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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Heavy rainfall

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Assam has been witnessing heavy rainfall since few days affecting hundreds of families. Meanwhile, heavy rainfall has triggered water logging in various parts of Guwahati city including the Kahilipara, Jatia, and Hatigaon areas. A government bulletin on Wednesday stated that Assam's flood situation continued to improve as the count of the affected population decreased to around 68,000 on Saturday. The Assam State Disaster Management Authority's (ASDMA) daily flood bulletin said 68,590 people are still reeling under the waters. Cachar, Dima Hasao, Kamrup Metropolitan, Morigaon, and Nagaon continued to remain affected by the floods.

### Four buffaloes died

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four buffaloes died from lightning strike at Jerenga pathar in Sivasagar district on Wednesday night. The buffaloes belonging to a farmer Buddheshwar Bora died from lightning strike due to heavy rainfall and thunderstorm yesterday evening. It may be noted that the farmer Buddheshwar Bora was earning his livelihood through these buffaloes. Notably, Assam has been witnessing heavy to heavy rainfall since few days. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) predicted heavy rainfall in several districts of Assam on Thursday. Also Read: Assam: 6 Injured in Lightning Strike in Biswanath The weather department has shared the weather forecast for two days according to which several districts in Assam will witness heavy to very heavy rainfall even as the State has been witnessing heavy downpour since past few days.

### Tiger poachers

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Assam police and state forest department apprehended three tiger poachers near Orang National Park and Tiger Reserve. The arrested poachers have been identified as Azibur Rahman, Hasmat Ali and Mohammad ML. "A few days ago, a carcass of a tiger was found from the premise of arrested poacher Azibur Rahman's house," said Pradipta Baruah, DFO of Mangaldai Wildlife Division. "We have suspected that a 5-6 members poacher gang had killed the tiger and buried it in Bosa Simalu village near the Orang National Park. Today, we have arrested three of the poacher gang and they were produced before the court. Our operations are on to catch others of the gang," the DFO added.

## Assam chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma expands his council of ministers

With the two new ministers, the cabinet strength rose to 16



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Guwahati, June 09 :

Assam chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Thursday expanded his council of ministers for the first time since the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led coalition was voted back to power last year in the state. He inducted two legislators from his party and reshuffled the portfolios of some ministers. Governor Jagdish Mukhi administered the oath of office and secrecy to

Jayanta Malla Baruah and Nandita Garlosa. The strength of the council has now gone up to 16. BJP has 13 ministers while allies Asom Gana Parishad two and United Peoples' Party Liberal one. Baruah, 40, defected to the BJP in 2015 along with Sarma. A former chairman of Assam Tourism Development Corporation, he served as Sarma's political secretary before his elevation as minister. "I am happy to have been given this new responsibility. I will

continue to serve the people to the best of my ability," Baruah said before taking his oath. He has been allocated the public health engineering, tourism, and skill, employment, and entrepreneurship departments. A first-time lawmaker, Garlosa, 45, has a master's degree in zoology. She has been given the power, mines and minerals, cooperation, and indigenous and tribal faith and culture departments. With the induction of two new

ministers — Nandita Garlosa and Jayanta Malla Baruah — Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Thursday expanded his council of ministry increasing the number of ministers to 16. Assam Governor Jagdish Mukhi administered the oath of office and secrecy to first-time BJP MLA Nandita Garlosa and Political Secretary to Chief Minister Jayanta Malla Baruah as ministers at a simple function at the Srimanta Sankardev

Kalakshetra in Guwahati. Nandita Garlosa represented the Haflong constituency in Dima Hasao district while Baruah won the Nalbari assembly seat for the second time in the last year's assembly election. Thursday's cabinet expansion was carried out after the Himanta Biswa Sarma-led government assumed office in May last year. Soon after the cabinet reshuffle, the Chief Minister allocated Power, Cooperation, Mines and Minerals and Indigenous and Tribal Faith and Cultural Departments to Garlosa while Public Health Engineering, Skill Employment and Entrepreneurship and Tourism

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## Hitech Sensor Cameras installed to Monitor Speed Limit in Kaziranga

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Guwahati, June 09 :

The Assam forest department has installed sensor cameras in designated nine animal corridors of Kaziranga National Park in order to ensure smooth and accident free movement of wild animals while crossing NH-37. The sensor cameras have been installed from Rangulu stretch to Borjuri. Six sensor cameras have been installed which will be operational from June 10, 2022. The animal sensor cameras are equipped with Automatic Number Plate Recognizing (ANPR) with Radar for determination of speed. As per the orders of the National Green Tribunal in the case MA No 687 of 2013, MA No 1070 of 2013 and MA No of 142 of 2014, the vehicles plying at speed above 40 km/hr will



be penalized. A notification issued by the department stated that every vehicle which is challaned, particularly for over speeding and for killing or injuring animals would be fined on environmental compensation of Rs. 5000 per incident, over and above the amount to be paid for offence under Motor Vehicle Act. Meanwhile, several restrictions were imposed by authorities along national highway 37 that passes through the

Kaziranga national park in Assam in view of the possible floods. With the view of protecting the fauna of Kaziranga, the Bokakhat sub-divisional magistrate has imposed restrictions including regulation of speed limits on the stretch. The official order read, "During high flood season, the wild

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## Prophet Mohammad remark row Satisfied with India's stance, says Iran

New Delhi, June 09 :

Amid global outrage over the Prophet Mohammad remark controversy, Iran has said that it is satisfied with the Indian government's



stance in connection with the incident. "Iran is satisfied with the efforts made by the Indian government in dealing with those responsible for derogatory comments on Prophet Muhammad," the visiting Iranian Foreign Minister

Hossein Amir-Abdollahian said. Abdollahian, who is on his first visit to India since he assumed office last year, raised the issue of the controversial remarks, made by two former BJP spokespersons,

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## 'Balance-waad syndromes'

## Owaisi slams Delhi Police after FIR against him



New Delhi, June 09 :

All India Majlis-e-Itehadul Muslimin (AIMIM) chief Asaduddin Owaisi on Thursday tweeted after being named in an FIR filed by Delhi Police in connection with alleged inflammatory remarks made by him. A Delhi Police officer said that Owaisi, journalist Saba Naqvi, priest Yati Narsinghanand

Saraswati and BJP spokesperson Naveen Kumar Jindal were named in a separate FIR after analysis of their 'controversial messages on social media'. Owaisi in a series of tweets shared a screenshot of what he claimed to be a copy of the Delhi Police FIR. The Hyderabad MP claimed that the FIR didn't mention what crime he was being booked for. Owaisi trained guns at the Delhi Police, alleging that it lacks courage to pursue cases against Yati Narsinghanand Saraswati, Nupur Sharma and Naveen Kumar Jindal. Here are the top quotes made by Owaisi in his tweet while responding to the FIR against him. "I've received an excerpt of the FIR. This is the first FIR I've seen that's not specifying what the crime is. Imagine an FIR about a murder where cops don't men-

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## EC announces schedule for presidential polls, voting to be held on July 18; details here



New Delhi, June 09 :

The Election Commission of India on Thursday (June 9) announced the schedule of the election to the office of the President of India. The presidential election will be held on July 18 while the votes will be counted on July 21. The counting of polls will be held in New Delhi. A total of 4,809 electors to vote in the Presidential elections in 2022 and no political party can

issue a whip to its members, announced Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar. The poll panel has convened a press conference at 3 pm to announce the schedule. The poll commission also announced that the term of current President Ram Nath Kovind will end on July 24; thus, an election for the next president has to be held before that

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## No Proposal For New Airport In Assam, Says Aviation Minister

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Guwahati, June 09 :



The controversy over a proposed airport project at Doloo tea estate in Assam's Cachar district took another turn on Wednesday. Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia, writing to Trinamool Congress Rajya Sabha MP Sushmita Dev, said the Ministry has not received any proposal

to set up an airport in that locality. Earlier in an RTI reply, the Civil Aviation Ministry had also stated the same. The Doloo tea estate issue has been in the midst of controversy for over a month after the Assam state government approached the owner of the tea garden to acquire 1,500 acres of land to set up an airport

there. On May 12, protests erupted in the Lalbagh division of Doloo tea estate when the district administration deployed bulldozers to clear the tea plantation in order to acquire the land for the proposed airport. Hundreds of tea garden workers rushed to the site, braving heavy rain and ignoring the ban on large gatherings in the area. The workers raised slogans against the destruction of plantation in the garden. The state cabinet recently announced a compensation of ₹1 lakh each to 1,263 tea

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## CM Dr. Sarma chairs meeting on vacancies recruitment process

Recruitment for Grade-IV & III Posts on August

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Guwahati, June 09 :

Recruitment examinations to fill up Government of Assam's vacant positions in Class-IV and Class-III categories shall be held on August 7 and August 21, 2022 respectively, it has been decided at a meeting chaired by Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma with senior officials of the government and State-Level Boards for Recruitment to Class-III & Class-



IV Posts. While a total of 6,71,805 applications have been received for the Class-III vacancies, the

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## Mother Sells Newborn For 5.5 Lakhs In Madhya Pradesh; Arrested: Police

Indore, June 09 :

In a shocking incident, a mother sold her newborn at the behest of her second husband in Indore. Police arrested the mother, the buyer of the child and the touts involved in the deal. According to Police, Shaina B, the mother in her second marriage, got married to Antarsingh alias Vishal, a resident of Gauri Nagar in the city. The police came to

know about the matter after two months the child was sold. Hira Nagar police station SHO Satish Patel said, "Shaina B was pregnant when she married Antarsingh alias Vishal. Antarsingh wanted to get the child aborted but it could not happen. After this, Singh hatched a plan to sell the child." When the child was born, he was sold within 15 days to Leena, a resident of Dewas for 5.5 lakh via touts.

Two months after this incident, we got the information about the matter from an informer. Police arrested the child's mother, Shaina, Leena, who bought the child, and four others - Neha Suryavanshi, Pooja Verma, Neha Verma, Neelam Verma who were involved in helping Shaina to sell her child. A case of human trafficking was registered against them. Shaina's husband Antarsingh is currently absconding.





## Donald Trump to testify in New York investigation into his business practices



**New York, June 09 :** Former president Donald Trump will testify under oath on 15 July in New York attorney general Letitia Jame's investigation into his business practices, according to a court filing

released Wednesday. News of next month's testimony is the latest development in the three-year investigation into the former president's dealings after he failed in an attempt last month to stop her investigation and ended

up paying a \$110,000 fine. James has said investigators have found "significant evidence" of wrongdoing in the investigation, which has honed in on whether the Trump Organization misstated the values of its real estate properties to obtain favorable loans and tax deductions. The attorney general previously said her investigation discovered evidence suggesting that for more than a decade the company's financial statements "relied on misleading asset valuations and other misrepresentations to secure economic benefits". The

Trump's are scheduled to testify beginning on 15 July, but they have until 13 June to ask New York state's highest court, the court of appeals, to further delay any testimony. The testimony would be postponed if that court issued a stay. Trump and his children had earlier argued that testifying in the civil investigation would violate their constitutional rights because their words could be used in a related criminal investigation led by Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg. Trump has repeatedly denied any wrongdoing and has not been accused of criminal wrongdoing. He has called the investigation a "witch-hunt".

