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Son killed

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Guwahati, June 10:**

A man was arrested in Assam's Charaideo district for allegedly killing his own son. The incident was reported at Aideohari tea estate in Sonari area. According to sources, the accused father, identified as Jagannath Gowala, allegedly killed his ailing son and dumped his body in Teok River. The deceased son has been identified as Nareish Gowala. Sources said that the accused killed his son as he had been ill since a long time. Meanwhile, police have arrested the accused father. The body of the son is yet to be recovered, police informed, adding that the efforts are on to trace it.

Drugs peddlers

**Assam Rising
Guwahati, June 10:**

As many as three people were detained in a major drug bust at Deoduar in the Kamrup district of Assam on Friday. According to reports, the operation was carried out based on specific information by the narcotics department of Assam police jointly with the Changsari police. Officials reportedly intercepted and searched a Datsun redi-GO vehicle bearing registration numbers AS 01 DQ 2302 on the national highway 31 near Changsari. Police recovered large quantities of cannabis during the operation. The total seizure weighed around 25 kilograms, informed an official. Three people were arrested during the operation on charges of smuggling the illicit substances. They have been identified as Kankan Bodo, Rajani Rabha and Prabhat Rabha.

Man killed

**Assam Rising
Guwahati, June 10:**

A 35-year-old man was run over by a speeding train at Gossaigaon under Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR) region in Assam. The incident took place on Friday morning when the deceased, identified as Pradip Rajbar, was crossing the railway tracks. Meanwhile, railway police reached the accident spot and recovered the body from the tracks. Last month, another person was killed after being run over by a train at Jamaigurihat in Assam's Sonitpur district. The incident took place in the morning of May 11 at the rail tracks near Towhanga in Jamugurihat.

Huge Protests In Multiple Cities Over Prophet Remarks

New Delhi, June 10:

Massive protests erupted across the country including in Delhi, Ranchi and some cities in UP on Friday over remarks by suspended BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma and her former colleague Naveen Jindal that have triggered an international row. The demonstrations in Delhi took place outside the Jama Masjid, one of the largest mosques in India, after the Friday prayers. The protesters demanded the arrest of Nupur



Sharma and dispersed after about an hour. The Shahi Imam of the Jama Masjid said the authorities had not called for the protest. "We don't know who started it. Some people shouted slo-

gans after the Friday prayers and a large crowd gathered. They dispersed soon. Everything is fine now," he told. Hundreds of protesters also took to the streets and shops closed in

parts of Uttar Pradesh's Saharanpur, Moradabad and Prayagraj and a few other cities. In others like Lucknow, Kanpur and Firozabad, the police tightened security and took out marches. Kanpur had seen clashes last week over the controversy that left around 40 people injured. In Prayagraj, one of the state's largest cities, there were instances of stone-throwing and the police cracking down on protesters in one

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Over 100 govt schools get show-cause notice for poor Class 10 results

**Assam Rising
Guwahati, June 10:**



More than 100 state-run schools have been served with a show cause notice

by the Assam Secondary Education Department over the poor performance of students in class 10 board examinations, ANI reported. The move comes days after the education department declared High School Leaving Certificate (HSLC) or Class 10 examination. The overall pass percentage of this year's HSLC examination was 56.49 per cent, which is much lower than the 2021

pass percentage of 93.10

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Former Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf is on ventilator

Islamabad, June 10:

Former Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf's family today said that the military ruler's condition is critical, his organs have failed and recovery is not possible. The family, posting a statement on Twitter, said that Musharraf is battling a long-time ailment. "Message from Family: He is not on the ventilator. Has been hospitalized for the last 3 weeks due to a complication of his ailment (Amyloidosis). Going through a difficult stage where recovery is not possible and organs are malfunctioning. Pray for ease in his daily living." Earlier, some Pakistani media outlets earlier reported that Musharraf



passed away in hospital, however, the reports were quashed later. Earlier today, Musharraf's close aide and former information minister Fawad Chaudhry said that he is critical and on a ventilator support at a hospital in the UAE. Gen Musharraf, 78, ruled Pakistan from 1999 to 2008. "Musharraf is critical

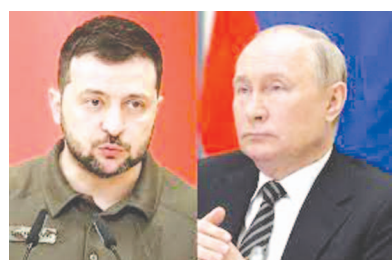
as he is on a ventilator," Chaudhry told PTI. Chaudhry, who was the information minister in the Imran Khan government, was once a media spokesperson for Musharraf. He said that he spoke to Musharraf's son who

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Zelensky imposes sanctions on Putin, other top Russian officials

Kyiv, June 10:

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky has signed a decree imposing



personal sanctions on his Russian counterpart

Vladimir Putin, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov, Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin, and a number of other high-ranking officials in Moscow. The decree signed on Thursday came in approval of a decision taken by the National Security and Defence Council of Ukraine, reports Ukrayinska Pravda. The sanctions list comprise a total of 35 Rus-

sian figures, and some of the important ones include Secretary of Russia's Security Council Nikolai Patrushev, Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu and

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Rajya Sabha polls : after voting all eyes on results

New Delhi, June 10:

Rajya Sabha Election Voting Live Updates: Voting for 16 vacant seats in Rajya Sabha in four states - Rajasthan, Haryana, Karnataka and Maharashtra - concluded at 4 pm on Friday. While counting was scheduled to begin at 5 pm, two Congress MLA votes that have come under cloud for allegedly violating "security norms" have resulted in a delay in the counting of votes for two Rajya Sabha seats in Haryana. While the ruling BJP and the candidate it supported, Kartikeya Sharma, cried foul alleging that the returning officer did not conduct fair polling, the opposition Con-



gress said the "polling was totally fair" and it was only a "tactic" being adopted by BJP after realising that they had lost the battle. The biennial elections to Rajya Sabha were held to fill 57 seats in the Upper House across 15 states. Of them, 41 candidates belonging to various parties in 11 states - Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Tamil

Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Punjab have won unopposed. A Congress delegation is also likely to meet ECI at 6.15 pm over the allegations of 'unfair' polling. Ajay Maken has also written to ECI, accusing Kartikeya Sharma of getting the polling results delayed.

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'Those who ruled country for long never...': PM Modi attacks Congress in Gujarat

Navsari, June 10:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday attacked the Congress, saying that those who were in power in the country for a long time post-Independence, never gave priority to the development of tribal areas as it required hard work. Addressing the Gujarat Gaurav Abhiyan rally in Khudvel village located in tribal-dominated Navsari district of the state, Modi said he does not launch development works to get votes or to win elections, but he does so with the intention of improving the lives of people. Assembly



polls in Gujarat, Modi's home state, are scheduled by the end of this year, where the ruling BJP seeks to retain power. "Those who ruled the country for a long time after Independence, never gave priority to the development of tribal areas. They never undertook development works in the

areas where it was required the most, because it needed hard work. There were no proper roads in tribal areas in the past," Modi said without naming any party. On the occasion, the prime minister either inaugurated or laid the foundation stone for various projects worth Rs

3,050 crore for the tribal region. "Earlier, it used to take years for the administration to cover people living in remote villages and tribal areas under the vaccination programme. While cities were covered easily, people living in forests were left out in the past. But we have taken care of the people living in these areas (during the COVID-19 vaccination drive)," he said. When Modi asked the people present on the occasion whether they have received anti-coronavirus vaccine doses free of cost or not, the crowd replied in

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Citizenship Amendment Act will not help us: Bangladesh Hindu leader

New Delhi, June 10:

A leading member of the Hindu community of Bangladesh has said that the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) of India will not help them deal with the challenges ahead. Interacting with a visiting team of Indian journalists on Wednesday, June 8, 2022, Monindra Kumar Nath, President, Mohanagar



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Weather Office Issues Red Alert In Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh

**Assam Rising
Guwahati, June 10:**

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a red alert for Arunachal Pradesh, Assam and Meghalaya for the next two days as extremely heavy rainfall has been predicted in these states since the monsoon has covered the entire



northeastern region. Rain-induced disasters have killed at least 43 people

this year. Floods in Assam alone claimed the lives of 27 of them. In Meghalaya, a video of a bridge being washed away in incessant rainfall that has led to flooding has gone viral on social media. The bridge over the Bugi river connected Jijika to Megua in the South Garo Hills region. Bugi is said to be the third biggest river in Garo Hills. Meghalaya Chief Min-

ister Conrad Sangma, who has deemed the situation as "serious", will be visiting the flood affected areas of Garo hills today. Four people, including three minors, died in two different incidents of landslides in the Garo Hills region of Meghalaya early Thursday morning. The Assam State Disaster

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Justice Lanusungkum Jamir New Judge In Gauhati High Court

**Assam Rising
Guwahati, June 10:**

Justice Lanusungkum Jamir on Friday took oath as a judge of the Gauhati High court in a ceremony held in Guwahati. Justice Jamir was

administered the oath of office and secrecy by Justice N. Kotiswar Singh, Acting Chief Justice of Gauhati High Court. Justice Jamir was previously serving as a Judge of Manipur High Court. Born on March 1,

1964, at Imphal in Makokchung district of Nagaland, Jamir graduated in history



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We're almost out of ammunition and relying on western arms, says Ukraine

Kyiv, June 10 : Ukraine's deputy head of military intelligence has said Ukraine is losing against Russia on the frontlines and is now almost solely reliant on weapons from the west to keep Russia at bay. "This is an artillery war now," said Vadym Skibitsky, deputy head of Ukraine's military intelligence. The frontlines were now where the future would be decided, he told the Guardian, "and we are losing in terms of artillery". "Everything now depends on what [the west] gives us," said Skibitsky. "Ukraine has one artillery piece to 10 to 15 Russian artillery pieces. Our western partners have given us about 10% of what they have." Ukraine is using 5,000 to 6,000 artillery rounds a day, according to



Skibitsky. "We have almost used up all of our [artillery] ammunition and are now using 155-calibre Nato standard shells," he said of the ammunition that is fired from artillery pieces. "Europe is also delivering lower-calibre shells but as Europe runs out, the amount is getting smaller. "The Ukrainian president, Volodymyr Zelenskiy, said last week that between 60

and 100 Ukrainian soldiers were dying each day and a further 500 were being injured. Ukraine has kept the total number of its military losses secret. Soldiers speaking to the Guardian from Ukraine's frontlines this week painted a similar picture. Skibitsky emphasised the need for the west to supply Ukraine with long-range rocket systems to destroy

the Russian artillery pieces from afar. This week the Ukrainian presidential adviser Oleksiy Arestovych told the Guardian that Ukraine needed 60 multiple-rocket launchers - many more than the handful promised so far by the UK and US - to have a chance of defeating Russia. Ukraine is set to ask the west for a list of weapons and defensive equipment at the contact group meeting with Nato in Brussels on 15 June. Skibitsky thinks the conflict will remain predominantly an artillery war in the near future and the number of rocket attacks - which can be launched from Russia and have hit civilians - will remain at their current rate. In the first month, Russia was constantly striking Ukraine with rockets but in

the last two months it has slowed. Recent figures published by the head of Ukraine's armed forces assert that Russia launches between 10 and 14 a day. Rockets are expensive to manufacture. Each rocket can cost anywhere between a few hundred thousand dollars to several million. "We have noticed that Russia is carrying out far fewer rocket attacks and it has used H-22 rockets; they are old 1970s Soviet rockets," said Skibitsky. "This shows that Russia is running low on rockets." Skibitsky said Russia was unable to produce rockets quickly because of the sanctions and that it had used around 60% of its supplies.

Kolkata, June 10: BJP is once again at loggerheads with Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, this time over the arrest of vlogger Roddur Roy. Slamming Mamata, the BJP on Friday (June 10) said that the order to arrest him was a brazen misuse of power. Roddur was arrested on charges of hurling abuses at Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and TMC MP Abhishek Banerjee on social media and was on Thursday remanded to five days of police custody by a city court. But attacking Mamata, West Bengal BJP co-in-charge Amit Malviya said it was Mamata who uses crass language against her opponents. "Mamata Banerjee is an uncouth politician, who uses crass language against her opponents. We saw the low level of discourse she

stooped to during Assembly elections. For her to order the arrest of vlogger Roddur Roy for giving her a taste of her own medicine is brazen misuse of power," Malviya tweeted. Check his tweet below: A special team of Kolkata Police on Tuesday



arrested vlogger and YouTuber Roy - who is known to use expletives in his online posts - for using abusive language on social media targeting Chief

Minister Banerjee over the sudden demise of popular playback singer KK, who passed away after performing at a concert in Kolkata on May 31. A joint team of the Kolkata Police's cyber cell and anti-rowdy squad traced Roy's mobile tower location

to Goa from where he was arrested. Soon after KK's death, Roy released a video on social media in which he used abusive and unprintable language targeting Chief Minister Banerjee, state minister Partha Chatterjee and Kolkata Mayor Firhad Hakim. After the video went viral, cases were filed against Roy at three different police stations. Trinamool Congress Rajya Sabha member Santanu Sen had personally approached Kolkata Police Commissioner Vineet Kumar Goyal and urged him to take action in the matter. The controversial video in question has been removed from the social networking site by authorities. Roy, who claims to be a poet and video creator, had earlier courted controversy for his unconventional ways of singing Rabindranath Tagore's songs.

