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Army jawan Assam Rising Guwahati, June 14:

A 36-year-old soldier from Karnataka on his way to Assam's Tezpur to rejoin duty has been found dead under a flyover in eastern Bihar's Kishanganj district, police said on Tuesday. Police said it was suspected that the soldier, Signalman Ganesh MN, may have been targeted by a gang that loots train passengers after drugging them. "But we really don't know and are in the dark how the jawan reached here", station house officer (SHO) of Kishanganj town police AP Singh said. Ganesh MN was found dead under the flyover at Dharamganj railway crossing on Sunday. Police said they were able to identify him from a document found on him, which indicated he went home in Karnataka's Chikmagalur, on April 24 and was scheduled to re-join duty on June 9. Singh said they did not know which train he was travelling in and the circumstances under which he got off the train.

Encounter broke out

New Delhi, June 14:

The Kashmir zone police on Tuesday informed that an encounter broke out in the Mishipora area of Jammu and Kashmir's Kulgam. The counter-terrorism operation is being jointly conducted by the Jammu and Kashmir police and security forces. Taking to Twitter, the Kashmir zone police wrote, "Encounter has started at Mishipora area of #Kulgam. Police and security forces are on the job. Further details shall follow. @JmuKmr Police." It may be noted that earlier in the day, two terrorists were gunned down in separate encounters in the Bemina region of Srinagar. They have been linked with the proscribed outfit Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT). A policeman sustained minor injuries in the encounter, officials informed.

Assam youth

Assam Rising Guwahati, June 14:

A youth from Assam has reportedly died in Uttar Pradesh. According to reports, the youth died after he met with a road accident at Kannauj in Uttar Pradesh. The accident took place when he was on his way from Ladakh in his bike. The youth was a resident of Nagjanka Garhmurh village in Mariani in Jorhat district of Assam. He has been identified as Nitu Rajkonwar. Earlier in April, a youth hailing from Anguri in Sivasagar district died in Telangana. The youth has been identified as 28-year-old Moon Gogoi. According to reports, Gogoi died after slipping out of the boat and falling into a pond while feeding food grains to fish.

4 Killed In Guwahati Landslide After Heavy Rain

People Asked To Stay Home



Assam Rising Guwahati, June 14:

Four people died in a landslide in the Nizarpur near Boragaon in Assam's capital Guwahati on Tuesday. The victims, all of whom were labourers, were buried alive under the debris caused by the landslide. Following the incident, emergency teams rushed to the spot and recovered

the bodies. According to the police, the victims were living in a rented house in the area and were engaged in construction work. "We come to know from the nearby locals that four labourers were living in the house and maybe they were not aware of the incident while they were sleeping at night. The wall of the house had broken down and the soil of hills entered the house

and the labourers were trapped in the debris. Till now, we come to know that four persons are trapped in the debris and our search and rescue operation are on. Out of four, three hail from Dhubri and one from Kokrajhar. They were living in the rented house and were engaged in building construction work," said Nandini Kakati, Assistant Commissioner of Police

(ACP) as quoted. Assam has been experiencing heavy rainfall since Monday night. Waterlogging has been reported in several areas of Guwahati while parts of the Guwahati Railway Station have also been flooded. Due to the rain, flight movement at the Guwahati International Airport has also been delayed. In light of the heavy rainfall, the Assam government on Tuesday issued an advisory for people in Guwahati and adjoining areas to not venture outside unless absolutely necessary. The state government advised contacting the District Administration at 1077/

8638112297 in case of emergencies. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a Red alert for extremely heavy rainfall in Assam and Meghalaya for the next three days. A massive landslide caused by heavy rainfall in Assam's Guwahati claimed four lives on Tuesday, 14 June. A flood-like situation was witnessed in various parts of the city. The four victims were construction workers who got buried alive by the landslides at the Nizarpur hillside of Guwahati's

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Mamata Banerjee Meets Sharad Pawar Ahead Of Big Meet On Presidential Poll



New Delhi, June 14:

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee met with Maharashtra leader Sharad Pawar in Delhi today in a flurry of meetings on the Presidential polls next month. The two leaders met a day before a big opposition meeting called by Mamata Banerjee to discuss a joint strategy for the July 18 election. Sharad Pawar and Mamata Banerjee's Trinamool Congress party shared photos of the meet-

ing on Twitter. "Ms. Mamata Banerjee called upon me at my residence in Delhi today. We had a detailed discussion on various issues related to our country," he tweeted. Mamata Banerjee's Trinamool Congress wrote: "Two stalwart leaders set the stage for the meeting of all progressive opposition forces; set to happen tomorrow at the Constitution Club, New Delhi. Our resolve to fight divisive forces grows stronger!" Two stalwart leaders set the

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Amit Shah hails PM Modi's Agneepath Yojana for the youth

New Delhi, June 14:

The Union Minister for Home and Cooperation, Amit Shah has thanked the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi for the instructions

given to make 10 lakh recruitments in Mission Mode in one and half years in all government departments and ministries.

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Delhi Air Pollution Is Cutting Lives Shorter by Almost 10 years: Report



New Delhi, June 14:

Delhi is the world's most polluted city with air pollution shortening lives by almost 10 years, while in

Lucknow it's 9.5 years, according to the latest Air Quality Life Index by the Energy Policy Institute of University of Chicago (EPIC). This is a pollution

index that translates particulate air pollution into its impact on life expectancy. The Indo-Gangetic Plain is the most polluted region in the world (see image below). Over half a billion people from Punjab to West Bengal are on track to lose 7.6 years of life expectancy on average, if current pollution levels persist according to the report. This makes air pollution more lethal than smoking which reduces life expectancy by 1.5 years and

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Meritorious students felicitated by Phulampur Yuva Samaj, Dibrugarh

Sankar Gohain and Laxmi Nandan Lahon also felicitated

Assam Rising Dibrugarh, June 14:

A felicitation programme for the successful students in the recent HSLC examination, 2021-22 conducted by the Assam Board was organised by



Phulampur Yuva Samaj, Dibrugarh. In the felicitation programme Sankar Gohain, the managing director of 'Dainandin Barta' group also felicitated for his remarkable service toward

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Sidhu Moosewala murder case Punjab police gets Lawrence Bishnoi's remand



New Delhi, June 14:

In a shot in the arm in singer Sidhu Moosewala murder case, the Punjab police today get the custody of key accused Lawrence Bishnoi's custody. A number of Punjab police vehicles reached Delhi's Patiala court as soon as the

judge allowed Mansa cops to formally arrest Bishnoi. Earlier, Punjab Police told the court that Lawrence Bishnoi is a key conspirator in Sidhu Moose Wala's murder while seeking the gangster's transit remand, saying that his custodial

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IMD Predicts Heavy Rainfall in Assam Till June 17



Assam Rising Guwahati, June 14:

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted that heavy rainfall will continue in Assam and other northeastern states till June 17. The IMD has sounded a red alert for Assam and Meghalaya. According to IMD, several places in Assam and Meghalaya are already receiving extremely heavy rainfall, above 100 mm, 250 mm or

even 300 mm over 24 hours ending at 8.30 a.m. on Monday (June 13). Apart from the red alert for Assam and Meghalaya for Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, the IMD has issued an orange alert for Arunachal Pradesh till June 17. "Moisture incursion is very likely to continue due to strong lower level southerly/southwesterly winds from the Bay of

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Extorting money

Assam Rising Guwahati, June 14:

Bongaigaon police have arrested two persons for attempting to extort money from a teacher by impersonating as members of a rebel group. According to police, the duo tried to extort Rs 10 lakh from the teacher by posing as members of the National Democratic Front of Boroland (NDFB). Founded in 1986, the NDFB is an armed separatist outfit which sought to obtain a sovereign Boroland for the Bodo people. It is designated as a terrorist organisation by the Government of India. The arrested individuals have been identified as Abhijeet Sarkar and Mintu Ray. They were nabbed following a complaint lodged by the teacher on Monday morning. Both were arrested within six hours, police said, adding that the duo is not part of any group.