## IMD predicts rainfall in these states for next few days

**New Delhi, June 09 :** India Meteorological Department (IMD) in its latest forecast, posted on Wednesday (June 8, 2022), said an intense spell of rainfall is expected in Northeast India and SubHimalayan West Bengal and Sikkim for the next couple of days. The Met office has predicted that widespread rainfall is likely over Arunachal Pradesh and Assam & Meghalaya, Sub-Himalayan West Bengal & Sikkim and Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura during the next 5 days. IMD also said that heatwave conditions are

that heatwave conditions are expected over Jammu Division, Himachal Pradesh, West Rajasthan, West Madhya Pradesh, Vidarbha, Chhattisgarh today. Heatwave conditions are also predicted over Uttarakhand, Punjab, Haryana-Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Telangana & East Madhya Pradesh today. Several parts of northwest and central India reeled under a searing heatwave on Wednesday with Ganganagar in Rajasthan and Brahmapuri in Maharashtra recording a highest maximum

Thursday. Hot weather conditions continued unabated in Haryana and Punjab on Wednesday. In Haryana, Hisar saw a high of 44.6 degrees Celsius, while Sirsa also recorded a high of 42.8 degrees Celsius. In Punjab, Amritsar sizzled at a high of 44 degrees Celsius. Ludhiana and Patiala registered respective maximum temperatures of 44 and 44.5 degrees Celsius, respectively. The southern parts of Rajasthan are likely to witness pre-monsoon showers from June 10 to 12, IMD said even as several parts of the state faced scorching heat on Wednesday. "Pre-monsoon activities are likely to occur in Udaipur and Kota division on June 10, 11 and 12. During this, light to moderate rainfall may occur," a Met department official said.



likely to continue in isolated pockets over Northwest, Central and adjoining East India during the next 2 days. - IMD also said that fairly widespread/widespread light/moderate rainfall with thunderstorm/lightning very likely over Karnataka, Kerala & Mahe and Lakshadweep; scattered rainfall over Andhra Pradesh & Yanam and Tamilnadu, Puducherry & Karaikal and Telangana during next 5 days. - Tamilnadu is also likely to witness isolated heavy rainfall on 08th; South Interior Karnataka on 12th; Coastal Karnataka during 10th-12th and over Kerala & Mahe during 08th, 10th, 11th & 12th June. The weather department has predicted

temperature of 46.2 degrees Celsius. IMD said the heatwave spell will continue in Uttarakhand, Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Telangana and Madhya Pradesh till Thursday and in Odisha till Friday. Notably, 42 towns and cities across Rajasthan, Haryana, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Andhra Pradesh reported maximum temperatures above 44 degrees Celsius. Many parts of the national capital recorded a heatwave for the sixth consecutive day on Wednesday. The Safdarjung Observatory, Delhi's base station, recorded a maximum temperature of 44 degrees Celsius, four notches above normal. Four out of the 11 weather stations in Delhi recorded a heatwave on Tuesday. The weather office issued a yellow alert, warning of heatwave conditions at isolated places in the capital on

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Locals attend a beach cleanup to mark World Oceans Day at Kalk Bay, Cape Town, South Africa



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## Elgar Parishad case: Bombay HC bench recuses from hearing bail pleas of DU professor Hany Babu, Gautam Navlakha

**Mumbai, June 09 :** A two-judge bench of the Bombay High Court recused itself from hearing the bail plea of Delhi University's associate professor Hany Babu and the plea of Gautam Navlakha, both accused in



the Elgar Parishad-Maoist links case, without citing any reason. The bench of Justices Revati Mohite Dere and VG Bisht was hearing the bail plea of Babu in which he stated that the

purported letter cited by the National Investigating Agency (NIA), speaking of a conspiracy to kill Prime Minister Narendra Modi, did not incriminate him. Babu said the unsigned letter, which the NIA claimed was

through counsels Yug Chaudhry and Payoshi Roy, was mentioned before a vacation bench of the high court last month. At that time, the vacation bench directed that the plea be heard by a regular bench of the high court. On Wednesday, when Babu's plea came up before a bench of Justices Revati Mohite-Dere and VG Bisht, the bench recused itself from hearing it without citing any reason. Justice Mohite-Dere also recused herself from hearing a plea filed by Navlakha, who has sought, among other things, access to telephone calls at the Taloja prison in Navi Mumbai, where he is currently lodged as an undertrial. Navlakha, 71,

has been lodged inside the high security 'anda cell' of the Taloja prison since October last year. In his plea, Babu said that the special NIA judge DE Kothalikar had "erred" in holding that the letter showed prima facie existence of incriminating material against him. The judge had said that the letter spoke of a "Rajiv Gandhi assassination like conspiracy" to kill Modi and that it incriminated Babu in the case. Judge Kothalikar had made this observation while rejecting Babu's bail on merits in February this year. Babu filed his appeal in HC last month, challenging the NIA court order. Babu further said in his plea that there existed no evidence to even suggest that he intended to, or, supported causing disaffection against India. The plea stated that the trial in the case was yet to commence, and it will take time to conclude as the NIA had cited over 50 witnesses, and the chargesheet ran into 30,000 pages. He urged the HC to grant him bail. Babu, who was arrested in July 2020 from his residence in Delhi, is also lodged at the Taloja prison. The pleas of Babu and Navlakha pleas will come up

for hearing before an appropriate bench later this month. In 2019, Justice Mohite-Dere had recused herself from hearing pleas by eight accused persons in the case, who had challenged a Pune sessions court order taking cognisance of a charge sheet filed in the case by local police, the initial prosecuting agency in the case. In the past, Justices PB Varale, SS Shinde and Sadhana Jadhav of the Bombay High Court had also recused themselves from hearing the Elgar Parishad matters. The case relates to alleged inflammatory speeches delivered at the 'Elgar Parishad' conclave, held at Shaniwarwada in Pune on December 31, 2017, which the police claimed triggered violence the next day near the Koregaon-Bhima war memorial located on the city's outskirts. The Pune police had claimed the conclave was backed by Maoists. The probe in the case, in which more than a dozen activists and academicians have been named as accused, was later transferred to the National Investigation Agency (NIA).

## Man detained after driving car into Berlin crowd, killing teacher

**Berlin, June 09 :** A man has been detained after driving his car into a crowd of people in western Berlin, killing a teacher and injuring 14 children who were on a school trip, police have said. The man drove into people on a street corner before getting the car back on the road and crashing into a shop window further on. Berlin police said the schoolchildren and their teacher were visiting the capital from the central German state of Hesse. "Their teacher died at the scene," Berlin police wrote on Twitter. "Their loved ones have been informed and are being cared for." Six of the 14 hurt have life-threatening injuries and another three have serious injuries. Authorities are trying to determine whether the man, identified as 29-year-old German-Armenian who lived in

Berlin, deliberately drove into pedestrians or whether it was an accident, possibly caused by a medical emergency. Berlin's top security official, Iris Spranger, said the "evidence suggests this is a case of a

mentally ill person running amok". Spranger said posters were found in the man's car "in which he expressed views about Turkey" but she refuted an earlier report from the Bild tabloid that a letter of confession had been found

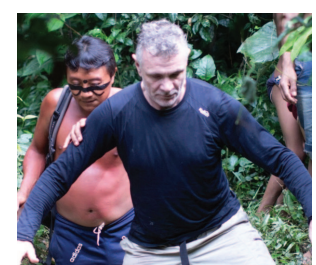
in the car. A criminal investigator was cited anonymously in Bild as saying the crash was "in no way an accident", but that the driver - referred to only as Gor H - was "running amok".

## Brazilian police say 'no evidence of crime' in search for missing journalist

**Da Costa, June 09 :** Authorities in the Amazon investigating the disappearance of a British journalist and an Indigenous advocate have yet to find any evidence of a crime three days after the men went missing in a remote corner of the rainforest. Police in the far west of Brazil said on Wednesday their inquiries into the disappearance of Dom Phillips, a longtime Guardian contributor, and Bruno Araújo Pereira, an advocate for Indigenous people, had led to the arrest of one man. The suspect was caught in possession of drugs, a shotgun and ammunition restricted for military use, but was not named. Earlier in the day police sources said they had detained a man named Amarildo da Costa de Oliveira on similar charges. However, the Amazonas state police chief told reporters it was too early to link any suspect directly to the pair's disappearance. "We have material that makes us suspect there is a link to the fact," said Carlos Alberto Mansur. "But it's still just a suspicion. It's still being investigated." For now, our main job is searching, and our hope is still to find them alive. That they had a problem with their boat, that

they went up a river, that they are lost in the jungle. It's the jungle, it's a very complex area. "We still don't have a strong indication a crime was committed." Da Costa goes by the nickname Pelado and was reported to have threatened Phillips and Pereira and a group of 13 Indigenous people on Saturday morning. A witness to the encounter told the Guardian that Da Costa and two other armed men threatened the group while they were stopped at the side of the Itaquai river in Amazonas state. Pereira, 41, a longtime advocate of the Indigenous tribes in a vast and remote jungle area, had

received death threats for his work helping protect Indigenous groups from drug traffickers and illegal miners, loggers and hunters who covet land in a region rich with natural resources. He and Phillips were last seen on Sunday morning while traveling by boat through the Javari region of Amazonas state. They were returning from a two-day reporting trip but did not arrive as scheduled at the town of Atalaia do Norte. Phillips, 57, was in the region researching a book on sustainable development there. He received a fellowship from



the Alicia Patterson Foundation to write the book, and was aiming to finish it by the end of this year. His wife Alessandra Sampaio made an

emotional appeal for authorities to speed up their search on Tuesday and as the case hit the headlines in Brazil, personalities from the sporting and arts worlds joined in. Three-time World Cup winner Pelé posted his support, as did Everton and Brazil forward Richarlison and Walter Casagrande, a former Brazilian player who is now a well-known sports broadcaster.

### NOTICE INVITING TENDER

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## Guwahati adds new connectivity to Jaipur

**Assam Rising, Guwahati, June 9:** Number of passengers and air traffic movements are showing a sharp rise at Guwahati. Within a span of weeks' time, air travelers' number has gone up noticeably high. In terms of flights, one of the latest additions is the Indigo airline. Recently the airline has introduced a new connectivity from Guwahati to Jaipur

on all week days. This is the latest addition of connectivity at Guwahati's Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport. The passengers from Guwahati to Jaipur can avail this service from LGBI Airport on all week days. Indigo is deploying Airbus A320 with 180 seats as standard all economy configuration. It will be operated on all

week days. The inward sector Flight 6E-0357 departs Guwahati at 10.50 hours in the morning to Jaipur and arrives at 22.45 hours on every day. On the other hand, 6E-0354 departs Jaipur 16:45 to Guwahati daily and arrives at 19:00. However, Indigo decided to operate the route effective from July 15 onwards.

## Outstanding Success: Meghalaya Governor greets USTM

**Assam Rising, Guwahati, June 9:** Meghalaya Governor Satya Pal Malik has greeted a team of delegates from the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya (USTM) with a memento at the Raj Bhawan, Shillong yesterday. The team from USTM consisted of Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor, USTM, Prof GD Sharma, Vice Chancellor, USTM, Dr RK Sharma, Advisor USTM and Dr Balendra K. Das, Pro Vice Chancellor, USTM. The team updated him about the progress at the University and discussed the future projects of the institution. Appreciating the work and progress of USTM, the Meghalaya Governor Satya Pal Malik said, "Achieving

'A' Grade by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in its 1st cycle of assessment is something rare in the country. With a very humble beginning, USTM has progressed to the satisfaction of all its stakeholders." Addressing the Chancellor of USTM Shri Mahbubul Hoque, he said that choosing the land for the University campus in the foothills of Ri Bhoi district of Meghalaya and developing the backward area is actually an action that could be termed as "Jungle Mein Mangal kar diya". He appreciated the Central Auditorium of USTM as "the best in the eastern India". The Meghalaya Governor emphasized on research and publications so that



USTM can fulfill the target of achieving a global standard by 2030 as per the milestone set by it. "It

must be a world class institution and has to attract students from ASEAN countries", he added. He also assured to ex-

tend all kinds of support to USTM from time to time. "My blessings and best wishes are always with such an institution that works relentlessly for the cause of society", he said. USTM Chancellor M Hoque elaborated about the outreach activities of the university and the Governor termed it as "very satisfactory". USTM's neighbourhood outreach activities are operating in nearly 30 kms of radius of the campus and the children of the area are getting free education at USTM. Nearly 20 percent of the total students at USTM are availing free education. The meeting concluded with the Governor's wish to USTM to become a centre of excellence.