'If telling the truth is rebellion...' BJP MP Sadhvi Pragya Thakur backs Nupur Sharma

Bhopal, June 10 : Amid huge protests over suspended BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma's controversial remarks on Prophet Muhammad, Bhartiya Janata Party MP Sadhvi Pragya Thakur has now come out in support of the former saying "if telling the truth is rebellion, then I am also a

media later, Thakur said that India belongs to the Hindus and that 'Sanatana Dharma' will stay here. When asked about her opinion on death threats to Nupur Sharma, she said, "These non-believers have always done so. Like Kamlesh Tiwari said something he was killed. Someone else (Nupur

and we shall do so," she added. It may be mentioned that Kamlesh Tiwari was murdered at his residence in Lucknow's Khursheed Bagh neighbourhood on October 18, 2019, with stabs and a gunshot. Tiwari's own outfit, the Hindu Samaj Party, was a little-known organisation but he was an active functionary of the Hindu Mahasabha earlier. BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma claimed she has been receiving death threats following her controversial religious remarks against Prophet. The Bharatiya Janata Party last week suspended its spokesperson Nupur Sharma from the party's primary membership after her alleged inflammatory remarks against the Prophet and the minorities. The BJP leader's remark drew sharp reactions from Gulf countries. India has said that it had taken strong action against those who made controversial remarks against minorities.



rebel". The BJP MP took to Twitter and extended her support to Nupur Sharma, who is now at the centre of a political storm over her objectionable remarks on the Prophet. "If telling the truth is rebellion, then by that coin, I am also a rebel," Sadhvi Thakur said on Twitter. Speaking to the



Sharma) said something and they also received a death threat. They distort our gods and goddess and make films about them. They have been doing this for years... That shows their mentality." "This is Bharat (India). India belongs to Hindus and Sanatana Dharma will stay here. It is our responsibility

Xi Jinping says 'persistence is victory' as Covid restrictions return to Shanghai and Beijing

Taipei, June 10 : Xi Jinping has reiterated China's commitment to zero-Covid, declaring "persistence is victory", as Shanghai and Beijing were hit with new lockdowns, shutdowns, and mass testing drives just a week after the cities celebrated the easing of restrictions. In response to China's worst outbreak of the pandemic, Shanghai spent months under an arduous and strict citywide lockdown, while Beijing authorities imposed localised lockdowns, venue and public transport shutdowns, and work-from-home orders. In the last week both had begun easing restrictions, with authorities praising the

containment of the community outbreaks of the Omicron variant. But on Thursday both cities went back on high alert for Covid cases, with new lockdowns in Shanghai districts home to millions of people, and the shutdown of entertainment venues in Beijing's populous Chaoyang district. The return to restrictions sparked alarm and frustration among residents. On Friday, China's official state media reported that the president demanded officials effectively coordinate epidemic prevention with economic and social development, and "resolutely overcome some of the difficulties". According to the Xinhua

report, Xi made the remarks on Wednesday while visiting Sichuan. "Persistence is victory," Xi said. "We must unswervingly adhere to the general policy of 'dynamic clearing', strengthen confidence, eliminate interference, overcome paralysing thoughts, pay close attention to the key tasks of epidemic prevention and control, and resolutely consolidate the hard-won results of epidemic prevention and control." China's government remains steadfast on its "dynamic clearing" policy of reacting swiftly to outbreaks in order to bring community case numbers back to zero.

I have voted for Congress because..., claims JD(S) MLA

Bengaluru, June 10 : Janata Dal (Secular) chief HD Kumaraswamy on Friday (June 10) appears to have failed to keep his MLAs together as one of the legislators from his party, K Srinivasa Gowda, said that he voted in favour of Congress as the polling for the four Rajya Sabha seats from Karnataka is underway. After casting his vote, Gowda said, "I have voted for Congress.. because I love it." Earlier, Kumaraswamy alleged "horse-trading" in the

Karnataka Rajya Sabha elections claiming that Congress leader Siddaramaiah was pressurising JDS MLAs to not vote for their own party but that of the candidate of the grand old party. "Yes, definitely. He is pressurising them not to vote for JD(S)," Kumaraswamy told media persons on being asked about Siddaramaiah's claims that some JD(S) MLAs were in touch with him. The former Karnataka chief minister also pointed out that Siddaramaiah had refuted allegations of

writing an open letter to JDS MLAs requesting them to cast their "conscience vote" in favour of his party's candidate. "Today, before local media he (Siddaramaiah) has said that he didn't write to my MLAs. He had even tweeted the letter from his social media account. Now, he's denying what he said yesterday. This shows his double standards," ANI quoted the JD(S) leader as saying. Kumaraswamy alleged that BJP general secretary CT Ravi was

spotted entering the Congress office in Karnataka, adding "CT Ravi is BJP general secretary, so how did he enter Congress office? This shows that CT Ravi went to meet Siddaramaiah for his cooperation in the victory of the BJP candidate." The former Karnataka earlier exuded confidence that JD(S) already has 30-31 votes in the Rajya Sabha elections, adding "We have confidence that we have 30-31 votes. JD(S) K Srinivasa Gowda has expressed that he will vote for Congress. Now, let us see." JD(S) has fielded

entrepreneur and social worker Kupendra Reddy as its first candidate in the Rajya Sabha election, while the Congress had fielded Mansoor Ali Khan as its second candidate to corner the JD(S) and its bid to send Kupendra Reddy to the Rajya Sabha. A day ahead of the polling on Thursday, Kumaraswamy urged Congress to give its second preferential votes to JDS, if it really wanted to defeat BJP. Notably, six candidates are in the fray for four Rajya Sabha seats from Karnataka.

Putin compares himself to Peter the Great in quest to take back Russian lands



Russia's current military actions. "Apparently, it is also our lot to return [what is Russia's] and strengthen [the country]. And if we proceed from the fact that these basic values form the basis of our existence, we will certainly succeed in solving the tasks that we face." Putin, now in his 23rd year in power, has repeatedly sought to justify

where his forces have devastated cities, killed thousands and forced millions of people to flee, by propounding a view of history that asserts Ukraine has no real national identity or tradition of statehood. Critics said Putin's remarks proved that his complaints about historical injustice, eastward Nato expansion, and other grievances with the west were all a facade for a traditional war of conquest. An adviser to the Ukrainian government said the comments showed that

attempts to negotiate with Putin or find an "off-ramp" from the conflict for Putin, as the French president, Emmanuel Macron, has sought to do, were misguided. "Putin's confession of land seizures and comparing himself with Peter the Great prove: there was no 'conflict', only the country's bloody seizure under contrived pretexts of people's genocide," said Mykhailo Podolyak. "We should not talk about [Russia] 'saving face', but about its immediate de-imperialisation."

Mission accomplished? The meaning of Russia's claimed land bridge to Crimea

Moscow, June 10 : As its defence minister trumpets a key goal, Russia is pushing hard to subjugate areas of southern Ukraine it controls. The Kremlin is pushing ahead with attempts to consolidate its political, social and military grip on Ukraine's south after claiming earlier this week it had established its "land bridge" to Crimea, one of Moscow's key war aims. The announcement by the Russian defence minister, Sergei Shoigu, was accompanied by the announcement that rail traffic to the border with Russia had been restored and at least one service had included trucks carrying grain taken from the elevators in the Russian-occupied city of Melitopol to Crimea, which was cut off from the Ukrainian rail network after its illegal annexation by Russia in 2014. Shoigu - who has been out of public view for parts of the Russian war on Ukraine - promised "comprehensive traffic" to

and from Russia to occupied territory in Kherson and on to Crimea after announcing the repair of hundreds of kilometres of line. The claimed restoration of some railway services, which have been targeted by Ukrainian saboteurs, comes amid a growing campaign aimed at cementing Russian social and bureaucratic control in Ukraine's south in all aspects, from use of the Russian language to the local government system and passports. Shoigu also said water was once again flowing to Crimea through the North Crimean Canal - which was cut off by Ukraine in 2014, although reports had suggested earlier in the conflict the canal was once again supplying water to Crimea. The moves on infrastructure come as Russia has intensified its efforts to dig in in other areas it controls in the south, including the roubleisation of the economy, changing mobile communications to Russian networks and issuing passports.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Separate sealed tender (Group wise) affixing non-refundable Court Fee stamp of Rs.8.25 (Rupees eight and paise twenty five) only are invited from Registered illegible Contractors/Firms for civil works under APFBC Phase-II (2021-22) to be executed in the Majuli (T) Forest Division, Garamur as mentioned below :

Group No.	Name of the work	No. of Unit	Estimated Cost	Location	Earnest Money
A	Construction of Forester-I Quarter	1 No.	Rs.14,00,000.00	Under Garamur Range	2% for Genl & 1 % Reserve Community
B	Construction of Forest Guard Quarter	1 No.	Rs.12,00,000.00	Under Jengraimukh Range	
C	Construction of Anti-Poaching Camp.	1 No.	Rs.12,00,000.00	Under Jengraimukh Range	

The tender will be received from **09/06/2022 to 28/06/2022** upto 3.00 PM (IST) during office hours in the office of the Divisional Forest Officer, Majuli (T) Forest Division, Garamur and opened on 28/06/2022 at 3.30 PM (IST) in presence of Tenderers or their authorised representatives. In the event of any unusual occurrence due to public bandh, Govt. holiday etc. the same will be received and opened on the next day at the same time and venue.

The details of particulars of the work may be seen in the office of the undersigned during office hours and tender paper may be obtained from the office of the undersigned on any working days up to 3.00 PM on payment of Rs.200/- (each Group) through IPO in favour of the Divisional Forest Officer, Majuli (T) Forest Division for each NIT & Tender Paper.

The works are to be completed within 90 (ninety) days from the date of issue of the final Work Order.

The undersigned and higher authority reserves the right to accept or cancel any tender without assigning any reason and does not bind himself to accept the lowest tender.

The undersigned reserves right to cancel the entire tender process without assigning any reason thereof at any time.

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 Divisional Forest Officer
 Majuli (T) Division, Garamur.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Separate sealed tender affixing non-refundable Court Fee stamp of Rs.8.25 (Rupees eight and paise twenty five) only are invited from Registered illegible Contractors/Firms for civil works under State CAMPA (2021-22) to be executed in the Majuli (T) Forest Division, Garamur as mentioned below :

Sl No.	Name of the work	No. of Unit	Estimated Cost	Location	Earnest Money
1	Construction of Ground Floor with provision for three storied RCC Building (Forest Guard/Game Watcher/Grade-IV Quarter and other Quarter in Garamur Range under State CAMPA Scheme).	1 No.	Rs.35,16,411.00	Under Garamur Range	2% for Genl & 1 % Reserve Community

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The payment to be made subject to release of Fund by the Govt. of Assam/Competent Authority.

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Divisional Forest Officer
 Majuli (T) Division, Garamur.

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BTR Chief Pramod Boro Inaugurates NE SBC Alliance

Assam Rising
Guwahati, June 10: The Secretariat of the North East Social and Behaviour Change Alliance (NE SBC Alliance) in collaboration with UNICEF, India was launched by Chief of Bodoland Territorial Council, Pramod Boro on June 9. The Alliance is the result of the collaborative initiative of UNICEF India and Assam Don Bosco University which was launched in 2019. Dr. Madhulika Jonathan, Chief of UNICEF Field Office, Assam and North East, Mr. Siddhartha Shrestha Chief, Social and Behaviour Change, UNICEF India, Dr. Ashoke Roy, Director, Regional Resource Centre for North Eastern States, Branch of NHSC, MoHFW, and representa-



tives from 40 organisations, government departments, universities and nongovernmental organisations from across North East India and Delhi participated in the launching ceremony. As part of the inaugural ceremony, a day-long programme on Multi-stakeholder Consultation to Strengthen Social and Behaviour Change (SBC) Programming in North East Region was also organised for strengthening SBC to build network and develop partnerships as well as to create SBC agenda for the overall development in the Northeast. Moreover, a total of 12 technical sessions were conducted by experts on various SBC topics such as Overview of SBC as change strategy in new

UNICEF CPD by Tamara Abu Sham, SBC Specialist, UNICEF India, Socio-political-economic environment of NE region and its impact on children by Dr. Ankuran Dutta, Associate Professor, Department of Communication and Journalism, Gauhati University, National perspective – Health by Dr. Tulika Goswami Mahanta Professor and Head Community Medicine, Assam Medical College and Hospital, Dibrugarh, SBC for education & child protection: issues, challenges by Victor Narzary, OSD Communication, Bodoland Territorial Council, BTR, Risk Communication & Community Engagement by Ms. Ruchira

Neog Executive Secretary, Voluntary Health Association of Assam, Significance of evidence for SBC programming, Behavioural insights approach by Alka Malhotra, SBC Specialist, UNICEF India, Engagement with FBOs and CSOs to reach the last mile population by Prof. Riju Sharma, Director, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, ADBU & Shalini Prasad, SBC Specialist, UNICEF Delhi, among others. The programme was followed by a group discussion on five strategic pillars of SBC Intervention such as partnerships building, capacity development, Innovative/sustained community engagement, evidence generation and strategic communication, etc.

