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Road accident

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Guwahati, June 13 :

As many as nine persons were grievously injured after their vehicle collided head-on with a dumper truck in Assam's Cachar district on Monday morning. According to sources, the victims were travelling in a cruiser vehicle when it collided with the truck near Dholai Village in Narsingpur Tehsil area. Following the incident, locals in the vicinity acted swiftly and rushed them to a nearby hospital for medical attention. Recently, a minor boy and two others were killed in a hit-and-run accident that took place in Assam's Bongaigaon. Sources said that the trio, who was on a motorcycle, was hit by a speeding vehicle near Khagarpur area in Abhaypur.

Journalist died

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Guwahati, June 13 :

Former video editor with Pratidin Time and Banderdawa correspondent for Asomiya Pratidin, Subrat Kakoty passed away on Monday. According to reports, he arrived in Guwahati via rail today for treatment, where after reaching the Guwahati Railway Station, he fell unconscious. He was immediately rushed to a hospital, but was declared dead on arrival by doctors. It may be noted that the journalist was suffering from ailments for some time for which he had come to Guwahati to avail better treatment.

Youths arrested

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Assam police apprehended two youths who were allegedly on their way to join rebel group, the National Socialist Council of Nagaland (NSCN-IM). The youths, identified as Mohan Doley and Krishnam Mili, are both residents of Sadiya. The duo was nabbed on Sunday during an operation based on intelligence inputs, police said. Upon interrogation, the youths admitted that they were planning to join the Naga rebel outfit, police further informed.

IIT Guwahati Develops Prosthetic Leg Suited For Indian Conditions



Assam Rising
Guwahati, June 13 :

Researchers at the Indian

Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati have developed an affordable prosthetic leg specially de-

signed for Indian conditions. The prosthetic leg is greatly suitable for uneven terrain and supports Indian needs such as cross-legged sitting, and deep squatting. It is also adjustable for the different age groups and multiple stages of prosthesis use. "This research was funded by the Ministry of Education, Government

Sec 144 in three districts after protest over ex-BJP leaders' comments against Prophet Mohammad



Assam Rising
Guwahati, June 13 :

Prohibitory orders under Section 144 of CrPC, which bans gatherings of four or more people, have been imposed in three districts — Cachar, Karimganj and Hailakandi — of Assam, following a protest in Cachar on Friday over

sacked BJP leaders' remarks on Prophet Muhammad. On Friday, a protest by an organisation called 'Owaisi Fan Club' was held in Cachar's Sonai. "One rally had already been held and two more were planned for today. However, they did not proceed further because we intervened," said SP Cachar Raman Dhillon. The order

from the Cachar district administration said that since mass rallies were being held, and that some persons "may indulge in anti-social activities and intimidate genuine public causing annoyance", Section 144 was being imposed "ex parte". While there have been no protests in Karimganj and Hailakandi,

the administration has promulgated the Act citing "ample apprehension of breach of public peace and tranquillity" in view of the "emerging law and order situation" in the country following the controversial statements. SP Hailakandi Gaurav Upadhyay said it was a "preventive step" taking into account the protest in Cachar and in other parts of the country. Cachar, Karimganj and Hailakandi make up south Assam's Barak Valley. During a TV debate last month, Sharma had made controversial remarks against Prophet Mohammad, trig-

gering an outrage on social media. After several Arab countries, including UAE, Qatar and Bahrain, expressed strong concerns over the comments, BJP suspended Sharma from the primary membership of the party on Sunday. BJP's Delhi media head, Naveen Kumar Jindal, who had also made derogatory remarks against Prophet Muhammad on Twitter, was expelled from the party on June 5. Over the last week, protests have broken out in several parts of the country, including Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, West Bengal, following the comments.

S-400 defence missile system delivery proceeding well: Russian envoy

New Delhi, June 13 :

Marking the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the Russian-Indian diplomatic relations, Russian Ambassador to India Denis Alipov said that S-400 Triumf air defence missile system is proceeding well and in accordance with the schedule. "The best-of-a-kind S-400 systems delivery is proceeding well according to the schedule", Alipov said. Notably, India had inked the USD 5.43 billion deal with Russia for five squadrons of S-400s in October 2018. He made these remarks in a foreword in the special edition of the Russia Digest magazine.



Alipov said that the multidimensional cooperation between India-Russia is one of the world's most elaborate ones and the countries succeeded in "building true friendship and mutual trust" exemplified by numerous proud milestones. The re-

marks further coincide with the occasion of Russia's National Day, June 12, stated the Embassy of Russia in India on its website. The year 2022 marks both 75 years of India's Independence and the 75th Anniversary of the Russian-Indian diplomatic relations, which were established in April 1947. Also Read: Here are the 5 most important software updates in Apple

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Criminals rule the roost in Punjab as law enforcement agencies helplessly



Amritsar, June 13 :

Punjab, which has witnessed a spike in the incidents of gang wars, burglary and robbery with assailants openly using firearms to eliminate their vic-

times, saw the killing of a celebrity Punjabi singer and three persons losing their lives in the past two days in Amritsar alone with Punjab's Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government helplessly watching as the offenders hold sway over the region with impunity. Ever wonder how these lawbreakers lay their hands on the arms and ammunition? Not only a section of skilled ironsmiths turned arms manufacturers are filling the vacuum but also the guns and ammunition are being airdropped by drones originating from Pa-

kistan in the border regions of Punjab with security agencies still exploring the best anti-drone technology to install on the Indo-Pakistan border. On May 28, Punjabi rapper, singer and politician Subdeep Singh Sidhu Moosewala was shot dead in Mansa district of

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Assam CM Sarma Advises Rahul Gandhi To Cooperate With ED; 'Innocents Don't Get Punished'



Assam Rising
Guwahati, June 13 :

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has advised Rahul Gandhi to comply with the Enforcement Directorate's (ED)

summons and present his side before the officers. Sarma even implied that the Congress leaders should surrender to the law and let it take its course because no innocent person gets punished in India. "Rahul

Gandhi is an MP of this country. When ED summoned him, he should appear before them and present his side before ED officers. After that law will take its own course. India's law is so strong that you will never be punished if you are innocent", the CM said. Rahul Gandhi was summoned by ED for questioning in the National Herald case which pertains to the probe into the alleged financial irregularities in the party-promoted Young Indian that owns the National Herald

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Varun Gandhi gives 'Special Thanks' to AIMIM Chief Asaduddin Owaisi



New Delhi, June 13 :

BJP MP Varun Gandhi, who often makes headlines for being critical of the ruling Narendra Modi government, extended his special thanks to AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi today. Gandhi thanked

Owaisi for raising the issue of unemployment in his speech and mentioning data shared by him on Twitter. According to Varun Gandhi's estimates, as much as 60 lakh positions are lying vacant in

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Primary TET corruption Calcutta High Court bans 269 teachers from entering school

Kolkata, June 13 :

Primary TET corruption New Delhi: The debate over Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) is back. In June, a CBI inquiry was ordered into the 2014 Primary TET corruption case. In its last order, the Calcutta High Court had declared the recruitment list published in 2017 and the recruitment process that was conducted illegal. The High Court had also ordered the dismissal of 269 people

from their jobs. In addition, the HC ordered a ban on the entry of 269 teachers to the school and suspended their salaries. The Calcutta High Court also directed the CBI to register a case by 5:30 pm on June 13, stated by a bench Justice Abhijit Gangopadhyay. The secretary and president of the primary education board have also been directed to appear before the CBI today

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Qadam Qadam Badhaye Ja

Jammu man beats paralysis to realise Army dream

New Delhi, June 13 :

Around 288 cadets graduated from the Indian Military Academy in Uttarakhanda on Saturday, and one among them was this braveheart from Jammu, who beat paralysis to realise his Indian Army dream. Baba Danish Langer suffered a paralytic attack in 2017 trig-

gered by Guillain Barre Syndrome (GBS). But he overcame the odds. "I am proud of my son. It's admirable how he handled adversity at such a young age. Many people give up and consider other options, but in his mind, the only option was the Indian Army," Rajesh Langer (59), father of Lt Baba Danish, told. Anju Langer, Lt Baba

Danish Langer's mother, said, "Since childhood, he had wanted to join the army and serve his country." "When Danish was in class 6, his grandmother refused to let him attend sainik school, but he has now fulfilled his dreams and made us all proud," she added. When asked about his journey,

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Shows lions at the Amboseli national park, Kenya

More than 15,000 sheep drown after live export ship sinks in Sudan

London, June 13 : A ship crammed with thousands of sheep sank on Sunday in Sudan's Red Sea port of Suakin, drowning most animals onboard but with all crew surviving, officials said. The livestock vessel was exporting the animals from Sudan to Saudi Arabia when it sank. "The ship, Badr 1, sank during the early hours of Sunday morning," a senior Sudanese port official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. "It was carrying 15,800 sheep." Another official, who said all crew were rescued,

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raised concerns over the economic and environmental impact of the accident. "The sunken ship will affect the port's operation," the official said. "It will also likely have an environmental impact due to the death of the large number of animals carried by the ship." Omar al-Khalifa, the head of the national exporters' association, said the ship took several hours to sink at the pier - a window that suggested it "could have been rescued". The total value of the lost livestock was around 14 Saudi riyals (\$3.7m), said Saleh Selim, the head of the association's livestock division, who called for an investigation into the incident. He said livestock owners recovered only around 700 sheep "but they were found very ill and we don't

expect them to live long". He also confirmed that the sheep were loaded onto the vessel at Suakin port. The port is already subject to

investigation to determine the cause of a massive fire last month that broke out in the cargo area, lasting hours and causing heavy damage.

University Chancellor Row

Mamata Banerjee to replace Governor, Bill likely to pass today

Kolkata, June 13 : University Chancellor Row: Mamata Banerjee's cabinet also passed a proposal to replace the governor with a proposal to replace the Chief Minister as Chancellor in the universities of health, agriculture, animal and fisheries sciences. Mamata Banerjee's Cabinet has already approved the proposal to replace the Governor (Jagdeep Dhanekar) with the Chief Minister (Mamata Banerjee) in all the universities under the departments of education and other departments. According to sources, the West Bengal Assembly is likely to introduce the State Universities Act Amendment Bill today. The Trinamool government is going to make major changes in the education system in the state. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee should be accommodated in the Chancellor's seat of all government universities in the state and not the governor. The proposal has already been approved by the state cabinet. Besides, the cabinet also passed a proposal to replace the governor with a proposal to replace the Chief



Minister as Chancellor in the universities of health, agriculture, animal and fisheries sciences. According to sources, the West Bengal University Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2022 is

devastating news that our son, Jordan, has been shot and killed in the city of Sievierodonetsk, Ukraine ... He loved his job and we are so proud of him. He truly was a hero and will forever be in our hearts," the statement said. Gatley died in the battle for the key strategic city in Ukraine's eastern Donbas region, where fighting has been intense in recent days. He is thought to be the second Briton to have been killed during the war in Ukraine. Tributes were paid in April to Scott Sibley, a British military veteran believed to have died fighting Russian troops. The Gatley family statement said: "We have had several messages from his team out there telling us of his wealth of knowledge,

his skills as a soldier and his love of his job." His team say they all loved him, as did we, and he made a massive difference to many people's lives, not only soldiering, but also by training the Ukrainian forces. "Jordan and his team were so proud of the work they were doing and he often told me that the missions they were going on were dangerous, but necessary." A Foreign Office spokesperson said: "We are supporting the family of a British man who has died in Ukraine." Gatley, who it is understood had served as a rifleman with the Edinburgh-based third battalion of the Rifles, was also praised by Mykhailo Podolyak, an adviser to



the Ukrainian president, Volodymyr Zelenskyy. Podolyak said the Briton will always be remembered for his contribution. Alongside a picture of the soldier standing in uniform with his father, Podolyak wrote: "It takes a lot of courage to leave home and go thousand miles to defend what you believe in. Just

because the heart says so. Because you can't stand the evil." Jordan Gatley was a true hero. We will always remember his contribution to the protection of Ukraine and the free world. "Kyiv has acknowledged over the last week that it is taking heavy losses in Russia's assault in the east.

