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Koklabari by-poll

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Guwahati, June 12:

Mantu Boro of the United People's Party Liberal (UPPL) has won the Koklabari by-poll by 16,346 votes. According to reports, the UPPL got a total of 32,571 votes in the by-poll, while its main opposition, the Bodoland People's Front (BPF) received 16,225 votes. Koklabari comes under Baksa district in the Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR). The by-poll for the Koklabari constituency is necessitated following BTR Chief Executive Member (CEM) Pramod Boro's resignation as an MLA from the Koklabari constituency after becoming CEM of BTR. There were four candidates in fray from different parties including ruling UPPL-BJP-GSP alliance candidate Mantu Boro, Shangkar Basumatary from the BPF, Hiren Sarania and Laba Basumatary (Independent).

Ganja seized

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Guwahati, June 12:

Around 68 kgs of illegal ganja has been seized and three persons have been arrested in a massive operation conducted by the Mikirbheta Police in Morigaon district of Assam on Sunday. The search operation was carried out under the supervision of Utpal Das, officer-in-charge of the Mikirbheta Police Station. The ganja was seized from a vehicle transporting goods which was moving from Morigaon towards Nagaon. The vehicle bears registration number AS25DC3025. The arrested persons have been identified as Ashique Ali, Sahed Ali and Suruj Ali. A case has been registered and the arrested persons are currently being interrogated by the police.

Flood affested

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Guwahati, June 12:

The flood situation in Assam has been improving as the total number of affected people and districts are gradually decreasing across the state. As of now, four districts namely Dhemaji, Lakhimpur, Morigaon and South Salmara under six revenue circles are currently reeling under the floodwaters. As per the latest report of the Assam State Disaster Management Authority's (ASDMA), a total of 3498 people are still reeling under the waters. Currently, 34 villages are under water and 645.00 hectares of crop area have been damaged across two districts, Dhemaji and Lakhimpur.

BJP sweeps Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council elections



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Guwahati, June 12:

Election results for the Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council (KAAC) are still counting. According to sources, the ruling BJP is now leading in 23 of the 26 Council seats. On Sunday,

the results of 154 candidates who ran in the KAAC elections will be announced, and vote counting is underway in Diphu, Bokajan, and Hamren. The Karbi Anglong and West Karbi Anglong district administrations have put stringent security measures and close supervision on the

counting process. During the KAAC election on Wednesday, violence erupted at two polling booths in the Duar Amla council constituency in West Karbi Anglong district, according to police. As per police reports, an enraged mob damaged two voting

stations' vote boxes and set a substantial amount of ballot papers on fire. Security personnel was obliged to fire into the air to maintain control of the situation. Following the incident, a large security presence was deployed in the area. On June 10, two polling booths were re-pollled. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Sunday swept the Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council (KAAC) elections by winning all 26 seats. BJP National Vice-President and party in-charge of Assam Baijayant Jay Panda in a tweet said: "It's a clean sweep for the @BJP4 Assam in the Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council by winning all 26 seats. Tremendous performance by the party under the guiding light of PM @narendramodi Ji and able leadership of @himantabiswa

Congress to demonstrate political show of strength on Monday against ED summons to Rahul Gandhi



New Delhi, June 12:

The Congress is gearing up to demonstrate a political show of strength on Monday when the party leader Rahul Gandhi will appear before the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in connection with a money laundering case linked to the National Herald newspaper. Congress is planning a big event to show its strength and convey its political message to Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led BJP government. The ED on Friday issued a fresh summons to Sonia Gandhi asking her to appear on June 23 for questioning in connection with the National Herald money laundering case. According to sources, Congress MPs, and Congress Working Committee (CWC) members have also been asked to be present in Delhi on Monday. A meeting of All India Congress Committee (AICC) General Secretaries, State Incharges, and Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) chiefs was called on Thursday to decide the strategy for the same. Congress leader Manickam Tagore said that party work-

ers will hold demonstrations at around 25 offices of the probe agency across the country against the political vendetta and the "misuse" of the central investigative agencies by the Central government to "silence the voice of opposition". Congress held press conferences across the country today over summons issued against party president Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi by ED in the National Herald case. A senior party leader told ANI, "All the Members of Parliament have been asked to be present in the national capital on June 13, and they will also be marching towards the ED Office along with Rahul Gandhi. The meeting was called to discuss and take a view of the leaders across the country to take a final call on this as there

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Big bulldozer action in Prayagraj, Saharanpur: 'Mastermind's' house razed



New Delhi, June 12:

Bulldozers are out on streets to demolish the illegally constructed properties of the accused of vio-

lence protests in Uttar Pradesh's Prayagraj and Saharanpur. The district authorities have used the state's typical bulldozer action route to act against the accused. So far, at least three properties of violence accused have been demolished - one in Prayagraj and

two in Saharanpur. Here's a closer look at Yogi Adityanath's bulldozer action on alleged rioters in Uttar Pradesh: 1) Mastermind's house demolished: The Prayagraj Development Authority (PDA) has demolished the house of Javed Ahmad, alias

Pump, the alleged mastermind of Friday's violence here, amid a heavy police deployment. In Prayagraj, a senior PDA official said, "Javed Ahmad's house -- JK Ashiyana -- is located in the Kareli area of Prayagraj. Police force and a JCB machine reached the Kareli police station around 10.30 am and demolition commenced around 1 pm." 2) Bulldozer action in Saharanpur: A day earlier, the properties of two people accused of rioting were demolished in Saharanpur where stone-pelting had taken place as well. Superintendent of Police, City (Saharanpur), Rajesh Kumar had said two accused who created ruckus have been identified through CCTV footage as

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99 militants killed in Kashmir this year, says Jammu and Kashmir police

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day that so far this year, 99 militants have been killed in the Valley in different encounters. Vijay Kumar, IGP (Kashmir) told reporters that 3 militants belonging to LeT outfit were killed on Sunday in Drabgam area of Pulwama district. "The encounter started yesterday evening in which 3 local LeT militants were killed

Ink thrown on woman who accused Rajasthan minister's son of rape



New Delhi, June 12:

A 23-year-old woman, who has accused Rajasthan minister Mahesh Joshi's

The attack took place on Saturday when the woman and her mother came to Delhi from Jaipur for some work, they said, adding that an FIR has been registered. Deputy Commissioner of Police (Southeast) Esha Pandey said a PCR call was received after some miscreants threw a liquid on a woman and ran away. A preliminary enquiry revealed it was a blue liquid and looked like ink, the police said. The victim gave a statement, saying she was walking with her mother near Kalindi Kunj Road on Saturday when two people in an auto-rickshaw

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Kerala reports second scrub typhus death

New Delhi, June 12:

Kerala reported another fatality due to scrub typhus on Sunday (June 12), a few days after it recorded the first death. A 38-year-old woman died at the government medical college hospital in Thiruvananthapuram, PTI

reported. Subitha, who was suffering from the disease for the past 15 days, was admitted to the hospital on June 10 and passed away on Sunday morning, IANS reported. A senior hospital source informed PTI, "She was brought here on June 10, but died early this morn-



ing. As of now, we don't have any similar case." This

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Prophet Remarks Row

Section 144 Imposed In Assam's Karimganj

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Guwahati, June 12:

Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) has been imposed in Karimganj district of Assam until further notice. The decision comes amid massive protests in some of the parts of the country over the

controversial remarks on Prophet Mohammad made by now suspended BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma. During the period, any procession, rally, dharna, distribution of leaflets, banners and posters has been banned under the provision. Additional district



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High time PM Narendra Modi breaks 'silence': Shashi Tharoor



New Delhi, June 12 : Amid outrage over the controversial remarks on Prophet Muhammad by the BJP's now-sacked two functionaries, Congress leader Shashi Tharoor on Sunday said it is high time Prime Minister Narendra Modi broke his silence on the "proliferation of hate speech and Islamophobic incidents" in the country, asserting that his silence is interpreted by some as condoning what has been happening. In an interview with news agency PTI, Tharoor said the irony is that in recent years the Indian government has taken "impressive steps" to strengthen relations with Islamic countries, but that risks being "seriously undermined". The former Union minister also weighed in on the ongoing debate on the need for blasphemy laws in the country, and said he is not a fan of such laws because the history of such laws elsewhere is littered with their misuse and



abuse. "The existence of a blasphemy law tends to encourage both excessive frivolous litigation and mob misconduct by those who take the law into their own hands. I think our current hate speech laws and Section 295A are quite adequate to deal with such misbehaviour," Tharoor said. The issue is the willingness of the police and local authorities to enforce the law, without fear or favour, against whoever violates it, he said. "Exemplary action against any and all offenders will have a salutary effect in reducing such cases in future," the Lok Sabha MP from Thiruvananthapuram said. Asked about the outrage and condemnation from a number of Muslim-majority nations over the controversial remarks on Prophet Mohammad and calls that Prime Minister Modi should have intervened in the matter when the comments were made, Tharoor said, "I believe it is high time the PM

broke his silence on the proliferation of hate speech and Islamophobic incidents in our country, because his silence is interpreted by some as condoning what has been happening." "I am sure he (Modi) understands that this kind of divisive rhetoric is undermining his own vision for India's development and prosperity," he said. Social cohesion and national harmony are a must for any nation to progress and grow, Tharoor asserted. "That is why, in the name of 'sabka saath, sabka vikas, sabka vishwas', he must publicly call for a stop to such behaviour," he said. Asked about the impact of the row over diplomacy and foreign policy, Tharoor said the irony is that in recent years the Indian government has taken impressive steps to strengthen relations with Islamic countries, especially in the Gulf. "That risks being seriously undermined, as the media in these countries is replete with stories about the increasing 'demonisation' of Muslims in our country," the former minister of state for external affairs said. The BJP had last Sunday suspended its national spokesperson Nupur Sharma and expelled its Delhi media head Naveen Kumar Jindal after their controversial remarks on Prophet Muhammad. Two persons

succumbed to gunshot wounds in Jharkhand capital Ranchi and fresh demonstrations were held in West Bengal's Howrah on Saturday as tension prevailed in several parts of the country, a day after the violent protests against the controversial remarks. On the protests, Tharoor said section 295A of the Indian Penal Code clearly makes it a criminal offence to outrage "the religious feelings of any class of citizens of India"; anyone who by 'words, either spoken or written, or by signs or by visible representations or otherwise, insults or attempts to insult the religion or religious beliefs' of Indians should have been prosecuted by the police. "I am glad to see that action is being taken, even if belatedly, against those who injected such toxic elements into our national discourse," he said. Asked about the Congress being accused of peddling 'soft Hindutva' in the past and if the party needs to take an aggressive stance on issues of the minorities such as the row over the comments on the Prophet, Tharoor said he believes the Congress has been clear in its denunciation of this recent incident. "We believe in an inclusive idea of India and should and must speak up whenever that idea is violated by word or deed -- whoever does it," he asserted.