Sri Sri Ramakrishna Ashram organised free medical camp



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Kajalgaon, June 10: Like every year, a total of four doctors along with two specialist doctors provided free treatment with fully free medicines provided by the employees of multiple drug companies and preliminary examination of diabetes, blood pressure, eye test, monitoring to more than 200 patients from multiple areas near Basugaon by Basugaon Sri Sri Ramakrishna Ashram. The patients expressed their gratitude to

the organizers for receiving treatment from ophthalmologist Dr R Kumar, dentist Dr Santnu Chakraborty, Physician Dr Gondeshwar Hajong and Dr Akash Pratim Sharma. It may be recalled that the suspension of this free medical camp due to the Corona epidemic for the last two years has led to a significant increase in the number of financially opaque patients this afternoon and people thanked the ashram authorities in the presence of specialist

Assam Govt. reconstitutes child labour advisory board

Assam Rising
Guwahati, June 10: The State Level Advisory Body on Child Labour has been reconstituted by the State Government for a period of three (3) years. The main functions of the Advisory Board include review of implementation of the existing provisions of the legislations governing employment of children. Additionally, the Board will also provide inputs and suggestions on legislative and welfare measures for the overall well-being and safety of the

working children. Furthermore, the Advisory Board will hold meetings at regular intervals to review the welfare measures. The Advisory Board will be headed by Sanjay Kishan, Minister of Labour Welfare Department as the Chairman. Jishnu Barua, Chief Secretary will function as the Vice-Chairman. The Advisory Board will include 11 Government representatives; two (2) State Legislative Assembly representatives – Krishna Kamal

Tanti, MLA, Rangapara Constituency and Terash Gowalla, MLA, Duliajan Constituency; further, one (1) representative each from Voluntary organisations - Assam Sewa Samiti and The Lions Club; and one (1) representative each from the Assam Branch, Indian Tea Association, Assam Manufacturer Association, Indian National Trade Union Congress, Assam Chah Mazdoor Sangha (ACMS), All India Trade Union Congress - Assam State Committee and Bharatiya Chah Mazdoor Sangha (BCMS).

Rabindranath Tagore University organised Cycle rally

Assam Rising
Hojai, June 10: In a bid to raise mass about the significance of nature, Rabindranath Tagore University held a Cycle rally recently. Vice-Chancellor Professor Amalendu Chakrabarty along with lecturers Amar Gautam, Dr. Sujit Ranjan Achary, Dr. Manoj Kumar Swami, Dr. Premsagar Prasad, Dr. Satyajit Kumar,

by lecturer Dijamani Sarma. Hundreds of students took part in the rally. In which members of NCC, NSS and Scouts and Guides also joined. In order to bring awareness to the public about the environment, the cycle riders were also carrying different placards, on which slogans like Save Mother Earth, Save Planet, Conservation of Environment

respondent, Dr. Sujit Ranjan Achary said that the university is continuously organizing various programmes to create awareness among the people about the environment. Through these, we want to make people aware of their duties towards mother nature. Notably, at the very outset, a plantation drive was taken out in the RTU campus. Speaking on the occasion, Vice-Chancellor Professor Amalendu Chakrabarty in his brief address said that the protection of the environment is an important topic that cannot be ignored. Our existence is from the environment, without the environment human existence is impossible. VC discussed various points on environment conservation. He requested the students to pledge that they would plant the maximum number of saplings as they can and also will take care of them. He further urged the students not to litter garbage here and there, but dump it in its proper place i.e. dustbin.



Gajendranath Sarma, Nirmal Debnath, Dijamani Sarma and in the presence of many other teachers and non-teaching staff and students flagged off by the cycle rally. The cycle rally was led

is our moral duty were highlighted. The rally began from University after passing by all the main thoroughfares it culminated at the same venue. While informing this cor-

Raj Paul wins National Pride Achievers Award 2022

Assam Rising
Palasbari, June 10: Raj Paul, a renowned dancer wins in NATIONAL PRIDE ACHIEVERS AWARD 2022 (popular male dancer). He has been fortunate enough to learn kathak under the guidance of world famous kathak legend "Pandit Birju

Maharaj" and Guru Bipul das, guru Marami Medhi and guru Chandrani Ojha. Raj is a versatile dancer and a Kathak Visharad who holds diploma in western dance and bachelor's degree in music (Kathak dance) under Gauhati University. He has added another feather on his

hat by winning various competitions held not only in district & state level but also in National and international. Currently Raj owns 2 dance academies across Guwahati where he trains his students in various dance forms for them to become the future of dance.

DLMC meeting held

Assam Rising
Aalo, June 10: The District Executive Committee meeting was held in DC's conference hall Aalo under the

meeting was conducted for disbursement of the relief amount to the affected farmers of Agriculture, Horticulture, Fisheries etc of the last year. During the meeting it was passed that the relief amount shall be released as per the guidelines of the government. The board will seek



chairmanship of Henkir Lollen SDO, i/c ADC. The

additional funds from the government, as the present allocation is not sufficient to release the relief amount to the farmers. Total area of agriculture crop damage was 861.3 acres, total Horticulture crop area damage was 22.8 acres. Fisheries 0.36 acres and dwelling house damaged was seven(7) nos. According to Dorjee Nima, Agriculture fields of West Siang were worse affected during monsoon year 2020-2021.

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Meritorious students of Jnanjyoti Jatiya vidyalaya feted

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Chhaygaon, June 10: All the 37 students along with the teachers of Jnanjyoti Jatiya vidyalaya under palashbari constituency Barduar Bagan who have made the comparatively backward area proud with the recently announced H.S.L.C examination result were felicitated on last Friday at a grand function in the school premises. The school created history with this year's result. It is worth mentioning that the school has achieved remarkable success throughout Palashbari Constituency regarding passing percentage and other performance. Jonaki Das, Tonmoy Das and Jeet Rabha secured the highest mark in mathematics while Tonmoy got the highest mark in English also. Like previous years the school was able to keep intact the cent percent passing

result. Besides, Jonaki Das secured 1st position in the entire Loharghat high school examination centre

dents to keep the same enthusiasm in the days to come. He also expressed his gratitude to the teach-



by getting 570. The students and teachers were felicitated with traditional gamosa. The meeting was presided over by Samudra Rabha, president of the school managing committee. In the beginning Golap Bharali, Principal of the school delivered the welcoming speech. In his address he advised the stu-

ers and the parents for their cooperation. Dipak Das retired teacher of Satpur Anchalik High School, Mira Das, Arun Diya, Milan Mazumdar, Amrit ch. Rabha, Krishna Bharali, Dipak Kalita and many more attended the meeting. Aditya ch. Rabha rector of the school anchored the whole programme.

MES celebrates its 39th Pre-Foundation Day

Assam Rising
Guwahati, June 10: With great joy and vigour, Modern English School, Guwahati, Assam on Friday, June 10, celebrated its 39th Pre-Foundation Day. To mark the occasion, the school organised a spate of events in which students of all age groups participated with much enthusiasm. The event commenced with song and dance performances by groups of students, followed by motivating speeches delivered by Jonaki Das, Principal and Pankaj Das, Director of Modern English School. The school also organised the first Kuladhar Das Academic Symposium in the memory of the founder Late Kuladhar Das. Under this initiative, students of the school presented their research papers in the

Dignity. Bora also inaugurated the 13th issue of two Assamese handwritten magazines curated by the students of class 9 and 10. Modern English School Magazine Modernizer issues for the year 2020-21 and 2021-22 were also released on this occasion. Furthermore, Art & Craft, Photography, T-shirts, and Face painting were also organised with the aim to promote and stimulate amateur photographers' and artists' interest in the creative field. The exhibition and creative competitions were judged by Atul Ch. Baruah, Retired Professor of Assam Government Fine Arts College Guwahati. The day concluded with solo songs and the traditional foot-tapping Bihu performance. Modern English School was founded by Late



presence of the guest of honour Mayur Bora, a renowned Indian writer, critic, and public speaker from Assam. Arunabh Das and Harshita Talukdar of Class 9, Sourin Bhattacharjee and Violet Barman of Class 10, and Anamika Ghosh and Niharika Das of Class 12 were among the selected students who presented their research papers on the topics of Fundamental Rights and Humane Values and

Kuladhar Das in 1984. The journey started on the 12th of June 1984 with a small group of eleven students and six teachers. Initially, the school was only functional from classes from I to VI. But in the past 39 years, it sprouted at an unprecedented speed. Today, the school has a junior wing-Modern Academy, and Senior wings from I-XII, with over 1200 students, 65+ teachers, and a campus of more than 2 acres.

MISSING PERSON



Smt. Babita Musahary Basumatary-27 yrs.

The above is photograph of a woman- Smt. Babita Musahary Basumatary-27 Yrs, W/O- Sri Anil Basumatary, Vill-No.4 Borpathar, P.S.- Biswanath Chariati, Dist.- Biswanath (Assam) who has been missing since- 02-06-2022 at about 8:00 AM from Balichang as reported by the complainant at Balichang O.P.

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- 6) Body Built - Medium
- 7) Weight - No
- 8) Language known - Assamese
- 9) Identification mark- No.
- 10) Any contact No of the Victim - 73998-43429
- 11) Any Suspect - Nil
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National workshop on 'Therapeutic Taping' held at USTM

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Guwahati, June 10: A daylong National Workshop on "Therapeutic Taping" was organized by the Department of Physiotherapy under School of Allied Medical Sciences, University of Science and Technology Meghalaya in association with International Academy of Health and Education and Center for Chronic Disease, Indore supported by IQAC, USTM on Wednesday at NKC Auditorium of the University. The resource person of the workshop was Dr. Sanjiv K. Jha, President, Indian Association of Physiotherapists (IAP) and Director CCDDR and S.P.S Group of companies. The workshop was inaugurated by Prof G.D

Sharma, Vice Chancellor, USTM and Dr. R.K. Sharma, Advisor, USTM in presence of Dr. Habibul Islam, Dean, School of Allied Medical Sciences as well as faculty members and students. The welcome address was delivered by Dr. Pooja Chaudhuri, Head, Department of Physiotherapy, USTM. Dr. Jha emphasised on the usage

and credibility of Therapeutic Taping which is a therapeutic tool in definitive rehabilitative taping technique used for various musculoskeletal disorders. He motivated the physiotherapy students by giving them exposure of hands-on skills in taping and enhanced their clinical skills in practice. Altogether 100 participants were there for the workshop.



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US's proxy war against Russia !

The British government has offered Kyiv what it calls unwavering support. Boris Johnson has thus delegated his policy on Ukraine to Kyiv's President Volodymyr Zelenskiy. This includes the ambition to drive Russian troops from all of Ukrainian soil, including Crimea and Donbas. Russia's weight of numbers is already making such total victory and a return to pre-2014 borders ever less plausible. It would also require a massive uplift in western aid over a long period of time. Russia's foreign minister, Sergei Lavrov, has already dubbed it the US's proxy war against Russia. At this point in the war, the gamble is of a different nature. When Ukraine turned back the initial Russian advance, western aid appeared both crucial and glorious. In recent months the balance of military power has shifted into stalemate. France and Germany are now showing caution. Like most of Nato, they are giving Kyiv military and humanitarian assistance, but they rightly regard the war as one of Russian expansion. They do not use Joe Biden and Johnson's language of a grand conflict involving the whole of the west. As ever more lethal "defensive" weapons are delivered by western powers to Ukraine, Russia's complaint of a proxy war looks ever more plausible, and Vladimir Putin will continue to rattle his nuclear arsenal. If he can flatten entire Ukrainian cities with bombs, why not with nuclear howitzers? Western hawks have spent their lives practising for such a confrontation. You can sense they are eager to test Putin's mettle - at a safe distance from home. The hawks must know he will not withdraw from all of Ukraine. So why not see how far his nuclear bluff can be called? As today's wars drag on, their effect on public emotion ebbs and flows, while vested interests flex their muscles. When the Soviets occupied eastern Europe after the second world war, the west's discipline was absolute. It followed George Kennan's doctrine of containment, not rollback. The Soviet suppression of Hungary in 1956 and Czechoslovakia in 1968 was not contested. A nuclear confrontation was agreed to be unthinkable. The Cuban missile crisis of 1962, and the ageing Andropov's moment of madness in 1983 (when the Kremlin, spooked by a Nato exercise, almost launched a nuclear strike) saw military chiefs in paralysed excitement. Recent studies have shown how close the world came to disaster, averted only by frantic back channels, secret compromises and split-second decisions.