AAP's Satyendar Jain sent to 14-day judicial custody in money laundering case

New Delhi, June 13 : AAP leader and Delhi's Health Minister Satyendar Jain has been sent to 14-day judicial custody in a money laundering case by Rouse Avenue court. Jain was arrested in a money laundering case by the Enforcement Directorate last month. He was arrested in a money laundering case by the Enforcement Directorate last month. The investigation has been underway since 2017 and the Minister was arrested on May 30. Notably, during the search conducted on June 7, the ED has said it seized various incriminating documents and digital records. The ED said that the total movable assets were seized from an "unexplained source" and were "found to be secreted" in the raided premises. More than Rs 2 crore in cash and gold weighing 1.8 kg were seized by the ED after raids against Jain and those linked to him, in a money laundering case. The ED has submitted that Jain was not cooperating in the interrogation. On the other hand, senior advocates Kapil Sibal and N Hariharan opposed the extension of the remand saying that the recoveries are not connected with Jain. "ED has not asked any question about the gold and jewellery in the last two days," they submitted. Earlier, he was sent to ED custody from May 31 till June 9.

Simple eye examination could predict heart attack risk, says study

London, June 13 : A simple non-invasive eye examination may be able to predict risk of heart attack when combined with other information, according to a study. Researchers found that combining information about the pattern of blood vessels in the retina with traditional clinical factors enabled them to better identify participants' risk of an attack, compared with established models that had been collected. Ana Villaplana-Velasco, a PhD student at the Usher and Roslin institutes at the University of Edinburgh and the presenting author, said: "Strikingly, we

Biobank, which contains 500,000 people's medical and lifestyle records, to calculate a measure named fractal dimension. They then combined it in a model with factors such as age, sex, systolic blood pressure, body mass index and smoking status, studying people on the database who had experienced a heart attack - also known as myocardial infarction or MI - after their retinal images had been collected. Ana Villaplana-Velasco, a PhD student at the Usher and Roslin institutes at the University of Edinburgh and the presenting author, said: "Strikingly, we



discovered that our model was able to better classify participants with low or high MI risk in UK Biobank when compared with established models that only include demographic data. The improvement of our model was even higher if we



added a score related to the genetic propensity of developing MI. "The researchers said their analysis found that there was a shared genetic basis between fractal dimension and myocardial infarction. The average age for a heart attack is 60 and they found that their model achieved its best predictive performance more than five years before the heart attack occurred. They hope that, in the future, a simple retinal examination may be able to provide enough information to identify people at risk. "The calculation of an individualised MI risk from those over 50 years old would seem to be

appropriate," said Villaplana-Velasco. "This would enable doctors to suggest behaviours that could reduce risk, such as giving up smoking and maintaining normal cholesterol and blood pressure." The researchers believe it is possible that every condition may have a unique retinal variation profile and suggest their findings may be useful in identifying propensity to other diseases. Villaplana-Velasco said they would like to repeat the analysis separately in males and females to investigate if a sex-specific model for heart attack yields a better risk classification. Prof Sir Nilesh Samani, medical director at the British Heart Foundation, said: "More research is needed to show that this improvement in prediction is robust. Work will also be required to understand the feasibility of this approach and determine how best to incorporate these scans into routine clinical practice."

MISSING INFORMATION



The above is photograph of Smt. Rishmita Rabha (24 Yrs), W/O. Sri Dipak Rabha, Vill- No. 4 Bangurum, P.S. Harisinga, District- Udalguri who has been missing since- 22/05/2022 from on the way to Hatigari.

This refers to Harisinga PS GDE No- 449 Dtd; 27/05/2022 and this office Man Missing Register Entry No. 52, Dtd. 03/06/2022

Descriptive Roll of the Missing Person :

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| 1. Complexion | - | Fair |
| 2. Age | - | 24 Years |
| 3. Built | - | Medium |
| 4. Height | - | 4.5 Feet |
| 5. L/Known | - | Assamese |
| 6. Wearing apparel | - | Red Mekhela & White Sador. |

All out efforts may be made to trace out/recover the above noted missing person at the earliest and result thereof may be intimated to this office at the following helpline numbers for further necessary action: 8134852559/9859427622 (Cell phone).

Sd/-
Superintendent of Police,
Udalguri, Assam

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) NOTICE FOR MAKING & PRINTING OF COFFEE TABLE BOOK ON PMKSY-HKPP ACCESS TO GW SUCCESS STORIES

EOI No. GWDI/NIT/193/14-15/ 635

On behalf of the Governor of Assam, Executive Engineer, Guwahati West Palashbari Division, Palashbari, Irrigation Department, Assam are invited Sealed EOI (Expression Of Interest) from reputed, experienced Companies/Firms/Agencies for Making & Printing Of Coffee Table Book On PMKSY-HKPP Access To GW Success Stories. The desirous companies/firms/agencies may obtain the EOI documents on written application from the Office of Executive Engineer, Guwahati West Palashbari Division, Palashbari Irrigation Department, from 14.06.2022 to 20.06.2022 till office hrs and can submit the bids by 21.06.2022 till 2.00 p.m. through Registered Post/by hand addressed to the Executive Engineer, Guwahati West Palashbari Division, Palashbari. (At present temporary office at Rehabari, Ghy-08)

The bid shall consist of two parts - Technical Bid and Financial Bid. Both the bids are to be placed in two separate sealed envelopes (clearly super scribing technical bid' and 'financial bid') which are to be placed in one single envelope. The bids of all parties whose financial bid is not in a separate sealed cover or the rates quoted by them finds mention in the technical bid shall be rejected forthwith. All the information sought under the head Terms and conditions' and other information are to be supplied with technical bid, while the price quoted by them will have to be mentioned only in the financial bid. Financial bids of only those parties shall be opened whose technical bids are found to be acceptable while, the financial bids of disqualified technical bidders shall be returned unopened.

The technical bids shall be opened on 21.06.2022 at 2:30 p.m. at the to the Executive Engineer, Guwahati West Palashbari Division, Palashbari, (At present temporary office at Rehabari, Ghy-08) in presence of the EOI Committee and representative(s) of each of the bidder who wishes to remain present. The decision of the EOI Committee shall be final with regard to technical bids.

Executive Engineer
Guwahati-West Palashbari
Division Irrigation (Palashbari)

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London, June 13 : The Sydney Morning Herald has removed a column about Australian actor Rebel Wilson's new relationship and columnist Andrew Hornery has apologised, admitting he made mistakes in his approach to the reporting. After complaining on Saturday about being "gazumped" by Wilson revealing Ramona Agruma was her new partner, Hornery wrote a new column on Monday apologising for his reaction and saying he would take a

different approach in future. Saturday's column has been removed and replaced with the new one. An email he wrote giving Wilson a two-day deadline to respond to his plans to write about the relationship was not meant to be a threat, he wrote, but he could now see why it was seen as one. Monday's apology column followed a public backlash to the SMH over its approach to the story. The Hollywood star revealed on Friday she was in a relationship with US fashion designer Agruma, which prompted an outpouring of well wishes. But controversy erupted after the Herald reported on Saturday that it had contacted her on Thursday, wanting to do the story. In a note to readers on Monday, the Herald's editor, Bevan Shields, said the paper did not out Wilson, but "simply

asked questions and as standard practice included a deadline for a response". The ABC radio host Rafael Epstein called that "disingenuous".



A dragon dance is performed during a Shaolin cultural festival in Vienna, Austria

Workshop on Exploring Virtual Society through Digital Ethnography held



Assam Rising Guwahati, June 13: A three-day-long workshop on "Exploring Virtual Society through Digital Ethnography: A qualitative Approach" was successfully concluded recently at the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya. The workshop was organized by the Department of Sociology from June 8-10. Held in hybrid mode, the

workshop was attended by prominent sociologists, scholars and students. The workshop was inaugurated by Prof. Yulia Epikhina, Institute of Sociology, Federal Center of Theoretical and Applied Sociology of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow. The introductory address was delivered by M Hasan Laskar, Convenor of the Workshop and the wel-

come address by Prof. Abdul Matin, former Prof. AMU and renowned Digital Sociologist. Prof. Yulia Epikhina in her session delivered a lecture on Digital Methods in Sociology. She highlighted the issues of methodological evolution and redevelopment of methodology in the digital era. Prof. Abdul Matin spoke on Digital Ethnography as Approach in

Digital Sociology. He highlighted the issue of digital space and information in the theoretical context. On the second day, Prof. P C Joshi, Department of Anthropology, University of Delhi delivered a lecture on Ethnography to Digital Ethnography. He highlighted the historical phases of ethnography in India. He also emphasized on the need of digital ethnography in anthropology and sociology. On the third day, Prof. Massimo Ragnedda, Northumbria University, Newcastle, UK delivered a lecture on Conceptualizing and Operationalizing Digital Capital. He highlighted the issue of digital divide and digital inequality in contemporary society. All these lectures were fol-

lowed by engaging discussions among resource persons, faculty members and participants. The workshop concluded with a remark that digital sociology and digital ethnography as methods of research have to be applied for exploring the issues of the present advanced industrial era.



Central committee members of Assam state OBC federation at Guwahati on June 13.

Book on history released at Khagarijan College

Assam Rising Nagaon, June 13: 'Contextualizing Buraji, Language and Identity of Assam' - a book edited as well as published by Department of History, Khagarijan College, Nagaon was ceremonially released here at a

function held at the college today. The book was published just ahead of the golden jubilee of the institution of higher education by the department of history and edited by professor Dr Rameshwar Kurmi. Noted academi-

cian and former principal of Nowgong College now being promoted to be a state university, Mohendra Ahom ceremonially released the book. 'Saigaonor Lukabhasha aru Lukasanskriti' another book penned by professor Dr Kobita Goswami was also ceremonially released by noted physician, the retired Joint Director, District Health Services, Nagaon and an Assamese litterateur Dr Risheshwar Thengal Saikia at the same function.

The programme was chaired by Dr Dilip Sharma, the president of the college management committee while Dr Ramesh Nath, principal of the college welcomed the guests and other dignitaries attended the programme. Former AGP Minister Girindra Kr Boruah, former principal of the college Dr Sagor Boruah graced the occasion and stressed on its importance among the students to strengthen a community or a nation so far.

Art competition held In Margherita

Assam Rising, Margherita, June 13: Successful conclusion of art competition organized by Margherita's newly formed NGO People's Development Society. The art's competition was held at Mahavir Das Hindi LP School in Margherita on Sunday last. Around 100 students from the region participated in the art competition organized on the occasion of World Environment Day. A total of 17 Contestant won the prize in the competition



held in two groups. Attending the award ceremony People's Development Society President Javed Ali, Margherita Public Higher Secondary School teacher Lakshyadhar Sonowal, journalist Bikash Baruah, Senior Advisor of Life Insurance Corporation Bidyajoti Das as well as executive president, Deputy president general Secretary and all the members of NGOs as well as local people. The President of People's Development Society said that they will take various steps to develop the talent of students in the coming days.

Assam Rising Guwahati, June 13: The YogaFest-2022 which was organized by the Department of Yogic Science and Naturopathy of Mahapurush Srimanta Sankaradeva Viswavidyalaya (Guwahati Unit) in collaboration with the Ayush Ministry, Govt. of India concluded successfully today. The YogaFest-22 was inaugurated by the Governor of Assam, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi on June 11. On the same day, yoga experts from various parts of India delivered lectures on Various Yogic practices and asanas in detail. On the second day, Research papers were presented and yoga competitions were held for various age groups in the Auditorium of the University. Parallel technical sessions were also held in the yoga hall of the department on that day. In the evening, the winners along with the



yoga demonstration teams from various parts of Assam were felicitated and Bhajan sandhya, Dihanaam and various cultural programs were organized. Today a workshop on pranayama and meditation was organized. Yoga experts from Lonavla, Pune and Krishnacharya Yoga Mandir, Chennai participated as the resource persons. A Poster making competition along with Poster presentation was also organized as part of the yoga fest-2022. The Prize distribution was held in presence of Vice-Chancellor, Prof.

Mridul Hazarika, Babul Bora; Pradhan Sampadok, Director (Finance & Planning) MSSV, Dr. Mrinal Kumar Bora; Registrar, Dr. S.K. Sarkar; Deputy Registrar (Admin.), Dr. Nayanmoni Saikia; Deputy Registrar (Academic), Bichitra Bikash; Assistant Registrar (Academic); Himangshu Saikia; Assistant Registrar (Finance), Dr. A Mohan Rao; Ayush Ministry official, HoD Yogic Science and Naturopathy; Dr. Ujjal Arun Maske and representatives from Ministry of Ayush. The yoga festival was organized by the University in col-

laboration with Ayush Ministry and other fourteen reputed institutions including the Indian Yoga Association, Centre Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy. The three-day program was attended by various Research scholars and participants from various parts of India, Central and state govt officials, representatives from educational institutions, Research organization, industry and general people from various parts of the region.