People gather during a rally decrying rising gun violence while urging politicians to take action in Washington

Ukrainians who fled to Georgia reveal details of Russia's 'filtration camps'

Tbilisi, June 12 : By the time it was Olena's turn for interrogation, she had already spent three weeks cold, hungry and sleeping on the floor. Even so, it was the male Russian officer ordering her to take off her blouse for an inspection that she found the worst indignity of the ordeal fleeing her home in Mariupol, Ukraine. "Bruises on the shoulders could mean you're a sniper," Olena explains from a cafe in Tbilisi, Georgia. She was horrified. "I told him, I'm

turning 60 years old this August. How could I be a sniper?" The officer didn't seem to care. "I'm not wearing my glasses anyway," he told her. "Take your top off now." Stories like Olena's from a filtration camp in Nikolske, a town in the self-proclaimed Donetsk people's republic (DNR), are common among the growing number of Ukrainian refugees now in Georgia. Since the start of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, an estimated 20,000 Ukrainians have entered Georgia, many arriving from Russia through Georgia's northern Kazbegi mountain border. Unable to flee Russian-occupied cities such as Mariupol and Kherson westward into Ukrainian-held territory, many Ukrainians are left with a terrible dilemma: stay in your besieged city, or flee to the country that has destroyed your home. To enter Russia, many Ukrainians are forced through so-called filtration, a process during which they are photographed, interrogated, their fingerprints taken, and the contents of their phones scrutinised. Men are

ordered to strip to their underwear, their bodies searched for tattoos that could reveal a link to Ukrainian nationalist groups. Everyone is questioned on whether they or anyone they know has served in the Ukrainian army. During Olena's interrogation, she recalled how a guard questioning a man at the next table found a keyring bearing the image of the Ukrainian coat of arms. Four guards then beat the man savagely with batons and kicks to the head before throwing him outside in sub-zero temperatures without a coat or hat. Filtration camps have been set up across towns and villages mostly concentrated in the DNR, including Novoazovsk, Mangush, Bezimenne and Nikolske. Ukrainians fleeing Mariupol by bus often arrive at the filtration camps unknowingly, having been told they would be taken to Ukrainian-held cities

instead. After arrival, they are usually not allowed to leave the town. Filtration usually ends in one of two ways: either you "pass" the interrogation and are handed a small, stamped piece of paper with the date of your filtration and the signature of the supervising officer, or you will be detained for further questioning. The "camps" occupy schools, cultural centres, sports halls and other public buildings. Conditions are often abject and the camps are poorly organised. People like Olena, who was travelling with her 65-year-old sister Tamara and Tamara's 70-year-old husband and like others interviewed would not give her full name, slept first on the floor, then on a cardboard box. For the first few days there was one meal a day offered by the canteen. Then the Russians closed the canteen altogether and told them to find their own food.

'Callous' Home Office warns torture victims they face deportation

London, June 17 : Torture victims who have been officially recognised by doctors as "vulnerable and at risk" are being told by the Home Office that they face being deported to Rwanda, the Observer can reveal. At least one asylum seeker who has been informed by the Home Office they may be on the first flight to the east African country, scheduled to depart this Tuesday, has been assessed as likely to have been a victim of torture. Campaigners condemned the "callousness" of the Home Office and said its intention to deport recognised torture victims 4,500 miles to another continent was a "breathtaking" new low. Documents seen by the Observer reveal that individuals currently held in immigration detention and assessed by specialist medics as having "injuries and scars consistent with torture" are among those told that they are likely to be deported to Africa. The disclosure comes as the home secretary, Priti Patel, overcame a legal challenge to the policy of deporting asylum seekers to Rwanda after a high court judge ruled that the first flight could proceed this week. Campaigners have confirmed they will take the case to the court of appeal on Monday. The policy has been roundly criticised on human rights grounds. Reports emerged on Saturday that Prince Charles has privately condemned it as "appalling". The disclosure that torture victims are among those Patel wants to deport will be seen by many as another bleak milestone in her attempts to act tough on asylum. Documents, dated 10 June, reveal that an asylum seeker - assessed by specialists as a likely torture victim - was informed that their claim was likely to be rejected, which meant they were "facing removal directions for relocation to Rwanda". They also reveal the speed with which the Home Office is determined to deport new arrivals by small boats across the Channel.

France votes in parliament elections with fate of Macron's ideas at stake



Paris, June 12 : France has begun voting in the first round of parliament elections key to Emmanuel Macron's second term, determining his capacity to deliver domestic policy such as raising the retirement age and overhauling the benefits system. Macron, who was re-elected president in April against the far right's Marine Le Pen, needs a majority for his centrist grouping in the lower house of parliament to have a free hand for his proposals to cut taxes and make changes to the welfare system. But a historic alliance of parties on the left, led by the hard-left Jean-Luc Mélenchon's France Unbowed party with the Socialists and the Greens, is seeking to massively increase its seats and reduce the score of

Macron's centrists. Polling show that, in terms of voting intentions, Macron's centrist alliance, Ensemble (Together), is neck-and-neck with Mélenchon's coalition, known as the Nupes, or the New Popular Ecological and Social Union. However, France's constituency-based, first-past-the-post voting system for parliament means that the exact number of seats for each grouping remains hard to predict. Much will depend on turnout - which could be under 50% and reach a historic low. Polling currently shows that Macron's centrist alliance would win the greatest share of the 577-seat parliament - taking between 260 and 320 seats. But this suggests there is a chance that Macron's centrists could fall short of an absolute majority, which requires 289 seats. If Macron's party and his centrist allies fail to secure a majority, it would be a setback for the president and could prompt messy bill-by-bill deals with rightwing parties in parliament or an unwanted

cabinet reshuffle. The challenge from the newly united left has been greater than expected, as support for Mélenchon's alliance has steadily progressed in the polls. The alliance could take between 155 and 205 seats and become the main opposition force in parliament, polling shows.

Specialist gang 'targeting' Ukrainian treasures for removal to Russia

London, June 12 : The thieves are particularly interested in Scythian treasure, like this 4th century BC golden pectoral, exhibited at the Museum of Historical Treasures in Kyiv. This is not among the looted items. A specialist gang is smuggling valuable historic artefacts out of Ukraine and into Russia, according to an international team of academics and digital technology experts who are tracking thefts. "There is now very strong evidence this is a



Children are encouraged to touch clams at the Primorsky Aquarium on the World Oceans Day in Vladivostok, Russia

purposive Russian move, with specific paintings and ornaments targeted and taken out to Russia," said Brian Daniels, an anthropologist working with archaeologists, historians and digital imaging specialists. From a laboratory in the US state of Virginia, Daniels and his colleagues have monitored the despoiling and destruction of cultural targets since the invasion began, and have detected patterns in the crimes. The trail of thefts focuses heavily on precious Scythian gold. These are high-worth ancient filigree pieces, often depicting

animals. They were produced by tribes of the area of central Asia and eastern Europe once known as Scythia. "These items are visually stunning, and there are now so many reports of thefts it is evident that it is a strategy," said Daniels. "The Ukrainians, of course, are also very keen that we establish a list of stolen items." Daniels told the Observer that it was hard to know if the monetary value was the most important factor for the Russians, or whether the objects were chosen for their cultural significance. "There is a possibility it is all part of

undermining the identity of Ukraine as a separate country by implying legitimate Russian ownership of all their exhibits. "What is clear to Daniels is that the thefts tend to follow the menacing interrogation of museum curators and custodians. Russian attempts to locate and steal hidden artefacts in occupied Ukrainian cities are becoming more determined. "We have growing concern for the museum workers and security staff, particularly when they find themselves behind Russian lines," said Daniels.

'China's Taiwan': Beijing's defence minister rails against 'smearing and interfering' US

Beijing, June 12 : China will "fight to the very end" to stop Taiwan from declaring independence, the country's defence minister has vowed in a speech amid his counterparts from other countries including the United States. "We will fight at all cost and we will fight to the very end. This is the only choice for China," Wei Fenghe told the Shangri-La Dialogue security summit in Singapore, where he called Taiwan "first and foremost China's Taiwan". "Those who pursue Taiwanese

independence in an attempt to split China will definitely come to no good end. No one should ever underestimate the resolve and ability of the Chinese armed forces to safeguard its territorial integrity." His speech came a day after the US defence secretary, Lloyd Austin, accused China of "provocative, destabilising" military activity close to the island. Beijing views democratic, self-ruled Taiwan as part of its territory awaiting reunification, by

force if necessary. US-China tensions over the island have risen due in particular to a growing number of Chinese aerial incursions into Taiwan's air defence zone. Taiwan's foreign ministry has denounced China's claims of its sovereignty as "absurd" and thanked the US for its support. "Taiwan has never been under the jurisdiction of the Chinese government, and the people of Taiwan will not



succumb to threats of force from the Chinese government," said ministry spokesperson Joanne Ou.



People shop at Souk El Tayeb, the longest-running farmers' market in Mar Mikhael, a vibrant neighborhood in Beirut, Lebanon

RPF of NFR rescued 10 minors Apprehended 01 trafficker during last few days



Assam Rising, Guwahati, 12: The Railway Protection Force (RPF) of N. F. Railway successfully rescued 10 minors during routine checking on 08th & 09th June, 2022 at different trains and railway stations over N. F. Railway. RPF also apprehended 01 person during this period who was involved in human trafficking. On 08.06.2022, RPF team of Kokrajhar Post, conducted a joint drive with members of Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation at Kokrajhar station against human trafficking. During the drive they rescued two minor boys. In an incident on the same day, under the supervision of Sub Inspector of the RPF/ Guwahati, Railway Child Line, Guwahati conducted a check at Guwahati Railway

Station. They rescued one minor girl during their checking. In other incidents on the same day, a team of RPF/Katihar rescued one minor boy from Katihar station and RPF/Dalkhola rescued one minor boy from Suryakamal station while performing their duty. Later, the rescued minors were handed over to Child Welfare Committee/ Kokrajhar, Railway Childline/ Guwahati, Railway Childline/ Katihar for safe custody and further course of action. Moreover on 09.06.2022, a RPF team of New Bongaigaon while conducting a routine checking rescued two minor girls from New Bongaigaon Railway Station. Later, the rescued minors were handed over

to the In-Charge, Sakhi One Stop Centre, Bongaigaon for safe custody and further course of action. On the same day, a team of RPF/Guwahati along with the member of Railway Child Line, Guwahati conducted a check at Guwahati Railway Station. They rescued one minor boy during their checking. Later, the rescued minor was handed over to Railway Childline/ Guwahati for safe custody and further course of action. In a recent incident on 09.06.2022, Crime Prevention and Detection Squad of RPF/Alipurduar under the supervision of Divisional Security Commissioner of RPF/ Alipurduar, while conducting a drive train no. 12505 Dn (Northeast

Express) from Kokrajhar to New Coochbehar railway station rescued two minor girls and apprehended one trafficker. On interrogation it was learnt that the two rescued minor girls were brought by the trafficker from their home without the consent of their parents. The rescued minor girls and trafficker were boarded at New Coochbehar railway station. The apprehended trafficker along with the rescued girls were handed over to Officer Incharge/ Government Railway Police/ New Coochbehar for necessary legal action. Railway Protection Force (RPF) train escort parties and staff deployed at stations are vigilant and lookout for suspected persons involved in

human trafficking as well as the movement of children in a suspicious manner, travelling alone, without proper guardian etc. A new initiative under "Meri Saheli" has been initiated over N. F. Railway and functioning round the clock to make aware women/child passengers about the safety/security and use of helpline no. 139 in case of any exigency.

Urges all to take responsibility in strengthening the Ayush sector for the welfare of human society

Assam Rising Guwahati/ New Delhi, June 11: Union Ayush Minister Shri Sarbananda Sonowal today inaugurated several projects with an aim towards strengthening the infrastructure of the National Institute of Ayurveda in Jaipur. The Union Minister inaugurated the new Canteen, Panchakarma Bhawan, Drug Research & Development Unit, Yoga Hall, Pharmacy, Committee Room & Advance Simulation Laboratory at the premier institute in presence of Union Ayush MoS Dr



Mahendra Munjpara and Jaipur City MP Shri Ramchandra Bohra. During the visit, the Union Minister interacted with students, researchers, experts and faculties and urged all to take serious responsibility in strengthening the Ayush sector for the welfare of human society. Since its inception in 1976, the National Institute of Ayurveda in Jaipur has

played an outstanding role in providing education, training, research and patient care. It currently has 14 courses for post graduate education as well as regular fellowship programmes for PhDs. In addition, courses with undergraduate courses (BAMS), AYUSH nursing and pharmacy diplomas and various other certificates are also available.