**Assam Rising, Aalo, June 9:** The first quarterly District Level Monitoring Committee meeting was held in the conference hall of Deputy Commissioner office Aalo on June 9. The meeting was chaired by Panga Tato, APCS, Deputy Commissioner. Chairman, DLMC West Siang District. While welcoming all participants, he requested the members present to discuss the particular schemes in detail without controversy. The

DLMC meeting was presented in powerpoint presentation. During the meeting Babom Romin West Siang ZPC, Hento Karga ADC Yomcha, Rujum Raksap ADC Kamba, ZPM's Executive Engineer of all works Department and other schemes related to HoDs and NGOs were present. During the meeting administrative Officers requested the executing Agency Departments to issue one sanction order

of various Schemes of their respective Administrative Jurisdiction for quality and timely completion and monitoring of the schemes which will be beneficial for the common public. Zila parishad members request the concerned executing agencies to instruct the contractors to maintain Quality works, timely completion and to strictly follow as per the tender agreements and also they urged the executing agencies to hand over one hard copy for proper monitoring of the schemes. Panga Tato D.C cum Chairman DLMC requested all the executing agencies not to release the final bills of the projects until and unless the contractors or firms did not comply as per guidelines of the govern-

ment. He also informed the construction agencies of Aalo stadium to maintain minimum labour force for early completion of the much awaited stadium of Aalo town. The present labour force is not sufficient for such a huge project where huge laborers' required for early completion of the stadium. Regarding the latest updates Er. Gemar Padu AE highway informed that Trans Arunachal Highway package eight is in advance stage and package nine work is in progress as per the time. Panga Tato D.C cum Chairman DLMC directed the Chief Manager of State Bank of India Aalo branch to release the amounts of subsidy schemes without any hindrances by following the codal formalities for benefit of the beneficiaries. Babom Romin District Zila Chairperson requested all the executing agencies not to compromise the quality of works and proper monitoring of all the schemes. He also requested the executing agencies to issue one copy each from every scheme to the concerned administrative officers for transparency and smooth monitoring of the schemes. Marjum Karga District Planning Officer cum member secretary while delivering vote of thanks, requested the executing agencies to submit one photograph along with the brief write up of the schemes to Deputy Commissioner for further submission to the planning departments.

# Assam Governor administers oath to new ministers

**Assam Rising, Guwahati, June 9:** Assam Governor Prof. Jagdish Mukhi in the exercise of power vested in him under clause (1) of Article 164 of the Constitution of India inducted two ministers by administering them oath of office and secrecy at a solemn function held at Srimanta Sankardev Kalakshetra International auditorium, here today. The two newly inducted ministers are

Nandita Gorlosa and Jayanta Malla Baruah. With this expansion the strength of the Council of Ministers of the BJP-led State government rose to 16. In the swearing-in ceremony Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma, his ministerial colleagues, MPs, MLAs, his advisors, senior government officers and a host of other dignitaries were present.

## Lokra Bn. organised Yoga session

**Assam Rising, Biswanath Chariali, June 9:** Lokra Battalion of Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ 21 SECT/IGAR(E) organised a yoga session at Lokra Garrison Sonitpur district, Assam on June 9. The event was conducted to promote a healthy lifestyle and to create awareness about the benefits of practicing yoga. Awareness was created as to how practicing Yoga can boost the immune system and thereby fighting the Pandemic. A total of 95 Assam Rifles personnel participated in the event. Lokra Battalion of Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ 21 Sector / HQ IGAR(E) organised Yoga session to promote the initiative of "100 days of yoga" for the 8th International Day of Yoga on June 9 at Lokra Garrison Sonitpur.



## Nagaon forest division realized over Rs 5 cr.

**Assam Rising, Nagaon, June 9:** Nagaon Forest Division realized over Rs 5 crores as revenue from various offenses within the last 10 months, sources from the division added. Sources claimed that the division collected Rs 48,30,464.00 in 2021-22 and Rs 12,84,935.00 in the last two months from minor

minerals and materials resources while Rs 40,62,563.00 was released from the sale of seized timbers by the division. Besides, from the sale of stone and sand mahals, the division also collected Rs 2,12,25,610.00 and Rs 2,91,53,384.00 respectively during the last 10 months, sources said adding further that the officials con-

cerned of the forest division left no stone unturned to increase the revenue amount during last those days by exercising more efforts as well as imposing more penalties on every possible sources of the forest related offenses under the division and expected that it would be able to realize more revenue in the days to come.

## Bhargav Buragohain brings laurels to Sivasagar

**Assam Rising, Dhemaji, June 6:** A class six student of Hahchara High School Bhargav Buragohain brings laurels to Sivasagar by his extraordinary talent in the field of art (drawing). It may be recalled that Bhargav Buragohain first started the basics of art from Munmi Buragohain, a well known artist and the founder of Mon Eti Aasha Group, Sivasagar. Later, Bhargav attended various workshops on art and participated in local as well as state level art competitions. Recently The National Academy For Art Education, Maharashtra conferred the prestigious India Star Icon Kids Achievers award 2022 award to Bhargav Buragohain (11). Bhargav Buragohain is the son of Girin Buragohain and Aimoni Buragohain of Hahchara Mouza Lankak Gohain Gaon in Sivasagar district.



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Divisional Forest Officer  
Dhubri Division

No:- MB-123/15<sup>th</sup> FC/BTC/2020-21/127

Date :- 08/06/2022

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The office of the Block Dev. Officer, Manikpur Dev. Block (Chirang Part) invited bid for the works under 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission fund of BTC for the year 2020-21 & 2021-22 in Bid system (F2 Form) affixing a non-refundable court fee stamp of Rs.8.25 (Rupees Eight & twenty five Paise) only from the registered contractors of class-I (A,B,C), Class-II and class-III category of Assam PWD (Road & Building) for the works as details below.

| Sl. No | Name of Scheme   | Estimated Amount (Rs. in Lakh) | Cost. of Tender Paper | Time of completion of work | Earnest Money   |
|--------|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|---|
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| 2      | Construction of road with Earth filling and sand gravelling from Bangaljhara road(near Nirmal Mazumder house) to Kajal Mitra's house via Vidyasagar L.P.School | 15.00                          | Rs. 500/-             | 90 days                    |   |
| 3      | Improvement of Road from Dangaigaon Satra road to PWD road   | 7.50                           | Rs. 500/-             | 90 days                    |   |
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1. Date of issue of Bid Document:-10-06-22
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## Good news for the millions who suffer from cancer

World Brain Tumor Day, brought good news for the millions who suffer from cancer across the globe. On Wednesday, it was announced that for the first time, a drug trial had shown 100% eradication of cancer in patients. The trial was conducted at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in Manhattan, US. The drug - dostarlimab - was administered to 12 rectal cancer patients, who seemed to have recovered completely as the disease could not later be detected by physical exam, endoscopy, positron emission tomography (PET) or magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scans. The study was conducted on a very small set of people. Further, the follow-up period ranging from six to twenty-five months is very less for cancer patients. The disease comes back in different ways at different intervals of time. All this has to be considered. Then comes the cost. In the study, the molecule was given every three weeks for six months. People can't afford this in India. We have to be cautious about results in Western literature. Genes are different. But all the necessary skepticism does not take away from the hope that the drug trial has brought. With new therapies, we have managed to increase life span of cancer patients even in Stage 4. Immunotherapy is the future of oncology and will come to India too in a big way. The drug provides hope that patients can be treated without painful chemotherapy and surgeries. With more than 19 million new cases and 10 million deaths in 2020 alone, the global annual cancer burden is expected to grow. In the next two decades, there will be 30 million new cases and 16 million cancer deaths. The disease places its heaviest burden on low- and middle-income countries, where over 70% of cancer deaths are expected to occur, yet these countries receive only 5% of global spending in this area. The projects included in Rays of Hope, based on sustainability, build or strengthen radiation safety legislation and infrastructure and provide quality control, guidance, training and equipment. Rays of Hope combines several elements into a set of interventions that build on and complement each other in order to maximize impact. Through a sharp focus on countries without radiotherapy or with inequitable access, Rays of Hope focuses on prioritizing a limited number of high-impact, cost-effective and sustainable interventions in line with national needs and commitment.

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## Nupur Sharma coverage tells why TV news can follow CNN's example-less hype, more nuance

The Nupur Sharma 'quake', as India Today described it, is the chronicle of a disaster foretold. It was simply waiting to happen. And the manner in which news television responded was also, unfortunately, predictable. You would've thought that after Sharma's offending remarks on Times Now last month led to 'a critically embarrassing incident for India' (CNN News 18), news channels would take the rebuke to heart and mind their manners. Or even better, follow the example of CNN in the US, which is now aiming for 'less hype, more nuance...' in its programming. Alas, you would have been wrong on both counts: Hindi and English TV news is as corrosive, divisive and strident as ever-with some honorable exceptions. Consider what happened after news came in last Sunday that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) had suspended Sharma, its national spokesperson, for her comments on the Prophet on TV, following official protests by countries like Kuwait and Qatar. First, there was a deafening silence on the issue. Most channels announced the BJP's move Sunday afternoon and the government's statement, then returned to ongoing coverage that included (ironically) studio debates, videos and live broadcasts from Kanpur on the

violence in the city during Friday protests against Sharma's remarks. A headline read, 'Kanpur ka mujrim kaun?' (Zee News). Monday morning saw more coverage across channels - of the BJP distancing itself from Sharma (referred to as 'fringe elements' in the official comments by the party) as more countries joined in the condemnation. 'Anger and outrage grows', said India Today. However, the focus remained Kanpur, which allowed news channels to produce a counter-narrative that, once more, highlighted a communal angle: there was the arrest of  **SHAILAJA BAJPAI** of the 'mastermind' Hayat Zafar Hashmi, there was the Popular Front of India (PFI) 'hand' in the violence that channels repeatedly mentioned, and, dark allusions to the 'Kanpur conspiracy' in WhatsApp chats (Times Now). Same old, same old.... And there was the Kanpur police poster with photographs of 40 males in skull caps, identified as 'rioters' and 'conspirators' by news channels (Times Now, India Today). 'Look at the culprits', advised India TV. There were constant references to 'Kanpur hate attack' (Times Now) and the usual heated debates between Hindus and Muslims (Aaj Tak). Same old, same old.... Times Now spoke of 'Baba ka

bulldozer' being rolled out and expressed outrage over the 'shocking' comment by Samajwadi Party's Abu Azmi, 'mocking shivling'. 'You should apologise', the anchor told him - a bit rich coming from the channel where Sharma made her ill-advised comments on the Prophet, don't you think? So there you have it: TV news paid less attention to Muslim nations' criticism of India and much more to the alleged involvement of Indian Muslims in a violent riot. Next up, discussions on channels like India Today, CNN News 18 India, and NDTV 24x7 dwelt on the diplomatic implications of the controversy. On other channels, countries that had officially criticised Sharma's remarks were shown a mirror while Pakistan's propaganda 'toolkit' was held responsible for inciting the said countries (Zee News, Times Now). On NDTV India, Monday, the anchor wondered at the 'track record' of the Muslim countries - where there is no democracy. Still, they were able to pressure the Indian government into acting, said the anchor. Times Now Navbharat's 9 pm anchor, Monday, picked apart each country for trying to lecture India on how to treat Muslims: 'Qatar gyaan de raha hai?' he asked. He