UTKHA organized beauty pageant in North Lakhimpur

Assam Rising, North Lakhimpur, June 13: Under the aegis of UTKHA, an NGO of Lakhimpur and in association with SPARK, an institute associated with beauty pageant and modeling in Guwahati, organized a beauty pageant titled "North-East Next Top Model-2022" Season-1 on Sunday last here. The contest, held at the District Library Auditorium, consisted of five categories-kids, teen, Miss, Mr. and Mrs. More than eighty contestants from various parts of Assam as well as other states of North-East, including Silchar, Badarpur, Haflong, Tinsukia,

lamb by a senior citizen of North Lakhimpur Bhanu Burhagohain. Today, in an interaction program with the media persons at Hotel A-1 & A-2 in North Lakhimpur town, model and an organizer of the event Trishna Saikia informed that the winners of the contest held on Sunday would get direct entry in the forthcoming North-East Model Contest. SPARK Managing Director Rizu Miller, another organizer Mozbin Ara Rasul, and co-organiser Bishnu Dev Koch from Morigaon also interacted with the media.



World Day against Child Labour observed in Gossaigaon

Assam Rising Gossaigaon, June-13: The World Day against Child labour was observed on June 12 last in a bid to create an awareness among the people in our society for the prevention of child labour here at 188 No. Sapkata LP School in Gossaigaon. The programme was jointly organized by District Legal Service Authority (DLSA) in collaboration with Labour Welfare Department, DLCW/MSK, MCGL, NEMSU, IGSSS-UNICEF AND SDO-Civil, Gossaigaon with a theme "Week of Action Against Child Labour". Creating an awareness among the masses the DLSA had dwelt at length on the burning issues and hazardous effects related to child labour. The DLSA also explained about the various Act's that the government of India imple-



mented with a set of rules and regulations in a bid to safeguard the child on being forced to work in tea stalls, brick kilns and in other workplaces. Jitendra Kumar Prasad, Advocate of DLSA in his statement said that if a child is employed as a child labourer it will be

punishable by law and the person will have to face punishment. He pin-pointed some of the measures on how to stop child labour. Addressing the event Ahamedullah Tahakuria, Election officer, Gossaigaon said that along with the child labour, child marriage is also

prevalent in our society which is also a matter of serious concern for the society which ought to be prevented and this is possible only when conscious parents will come forward. The programme was attended by representatives from various departments and organizations ns like- M.K Dev, Labour Officer cum CHD, BTR, Siba Prasad Kalita, in-charge Sapkata Police out post and Saiful Islam, GDC, NEMSU.

Physician arrested on charges of physical torture

Assam Rising, Nagaon, June 13: Dr Gajendra Nath, a physician was arrested from a hideout near Samaguri Phukantol by police on charges of physical assault on his wife last night. Sources claimed that a case was registered against the physician in Raha PS under various sections of Indian penal code by his wife a year back following which the physician was absconding from police and took shelter at various hideouts across the district. Based on secret inputs, a police team from Nagaon police was able to arrest him from a household of Phukantol under Samaguri PS when he was taking shelter there, sources added further.

TENDER NOTICE

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Sealed tender affixing court fee stamp worth Rs. 8.25 (Rupees eight & twenty five paise) only for the following work under APFBC Scheme during 2022-23 of Guwahati Wildlife Division, Basistha Guwahati-29 is hereby invited from the intending Govt, registered Contractors / Firms on the basis of terms & conditions laid down in tender document. The tender paper will be issued and received with effect from 14-06-2022 up to 3.00 pm of 04-07-2022 during all office working days by the office of the undersigned and it will be open at 3.30 p.m. of the same day i.e. on 04-07-2022 by the Tender Evaluation Committee. If the office happens to be closed on the date of receipt of tender as specified, the same will be received in the next working day up to the same time.

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The “new wave”

As we move into summer, more than two years since the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic, the words “new wave” are probably the last thing anyone wants to hear. Yet it is true that recent UK data (as well as data from Florida and other places) indicates that sublineages of the Omicron variant, BA.4 and BA.5, are kicking off a new wave of cases. With the pandemic no longer dominating the news in the way it once did, it's worth taking stock of where we are and what needs to be done. After all, these variations on Omicron are not more severe, but they do have the capacity to reinfect people, even those who have had a previous version of Omicron. This is further evidence that reaching “herd immunity” (where enough people are vaccinated or infected to stop further circulation) against Covid-19 is probably impossible. Looking over the past two years, and across different places, a wave of Covid-19 cases every three months seems to be the pattern. So it's not surprising that this is happening again, and we should expect another wave this winter. While the idea of the disease circulating might be anxiety-provoking, we now have a wealth of scientific knowledge and tools to deploy. The focus should be on what these cases mean for long Covid and for hospitalisations. Plus, there's good news: new research indicates Omicron is indeed milder than Delta by a substantial amount in terms of hospitalisations and deaths. Of course, it would be better to avoid getting Covid-19 once, or repeatedly, given the increasing number of negative health outcomes the disease is linked to. The challenge is how best to do that, balanced against the costs entailed in avoiding Covid completely: the vector for this disease is other humans who we (largely) enjoy seeing, being close to, or must see for work reasons. Humans are social beings, and for many people a large part of our quality of life is mixing with others, as seen by the rapid return to festivals, celebrations and social events. The cost-benefit calculation has shifted for many people over time, as other more pressing priorities have taken over. Avoiding infection in 2020 by restricting interactions to certain people and limited settings was understandable, given there were no vaccines or therapies. The cost was high, financially and socially, but waiting for a vaccine meant there was a payoff to being cautious and delaying infection. Analysis from the Financial Times indicates that for most people in England, Covid-19 has become less lethal than seasonal flu because of the high levels of immunity after vaccination and the reduced severity of Omicron compared with Delta. In 2022, most people want to interact and live life as they see best (in a democracy where freedom is valued), given that disease severity has been blunted with vaccines.

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'Forever chemicals' are killing whales - and harming us

In the aftermath of 9/11, scientists noticed a curious impact on the stress hormones of North Atlantic right whales. Ships are ubiquitous in our oceans but, for a brief window, immediately after the planes flew into the twin towers, there was a dramatic drop in traffic along the North Atlantic eastern seaboard, reducing underwater noise. While the world above ground was reeling, our underwater neighbours were thriving. So often we think of the golden age of whaling as being over. Japanese and Icelandic whaling ships are now pariahs in the international community. But too often, out of sight is out of mind, and it remains easy to ignore the impact of our actions above ground on marine life. However, whales are increasingly forcing us to take note, as more of them than ever are beaching on our shores. Whales have always beached across UK coastlines, but there is nothing natural about this latest surge in

whale deaths, which is why we decided to shadow marine stranding investigators (Scottish Marine Animal Stranding Scheme in Scotland and the Cetacean Strandings Investigation Programme in England and Wales) exploring the rise in whale strandings on our island for Channel 4 - think CSI but for cetaceans. When whales beach,

especially large ones, it's very likely that they will beach again. Their bodies are designed to work in water, but on land their sheer size crushes their insides and they start to boil alive. That's part of the reason why there is a mad dash by British Divers Marine Life Rescue to get beached whales back into the water before their injuries become too great and they inevitably beach again. That's how I found myself face to face with a dead sei whale at the foot of Scotland's most famous human-made landmark: the Forth Bridge. The whale had

Dear Congresspersons- scarcely a day passes without a lofty lament by you about India's impending destruction at the hands of Narendra Modi's sectarian government. What you never seem to reflect upon, however, is your complicity in Modi's ravages. You may regard yourselves as defenders of India. But you are, in actuality, the abettors of the effort to disfigure India. There is no greater threat to Modi than a rejuvenated Congress party. And there is no greater obstacle to the rejuvenation of Congress than the Gandhi dynasty. By failing to remove that obstacle, you help Modi entrench himself in power. We are three years from the last Lok Sabha election, and two years from the next. Yet your party functions without a full-time leader. Instead, despite two successive historic electoral defeats in the past eight years, you continue to genuflect to the "high command" that has presided over your party's devastation. And rather than a constitutionally ordered internal democracy, you operate by the divine commandments dispensed by the dynasty. When asked to confront this scourge, you parrot the dogma that Congress will collapse if the Gandhi family is ejected from its apex. But why should a Congress incapable of self-reform in this moment of existential crisis for India survive? What purpose does a Congress that cannot retool itself to rescue the country serve? Rahul Gandhi can shrug off every electoral defeat as a learning lesson because you have allowed Congress to be treated as an open university for the education of one hopeless mature student. The adult learner is not answerable to



anyone.  **KAPIL KOMIREDDI** has secured attends Parliament, raises few questions (he asked none in the 16th Lok Sabha), and routinely misses meetings of parliamentary standing committees. His only achievement is extracurricular: An average of five (known) foreign holidays a month between 2015 and 2019. Virtually every occasion on which Modi appeared vulnerable, Rahul Gandhi was holidaying abroad. In Modi's first term of office, the Congress scion spent more time floating in the sky than discharging political duties on earth. Anticipating that the exhausted voters of Amethi would throw him out, he carpedbagged his way into Parliament from Kerala. The disaster of Rahul Gandhi's de facto leadership is aggravated by the dynasty's determination to smother anyone they fear might eclipse him. This explains, for instance, why the leader of the party in the Lok Sabha is Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury and not, say, Shashi Tharoor, who possesses the oratorical prowess and the pan-national profile necessary to dynamise and draw attention to its proceedings. Who profits by keeping Tharoor more accomplished than anyone in the parliamentary party-on the backbenches? Everyone knows the answer and yet hardly anyone complains because the dynasty

its privileges by sowing mutual distrust among all of you. You are so intensely suspicious of each other that you will allow India to slip permanently into the swamp of religious nationalism than pull together to save it. It is difficult to believe today, but there was a time when aspiring democrats from Asia to Africa revered your party as a model for their own nations. "In the upsurge of anti-colonial and freedom struggles that swept through Asia and Africa in the post-war period," Nelson Mandela wrote from Robben Island in 1980, "there could hardly be a liberation movement or national leader who was not influenced one way or another by... the All India Congress." You not only abase yourself when you submit to the dynasty. You also debase what was once a great institution. Some among you seek consolation in the abject mitigation, pioneered by the dynasty's longstanding overseas consigliere Sam Pitroda, that all political parties in India are dynastic. By repeating this argument, you amplify Hindu fatalism- this is how things were, this is how things will always be- and falsify the

dynamism of your party's history. Dynasticism was not in fact the norm until one family exploited the story of India's freedom struggle to seize power in Congress, breed a culture of sycophancy, cultivate cults of personality, establish the precedent of hereditary rule, and bequeath the template of dynastic despotism for others. Then there are those among you who invoke the "sacrifices" of the Nehru-Gandhis to justify their dictatorship in Congress. But Nehru did not suffer long spells of incarceration for you to invoke his life to sanctify the anti-democratic reign of his descendants. To do so is not to pay tribute to Nehru. It is to abuse his memory. It falls on Congresspersons of conscience- and that species is not yet extinct- to undo the damage inflicted by the proprietors of the party you serve. This, of course, is a demoralising moment. Your party, repeatedly routed, now holds power in two states of the union that together account for less than 10 per cent of India's population. But you cannot afford to yield to despair- or avoid addressing the cause of your party's decay. Just over a century ago, when Mahatma Gandhi sailed home from South Africa, the British were raising a new capital in the wilderness of southern Delhi. An overwhelming majority of Indians lived and died in poverty and squalor. India, thoroughly vanquished, appeared destined forever to remain a colony. Politics was an esoteric fixation- the occupation of the tiniest minority whose concerns bore no relationship to the conditions of the underfed multitudes- and the idea of an Indian republic predicated on constitutionally

guaranteed equality of citizenship was inconceivable. And yet within two decades, a reformed Congress under Gandhi's supervision had succeeded in recruiting Indians of every background into history's largest freedom movement, which proceeded to wrest India's freedom from the British Empire in 1947. Seventy five years on, as the republic inaugurated by Congress implodes around you, you cannot unite to emancipate your party from the pernicious grip of a self-serving family and suffice it with a higher purpose. Even the prospect of annihilation in the next election- the most consequential in our republic's history- is insufficient to provoke adequate numbers in your ranks to clamour for the party's revival under a new leadership. This is India's saddest tragedy. Those among you with the conviction that Congress ought to serve more than the family's interests now have an opening to make yourself heard. On Friday, some of you will be called on to elect new members to the Rajya Sabha. The list of Congress candidates was drawn up by the holy trine of mother, son, and daughter without any consultation with the local stakeholders: You. It was yet another decree from above in a party from which even the residues of deliberation and democracy are being purged. So deep runs the contempt for elected legislators and ordinary workers in the dynasty that Rahul Gandhi- holidaying in England under the guise of a lecture tour- was able to decide the fates of men and women with decades of service to the party over a short zoom call before breakfast. You, the men and women who toil in the trenches, had no say in the matter.