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Arab nations should restrict ties with India to trade, not comment on our internal dynamics

An innocuous sounding spat during a television debate has turned out to be a subject matter of international condemnation, knee-jerk reaction and a hotly debated topic on social media. If civility in television news debates, which was once the hallmark of visual media, is difficult to find these days, it is even more difficult to locate the blame for this lack of graciousness and point a finger at the culprit for this. BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma probably thought it appropriate to vent her anger at her opponent who was ridiculing the icons of her faith. If she was wrong in quoting the Islamic scriptures revered by Muslims in somewhat unsavoury manner, the other panellist's remarks on Hindu deity was equally inappropriate, and insulting. Both crossed the line and forced the Ministry of External Affairs to work overtime. Following this spat, Sharma, now suspended from the BJP's primary membership for six years, received threats to her life, and uncouth remarks were posted against her on social media. Even rewards were announced for her beheading. The Delhi Police had to give her protection and she had to make public appeals not to reveal her address. Considering the gruesome murder of editor and journalists of Paris-based Charlie Hebdo media house by Islamic radicals and many such incidents of death sentences, executions and punishments meted out to people in the name of Islam, there was every need to protect Sharma lest she becomes yet another victim of such lawlessness in the name of religion. As part of damage control, the Narendra Modi government distanced itself from the controversy and the BJP suspended Sharma and expelled its Delhi media in-charge Naveen Kumar Jindal for posting similarly disparaging remarks against Prophet Muhammad on Twitter. The BJP's knee-jerk reaction was seen as unwarranted by a large

section of the neo-Hindu protagonists. There was a time when the BJP could proudly flaunt its highly trained, suave, sober and good-mannered spokespersons who, above all, were extremely effective in conveying the party's position without offending the opponents. The party, especially when it is in power at the Centre and many states, probably needs to bring back some of the 'tried and tested' spokespersons who would be assertive but not aggressive in media debates. At the same time, the BJP and the government should have had their ears to the ground and prepared for the backlash from Islamic countries and organisations. About five Arab nations protested the comments and called Sharma and Jindal's remarks insulting to their Prophet and faith. Qatar, Kuwait, and Iran summoned Indian ambassadors to lodge a

Seshadri Chari

protest, and the Grand Mufti of Oman described the "obscene remarks" as a war on Islam. Many of these Islamic monarchies, oligarchies and institutions took strong note of the insult to their religion but conveniently overlooked the contemptuous, scornful and disrespectful remarks against Hindu deities and religious symbols. The proverbial last straw on the camel's back was the irresponsible comments by Pakistan and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), which sought to link the comments to alleged human rights abuse of minorities in India. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) strongly and rightly refuted these comments, and pointed out the human right abuses against not only Hindus but also Shias and Ahmediyas in Pakistan. Ironically, the OIC is tight-lipped on the atrocities of Muslims in Xinjiang by China. None of these countries speak about the "worst of the worst" countries that have

witnessed systematic and brutal abuses of human dignity and total absence of fundamental rights. In 1990, the OIC introduced the Cairo Declaration on Human Rights in Islam, which was nothing but 'Islamic Shariah defined' human rights totally in conflict with the UN Declaration of Human Rights. Again, in 1999, the OIC introduced resolutions seeking governments to combat Islamophobia. Many Western governments protested saying religious people have the right to protection, not religions. In any case the Arab countries and other Islamic dispensations should restrict their relationship with India to trade, commerce, culture and other mutually agreed aspects of engagement. They should keep away from commenting on India's domestic socio-political dynamics. Intolerance to criticism is not new among the Muslim community, especially in Europe. In 2020, French President Emmanuel Macron found himself at loggerheads with the local Islamic groups for his comment resolving to "fight radical Islamism, eradicate separatism and uphold secular values at all costs". There was a spate of terror attacks and a Paris school teacher was brutally murdered prompting Macron to declare that France itself was under attack. France was labelled 'anti-Islam' for standing up for the ideals of "Age of Enlightenment" like an equal, integrated, secular and republican society. Unlike the 'Christian West and liberal' Europe, India does not see religions as conflicting but respects all them as different paths in the pursuit of one and the same ultimate truth. There has been a healthy practice of not restricting our conversations about the past as ones that rationalise differences on the basis of cultural or historical relativism. The Hindu society has adapted to change and given up a number of social practices that were socially divisive, abhorrent without any scriptural sanctity.

India bending before Arabs isn't good for Muslims

Their loyalty will now be more suspect



No matter which way Indian politics goes from here, the inflection point will be India's response to the Muslim countries' protests at an unseemly remark on Prophet Muhammad by now-suspended BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma and expelled leader Naveen Kumar Jindal. Objectionable as the remarks have been, it's not a pretty sight either to see the resurgent India being bullied by a caucus of moneyed countries. It recalls to mind the capitulation of the Indian government before a cabal of regressive clerics on the Shah Bano issue in the mid 1980s. That the Muslims could still make the Indian State bend to their whims caused a deep resentment in the majority community. Much of the politics has since been shaped by that fateful event. It had a long gestation period, though. The current crisis might have a quicker outcome since it stirs the historical memory of invasion, conquest and subjugation. In a letter to C.R. Das, Lala Lajpat Rai had written that he was not afraid of the seven crore Indian Muslims (their total strength in the 1920s) but 'the seven crores in Hindustan plus the armed hordes of Afghanistan, Central Asia, Arabia, Mesopotamia and Turkey, will be irresistible'. Now, more than ever, the imputation of extra territorial allegiance would stick on the Indian Muslims. The unfortunate remark is not India's official position. As an aside one may ask what the official position of these Islamic kingdoms, emirates and autocracies with regard to other religions is, and how their preaching reflects in their practice. What if the Hindus too had the concept of blasphemy and were equally sensitive about what they hold sacred? Could the social media still be splattered with the meme fest recently witnessed about the Shivling? The mainstream literary corpus and oral tradition of Islam is full of vituperation against Hinduism's mythology, beliefs and rituals, particularly the strand of polytheism and idol worship. While the Muslims could disparage other religions, others couldn't return the favour. It's important to ask if a religion is protected from the kind of criticism its followers level against other

Ibn Khaldun Bharati

right, wrong, moral and immoral? One could say the language of their religion is allegorical, that reading it literally would distort the meaning, that everything part of that religion had a specific historical and cultural context, that those contexts should be kept in mind while deciding the relevance of a particular event. But, would they extend the same latitude to other religions? "Reville not those unto whom they pray other than Allah lest they should ignorantly revile Allah in enmity". (Quran, 6:108) Thus, the Quran forbids it followers from criticising other religions if they want their own religion not to be criticised. In another verse, 29:46, they are told, "And argue not with the People of the Scriptures unless it is in the best manner". According to verse 28:55, they are supposed to bow out of a frivolous conversation, but without any rancour. This is the normative side of Islam, but Muslims have honoured the prescribed etiquettes of debate and

discussion more in the breach than the observance. Not surprising, though. Islam soon acquired an empire and ended up becoming an imperial ideology. The political supremacy was the proof of its truth. It couldn't but be on a pedestal from where to talk down to all other religions. The imperial rule invested Islam with entitlements which still endure. It also imposed disabilities on other religions, which endure as well. Today's televangelism and vitriolic debates on TV are reminiscent of the pre-Independence culture of religious polemics, known as Munazira, which were nothing but vicious slanging matches. They so vitiated the inter-community relations as to lead to episodic riots and murders which eventually culminated in the holocaust that accompanied India's Partition. These debates could go irreparably wrong as it recently did. It doesn't augur well for the country. Especially, the Muslims can ill-afford it. Their purported representatives on TV screen, caught in the time warp as they are, embarrass the community by bringing into open the popular common sense regarding inter-religious issues. Our religions are old. They represent the moral standards of their times. Our relation with them is spiritual, not moral, since our contemporary morality is a big advance over them. Judging the past by today's morality is as problematic as applying the morality of the past to the present society. Prophet Muhammad's marriage with Aisha, who

according to Sahih al-Bukhari, was only nine years old when she came to live with him, had not been a subject of controversy until late 20th century. In his own lifetime, the marriage that set the tongues wagging was the one with Zaynab bint Jahsh, who had been married to the Prophet's adopted son, Zaid. In the Arabian society, an adopted son was no different from a biological one. Later, the 19th century orientalist critique of Islam focussed on the Prophet's polygamy, which, according to the monogamous Christian ethic and the value attached to celibacy, seemed unprophetic and impious. It may seem strange today, but the orientalist scholars who castigated the Prophet for polygamy rationalised his marriage to Aisha as the early onset of puberty in the hot clime of desert. Even by the 19th century standards of Europe, menarche readied a girl for marriage, which was not to be deferred much, and the age compatibility was not an important criterion in seeking a match particularly if the groom was of high station. It was only when Europe woke up to its problem of paedophilia, and began judging couples by difference in their age that this aspect of Prophet Muhammad's life came in for a sharp criticism, and many Muslim scholars also began rummaging the sources to prove that Aisha's age was 19, not 9, when her marriage with the Prophet was consummated. As morals change, some other aspects of Muhammad's life will come under scrutiny. His marriage with Aisha hasn't ever been problematic. However, if Muslims were to argue in favour of child marriage under Sharia and Personal Law, it would become problematic, and that's the nub. Muhammad's life has been a subject of more threadbare discussion than most historical figures. Modern Muslim scholars, beginning from Sir Syed Ahmad Khan and Syed Ameer Ali in the 19th century to Jonathan AC Brown in the 21st, have attended to the criticisms in the same manner as they came - academic. A violent display of hurt sentiments is a sign of intellectual inadequacy. I use the term 'sentiment' rather than 'emotion' to underline the cultivated nature of these expressions.

The disappearance of journalist Dom Phillips in Brazil should leave you incandescent with rage

It's now more than four days since veteran Brazil correspondent Dom Phillips and Indigenous expert Bruno Araújo Pereira disappeared in the Javari Valley, a remote part of the western Amazon thought to have the world's highest concentration

of uncontacted people. Pereira, a longtime defender of Indigenous rights who previously worked for Funai, Brazil's government Indigenous rights agency, had reportedly received threats for his work monitoring illegal activities in the region. Phillips and

Pereira were last seen early on Sunday while travelling in a boat on the Itaquai river in the northern

Lucy Jordan

Brazilian state of Amazonas, near the border with Peru. Itaquai is a remote, lawless, and strategically important area for illegal trafficking, fishing and mining. It is home to a growing presence of armed gangs. Diplomats, NGOs and media organisations are now calling on the Brazilian government to rapidly expand and accelerate their search-and-rescue mission. The official response has been woefully inadequate. The army initially said that it would only launch a rescue mission once given orders from a higher command, wasting precious hours immediately after the pair disappeared. It took days to deploy a helicopter to the region. Indigenous groups that have been searching on the ground since Sunday released a statement saying they had repeatedly called on multiple federal agencies for help. Yet with the exception of six military police officers and a team from Funai, federal agencies and armed forces have been "absent from the effort", they said. As the Indigenous leader Sônia Guajajara put it when she recently asked US climate envoy John Kerry to intervene personally: "The search is so slow, and it is pitiful that we continue to live in a situation where there is no security." Many of us reporters here in Brazil know Phillips personally. He's been here for 15 years, a dogged, sharp-eyed journalist and an incredibly kind man. He is never too busy to help out a fellow reporter, a generosity that shapes his work: he covers under-reported stories because he cares deeply about

giving a voice to Brazil's marginalised groups. He takes on risky assignments because he believes the stories he tells matter that much. As his wife, Alessandra, puts it, "I want you to know that Dom Phillips, my husband, loves Brazil and he loves the Amazon. He could have chosen to live anywhere in the world but he chose here." Of course, we don't yet know exactly what has happened. But for those of us who have been following Brazil's grim political reality for the past three years, we're not just sad, worried and fearful. We're also incandescent with rage. As time passes, foul play becomes an even more likely explanation. This is it, we want to scream. This is the logical consequence of three years of encouraging violence



against Indigenous people and journalists. Under president Jair Bolsonaro, attacks on the press have increased. He peppers his speeches with anti-Indigenous, anti-conservation dog whistles. Bolsonaro has consistently presented environmental protections and Indigenous rights as mere impediments to economic development; nuisances that stand in the way of a more muscular, industrial Brazil. Many appear to have taken him at his word. Invasions and violence against Indigenous people have increased and deforestation has soared under his presidency. In 2019, farmers in Pará set the forest on fire to show Bolsonaro they got the message and approved of it. And it hasn't only been words. The

Bolsonaro administration has made multiple attempts to bolster these grudges in law. Several bills are being processed in Brazil's congress that, directly or indirectly, threaten Brazilian Indigenous lands, either by opening them up to economic interests such as mining or by curtailing Indigenous people's rights to their land in the first place. The message this has sent has been clearly received: do what you like to Indigenous people because there will be no repercussions. Invade their land, cut down their trees, contaminate their rivers. Even kill them, if that's what it takes. How do we continue asking other reporters to take on these risks? What message does it send when people such as Phillips and Pereira vanish, only to be met with a pitiful official response? There is no risk assessment in the world that can mitigate against three years of dangerous propaganda coming from the very top of government. Bolsonaro's response, when asked about the disappearance, was callous and dismissive. He appeared to blame Phillips and Pereira. They shouldn't have been there, he said, on an "adventure". Anything could happen. But as many of the men's colleagues have pointed out on social media, reporting in the field isn't an adventure. Advocating for Indigenous rights isn't an adventure. It's a public service. It's a moral imperative. One that this government has made all the more necessary, and all the more dangerous. And that's why advocates and reporters - brave, kind people such as Phillips and Pereira - will keep on taking these risks. And why we must keep holding the government to account.