ASHAs in NE States have not only provided basic care to the community but also prepared people for their health rights. They did a splendid work in mobilising the community during the pandemic. When the region is burdened with the load of rising non-communicable diseases like the rest of the country, ASHAs once again became an integral part of the battle. Making the community aware about such diseases and the risk behaviours, lifestyle modifications, wellness activities like yoga, mobilising the people for screening for such conditions etc. being a part of the referral and follow-up mechanism for treatment adherence of the beneficiaries are some of the worth mentioning areas



### Ms. Pumani Kalita, Dr. Joydeep Das, Dr Ashoke Roy

where ASHAs have been putting in their efforts. Over last eight years, the region has achieved significant advancement in creating new health paradigm. During the post-budget webinar on 'Health Sector', Hon'ble PM stated, "I have been talking about 'One Earth One Health'. With the same spirit, we must develop 'One India One Health' in India too. This mission is also similar, i.e., the same healthcare facilities should be developed in remote areas too. We must strive to ensure that critical healthcare facilities are present at the block level, the district level as well as in the villages". With this as a driving force, the paradigm shift is being observed in health sector in recent years in the form of additional allocation of around Rs. 1,14,323 crore exclusively for health sector under 15th Finance Commission and Pradhan Mantri Ayushman-Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-AB-HIM) grants for strengthening

HWCs, Diagnostic Services Network, Critical Care Blocks in all districts, infrastructure, and more. Across the NE States, 16 Medical Colleges have been established till 2021 and few more are in the pipeline. Remarkable efforts have been put-in for equipping the health services with quality human resources by authorising enhanced annual intake. Serving the community with better health care services has not been limited at developing infrastructure and engaging more doctors & nurses alone. A relief to the people also came with

and terminally ill patients and various wellness activities. With the aim of providing free access to health insurance coverage for the low income earners, free secondary health care for those needing specialist treatments and tertiary health care for those requiring hospitalisation, the Ayushman-Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (ABPMJAY) was launched by the Government. The scheme was initiated as a fight against the out-of-pocket expenditure which pushes many below the poverty line. In recent years, quality services have always been a priority in the public

health system. Promoting cleanliness, hygiene and infection control practices in public health institutes were the aims when Kayakalp was launched in 2014. The State of Mizoram has been privileged to be one of the first public health institutes in the country that aims at improved delivery of quality services. To achieve the long-term goal of reducing maternal and infant death, care around birth has been identified as one of the strategic actions and a total of 15 public health institutes, 9/14 are in aspirational districts, have had its labour room and operation theatre quality certified.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the region further strengthened the health care service delivery with commissioning of new field hospitals and additional beds,

new ICUs and pediatric ICUs with ventilators and strengthening the diagnostic facilities. Most of the District hospitals now have Oxygen Generation Plants which were not there earlier. Rapid training of frontline workers including ASHAs and building partnerships with local leaders, community engagement helped a great extent. Over last few years the public health services have undergone tremendous reform and have been brought closer to the community. This is evident in the region as it achieved significant breakthroughs, a few to mention - decreasing trend in maternal deaths (Assam) and infant deaths - four states (Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland and Sikkim) out of eight NE states are having single digit Infant Mortality Rate (IMR), increased institutional deliveries, improved family planning services, prevention and management of seasonal diseases etc. North-East is diverse, so are its challenges. Behind the picturesque beauty there exist numerous barriers to development. Nonetheless, constant progresses made over the years testify that sincere efforts and commitment can make public health care services better for the community. With such remarkable changes at the grassroots, this region is witnessing the dream of a resilient health system coming true in near future, upholding the mantra 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas' in true sense.

## Putin will struggle to keep Russian mothers silent as tempers rise with economic hardships

Vladimir Putin's propaganda machine has built up the image of a powerful nation with an indomitable leader and a disciplined army, encircled by enemies and fighting for the future of the motherland. Never mind that it was Russia that invaded Ukraine, that there has been plentiful evidence of Russian soldiers looting and raping, or that what was supposed to be a bloodless blitzkrieg has turned into a costly war of attrition. Roadside billboards with portraits of fallen soldiers carry the tagline "hero of victory," though there's no actual triumph. A popular slogan roughly translates as "we leave none of our people behind," though the armed forces routinely do just that, abandoning bodies in the mud or in makeshift

Ukrainian morgues. The Kremlin sustains its official narrative with a tight grip. But as the war drags on, campaign aims shifting, there's one inconvenient truth that even President Vladimir Putin will increasingly struggle to muffle: the men who fail to come home. No constituency is as hard for him to dismiss as the mothers, wives and daughters of soldiers, especially if tempers rise along with widespread economic hardship. Their anger and grief has helped to galvanize public opinion in the past, tarnishing the image of the military and the state. It can do so again. Russia's losses in Ukraine have already been staggering, even if the pace has slowed since the disastrous early days. It's hard to be precise because official Defense Ministry figures have not been released since March 25, and even then inevitably undercounted, with 1,351 Russian service members reported to have been killed. Ukraine calculates around

30,000 Russian deaths, an overestimate. But even half that, as Britain's defense secretary reckoned in April, would not be far off the number the Soviet Union officially lost in its decade-long conflict in Afghanistan. And the number is rising. We've seen the power of mothers before. During the 1980s bodies were returned



### Clara Ferreira Marques

from Afghanistan in sealed zinc coffins and headstones carved only with "killed fulfilling his internationalist duty." Aided by the freedoms of glasnost, angry mothers began to demand information on deaths and injuries. They campaigned actively against dedovshchina, the brutal hazing of young conscripts, and forced the Soviet military to provide answers for the first

time. The Committee of Soldiers' Mothers remained front and center during the first Chechen war, when they marched to the capital Grozny, negotiated to bring their sons home and gathered evidence on the killed and wounded. Mothers' fury put Putin on the spot over his desultory response to the sinking of the nuclear submarine Kursk in 2000, with 118 on board. "They earn \$50 a month and now they're stuck in that tin can! What did I raise him for? Do you have children?" one pained mother shouted at Kremlin officials. She was silenced - television footage showed her being injected with a substance and collapsing, though she later denied being tranquilized - but public anger was harder to soothe. The ability to press the military for transparency in the late 1980s, mothers' influence during the Chechen war in the 1990s, and even the outbursts over Kursk, were possible in a context of relative media and political freedom, thanks to perestroika's reforms and the chaos that followed. It's no accident the mothers had far less success during the second Chechen campaign, as Putin's time in office got underway. Today, there's wall-to-wall propaganda glorifying the fallen, control of the media and little tolerance for protest of any kind. As Gulnaz Sharafutdinova of King's College London pointed out to me, there's also the fact that unlike in either Afghanistan or the first war in Chechnya, when society was more equal and families of all kinds were affected, those involved in this conflict are by and large not conscripts but contracted soldiers, young men seeking a way out of poverty, coming from ethnic minorities and distant regions - with little political clout. It's telling that a list of nearly 1,100 fatalities analyzed by the BBC Russian Service in early April did not include a single man from Moscow, a city of roughly 13 million. There were only five from the wider Moscow region and one from St Petersburg. Buryatia, a republic with fewer than a million people, had 52

fallen servicemen. Dagestan, in the Caucasus and with some three million inhabitants, had 93. And there's the simple reality that a death is easier for families to handle if it is heroic, making them more likely to accept the official line, even when it flies in the face of their experience. When Nobel Prize-winner Svetlana Alexievich wrote her polyphonic book on the soldiers of the Soviet war in Afghanistan and their families - "Boys in Zinc", after their coffins - she was threatened, and eventually sued by several of her subjects for libel and defamation. "Mothers of sons who had died in Afghanistan came to the trial with portraits of their children, with their medals and insignia," she later wrote. "And, to me, the mothers said, 'We do not need your truth, we have our own truth.'" But with every casualty, the fiction is harder to sustain, and the questions more pressing. It's a risk that grows with every sunk cruiser or badly hit parachute regiment. Especially when the war's goals remain murky. Ukraine has spotted the opportunity. President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has appealed directly to Russian mothers. The government in Kyiv set up a hotline and runs a Telegram channel and website with pictures of those captured, for families searching for loved ones - to spread the word. It's a danger Putin recognizes and has struggled with since his plans for a three-day war went wrong in late February. He has repeatedly said there are no conscripts on the front in Ukraine - the use of conscripts in battle remains a highly sensitive issue - and has resisted mass mobilization. But his Defense Ministry has had to acknowledge that some conscripts have been deployed, and some captured. And facing heavy losses of troops and equipment, Putin has just removed the upper age limit for contract soldiers. As the fight drags on, he will have to pull in reserves, or more of those doing their compulsory military service. (Though most likely not women, who make up a tiny portion of the armed forces and are not generally permitted in frontline roles.)



# Jeff Goldblum takes one more bite out of Jurassic World

**New York, June 09 :** There is only one person who, in the middle of a massive dystopic dinosaur movie, can utter a line like "That's bananas" with just the right timing and inflection. For almost three decades, off and on, Jeff Goldblum has played Dr. Ian Malcolm with particular Goldblumian panache. As the stylish chaos theorist of the Jurassic Park and Jurassic World films, Goldblum is voice of reason and comedy relief in one, an auger of nature's unpredictability who can't help marveling at seeing his theories in action, even if that poses immediate danger to himself. It's one of the 69-year-old actor's best-known characters. Yet in even big movies like Jurassic Park and Independence Day, Goldblum has such a singular manner and much-imitated tempo that he's never been particularly defined by those roles. It's more that Goldblum, in putting his own idiosyncratic spin on them, marks the characters, rather than the other way around. Life finds a way in Jurassic Park, and so does Goldblum. In Colin Trevorrow's Jurassic World: Dominion, which opens in theaters Thursday, Goldblum - along with original cast members Laura Dern and Sam Neill - returns to close out the franchise's second trilogy of films in a sprawling adventure set in a near future where dino-



saur have spread across the world, as has ecological imbalance and a plague of giant locusts. For Goldblum, the son of a doctor and host of the Disney+ series The World According to Jeff Goldblum, the subjects and themes of the movie dovetail with some of his own curiosities and interests in how we might, he says, "upgrade our stewardship of the planet." What does Goldblum, the movies' resident chaotician, think of our increasingly tumultuous times? "I don't know anything about what I'm talking about. But let's utter the word 'entropy' and 'systems' and how things break down," Goldblum says, speaking from London. "Before the butterfly comes out of the chrysalis, the caterpillar has some convulsions, chaotic convulsions. But it's not death, necessarily. It's the onset of transformation." Satisfied that he's perhaps arrived at a kernel of truth, Goldblum concludes, "Hey, what about that?" Chaos and harmony feature prominently in most conversations with

Goldblum, an ever-riffing, cosmically attuned raconteur. He tends to speak as if narrating his brain's inner-workings in real time, arriving now and then at ideas worth pausing to savor and existential epiphanies that delight him. One question, for example, about whether his sons' names - River Joe and Charlie Ocean - suggest some ecological bent sends Goldblum on a jag about ocean environmental health, fundraising for Oceana, the song "Moon River" (which Goldblum, an accomplished pianist, says his band might soon record), Carly Simon's "Let the River Run," the movie Working Girl, Mark Harris' Mike Nichols biography and a white-water rafting trip on the Kern River. "Water is life, isn't it?" says Goldblum. "If they ever wanted to drop the Goldblum and just go with River Joe, that sounds evocative to me, that sounds like a good character. Or Charlie Ocean. I like both of those. Nothing

wrong with Goldblum, but if they want to change it, fine with me." Either through experience (Goldblum's early films included two with the improvisational Robert Altman, "a dippy doodle of an artist," he says) or practice (Goldblum credits acting teacher Sandy Meisner with instilling in him "a continuity of digging"), Goldblum has arrived at his unique cadence and perpetual state of curiosity. "At the beginning of the day, I remind myself: free association, stream of consciousness, perceptual readiness and then openness," says Goldblum. "This whole business of acting and music seems to be, if nothing else, an invitation toward opening up. Opening yourself up in both directions. Not only to what's around you in reception but then in your giving back, reacting and offering something."