Asam Sahitya Sabha feted 167 Students in Hojai Self Introspection is the key to excel in life said Vice Chancellor Prof Amalendu Chakrabarty



Assam Rising, Hojai, June 12 : To encourage the Students, like every year Hojai Unit of Asam Sahitya Sabha feted the students of High School Leaving Certificate Examination-2022 who have brought laurels for Hojai. The day long felicitation programme was organised at Sahityarathi Lakshminath Bezbarua Bhawan in Newmarket in Hojai on Sunday. Notably, 63 distinction marks-holders and 102 star-marks

holders of HSLC Examination were felicitated. It is pertinent to mention here that, Nikhil Kumar Munda, who secured first position in LL.B within Gauhati University and Siddhartha Das, who secured sixth position in post graduation degree in Commerce within Gauhati University were also felicitated. Prof Amalendu Chakrabarty, Vice-Chancellor, Rabindranath Tagore University graced the occasion as Chief Guest, Tapan Kar, Principal,

Sankardev Junior College; Gopi Kanta Das, Senior teacher; Don Bosco High School; L. Patgiri, registrar, Rabindranath Tagore University; Chaturthi Rani Biswas, Chairperson, Hojai Municipal Board; Tapan Sarma, Principal, Sankardev Vidya Niketan; Dayal Chandra Kro, President, Hojai Unit of Asam Sahitya Sabha; Dr. Samsul Haque; Vinod Vihari Singh and many other dignitaries were also present on the dais. The entire function was moderated by Anup Kumar Barthakur, noted social worker and general secretary, Hojai District Unit of Asam Sahitya Sabha. Speaking on the occasion, VC Prof Amalendu Chakrabarty said, "Education is a continuous process, one should never leave learning their should be curiosity to learn always." He said One can grasp knowledge from anywhere just we have to have intention to learn. He said Students should self introspect themselves as it is the key to move ahead and excel in life. He further said Matriculation is first step

and skies of opportunities are waiting for the students but they have to be consistent, disciplined and dedicated, the only they can soar high in life. On the other hand, emphasizing on environmental consciousness, Vice Chancellor said its our responsibility to protect the mother nature. All the other guests spoke on the occasion and kept their views. The students were presented with a saplings, kherai, thulam ghumcha and certificates. It is praiseworthy to mention here that, Jayanta Choudhury, specialised teacher for differently abled person and a active volunteer of Asam Sahitya Sabha has been giving saplings to students in such felicitation programme since last two decades. While talking to this Correspondent, Choudhury said self awareness is significant in order to protect the nature. He said my sole purpose of giving the saplings to students is to apprise the mass about the importance of environment and how each one of us can play a vital role to safeguard our mother earth. He said I have full faith that out 200 saplings atleast 20 will grow. Meanwhile, everyone praised the efforts of Asam Sahitya Sabha to encourage the Students and pay respect the parents who have toiled hard simultaneously to achieve this success.

B. R Ambedkar International award conferred to Paban Kr Kalita

Assam Rising, Sipajhar, June 12: Dr B R Ambedkar International Award and Hemanga Biswas memorial Award was presented to Paban Kumar Kalita at a function organized as part of the second annual conference of Assam--Bonga Moitri Sanmilan held under the joint auspices of Kristi Pathar, leading literary organization of Assam and Ananda Mukhar Sahitya Patrika, Published from Kolkata on June 11. The Dr BR Ambedkar International Award was conferred to Kalita by Bharat Nepal Dalit Moitri Sangha and



IndoNepal Friendship Organization. The conference was inaugurated by Dr Jagdish Patgiri, Former Secretary of Assam Sahitya Sabha and Retired Head of the Department of Philosophy, Cotton University. Addressing

relevance of strengthening the traditional literary and cultural relationship between Assam and West Bengal. Earlier Mahananda sarkar Dutta, Chief organizer and Secretary of Kristi Pathar in his welcome speech highlighted the objective of the conference. Suporna Roy, Editor, Ananda Mukhar Sahitya Patrika published from Kolkata offered the vote of thanks at the end. The day long programme includes a poet meet held at the auditorium of Bishnu - Nirmala Bhawan, Guwahati

conference Sukumar Rouj, Prominent writer of West Bengal, Dr Dinesh Kakati Nath, Writer and President, Assam Pradeshik Yogi Sanmilan, Phalguni Chokaborti, Literary organizer of Meghalaya and O. Ibamoni Singh of Manipur highlighted the

Lokra Battalion of Assam Rifles organised lec on Psychological Counselling and Wellness



Assam Rising, Biswanath 12 June:
Guest House
A/C Non A/C Rooms with Car Parking At POGI Brahmaputra, Chandmari, Guwahati-21 Ph. WA : 9678009493/9707183470

Lokra Battalion of Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ 21 SECT/IGAR(E) organised lec on Psychological Counselling and Wellness on 11 June 2022 at Lokra garrison, Dist Sonitpur, Assam. The lec was

conducted by Dr Sehnaj Ahmed (Clinical Psychologist) practicing at Tezpur Medical College. The aim of the lec was to make combatants aware about techniques of the stress management and ways to follow a harmonious lifestyle. Contemporary issues like ADS, high BP and marital discord along with the ways to avoid such problems were also discussed by the psychologist. A total of 04 Oftr, 12 JCO and 195 ORs took part in the lec conducted.



Jorhat- Kaziranga University Students Protest

SDRF's operation in search of Ex-Army Jawan who was swept away in Baranadi

Assam Rising, Tamulpur, June 12 : The SDRF has been conducting an operation since Sunday morning to find the body of Ex-Army Jawan Thaneswar Boro (35), who was swept away by a strong curren of the river Barnadi in Bagamati under Nagrijuli police station in Tamulpur district. The Ex-Army named Thaneswar Boro, a resident of Mahipara in Tamulpur district, was swept away by Barnadi river on Saturday evening while trying to cross the river swimming along with his a few friends. With some of his friends Thaneswar went to Bagamati tourist



place along Indo-Bhutan border yesterday. Thaneswar Boro has been missing since Saturday evening. SDRF in cooperation with Nagrijuli police and



Suwagpur police today conducted a series of operation to find Thaneswar's body in the river chest but could not

trace Thaneswar's body till this evening. SDRF forces conducted operation in the river till this evening and suspended the operation in

the evening due to darkness. SDRF forces will continue their operation on the river tomorrow morning.

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Putin to end his genocidal war

Joe Biden, US president and de facto Nato boss, set the tone. He vowed to defend "every inch of Nato territory with the full force of our collective power" - while keeping out of the war. Months later, Biden remains infuriatingly vague about long-term outcomes. Ben Wallace, the UK's defence secretary, echoed this refrain last week in Iceland. Russia's Vladimir Putin may target Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia next, Wallace warned, because, like Ukraine, he does not view them as "real" countries. But, like Biden, Britain has no discernible plan to ensure that an independent Ukraine survives. While many allies have stepped up, important European Nato members cover behind an alliance they previously disparaged and neglected. They use it to avoid making costly national commitments to Kyiv that might anger Moscow. Daydreaming of EU strategic autonomy, France's Emmanuel Macron prefers talk to action. Germany's Olaf Scholz epitomises dither and delay. Viktor Orbán, Hungary's sanctions-busting prime minister, often seems to bat for the other side. Cynically self-serving attempts by Turkey's troublemaker president, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, to sabotage Finland and Sweden's membership applications also undermine a united front. Jens Stoltenberg, Nato's inoffensive secretary general, will struggle to repair these fissures. Poland and other "frontline" states want a tougher approach, including permanent positioning of additional troops, heavy weapons and planes on Russia's borders. In response, Nato officials promise "robust and historic" decisions. As for Ukraine, its leadership has all but abandoned hopes of membership, solemnly promised at Nato's 2008 Bucharest summit, and has ceased calling for direct military intervention.

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Film bans are less about offence, more 'community leaders' showing who's boss

'Birmingham will not tolerate the disrespect of our Prophet... You will have repercussions for your actions.' So claimed a leader of a Muslim protest against the film The Lady of Heaven. There were similar protests in cities from Bradford to London. Fear of "repercussions" led the cinema chain Cineworld to withdraw the film from all its outlets; another chain, Showcase, soon followed. But who determines that a film is "disrespectful", and to whom? Who speaks for Muslims? The Muslims who made the film? Or those who feel offended by it? Whenever there is a protest about a film or a book or a play deemed racist or disrespectful to a particular community, many, particularly on the left, take those claims at face value, especially if that community happens to be Muslim. They take at face value, too, that the protesters are in some sense speaking for "the community" or the faith. Yet what is often called "offence to a community" is often a debate within those communities. And nowhere is this clearer than in the row over The Lady of Heaven. Written by Shia cleric Sheikh Yasser al-Habib, The Lady of Heaven tells the story of Fatimah, the daughter of the prophet Muhammad. Fatimah is a revered yet disputed figure within Islam. Both Sunnis and Shias regard her as an ideal of womanhood, but her death is a source of controversy. Sunnis believe that Fatimah died from heartbreak after the death of Muhammad. Shias hold her



death attributable to the injuries she suffered during a raid on her house ordered by the first caliph, Abu Bakr. For Shias, Fatimah's husband, Ali, was the rightful successor to Muhammad and they refused to recognise the authority of Abu Bakr. The Lady of Heaven uses Fatimah's death to make provocative claims about both early and contemporary Sunnis. Intertwined with the tale of a young child in contemporary Iraq, the film describes Fatimah as "the first victim of terrorism", comparing Abu Bakr's followers to Islamic State supporters today. The question is not whether the film is historically accurate or whether it is offensive. It is a polemical take on a live debate within Islam that many Muslims (and not just Sunnis) find distasteful. The question rather is why the protesters' view of Islamic history, and their sense of being offended, should be taken more seriously than the right of the film-makers to present their historical and theological views? Debates about the

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The pious Sheikh, so the lewd poem began, entered the Garden of Paradise, in search of his divine reward: A Houri hanging from the Tree of the Black Eyed Damsels, nestled inside a fruit. In early 2013, a pick-up truck piled with al-Qaeda jihadists drove into the Syrian town of Ma'arat al-Numan to punish the man responsible for the parody on male desire, scripture and God. Only, they had arrived a thousand years late: All that remained to be beheaded was a statue of Abu al-'Ala Ahmad ibn 'Abdallah al-Ma'arri, the great eleventh-century Arab poet. So, they did just that. The frontlines of the global war on blasphemy moved to India this week, after two Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders denounced Prophet Muhammad. Furious Middle-East regimes demanded an apology from India; angry protesters battled police in Uttar Pradesh; al-Qaeda threatened to unleash armies of child suicide bombers. Fearing the unravelling of ties with a region that sells India over half its oil and gas, the BJP is seeking to hush its strident anti-Islam polemicists. India's violent conflicts over religious identity—which have raged, unresolved, since well before the colonial era—are becoming entwined with a larger, global conflict. Free speech and religious offence began their battle in India in 1924 when Arya Samaj activist Mahashe Rajpal published Rangila Rasul-in Hindustani, 'the colourful Prophet.' The polemic reviled the Prophet's sexual life, contrasting it with Hindu ascetic ideals. The BJP leaders who claimed Muhammad's third wife was a child might have been unaware of the heritage of their claims: Their taunt was a central theme in Rangila Rasul. Lower courts condemned Rajpal to prison for hate speech. Lahore High Court judge Dalip Singh, though, demurred: "If the fact that Muslims resent attacks on the Prophet was to be the measure," he reasoned, then "judgement passed on his character by a serious historian might