Sanctions and stamina- How the West can defeat Vladimir Putin

Economic sanctions have a bad reputation as a weapon that promises plenty - "something more tremendous than war," as US President Woodrow Wilson put it in 1919 - but delivers comparatively little. Unprecedented measures aimed at isolating Russia have not stopped the fighting in Ukraine, or forced President Vladimir Putin out. The ruble has recovered and the cost of squeezing Moscow is rising. But that doesn't mean sanctions aren't working, much less that a solution that protects Ukraine's interests and global security is possible without continued, and increasing,

pressure. It's certainly the case that economic sanctions have a patchy record when it comes to altering behavior. Even the best-known efforts, like South Africa during apartheid, were not clear-cut successes. Cuba's regime is still in place, as is Venezuela's, and even more targeted sanctions, say against Myanmar's junta, haven't had the intended bite. Worse, the campaign to curb Saddam Hussein in Iraq showed just how difficult it is to punish dictators who are willing to let their population starve for the cause. This time, there's also the fact that the target is one of the world's largest hydrocarbon and

grain exporters, meaning restrictions result in painfully higher prices for consumers elsewhere. But as we grind through the fourth month of this conflict, it's vital to recall that the aim of the sanctions effort was to erode Putin's

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ability to wage his war of conquest in Ukraine - and that is happening. Capital controls are supporting the ruble, but even high energy prices won't stop economic contraction in the near term and, crucially, stagnation thereafter. The central bank is run by capable technocrats but now has to plan for "structural transformation," a euphemism that ultimately describes the embrace of autarky and isolation, in a country running short of everything from buttons and bleaching chemicals for paper to spare parts for passenger jets. Success - by which we should mean a solution that protects Ukraine's sovereignty and interests - will require more. More efforts to build resilience among allied governments and populations, combined with realism on timing and cost, because freedom is not free and all of this takes time. The EU's oil embargo, for example, does not even kick in for months, and because of inventories, not all trade restrictions are yet hitting home. It will also mean more efforts to tighten enforcement, close loopholes and edge towards further energy restrictions, even tariffs to cut off the Kremlin's revenues faster. And it means more weapons and more diplomacy - because sanctions don't work alone. The alternative is

to pause and simply allow the current position to simmer. That's tempting, given the impact of measures taken to date is only beginning to become clear and costlier fuel hurts. But time is on Russia's side. It allows the economy to adjust and softens the blow from punitive measures. It will encourage Moscow to prolong the fighting, when there's an opportunity to demonstrate resolve instead. Most damning, it would suggest Putin is right to think that whatever their high-minded ideals, Europe, the US and their allies, buckle under the pressure of electoral cycles. Others will learn from that. Maria Shagina, who researches economic sanctions and strategy at the International Institute for Strategic Studies in Berlin, argues that a pause allows both the deterrent effect and the shock value of sanctions to fade, raising the risk that allies bring to the table neither enough weapons to Ukraine, nor enough economic pain for Russia. That increases the chance that fatigue will set in and weakens Kyiv's negotiating position. Russia's economic fortress has helped it weather sanctions better than it might have otherwise and, though not all defenses worked, policy makers have contained the worst. A stronger ruble, thanks to capital controls and mandatory conversion of export revenue, is keeping price increases in check. And, of course, Moscow is still raking in cash from energy exports. The Kremlin is making the best of this propaganda win. But look closer, and Russia is hurting. Inflation is slowing not only because of central bank actions, but because demand is paltry and confidence weak. Low unemployment, which Putin has highlighted, reflects

the weight of state enterprises and a willingness to cut hours and wages before jobs, rather than a thriving economy. Then there's the drop in imports, rippling through a system that remains highly dependent on overseas components. Putin will no doubt keep putting the war machine first, but it's clear that while Russia can prop up the currency and prevent bank runs, it can't as easily shield itself from trade sanctions by finding alternative markets. A central bank study published in April found two-thirds of surveyed companies had experienced import problems, and sanctions have gummed up everything from cars to agriculture - compounded by the voluntary exodus of private companies. With supply disrupted, car sales fell more than 80% in May. Even tank manufacturing giant Uralvagonzavod has reportedly halted production, while the military is scrambling to deal with chip shortages as sales from major producers are suspended. Meanwhile China, Russia's no-limits partner, is in fact setting clear limits on how far it will go. Russia's economy may not be crashing, but it's firmly in reverse. Dictators have higher pain thresholds than democratic leaders, that's clear. All the more reason to keep up pressure, making it harder for Russia to reshape and regroup, instead of allowing the regime time it can use. Two further steps are vital. One, is to do more to prepare allied governments and their voters for a conflict that will not be resolved swiftly. Any hurried compromise will benefit neither Ukraine's security interests, nor those of most of the rest of the world. It will not be easy to convince Europeans or Americans to accept some discomfort - but fiscal support and clear aims can help.

BB Muringla, modern architect of Limboo language, no more



Gangtok, June 13 : BirkhaBahadurLimboo, famously known as BB Muringla, breathed his last on June 8 at Gangtok's STNM Hospital. A Padma Shri recipient, Muringla was known for his contribution to Limboo language and literature. He died at the age of 80 years due to a brain haemorrhage caused by high blood pressure concerns. Muringla is known for hand-written books from primary to secondary level, reconstructing the grammar and making easier for readers and learners of Limboo language, creating a comic series in Limboo based on the stories of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Chandra Shekhar Azad and Deshbandu Chittaranjan Das. He is also credited with writing of a Limboo-Nepali-English

dictionary in two parts, designing the Limbu flag (Nissa) and Pagha. He also wrote many poems, and short stories in Nepali. In 1982, he designed the Limboo script for letterpress with untiring efforts. In 1992, he also designed the Limboo script for computers. In 2000, the computer fonts for Limboo language was borrowed by J.R. Subba. Based on it, Karun Thapa developed "Sirijunga fonts" and his associates (J.R. Subba, Y.P. Subba, Yehang Laoti and Delendra Subba) further improved the Sirijunga fonts. He was awarded the Padma Shri by the Government of India in 2017 for his contribution to Limboo language and literature. Besides that, Muringla had received many awards and felicitations from interna-

tional, national and local organizations. Born in 1942 in Linchom, West Sikkim to father Lal Man Nugo, Muringla developed curiosity towards the Limboo language at the tender age of 10. In 1952, when he was in Class 2, he met known Limboo literary figure Iman Singh Chemjong at his residence. The first Limboo books that he read Tum Yakthung Ningwaphu Sapla and Tum Yakthung Nishigek Sapla influenced his curiosity towards Limboo literature. These books were collectively written by three Limboo writers - Iman Singh Chemjong, Padam Singh Muringla (Apatan) and Man Bahadur Khama dhak. Muringla's father Lal Man Nugo was one of the financial contributors towards the publishing of these books. Muringla's mother was keen on having her kids to study the Limboo language, so she invited Ujjalman Subba (Mangyung), a retired Army man, to school her children. Gradually, more children from the village joined. This paved the way for the idea of the Committee School. Muringla's father Lal Man Nugo and Pem Dorjee Bhutia, then Mondal of the village, took it upon themselves to run the Committee School. Ujjalman Subba took charge as the teacher, Dorjee

as the president and Nugo as the treasurer. The enrollment was 25 to 30 students. Muringla studied at the Committee School till class IV then went to Tashi Namgyal Higher Secondary School in Gangtok from Class V till Class VII. The love towards Limboo language and literature stayed alive through writing letters in Limboo to his brothers and parents. Those letters became the continuation of learning the Limboo language among them. In 1959, Muringla left for Darjeeling for further studies. In Class 11, he met Hem Chandra Pradhan, who brought a turning point in his life. Hem Chandra became a source of connection once again between Muringla and Iman Singh Chemjong. After getting Chemjong's address, he slowly established a connection with him through exchange of letters. Council - one Sangha seat and one Tsong seat. Gradually, Mondal Bharandhoj Limbu (Tamling) suggested the inclusion of Limboo language in the schools of Sikkim. He and Lal Man Nugo went to meet erstwhile Sikkim King Chogyal Palden Thondup Namgyal to request for inclusion of the language. After many visits and untiring efforts of Bharandhoj Tamling in 1968, the decision regarding the

teaching of formal Limboo Language (as Tsong Language) in government schools in Sikkim was approved by the Sikkim Council. Post Chogyal era in 1975, Muringla was appointed as manuscript writer for Limboo Language on honorarium basis. On April 24, 1976, he was appointed as manuscript writer for Limboo language in the Department of Education, Government of Sikkim. He started to study the Sirijunga script and re-fixed the number of vowels and consonants as education in Limboo was in its infancy. Within one year, he provided hand-written books from class 1 till class 5 called Sirijunga Sokok. The absence of technology during those days did not stop him from producing books - he made hand-written books from class 1 till class 12. In 1979, Muringla was promoted as Text Book Officer (TBO) in the Department of Education. Professionally, he has spent his 13 years of government service as a TBO for Limboo language from primary level up to college level until he retired as Joint Director, Department of Education in 2005.

Nagaland police chargesheet 30 Indian Army soldiers

Nagaland, June 13 : Thirty Indian Army soldiers, including a Major, have been named in a Nagaland Police chargesheet over the botched operation that killed 14 civilians in Nagaland's Mon district in December last year. As the Special Investigation Team (SIT) completed its report on the incident, Director General of Police (DGP) Nagaland T John Longkumer on Saturday revealed the findings of the state police's probe of the what came to be known as the Mon massacre. The probe preceding the chargesheet found that the Special Force Operation team had not followed the Standard Operating Procedure and the Rules of Engagement and resorted to indiscriminate and disproportionate firing leading to immediate killing of six civilians and grievous injury to two more. Addressing a press conference at Rhododendron hall at Chümoukedima, the police chief said a professional and thorough investigation was carried out by the SIT in the case. "CID report seeking



sanction for prosecution is forwarded to the Department of Military Affairs in the first week of April 2022 and reminder letter sent in May. The sanction for prosecution is still awaited. Meanwhile, the chargesheet has been filed pending sanction for prosecution against the 30 accused," the DGP said. A case under 120B/302/307/326/201/34 IPC is made out against the thirty members of the operations team of the 21 Para SF, including one Major, 2 Subedars, 8 havildars, 4 Naiks, 6 L/Nk and 9 Paratroopers, he said. He revealed that all the evidence, including relevant important documents from various authorities, sources, scientific opin-

ions from Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL) in Guwahati, Hyderabad and Chandigarh, and technical evidences from National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology (NIELIT) were collected during the course of investigation. As the investigation in the case is complete, he said, the chargesheet was submitted to the district and sessions court in Mon on May 30 through the Assistant Public Prosecutor (APP) in Mon. The police chief said that in the CID report, the SIT also made various observations with regard to the manner in

which the operation was carried out and pointed out the need to address those. The SIT also requested the appropriate authority for taking necessary action. Investigation, he said, revealed that Alpha team of 21 SF consisting of 31 personnel, led by a Major rank officer, launched an operation in Oting Tiru area on December 3 last year based on intelligence inputs about presence of a group of NSCN-K (YA) and ULFA cadres in the area. Later on December 4, he said that at around 4:20PM, the operation team of 21 Para SF who had laid an ambush at Longkhao between Upper Tiru and Oting Village opened fire at a White Bolero pick up vehicle that was carrying eight civilians belonging to Oting village, most of whom were working as labourers in the coal mines at Tiru, without ensuring positive identification and failed to carry out the challenging procedure.