After co-starring in Jurassic Park and its 1997 sequel, The Lost World, Goldblum returned to Ian Malcolm in 2018's Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom during which his character testifies to the US Congress. Malcolm recommends letting the exploding volcano determine the fate of the dinosaurs on Isla Nublar. Goldblum relished it. Production on Jurassic World: Dominion was halted in 2020 due to the pandemic. When shooting restarted, the studio rented out a hotel in England near Pinewood Studios for cast and crew. Goldblum would sometimes play the piano there with his castmates and Trevorrow - "musicales and hootenanny's of one kind or another," Goldblum says. Dern posted one video of her, Neill and Goldblum singing the Beatles' "Blackbird."

## When Sonam Kapoor made Arjun Kapoor third wheel on her dates

Mumbai Actor and fashion icon Sonam Kapoor celebrates her 36th birthday today. Born into a family of film stars, Sonam has carved a space for herself through her journey of many ups and downs, and has experimented with different genres and roles from commercial entertainers to gripping award-winning films like Neerja. Despite staying away from films for the past couple of years, the actor has still managed to remain in the limelight with her public appearances, gorgeous photoshoots and voiced her strong opinion on pertinent issues like LGBTQ representation and MeToo. Sonam's life is nothing less than a Bollywood film - from her relationship with her parents Anil Kapoor and Sunita Kapoor and cousin Arjun Kapoor, to her husband Anand Ahuja. Here's looking back at some anecdotes in her life. During a guest appearance on Koffee With Karan, her cousin, actor Arjun Kapoor had a couple of hilarious things to say about Sonam. "This sweet fragile ethereal beauty used to bite me as a kid," he said, and went on to tease her about the accent that she would pick up from her holidays to the US. "She used to come back with an American accent and would talk like that also. I was also the third wheel on her dates, when a



boy would ask her out. She used to make me this protective asset that she could carry along, so she could tell her parents, 'Listen, I'm going with Arjun,' whereas she was going with Arjun as an added plus one with her date. I used to sit alone on those dates eating McDonald's burgers that she used to pay for, to also bribe me." Last year in an interview with RJ Siddharth Kanan, Arjun revealed that he had even once gotten into a fight for Sonam. "Sonam and I were in the same school. I was chubby then. I used to love playing basketball and so did Sonam. One day, it was a typical, cliched scene where seniors came and grabbed the ball from Sonam and announced it was their time to play. Sonam came crying to me. She said, 'He behaved badly with me, this boy.' I asked, 'Who's this boy?' I

am not a violent person at all. Neither in my childhood nor now. But I do get angry. I got angry and I went. That boy came and I abused him. He looked at me, kept staring at my verbal diarrhoea of abuses, he just looked at me." Arjun added that he was suspended after this fight, "He took his hand and punched me. I went back home with a black eye. Sonam was saying sorry to me and I remember, he was a part of some national level boxing. He was a boxer. Maine galat ladke se panga le liya tha Sonam ke chakkar mein (I messed with the wrong guy for Sonam). I got the punch and had to go to the doctor. I got suspended because I abused. I was the instigator of the problem. After that I told Sonam, 'you take care of yourself in school because I have been defamed very badly. I can't do this'," he added. During their joint appearance together on KWK, in 2014 Karan quizzed Anil Kapoor about his youthful looks. Sonam then revealed that it was her mother, Sunita who keeps him in check. In fact, she added, "She keeps all of us in check." When Karan asked Anil if he was scared of his wife, he joked, "No, no she is scared of me." At the time Sonam interjected

and said that Anil was 'petrified' of Sunita. "It's a lot of fear, all of us are scared in the family," she laughed. When Karan asked Anil if he was involved in any rumours, both of them denied it, and Sonam even said that Sunita hadn't allowed any film magazines in the house. When speaking about her relationships in this episode, Sonam strongly maintained that she preferred to keep her private life away from the media glare. A proud Anil Kapoor said that it was 'Sunita's training', and that he had been 'groomed' by his wife too. Sonam also called Anil Kapoor the 'coolest' dad ever, and that he never remembered her boyfriends names. "He calls them different things," she laughed. Anil added, "Because I know she's not serious, I'll know when she is." On the other hand, Sonam admitted that Sunita Kapoor was 'slightly more conservative' than her father, with Anil adding that it is a 'good cop bad cop' situation at home. Sonam's friends were trying to set her up with businessman Anand Ahuja's best friend at first. Apparently, she met Anand when she was

started doing the rounds after Nayanthara and Vignesh met Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin earlier this month. It was said that the two invited Stalin to their wedding. Vignesh Shivan directed Nayanthara in the 2015 box office hit Naanum Rowdy Dhaan. It is said during the making of the movie, Vignesh and Nayanthara fell in love. They have been together since.



couple will tie the knot at an intimate event at Mahabalipuram with family and close friends. Initially, they wanted to get married at Tirupathi temple, but due to logistics issues that didn't happen. The filmmaker also revealed that their wedding will be a private affair with only family members and close friends in attendance. Reports about their impending marriage

## A R Rahman named ambassador of Indo-UK culture platform



**Mumbai, June 09 :** Music great A R Rahman has been named the ambassador of British Council's India-UK Together Season of Culture, which aims to boost collaboration among emerging artists. The 'Season of Culture' that marks the 75th anniversary of India's independence was officially launched on Tuesday here by Britain's Deputy High Commissioner to India Jan Thomson and Director (India) of British Council Barbara Wickham. Rahman

said as an artiste, it is a pleasure to be part of an innovative cultural programme which supports creative excellence and artistic appreciation; and brings diverse audiences together. "Today, creative expression and exchange can nurture young talent and create a global stage for fair and equitable access to arts," he added. Wickham said Rahman has been a significant adviser to the 'Season of Culture' and his work and professional journey truly embody what the 'Season of Culture' stands for - working to-

gether, and artistic output that captures the imagination of the world. Over 1,400 artistes will showcase their collaborations to millions of audiences across India, Britain, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, through a wide array of arts such as theatre, dance, visual arts, literature, music, architecture, design, fashion, tech-art, and new media art. The 'Season of Culture' aims to build on the British Council's work in India and strengthen India-UK collaboration in the areas of arts, English and education. Wickham said people in both the countries will have the chance to experience innovative and exciting creative work from some of the most promising UK and Indian artists pushing the envelope of creativity and the infusion of creative tech.

## Film Samrat Prithviraj sees a big drop Collects Rs. 5 cr

**Mumbai, June 09 :** Samrat Prithviraj starring by Akshay Kumar, Manushi Chhillar, Sonu Sood and Sanjay Dutt, directed by Dr. Chandraprakash Dwivedi released in theatres on 3rd of June, 2022. The film locked horns with a Pan-India Tamil film Vikram starring Kamal Haasan, Vijay Sethupathi and Fahadh Faasil and a Pan-India Telugu film Major starring Adivi Sesh and Saiee Manjrekar. The Akshay Kumar starrer didn't fare optimally over the weekend given the high costs involved and the wide release it got. The Kamal Haasan led Vikram emerged as the first choice among moviegoers for the weekend while Samrat Prithviraj settled as the second most

preferred choice. Major, which is a relatively small film, took the third place but the collections are reasonably good. Samrat Prithviraj had a low first weekend of Rs. 39 cr nett. The first Monday numbers are meandering between Rs. 4.85 cr - 5.15 cr. The numbers are not optimal or anywhere close to it as a film of this scale and with the association of a big production house like Yash Raj Films and an A-list actor like Akshay Kumar was expected to do a lot more, preferably at least 50 percent more. The Monday number suggests that the film is heading towards a first week sub Rs. 60 cr nett after which it is likely to face stiff competition from the Hollywood biggie Jurassic World: Dominion. The second Friday



numbers will indicate where the film is headed as far as lifetime is considered. At the moment, it looks more like Rs. 75 cr India nett unless something miraculous happens. The numbers from overseas are very poor too

and in its lifetime, it may struggle to touch even 2 million dollars. Vikram was rocking over the weekend with a global cume of Rs. 163 cr gross worldwide in its first 3 days. The Monday numbers coming in are excellent and the film is

likely to target lifetime records in the state of Tamil Nadu. The Hindi collections of Vikram are very low but the first Monday has landed above first Friday which shows that the film has got appreciation from its target audience. Major did well in the Telugu states and the overseas numbers were impressive too. The film managed to gross Rs 36 cr worldwide after 3 days. The Hindi numbers are not encouraging but are better than Vikram. Kartik Aaryan, Tabu and Kiara Advani's Super-Hit Bhoolaiyya 2 has crossed Rs. 150 cr nett and is still very steady at the box office. The Anees Bazmee directorial is the second highest grossing Hindi film this year.

## Vignesh dedicates wedding day to 'love of my life Nayanthara'

**Mumbai, June 09 :** Actor Nayanthara and filmmaker Vignesh Shivan are set to get married today, June 9. Hours before the wedding, Vignesh dedicated the wedding day to his bride Nayanthara. He wrote on Instagram for the actor, "Today is June 9 and it's Nayan's thanking God, the universe, the Good will from all the lovely human beings who have crossed My life!! Every good soul, every good moment, every good coincidence, every good blessing, everyday at shooting and every prayer that has made life this beautiful!!! I owe it all to the good manifestations & prayers! Now, It's all dedicated to the love of my life! #Nayanthara! My #Thangamey! Excited to see u walking up the aisle in a few hours!!" The

## Queen to drop unreleased Freddie Mercury song

**Los Angeles, June 09 :** An unreleased song by music icon Freddie Mercury, recorded for his band Queen's 13th studio album The Miracle, will come out in September this year. Founding members of Queen - Brian May and Roger Taylor - shared the details about the song in an interview with BBC Radio 2. "We did find a little gem from Freddie, that we'd kind of forgotten about. It's wonderful, actually. It was a real discovery. It's from The Miracle sessions, and I think it's going to be out in September,"



Taylor said. May added that the song was "kind of hiding in plain sight. We looked at it many times and thought, oh no, we can't really rescue that. But in fact, we went in there again and our wonderful engineering team went, 'okay, we can do this and this.' It's like kind of stitching bits together. But it's beautiful and touching piece." The Miracle was released in 1989 and during a radio interview with DJ Mike Read, Mercury stated that they had recorded 30 songs while working on the album.