[also]". Aisha bint Abi Bakr's actual age at her wedding is, in fact, an issue of serious theological dispute. There could also be a serious conversation on religion and child marriage. The practice is, of course, far from unfamiliar in Hindu tradition. The age of sexual consent in the US, "till late in the nineteenth century, was ten. In medieval Europe, girls were sometimes married as young as five". The subject of the debate—in Rajpal's time, as in that of Nupur Sharma now—wasn't the rights of adolescent girls, though. Ilm-ud-Din, a Lahore carpenter, eventually

Praveen Swami

murdered Rajpal in 1929—the third in a series of assassination attempts targeting the blasphemous publisher. Even though the assassin was hanged, his memory still fires the imagination of Islamists in Pakistan. Long before Rajpal's murder, though, the escalation of communal tensions in Punjab had led colonial authorities to overrule the high court, and pass a new law that proscribed speech that insults any religious belief, or incites hatred. Free India upheld the blasphemy laws. Lower courts, the Supreme Court said, erred in acquitting Tamil leader E.V. Ramaswamy Naicker for destroying an idol of Ganesha. Instead, courts ought to "pay due regard to the feelings and religious emotions of different classes of persons with different beliefs." This ought to be done "whether those beliefs, in the opinion of the Court, were rational or not." Faith, in other words, was allowed to fail the test of reason. As the Hindu nationalist movement gathered momentum, its protagonists began pushing the State to guard their religion. In 1993, a cultural presentation involving the Dashrath Jataka—a

variant telling of the Ramayana, where Ram and Sita are siblings—was subjected to prosecution. There were successful mobilisations against James Laine's historical account of the rise of Shivaji. A.K. Ramanujan's magisterial account of Ramayana had to be removed from the Delhi University curricula. The campaign continues. Hindu religious-Right activists, just weeks ago, threatened violence against Delhi

Lal, who mocked claims that a Shilving had been found inside the Gyanvapi mosque. Islamic invective directed against Hindus is also common—though less politically powerful. The cleric Ilyas Sharafuddin has repeatedly rallied against Hindu worship of what he describes as 'genitals'. Zakir Naik's proselytising programmes often featured a Hindu or Jew converting to Islam after being persuaded of its superior virtues—a theatrical device he borrowed from American televangelical shows. The Republic of Hurt Sentiments, as journalist Mukund Padmanabhan called India, has many martyrs to faith: Sanal Edamaruku, forced to leave the country after he exposed the tears flowing from an icon of Jesus as drain-pipe leakage; cricket star Mahendra Dhoni prosecuted for an advertisement invoking the Hindu god Vishnu. In general, these conflicts have not had gentle endings:

Muslims have been killed by Hindus; Muslims have been murdered for offending Hindu beliefs; purported sacrilege and heresies have led to lynchings by Sikhs. The violence that erupted following the publication of Salman Rushdie's The Satanic Verses in 1988 marked the globalisation of the blasphemy war. From anti-India riots in Kashmir, to the massacre of intellectuals in Turkey, the book came under sustained attack. The multiple jihadist strikes that followed the publication of purportedly blasphemous cartoons by The Jyllands-Posten in Denmark, and the 2015 slaughter in Paris sparked off by the satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo, built on this project. Little imagination is needed to see why this happened. Across much of the developing world, religious nationalism had emerged as a powerful political ideology, to challenge authoritarian, venal regimes. The discourse over blasphemy, fundamentally, is a debate about political power—not religious belief. Fragile nation-states responded by seeking to cloak themselves in the robes of the pious. In Pakistan, Islamists had been cultivated by the military to undermine democratic political parties. The religious Right, though, used the State's purported tolerance of apostasy as a weapon against the establishment. The clerics succeeded in marching the country to the edge of theocratic abyss, riding the donkey cart the military had once recruited them to pull. Saudi blogger Raif Badaai, jailed for insulting Islam, and Egyptian intellectual Ahmed Abdo Maher, sentenced for refuting classical theology, were persecuted by nation-states seeking to shore up their flagging legitimacy—not al-Qaeda or Islamic State jihadists. India, through this period, witnessed its own blasphemy campaign. From 2014 to 2018, an official United

States government study notes, India ranked fourth, behind Pakistan, Iran and Russia, for the number of religious-offence prosecutions it initiated. Instead of stilling religious tensions, scholar C.S. Adcock has noted, the law gave "strategic value to invoking or mobilising wounded religious feelings." Laws to curb hate speech, the argument goes, are necessary to keep the peace in societies with varied, but passionately held, belief systems. The argument's proved deeply misguided. For one thing, as the philosopher Kenan Malik points out, "hate speech restriction has become a means not of addressing specific issues about intimidation or incitement, but of enforcing general social regulation." Legal restrictions on speech elide over that deeper problem of large numbers of people finding contemptible ideas morally worthy. The Indian government might prosecute some hate speech—but this covers up the unwillingness to challenge the sentiments it expresses. Importantly, hate-speech prosecutions haven't ensured communal peace in India; they've engendered fear, censorship, and competitive mobilisation to control the State system. The law has deterred few religious chauvinists. Some professors, though, would risk teaching DN Jha's The Myth of the Holy Cow or Wendy Doniger's The Hindus, Maxime Rodinson's Muhammad or Reza Aslan's Zealot. The Indian government's action against hate speech might be geopolitically expedient, but it will feed a cycle of competitive religious-nationalist mobilisation. Hindu nationalists will seek to recover their hegemonic position, while Right-wing Muslims will increasingly reach out to the global religious community for support. The State and society will be mired in these competing, toxic currents.

Letter to the Editor

Scams & Frauds in india

Dear Editor,

We find Accounts Department, Audit Department, Inspection Department, Vigilance Department in any organisation in order to ensure not to manipulate the accounts at any time. There are several officials working in all these departments taking salaries regularly. Then I fail to understand how scams and frauds take place in our country involving huge amounts. What we do not have is Accountability and Responsibility. Our Schools say - we take the students to excursion four times in an academic year but if anything happens to the students we are not responsible. Then who is responsible? Star hotel says - you park your vehicle at your risk. We are not responsible. (it should be otherwise, park your vehicle, not to worry, we take care of it.) When will we learn to make laws defining who is responsible for what? That is why we will remain a developing country forever. We will not be a developed country, at all.

KL Rao

Let trees not be turned to 'green monsters'

Sir,

Trees no doubt offer shade and do function as a sort of landscape in cities and villages but at the same time they pose heavy disaster and are a menace to the public if their growth is unchecked. Planting trees and saving trees is good but when the same turn out to be a threat to human life definitely the authority concerned or the organisation that took the job to plant them will have to either prune or cut them to avoid mishaps. Organisations and departments while planting trees must definitely bear in their mind that with the planting of saplings in the name of celebrations and functions their work is not over, truly it is their task to see that the growing saplings do not turn out to be "death causing green monsters". Many clubs and the so called tree lovers ignore matters like locating the right place to plant saplings. They plant trees wherever they like under electric posts, very close to buildings and roads and unaware about the fact how these can later damage the roads and the buildings and other structures in future. The lackadaisical attitude and the "perennial ignoring" attitude of the authorities to check the growth of trees later end up in severe destruction to the life of citizens, vehicle's and property. Let us not turn shady trees into 'shady green monsters'.

M Prayu

Kerala

Elderly population in need of extra care

Guwahati, June 12 : Pertaining to the fact that various awareness sessions on heart attacks among the younger population has been the centre of focus, despite a large pool of the geriatric population requiring immediate attention and care. In order to deliberate on the increasing cases of cardiac ailments among elderly, with a dire need to raise awareness on timely intervention and early detection, Max Super Specialty Hospital Saket New Delhi, organised a public awareness session recently, at Hotel Landmark, Guwahati. The session was orated by DrBalbir Singh, HOD- Cardiac Sciences, Max Hospital Saket, in the honourable presence of other eminent personalities. Age being one of the vital factors affecting the heart health, there are large differences in the elderly patients when they present with acute heart attacks, with greater proportion of co-morbidities, functional disabilities, renal ailments, heart failure and decompensation. With improving medical facilities, the average life expectancy has increased to over 70 years in India and as a result there are a greater number of patients presenting with acute heart attacks after the age



of 65 years. The 30-day mortality rate of the geriatric population is around 18%, which is almost 1.5 times higher than the younger age. Symptoms being different in elderly than the younger groups, they tend to present late to the hospital and thus an aggressive management and good family care can save many lives. "With advancements made in the field of cardiac sciences, more advanced and minimally invasive procedures have benefited patients with various types of cardiac ailments. Minimally invasive heart surgery (MICS) or Keyhole surgery has grown in popularity mainly due to observed benefits of minimal access surgery, such as cosmetic benefits, de-

creased pain and reduced surgical trauma and reduced hospital stay. The procedure is ideally best suited for elderly and diabetic patients those who have poor resistance to infections as chances of developing infections like post-surgical lung infection or infections due to wound are eliminated. This procedure makes heart surgery possible for patients who were previously considered too high risk for traditional surgery due to age or medical history," said DrBalbir Singh. Standing at the brink of such a revolution, the lat-

est advancements and innovations promise a healthier and longer life. But one of the greatest challenges is that the diseases associated with the aging population and undoubtedly cardiovascular diseases remain the foremost concern. "One of the toughest encounters that cardiologists face among the geriatric population is the associated comorbidities like renal, pulmonary, cerebrovascular and frailty that makes them highly vulnerable for cardiac surgery. But the latest innovations which are guided by these concerns

emphasize on minimally invasive interventions making the procedure much safer. Apart from the hardware, in percutaneous intervention (PCI) the emphasis is laid on partially or completely absorbable stent platforms. They are hypothesized to decrease the late stent associated events and likely decreased dual antiplatelet therapy duration", added DrBalbir. It has been often noticed, that in many cases though people are aware of the problems associated with their lifestyle choices, however, they continue doing that. Apart from aging, the major contributors for the problem are irregular sleep cycles, bad eating habits, stress, hypertension, pollution, high cholesterol, tobacco, alcohol and many more. Therefore, this platform was used by Max Hospital Saket as an initiative to spread knowledge and awareness on how people make themselves prone to heart ailments. The experts also shared the ways to notice any early symptoms of heart attack, and reach out to the nearest hospital for medical assistance.