QUIZ

- Q.1- How many primary colors are there?
Ans-
Q.2- What do you call a house made of ice?
Ans-
Q.3- Which festival is called the festival of light?
Ans-
Q.4- Who is the power minister of Assam?
Ans-
Q.5- How many medical colleges are there in Assam?
Ans-

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

Last week quiz Answers IPL stands for Indian Premier League, hockey, 6 Players, Thailand, Zoo (also called zoological garden or zoological park)

Short-Story

The Pot of Wit

Once upon a time, king Akbar got so mad at Birbal that he told Birbal to leave the kingdom and go away. Heartbroken, Birbal left the kingdom and took refuge at a farmer's house in a nearby village. Birbal spent

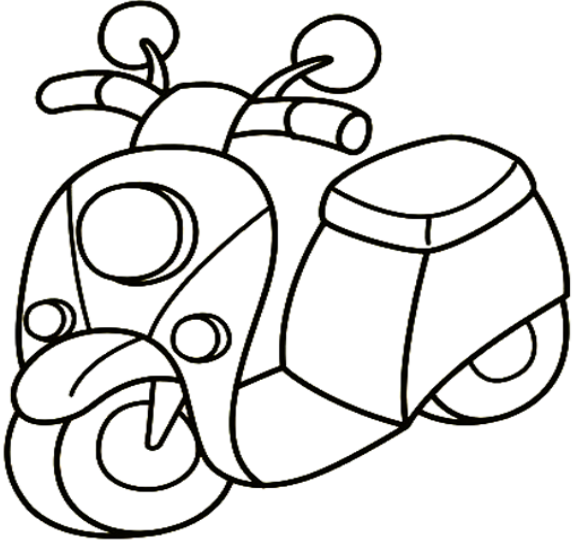
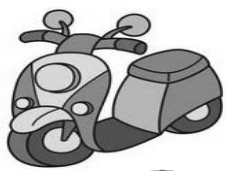


his days working at the farm. As time passed, King Akbar started missing his favourite courtier. One day, Akbar decided to send across his royal guards to find Birbal. The guards looked for Birbal in all directions, but all their efforts went to waste. Akbar thought of a trick

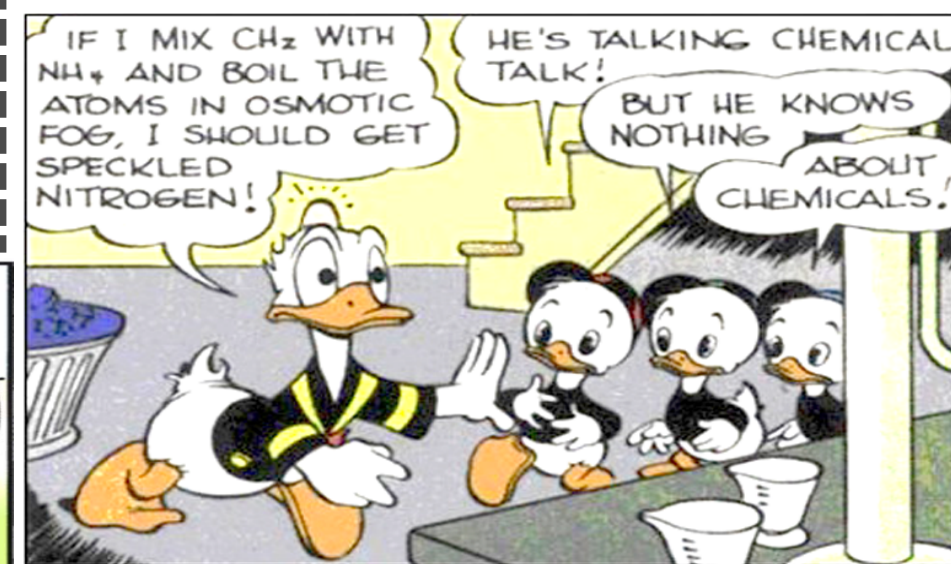
to find Birbal – he made an announcement that whoever got him a pot full of wit would be given a pot filled with diamonds. The news reached all the nearby villages, and to Birbal as well. The villagers held a meeting to decide how to solve the king's mystery. Birbal offered to help, stating that he needs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

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

Home work : Fill the picture with colour



Bahndeep Dutta, Class V, St. Marys High School, Lakhimpur

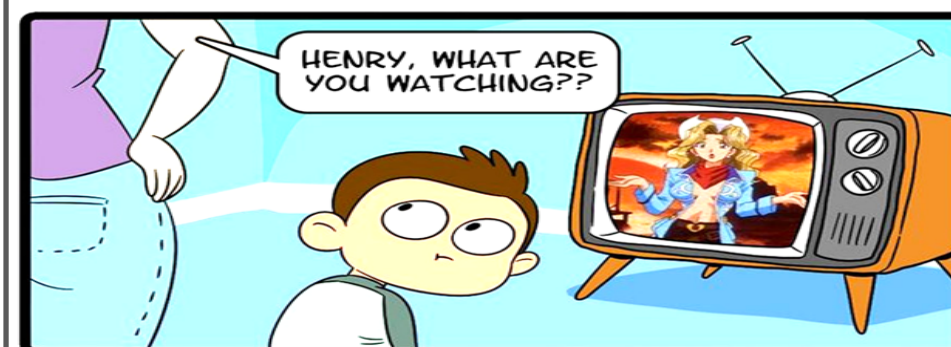
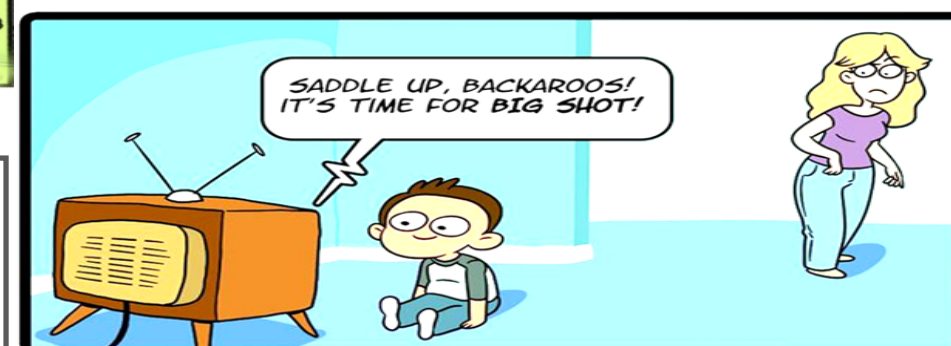


The Fred Quimby Years

Fred Quimby, producer for not only Tom and Jerry but the entire MGM cartoon divisions. Since 1937 he had ridden herd on a zany cast of cartoonists of whom he understood little, having, unfortunately for a cartoon producer, no sense of humor to call upon. Common belief on the main lot was that Quimby had won



his producer's title due to long years of service as a top salesman in New York, from whence he came. Indeed, he knew nothing of animation and, as Irv Spence recalls, cartoons "were a strange thing to him." Cast in the role of high school principal opposite the animators' boyish enthusiasms, he acted as liaisons between them and the front office, usually it seemed, turning down requests for bigger budgets, raises and special dispensations of funds. But under his stewardship, Tom and Jerry sailed along like a flagship on a balmy sea. Not burdened with the need to deal directly with the cantankerous corporate minds in the administration arena, Hanna and Barbera were free to exercise the creativity that made Tom and Jerry the "Gold Dust Twins" of MGM. After 18 years at the helm of the Cartoon Department, Quimby retired, and here was where the storm clouds began to glimmer. Quimby's retirement in no way hampered the creative flow of the Tom and Jerry cartoons, but his leaving signaled the beginning of the end of an era, the Golden Age of Hollywood, in the worlds of both action and animation. And the world was already beginning to change. Television, that great engulfing box with knobs and the convex screen, was already gulping up huge chunks of the theatrical audience, allowing them to be entertained on dark evenings without ever leaving home. Box office receipts fell, and then plummeted. Movie studios began to worry, and then to panic. New techniques were put into operation, among them CinemaScope, which widened the theater screen to provide a presumably more encompassing view of the world. Cartoons, too, were forced to submit to the CinemaScope rage. Tom and Jerry's first such outing was Pet Peeve, in 1954.

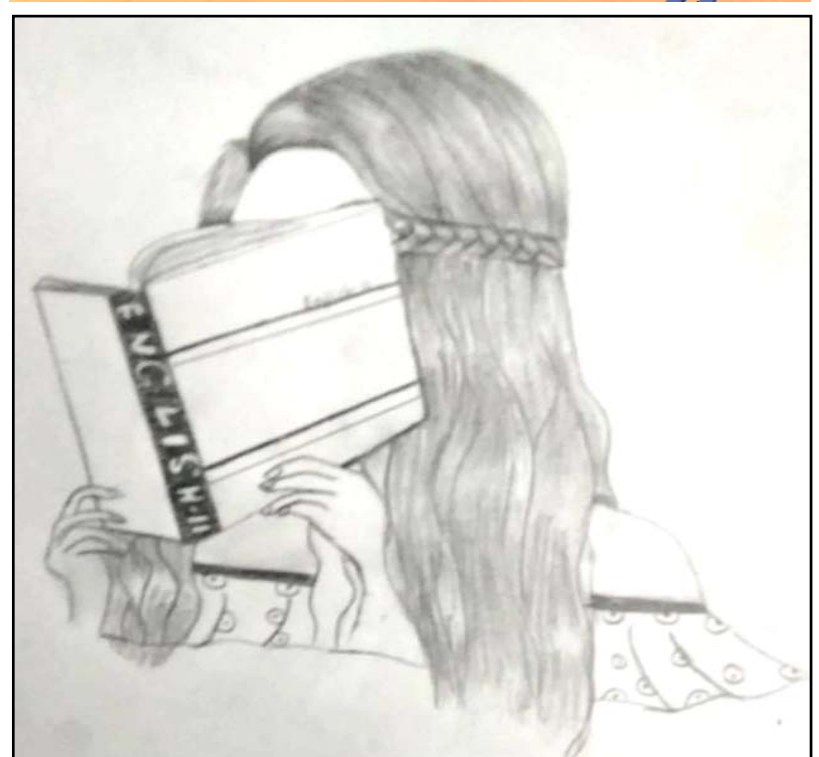


Dear Bhaity, Bhonti,

I came across a powerful quote by Herbert Hoover- the 31st President of the United States. He wrote — "Children are our most valuable resource." You all have equal power, talent, Knowledge and ability, but it depends upon how, where and why you utilize your skill and talent. Knowledge without action is meaningless. Be positive, think positive and do your duty honestly. Always mind it- failure is not the opposite of success. It is part of success. With love, as always, You can contact me on : assamrising@gmail.com



Your
Abhi mama.



AFSANA HASSAN CLASS- V St. Marys High School

Will My Dreams Come True?

Will my dreams come true this New Year?
Will that rosy dawn arrive?
Will I find the foot of the rainbow,
And the things for which I strive?
Will I follow a road that's greener?
Will the misty hills grow clear
Beyond the far horizon?
Will my dreams come true this year?

I wish I could read a crystal
In which my fate I would see!
I wish I could find an omen
That would show my future to me!
I wish I could learn what fortune
So darkly plans to do.
I wish some genie would tell me –
Will all my dreams come true?

RAIN

The rain is raining all around,
It falls on field and tree;
It rains on the umbrellas here
And on the ships at sea.



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Rajya Sabha polls : after

"Realising that he has been defeated, Kartikeya Sharma is using these tactics to get the polling results, stalled. Both the votes polled by BB Batra and Kiran Choudhry were held valid by the Returning Officer. The objections raised by Kartikeya Sharma and BJP were overruled by the Returning Officer," he wrote. Counting of votes that was scheduled to begin at 5 pm likely to be delayed due to BJP and Kartikeya Sharma's complaint seeking disqualification of two Congress votes. BJP delegation led by Gajendra Shekhawat to meet election commission at 5.30 pm, New Delhi. EC examining the objections. Counting only to begin after clearance from EC. Polling for the two Rajya Sabha seats from Haryana ended here on Friday with Independent legislator Balraj Kundu abstaining. Eighty-nine legislators exercised their franchise out of the total 90 seats, officials said. Polling began at 9 am. The BJP has fielded former minister Krishan Lal Panwar, while Ajay Maken, a former Union minister, is the Congress nominee. Media baron Kartikeya Sharma entered the fray as an Independent. Independent MLA Balraj Kundu, who has been vocal against the BJP-led government on several issues, remained firm in his decision to abstain from voting. Home Minister Anil Vij and state BJP chief O P Dhanekar went to Kundu's home to persuade him but were unsuccessful. On Thursday, Jaipur Divisional Commissioner Vikas Sitaramji Bhale issued orders suspending Internet services in Amer tehsil for 17 hours till Friday noon. Just hours before the order, Congress MLAs had landed at a hotel in Amer, all the way from Udaipur. Officially, the reason was a "grave danger" to the security of the MLAs; Cabinet minister Govind Ram Meghwal had supposedly received a Rs 70 lakh extortion call. However, the more obvious reason was to prevent the MLAs from talking to the other side what with BJP-backed Independent candidate Subhash Chandra trying to whip up the numbers. Objecting on two Congress MLAs' votes, Independent candidate Kartikeya Sharma has written to Election Commission. Seeking disqualification/cancellation of the votes of Kiran Choudhry and BB Batra, Sharma has alleged that both the MLAs showed their votes to "other than their designated party observer". Sharma also alleged that at the time when the incident took place during polling, he had lodged a verbal protest too, but the Returning Officer RK Nandal did not register Sharma's protest. The Election Commission officials are examining his complaint and shall take a decision on it after the polling time concludes at 4 pm. In Maharashtra, 285 MLAs have voted till 3.30 pm. Prior to voting today, Sena sources said that Uddhav Thackeray is said to have made an emotional appeal to MLAs. Congress party affairs in-charge Vivek Bansal said no cross voting took place in Congress. "The manner and discipline with which Congress MLAs voted in this election is an example Congress leaders across the states should take inspiration from. We are comfortably ahead of the required votes." Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar said, "One MLA has yet not cast his vote. There is a possibility that he would also cast his vote. Till this moment, according to the circumstances and equations, it appears that BJP nominee Krishan Panwar will win and Independent candidate Kartikeya Sharma will also win." Khattar, however, added that "the final result will only emerge after the votes are taken out of the ballot box and counted". BJP's senior leader Anil Vij and BJP state chief Om Prakash Dhanekar got in touch with Independent candidate Balraj Kundu and attempted to persuade him to come back to the Vidhan Sabha and cast his vote. However, Kundu was yet to come back to Vidhan Sabha. Earlier in the day, he had announced that he was not going to vote for either of the three candidates. Talking about BB Batra and Kiran Choudhry's votes under question, Khattar said, "Our election agents have said that two Congress MLAs did not follow the due procedure. Thus, our people have lodged complaints to the Election Commission. It is for the EC officials to find out, verify the complaint, examine the video footage and then take a decision."