CM Biren Singh inaugurates multiple projects at JNIMS

Imphal, June 13 : Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh on Saturday inaugurated a 30-bed psychiatry ward, a child care center and a public waiting shed at Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences (JNIMS) in Imphal. According to CM Singh, the state government's top priority is to provide good healthcare facilities to the people of the state. Over the last five years,

the healthcare sector has been upgraded to a great extent, he added. "The health sector is one of the most important sectors and a top priority of our government. With initiatives like CMHT, CM's health for all, PMJAY and a robust development of healthcare infrastructure in the last five years, we have been able to uplift the health sec-

tor to a great extent," said the CM. Also, numerous projects related to the health sector are underway, he added. The inaugural event was attended by Health Minister Sapam Ranjan, PHED minister L. Susindro Meitei, MLA Khlombomcha, Chief Secretary Rajesh Kumar, JNIMS Director and other senior officials, among others.

Meghalaya board declares SSLC and HSSLC exam results

Shillong, June 13 : Meghalaya Board of School Education (MBOSE) on Friday declared the results of Secondary School Leaving Certificate (SSLC) exam and Higher Secondary School Leaving Certificate (HSSLC) exam in Arts stream. The exams of the SSLC was held

from March 24 to April 6, 2022. This year's SSLC rank holders had among them students of five private institutions that feature in the merit list. The first position was shared between Amebaaihunsha Kharbhih from St Paul's Higher Secondary School, Marbisu,



securing a total of 575 marks, Arghadeep Saha from a pri-

vate institution. The second position was shared between Menangman Khra, Kharkongor of St Anthony's Higher Secondary school and Rilaakor Lamare of Auxillium Girls

Higher Secondary school, who secured 569 marks. In the HSSLC results, Ramyank Nilabh Chakraborty of Don Bosco College Tura bagged first position with 460 marks followed by Bahunlang Mawrie of Auxillium Girls Higher secondary school who secured 450 marks.

Chakma Council finally gets new CEM



by a single party and the internal squabble could be solved by the party itself. Speaking on the occasion, Buddha Lila Chakma said that all 20 council members will work unitedly for the development of the Chakma area. He said that development will be elusive if the members, all belonging to the MNF, keep themselves busy abusing each other. Citing that the new generation of youths coming out with academic degrees are giving less importance to the moral aspect of personal development, Chakma announced that schools under CADC would introduce classes on moral development to fulfil this gap. "The Executive Committee under my leadership will be open to constructive criticism and will welcome suggestions for corrective measures at any point of time," he said. "All decisions taken by my predecessors including various appointments will be honoured", he added. The new CEM

attributed the lack of development in CADC to the paucity of funds in CADC's budget and assured to take up the issue with the state government and enhance the allocation against the work component head of the budget. Instability in the CADC began a few months after the last council polls held in April 2018 saw a fractured mandate resulting in the formation of a coalition government by the BJP, which won 5 seats and its arch-rival at the Centre, Congress, which bagged 7 seats. The MNF won 8 seats in the election. At least five governments have been toppled in the CADC since Shanti Jiban Chakma of the BJP was sworn in as the first CEM in May 2018. The BJP-Congress coalition government had lasted for about 8 months after which the MNF formed the Executive body led by Rasik Mohan Chakma with the support of 4 members from Congress. Again, in March 2021 change of guard occurred with Rasik Mohan Chakma resigning from the office of CEM paving way for Durjya Dhan Chakma.

NMA team to visit Arunachal

Itanagar, June 13 : A team of National Monuments Authority will visit ancient monuments, especially those bordering Tibet-China region of Arunachal Pradesh, to find out places of indigenous faith which connect the state with the rest of India. The team will visit the state between June 14 and 18. "The team will also meet local tribal leaders



to find out places of indigenous faith which connect Arunachal Pradesh with other parts of the nation through legends and verbal history," a statement from the Culture Ministry said on Sunday. The full team of NMA will comprise two members - Hemraj Kamdar and Professor Kailash Rao - in addition to its chairman Tarun Vijay. Vijay said that it goes to the credit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi who initiated an annual yatra from Arunachal to Porbandar in Gujarat, strengthening the cultural threads woven around the legacy of Rukmini. He said that Arunachal Pradesh has lagged behind in the area of heritage protection and enlisting of new monuments in centrally-protected list of national archaeological sites. "The stream of the local indigenous faiths and their monuments, tangible and intangible heritage connecting them to the western-most coast in Gujarat and other parts of India has remained relatively unnoticed and unrecognized." "The team of NMA will meet village elders and leaders of various tribes, each of them have fascinating stories about Dharma and cultural connect through ancient monuments with mainland India," the statement said. A report will be submitted to Minister of Culture and the Prime Minister, suggesting new additions to the list of centrally-protected monuments and identifying cultural tourism sites that strengthen national unity in the context of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'. Parushuram Kund, Bhishmaknagar, Bhalukpong and Tawang are some of the indigenous sites of archaeological importance which connect Arunachal Pradesh with Gujarat, Goa, Kerala and the Yadava community, Vijay said.

Search operation for two missing Armymen



Itanagar, June 13 : An Army jawan from Dehradun deployed on the India-China border in Arunachal Pradesh has been missing for the past 13 days, causing great anxiety among his family members here. Prakash Singh Rana was reported missing on May 29. Army authorities informed his wife about it telephonically. A jawan in 7th Garhwal Rifles, Rana who is originally a resident of

Ukhimath in Rudrapur district was deployed at the Thakla post on the Indo-China border in Arunachal Pradesh. With the jawan missing for the past 13 days, his family including his wife Mamata and his two minor children Anuj (10) and daughter Anamika

(7) are a worried lot. BJP MLA from Sahaspur, Sahdev Singh Pundir, met the jawan's family at their Sainik colony residence here on Friday to share their concern. "I have spoken to the Union Minister of State for Defence Ajay Bhatt about it and he has assured me that something will be done," Pundir told PTL. He said details of the missing jawan have been sent to the Union Minister. A massive search operation is underway in the forward areas of Anjaw district in Arunachal Pradesh by the Indian Army to find the two soldiers who went missing on May 28, a defence spokesperson said on Sunday. Naik Prakash Singh and Lance Naik Harender Singh, deployed in a forward post, are presumed to have accidentally fallen into a river, spokesperson Lt Col Amrinder Singh Walia said in a statement. Despite an immediate and extensive search, including aerial reconnaissance and tracker dogs being pressed into action, they could not be located, he said. The search operations are continuing for the last two weeks, he added. A court of inquiry to investigate the incident has been convened by the Army. The families of the two soldiers, natives of Uttarakhand, are being regularly updated on the situation, the spokesperson said.

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Varun Gandhi gives 'Special

government institutions. BJP MP Varun Gandhi, who often makes headlines for being critical of the ruling Narendra Modi government, extended his special thanks to AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi today. Gandhi thanked Owaisi for raising the issue of unemployment in his speech and mentioning data shared by him on Twitter. According to Varun Gandhi's estimates, as much as 60 lakh positions are lying vacant in government institutions. "The unemployment is at its peak in nearly three decades. On one hand, the youth is feeling demotivated over non-availability of jobs, on the other hand - even going by the government figures - 60 lakh jobs are lying vacant," Varun Gandhi had tweeted earlier. Owaisi, it seems, used the same figures in one of his speeches recently and even attribute the data to Varun Gandhi. "I am grateful that my questions raised on employment were mentioned by @asadowaisi ji in his speech," Varun Gandhi tweeted in Hindi along with a video clip of Owaisi's speech. Owaisi, in his speech, slammed the government for not being able to provide enough jobs to the youth. He also accused the government of giving fire to the communal issues to deviate the youth's attention from the mainstream issues like jobs, education and health. This is not the first time that Varun Gandhi is seen indulged in an act against the party line. Earlier too, Gandhi has embarrassed the BJP on multiple occasions. In November 2021, Gandhi had written a letter to PM Narendra Modi to accept the farmers' demand for a statutory MSP guarantee for their crops, saying their movement wouldn't end without it. The MP from Pilibhit MP had even asked PM Modi to take action against Union minister Ajay Kumar Mishra 'Teni' for the violence in Lakhimpur Kheri without taking his name. Earlier, Gandhi had publicly sided with the farmer leader on the issue of now-repealed farm laws.

'Desh badal raha hai' : Kapil Sibal



Advocate Kapil Sibal, who quit the Congress recently, was re-elected to the Rajya Sabha from Uttar Pradesh as an independent backed by the Samajwadi Party. A day earlier, the properties of two people accused of rioting were demolished in Saharanpur where stone-pelting had taken place as well. Meanwhile, a body of advocates in Prayagraj has e-mailed a petition to the Chief Justice of Allahabad High Court against the demolition of a house of the alleged mastermind of the June 10 violence here by the Prayagraj Development Authority (PDA). The building map of the house of the accused, Javed Ahmad, had not been approved by the PDA, according to an official of the agency. Five advocates from an association, Zila Adhivakta Manch, claimed in the petition that the owner of the house, demolished on Sunday, was Javed's wife Parveen Fatima. The said house was given to Fatima by her parents before her marriage, so Ahmad had no ownership over the house and the plot, hence the demolition was against the law, claimed the plea which was e-mailed to the Chief Justice of Allahabad High Court on Sunday. The petition also said that in order to justify the demolition, the PDA had pasted a notice on the house on June 11, mentioning a show-cause notice of a previous date. Neither Ahmad nor his wife had got the show-cause notice, it claimed. The petition stated that social worker Ahmad was arrested on the night of June 10, and an FIR was registered against him at Khuldabad police station on June 11. The advocates, who have filed the petition are KK Rai, Mohammad Saeed Siddiqui, Rajendra Singh, Prabal Pratap, Ravindra Singh and others. "Javed Ahmad's house -- JK Ashiyana -- is located in the Kareli area of Prayagraj. Police personnel and a JCB machine reached the Kareli police station around 10.30 am and the demolition commenced around 1 pm," PTI quoted a senior PDA official as saying on Sunday. "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 side on May 24. On the given date, neither Javed nor his lawyer turned up. No document was presented as well, and hence on May 25, demolition orders were issued," he further said. Superintendent of Police (City) Dinesh Kumar Singh told on Sunday, "In the morning, some of Javed Ahmad's family members collected a few of their belongings and left the place through the back door. As of now, no one is inside the house." Senior Superintendent of Police, Prayagraj, Ajay Kumar said the estimated value of the house was Rs 5 crore. The SP (City) said the police searched the house and found many objectionable items which were seized, adding that these will be included in the investigation. Notably, the row over the remarks against Prophet Mohammad escalated last week as several Muslim countries denounced them, prompting the BJP to suspend Nupur Sharma.

Assam CM Sarma Advises Rahul

newspaper. Published by Associate Journals Ltd, the newspaper is owned by Young Indian Pvt Limited which has Rahul and Sonia Gandhi as promoters and shareholders. Rahul and Sonia Gandhi are currently out on bail in the case. Further weighing in on the issue, CM Sarma denounced the presence of protestors who had gathered outside the ED office in Delhi to show solidarity with the Gandhi scion. "Through his drama, Rahul Gandhi has proven that he has done something wrong. Otherwise, he would've gone there silently and given a statement to media later," Sarma said. "But procession was taken out and he appeared before ED with an army. India has changed, nobody will be scared of you now". He even alleged that Rahul Gandhi wanted to scare ED with his popularity with an intention to steer clear of any action against him. The questioning of the senior Congress leaders and the Gandhis is a part of the ED's investigation to understand the shareholding pattern, financial transactions, and role of the promoters of Young Indian and AJL, officials said. The probe agency had registered a fresh case under the criminal provisions of the PMLA after a trial court took cognizance of an Income Tax Department probe against Young Indian Pvt Ltd on the basis of a private criminal complaint filed by BJP leader Subramanian Swamy in 2013. Dr Swamy had accused Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, and others of conspiring to cheat and misappropriate funds, with Young Indian Pvt Ltd paying only Rs 50 lakh to obtain the right to recover Rs 90.25 crore that Associate Journals Ltd owed to the Congress.