Kolkata, June 12 : TVS Srichakra Ltd., one of India's leading manufacturers of 2 & 3-wheeler and off-highway tyres will power the Petronas TVS One Make Championship as 'Technical Partner' for fourth year in a row. The partnership entails a strategic collaboration between Eurogrip and Apache brands. All bikes in the event will race with custom designed TVS Eurogrip tyres. The first racing event of the year is scheduled to take place on 10th June at Kari Circuit, Coimbatore and followed by four rounds at MMRT, Chennai. TVS Racing, the pioneer of One Make Racing in the country is the first Indian manufacturer to introduce the series in India. Divided into the Open and Novice categories, the races happen alongside the prestigious Group B category of the Indian National Motorcycle Racing Championship. The various TVS One Make Championship Categories are TVS OMC-Rookie, TVS OMC-RR310, TVS OMC-Women's and TVS OMC-Media. The 2022 edition of TVS One Make Championship will see TVS Eurogrip's flagship products Prototq Extreme (Zero Degree Steel Belt Radial tyres) and Remora performing on the Apache RR 310 and Apache RTR 200 motorbikes. Speaking on the occasion,



VSivaramakrishnan, Chief Technology Officer (R&D), TVS Srichakra Ltd, said, "Teaming up as the 'Technical Partner' with TVS One Make Championship for the fourth time in a row is a matter of pride for us. The racers having chosen our Prototq Extreme zero degree steel belted radials for this season too, reinforces the performance superiority of our products in Indian racing circuit. I'm sure TVS One Make Championship-2022 will be an eventful one and wish all the racers another year of success." Commenting on the partnership, PMadhavan, Executive Vice President, TVS Srichakra Ltd. said, "High performance in racing is the ultimate testimonial for the quality of our tyres. This is an exciting moment for us as we build Eurogrip into a strong brand in the racing space. We remain committed towards strengthening two-wheeler racing in India and offering world-class high-performance products for today's new-age

bikers". Speaking on the partnership, BSELvaraj, Team Manager, TVS Racing, said, "We are delighted to partner with TVS Eurogrip as our technical partner for PETRONAS TVS One Make Championship 2022. TVS Racing - India's first factory racing team has always been committed to improving the performance of its machines and riders in its very own championship year on year and is constantly democratizing racing through initiatives like Apache Racing Experience and PETRONAS TVS One Make Championship running TVS Apache RR 310, TVS Apache RTR 200 and TVS Apache RR 200 race bikes. With our association with TVS Eurogrip for the fourth year in a row, their high-performance tyres will make our riders feel more confident in the races, eventually setting outstanding lap timings in the respective categories. We look forward to the continued and fruitful partnership with TVS Eurogrip."

Symphony's campaign on conservation of trees



Mumbai, June 12 : With World Environment Day just around the corner, Symphony Limited has launched a heart-warming digital campaign to create awareness on the need to protect and conserve our planet. With technology making our lives simpler and more convenient, it has proved to be a hazard to our environment. Our oceans are depleting, global temperature is on a constant rise, wildlife is impacted, and the surface of the earth is drying! Resonating with this thought, the brand has come up with a digital campaign to bring about change and consciousness among the patrons with a compelling message. It draws synergies between the use of air coolers and conservation of trees. The campaign film shows an old man walking on a parched land and a bird flying in the sky with the sun blazing up above. They both need some respite from the tormenting heat and then at a distance, they spot a tree! As they approach closer, much to their shock the tree is dry and bare. In another visual, a boy is shown switching on an air cooler with refreshing air going out of the window and transforming the entire

scenery to a lush green landscape. With the trees turning green, birds chirping, and the man seeking refuge in the shade of the tree, the campaign resonates emotionally and ends with a strong message. For every unit of Symphony air cooler that one uses instead of an air conditioner, we save 40 trees! Commenting on the initiative, AnujArora, Global Chief Marketing Officer, Symphony Limited says, "Symphony is a highly responsible brand when it comes to conservation of our planet earth and adhering to all measures to prevent any damage to the environment. With this campaign, our objective is to educate the consumers that they should be mindful of the environmental side effects of their choices and how adapting to sustainable ways of cooling can lead to a positive change. Additionally, our recent studies and research findings have shown that air coolers as a category are more environment-friendly and conducive. It is about time we brought about a change and conserve our planet." During the UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) summit held last

year, most of the countries committed to cut emissions to net zero and reach carbon neutrality by 2060. Symphony has also taken a step in that direction to contribute to the cause. They partnered with Infinite Solutions, an Environment and Sustainability Consulting Company, for a study to understand the GHG emissions that happen at an organizational level for the production and sales of air coolers. While achieving carbon neutrality is a long-term goal, Symphony has been making conscious efforts in the past. The brand has planted trees across its premises, adopted 11,000 square meters of wasteland and developed a forest park with over 25,000 plants. This has helped emission reduction of 136.35 tCO₂/year! The brand also carried out a Carbon Footprint assessment for its air coolers. As per Statista, specializing in research for market and consumer data, the reports highlights that the total sale of air conditioners in the last 5 years (From 2018 to 2022) is approx. 3.33 Cr. If consumers would have purchased these many coolers instead of air conditioners, we could have saved approx. 140 Cr trees (42 x 3.33 Cr). It is about time we assumed collective responsibility to access and comprehend the irreparable damage we are doing to our planet. With conscious decisions and choices, we can go a long way in conserving our trees and saving natural reservoirs for a better tomorrow!

NueGo Travel Insights reveals

Kolkata, June 12 : NueGo, the flagship inter-city electric mobility coach brand of GreenCell Mobility, conducted first of its kind interview-based study with over 2800 respondents across 10 cities in partnership with Kantar, the world's leading insights and consulting company. The study was aimed at understanding the needs of the Indian inter-city traveller and has revealed 79% of inter-city travellers feel there is a lack of standardization in different aspects of bus travel like punctuality, cleanliness/ hygiene, provision of food and beverages. The study included multiple bus traveller segments - Premium AC, Affordable AC, Non-AC, using both qualitative and quantitative research. A qualitative research survey was also conducted among inter-city bus travel stakeholders like private bus operators, offline ticketing agents and online aggregators. Majority of the inter-city bus travellers were found to be working Males with an average age of 35 years. The study further shows that leisure is the top reason for



travel (58%) for travellers across the country with preference given to travelling with family or friends. The zone wise data showed that Travel for leisure is higher in the North (70%) compared to West (56%) and South (55%). When choosing a mode of transport, comfort, hygiene, and safety are the top considerations along with cleanliness. Post COVID-19, cleanliness and hygiene have become important to consumers in all facets of life. Safety is the third most important consideration at an overall level. Among women, however, the hierarchy of factors influencing the choice of mode of travel is different. Safety is the top consideration among women, followed by cleanliness. The order of these factors also differs by Zones. Safety is most important to travellers in the South while comfort is relatively more important to those in the North and the West. Travellers in the North also seem to be more price sensitive as it is the second most important consideration to them, while it ranks fourth in the West and third in the South. In India, there are about 3,60,000+ inter-city buses among which only about 50,000 of these buses are AC buses. In this AC buses segment, the premium AC bus market comprises of about 15,000 buses. The CAGR growth in the bus AC market is predicted at 20-25 per cent. Among this segment, going greener while travelling has also seen an uptake. The study has found that when asked about their keenness to travel green with premium electric buses, majority of the travellers showed a high willingness with 77% willing to pay a premium for these buses. Speaking on the survey, AnandParameswaran, Executive Director, Insights Division, Kantar said, "The study covered different phases of travel. There is a clear demand for a seamless, consistent, and elevated consumer experience in all facets of travel. Consumers are also becoming socially conscious and willing to opt for electric buses for a sustainable future." The study infers that while inter-city travel is developing from an infrastructure perspective, there is a lot of scope to improve with respect to service offerings.

Pure Storage Inaugurates New R&D Center

Bangalore, June 12 : Pure Storage® (NYSE: PSTG) has inaugurated its new India Research and Development Center in Bangalore. Attended by Dr. C. N. Ashwath Narayan, Minister for Higher Education; IT & BT, Science & Technology; Skill Development, Entrepreneurship & Livelihood, Government of Karnataka, India, the new center is a key component of Pure's global innovation engine and a commitment to the government's 'Make in India' initiative. The center will focus on innovations that transform storage and data management. These are areas in which India can play a global role. The acceleration of digital transformation around the world is fueling the growth of data, specifically unstructured data such as video, picture and audio files. This is creating demand for professionals who are experts in solutions that store, manage, protect and analyze such data. A new study conducted by Pure Storage with market research by Zinnov, a management consulting firm, indicated that there are over 700,000 professionals in India with the relevant data management skills. This is around 14 percent of the total technology workforce in the country and is poised to grow further. In relation to



the rest of the world, India makes up more than 10 percent of the worldwide talent pool of data management professionals and more than a quarter of Asia Pacific. Even more encouraging is the fact that more than three-quarters of the existing Indian talent will reach an advanced level in their experience in 5 years, which puts India in a good place as a source for data management skills. "We are excited to see another leading global technology company commit to investment in India and the Karnataka region. Pure Storage is providing an opportunity for Indian talent to contribute to technologies that are in demand around the world," said Dr. Narayan. "India has long been a source of technology talent and we have to stay ahead of the game. With data continuing to grow in volume and com-

plexity, the skills to manage, protect and move it around in hybrid and multi-cloud environments, will become even more in demand and it's important for Karnataka to be involved in this movement." "Innovation is at the core of everything that we do. We strongly believe that talent knows no boundaries and can be found across all regions. This approach encourages a culture of inclusivity, new ways of thinking, customer-centricity and provides an opportunity to develop skills to build products across the globe. The India R&D center will further foster data management capabilities in India while ensuring Pure's global customers benefit from this abundance of talent," said Ajay Singh, Chief Product Officer, Pure Storage. Pure Storage has a robust portfolio of data management solutions which include FlashArray™, FlashBlade®, FlashStack®, AIRIO®, Pure as-a-Service™, Portworx®, Pure1®, Evergreen™, Pure Cloud Block Store and Purity. The India R&D Center will contribute to the continued innovation in most of these product lines. It will be run with the same start-up mind-set designed to encourage a culture of innovation and customer-centricity. This philosophy has translated into Pure Storage being recognized as an employer of choice with 92 percent of employees saying that it is a great place to work compared with the average of 59 percent for other US-based companies.

HCL Grant Edition VIII Calls for Applications for INR 16.5 Cr

Delhi, June 12 : HCL Grant has announced Edition VIII for recognizing the NGOs Transforming Rural India. The application portal is now live, and the last date for accepting online applications is June 18th, 2022. Started in 2015, the HCL Grant is a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) commitment through the HCL Foundation, the CSR arm of HCL Technologies, to strengthen and em-

power NGOs, engage with them, and recognize them for their path-breaking work. HCL Foundation has now announced Edition VIII of the HCL Grant. HCL Grant awards the winning NGOs in each Environment, Health, and Education category a grant of 5 Crore for a three-year project. The HCL Grant rewards the other finalists too, who are doing



great work in their own right. So, the two other finalists in each category receive a grant of 25 lakhs for a year-long project mutually agreed upon with HCL Foundation and NGO after the final Jury meeting. Ms. Nidhi Pundhir,

Director - HCL Foundation says, "Our aim to host the HCL Grant is to recognize the unique NGOs for their power to transform their ideas into reality and thereby change the communities. In the past, the need to acknowledge the crucial role of the fifth estate is more emphasized. The NGOs are bridging the gaps and helping the com-

munities gain access to the essential resources and highlight the extraordinary work they are performing in the field of Education, Environment and Health, thereby bringing a difference to people's life." Apart from the prize money, HCL Grant also annually releases a compendium that features the winners and the work of 30 other shortlisted NGOs, 10 from each category.

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BJP sweeps Karbi Anglong

Ji. " The Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council consists of 30 members, 26 of whom are elected and the four nominated with a view to provide representation to the minorities who constitute a considerable proportion of the total population of the sub-division. Earlier in April, the ruling party had recorded landslide win in Guwahati Municipal Corporation elections by winning 58 of 60 seats. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had said that it was a resounding mandate to BJP in Assam. "Thank you Guwahati! The people of this lovely city have given a resounding mandate to @BJP4Assam to build on the agenda of development. They have also blessed the hardwork of the state government under CM @himantabiswa. My gratitude to every BJP Karyakarta for the hardwork," he said in a tweet. Last year, the BJP-led NDA came back to power for the second consecutive term by winning 75 of 126 seats with over 44 per cent vote share. The Congress, which was hoping to return to power, could manage to win just 50 seats with 43.68 per cent vote share. The party, however, increased its tally and vote share from 2016 when it was restricted to 26 seats.