Huge Protests In Multiple

area. The police fired tear gas in retaliation and senior police officials say the situation is under control but still tense. In Saharanpur, 21 people were arrested for taking part in unauthorised protests after Friday prayers, district police chief Akash Tomar said in a statement. A massive crowd gathered in one area of the town and visuals shot by journalists showed shops being closed forcibly by protesters, and motorcycles overturned. The police could be seen chasing protesters. There were similar scenes in a locality in Moradabad too. A curfew has been imposed in some parts of Jharkhand's capital Ranchi after some policemen were injured today while trying to control an irate mob near Hanuman Temple. Videos captured widespread stone-throwing and the police struggling to control the situation. The police had to fire in the air in to disperse the crowd. Demonstrations were also taken out in Kolkata's Park Circus area, neighbouring Howrah, near the Charminar in Hyderabad, Ludhiana, Ahmedabad, Navi Mumbai and several areas in Srinagar where large numbers of people gathered, marched, and raised slogans. The comments by the representatives of India's ruling party during a TV debate and on Twitter earlier this month had angered Muslims in India and abroad. Several West Asian countries demanded a public apology, summoned Indian envoys and saw calls for a boycott of Indian products. India tried to defuse the row calling the comments "views of fringe elements". The BJP distanced itself from the comments, suspended Ms Sharma, expelled Mr Jindal and asked its spokespeople to speak more responsibly in public. In their first action over the comments that came after two weeks on Thursday, the Delhi Police filed a complaint against Ms Sharma and Mr Jindal but also named Hyderabad-based politician Asaduddin Owaisi, journalist Saba Naqvi and others for "inciting people on divisive lines" and provoking riots. Nupur Sharma comment controversy: A curfew has been imposed in several parts of Jharkhand's Ranchi after some policemen, reportedly the SP as well, were injured today while trying to control an irate mob near Hanuman Temple, situated on Ranchi's Main Road, after protests erupted with hundreds of people demanding the arrest of suspended BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma for her controversial remarks on Prophet Mohammad, PTI reported quoting police. As per the reports, Police fired in air besides resorted to lathi-charge to control the mob which split out on the road after Friday prayers and pelted stones and shouted slogans. "Few policemen have been injured. We are looking into the situation. We are reinforcing deployment," a senior police official told. A large crowd of people gathered on Main Road shouting slogans against Sharma and Naveen Jindal, former head of the Delhi BJP's media unit. Heavy security deployment has been made to manage the situation and avoid any untoward incidents. According to police officials, the protest has been continuing since morning and picked up tempo post-Friday prayers. Many shops and establishments kept their shutters down in protest against the remarks. The protestors demanded the immediate arrest of Sharma raising slogans. "More than 1,100 shops in the market were shut since morning in protest against remarks of Nupur Sharma and Naveen Jindal. We demand their immediate arrest," New Daily Market Traders Welfare Association President Haji Md Hasim told. Hasim said they wanted a peaceful procession but the police didn't give permission. "So we are protesting peacefully outside our shops here," he said. The row over the alleged derogatory remarks against Prophet Mohammad escalated on Sunday with protests from countries like Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar and Iran, prompting the BJP to take action against its functionaries and assert that it respects all religions. As the row intensified within the country and abroad, the BJP on Sunday suspended Nupur Sharma and expelled Jindal.

Justice Lanusungkum Jamir

and obtained LLB in 1988 from the North Eastern Hill University. He enrolled in the Bar Council of Assam, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Manipur and Tripura in 1989. He was appointed as additional senior government advocate, Nagaland in 2000 and later as additional advocate general, Nagaland in 2009 and continued as such till elevation as additional judge of Gauhati high court on May 22, 2013. On October 9, 2018, Justice Jamir took oath as additional judge, Manipur high court and as judge at Manipur high court on November 12, 2018.

Citizenship Amendment Act will

Sarbojonee Puja Committee said that the community's real aim is to have a minority affairs ministry and a special permanent commission for the minority religious communities. "We do not welcome this special law from India. Such laws are not helpful. We do have certain problems like many others but we are from Bangladesh and we will remain here. No one wants to leave his or her motherland and take refuge in a neighbouring country. People leave their roots only in extremely unfortunate circumstances and there is no certainty for their future in such situations. We will deal with whatever challenges we have by mobilising our community in a coordinated manner within our country," said M. Nath who is also the Joint General Secretary of the Bangladesh Hindu Buddhist Christian Unity Council. The Sheikh Hasina government faced a major challenge last year when a communal disturbance broke out in Brahmanbaria and Comilla in the eastern part of the party and spread quickly to Chittagong. The phase witnessed mob attacks on the Durga puja pandals. But Mr. Nath said that the number of Durga puja celebrations in the country has in fact nearly doubled during the last 12 years, from 10-15,000 to 30,000. The Mahanagar Sarbojonee Puja Committee is the central religious body of the Hindu community in Bangladesh as it grants permission to community members to hold Durga puja celebrations across the country. Mr. Deb acknowledged that the Sheikh Hasina government has been proactive in dealing with majoritarian tendencies, though some sporadic incidents of intimidation of the minority Hindu community is reported from time to time. He said that over the years, representation of the community has also increased in Bangladesh. "We have increased representation in the bureaucracy and in the law and order machinery. But we need to have a minority affairs minister and that is what we are campaigning for. That apart, there should also be a minority affairs commission that will ensure rights of the minority groups in the country," said Mr. Nath. India enacted the Citizenship Amendment Act in 2019, though the Government is yet to frame the rules of the Act. The law is aimed at granting citizenship to the persecuted members of the Hindu, Buddhist, Parsi, Christian, Sikh and Jain communities of Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan. Mr. Nath said that the Sheikh Hasina government has reached out to the minority communities and has helped the historic Dhakeshwari temple of Dhaka in regaining the property that it had lost earlier. Bangladesh is also building a Buddhist pilgrimage centre in Lumbini, Nepal, which will cater to the Buddhist pilgrims from all over the world. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's government has a Ministry of Religious Affairs. The Ministry looks after the issues involving all mosques, temples, churches, pagodas and Gurdwaras in Bangladesh. Mr. Nath argued that the issue of a separate ministry will be part of the agenda of the minority communities as the country gets into election mode for next year.

'Those who ruled country for long

the affirmative. He said there was a chief minister from this tribal region, whose village did not have any water tank and people were dependent on hand-pumps. "But after becoming CM, I ordered construction of a water tank. Gujarat has also seen those days when even the inauguration of a water tank in Jamnagar became a front page news item," Modi said. On the occasion, the prime minister performed 'bhoomi puja' (ground-breaking ceremony) of 13 water supply projects for residents of Tapi, Navsari and Surat districts, worth Rs 961 crore. Modi also inaugurated the Madhuban dam-based Astol regional water supply project built at a cost of about Rs 586 crores. This project involves taking drinking water to the height of over 1,800 feet or as high as a 200-storey building. He also performed the ground-breaking ceremony of a medical college in Navsari district, to be built at a cost of about Rs 542 crores aimed at providing affordable and quality medical care to the people of the region. Also, 'Nal Se Jal' projects worth Rs 163 crore were inaugurated by him. These projects will provide safe and adequate drinking water to the residents of Surat, Navsari, Valsad and Tapi districts, an official release said. Notably, Modi had performed the ground-breaking ceremony for the ambitious Astol water supply project in August 2018 meant to end the water woes of nearly four lakh people living in the hilly areas of Dharampur and Kaprada taluka of tribal-dominated Valsad district. "Some people say that we are doing such work keeping in mind the elections. I have been in public life for over two decades. I challenge them to show me a single week when I did not launch a developmental project. In 2018, some people had claimed that we were doing it for the 2019 Lok Sabha polls," he added. "Now, it is proven that they were wrong. We lifted water and took it to the top of the hill. Who would do such hard work for some 200-300 votes? We did that to make people's lives better, not because of elections," he said referring to the Astol water supply project. Modi also said that in the past, there were no science stream schools in tribal region of the state for Class 12 students. "But after becoming Gujarat CM in 2001, I took up the task of building science stream schools in tribal regions. And now, we have medical and engineering colleges as well as universities in the tribal region," the PM added. Modi also said that speedy development in Gujarat over the last two decades was the pride of the state.

Over 100 govt schools get show-cause

per cent when the HSLC examination was not held due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Notably, at least 25 government schools in the state have given 0 per cent results in this year's board examination, which is a cause of great concern. Mamata Hojai, Director of Secondary Education said that a total of 102 state-run schools' pass percentage results were 10 per cent and below 10 per cent. "Out of 102 schools, 25 schools have shown 0 per cent results. We have served show-cause notices to the principal/headmaster of 102 schools. We have asked them to send a written reply within seven days from the date of receipt of the letter," Mamata Hojai said. This apart, the passing percentage of at least 70 per cent of state-run schools was below 10 %. According to the Secondary Education Department, Cachar district led the table with 14 poor-performing schools followed by Karbi Anglong district with 13, Goalpara district with 9, Jorhat with eight, Kamrup (Metro) and Dhubri with six each, West Karbi Anglong with five, Karimganj with four. Barpeta, Bongaigaon, Chirang, Golaghat, and Nagaon have three each, Charaideo, Dibrugarh, Kamrup, Lakhimpur, South Salmara, Tinsukia and Udalguri with two each.

Zelensky imposes sanctions on

Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov. Sanctions include bans on entry to Ukraine; revocation of visas and permits; revocation of state awards of Ukraine; revocation of all issued licences and permits; blocking of financial assets; and a ban on transportation of property belonging to the National Security and Defence Council of Ukraine. In addition, Zelensky also signed a decree imposing sanctions on Russian universities and their leaders. The list includes, in particular, Moscow State University named after Mikhail Lomonosov, Bauman Moscow State Technical University, Saint Petersburg State University and National Research University Higher School of Economics. Also Read: Nupur Sharma Comment Row: Politician who supported BJP leader, once compared Quran with Hitler's In total, 236 Russian universities were included in the list, Ukrayinska Pravda reported. Ukrainian educational, cultural and state institutions must sever all ties and agreements concluded with Russian universities listed by the National Security and Defence Council of Ukraine.

Weather Office Issues Red Alert In

Management Authority (ASDMA) has also issued an alert in landslide and flood-prone areas after long hours of incessant rainfall across the state on Thursday, which affected surface communication temporarily. In its special weather bulletin on Thursday, the IMD stated that an east-west trough is running from southeast Uttar Pradesh to Manipur across Bihar, sub-Himalayan West Bengal and Assam and Meghalaya at 0.9 km above the mean sea level. A red alert from the IMD is a warning for disaster management agencies to be prepared to take action to prevent possible eventualities due to excess rainfall.

Former Pakistan President

confirmed his illness. "I have just spoken to Gen Musharraf's son Bilal in Dubai who confirmed that he (Musharraf) is on ventilator," Chaudhry said. Reacting to reports, Ifzaal Siddique, the President of the All Pakistan Muslim League (APML) Overseas -- founded by Musharraf -- said that the former president is little bit ill but fully alert. "General Pervez Musharraf is at home (a little) bit ill though, but fully alert as usual, please don't listen to fake news. Just pray for his good health, Ameen," Siddique said. Musharraf has been declared a fugitive in former prime minister Benazir Bhutto murder case and Red Mosque cleric killing case. The former president, living in Dubai since 2016, was facing the treason case for suspending the Constitution in 2007. The former military ruler left for Dubai in March 2016 for medical treatment and has not returned since.