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### EC announces schedule

day.About the Covid-19 situation, the poll commission noted that though the pandemic issue is not as serious as it was earlier, proper Covid protocols will have to be followed during the presidential elections.In India, the president is elected by the members of the electoral college consisting of elected members of both houses of Parliament and elected members of the legislative assemblies of all states including the National Capital Territory of Delhi and the Union Territory of Puducherry.The nominated members of either Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha or legislative assemblies of the states are not eligible to be included in the electoral college and therefore, they are not entitled to participate in the election.Similarly, members of the legislative councils are also not electors for the presidential election.In 2017, the presidential polls were held on July 17 and the counting took place on July 20.

### Assam chief minister Himanta Biswa

epartments to Baruah.With the expansion, the Cabinet currently has 13 members from Bharatiya Janata Party, two from its ally Asom Gana Parishad and one from the United People's Party Liberal.The newly inducted ministers of Assam cabinet took oath on Thursday at Srimanta Sankardeva Kalashetra in the presence of Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma. The oath of office has been administered by Governor Professor Jagdish Mukhi.With the two new ministers, the cabinet strength rose to 16.This is the first cabinet reshuffle of the Himanta Biswa Sarma-led cabinet. Sarma was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Assam on May 10 last year.The newly inducted ministers Jayanta Malla Baruah has been allotted the port folio of Minister of Public health Engineering, Skill, Employment & Entrepreneurship and Tourism department while Nandita Garlosa has been allotted the port folio as the Minister of Power, Cooperation Department, Mines & Minerals and Indigenous & Tribal Faith and Culture Department.Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma has been allotted the Home department, Personnel department, Public Works department and any other department not allotted to any ministers.Ranjit Kumar Das has been allotted the department of Panchayat & Rural Development, Minister Atul Bora has been allotted the Department of Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary department, Border Area Development department and Implementation of Assam Accord department.Meanwhile, Urkhao Gwra Brahma has been allotted the Handloom & Textile department, Soil Conservation department and Welfare of Bodoland department.Minister Chandra Mohan Patowary has been allotted the department of Environment & Forests, Act East Policy Affairs and Welfare of Minorities.Minister Parimal Suklabaidya has been allotted the department of Transport, Fisheries and Excise.Minister Keshab Mahanta has been allotted with the department of Health & Family Welfare, Medical Education & Research, Science & Technology and Information Technology.Moreover, Minister Ranaj Pegu has been allotted with Education department, Tribal Welfare and Indigenous & Tribal Faith and Culture department while Minister Ashok Singhal has been allotted the department of Housing & Urban Affairs and Irrigation department.Minister Jogen Mohan has been allotted the Revenue & Disaster Management Department and Hills Area Development Department.Minister Sanjay Kishan has been allotted with Welfare of Tea Tribes department and Labour Welfare department.Ajanta Neog has been allotted the port Folio of Finance Minister and Women & Child Development.Pijush Hazarika has been allotted the department of Water Resources, Information & Public Relations, Parliamentary Affairs and Social Justice & Empowerment.Minister Bimal Bora has been allotted with the department of Industries & Commerce and Public Enterprise and Cultural Affairs.

### No Proposal For New Airport

garden workers as a goodwill gesture from the government.In a reply to a letter by Ms Dev, Union Aviation Minister Scindia informed that the Centre had formulated a policy in 2008 under which an airport developer or the respective state government willing to establish an airport is required to send a proposal to the Ministry.Till date, no proposal to construct a new airport in Cachar district has been received by the Ministry, Mr Scindia said.Ms Dev had sought clarification from Mr Scindia about sanctioning an international airport in Cachar district. She had also asked for a timeline of the project provided that the Ministry had already sanctioned it.Doloo tea estate has a total area of 9,965 bighas of land. Around 1,900 workers work in the tea garden. A total of around 3 million tea plants across 21 sections of the tea garden would be uprooted to make way for the 'proposed' airport.The tea garden workers have been vehemently opposing the acquisition which they fear would mean the loss of their livelihood. They have been demanding that the airport be built in some other place as the tea garden is their only source of income.

### Prophet Mohammad remark row

in his meeting with National Security Advisor Ajit Doval in the national capital on Wednesday.The Iranian Foreign Ministry also issued a statement in which it said that Abdollahian had raised the issue with Doval, and was satisfied by the response he received.The NSA Ajit Doval, it said, reaffirmed the Indian government and officials' respect for the Prophet Muhammad saying offenders will be dealt with at the government and related bodies in an exemplary manner."Ajit Doval reaffirmed the Indian government and officials' respect for the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), saying offenders will be dealt with, at the government and related bodies levels, in such a way that others will learn a lesson," the Iranian Foreign Ministry statement read."Amir Abdollahian said Muslims are satisfied with the stance of Indian officials in dealing with the culprits," the statement added.Amir Abdollahian hailed the Indian people and government for their respect for the divine faiths, especially the Prophet Muhammad and also for the religious tolerance, historical coexistence and friendship among followers of various religions in the country. The Iranian Foreign Minister also called for serious attention to the sensitivities of Muslims regarding their religious sanctities. Nupur Sharma, a Bharatiya Janata Party spokesperson was suspended on Sunday from the party's primary membership after her alleged inflammatory remarks against minorities, which drew sharp reactions from Gulf countries.In his meeting with NSA Doval in New Delhi on Wednesday, the visiting Iranian foreign minister Amirabdollahian recognised India for its religious tolerance, and friendship among followers of various religions in the country.The Iranian Foreign Ministry said Amirabdollahian and Jaishankar held two rounds of talks, during which a broad range of issues of mutual interest between the two countries in strategic, political, economic and cultural spheres, were discussed.Amirabdollahian pointed to the fact that the economies of Iran and India complement each other and also to the existence of huge potential for expansion of trade and economic relations between the two countries.The Iranian foreign minister then underlined the necessity of coming up with a roadmap to promote comprehensive and vast strategic ties between Tehran and New Delhi.A Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) readout said the Iranian foreign minister briefed External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on the current situation pertaining to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA).The two ministers also exchanged views on the Ukraine conflict and its repercussions. During delegation-level talks, Jaishankar and his Iranian counterpart discussed the entire gamut of bilateral relations including political, cultural and people to people ties. The Iranian foreign minister also called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday. PM Modi said bilateral relations have mutually benefited both the countries and promoted regional security and prosperity.

### Hitech Sensor Cameras installed

animals of the Kaziranga national park have a natural tendency to migrate for shelter towards the Karbi Anglong Hills thereby crossing NH-37."While migrating, there is every likelihood of wild animals falling prey to the hands of miscreants or meeting with accidents that may put the lives of passengers as well as wild animals at risk," it added.The order further stated, "There are sufficient grounds to regulate the speed of the vehicles and impose restrictions in the scheduled area, so as to protect human lives and wild animals."It may be noted that the speed of vehicles has been regulated on the stretch of NH-37 from Panbari animal corridor to district/ sub-divisional western boundary near Bagori.Moreover, no vehicle will be allowed to exceed the speed limit of 40 kilometers per hour while crossing the stretch of NH-37 along the Kaziranga national park.

### CM Dr. Sarma chairs meeting

figure for that of Class-IV vacancies stands at 4,43,655. The recruitment examination for the posts of drivers under Class-III category, for which a total of 77,049 applications have been received, shall be held separately on a date which will be declared later. The Chief Minister instructed the concerned officials to ensure transparency in the entire process, for which he suggested a number of measures, including deploying officials with unimpeachable integrity for the same.

### 'Balance-waad syndromes': Owaisi

the FIR".1. I've received an excerpt of the FIR. This is the first FIR I've seen that's not specifying what the crime is. Imagine an FIR about a murder where cops don't mention the weapon or that the victim bled to death. I don't know which specific remarks of mine have attracted the FIR "It appears that Delhi Police lacks the courage to pursue cases against Yati, Nupur Sharma & Naveen Jindal etc. This is why the delayed & weak response. In fact, Yati has violated his bail conditions repeatedly by inciting genocide against Muslims & insulting Islam". "Delhi Police were probably trying to think of a way of registering an FIR against these people without offending Hindutvadi fanboys/girls". "Delhi Police is suffering from "both sideism" or "balance-waad" syndromes. One side has openly insulted our Prophet while the other side has been named to assuage BJP supporters & make it look like there was hate speech on both sides". "Also note that the hate speech was by ruling party spokespersons & by prominent "Dharam Gurus" with close links to ruling party. This is being equated to random posts on social media with no social or political standing. In my case FIR isn't even saying WHAT was offensive"."Yati, Genocidal Sansad gang, Nupur, Naveen, etc have become used to there being no consequences. Weak action has only been taken when there was outrage for weeks or international condemnation or when courts pulled up the police"."In contrast, Muslim students, journalists, activists have been put in prison for l the crime of merely being Muslim".7. In contrast, Muslim students, journalists, activists have been put in prison for l the crime of merely being Muslim8. Hindutva organisations have a culture where hate speech & extremism is rewarded with promotions. Eg., Yogi's hate was rewarded with Lok Sabha seats & CMship "Hindutva organisations have a culture where hate speech & extremism is rewarded with promotions. Eg., Yogi's hate was rewarded with Lok Sabha seats & CMship".> "Modi's hate speeches were similarly rewarded. In fact the people who attempted to shoot me, admitted that they did so, so that they could become prominent Hindutva politicians. This culture must end"."If Modi were sincere he would have stamped out hate speech without indulging in fake balance-waad. Let genocidal hate speakers be put in prison under non-bailable draconian laws rather than getting promotions"."As for the FIR against me, we will consult our lawyers & address it as and when required. We will not be intimidated by these tactics. Criticising hate speech and giving hate speeches cannot be equated".



Guwahati- AAP Protest

### AHSEC Asks Institutes To Promote HS First Year Students

Guwahati, June 09 : Assam Higher Secondary Education Council (AHSEC) has requested all the institutions that come under the council to promote all HS 1st year students who were unable to appear for the examinations due to the unprecedented natural calamities during the exam schedule."This is to request to all the Head of the institutions under AHSEC, to promote all the students to HS 2nd year, who had appeared partially or completely or filled up Examination form but not appeared in the examinations, keeping in view the unanticipated natural calamities occurred during the examination schedule and other factors," an official notification by AHSEC stated on Thursday.It has also asked the institutions to "upload the marks of students through the portal so as to issue Mark-sheet to the students for their future use."Earlier in May, AHSEC had announced that the HS first year examinations were postponed due to floods and landslides that disrupted normal life in the state. The examinations that were supposed to be held from May 18 to May 21 but were later postponed to June.



Mangaldai- Massive Soil erosion



Guwahati- Watterlooding at Hatigaon area

## World Environment Day & women hygiene awareness camp held



Assam Rising, Margherita, June 9: Yog Vidya Pitham(NGO) Margherita on Thursday Celebrated World Environment Day Programme at Margherita Girls High School with huge enthusiasm shown among the present students and guardians. The Programme begins with Omkar Guru Vandana by members of Yog Vidya Pitham(NGO) and present students and guardian of Margherita Girls high school which was followed by a welcome speech delivered by Deep Acharjee General Secretary of Yog Vidya Pitham (NGO) Margherita.After that Saplings were planted by members of Yog Vidya Pitham(NGO), Students and Teachers of Margherita Girls high school.Dr Manab Brota Gogoi Senior Medicine Specialist of Central Hospital Margherita and the President of Yog Vidya Pitham (NGO) in his speech said that now a days people are not conscious of Environment Conservation for that reason Global warming has dramatically increased which in the coming days people have to suffer a lot as mother nature is annoyed with human being.A Discussion on "Mensuration and its Bad effects" was held where Dr Mouchumie Gogoi of Lekhapani Mini Public health centre delivered her valuable speech and appeal all the girl students to be conscious on Mensuration and not to feel shy during this period. On this occasion Yog Vidya Pitham (NGO) Margherita distributed 108 Sanitary pads to all the girl students of Margherita Girls high school.