Big bulldozer action in Prayagraj

Muzammil, a resident of Rahat Colony, 62 Futa Road, and Abdul Vakir, a resident of Khata Khedi. Municipal corporation teams bulldozed their illegal properties, he said. 3) Why was the house demolished? "The house was built without getting its map passed by the PDA. For this, he was issued a notice on May 10 and was told to present his point of view on May 24. On the said date, neither Javed nor his lawyer turned up. No document was presented in this regard; hence, on May 25, demolition orders were issued," the PDA official said. 4) In a tweet in Hindi on Saturday, Mrityunjay Kumar, the media adviser to the chief minister, had said, "Unruly elements remember, every Friday is followed by a Saturday" and posted a photo of a bulldozer demolishing a building. 5) On Friday, people pelted stones at police personnel in Prayagraj and Saharanpur during protests after Friday prayers in mosques. 6) At least four other cities witnessed similar scenes during the marches that were carried out to protest the controversial remarks on Prophet Mohammad made by now-suspended BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma. 7) In Prayagraj, the mob set on fire a few motorcycles and carts, and also attempted to set ablaze a police vehicle. Police used tear gas and lathis to disperse the protesters and restore peace. A policeman was injured, according to officials. 8) Nupur Sharma was suspended by the BJP as several Islamic nations denounced her comments on the Prophet during a TV debate.

Congress to demonstrate political

is another view that along with Delhi, simultaneously, protests should be held in every state capital by the Pradesh Congress Committees. "Rahul Gandhi has been summoned to join the investigation on June 13. He was earlier summoned to join the investigation but he was out of the country and later he was given a fresh date of June 13 to join the probe. Meanwhile, the Congress party has alleged that it is a 'political vendetta' and the case has no grounds for investigation. The ED also questioned senior Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge and Congress Treasurer Pawan Bansal in April this year in New Delhi in connection with its money laundering probe into the National Herald case. The agency then recorded the statements of both the Congress leaders under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). The National Herald is published by Associated Journals Limited (AJL) and owned by Young Indian Private Limited (YIL). While Kharge is the CEO of YIL, Bansal is the Managing Director of AJL. The ED is currently investigating the shareholding pattern and financial transactions as well as the role of party functionaries in the functioning of the AJL and YIL. The YIL promoters include Congress President Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi. BJP MP Subramanian Swamy had alleged that the Gandhis cheated and misappropriated funds, with YIL paying only Rs 50 lakh to obtain the right to recover Rs 90.25 crore that AJL owed to the Congress. He had filed a complaint with a Delhi court earlier. Following the court taking cognizance of an Income Tax Department probe against YIL on Swamy's petition, the ED also registered a fresh case under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

Kerala reports second scrub

comes after 15-year-old girl Ashwathy, a native of Cherunniyoor, died on June 9 due to scrub typhus, known as 'chellu pani' in the local tongue. Following her death, Kerala health minister Veena George had directed a special medical team to visit the place where Ashwathy was admitted. She had assured the state health department was monitoring the situation. Scrub typhus is an infectious disease caused by Orientia tsutsugamushi, that is a mite-borne bacterium. Chigger mites, the larval stage of mites, carry the disease from animals like rats, squirrels, and rabbits to humans. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the scrub typhus-afflicted patients experience symptoms.

99 militants killed in Kashmir this

while two AK-47 rifles and a pistol were recovered from the encounter site. "One among the slain militants was involved in the killing of a police constable, Riyaz Naikoo on May 13 and also in the attack on labourers at brick kiln in Budgam in which one non-local labourer was killed and two others sustained injuries on June 2", the IGP said adding that so far this year, 99 militants have been killed in different encounters across the Valley.

Prophet Remarks Row : Section

magistrate Rintu Chandra Boro, in an order, said, "In view of the emerging situation on law and order front aftermath the controversial statement by a leader and protests have been seen in many places of the country as reported in various media, there is ample apprehension of breach of public peace and tranquillity, loss of human life and property due to a public gathering in the district." The order is passed ex-parte in the interest of public peace and tranquillity and shall remain in force until further order, it stated. Any violation of the order shall invite legal action under section 188 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), it further stated.

Ink thrown on woman who accused

threw something at her and fled. The woman was thoroughly examined at the AIIMS Trauma Centre, Pandey said. "The blue liquid prima facie looks like ink. In the matter, a case under section 195 A (threatening any person to give false evidence), 506 (criminal intimidation), 323 (voluntarily causing hurt) and 34 (common intention) of the Indian Penal Code was registered at the Shaheen Bagh police station and an investigation is underway," she added. The DCP said police were looking for CCTV footage from the area to identify the culprits and ascertain the sequence of events. Taking to Twitter on Sunday, Delhi Commission for Women (DCW) chairperson Swati Maliwal accused Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot of trying to shield his minister's son. "The woman who accused Rohit Joshi, son of Rajasthan minister Mahesh Joshi, of rape was attacked with some liquid by two unidentified people in Delhi.....@ashokgehlotsir, instead of shielding your minister's son, arrest him. I am issuing a notice to the Delhi Police for an FIR on this attack," she tweeted in Hindi. In a notice issued to the Delhi Police later, the DCW sought a copy of the FIR registered in the matter, details of the accused arrested, steps taken to ensure the safety and security of the victim, and an action-taken report. The Delhi Police on Friday questioned Rohit Joshi in connection with the rape case registered against him. This was a day after a Delhi court granted him anticipatory bail in the case. Following the woman's allegation that Rohit Joshi raped her on multiple occasions over a year, a case was registered against him under sections 376 (rape), 328 (causing hurt by means of poison, etc., with intent to commit an offence), 312 (causing miscarriage), 366 (kidnapping, abducting or inducing woman to compel her marriage, etc), 377 (unnatural offences) and 506 (criminal intimidation) of the Indian Penal Code.



IIT Guwahati Continues to Improve in International Rankings, Climbs 11 places in QS World University Rankings 2023

- The Institute has received 37th World rank in Citations per Faculty and 384th Overall World rank
- Since 2014, IIT Guwahati has moved up atleast 217 places in QS World University Ranking
- IIT Guwahati is 2nd best in India and 37th best in World Research universities (citation per faculty) next to IISc

GUWAHATI, June 12 : Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati has climbed in ranking in the QS World University Rankings (WUR) 2023 by 11 places. IIT Guwahati has received 384th rank in the world in the overall ranking and 37th World rank in Citations per Faculty. QS World University Rankings 2023 released on 8th June 2022 indicates that since 2014, IIT Guwahati has moved up at least 217 places from 601-650 range in 2014 to 384th in 2023. In the 2023 edition, the institution has performed among the top 27% in the QS World University Rankings. At 37 globally with a score of 96.3%, the Citations per Faculty is the strongest indicator for IIT Guwahati. Speaking about this performance, Prof T.G. Sitharam, Director of IIT Guwahati says, "A higher ranking in QS WUR for IIT Guwahati makes me very proud of our excellent faculty and students and their efforts to contribute towards top quality research as well as other parameters. Their achievements are critical to our continued success in the global rankings. We will continue to focus on high-end research and make steady strides to go up the global rankings." The QS World University Rankings have been published since 2004 and take the following parameters into consideration to decide their ranking: Academic Reputation, Employer Reputation, Faculty Student Ratio, Citations per Faculty, International Faculty Ratio, International Student Ratio, Employment Outcome, International Research Network. In its methodology for 2023, it has analyzed 2462 institutions and ranked 1422 institutions. It has ranked 41 institutions in India. In the year 2014, IIT Guwahati became the only academic institution in India that occupied a place among the top 100 world universities under 50 years of age as ranked by Times Higher Education (THE). The institute has continued to maintain its superior position in various national and international rankings. It has retained the 7th position among the best engineering institutions in the country in the 'India Rankings 2021' declared by the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) of the Ministry of Education, Government of India.



Tezpur- CM addressing Media

Prophet Mohammad remarks row: 'My family is in danger', Naveen Kumar Jindal

New Delhi, June 12 : Naveen Kumar Jindal, who was suspended by the BJP for his controversial tweet on Prophet Mohammad, on Saturday (June 11) alleged "threat to his family from Islamic fundamentalists". As per IANS, the family of Jindal who is in the middle of the outrage caused by his and now-suspended BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma's comments on the Prophet has left Delhi amid the threats. Taking to Twitter, Jindal wrote on Saturday, "It is my humble request to everyone again that do not share any kind of information about me and my family members with anyone. Despite my request, many people are posting my home address on social media. My family's life is in danger from Islamic fundamentalists." The expelled leader also alleged he was followed by a few people when he went to meet someone a few days back, adding he has informed the police about the same. The Delhi police has taken the cognizance as reports were doing rounds on social media that unknown people allegedly did a reece of Jindal's house, the news agency reported. "I am still living in Delhi. Out of fear my family has left the city. This is exodus," the former Delhi BJP media cell head said. On June 5, Naveen Kumar Jindal was expelled



for his controversial tweet on the Prophet. Delhi unit president Adesh Gupta in his letter to Jindal said his opinion was contradictory to the BJP's original ideology. "You have worked against the party's ideology and policies," the letter by Gupta read. Jindal said he did not aim to hurt the religious sentiments of any community and he "respects the faith of all religions". BJP also suspended its national spokesperson Nupur Sharma the same day over her remarks on a TV debate that triggered a huge row among Gulf nations. Before the suspension of its leaders, the BJP also issued a statement saying it respects all religions and strongly denounces insult of any religious personalities. Meanwhile, protests had erupted across the country after Friday prayers over the anti-Islam remarks. The demonstration took a violent turn in many areas including Uttar Pradesh where people "pelted stones" at policemen in Prayagraj and Saharanpur. Jharkhand and West Bengal also witnessed violent clashes between agitators and the police during the protests against the suspended BJP leaders' remarks.



Mushalpur- Mantu Boro Candidate of UPPL won the BTC by-election

'Devendra Fadnavis will vote for Shiv Sena if...': Sanjay Raut's dig at BJP

New Delhi, June 12 : On his party's candidate Sanjay Pawar facing defeat from the sixth seat in the Maharashtra Rajya Sabha election, Shiv Sena MP Sanjay Raut on Sunday (June 12) took a jibe at the BJP and said even saffron party leader Devendra Fadnavis will vote for the Uddhav Thackeray-led party if the control of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) is given to their party. "If the ED's control is given to us for two days, then Devendra Fadnavis too will vote for us," PTI quoted Raut as saying. The Shiv Sena chief spokesperson's statement comes in the wake of the BJP bagging three out of the six seats in the Maharashtra Rajya Sabha polls 2022. Fadnavis, former Maharashtra chief minister and the leader of opposition in the state Assembly, has been credited for the BJP's victory on the sixth Rajya Sabha seat, wherein saffron party nominee Dhananjay Mahadik bested Shiv Sena's Sanjay Pawar. Ahead of the Maharashtra Rajya Sabha polls, Raut had alleged that the BJP was using central agencies to pressurise independents and smaller parties to vote for the saffron party candidates. It was the independents and smaller parties, some of whom had vowed to back Sena, that played a crucial role in the BJP's victory. In the Maharashtra Rajya Sabha polls 2022, Union Minister Piyush Goyal, former state minister Anil Bonde and Dhananjay Mahadik from the BJP secured victory while one candidate each from Shiv Sena, Congress and Nationalist Congress Party (NCP)- Sanjay Raut, Imran Pratapgarhi and Praful Patel bagged an easy victory. As many as 285 votes were polled on Friday and candidates required 41 votes to win a Rajya Sabha seat. On Saturday, Raut had called the BJP's victory on three Rajya Sabha seats in the state the "mandate of horse-trading". Further, he had accused the Election Commission (EC) of favoring BJP, adding that the saffron party "put pressure" on the poll panel. "Some horses were up for sale at a higher price and shifted sides despite assurance of their votes to our candidate," Raut had said derisively.