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A member of a military band performs during a celebration for the Russia Day in St. Petersburg

Liz Truss says Rwanda flights policy is ‘completely moral’

London, June 14 : The foreign secretary has said the Rwanda flights policy is “completely moral” fter criticism of the policy from the entire senior leadership of the Church of England. Liz Truss said the first flight taking asylum seekers to Rwanda would take off on Tuesday afternoon with few people on it, saying the important point was the principle. In a letter to the Times, the archbishops of Canterbury and York, as well as the other 24 bishops that sit as Lords Spiritual in the House of Lords, said the policy “should shame us as a nation.” The bishop of Chelmsford, Guli Francis-Dehqani, who came to the UK as an asylum seeker in 1980, said people who had been traumatised and risked their life to cross in small boats should “at the very least have the human dignity of having their cases heard”. “Without their consent, to put them on a flight to another country 4,000 miles away is not to treat them with the human dignity that each one of us deserves,” she told BBC Radio 4’s Today programme. “And also I’m not sure there’s the evidence to prove that has

worked in the past, the whole hostile environment policy of former years.” Asked about criticism from senior bishops, Truss told Sky News: “I don’t agree with that. The people who are immoral in this case are the people traffickers trading in human misery. Those people need to suggest an alternative policy that will work. Our policy is completely legal; it’s completely moral.” “What I’m saying to the critics of the policy, who don’t have an alternative about how we deal with this illegal migration, is they don’t have an alternative, they are criticising our policy, which is effective and does work.” Truss said the most

important point would be to establish the principle that people could be flown to Rwanda. A significant number of asylum seekers who were told they would be put on the flight have had their tickets cancelled after successful appeals, including citing evidence of torture. “The really important thing is we establish the principle and we start to break the business model of these appalling people traffickers who are trading in misery,” Truss said. “That is why we’re doing this policy and that’s why it’s important we get the flight out today.” Asked if there could be no one on this flight, she said: “There will be people on the flight,

and if they are not on this flight they will be on the next flight... I don’t have a figure. The important point is the principle.” The policy has drawn widespread condemnation from beyond the Church of England, where the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, said it “could not stand the judgment of God.” Prince Charles is reported to have privately described the plan as “appalling.” Care4Calais, one of the charities that brought the defeated legal appeal to halt the flight, said that just seven migrants expecting to be removed still had live tickets. Three further challenges brought by individuals who face removal are expected to be heard at the High Court on Tuesday.

legal action for infringing the protocol and a majority of members of the Northern Ireland assembly accused Johnson of being the reckless one by destabilising the Good Friday agreement. Under the new legislation, which is likely to face considerable opposition in parliament, the government would scrap checks for firms selling goods from Great Britain destined for Northern Ireland rather than the EU. Instead, the government envisages the creation of a “green lane” of fewer checks for those selling goods heading for Northern Ireland and a “red lane” with existing checks for goods destined for EU countries. It would also allow firms in Great Britain exporting to Northern Ireland to between meeting EU or UK standards on regulation, which are expected to increasingly diverge. Further measures include bringing Northern Ireland’s tax break and spending policies into line with the rest of the UK, and changing oversight of trade disputes so that they are resolved by independent arbitration rather than the European court of justice – a clause pushed by Conservative Eurosceptics. Maroš Šefčovic, the EU’s Brexit commissioner, hit out at the “damaging” move and threatened to take ministers to court. He said: “As the first step, the commission will



consider continuing the infringement procedure launched against the UK government in March 2021. We had put this legal action on hold in September 2021 in the spirit of constructive cooperation to create the space to look for joint solutions. The UK’s unilateral action goes directly against the spirit.” The EU will on Wednesday restart legal action against the UK for the government’s failure to carry out checks on agrifoods and launch two new “infringement proceedings” for not establishing border posts and sharing data with the European Commission. Speaking after the bill was published, Thomas Byrne, Ireland’s minister for European affairs, told LBC

