the team," Stoute said on Monday. The former cricketer Michael Holding is a close friend and was another to get in touch with Stoute, for whom it was a poignant success after the death of his long-term partner, Coral Pritchard-Gordon, in 2020. "I've not spoken to Michael, but I think he rang my daughter and there was a piece in the paper where he had a lot to say. I will catch up with him very soon. I think a lot of people were also thinking that Coral wasn't there. A lot of us missed her not being there." Stoute, who first won the Derby in 1981 with Shergar, is in no rush to make plans for his Saeed Suhail-owned winner. "The last 48 hours have been a bit hectic, but very enjoyable as well. He has only just run. He just had a nice long walk this morning and we will determine in the week how he has bounced out of it," he said. "You don't get too excited - if you have been in this game as long as I have you keep calm! He has been there and done that [10 furlongs] in the Dante so that is not a problem, 10-furlong pace, but we won't be deciding in a hurry, we will just take our time. I've no intention of making a plan two days after the race." In paying tribute to his staff, Stoute, whose return to the big time was welcomed by many who remember the great horses that have passed through his care, said: "We have a really experienced, dedicated team here. It is not just me there are many other links involved. They have all felt good including this one. Saturday evening, about eight or 10 people crept into the house and drank a lot of my wine!" "We've got one or two very good individuals, but we are not brimming with talent. We just operate from the one yard now. We are grateful for what we have got and we will do the best we can with them."

# Joyous Nadal eases clear of Djokovic and Federer in race to be the greatest

**Paris, June07**: In the buildup to Rafael Nadal's French Open quarter-final clash with Novak Djokovic last Tuesday, some doubt surrounded Nadal ahead of his greatest challenge. He was not in particularly good form, barely surviving Félix Auger-Aliassime in the fourth round. He was playing catch up after his recent rib stress fracture and competing after his chronic foot ailment flared up. The match was scheduled at night where his heavy

topspin could be neutered in cold, slow conditions. The outcome of that match and everything that followed, with Nadal rising to win his 14th French Open title and 22nd grand slam, further underlines what he has shown for long. No matter his age, his own preparations, nor the revelation that he played a two-week tournament with part of his foot under anaesthetic, Nadal's dominance at Roland Garros transcends all. At the end of last season, when

Djokovic stood one match from winning his fourth grand slam of the year at the US Open, he had optimally positioned himself to break the three-way tie of 20 majors and establish himself as the men's all-time leader. Instead, Nadal has now created a clear buffer between himself and his rivals, and he is halfway to the single-season grand slam. This would be a significant talking point if not for how Nadal has continually played it down. When he was trailing Roger

Federer, he used the same analogy dozens of times. "You can't be frustrated all the time because the neighbour has a bigger house than you," he said three years ago. To his credit Nadal has been consistent, even now that his own grand slam haul is greater than that of those neighbours. He now says that these debates are not that important as he, Djokovic and Federer each achieved things beyond their wildest dreams and reached a "very equal"



level. His daily motivation comes from elsewhere. "It's about how much you enjoy doing what you are doing or

if you don't enjoy, then that's another story, no?" he said. "But if you like what you are doing, you keep going."



## Iga Swiatek beats the odds to become the next 'tennis superstar'



**Paris, June 07 :** A few hours after Iga Swiatek consolidated her dominance with a second French Open title while blazing to a 35th consecutive win in the run that never ends the exhausted champion from Poland, speaking from the corner of a tiny room, kicked her leg up over the handle of her chair as she recounted the years that led up to her current success. "My journey from the beginning was basically what my dad thought was the best," Swiatek said. "He made really good choices, really bad choices sometimes, but it wasn't like I had 10 people around me telling us how to deal with anything and telling us what to do. We had to choose our own path and for sure we got really lucky that he made some good decisions and I had good coaches at the beginning because, honestly, I didn't have any system that could help us." Even as Swiatek displayed her early promise as a junior, it took a long time for her to believe that she could achieve the career that she is currently building. She may have been a perfectionist who always felt that she could do better, but the dearth of examples from

her part of the world made such success far more difficult to imagine. "It was pretty hard for me to believe that I'm gonna be world No 1," she said. "Because thinking logically, when you take my country, how many people have succeeded, it was only Agnieszka [Radwanska] basically. The probability of me becoming a tennis superstar was pretty small. I like maths and my brain usually thinks about probabilities, so I felt that maybe it's not sure and it would be hard to make it happen." That insecurity drove the choices she made, most notably her decision to remain in school until she finished high school: "I always had a plan B," she said. "Even when I was 18, I still went to high school and I was really focused on that. I felt like I was working two jobs at a time. Even in 2020, I still felt like I needed a plan B in case tennis is not gonna work out." This season started with one complete, extremely consistent world No 1, Australia's Ashleigh Barty, playing the best tennis of her career and tearing up the tour. Since Barty's retirement Swiatek has not lost a match. That they so narrowly missed each other in top form, and they were unable to build a rivalry, has to be the big-