Criminals rule the roost

Punjab. This incident brought the focus on the lesser-known but prevalent gang culture of Punjab. In the past two days, there have been three murders in the holy city of Amritsar alone. In one of the cases on Saturday, Charandeep Singh Babba, son of a Municipal Councillor allegedly shot dead Gurpartap Singh Raja while his friend Rishi Chaudhary was seriously injured over a property dispute. In another case, a 35 years old youth Harpinder Singh was shot dead by a couple of masked bike riders while Singh was on way to Golden Temple to pay obeisance along with his family in the wee hour of Sunday. In another case, the body of Kamini Devi who runs a grocery shop was found in her house under suspicious circumstances. Police are of the view that burglars had broken open Kamini's house and robbed her gold jewellery and other expensive household stuff before allegedly strangulating her. The general presumption is that criminals have no fear of police and the lack of delivering quick justice only encourages them to commit crimes and go scot-free. "The incidents of gun violence have increased in Punjab, every month we get as many as two cases of gun violence which were not so about four to five years ago which is an unhealthy trend that has triggered panic in the society," observed Dr Avtar Singh of Amandeep Mendicity. Dr Avtar, who is also a philanthropist, suggested bringing awareness to the general public against the personification of gang culture, especially among youth.

IIT Guwahati Develops Prosthetic

of India and the Department of Biotechnology, Government of India. IIT Guwahati researchers collaborated with 151 Army Base Hospital, Guwahati; Tolaram Bafna Kamrup District Civil Hospital, Guwahati; Guwahati Neurological Research Centre (GNRC), North Guwahati; and North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Sciences (NEIGHRIMS), Shillong," a statement by IIT Guwahati read. "Highly functional mobility for amputees requires devices with advanced features which are expensive and cannot be afforded by many. Further, affordable prosthetics that are available in the market have many functional limitations. In addition, the Indian lifestyle and uneven terrain require prosthetics with specifications unique to India, which are not widely available in the market," it further stated. A team led by Prof. S Kanagaraj, Department of Mechanical Engineering, IIT Guwahati, set out to tackle these issues. Prototypes of their models developed by this research team are currently undergoing trials. Highlighting the key areas of their research, Prof. S Kanagaraj said, "The knee joint developed by our team has a spring-assisted deep squat mechanism, which helps to use Indian toilet system more comfortably; the knee rotating mechanism helps to have cross-legged sitting; the locking mechanism helps to reduce the fear of falling of patients while walking in unknown terrain; adjustable link length in a knee helps to have either more stability or easy flexing depending on age and requirement of the patients. Overall, the knee joint is designed to meet the Indian lifestyle which other products fail to fulfil." Furthermore, IIT Guwahati said in a statement that the Prosthetic leg is tested as per international standard loading conditions up to 100 kg body weight. Reduced weight of prosthetic leg is achieved by selecting suitable polymers, aluminium alloys and stainless steel for different components. A cost of around Rs 25,000 is ensured using the technology.

Primary TET corruption : Calcutta

(June 13). A section of job seekers have filed cases alleging corruption in recruitment raising the question why 269 people were specifically given an extra mark in the examination. The board had responded saying that there was something wrong with a question in that year's (2017) TET exam. But the Calcutta High Court asked why the rest of the candidates did not receive that extra mark. The judge also remarked that the litigants were able to prove the allegations of corruption in the Primary TET which has resulted into a CBI inquiry.

Qadam Qadam Badhaye Ja

Lt Danish said that medical science, discipline, and sticking to a routine all aided him. "With the help of God, elders, friends, mentors, and the Indian Army, I was able to fulfil my dreams," he added. Lt Danish, who overcame GBS-induced paralysis in six months, also encouraged aspirants to never give up on their dreams. "I urge all young people to give their all and never give up. Don't let anyone or anything stand in your way of achieving the life goals you've set for yourself," said Lt Danish. GBS, the condition that Lt Danish suffered, is a rare autoimmune disorder in which the immune system attacks the nerves and can affect a person's motor functioning for up to a year. It is usually treated with immunotherapy like plasma exchange.

S-400 defence missile system delivery

ministerial, security advisors' and senior officials dialogue, foreign office consultations and coordination in the global arena, complemented by diverse business, cultural and people-to-people contacts," he wrote. The Ambassador highlighted that Russia and India were among the first in the world to establish the practice of annual bilateral summits. The XXI Summit in December 2021 in New Delhi was held in person, despite the COVID-19 pandemic, and the introduction of the "2+2" ministerial format became yet another landmark, he added. "Our positions on core issues remain similar or coinciding, stressing the need to uphold the central role of the United Nations towards just and equal multipolarity and opposing unilateral and confrontational approaches. We continue close coordination on the agenda of BRICS as well as the G20 and the SCO, which India will chair in 2022-2023," he continued. Russia and India continue to successfully implement flagship initiatives, which make our cooperation unparalleled, Alipov stressed in his foreword for the Magazine. The Ambassador wrote at length about these initiatives. Among them are the Kudankulam nuclear power plant construction and advanced defence ties within the "Make in India" and "Atmanirbhar Bharat" programmes such as AK-200 rifles manufacturing, combat aviation and main battle tanks production as well as frigates, submarines, Brahmos and other missiles projects. The best-of-a-kind S-400 systems delivery is proceeding well according to the schedule, Alipov wrote. In the forward, the Russian Ambassador also covered the bilateral trade and cooperation between the two countries. "With the increased volumes of bilateral trade by more than 45 per cent in 2021, this positive trend is supplemented in 2022 by intensified cooperation in energy and fertilizers," he wrote. Furthermore, he stated that priority is given to the Far Eastern and the Arctic dimensions, implementation of the North-South transport corridor project and an early conclusion of the FTA between the Eurasian Economic Union and India, with ongoing projects in connectivity, diamond processing, forestry, healthcare and pharma sector, tourism, railways, metallurgy, civil aviation, shipbuilding, oil refinery and petrochemicals, there are plenty of new opportunities for the Indian business in the Russian market, especially against the backdrop of withdrawal of many Western companies," he added. Alipov said that Russia "deeply cherishes equal and respectful relations" with India. Continuing, the Ambassador noted that the cooperation between India and Russia plays the role of a defining factor for global peace, stability and sustainable development. "We are confident in the future of our bilateral ties and are ready to move forward in utilizing their potential and exploring new horizons for the benefit of the people of our two friendly nations," he said expressing the confidence in the bilateral relations between India-Russia. Concluding his foreword, the Ambassador said that Russia will further strive to strengthen international peace and ensure global security and stability with a view to establishing a fair and democratic international system that addresses global issues on the basis of collective decision-making, the rule of international law, indivisible security and the generally accepted principles of equal rights, mutual respect and non-interference in domestic affairs.

West Bengal Assembly passes bill to make Mamata Banerjee chancellor of state universities

Kolkata, June 13 : The West Bengal assembly on Monday passed a bill that sought to replace Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar with Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee as the chancellor of all state-run universities, amid opposition by the BJP legislators. State education minister Bratya Basu, after introducing The West Bengal University Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2022 in the Hous, said there was "nothing wrong" with the chief minister taking over as the chancellor. "Why can't the chief minister be the chancellor of state universities if the Prime Minister is the chancellor of a central university- Visva Bharati? You can go through the recommendations of the Punchhi Commission. "The governor, who is the present chancellor, has violated protocols on various occasions," Basu said. The bill was passed after 182 members voted in favour of the legislation and 40 against it in the 294-member Assembly. Opposing the bill, the opposition BJP alleged that appointing the chief minister as chancellor would lead to direct "political interference" in the state's higher education system. "The state government wants to control everything. The decision to appoint the CM as chancellor of universities is being taken to facilitate direct interference of the ruling party in the state's education system," BJP MLA Agnimitra Paul alleged.



DMO inaugurates FoSTaC at Aalo

Assam Rising, Aalo, June 13: Dr. Dubom Bagra, DMO West Siang District Aalo inaugurated the food safety Training and certification programme (FOSTAC) at Paktu meat Market Aalo. The training was to impart knowledge on food safety for consumers and the shopkeepers have to undergo online training. The online training partner is food safety standard Authority of India (FSSAI). DMO requested all the shopkeepers to attend the training programme and get a certificate. Those shopkeepers will get the food certificate from his office who produce the food safety Training and regular checking of food certificates will be started as per the order from the Government. Also he requested the shopkeepers to obtain food certificates.

Tragic death of cow by electrocution

Assam Rising, Laharighat, June 13: Incident a hapless cow got electrocuted and died on the spot at Bhuragaon market under Laharighat subdivision this morning to the shock of local people including the owner of the cow. Sources said that a resident of the area close to the market had tied his cow to a short post with rope to let it freely graze. While grazing the cow got close to an electric pole beside the market and got electrocuted. It lay sprawled on the ground and writhed in agony before dying within minutes. The local people, deeply shocked by the incident, complained that they had already been informed about the short circuit electric pole, but APDCL staff never came to discharge them. The local also complained that in many places loose wires or coils hang from electric poles in charged condition but, despite being informed, the APDCL staff never come to remove the loose wire or discharge them. This has become a major source of danger for small children and animals moving near the electric poles.

Why Bangladesh didn't protest Nupur Sharma comments on Prophet Muhammad like other Islamic Nation?

New Delhi, June 13 : The controversy triggered by remarks made by two former BJP functionaries against Prophet Mohammad is India's "internal issue" and it is not an attention-grabbing matter in Bangladesh unlike in some other Muslim nations, a senior Bangladeshi minister has said, as he dismissed criticism that the country's government is "compromising" on the issue. Information and Broadcasting Minister Hasan Mahmud also "congratulated" the Indian government for taking legal action over the issue and said that any statement against the Prophet should be condemned. Talking to a group of visiting Indian journalists here, he noted that an FIR has been registered in India on this issue and hoped that further action would also be taken. To a question about the fundamentalists accusing Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina-led government of compromising on the issue, he said, "the Bangladesh government is not compromising over the remarks against the Prophet and it will never do that. I myself have condemned it...I have condemned the issue in a public meeting. "In the context of the Bangladesh government not officially condemning the issue, Mahmud called it an external matter for his country. "It is not an internal matter (of Bangladesh), but an external issue. This is India's internal issue. Whenever something like this happens in the world, some Islamic parties protest here too and it usually happens," he said. Here in Bangladesh, it is not much an attention-grabbing issue as it is for Arab countries, Pakistan and Malaysia, he said. "If anything is said against Prophet Mohammad anywhere, it should be condemned. We congratulate the Indian government for taking legal action against those who commented on the Prophet," Mahmud said. The BJP suspended its national spokesperson Nupur Sharma and expelled its Delhi media head Naveen Kumar Jindal after their controversial remarks against the Prophet, as it sought to defuse a row over the issue. Amid protests by Muslim groups over the remarks, the party also issued a statement aimed at assuaging the concerns of minorities and distancing itself from these members, asserting that it respects all religions and strongly denounces the insult of any religious personality. Over a dozen Muslim countries have condemned the controversial remarks. Delhi Police has registered an FIR against Sharma, Jindal and some others in connection with the remarks on the Prophet. Mahmud said there are some "fanatic" groups in Bangladesh who, despite being very few in numbers and not getting any kind of support, make noises vigorously. He said that sometimes the statements made by these groups manage to grab media attention in India. "The same thing happens here in Bangladesh as well," the minister said, adding that sometimes statements made by leaders in India against Bangladesh and its people due to domestic politics get headlines here. We have very close relations with India and we understand that because of internal politics leaders say a lot of things. We do not expect any clarification regarding such speeches," Mahmud said in response to a question on Union Home Minister Amit Shah's comments. In one of his speeches, he referred to Bangladeshi migrants as "termites." The minister said that the Indian government had provided 110 ambulances to Dhaka during the time of the coronavirus pandemic and it is an example of how deep is the relationship between the two neighbouring nations.

Assam govt keeping close watch on law and order situation: CM Himanta Biswa

Guwahati, June 13 : The Assam government is keeping a close watch on the law and order situation in the state, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said on Saturday, amid communal tensions in other parts of the country. Speaking to reporters here, Sarma said strict vigil is being maintained to ensure communal harmony in the state. "We are keeping a watch on law and order, and also ensuring that communal harmony is maintained," he said. Asked about the comments made by now suspended BJP spokespersons Nupur Sharma and Naveen Jindal that triggered violence in some states, Sarma said, "The Government of India has already reacted to it and the statement is in the public domain. After that, I don't think that a state government has anything new to add." The state Congress and Assam Jatiya Parishad (AJP) have filed separate police complaints against Sharma and Jindal for their remarks. Police are, however, yet to register any case on the basis of the complaints.