that there “undoubtedly will be consequences”. “If you run through a traffic light, you’ll be punished, if you commit some other breach of the law, you’ll be punished,” he said. “There will be consequences for Britain but we don’t want to get into that space. We want this to be worked out between the two sides for the betterment of Northern Ireland.” Annalena Baerbock, Germany’s foreign minister, accused Johnson of playing politics with peace in Northern Ireland. She tweeted: “We as EU have put concrete proposals for solutions on the table. With a firm view to: citizens & businesses

who benefit from the EU single market every day. And the preservation of the Good Friday Agreement. Peace & prosperity on the island of Ireland are not a pawn.” Legal experts quickly cast doubt on the government’s justification for flouting international law. David Anderson, a crossbench peer, barrister and visiting professor at the King’s College school of law, said it “sounds thin to me, not to say threadbare”, while Emily Thornberry, the shadow attorney general, said the argument was “complete and utter nonsense”. In its legal summary, the government said: “This is a genuinely exceptional situation and it is only in the challenging, complex and unique circumstances of Northern Ireland that the government has, reluctantly, decided to introduce legislative measures which, on entry into force, envisage the non-performance of certain obligations.” It is the government’s position that in light of the state of necessity, any such non-performance of its obligations contained in the withdrawal agreement and/or the protocol as a result of the planned legislative measures would be justified as a matter of international law.”

India takes tough stand at climate talks as Delhi endures brutal heatwave

New Delhi, June 14 :

Throughout the day Virender Sharma splashes water from a bucket on to the sheet he has pulled over his lilies, tuberoses, carnations and gerberas in an attempt to protect them from the hot, dry wind sweeping through Delhi. But the street flower seller’s attempts to protect his produce is futile. Since the onset of a brutal heatwave in mid-March, his income has dropped by 60%. “By lunchtime, they aren’t looking fresh at all and no one wants to buy them,” he said, sweating profusely. “In any case, there are hardly any people passing by on this road because it is just too hot to step out unless you have to.” According to the latest data from the India Meteorological Department, Delhi has recorded a maximum temperature of at least 42C on 25 days since summer began – the highest number since 2012. The average summer temperature is usually 36-38C. In mid-May the temperature shot up to 49C in some parts of the city. March was also the hottest in India as a whole since records began 122 years ago. The intense and prolonged heatwave has damaged the wheat crop, and made conditions for people who work outside very difficult. Auto rickshaw wallahs wear damp, rolled towels on their heads. Delivery drivers turn up with their packages at third-floor flats gasping for water. Anecdotal, people living in Delhi say such high temperatures used to be an aberration. Climate scientists say the prolonged heatwave is undoubtedly the result of global heating. The heatwave has prompted India to take a strong stand in Bonn, Germany, where officials are meeting to prepare for the next UN climate conference in November in Egypt. Media reports say members of the Indian delegation have told representatives of rich countries that India is suffering loss and damage owing to the climate crisis. They are demanding massive funding so the government can prepare for extreme weather events by building early warning systems. The delegation also wants money to carry out reconstruction after extreme events that damage infrastructure, homes and crops. India’s demand is that if it has to make these large investments, wealthy countries must support it through a “loss and damage” finance facility. Even the evenings bring no respite. On Sunday, the night temperature was 33C. The Met Office says the heatwave will not break until the weekend.



Prominent lawyer among dozens jailed for treason in Cambodia

London, June 14 : Theory Seng and dozens of activists, many of whom are members of the dissolved opposition group the Cambodia National Rescue party (CNRP), were found guilty at Phnom Penh municipal court on Tuesday. The trial is one of four covering nearly 130 defendants, seen by many as prime minister Hun Sen’s attempt to stamp out growing dissent to his 37 years of rule. Seng and her co-defendants were accused of trying to help exiled CNRP leader Sam Rainsy with a botched attempt to return to Cambodia in 2019. Seng, founder of the civil society nonprofit Civicus, who has regularly worn elaborate costumes at the trial, arrived at the courthouse on foot in an emerald dress, carrying a papier-mache torch and a crown declaring “Freedom”. “I am Lady Liberty,” she shouted as rush-hour traffic streamed past. “I am freedom. And it won’t just be me found guilty today – all the Cambodians who love freedom, who are genuine democrats, will be found guilty.” As soon as the court delivered the verdict, Seng was dragged into a waiting police vehicle. Members of the protest group the Friday Wives,