gest missed opportunity in the WTA's recent history. Swiatek says that Barty has supportively texted her numerous times since her retirement and, when asked if she wishes she could have tested her current game against Barty's, she was never more animated. "I do," she said. "I was thinking about that yesterday. I would love to be in a better shape than I was when I was playing against her, just have more variety and more abilities and to win against Ash. That would be great." The tennis season moves quickly and on Monday the grass season begins, a new frontier for Swiatek to conquer as she attempts to extend her streak. Swiatek actually won her only junior grand slam title at Wimbledon in 2018 but she does not rate herself highly on the surface yet. She has consistently reasoned that the conditions were slower that year. "My coach believes I can win more matches on grass," she said. "I don't know about that yet. But I would like to add like one or two. Yeah, but honestly, grass is always tricky. I actually like the part that I have no expectations there. It's something kind of refreshing." Swiatek is currently on the entry list for the Berlin WTA 500 tournament, which begins on 13 June, but it seems unlikely that she will play. When her sights shift to the grass, she will prepare on a couple of grass courts at a private club an hour and a half from Warsaw.

## Emma Raducanu reflects on 'pretty surreal' year before Nottingham return



**Nottingham, June 07 :** There was no pre-tournament press conference for Emma Raducanu in Nottingham last summer, no posse of photographers and autograph hunters simply to watch her practise, and no hint of what was to follow, as her first match as a professional ended in a straight-sets defeat. Just 12 months later, Raducanu returned to where it all began on Monday as the reigning US Open champion and Sports Personality of the Year, a brand ambassador for blue-chip firms including Porsche and Tiffany, and with, by one estimate, £12m already banked in prize money and sponsorships. It has been, by any measure, a dizzying rise to household-name status, and one that has largely unfolded elsewhere. Raducanu's opening match in the Rothesay Open on Tuesday will be her first in Britain since an audience of millions watched her head to the locker room in the second set of her fourth-round match at Wimbledon last year, before retiring due to breathing difficulties and

dizziness. It will also be a return to grass after her second-round exit from the French Open on the clay at Roland Garros last month. "This was my first tournament," Raducanu said here on Monday, "and to come back 12 months later, knowing what happened, it's pretty surreal." The grass season is going to be a lot of fun. I love the grass, but there are so many good players in the draw and it's dependent on so many things; the form on the day, how you match up against your opponent. Results, at this point, I kind of stop thinking about it, because there is no use in doing that. If you're doing the right things, then it will follow." Raducanu's record since becoming the first qualifier to win a grand slam title in the Open era is 10 wins and 13 defeats, and she has parted company with three coaches since her US Open victory, which she completed without dropping a set in a total of 10 matches. A statement after Torben Beltz became the third departure from her

team in seven months in April suggested that Raducanu plans to "transition to a new training model". She was not inclined to elaborate further on Monday on what exactly that might mean. "I'm just training how I have been the last few months," she said. "I've got someone to practise with and even if I had a revolutionary training model, I don't need to share how I train, because that's my business, why would I tell my opponents how I train?" As she acknowledges, however, achieving the ambition of a lifetime when you are still in your teens creates issues of its own. "I don't think anyone would say, 'I wish I didn't win a grand slam at 18' ...

That's what I set out to do, I wanted to win a grand slam, and I did that." For it to happen very soon definitely comes with a lot of challenges. But I think managing, learning and growing through those adversities that I've faced - I'd much rather have that and learn from all those experiences, keep building and keep progressing. I'm sort of doing the work from that, because I did it a bit backwards. Rafael Nadal poses with his trophy on the Alexandre III bridge in front of the Eiffel Tower a day after winning his 14th French Open title. Raducanu's setbacks have included a bout of Covid in December, a blister

which forced her to hit one-handed backhand slices in her second-round defeat at the Australian Open and more problems with blisters, this time on her foot, in April. But with only three weeks to go before the first afternoon at Wimbledon, an adversity-free tournament in Nottingham, where she is seeded second behind the world No 3, Maria Sakkari, would set her up ideally for the return to SW19. It is there Raducanu will attempt to become the first British woman to win the singles title since Virginia Wade, in the silver jubilee summer of 1977. The attention, and expectation, will be immense. "It hasn't started yet, I don't really know how it is going to be and it's obviously going to be a new experience and feeling for me," Raducanu said. "But I just think it's going to be really important to maintain a good circle around me, be chipping away at what I'm doing and not get side-tracked or distracted. I think that's something that I'm quite good at."