Manchester United players have 'lot to do' to make World Cup, warns Southgate



London, June 13 : Gareth Southgate has warned his missing Manchester United contingent that they face a battle to regain their places for the World Cup as he looked ahead to the challenges of an unprecedented mid-season tournament, which begins on 21 November. The England manager is preparing for the fourth and last game of the end-of-season Nations League programme against Hungary at Molineux on Tuesday night. But his thoughts are increasingly focused on fine-tuning his squad for Qatar - expected to number 26 players rather than the usual 23 - and how he will manage what he called the "strange lead-in" to the finals. During a look through the potential marginal gains, Southgate was asked whether United's lack of Champions League football

next season might leave their England players a little bit fresher. "We've only got one with us," Southgate shot back, with a nod towards Harry Maguire. "They've got a lot to do to get back in the squad." Southgate was referring to Luke Shaw, Marcus Rashford and Jadon Sancho - the former out of the picture because of injury, the latter pair omitted because of poor form. Shaw, too, has had a disappointing season, although with Southgate without a recognised left-back - Chelsea's Ben Chilwell only returned on the final day of the season for his club after a six-month cruciate knee ligament injury - Shaw would appear to have a clearer route back. Southgate was surprisingly unsympathetic towards Rashford when he dropped him for the March

get-together, noting pointedly that the forward had withdrawn from six of the previous eight squads. He called the decision to exclude him and continue to overlook Sancho as "fairly straightforward." It is not a phrase that Southgate would use in relation to the World Cup countdown. After the Hungary game, his players will mostly have only three weeks off before reporting to their clubs for pre-season and the matches will come thick and fast once the new campaign starts. The Champions League group phase, for example, will be squeezed in from 6 September to 2 November.

Danny Care poised for first England appearance in four years after recall

London, June 13 : Danny Care will pull on an England jersey for the first time in four years after being named in Eddie Jones's 36-man squad for the match against the Barbarians on Sunday. The 35-year-old Harlequins scrum-half played the last of his 84 Tests in November 2018, scoring two tries in a 35-15 win over Japan. But as Jones prepared for his charge to the 2019 World Cup, he deemed Care surplus to requirements, selecting Ben Youngs as his primary No 9 with the inexperienced Willi Heinz, and then Ben Spencer, serving as deputies. However, after a successful period with his club, which has seen him score 19 tries in two years as well as lift the 2020-21 Premiership title, Care's efforts have been rewarded. Only Courtney Lawes has more international experience in the squad. And with Youngs busying himself with a Premiership final for Leicester against Saracens the day before, Care is a likely starter against the famous travelling club. "This is a strong, diverse squad," Jones said of a group that includes 10 uncapped players with London Irish's flying winger, Henry Arundell, among them.



"There are a lot of exciting, young players and some experienced ones who have another opportunity to shine. Everyone will be given the chance to make their case for being part of the Australia tour squad while we prepare for the Barbarians." England head down under next month for a three-Test series against the Wallabies. It will be their first tour to Australia in six years. Back in 2016 Jones oversaw a Dylan Hartley-led team claim a 3-0 sweep with Owen Farrell ending the series with 66 points. Like Youngs, Farrell will not take part in what is in effect a warm-up game after orchestrating a 34-17 semi final win for Saracens over Harlequins on Saturday. Farrell's head was split open during the contest but ultimately he

the goalkeeper Robin Olsen fouled Alexander Sørloth. Emil Forsberg reduced the deficit shortly after the hour mark with a precise shot into the top corner but Haaland helped snuff out any hope of a comeback for the visitors as he crossed for Sørloth to score in the 77th minute. Viktor Gyökeres scored for the Swedes in stoppage time to make it 3-2, but group leaders Norway held on to move up to 10 points. Elsewhere in the Nations League, Serbia threw away the chance to

climb to within a point of Norway, drawing 2-2 with Slovenia after going two goals up. The visitors raced into a first-half lead thanks to Andrija Zivkovic and Aleksandar Mitrovic, but a triple half-time substitution from Slovenia spurred a comeback. Adam Gnezda Cerin pulled one back before 19-year-old Benjamin Sesko became his country's youngest ever scorer with a smartly taken equaliser. Carlos Soler kickstarted Spain's straightforward 2-0 win over Czech Republic. The Valencia player finished unerringly from Marco Asensio's pull-back in the first half before Pablo Sarabia wrapped up the win with 15 minutes to go. Portugal fell a point behind their Iberian neighbours after a shock defeat to Switzerland. Haris Seferovic headed the hosts into a first-minute lead, and Portugal were denied a leveller a quarter of an hour later when



Rafael Leão's goal was ruled out for offside. A heroic second-half goalkeeping display from Jonas Ömlin, which saw him deny Bernardo Silva and Diogo Jota, helped Switzerland earn their first points of the campaign. After Northern Ireland's draw with Cyprus in League C Group 2, Celtic forward Georgios

Giakoumakis came off the bench to open the scoring in Greece's 2-0 win over Kosovo and keep up his country's perfect record so far. In Group 4, North Macedonia eased past Gibraltar, Bojan Miovski scoring twice in a 4-0 win, while Georgia stayed top of the group after playing out a goalless draw with Bulgaria.

Max Verstappen wins Azerbaijan F1 GP as Ferrari suffer double disaster

London, June 13 : Max Verstappen opened up a 21-point advantage over his teammate Sergio Pérez in the Formula One world championship as Red Bull finished 1-2 in the Azerbaijan Grand Prix on a disastrous day for Ferrari. Verstappen had a troubled start to the defence of a title won in such dramatic fashion last year, suffering early-season reliability issues that have now become a thorn in the side of Ferrari. Charles Leclerc, who started from pole position in Baku and has done so in six of the season's eight races thus far, led the race until an engine failure after 19 of the race's 51 laps. "It really hurts," said the Ferrari man, who has retired from the lead in two of the last three GPs. "We really need not to have this happen again. We had no

big problems at the beginning of the season and we haven't changed massive things. It's hard to understand and very disappointing." Leclerc's teammate Carlos Sainz also retired early with hydraulic problems, the Italian team's first double retirement since Monza 2020 handing Red Bull the race on a plate. Pérez, a Baku specialist and winner in Monaco a fortnight ago, led the early laps after beating Leclerc into the first corner but, after outqualifying Verstappen for the second successive race, suffered worse tyre degradation and had to give best to the defending champion after 14 laps, the Dutchman going on to win comfortably. His 25th victory brought him level with the former legends of the sport Jim Clark and Niki Lauda. Christian Horner, Red Bull's team principal, said: "It was unlucky for Ferrari today. They took a cheap early pit

stop under a VSC [virtual safety car] for Leclerc, which gave him a lead but would have meant a very long stint on those tyres. We had good pace and would have been in better shape later. It would have been fascinating to see how it played out." At one stage, the Red Bull drivers received a "no fighting" instruction at a track renowned for the jeopardy of close walls and lack of run-off areas. Horner, however, clarified: "Sergio was magic in qualifying yesterday but maybe we prioritised qualifying a bit more on his side of the garage. He got into some rear-tyre graining a bit more quickly than Max did today. All we asked of them was to give each other room, and they did that. It was a very mature drive by Max and redemption for last year." At Baku in 2021, Verstappen was robbed by a tyre blow-out six laps from the end, while leading.

Darwin Núñez to have Monday medical before sealing •100m Liverpool deal

London, June 13 : Darwin Núñez is due in England on Monday to take his medical after Liverpool sealed a •100m (£85.4m) agreement with Benfica to sign the striker. Liverpool will pay a guaranteed •80m and up to another •20m in add-ons. Núñez was in Almería on Sunday, where he played before joining Benfica, and is scheduled to fly from Spain to England. The 22-year-old Uruguay international has agreed a six-year contract and via the add-ons will likely become the most expensive player in Liverpool's history, his fee surpassing the £75m paid to acquire Virgil van Dijk from Southampton in January 2018. Núñez was the top scorer in Portugal's top flight in the 2021-22 season with 26 goals and scored 34 in total. He also scored in each leg of Benfica's Champions League quarter-final with Liverpool in April and after the first leg in Lisbon he was showered with praise by Jürgen Klopp. "Extremely good-looking boy, eh? And a decent player as well. Really good, really good, you have to say," the Liverpool manager said. "I knew before, of course, but he played pretty much in front of me with his tough battles with [Ibrahim] Konaté." Klopp added: "Physically strong, quick, plus calm around his finish, when he finished the goal off he was really calm. Good, really, really good. How we say in these situations, if he stays healthy, it's a big career ahead of him." Núñez's career will now involve playing on Merseyside as Klopp continues the process of refreshing his side. The striker, who has 11 caps and two goals for his country, will feature in the centre of Liverpool's front line, with Luis Díaz more often than not playing to his left and Mohamed Salah to his right.



Rugby union pays tribute to Phil Bennett, who has died aged 73

London, June 13 : The world of rugby has united in tribute to Phil Bennett, one of the greatest fly-halves to play for Wales and the British and Irish Lions. The 73-year-old, famed for his thrilling attacking play, has died after a long illness. An integral member of a golden Welsh generation, he represented his country in 29 Tests, scored 166 points and helped secure two Five Nations grand slams, including the 1978 crown when he scored two tries in a 16-7 win over France in Cardiff. Famed for his skilful play, his range of passes and his ankle-snapping sidesteps, Bennett, affectionately known as 'Benny', is universally regarded as one of Wales' best ever players. He was the lynchpin in a team that dominated northern hemisphere rugby in the 1970s alongside Gareth Edwards, Derek Quinnell, JPR Williams and Gerald Davies. Born in the village of Felinfol near Llanelli on 24 October 1948, he made his debut for Llanelli RFC at 18 and would represent the club 413 times, accumulating 2,535 points across 15 seasons. He also captained the side for six years. Paying tribute on their website, the Scarlets said: "A player with stardust in his boots, he possessed a sidestep that would mesmerise defenders - his jinking run to spark 'the greatest try ever scored' for the Barbarians against New Zealand in Cardiff in 1973 will live long in rugby folklore." The statement quoted Bennett's former club captain and Wales and Lions teammate Delme Thomas, who said: "He was the best fly-half I have ever seen."



Bennett inherited the Welsh No 10 jersey from another legend, Barry John, who retired a year after orchestrating a Lions series win in New Zealand in 1971. Bennett was born for the role and forged a scintillating union with Edwards at scrum-half. His first Lions tour was to South Africa in 1974 and he was at the heart of a team dubbed "The Invincibles". The tourists won 21 of their 22 matches and the Test series 3-0, with one game drawn. Bennett top scored with 103 points. He was captain for the tour to New Zealand three years later in a series the hosts won 3-1 but Bennett was again top scorer with 125 points. He did not only inspire on the field. As captain of Wales in 1977, he gave a rousing speech before a clash with England. He spoke of how his nation had been "exploited" by the English and how their larger neighbours had "taken our coal, our water, our steel". The rallying cry worked as Wales won 14-9 in front of a frothing Cardiff crowd.

'Nobody saw it coming' Steve Clarke searches for answers to Scotland slump

London, June 13 : As Steve Clarke stood in a corridor in the bowels of the Aviva Stadium on Saturday evening, it seemed incredible to recall Scotland entered this international window while riding the wave of an eight-match unbeaten run. A painful World Cup exit at the hands of Ukraine - coming before victory over a hapless Armenia team - was one thing. Embarrassment against the Republic of Ireland, who swaggered to a 3-0 victory, quite another. Clarke cut a more disconsolate figure than at any point in his three-year tenure. "The result and the performance, no, nobody could see it coming," said the Scotland manager. "I back these players 100%. I back them 100% because they've been fantastic for the country. It's two big blows but sometimes life isn't always nice all the time and straightforward. We'll come back. They just have to dig in now and get a result in Armenia on Tuesday night. It's just about getting a win." It is to Clarke's credit that he placed



no focus at all on the Dublin performance of his players. This was, after all, a collective nightmare. The manager could easily have chosen to divert fierce criticism aimed towards himself from an angry Scottish public. "I won't hear it and I won't read it," said Clarke when asked whether he will require the thickest of skins in the coming days. Questions surround whether the Scots can play effectively with a three-man defence when, as is the case

currently, Kieran Tierney is missing through injury. Clarke's selection of Jack Hendry rather than John Souttar on the right of that backline looked an error. However, the manager is adamant matters of individual personnel and tactics were not key to the display against Ireland. "People can pull it apart if they want," Clarke said. "If they think that's what was wrong with the game then I would suggest that maybe they're not right." Another explanation

would be that the defeat by Ukraine, which ended hopes of a first Scottish World Cup appearance since 1998, rocked Clarke's squad to a greater extent than was considered at the time. "I don't think so, I really don't," the manager insisted. "I felt the game last Wednesday [against Armenia] was a good game for them because they were able to dominate possession. Ireland got about us and we couldn't handle it for some reason. So that's what I need to go away and look at."