Disabled people being 'systematically ignored' on climate crisis, says study

London, June 10 : People with disabilities are being "systematically ignored" by governments around the world when it comes to the climate crisis, even though they are particularly at risk from the impacts of extreme weather, research has shown. Few countries make provisions for the needs of people with disabilities when they make plans for adapting to the effects of climate breakdown, and none mention disabled people in their programmes to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, according to the first comprehensive review of the issue. Sébastien Jodoin, a professor at McGill University in Canada and co-author of the report, titled Disability Inclusion in National Climate Commitments and Policies and published on Friday, said the needs of people with disabilities were being overlooked. "I was very disappointed by our findings," he told the Guardian. "Countries have not considered how people with disabilities can be included in climate plans. They have been systematically ignored." Yet people with disabilities were among the most vulnerable to climate impacts, partly because of the nature of their disabilities and also because of the social disadvantage that often accompanies this. "These are some of the people who are most marginalised in our societies," said Jodoin. "They tend to be poorer, to have fewer resources." People with disabilities were already facing danger from the climate crisis, he noted. For instance, when Hurricane Katrina hit the US in 2005, many people who use wheelchairs were stranded as there was no plan for their evacuation and they were unable to use unadapted vehicles. Yet few lessons were learned: when Hurricane Sandy hit in 2012, the same problems were repeated for many wheelchair users. In response, disabled people took the city of New York to court for the omission and forced changes to policy so that there must be provision for wheelchair-accessible public shelters. Researchers at McGill University examined the detailed climate pledges and policies, known as nationally determined contributions (NDCs), that countries must submit under the 2015 Paris agreement, which contains a requirement for people with disabilities to be considered. They also combed through countries' domestic plans for adapting to the impacts of the climate crisis.

Dom Phillips: sister of missing journalist still hopeful he will be found

London, June 10 : The sister of a British journalist missing in the Amazon has said she still has hope he will be found. Sian Phillips was joined by supporters at a vigil for her brother Dom Phillips, who has worked as a freelance correspondent for the Guardian, and the Brazilian Indigenous affairs official Bruno Araujo Pereira outside the Brazilian embassy in central London on Thursday. The two men vanished from a remote part of the rainforest more than three days ago, having reportedly last been seen early on Sunday in the São Rafael community. Some people held red roses while others clasped red and black posters that read "Find Dom and Bruno" and featured images of the missing pair's faces, as they stood in silence in a line outside the entrance of the embassy from Ram. In a statement to the press, Sian Phillips, with her partner, Paul Sherwood, and twin brother, Gareth Phillips, by her side, said: "We had to come this morning, to ask the question: where is Dom Phillips? Where is Bruno Pereira?" And we are also here for my brother's wife, Alessandra Sampaio. We are here with my brother's nieces and sister-in-law too. "We are here because Dom is missing, he is lost doing the important job of investigative journalism. We are here to make the point that why did it take so long for them to start the search for my brother and for Bruno." "We want the search to carry on." She spoke about how her brother was a "great writer and journalist, a caring man ... and cares about the environment and loves Brazil" and that the whole family loved him. When asked about the chances of her brother being found, she added: "We all still have hope. We have hope. In Atalaia do Norte, the isolated Amazon town where Phillips and Pereira spent their last night before heading into the Javari reserve, locals voiced shock and anger at their disappearances. "I still can't believe it," said Marivalda Rabelo Laranhaga, the receptionist at the hotel where they stayed before starting their journey last Thursday afternoon. Rainforest aerial, Yavari River and oxbow lake and primary Amazonian forest, Brazil on left bank, Peru on right.
 F26D2B Rainforest aerial, Yavari River and oxbow lake and primary Amazonian forest, Brazil on left bank, Peru on right. He seemed such a polite and kind person ... a journalist who was truly dedicated to his work," Laranhaga, 31, added of Phillips, as Indigenous rescue workers prepared to head back out onto the river to continue their search.

Woman reunited with skates after 40 years in modern-day Cinderella story

Ottawa, June 10 : When Renée Forrestall slipped her feet into the worn pair of dingy white roller skates, it was like stepping into the past. It had been decades since she had last roller-skated, but as she approached 60, she thought she'd have another go, get some exercise and celebrate her milestone birthday. Forrestall, a high school art teacher in Halifax, Nova Scotia, bought a more modern pair, but the fit wasn't quite right, so she set up a notification on Facebook Marketplace to ping her when any older skates went up for sale. A couple days after her birthday, she got a notification: a man named James Bond was selling a pair of vintage skates for \$40. He didn't know the size - it had long since worn off - but held up a ruler measuring the boot: 10 inches. Forrestall measured her own foot: 10 inches. She made it down to Bond's home two days later, sat down on the step and put the skate on. It was uncanny. The skates fit just like the skates she owned back when she was a teen. Forty years earlier, she had sold the Excalibur roller skates at a yard sale. Now, sitting on a step outside of a stranger's house, Forrestall pulled back the tongue on the skates to see her name still inscribed. "The guy [Bond] was standing there and when I looked at him and I peeled back my name, my eyes filled up with tears because I literally had my life flash before my eyes," Forrestall told the Guardian. She gave Bond his asking price - \$40 - tucked the skates into her car, and drove the 30 minutes home in awe of the coincidence. She remembers her mother buying the skates for her when she was 16 or 17, at a moment in her life when she was struggling with a significant personal loss.

Nations League: Kosovo defeat deepens Northern Ireland woes, Spain edge Swiss

London, June 10 : Northern Ireland's Nations League despair grew deeper as they fell to a 3-2 defeat to Kosovo which caused some fans to openly turn on Ian Baraclough. Early strikes from Vedat Muriqi and Zymer Bytyqi, the first a penalty, put Kosovo in control. And although Shayne Lavery pulled one back on the stroke of half-time, Muriqi's second at the start of the second half should have ended it, Dan Ballard's late header notwithstanding. Northern Ireland's run of games without a win in this



competition extended to 13 matches after their latest setback. The team entered League C Group 2 as top seeds following their

relegation and Baraclough boldly talked of targeting 12 points from their June fixtures, but they have taken only one from three matches. The manager was greeted with chants of "cheerio" as he went over to the away fans in Pristina. "It's understandable," Baraclough said afterwards. "They're here, they want to follow and watch a team ... but what do we do about players who are being blooded and building for the future?" We knew we had to go through a certain amount of pain and we are as it goes forward," the 51-year-old added. "You'll see improvement and you've seen a difference between the first two games and

this one tonight. "In the top tier, Spain clinched their first Nations League victory in this campaign after a 1-0 win over Switzerland in Geneva. Pablo Sarabia scored the decisive goal in the 13th minute after turning in Marcos Llorente's cross, as Luis Enrique's side bounced back from successive draws. "Professional soccer is about results," the Spain coach said afterwards. "We were able to impose our style." Goalscorer Sarabia, meanwhile, accepted "it was about time we won. These three points are very valuable for us."

Oisin Murphy had alcohol-related blackouts before breath test suspension

London, June 10 : The reigning champion jockey, Oisin Murphy, who is serving a 14-month suspension from the saddle, has said he experienced alcohol-related blackouts during a period of heavy drinking that led to two breaches of the alcohol rules in 2021, including a failed pre-race breath test at Newmarket in October. Speaking to BBC Sport, Murphy said: "When I was happy I would drink, when I was sad I would drink. I might last a week or sometimes a month [without alcohol] but it would spiral out of control again. "Murphy was the leading jockey at Royal Ascot for the first time in 2021 and will be working at the

meeting next week as a pundit for Sky Sports Racing. He is suspended until February 2023 after he admitted a series of breaches of the alcohol regulations and a serious breach of the British Horseracing Authority's Covid protocols in September 2020, when he misled the regulator about his location during a ban for whip offences. Murphy went on holiday to the Greek island of Mykonos, which was on the government's Covid red list at the time, but tried to tell BHA officials that he had been at Lake Como in Italy. A BHA spokesperson confirmed on Thursday that, as Murphy is not a disqualified person, he is free to take up media duties while suspended from riding. Detailing his struggles with alcohol last year, Murphy told the BBC



that "by the time [the five-day] Goodwood [meeting] came around in August [2021], I had blacked out every night of that week. OK, I was probably blacking out very early in the evening, so I was fine the next morning, but I really couldn't deal with the pressure and by the Breeders' Cup in November, I was ready to stop riding. "Murphy also told BBC Sport he is now sober and attending regular Alcoholics Anonymous meetings.

Wallabies call on Japan-based trio for upcoming England Tests

London, June 10 : England are set to face an Australia side boosted by the reinforcements of Samu Kerevi, Marika Koroibete and Quade Cooper after the Wallabies head coach,

Cooper, Rennie has been able to call on considerable firepower for the series which will have Jones taking note. Indeed, Kerevi helped Suntory Sungoliath - where Jones acts as a

nominated for World Rugby player of the year in 2021, which only highlights the impact he had. You look at Quade, he had a massive impact with us and was a really calming influence. He



Dave Rennie, revealed his three overseas picks for the series next month. The Japan-based trio were all absent from the November clash when England ran out 32-15 winners but return to bolster Rennie's ranks as the Wallabies seek to end an eight-match losing streak against Eddie Jones's side. With La Rochelle reaching the Top 14 playoffs, Rennie was never expected to select the second-row Will Skelton despite his stunning performance in the Champions Cup final as one of his three picks - a restriction imposed as part of Australia's Giteau law, designed to stem the flow of players moving overseas. Nonetheless, in Kerevi, Koroibete and

consultant - to the Japan League One final last month and earlier this year revealed he had been pumping the England head coach for "secrets" before the tour. "It's probably not that secret anyway but we've got Quade, Samu and Marika all coming back," Rennie said. "Quade and Samu are here in Sydney just getting medical checks and Marika went straight to Fiji to spend some time with his family and he'll be back on the weekend. Marika is one of the best wingers in the world - I'm not sure there's another winger with his work ethic and repeatability. He's just top gear all day so we're looking forward to getting that back." Samu only played a few Tests but was

was so impressive with the group. "England will face a Barbarians side captained by the France flanker Charles Ollivon before heading to Australia. Ollivon and the Clermont wing Damian Penaud were on Thursday confirmed by the Barbarians, who will be led by the France head coach, Fabien Galthie. He is expected to name a host of other France players for the Twickenham fixture on 19 June, while George Kruis is also set to line up against England before he retires. Galthie revealed Danny Care is on his radar if Harlequins are beaten by Saracens in Saturday's Premiership semi-final, while Finn Russell and Cheslin Kolbe have previously been touted as potential picks.

Chess : Carlsen v Mamedyarov after Anand makes one-move blunder

New York, June 10 : The world champion took a clear lead going into the final round in Stavanger, with the No 1 held back by poor results in Armageddon tie-breaks until Vishy Anand fell for Shak Mamedyarov's one-move tactic while Carlsen won a drawn position Magnus Carlsen and his predecessor

Carlsen won from a drawn position against Maxime Vachier-Lagrave and the race is now between the No 1 and Mamedyarov. Carlsen has conceded four draws and lost three of the consequent tie-breaks. The 31-year-old can still take positives from Stavanger if he can finish well. After seven classical

material. Stavanger is unique in its rule requiring all drawn games to be immediately replayed as Armageddons, where White has 10 minutes on the clock for all moves and Black seven minutes, and where a draw on the board counts as a win for Black on the score table. After move 40 there is a per move increment of just one second, which means that any Armageddon which gets that far with the result still unclear is likely to end in a frenetic scramble. When Stavanger introduced Armageddon a few years ago, there were comments that this was a measure designed to favour Carlsen's impressive speed skills. Indeed, Carlsen's Armageddon results in the past three years have been crushing: 14 successes out of 15 with just a single loss to Fabiano Caruana in 2019. In contrast, he has lost three of his first four Armageddons in 2022. One of those was to Anand, who said afterwards that it "felt like a defeat" because he had earlier outplayed the No 1 in their classical game before missing a clear chance.



as world champion, India's Vishy Anand, were locked in a close race for first prize at Stavanger as Norway's annual elite tournament approaches Friday's final round. Anand, 52, had rolled back the years and scored several wins in the creative style of his heyday, but fell for a one-move tactic by Shak Mamedyarov in the penultimate round. Then

games, excluding the tie-break Armageddons, Carlsen was making modest progress towards his declared goal of a 2900 record rating. Carlsen was most happy with his smooth and logical round-three win against Teimour Radjabov, where he accepted an early positional pawn sacrifice then neutralised all attempts at counterplay until he could convert his extra

Ian Poulter says he will appeal after PGA Tour bans LIV Series players

Paris, June 10 : The latest extraordinary chapter in golf's power struggle has seen 17 golfers indefinitely banned by the PGA Tour for their involvement in the Saudi Arabian-backed rebel series that began at the Centurion Club on Thursday. One of those players, Ian Poulter, immediately stated he will appeal the PGA Tour's position as another, Graeme McDowell, called on the DP World Tour - formerly the European Tour - not to issue sanctions of its own. Phil Mickelson, a lifetime PGA Tour member who has now been suspended, refused to discuss the situation in the aftermath of his first round in Hertfordshire. Just half an hour of the inaugural LIV Golf tournament had been played when a letter to members by Jay Monahan, the PGA Tour's commissioner, was

released. "These players have made their choice for their own financial-based reasons," said Monahan. "But they can't demand the same PGA Tour membership benefits, considerations, opportunities and platform as you. That expectation disrespects you, our fans and our partners." As things stand, these golfers cannot play on the PGA Tour or its sanctioned tours even on sponsor invites. LIV, fronted by Greg Norman, responded fiercely. "Today's announcement by the PGA Tour is vindictive and it deepens the divide between the Tour and its members," said a statement. "It's troubling that the Tour, an organisation dedicated to creating opportunities for golfers to play the game, is the entity blocking golfers from playing. This certainly is not the last word on this topic. The era of free agency is beginning as we are proud to have a full field of players

joining us in London and beyond." Of the 17 players listed as banned, it was confirmed that McDowell, Lee Westwood, Sergio Garcia, Branden Grace, Dustin Johnson, Martin Kaymer, Kevin Na, Louis Oosthuizen and Charl Schwartzel had already resigned from the PGA



Tour. McDowell later confirmed he did that 30 minutes before his Centurion tee time.