## Shane Bond turns 47: A look at his top five spells across formats

**New Delhi, June 07 :** Fast, fierce, grey eyed, exactly six feet, long hair, trained as a policeman, wore black, on occasions white, and just a gift to watch on a cricket pitch. Across the 82 ODIs, 18 Tests and 20 T20Is and the many domestic games he played in, Shane Bond was as perfect a specimen as cricket could give this world. A pacer who didn't compromise on the pace even after being tested relentlessly by multiple injuries across his career. "I loved that feeling of running in and bowling fast all the time and I just didn't pull it back," he said in an interview to Cricbuzz a few years back. As the player turned coach turns 47, let us look back at some of his great moments on the pitch. Against a Zimbabwe team that wasn't at its best but was still a tough competitor at home, Bond made New Zealand's first innings total of 484 look big with a 10-wicket haul in the Test, giving away less than a hundred runs in his overall spell of 31 overs in the Test. He was named the player of the match and the two-match series. Just ahead of the 2007 World Cup, Australia and New Zealand locked horns for a three-match ODI series.

## Ranji Trophy 2022

### Sudip Gharami repays faith with maiden century to put Bengal in charge against Jharkhand

**New Delhi, June 07 :** Sudip Kumar Gharami spent his childhood in a kachcha house with a bamboo roof in Naihati - 44 kilometres from Kolkata. His father, Susanta Gharami, a raj mistri by profession, would take loans from relatives not to build a pakka makaan, but to buy cricket equipment for his son. The sole reason was that Susanta is a die-hard Sachin Tendulkar fan and had promised himself that he would build a new house only if his son became a professional cricketer. A couple of years ago, the Gharami family moved to a new house, Sudip was scoring heaps of runs for Bengal at the junior level, and senior team coach Arun Lal was so impressed that he fast-tracked him into the senior side. Sudip was a member of the Bengal team, which ended up runners-up in the 2019-20 Ranji Trophy. "True story. My father was a big fan of Sachin Tendulkar. He was determined that one of his sons will play professional cricket. It was not easy as cricket is not a cheap game. He took loans; relatives

taunted him that he was wasting money on cricket. But he never gave up," Sudip told. The 23-year-old didn't have a great start to his first-class career. In the league stage, he managed only 75 runs in six innings. But Lal always had faith in his talent. On Monday, Sudip finally did justice to his ability with his maiden first-class hundred that steered Bengal to a commanding 310 for 1 against Jharkhand on the first day of the Ranji Trophy quarter-final. His unbeaten 106-run knock came off 204 balls with 13 fours and a six. He, along with Anustup Majumdar (85 batting, 139 balls) have put on 178 runs for the unbroken second-wicket stand. "Very happy to score my first ton for Bengal. My aim was to play my natural cricket. My team backed me when I went out to bat, (Abhimanyu) Easwaran, Anustup guided me during my innings, helped me understand better what the situation is demanding. I took some time at first, wanted to understand the wicket and then play my shots," Sudip



said. "Tomorrow will be a fresh day. I would love to add more runs to my tally. We want to put up a big total," he said. Lal, who first spotted Sudip as a teenager at his own academy, is a relieved man. "He is a class batter. Someone whom we knew will come good for us. He didn't have a great start to his first-class career, but I guess it was a mental thing, which he has conquered today," said an elated coach. Sudip was good against pacers and used his feet exceptionally well against spinners, including the experienced Shahbaz Nadeem. "His technique is very sound. Someone who likes to play in the V. He is also someone who is very natural with the timing. He has that extra time as well before playing any shot."

## Woman cyclist accuses India coach of 'inappropriate behaviour'

**Mumbai, June 07 :** ATOP Indian woman cyclist has accused the national sprint team chief coach R K Sharma of "inappropriate behaviour" during a camp in Slovenia, according to officials. The Indian Express has learnt that the complaint was submitted in an email sent to SAI (Sports Authority of India). The complainant was "immediately" brought

back to India "to ensure her safety", SAI said in a statement. The SAI and Cycling Federation of India (CFI) have formed two separate inquiry committees to look into the allegation. Issuing a statement, the CFI identified the complainant and the coach - and said that its officials "stand with the complainant". In a separate statement, SAI confirmed that it "has received a com-



plaint from a cyclist of inappropriate behaviour by a coach during a foreign exposure camp in Slovenia". "Following the

complaint by the athlete, SAI has immediately brought her back to India to ensure her safety and has also constituted a committee to investigate the matter," it said, adding that the "matter is being dealt (with) on priority and will be resolved shortly". By proceeding, you are agreeing to our Terms and Conditions. To find out what personal data we collect and

how we use it, please visit our Privacy Policy. The cyclist was a part of the Indian team that was in Slovenia to prepare for the Asian Championship, which will be held in New Delhi from June 18 to 22. The coach and the rest of the Indian cyclists are expected to return to India on June 14. Sharma has been involved with the team since 2014.





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