Terrorism in Kashmir on its 'last leg', target killings act of desperation: J&K LG Manoj Sinha

Srinagar, June 12: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Saturday (June 11) said that targeted killings of members of the minority community were carried out by the terrorists with an aim to provoke security forces to commit a mistake in retaliation. They plan to anger people and create a civil uprising in Kashmir. He added, "But we assure that police and security forces won't touch any innocent and instead continue to root-out terrorism from Jammu and Kashmir." Sinha said, "Targeting innocent people including female teachers was a well-planned move to provoke police and security forces so that they would commit a mistake that can set a base for street protests." "We won't allow them (terrorists) to succeed in such nefarious designs. Police and security forces won't even touch any innocent as we are following the policy of 'don't leave the criminal and don't touch the innocent', LG Sinha said. He said that society must condemn target killings in Kashmir. "I can tell you that terrorism in Kashmir is on its last leg. Target killings are acts of desperation," the J&K LG said, assuring people that the pace of development will not stop in the UT and this place will be a real paradise in some years in all ways. Sinha was addressing a gathering after inaugurating a model residential school and Tribal youth hostel in Kulgam.

Pakistani garment workers left destitute and starving after Missguided collapse

Islamabad, June 12: Hundreds of garment workers in Pakistan making clothing for collapsed fast fashion brand Missguided say they have been left destitute and starving after not receiving salaries for more than four months. The workers, who typically earn between £100 and £160 a month, say that despite not being paid they have continued working even as the Manchester-based retailer went into administration, with suppliers claiming the company owes them millions of pounds for clothing already completed and shipped. In Faisalabad, one of Pakistan's textile heartlands, workers at the Bismillah factory have been exclusively making clothes for Missguided since 2017. Anna Rani, 21, the sole earner for her extended family, says she has not received a salary since January and has been reduced to begging her neighbours for bread to feed her younger



Guwahati- Different communities Dance performances



Paris, June 12 : Jiri Procházka stopped Glover Teixeira by submission with 28 seconds left in the fifth round to claim the UFC light heavyweight title in a grueling bout at UFC 275 on Sunday. Procházka survived nearly five rounds of consistent punishment from the 42-year-old Teixeira, who became a first-time UFC champion at 205lbs late last year. After a back-and-forth fight that left both men cut and bleeding, the Czech challenger got into position to execute a choke that ended one of the most compelling title bouts in recent UFC history. Valentina Shevchenko kept her flyweight title with a narrow split-decision victory over

Hadlee, Fleming, Adams ... Notts know just how good New Zealanders are

Nottinghamshire, June 12: If the appointment of Brendon McCullum as England's Test head coach is a case of cribbing the New Zealand way, then the hosts for this second Test, Nottinghamshire, could be forgiven for wondering what took them so long. From the day Richard Hadlee first cruised into Trent Bridge 44



years ago, the New Zealand lineage at Notts has been plentiful and its influence inarguable. Their last four County Championship titles, in 1981, 1987, 2005 and 2010, were driven by the excellence of New Zealanders - Hadlee, Stephen Fleming and Andre Adams playing central roles - and there has been a healthy knock-on effect for England. adlee is clearly primus inter pares, his 10 years at the club returning the first two of those titles, plus the NatWest Trophy in 1987. In 148 first-class matches he took 622 victims at a staggering average of 14 and in 1984 he did the double of 1,000 runs and 100 wickets. With his batting straight from the pages of Alexandre Dumas and swishing 5,854 first-class runs at 38, it was something of a formality when supporters voted him Nottinghamshire's all-time greatest player in 2020. "He was simply inspirational," says Mick Newell, a teammate of Hadlee and then head coach/team director as an influx of Kiwi cricketers at Trent Bridge followed. "We had him and Clive Rice [the South African all-rounder] and they just spurred each other on. The rest of us strived for a new level and just wanted their blessing and respect to be in their team. And it was their team, as far as I was concerned." I remember my debut at Lord's in 1984, we were 17 for four. Hadlee says Rice told him to score a double hundred, so he did. Because he could. When he did the runs/wickets double, his coffin had a piece of paper taped to it that mapped out exactly how he was going to do it too - 400 runs and 60 wickets at Trent Bridge, 600/40 away. Franklyn Stephenson then did it for us in 1988, unplanned, and I doubt it will be achieved again. "We should have done the treble in '87 too. Rice

Mo Donegal surges from behind to cross finish line first in Belmont Stakes

New York, June 12 : Mo Donegal pulled away down the home stretch and held off filly Nest to win the Belmont Stakes, giving Pletcher a 1-2 finish and his sixth Triple Crown victory, including four at this track on the outskirts of New York City. "To be honest with you, we were a little confident going into the race today," Donegal Racing CEO and co-owner Jerry Crawford said. "When he turned for home, I was like, forget about it. I know Todd thought he could get a strong last quarter mile, and he surely did." Mo Donegal rounded the one-



and-a-half-mile distance in 2 minutes, 28.28 seconds, three lengths ahead of Nest - ridden by Ortiz's brother, José. Pletcher, who lives on Long Island, adds another Belmont title following wins with Rags to Riches

Taila Santos at Singapore Indoor Stadium, but the Brazilian challenger likely tested the long-reigning champion more than any opponent during her run of seven consecutive defenses. Earlier, former strawweight champion Joanna Jedrzejczyk announced her retirement after losing her rematch with Zhang Weili, who knocked

UFC 275: Jiri Procházka stuns Glover Teixeira for title in instant classic

out the Polish veteran in the second round with a spinning back fist. The UFC's first pay-per-view card from Southeast Asia took place in the morning in Singapore to reach the lucrative US audience on Saturday night, but the fighters shook off the early start to produce a highly entertaining slate of fights. The main event was a thriller that only got better while Procházka managed to overcome numerous strategic mistakes with toughness and talent. Procházka became the 15th undisputed UFC champion of what has long been mixed martial arts' glamour division, with past champions including Randy Couture, Chuck Liddell and Jon Jones. Teixeira (33-8) was up 39-37 on two scorecards heading into the fourth round, which means the Brazilian champion almost certainly would have won a decision if he had avoided a submission in the final minute. "Did I look 42 out there?" Teixeira asked afterward. "No? Then I'm going to keep going." Both fighters landed big shots from the opening round, and Teixeira appeared to turn the bout in his favor when he hurt Procházka in the second round, eventually landing an elbow that opened a big cut above Procházka's left eye. Both fighters were bleeding from cuts in the third round, and Procházka also wobbled Teixeira in the middle rounds before his dramatic finish. Moments earlier, Shevchenko (23-3) was tested from the opening round by Santos, who won four straight fights to earn her first UFC title shot. The closest round was the second, and Shevchenko came on strong in the final two rounds after escaping a choke from Santos (19-2) that could have ended the fight in the third. "I left my heart in there," Shevchenko said. "I have a true championship mind, and I'm never satisfied with my performance." Two judges favored Shevchenko 48-47 and 49-46, while the third scored it 48-47 for Santos, whose right eye was closed by the final bell after an accidental clash of heads in the third. Shevchenko's seven straight title defenses are the most among any active champion.

Andy Murray makes Stuttgart final but Kyrgios rages at 'racial slur from crowd'

London, June 12 : Andy Murray looked back to his best on grass as he beat Nick Kyrgios 7-6 (5), 6-2 to move into the final of the Stuttgart Open after the Australian lost his cool in the second set and said he was racially abused by a fan. The final is the 70th of Murray's career and his second of the year after a runner-up finish in Sydney in January. The 35-year-old will face Matteo Berrettini, the No 2 seed, who is playing his first Tour-level final of the season. After an entertaining opening set where there was nothing to separate the two players, Murray sealed it in the tie break after which Kyrgios broke his racket and earned a point penalty as well as a game penalty in the second set. The Australian, who was constantly complaining to the umpire, then refused to continue playing, sitting in his chair until the supervisor came out and convinced him to finish the match. A frustrated Kyrgios later said that he had retaliated after hearing a racial slur. "When is this going to stop? Dealing with racial slurs from the crowd?" he wrote on Instagram. "I understand that my behaviour isn't the best all the time - but 'you little black sheep', 'shut up and play' - little comments like this are not acceptable. When I retaliate to the crowd, I get penalised. This is messed up." After an absorbing opening set, where Kyrgios had even got the crowd going with an underarm serve and shots between his legs, he lost his focus in the second and made numerous errors as Murray quickly wrapped up the match and sealed his spot in the final. Murray, whose last Tour title came in 2019 in Antwerp, was sympathetic in his on-court interview, saying that he did not have to work as hard in the second set after a "high quality" opener. "You're always kind of battling yourself as well as the opponent, it's one of the difficult things about individual sports," Murray, who has not dropped a set in the tournament, said. "Nick has the potential to be one of the best players in the world, there's absolutely no



Charles Leclerc nicks Azerbaijan F1 GP pole from Pérez and Verstappen

London, June 12 : Ferrari's Charles Leclerc claimed his sixth pole position in eight 2022 grands prix in Azerbaijan. The 24-year-old Monegasque is hoping for a change in the misfortune that has prevented him winning the last two races in Spain and Monaco. Leclerc starts in Baku nine points behind the world champion, Max Verstappen, with Ferrari 36 points behind Red Bull Racing in the constructors' championship after four successive wins by the British team. The pole position fight was once more a two-team affair, with Ferrari and Red Bull locking out the front two rows of the grid for the sixth time. But it is not Verstappen who shares the front row with Leclerc, but his teammate Sergio Pérez, the winner in Monaco, who out-qualified the Dutchman for the third time this season. Pérez, whose win in Monte Carlo a week ago was his third race victory and saw him supplant Pedro Rodríguez as the most successful Mexican F1 driver, is something of a Baku street circuit specialist. He has finished on the podium three times since the race joined the F1 schedule in 2016, including winning a dramatic 2021 race when Verstappen, leading, suffered a high-speed tyre blow-out. Leclerc, too, is dynamite around the challenging 3.7 miles, and is the first man to take more than one pole position at the track. A feature of the season has been Ferrari's superiority over a single lap but Red Bull's advantage in race trim, with stronger straight-line speed and more benign tyre usage often allowing Verstappen to overhaul Leclerc. Yet Leclerc, who only suffered at the hands of questionable Ferrari race strategy in Monaco, remains optimistic. "The pole lap felt really good," he said. "I'm excited for the race. Tyre management is a big thing here and when we brought out a car upgrade in Spain we made a step forward, which we didn't get to see in Monaco. I'm excited for the race." Verstappen was very much the dominant Red Bull driver en route to his first world title last year, with an average qualifying advantage of 0.4sec over Pérez. This year, however, with different rules and a changed car design concept, there has often been just hundredths of a second between the pair. Pérez, with a new two-year Red Bull contract extension, is driving with total confidence. Just six points behind Leclerc in the championship and 15 adrift of his teammate, it will be interesting to see if he is moved aside to prioritise Verstappen in the race.