## Monkeypox virus outbreak: UP govt issues new advisory, tells officials to remain alert

Lucknow, June 09 : Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has directed the health department and hospitals to remain on alert, following a spike in Monkeypox cases. CM Yogi has ordered the top officials to make the general public aware of the symptoms and treatment of Monkeypox as per the Centre's guidelines.According to a government spokesman, not a single case of Monkeypox has been reported in Uttar Pradesh as yet but in the wake of its danger, the state government has asked the concerned department to keep an eye on the people who are returning from abroad.Instructing the health officials to monitor people with rashes (not necessarily the disease), especially those who have recently returned from abroad where Monkeypox patients have been found or they have come in contact with the patient, the chief minister said, "People with suspicious symptoms should get their blood tested."Instructions have also been issued to set up ten-bed wards in the state medical colleges so that patients can be admitted and treated with immediate effect. The health department is keeping full vigil in the state and has issued an advisory for symptoms and treatment of Monkeypox. Samples of suspected patients will be sent to labs located in Pune.Monkeypox has been reported to be causing a mild infection. The virus spreads from person to person mainly through exposure to respiratory droplets, which can enter the body through mucous membranes in the eyes, mouth, and nose. It can also be transmitted when a person has contact with infected lesions or body fluids.



# Jack Leach ready for England action but Ollie Robinson out of Test series



**London, June 09 :** England's preparations for the second Test against New Zealand, which starts at Trent Bridge on Friday, have been boosted by the apparent recovery of Jack Leach, withdrawn from the opening match after an hour's play after suffering concussion in the field. Leach will be assessed again on Thursday but is on course to prove himself available for selection, while Ben Stokes is said to be fully fit despite bowling gingerly in the nets on Wednesday afternoon. Should there be any doubt over the captain's ability to bowl England may decide to bring in another seamer, Craig Overton, with Leach and Matt Parkinson, who replaced him in the team at Lord's, missing out. One bowler they will certainly be unable to call on, for this or the final match in the series at Headingley in a fortnight, is the injury-plagued Ollie Robinson, who, after an injection in his back on Tuesday, has been ruled out of action for at least three weeks. After England's victory at Lord's, secured by Joe Root's brilliant

unbeaten 115 in the second innings, it seemed a lot of credit was being given to a couple of unlikely recipients. "The openers did a brilliant job throughout the whole game. In low-scoring games, 20 or 30 runs can be massive," Root said. Stokes added: "Lees's only got 20 but it's the best he's looked in an England shirt. It's something we've told him." Alex Lees certainly looked more fluent in scoring 20 off 35 in the second innings than he had in his seven previous knocks for England. But again he was dismissed for a score in what has become his signature range - in six innings since his forgettable debut in Antigua in March his highest score is 31, his lowest 20. "To be praised for 20 is bittersweet," Lees said on Wednesday. "If you can get a good 20, you know you can probably make 60, 70, 80. To get to 20, as an opener I know that's the hardest part. To keep getting there and getting out is quite frustrating. But I know

## Jack Grealish's Munich cameo showed freedom he feels with England

**Munich, June 09 :** For Jack Grealish it really does seem to come down to freedom - in his mind, in his game, in the degree to which he is bound by tactical instruction ... even off the pitch. When is it OK to get sozzled and have a great laugh in public? (Answer: when you have just won your first Premier League title.) On Tuesday night in Munich Grealish strutted into a situation that felt made for him. England had been second best against Germany for 70 minutes, firing only in fits and starts, wobbly at the back, lacking progressive rhythm and incisiveness. One-nil down, Gareth Southgate turned to Grealish, sending him on with the instruction to express himself, to make something happen. With a flourish the winger did so. Grealish transformed England with his substitute's cameo, increasing the tempo, lifting the mood. He drove from the left, fizzing his passes and crosses. He teed up Harry Kane for a huge chance that Manuel Neuer saved, then looked for him in the move that led to the penalty, from which Kane equalised. He also cut back for Kane in stoppage time when the captain almost nicked victory. "I feel sometimes when I'm here [with England] I can try and play with as much freedom as possible - I felt like I did that," Grealish said. Which rather invited the follow-up question. Had he not played with said freedom at Manchester City after his £100m move from Aston Villa last summer? "I do think that, yeah," Grealish replied. "I feel at times I've played a bit safe at City but when I come here I feel like even in training I train really well. Score goals, get assists and whatnot. When I come on the pitch ... it's hard to explain. I do feel like I play with a lot more freedom here and hopefully I can transfer that into my club football and keep on improving." Grealish has not had the season he hoped for at City, even if it ended in domestic glory, and the numbers tell the story: 22 Premier League starts; three goals, three assists. He added three goals and one assist in the other competitions.



that if I trust it over a period of time I should be alright." "Everybody can get impatient - there's always something you want and you want it now. My challenge is to keep playing in the manner of that second innings and trust that it will come good." Lees knows plenty about being patient. He burst on to the scene as a 20-year-old for Yorkshire in 2013, averaging 47.8 and 44.3 in his first two seasons in the County Championship. But over the subsequent few years his form faltered and it took a move to Durham in 2018 to reignite his career and earn a Test call-up. Many might have expected it to come much sooner, but for Lees the timing has been perfect.

# Wout Weghorst heads late winner as Wales slip to defeat by Netherlands

**London, June 09 :** With 166 days to go until Wales begin their World Cup campaign against the USA at the Al Rayyan Stadium in Qatar, every game counts as preparation. Gareth Bale entered for the final 18 minutes as a much-changed team from the one that overcame Ukraine on Sunday were edged out by the Netherlands in a topsy-turvy finish that ended with the Burnley striker Wout Weghorst scoring a brilliant diving header in stoppage time, 100 seconds after Rhys Norrington-Davies cancelled out Teun Koopmeiners' precise opener with a fine header himself. This was Wales's first home defeat since losing to Denmark in November 2018 but there is a much bigger picture now at play. The atmosphere was always going to be muted in comparison to the feverish scenes here four days ago but fans on the concourses were still revelling in stories from an unforgettable night - for many this game served as an extension of the celebrations. Before kick-off Wales supporters serenaded Danny Ward, one of seven changes, but Leicester's backup goalkeeper was forced off at the interval after aggravating a knee problem and replaced by Stoke's Adam Davies. Ward was not due to start but Wayne

**London, June 09 :** England have set their sights on securing another whitewash in Australia, according to the scrum-half Harry Randall. England swept the board against the Wallabies in Eddie Jones's first overseas tour as head coach six years ago and Randall is hoping the current crop can emulate the class of 2016. History is on England's side with Jones boasting an eight-match winning streak over Australia since taking charge, with the most recent victory an emphatic 32-15 triumph in November. England endured a disappointing Six Nations campaign since then, however, and will head into the series without a number of senior players, including

Manu Tuilagi, Henry Slade and Kyle Sinckler, missing with injuries. Players from the four teams contesting Saturday's Premiership semi-finals may be absent but to illustrate the inexperienced nature of England's current squad, 16 of the 35 taking part in this week's training camp are uncapped. Indeed, Jack Nowell is the only member of the training squad who took part on the 2016 tour - Anthony Watson and Luke Cowan-Dickie travelled six years ago but are in camp for rehab only. But Bristol's Randall is optimistic they can get back to winning ways in Australia. "It's a great opportunity for us to go out there and hopefully beat them 3-0 again like the boys did in 2016," he said.



"It's a massive challenge. They are a newish squad on the rise. What better way to challenge ourselves than against an up and coming Australia team." "We'll really look forward to that and embrace it. What an experience it would be going away and playing

three Test matches out there. Everyone is striving to put their best foot forward and it's massive motivation seeing what the boys did in 2016." Henry Arundell has revealed how a trip to the pub helped settle his nerves after his first call-up last month. Arundell has caught

the eye with some stunning tries for London Irish, prompting Jones to select the 19-year-old flyer. He now looks primed for a first appearance against the Barbarians on 19 June and could play his way into the squad for the Australia tour. "I was very nervous at first," said Arundell, after being named Land Rover Discovery of the Season at the Premiership Rugby Awards. "Most guys who do go in feel like that. But a lot of players were very welcoming, more welcoming than I thought they would be, to be honest. You are going into the big dog zone and you think everyone will be horrible, but they are a great group of guys and really looking after me. We went to the pub on the Sunday and I sat with [Ellis] Genge and Marcus [Smith] and they were both really good to me, having a chat and calming the nerves."

# TT organisers wrongly identified competitor involved in fatal crash

**London, June 09 :** Organisers of the Isle of Man TT have confirmed they wrongly identified a competitor after a fatal accident at the weekend. On Saturday it was announced the French passenger Olivier Lavorel had been killed in a crash during a sidecar race with teammate César Chanal having been taken to hospital. Four days later, a new statement has been issued clarifying that it was Chanal who died. Lavorel remains in a critical condition in hospital in Liverpool. The families of both competitors have been informed. The statement read: "On Saturday, June 4 during the opening lap of the first Sidecar Race of the 2022 Isle of Man TT Races, an accident at Ago's Leap involving outfit number 21 of César Chanal and Olivier Lavorel resulted

in the death of one of the competitors." The race was stopped with the deployment of full-course red flags and medical personnel, a travelling marshal and the emergency services were immediately dispatched to the scene. One of the competitors sustained injuries that would not support life and was sadly declared dead at the scene. The second competitor was unconscious with severe injuries. "The injured competitor was treated at the roadside before being transferred to Noble's Hospital, and then airlifted to a specialist hospital in Liverpool to receive treatment. An initial identification procedure was conducted using established procedures and



would appear to have resulted in a mistaken identification. "We now believe it was César Chanal who died at the scene of the accident on Saturday, June 4. Olivier remains in a critical condition and continues to receive treatment. Both competitors' families have been informed. "A thorough review of the processes relating to the identification of competitors will take place in due course.

# Simone Biles, other Nassar victims, seek \$1bn from FBI for botched investigation

**Paris, June 09 :** Olympic gold medalist Simone Biles and dozens of other women who say they were sexually assaulted by Larry Nassar are seeking more than \$1bn from the FBI for failing to stop the sports doctor when the agency first received allegations against him, lawyers said Wednesday. There's no dispute that FBI agents in 2015 knew that the now-imprisoned Nassar was accused of assaulting gymnasts, but they failed to act, leaving him free to continue to target young women and girls for more than a year. He

pleaded guilty in 2017 and is serving decades in prison. "It is time for the FBI to be held accountable," said Maggie Nichols, a national champion gymnast at Oklahoma in 2017-19. Under federal law, a government agency has six months to respond to the tort claims filed Wednesday. Lawsuits could follow, depending on the FBI's response. The approximately 90 claimants include Biles, Aly Raisman and McKayla Maroney, all Olympic gold medalists, according to Manly, Stewart & Finaldi, a California law firm.