IPL media rights: Bids cross Rs 100 cr per game



Kolkata, June 13 : The auction will resume for both the packages at 11 am on Monday. Once they are done, Package C (special bouquet of 18 matches with non-exclusive digital rights for the Indian subcontinent) and Package D (world rights for TV and digital) will come into play. At stumps on Day 1, the scoreboard looked healthy. The TV rights bid had reached Rs 57 crore per game and digital rights Rs 48 crore per game. Taken together, the IPL 2023-2027 cycle's per-game media rights value stood at Rs 105 crore - and Rs 43,050 crore for the five-year period, an increase of Rs 10,160 crore from the BCCI's base price of Rs 32,890 crore. "We are

happy with the way the day has progressed and the best part is all the bidders have shown keen interest. We are hoping that bidding reaches figures the IPL deserves. The second day will be more interesting for all stakeholders," a BCCI official told. The e-auction commenced at 11 am on Sunday, with Package A (TV rights for the Indian subcontinent only) and Package B (digital rights for the Indian subcontinent). At 6 pm, when the day ended, bids on those two categories were not exhausted. The auction will resume for both the packages at 11 am on Monday. Once they are done, Package C (special bouquet of 18 matches with non-exclusive digital rights

for the Indian subcontinent) and Package D (world rights for TV and digital) will come into play. The BCCI expects the combined rights value for five years to soar past Rs 45,000 crore. And, going by the first day's figures, Indian cricket is set to witness an unprecedented windfall. In 2017, when Star India secured the media rights for the 2018-2022 cycle through a composite bid of Rs 16,347.5 crore, the company had pledged to pay Rs 54.5 crore per game. This time, bidding is being done on a per-game basis and the base prices per match for Package A and Package B had been set at Rs 49 crore and Rs 33 crore, respectively. The jump in the digital rights value is staggering, and mostly in accordance with the cricket board's expectations. Five years ago, Facebook was the highest digital rights bidder with Rs 3,900 crore, which amounted to around Rs 13 crore per game. Back then, though, the route taken was a composite bid. This year, the BCCI sensed an opportunity, given digital viewing's fast-growing popularity - a 49 per cent post-pandemic

growth in digital subscription. The decision to do away with composite bids has also proved to be a smart move. Converted into US dollars, IPL's per-game value after the first day's bidding stands at about \$13.43 million. It has already trumped the English Premier League, for which the official broadcasters pay around \$11 million per match. Speaking to The Indian Express on the eve of the auction, BCCI secretary Jay Shah was confident that the IPL would go past the Premier League to be the No. 2 sports league in the world in terms of media rights per game. "At present, a National Football League (NFL) game costs a broadcaster about \$17 million, which is the highest for any sports league. That's followed by the English Premier League, at \$11 million and

the Major League Baseball figure, too, is roughly the same. In the last five-year cycle, we got \$9 million from one IPL game. This time, going by the present minimum base price that we have set, BCCI will get paid \$12 million per IPL match," Shah had said. Speaking at the India Leadership Council Event, BCCI president Sourav Ganguly said: "I have seen the game evolve, where players like me earned a few hundreds and now have the potential of earning crores. This game is run by the fans, by the people of this country, and by the BCCI, which was formed by cricket fans. This sport is strong and will continue to evolve. The IPL generates more revenue than the English Premier League. It makes me feel happy and proud that the sport I love has evolved to become so strong."

Andy Murray struggles with injury in Stuttgart final defeat to Berrettini



London, June 13 :

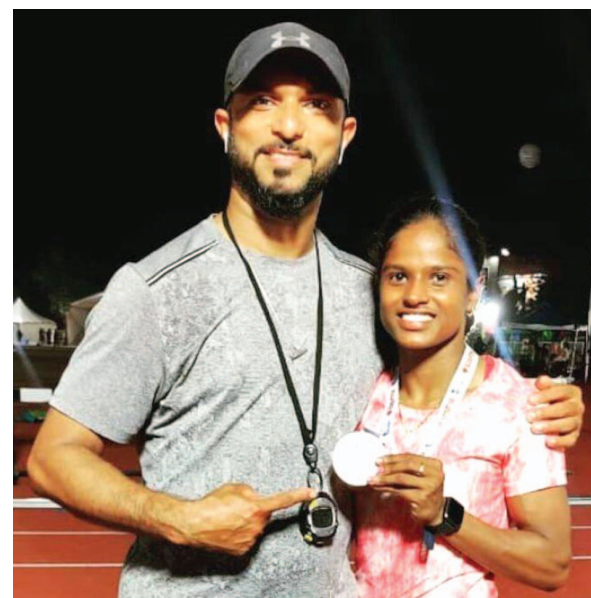
As the tennis world converged in Paris for the second grand slam tournament of the season at the end of last month, Andy Murray chose a different

path. He is playing at the highest level of professional tennis with a metal right hip, after all, so it is advisable for him to preserve his body when he can. While his opponents were still playing matches he trained, built his form and grew accustomed to grass long before most others and throughout his week in Stuttgart his results reflected well on his preparation. But on Sunday afternoon, in his first grass court final since 2016, Murray's tournament ended with some concern as he struggled with an abdominal injury and was beaten by Matteo Berrettini, 6-4, 5-7, 6-3. "Sorry I couldn't get over the line today but there has been a lot of progress the last few weeks," Murray said. "I'm looking forward to what the future has to hold and feeling a lot better about my game. Hopefully my body can hold up a little while longer, so I can keep playing matches like this." After reaching the final without dropping a set, an even greater challenge stood before Murray in last year's Wimbledon finalist Berrettini, who is back from a three-month layoff after hand surgery. The Italian immediately imposed himself, eviscerating Murray's second serve to secure an early break, then dominating with his enormous forehand and serve in the first set. Throughout the second set Murray held his serve but at 4-4 he faced three break points with the match hanging by a thread. Murray saved them all, he kept himself ahead on serve and then his sustained pressure on Berrettini finally yielded a breakthrough as Murray broke to love to force a third set. As soon as Murray had levelled, though, the match was to all intents finished. After an error-strewn opening service game, Murray immediately called the trainer. He was unable to serve at full pace and then in the middle of his service game at 2-4 he underwent another medical timeout. Against one of the biggest servers in the world, a hobbled Murray fought but was unable to make any further impression. Afterwards, Murray said it was a left ab injury that he sustained in the third set while serving, rather than a left hip injury as initially reported: "It's a really long time [since] I have played nine matches in 14 days," said Murray, who also played in Surbiton last week.

Inter-state Athletics

Aishwarya only behind Anju in long jump on Indian soil

Chennai, June 13 : Long jumper Aishwarya Babu may have recorded an impressive leap of 6.73m, the best on Indian soil since 2005, on Sunday but it still isn't her pet event. In fact, coming into the competition, the 24-year-old triple jump specialist hardly practised for the long jump, her "B event", as her coach likes to put it. "Not really training specifically for the long jump. Obviously, something must be working because she is jumping 6.73m in the long jump," says coach Sri Aiyappa who has trained 2010 Asian Game heptathlon bronze medalist and wife Pramila Aiyappa. Aishwarya's attempt, which came in the qualification round, also helped her breach the Commonwealth Games entry mark of 6.50m. Her leap makes her the second-best all-time Indian jumper after the legendary Anju Bobby George who holds the national mark of 6.83m, set in 2004. Anju, India's lone World Championships medalist, still has three other jumps (2001-6.74m, 2002-6.75m, 2005-6.75m) better than Aishwarya's 6.73m. Although Aishwarya did not aim for Anju's national mark, her jump has made her reassess her targets. "She will break Anju's record," says coach Sri Aiyappa. Aishwarya was spotted by Pramila during a Railways trial two years ago. "Her speed down the runway is something. Her two biggest traits are her speed and explosive ability. In fact, if you see



her, you will ask 'she jumps 6.73m?' She's half Anju's size," says Aiyappa. "She almost flies off the runway." Aishwarya will be back on field at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Chennai on Monday for her pet event, the triple jump, where she has already achieved the qualification mark for the Birmingham CWG. Aishwarya is now second in the triple jump India season-best list with 13.94m and has reached the top of the corresponding long jump charts overtaking Anju Joseph (6.55m). Sunday's leap not only took everyone present at the venue by surprise but Aishwarya's coach himself. She has never measured distances close to this mark even during practice. "She was jumping 6.40 in practice (her previous best was 6.52m at the Open Nationals in 2021). So, I knew she had it in her. But this jump was surprising. The main thing now is for her to do well in both the finals here and go home with two national records," says

Aiyappa confidently. Even though long-jump is still her "B" event, they are not shutting the door on it. "Right now, she is training for the triple jump but she has done great in the long jump. So, there is a pattern and we will follow it. But if she continues to do exceedingly well in long jump, we might change our plan altogether. To be honest, we never gave long jump a serious thought until today. But today's jump has changed everything," says Aiyappa. At the finals, Aishwarya will face tough competition from Joseph and the prodigious Shaili, Singh who is recovering from an injury. It will also be a sort of battle of mates as Shaili's coach Bobby George is a close friend of Aiyappa's. "We know each other really well. We were roommates back in the day. So, this battle is kind of personal (laughs). After Aishwarya breaks the national record, I will go talk to him," Aiyappa says in a lighter vein.

Thorns' Olivia Moultrie, 16, becomes youngest goalscorer in NWSL history



Texas, June 13 : Olivia Moultrie made history on Sunday night by becoming the youngest goalscorer in National Women's Soccer League history. The 16-year-old scored in the 74th minute for the Portland Thorns, the third goal in a 4-0 rout of the Houston Dash at BBVA Stadium in Houston, Texas. Sophia Smith took advantage of a careless turnover from Houston in their own final third and squared the ball for Moultrie, who tapped home her historic first goal. "Obvi-

ously, I'm extremely excited to be able to score my first goal, but more importantly just how big of a win that was for us as a team and what we've been working on," Moultrie said afterwards. "All around, just a very exciting moment." The teenager, who was a late addition to the starting lineup after captain Christine Sinclair felt tightness in a muscle during warmups, eclipsed a NWSL record previously held by Ellie Carpenter, who had just turned 18 when she scored for the Thorns in a 2018 match. "She plays well beyond her years," Thorns coach Rhian Wilkinson said. "She's had frustrating moments where she just wants to play. She's a young player who just wants opportunity, and obviously with the last-minute change in the lineup, she got it. Just professional right from the start. Did the work defensively, made some very important tackles for us on the ball, kept it, kept finding the opposite side, and then

got in the box and what an unselfish play by Sophia Smith [on the goal]," Moultrie, who made headlines by turning professional and signing a deal with Nike when she was 13, filed a lawsuit against the NWSL last year asserting that she should be able to play despite a rule prohibiting players under 18. The suit alleged that the league's age rule violated antitrust law and hindered Moultrie's career development and chances of reaching the US national team. US district judge Karin J Immergut granted a preliminary injunction allowing her to play in June 2021, and Moultrie eventually reached a settlement with the league. She became the youngest player to appear in a NWSL match when she made her debut on July 2021 against Racing Louisville, before scoring in a Women's International Champions Cup friendly the following month.

Afghanistan beat Zimbabwe by 21 runs to take series



Harare, June 13 : Afghanistan extended its successful tour of Zimbabwe by clinching their Twenty20 series after a 21-run victory in the second match. That gave the visitors a 2-0 lead in the three-match series. Afghanistan

came into the T20 internationals after sweeping Zimbabwe 3-0 in the one-day international series. Pace bowler Fazalhaq Farooqi took 1-19 with a display of economic bowling at Harare Sports Club. He was the key bowler in restricting Zimbabwe to 149-7 after Afghanistan chose to bat first and scored 170-5. Najibullah Zadran was Afghanistan's top scorer with 57 runs, before being run out, while captain

Mohammad Nabi hit 43 not out. Zadran smashed six fours and one six in his 46-ball innings. In reply, Zimbabwe opener Innocent Kaia was run out for 54 with Sikandar Raza dismissed for 41 by star Afghanistan spinner Rashid Khan (2-32), as the hosts fell short in the end. "It is good that we won the series," Nabi said. "The Zimbabwean guys batted very well, especially Raza and Kaia. When Rashid took the Raza wicket, that was the most important wicket for us, the game changed." The third T20 game is on Tuesday.

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