England rely too much on Kane and Sterling for goals, admits Southgate



sharpness in those areas across the three matches, really. I think we had the players on the pitch today, we made the changes that we hoped would refresh the team as well, but we also played an Italian team that were very well organised. "We had a long discussion [on Friday] about needing to control games better, which is a desire without a doubt, but controlling games with possession doesn't guarantee the goals. In the end if you don't score then you end up open to criticism, as I'm sure we will be." Taking Sterling and Kane, who came on as a second-half substitute, out of the equation England's midfielders and forwards have 18 international goals between them. Tammy Abraham missed an early opportunity to add to his

three while Southgate pointed out that Jack Grealish, who made a widely demanded start, had rarely looked like scoring. "Jack is what you saw tonight," he said. "He takes the ball, retains the ball really well, he's got that close control that can put teams on the back foot. I think he had only one attempt on goal tonight and I go back to what we're saying with all our attacking players: Harry and Raheem at the moment are the ones that consistently get the goals. That's an area we've got to improve if we're going to progress as a team." Southgate hailed Kane's consistency but reiterated that the supporting cast needs to step up. "The concern is if you don't have him for whatever reason," he said. "Every top team relies on their best players: of course in the end the quality of your top players is a large factor in determining how successful you are.

Belmont, the first healthy horse to skip Pimlico after winning the Triple Crown's first even since 1985. Reed said the team encouraged jockey Sonny Leon to try pushing Rich Strike from the outside, but the horse kept trying to get back inside - where he made a late charge past 19 horses to win at Churchill Downs. Rich Strike spent much of the race in last place and couldn't recover. Jockey Irad Ortiz Jr celebrates crossing the finish line riding Mo Donegal and winning the 154th running of the Belmont Stakes on Saturday in Elmont, New York. Photograph: John

Angelillo/UPI/REX/Shutterstock Just like Rich Strike, Mo Donegal was at the back of the pack at the Derby, but the colt didn't have enough kick at Churchill Downs. He found it Saturday, winning the 154th running of the \$1.5m race. Mo Donegal made a winner out of co-owner Mike Repole, a local entrepreneur known around the track as "Mike from Queens". Repole also co-owns Nest. "This is New York's biggest race and to win it here, with my family and friends and 70 people here, this will be a big winner's circle," he said.

Hima Das Still Open To Running 400m, Says Will "Surely Do It"

Guwahati, June 12 : Star sprinter Hima Das is not ruling out a return to 400m, an event which shot her to fame in 2018, and is hoping to make a comeback to the quartermile in the now-postponed Asian Games, which is likely to be held next year. The 22-year-old 'Dhing Express' last ran a major 400m race during the Asian Championships in Doha in April 2019. She pulled out of that race midway due to a lower back injury. She later ran two 400m races in low-grade events in Czech Republic in 2019, but since then, has not featured in the one-lap race. She also missed the World Championships in the later part of 2019 due to the back injury. Hima, who became the first Indian to win a global track event title by clinching gold in the World Junior Championships in 2018, first suffered the injury during the 2018 Asian Games in Jakarta where she won an individual 400m silver and gold medals in the 4x400m and mixed 4x400m relays. After returning from the injury lay-off, Hima has been running 100m and 200m. She holds the national record of 50.79 seconds in 400m. "I have not cut (off) running the 400m. It (recovery from injury) is a long process. During my injury time, I was not being able to run 400m



because a lot of pressure developed on the right side of my back," Hima said after winning the 100m gold in the National Inter-State Championships here with her personal best time of 10.43s. "My L4 and L5 (two lowest vertebrae in the lumbar spine) were broken and was in a different position. Whenever I run it affects me. Then I did my physiotherapy and ran 30m, 40m, 50m, 100m and then 200m gradually. Till 300m, I am fine. I ran 300m in Europe sometime earlier." "You need to pick up speed in the last 100m (of 400m) and when I did that once I had to be taken to the hospital (during a training stint in Poland in 2019)," said the sprinter from Assam. Asked when she can start running 400m, she

said, "Not at this point in time, but will surely do it (in near future)." "It may happen at the end of this year, otherwise I may prepare 400m for the postponed Asian Games because I will get time to prepare (for Asian Games)." Hima had suffered the same injury during the National Inter-State Championships last year in Patiala also. She was forced to pull out of the 100m and 4x100m relay finals due to the injury. She ran in the 200m final but finished fifth to miss out on the Tokyo Olympics. The Asian Games, earlier scheduled to be held in September this year, have been postponed due to an upsurge in COVID-19 cases in host country China. The Games are likely to be held next year. When

asked if 400m coach Galina Bukharina will recommend her to run it, Hima said, "Galina madam and the federation will take the decision what is to be done for me. I will do whatever the AFI says." "Galina madam is not only my coach but she is also like my mother. I even told my mother at home in Assam not to get tense thinking about me because I have a mother there (national camp) also." Hima was earlier training at the NIS Patiala before shifting base temporarily to Thiruvananthapuram. She was part of the Indian team that underwent a training-cum-competition tour in Turkey. The team returned home earlier this

month. Asked about the experience of running 100m in the last few years, Hima said, "When I started athletics, I was doing 100m and long jump. It was not going together, so I ran 100m and 200m." After I was called for national camp (in 2017 after winning 200m gold in National Open in Chennai), I was doing 200m and 400m. Now again, I am doing 100m and 200m. This is a process. You need to be strong to be a sprinter and I had coped with injury since 2018 (Asian Games). It was tough to get over my injury and come back to track. But I learnt a lot during this period. Now it is the best point in my life.

Sahil Dey achieved first Grandmaster norm

Assam Rising, Guwahati, June 13: Assam youngster Sahil Dey took giant step towards becoming the first Grandmaster from North East. He achieved his first Grandmaster norm in Cattolica Chess Festival 2022 held from June 4 to 11 at Cattolica Town in Italy. Sahil scored creditable 6.5 points from 9 rounds and got third position. Grandmaster Sabino Brunello from Italy got first position with 7 points while Grandmaster Levon Pantoia from Georgia got second position with 6.5 points. With this results Sahil got his first Grandmaster norms. He



needed two more grandmaster norm and needs his rating to increase to 2500 points to become grandmaster. 15 years old Sahil is first and only International Master from north

east. Sahil is congratulated by All Assam Chess Association, Guwahati Chess Association and Guwahati Chess Academy for his stupendous achievement.

Southern Vipers sink Central Sparks to lift Charlotte Edwards Trophy

London, June 12 : Southern Vipers have won their third regional trophy in three seasons after comprehensively beating Central Sparks by six wickets in the final of the Charlotte Edwards Cup at Northampton, chasing down their 110-run target with 25 balls to spare. The off-spinner Charlie Dean took two for 19, while Maia Bouchier underlined her case for an England recall, top-scoring with 32 off 25 balls and taking two brilliant catches. Vipers, who have already claimed two 50-over titles since the new women's set-up was established in 2020, now have the 20-over trophy to add to their collection - poetic justice, perhaps, given that the competition is named after their head coach. Tight work in the field proved the theme of the day for Vipers: Bouchier's athleticism, which helped reduce Sparks to 45 for three in the



opening eight overs, included a leaping effort at long-on to see off the competition's leading run-scorer, Amy Jones, who had raced to 27 off 23 balls and looked on course for a big score. The wicketkeeper Carla Rudd then turned the screw in the middle overs with a smart stumping and a run-out, before Georgia Adams took a diving caught-and-bowled in the 18th. Four balls later Adams went one better, running to her right,

vaulting over the ball and back-handing it on to the stumps at the non-striker's end to run out Emily Arlott. Arlott proved the pick of the Sparks attack, having Danni Wyatt (20 off 10) caught at mid-on before casting Bouchier in the 10th over, but the pair had laid solid foundations and the cool head of 19-year-old Ella McCaughan (an unbeaten 30 from 30) did the rest. Central Sparks had gone into the match with frayed nerves, after almost

throwing away their semi-final against South East Stars, chasing down their target of 105 in the final over with two wickets to spare. The defending champions suffered a nightmare with the bat, reduced to 25 for five inside the six-over powerplay. The speedster Issy Wong (two for eight) fired in a series of ferocious short balls, seeing off both openers for ducks, but it was 19-year-old right-arm seamer Grace Potts (three for 20)

who produced the ball of the day, jaggling it away off the seam to hit the top of Alice Capsey's off stump. In reply, Sparks raced to 53 for one in their own powerplay, but the Stars captain, Bryony Smith, led the fightback with four for 14, clattering through the middle order with a succession of good-length deliveries pitched on the stumps. Only superb game management from No 9 Arlott (16 not out off 21), who was content to nudge singles, dragged them over the line. It was not the best preparation for a final against a team who had gone unbeaten in group stages of the competition, qualifying automatically for the final as a result. "We want to win trophies, we're very ambitious as a squad," Adams said. "We set our standards high and to go out and play the way we've played is just incredible."

IPL Media Rights E-Auction For 2023-27 Cycle Begins



New Delhi, June 12: The e-auction for the media rights for the Indian Premier League (IPL) for the years 2023 to 2027 began on Sunday. There are four specific packages in which e-auction will be conducted or 74 games per season for a five-year period from 2023-2027 with a provision of increasing the number of matches to 94 in the final two years. The process has been divided into a total of four packages (A, B, C and D). Package A is

exclusive for TV (broadcast) for the Indian subcontinent while package B is for digital-only grouping for the same region. Package C is for 18 selected games in each season for digital space. In Package D all games will be for combined TV and digital rights for overseas markets. All bidders will have to make separate bids for each package, this time. Bidders for Package A must have a net worth of Rs 1000 crore; it is Rs 500 crore for those bidding for other packages. The IPL

media rights auction will start with the sale of packages A and B on Sunday -- TV and digital broadcast rights respectively. According to media reports, the board is expected to fetch nearly double the money this term, as compared to the last auction which took place in 2017. Star India bought IPL media rights for Rs 16,347 crore in 2017. This time the base price is Rs 32,890 crores, which means the BCCI is expecting to get at least twice the previous amount. There is no deadline for the auction. It will continue until the placement of all bids. This is the first time that an e-auction will be conducted for determining the winner of IPL's media rights. The BCCI is looking forward to continuing the online mode of the auction in the coming years.

Quinton de Kock On The Brink Of Becoming 2nd Wicketkeeper After MS Dhoni

New Delhi, June 12 : South Africa will look to take a 2-0 lead in the ongoing five-match T20I series against India when both teams face each other on Sunday at the Barabati Stadium in Cuttack. In the first game of the series, the Proteas had outclassed the hosts by seven wickets as they chased down 212 with seven wickets in hand and five balls to spare. Wicketkeeper Quinton de Kock is on the cusp of becoming

just the second wicketkeeper to take 50 catches in the shortest format of the game. Quinton de Kock is just one catch away from registering 50 catches in T20Is, and if he manages to achieve the feat, he will become the second wicketkeeper after MS Dhoni to achieve the feat. The left-handed batter is also just two sixes away from registering 300 maximums in the shortest format, across all games (domestic and interna-

tional). In the first T20I, India had posted 211/4 in 20 overs, owing to Ishan Kishan's knock of 76 runs. Hardik Pandya also scored a quickfire 31 off 12 balls to take India's total past the 200-run mark. However, the total did not prove to be enough as Rassie van der Dussen and David Miller had put on 131 runs for the fourth wicket, and the duo ended India's hopes of registering most T20I wins on a trot. Dussen and Miller



remained unbeaten on 75 and 64, respectively. Shreyas Iyer had dropped Dussen's catch

in the 16th over of the innings, and the right-handed batter made the hosts pay.





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