# The Phil Mickelson Circus rolls into golf's breakaway LIV Series

**London, June 09 :** Gone is the blue-chip branding, gone is the beaming smile. A subdued, humble - or humbled - Phil Mickelson sat in front of the media for the first time since becoming embroiled in a scandal linked to the very tournament at which he has chosen to make his return. "I've made, said and done a lot of things that I regret," he said. "I'm sorry for that and for the hurt that it has caused a

lot of people." Mickelson's willingness to take the opportunity provided by the LIV Series can be readily explained - starts with "m" and rhymes with honey - but it remains curious when placed against the comments that landed him in so much trouble. When calling Saudi Arabia "scary motherfuckers" while directly referencing human rights abuses and the killing of Jamal Khashoggi, Mickelson admitted he was well aware of whom he was dealing with in negotiating to play on this platform. "I don't

condone human rights violations at all," Mickelson said. "I'm certainly aware of what has happened with Jamal Khashoggi and I think it's terrible. I've also seen the good the game of golf has done throughout history and I believe that LIV Golf is going to do a lot of good for the game as well. I'm excited about this opportunity. That's why I'm here." So to whom was Mickelson apologising, given he is an integral part of what is widely regarded as a blatant sportswashing episode? "I understand people have



very strong opinions and may disagree with my decision," he said. Phil Mickelson shanks his

second shot on the first hole while playing right-handed, during the pro-am at the Centurion Club on

Wednesday. "I can empathise with that. But at this time this is an opportunity that gives me a chance to have the most balance in my life and I think this is going to do a lot of good for the game." Incongruously, given this was a period when he lost sponsors, missed two major championships and left his reputation trashed, Mickelson reflected on an "awesome" time away from golf. "I have had a four-month break from the game that I have not had in over three decades," he said.

# Celtics move within two wins of title after holding off Warriors in Game 3

**Boston, June 09 :** Jaylen Brown scored 27 points, Jayson Tatum added 26 and the Boston Celtics beat back another third-quarter onslaught by the Golden State Warriors in a 116-100 victory Wednesday night that gave them a 2-1 lead in the NBA finals. Stephen Curry led Golden State with 31 points and six three-pointers. He had 15

points in a 33-25 third quarter by the Warriors but was hurt late in the fourth after Al Horford rolled into his leg on a loose ball. It was similar to a play during the regular season in which Smart dove into Curry's legs while chasing a loose ball. Klay Thompson broke out of a finals slump and finished with 25 points and five threes. The

previous 39 times teams have split the first two games of the finals, the winner of Game 3 went on to win the series 82% of the time. Feeding off the energy of the first TD Garden crowd to see an NBA finals game since Boston's last trip in 2010, the Celtics started fast and led by as many as 18 points in the first half.



# Beth Mead focused on England Euro success after Olympic snub

London, June 09 : Beth Mead says she has learned to channel her energy "a little bit better" after going into the 2021-22 campaign fuelled by the disappointment of rejection. The forward was named the Arsenal fans' player of the season after a stellar campaign in which she scored 11 goals and provided eight assists, the joint highest in the league alongside Manchester United's Ella Toone. Mead had credited her success to "playing angry" after she was not picked for the Olympics by the temporary England and Team GB manager, Hege Riise, last summer. Now, though, with her form suggesting that she will almost certainly be named in Sarina Wiegman's 23-player squad for the European Championship next week, she has little to be angry about. "I guess I've figured out how to channel my anger and energy into my football a little bit better now," she said. "I'm obvi-



ously a little bit more confident than I probably was last season. Hopefully I can take that into the Euros. I'm in a good place, I'm in a good headspace, my football has been good so I'm just trying to channel that energy in the right way." Mead, who made her debut for England in 2018, is benefiting from the clear messaging and relaxed at-

mosphere that the former Netherlands manager Wiegman has brought in. "I've known where I've stood, what she's expected of me," she said. "She's given me a lot of confidence on the pitch and on the training pitch. It's just been easy for me to go on the pitch and do what I know I can do and have the backing of my man-

ager. I would say I've been a lot more free. The expectation she has for me, I understand a lot more than probably in the past. An emphasis on enjoying the football has been heavily injected into a squad that often seemed fazed by pressure. "It's a different style, different managers," the 27-year-old said when asked to compare the buildup to the Euros with the preparations for the 2019 World Cup. "Under Phil [Neville] it was very much about hard work and now we're just on the pitch enjoying our football and the hard work comes with that. It's part of our DNA. Everyone just feels free, in a good headspace and we're just really enjoying being here." The fact that Wiegman wants her team to attack, create chances and

take them helps. The Lionesses have hit double figures four times in World Cup qualifying in the past year, but the manager has also pointed out that missed opportunities could prove costly against tougher opponents. "Obviously as a striker it's great," Mead said of the team's current style. "We have scored a lot of goals in qualifying, but we could have scored more, we missed a lot of chances as well. Sarina is keeping us on our toes and she'll always expect more. No team is perfect but she's striving for perfection and that's what we want as well." That is not to say that the demand for perfection has added pressure on the squad. Instead the vibe around camp is relaxed before the three pre-tournament friendlies and a home Euros that will have more eyes on it than ever. "I would say so," said Mead when asked whether this was the best England group she has trained with. "We're a big family, the culture has been amazing. The enjoyment, I think you can see on and off the pitch, it's been great between us: the staff and everybody involved. It's always an honour but it's been a pleasure to be here. It makes your job a lot easier when you're enjoying it as much as we are right now."

## Scan gives Emma Raducanu hope she will be fit for Wimbledon

Washington, June 09 : Emma Raducanu is expected to be healthy in time to compete at Wimbledon after receiving encouraging results from the scan she underwent after her retirement from the Rothesay Open in Nottingham on Tuesday. Raducanu announced her withdrawal on Wednesday from the Rothesay Classic in Birming-

ham, a WTA 250 event she was scheduled to compete in next week. It is believed she will recover in time to request a wildcard into the Rothesay International at Eastbourne the following week. "It was disappointing to go out this week with a side injury and unfortunately I will no longer be able to play in Birmingham," she said. "I'm looking



had a scan on Tuesday night and is said to have received some reassuring news from its results. Raducanu will spend the next few days resting from physical activity before building up again for the remainder of the grass season. The Eastbourne main draw begins on 19 June, the last tournament week before Wimbledon, and it will be the

target for her return. A WTA 500 event, Eastbourne boasts an extremely strong field with eight of the top 10 women entered. This is the latest in a long list of injuries for Raducanu since the end of last year, most recently a back problem that put her French Open campaign in doubt. After her second-round defeat in Paris Raducanu was satisfied with how her body had held up, allowing her to take a wildcard into Nottingham. But she is now back to the familiar sensation of recovering from an injury. Meanwhile, Tara Moore, the British doubles No 1 and world No 83, has been provisionally suspended from competition after testing positive for Nandrolone metabolites and Boldenone and its metabolite. The International Tennis Integrity Agency announced on Wednesday that Moore tested positive for a sample she provided in April while competing at the Copa Colsanitas in Bogotá, Colombia, where she reached the final. "I have never knowingly taken a banned substance in my career," Moore said. "I am investigating how the positive result could have occurred and look forward to proving that I am a clean athlete."

## Khelo India: Haryana's Antim, who gave Vinesh a scare, wins wrestling gold

Panchkula, June 09 : Back in 2004 when Ramniwas Panghal and Krishna Kumari were blessed with their fourth daughter, the couple named her Antim. This was as per the custom in some Haryana villages to name a daughter as Antim for not wanting to have another. On Wednesday, when 18-year-old Antim Panghal won the girls' 53kg freestyle title at the Khelo India Youth Games with a win over Kalyani Gadekar of Maharashtra, the wrestler would send pictures of the gold medal to her parents. "Hum hamesha bhagwan se ladka hone ki prarthana karte the. Jab chauthi ladki paida hui toh humne iska naam Antim rakha ki yeh hamari akhri ladki ho (We always prayed to God to bless us with a male child. When Antim was born, we named

her Antim in the hope that she will be our last daughter). But she has always been like a first child to us. Whenever she wins a medal, we only hope that it's not her Antim medal and she keeps on winning with only an Olympic medal being her Antim medal someday," an emotional Ram Niwas told. While the couple was blessed with a boy years later, Ramniwas would always want Antim to opt for a sport. While the youngster would try wrestling at the local akhada in village Baghana near Hisar, the family decided to send Antim to the Baba Lal Das Wrestling Academy in Hisar. It also meant that the wrestler, along with her mother and two siblings, had to rent a house in Hisar. With her father owning a three-acre farm, the family would struggle pay-



ing the Rs 5,000 monthly rent. "Even though my parents named me Antim, they always supported me in my dream. To sustain expenses while one part of the family

stayed in Hisar was tough for my father but he would borrow money from friends and relatives," remembers Antim. The youngster would win the U-15 na-

tional title in 49kg in Patna in 2018 before winning the bronze medal in the U-15 Asian Wrestling Championship in Japan the same year. The next three years would see the Haryana wrestler winning the cadet U-17 national title at the Sub-Junior nationals in Cuttack in 2019 followed by a gold in the Cadet U-17 national title at Patna in 2020. "When she first came to train, I was impressed by her speed on the mat as well the judgement to control the bout. Slowly, we would work on her side leg attacks as well as double leg attacks, which she is able to try even in difficult hold positions on the mat. Moves like Kalajung, Dhobhi Pachad, Lakadbagha and Nidal come naturally to her and with more practice, she aims to master them," says her coach Vivek Singh.

## Rubina Francis and Manish Narwal win India's third gold in Para

New Delhi, June 09 : Rubina Francis and Manish Narwal won the 10m P6 air pistol mixed team event to clinch India's third gold medal at the ongoing World Shooting Para Sport World Cup in Chateauroux, France on Wednesday. Narwal and Francis, who aggregated a world record qualifying score of 565 to enter the final at the top position, defeated Chinese pair of Yang Chao and Min Li 17-11 in the title clash. The Indian pair totalled 274.3. Tokyo Paralympics gold medallist Narwal scored 138.7 in the final six shots. He shot consistent scores of 10s and 9s, but Francis also matched her fancied partner with 9s, a few 8s and 10. China's Chao was impressive with four 10s but Min faltered in crucial moments. On Thursday, Narwal, Singraj Adhana, Rahul Jakhar and Akash will be in action in P4 - mixed 50m pistol SH1 event. On Tuesday, Sriharsha Devaraddi Ramakrishna became the second Indian para shooter to earn a quota for the Paris Paralympics after securing a gold medal in mixed 10m air rifle SH2 event. Ramakrishna produced a final score of 253.1 to claim the yellow metal,



while Slovakia's Francek Tisek (252.6) and Tanguy De La Forest (230.3) bagged the silver and bronze. Ramakrishna thus followed the extraordinary show of Tokyo 2020 Paralympic champion Avani Lekhara, who set a new world record en route clinching the gold medal. In the R2 - women's 10m air rifle standing finals, Lekhara, the 20-year-old from Rajasthan, shot a final score of 250.6 to break her own world record of 249.6 and take the gold ahead of Poland's Emilia Babska (247.6) and Anna Normann of Sweden (225.6). "This event is very important for me as it is the first event after Tokyo. It will help me understand the progress that I've made on various

aspects that I have been working on since then." Lekhara told the Paralympic Committee of India (PCI). "It is also my first international event with my new equipment and this will help me analyse my game further and know further adjustments that need to be made! Lekhara, the two-time Tokyo 2020 medalist, said her "target for the year is to consistently analyse my game and improve the little bits." "To be a consistent shooter is my aim and hopefully win medals along the way too." India has been represented by 13 para shooters at this season opening World Cup in Chateauroux, France.






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