TT organisers wrongly identified competitor involved in fatal crash

London, June 10 : 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.



is right. It has been my dream job and I have loved every minute of it working so many great colleagues who I am going to miss so much. "When I started I never thought I would manage 30 years. I had actually made up my mind to leave in 2017 because the hours were becoming very long and quite challenging. That would have been 25 years and seemed a good time, but I am so glad I made the decision to stay on. "I'm

very happy to be leaving with no regrets and on my own terms while I am still on top of the job, it just feels like the right time to go and leave it to others. "Tim Davie, the BBC director general said: "Sue Barker has been the face and voice of Wimbledon for three decades. Many of our viewers will not know of a summer in SW19 without her. She is a consummate professional, an outstanding presenter and a wonderful colleague, loved by current and former players, all of us at the BBC and audiences across the UK and beyond. "Her contribution to tennis, the BBC, sports presenting and for blazing a trail for women in broadcasting cannot be overstated. "The former world No 3, who won the 1976 French Open and reached the semi-finals at Wimbledon in 1977, started presenting the daily Wimbledon highlights alongside the late Harry Carpenter in 1993 before assuming the lead presenter's role six years later with the departure of Des Lynam. Barker's relaxed style ideally suited the BBC's midsummer sporting highlight but her broadcasting talents were not limited to tennis and she was the longest-serving host of the quiz show A Question of Sport, which she stopped presenting last year after almost a quarter of a century. She co-presented Sports Personality of the Year for 18 years until 2012 and she has broadcast from the Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games, World Athletics Championships, the London Marathon, the Grand National and Royal Ascot during a long and illustrious career.

Chris Kirchner given Friday deadline to prove he can complete Derby takeover

London, June 10 : Chris Kirchner has been given until Friday afternoon to provide satisfactory evidence that he is in a position to complete his takeover of Derby. Administrators for the League One club have also opted to engage with other interested parties as a contingency measure, with the former Newcastle United owner Mike Ashley among the interested parties. The US businessman Kirchner and the joint administrators exchanged contracts on 16 May but, while the purchase

agreement remains in place, a deal is yet to be finalised. The English Football League said it was "incredibly disappointed" by the latest update and called for a resolution "as a matter of urgency". "At the time (of exchanging contracts) there were a number of outstanding issues, which have now been resolved," read a statement from the joint administrators of Derby. "However, certain logistical issues mean that completion has still not taken place. Accordingly, the joint administrators have taken



the decision to engage with other interested parties as a contingency measure. "The sale and purchase agreement with Mr Kirchner currently remains in place and Mr Kirchner has been given until 5pm on 10 June 2022 to provide satisfactory evidence to

the administrators that he is in a position to complete, subject to EFL approval. "Derby were relegated from the Championship last season after being deducted 21 points after falling into administration. Kirchner's ownership of the club has already been given conditional approval by the EFL. While the administrator, Quantuma, said there remains a "real willingness among all parties" to conclude negotiations, the league

expressed frustration at the protracted nature of proceedings. "The EFL is incredibly disappointed with this evening's announcement by Derby County's administrators that Chris Kirchner has failed to complete the purchase of the club," read an EFL statement. "It is imperative that this issue is resolved as a matter of urgency. "The league will continue to engage with Quantuma as they now hold discussions with third parties and will support as appropriate the club as it seeks to exit administration."

FIH Pro League: Indian hockey teams aim to fine-tune specific areas ahead of CWG

New Delhi, June 10 : Adequate game time against quality opposition, working on their tactical nous will be high on Indian men's and women's hockey teams' agenda as they resume their respective FIH Pro League campaigns against Belgium on Saturday as pre-cursor to Commonwealth Games. While the Indian men's team is scheduled to play hosts Belgium (June 11 and June 12), followed by games against the Netherlands (June 18 and June 19 in Rotterdam), the women will play Belgium (June 11 and June 12), Argentina (June 18 and June 19) and the United States (June 21 and June 22). The Indian men are currently placed second in the league standings with 27 points from 12 games, a rung above Belgium, who have the same number of points but are placed below on goal difference. By proceeding, you are agreeing to our Terms

and Conditions. To find out what personal data we collect and how we use it, please visit our Privacy Policy. For India, the back-to-back matches would provide them with an opportunity to reclaim their top spot in the league, which has been taken away by the Netherlands with 28 points from 10 games. Besides making a mark in the Pro-League, the matches would also provide valuable game time for both the national teams ahead of the Birmingham Games, scheduled to be held from July 28 to August 8. With eyes firmly set on podium finishes at this year's Birmingham Games, both men's and women's hockey chief coaches Gra-



ham Reid and Jannaka Schopman had already insisted that they are looking at the European leg of the league to gain better tactical insights about their respective sides. "With little less than two months for the CWG, we will utilise this time to ensure we are best

prepared for the prestigious event. The Pro League matches will give us insights into the areas that require improvement ahead of the CWG." Indian men's team chief coach Reid had said. Reid's women counterpart Schopman added: "The next few weeks are definitely going to be challenging and exciting as we play regular matches in June and July leading up to the CWG." Back-to-back Pro League matches will definitely give us the understanding of how the players' bodies are reacting to recovery and being ready for a game within 24 hours." The Indian men have fielded a strong 20-member squad for the European sojourn under the leadership of Amit Rohidas. The team's defence will be manned by veteran custodian PR Sreejesh and young Suraj Karkera, along with defenders Surender Kumar, Harmanpreet Singh, Varun

Kumar, Amit Rohidas, Jugraj Singh and Jannanpreet Singh. The mid-field features experienced Tokyo Olympic bronze medal-winning skipper Manpreet Singh, Hardik Singh, Shamsher Singh, Vivek Sagar Prasad, Akashdeep Singh and Nilakanta Sharma while the onus of scoring goals will be on Gurjant Singh, Mandeep Singh, Shilanand Lakra, Sukhjeet Singh, Lalit Kumar Upadhyay and Abhishek. Meanwhile, the 24-member women's team will be led by goalkeeper Savita with defender Deep Grace Ekka as her deputy. The team also includes Junior World Cup stars like Bichu Devi Kharibam, Ishika Chaudhary, Akshata Abaso Dhekale, Baljeet Kaur, Sangita Kumari and Deepika, while experienced striker Rani Rampal is set to return to action after her last appearance at the Tokyo Olympics. She was on the sidelines due to a hamstring injury.

Mohamed Salah and Sam Kerr win PFA player of the year awards

Liverpool, June 10 : The Liverpool forward Mohamed Salah has been voted the Professional Footballers' Association's men's player of the year, with Chelsea's Sam Kerr collecting the women's award. The Manchester City midfielder Phil Foden retained the PFA young player of the year award, with the club's forward Lauren Hemp named the women's best young player for the third consecutive season. Salah topped the poll, which was voted for by PFA mem-

bers, ahead of Kevin De Bruyne, who had won for the previous two years and was an integral part of the City team that beat Liverpool to the Premier League title by one point. The Manchester United forward Cristiano Ronaldo and the Tottenham striker Harry Kane had also made the shortlist, along with Salah's Liverpool teammates Virgil van Dijk and Sadio Mané. This is Salah's second PFA player of the year trophy after he previously won in 2018. This season he helped Jürgen Klopp's side to win the Carabao and FA Cups, and to reach the Champions League final, where they lost to Real Madrid. The Egyptian international Salah, who finished as the Premier League's joint top scorer alongside Tottenham's Son Heung-min with 23 goals, was announced as the PFA men's player of the year at a virtual ceremony on Thursday yesterday. "It's a great honour to win a trophy, individual or col-

lective, and this one is big, so very happy and very proud of that," said Salah, who was also voted the men's footballer of the year by the Footballer Writers' Association. "This one is a really good one to win, especially because it's voted by players. It shows you that you've worked really hard and you get what you worked for. I have my room with trophies in a cabinet and I made sure that I had another space for one more. I always keep space and just try to imagine that the trophies are going to



and the Brighton defender Maya Le Tissier made up the rest of the shortlist. "It's an honour to get this again. I think especially for it to be voted for by players that I've played against and come up against," said the 21-year-old Hemp. "I look to many of them as role models as well so it's an honour to be picked from them. I'm going to keep working hard to make sure that I continue on the right path. "The 2022 PFA merit award saw two former England managers honoured, with Roy Hodgson and Hope Powell acknowledged for their outstanding contributions to football. "I never won any trophies as a player unfortunately, so it is nice to be recognised by fellow professionals. It will have pride of place," said Hodgson, 74, who left his role with Watford at the end of the season having taken over in January. Powell, who is the Brighton women's manager, added: "I feel lucky and blessed to be in the game after many years."

Indonesia Masters Super 500 Lakshya Sen's challenge ends in quarters

New Delhi, June 10 : This was Sen's second straight group stage of the Thomas Cup, before turning it



defeat against Chou in less than a month. Sen lost to his Chinese Taipei rival 19-21 21-13 17-21 during the

match points but his valiant effort was not good enough as the experienced 32-year-old maintained his lead to make it a 2-0 in head-to-head against the Indian. Rising Indian badminton star Lakshya Sen went down fighting against his higher-seeded Chinese Taipei rival Chou Tien Chen in the quarter-finals of the Indonesia Masters Super 500 tournament here on Friday. The World Championships bronze medallist bounced back from behind to level the second game but the third-seed from Chinese Taipei was superior in the decider

with a 21-16 12-21 21-14 scoreline in his favour after an intriguing battle that lasted more than an hour. This was Sen's second straight defeat against Chou in less than a month. Sen lost to his Chinese Taipei rival 19-21 21-13 17-21 during the group stage of the Thomas Cup, before turning it around to script a historic triumph. The 2018 Asian Games silver medallist, who had defeated the Indian in the group stage of the Thomas Cup in their only previous meeting, put up a power-packed show in the decider and mounted

early pressure on the 20-year-old. The world No. 4 from Chinese Taipei annexed three points in a row to build a six-point lead midway into the decider. Sen was engaged in some superb rallies towards the end and even saved two match points but his valiant effort was not good enough as the experienced 32-year-old maintained his lead to make it a 2-0 in head-to-head against the Indian. PV Sindhu will play her quarter-final against Ratchanok Intanon, later in the day.

Shericka Jackson steals the show with 200m victory in Rome

Rome, June 10 : Shericka Jackson outclassed Olympic champion Elaine Thompson-Herah to win the women's 200 metres at the Rome Diamond League meeting on Thursday as Fred Kerley took the men's 100m title. Jamaican Thompson-Herah arrived in the Italian capital after 100m victories in Eugene and Rabat but the 29-year-old faced her toughest test in a 200m field featuring Briton Dina Asher-Smith and 400m Olympic champion Shaunae Miller-Uibo. Seven-times Olympic champion Allyson Felix returned for the first Diamond League appearance of her final track season but it was Olympic 100m bronze medallist Jackson who shot out of the blocks to win in

21.91 seconds. Thompson-Herah, bidding to win her first individual world title in July, was second in 22.25 and Asher-Smith third in 22.27. Jackson's victory was a timely reminder of her ability after a blunder in the Tokyo Games heats last year - where she eased up too much and failed to reach the final - denied her the opportunity to challenge compatriot Thompson-Herah. "I just wanted to come out and run a strong race, so I think I did pretty good," said Jackson. "After the (Jamaican) trials, and everything goes well, my aim is to add a gold medal to my name. I have many individual medals at 400m and 100m, but I need to get that gold medal in any event that

might be. This is my aim this season." Kerley, second behind compatriot Noah Lyles in the season opener in Doha, eased to his first victory of the season in the absence of injured Olympic 100m champion Lamont Marcell Jacobs. The Olympic silver medallist clocked 9.92 to beat fellow Americans Kyree King and Cravont Charleston, who were second and third. "I ran a season's best, I can't complain. I didn't have to push a lot," said Kerley. "I didn't have to give 100%. I enjoyed the race and the crowd. "It was nice and easy. I'll go home for the national trials and I expect a new personal best there. "By proceeding, you are agreeing to our



Terms and Conditions. To find out what personal data we collect and how we use it, please visit our Privacy Policy. Nicholas Kimeli of Kenya eclipsed Eliud Kipchoge's meeting record set in 2004, winning the

5,000m in 12:46.33 to make him the seventh fastest athlete over the distance. Italy's Olympic high jump champion Gianmarco Tamberci drew some of the loudest cheers at the Stadio Olimpico but failed to win a first Diamond League competition at home in his fifth attempt, finishing third behind JuVaughn Harrison. Slovenia's in-form Kristjan Ceh captured his third Diamond League discus win of the season with a final effort of 70.72m. Ethiopia's Lamecha Girma broke the eight-minute barrier in 3000m steeplechase for the third time in a little over a week, sealing victory in 7:59.23 after similarly impressive efforts in Ostrava and Rabat.





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