who were outside the court, were pushed by police as they fought to hold up a banner. Jared Genser, an international human rights lawyer who has been barred from Cambodia for his activities in representing Seng, said the prime minister saw the activist as a “direct threat to his grip on power” ahead of next year’s national elections. “She wasn’t going to leave, she wasn’t going to go into exile or relent and speak differently about him or the regime,” said Genser. “You

can imprison a person, but you can’t imprison an idea. And her idea is a very simple one: the Cambodian people should decide how to be ruled.” US ambassador to Cambodia, W Patrick Murphy, tweeted that he was “deeply troubled” by the verdict and called on Cambodian authorities “to release her and other human rights activists from unjust imprisonment”. Local human rights organisations condemned the verdict. Chak Sopheap, director or the Cambodian Center for Human Rights, said

authorities were “instrumentalising the justice system in relentless efforts to silence opponents and critics”. “Nobody should be jailed for exercising their rights to freedom of expression and association, no matter how different the opinions they express and the political ideas they defend are from those of the country’s leaders,” said Sopheap. “This never-ending witchhunt against critical voices that the authorities have been leading must cease.” Mardi Seng, Seng’s

How to Murder Your Husband writer gets life in prison for husband’s murder

London, June 14 : A self-published romance novelist who once wrote an online essay called How to Murder Your Husband was sentenced on Monday to life in prison with the possibility of parole for murdering her husband at his workplace in Portland four years ago. Nancy Crampton Brophy, 71, was convicted of second-degree murder on 25 May after a seven-week trial. Her sentence Monday includes the possibility of parole after 25 years in custody, KGW-

TV reported Monday. Prosecutors said Crampton Brophy fatally shot Dan Brophy, 63, inside the now-closed Oregon Culinary Institute where he worked in 2018 because she stood to gain financially from his life insurance payout. The case drew national attention because of the essay that Crampton Brophy had penned years earlier, but the piece was not permitted as evidence at trial. The prosecution told jurors the couple had been facing financial difficulties at the time of the murder and contended

that she had researched and purchased a “ghost gun” kit online and then later bought a Glock 17 handgun at a gun show. Crampton Brophy’s attorney argued the state’s evidence was circumstantial, disputed the claims of financial trouble and brought in witnesses who testified about the couple’s strong and loving relationship. Crampton Brophy also took the stand and said she and her husband had both purchased life insurance policies as part of their retirement planning and had a plan to reduce their debt.



Georgy Bolsunovsky and Natalya Bobrova of Russia perform during the XIV International Ballet Competition at the Bolshoi Theater in Moscow

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জাননী

নলা-নর্দমা ও পয় প্রণালী সম্বন্ধে, নগৰ আৰু গাঁও পৰিকল্পনা, তিনিচুকীয়া কাৰ্যালয়ৰ চতুৰ্থ বৰ্গৰ কৰ্মচাৰী, শ্রীনৰজ্যোতি সোনোৱাল, পিষ্টান যোৱা ইং ১৩/০৭/২০২১ তাৰিখৰ পৰা কোনো জাননী নিদিয়াকৈ কাৰ্যালয়ত অনুপস্থিত আছে। ইতিমধ্যে এই সম্পৰ্কে জাননী দিয়াৰ পিছতো শ্রীনৰজ্যোতি সোনোৱালে কোনো যোগাযোগ কৰা নাই। গতিকে, ইয়াৰ দ্বাৰাই শ্রীনৰজ্যোতি সোনোৱালক অনতি পলমে কাৰ্যালয়ত যোগদান কৰিবলৈ পুনৰ জনোৱা হ'ল। অনাথা চৰকাৰী নিয়ম অনুসৰি বিহীত বাৱস্থা গ্ৰহণ কৰা হ'ব।

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BTech graduate starts fish farming in over 200 bighas

Assam Rising Nagaon, June 14: Haren Chandra Borah, a young entrepreneur who is also a bachelor of Technology with MBA in marketing and sales and worked in various private companies in several Arabian as well as other countries for quite some time, has finally become an ideal profit making self-employed entrepreneur even in agricultural sector for thousands unemployed educated youths in the district. When the problem of employment in government as well as in private sectors, poses a hard deal to crores of young educated youths across the country compelling many of them to lead a miserable life with utmost despaired and frustration or to waste the most valuable time by waiting for a job to design their lives and careers, Haren Chandra Borah, the young entrepreneur of Nagaon has paved a road of earning of his own for survival. Besides, he extended his financial support to over 50 families of his employees and other benefi-



ciaries in the district. The young entrepreneur set up a private cooperative society named - 'Ankur Minpalon Samobai Somitee' two and half years ago and started a composite fish bowl covering over 200 bighas of barren private agricultural land lying empty as waste wetlands for over years in Rahdhola pother near Kakomari village under Raha revenue circle. Along with the mega project of fish farming, he also started a composite dack, poultry and piggery farms with a large orchard of 50 varieties of various local and foreign fruits like

grapes, cherry, jackfruit, lemon, guava, black berry, apple berry, etc in the banks of the fish farm with all modern and sophisticated technical support. It is noteworthy to be mentioned here that his fish cooperative society - "Ankur Minpalon Samobai Somitee" has been selected for a mega project in the current session by National Fish-

ery Development Board, Govt of India. Besides, he said the society is rearing more than 200 numbers of local dack, 200 numbers of local chicken and 20 numbers of local pig in three separate zones of the composite farm at Rahdhola pother in Kakomari village. Referring to the future activities of the cooperative society initiated by him, he further said that the society would set up hatchery and also produce the foodgrains for fish and poultry farming so that the society could avail all requirements of its own and could expand its business in a larger scale.

Ramkrishna Sevaashram gets Hi-tech Ambulance

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Hojai, June 14: Ramkrishna Sevaashram in Hojai has been given an Ambulance. Notably, on behalf of the Government of Assam, Assam Linguistic Minority Development Board has donated an hi-tech Ambulance to Ramkrishna Sevaashram, Hojai on Sunday. Speaking on the occasion, Shiladitya Dev, Chairman, Assam Linguistic Minority Development Board said this ambulance has been provided from Assam Linguistic Minority Development Board's schemes under financial year 2021-22 and the ambulance service will be available to the people of Hojai at a very nominal



charge. He said Ramkrishna Sevaashram does lots of social service for mankind. This ambulance service will definitely add-on to its social service which will be much helpful for the people of Hojai. A meeting was also held in the hall of Ashram, where Dev highlighted the works of

Assam Linguistic Minority Development Board in detail. Rajat Chakraborty, President; Kanak Paul, General Secretary, Ramkrishna Sevaashram along with many other volunteers were present on this auspicious occasion.

Torrential rain creates havoc in Margherita

Assam Rising, Margherita

14 Jun: Due to torrential rainfall for several days citizens of Margherita Subdivision have been suffering from severe waterlogging problems such as at Margherita Changlang Tinali road, Hamukjan Gaon Panchayat ward Number 4, Alubari, Rod Duba



Gaon, Maichanpani Gain, Ledo Maulang Basti, Jagun and many places of Margherita Subdivision. Local residents of Hamukjan Gaon Panchayat of Ward No 4 said that water logging problems have occurred due to drains that have not been cleaned in decades, and rainwater has entered several houses in this area. We have informed Margherita Administration (Civil), Coal India Ltd Margherita officials, and Hamukjan Gaon Panchayat president several times, but

no one has listened to our problems for which we have been suffering for many decades during rainy seas. Again, the Margherita Changlang Tinali road, which is the only road that connects Assam and Arunachal Pradesh, is in poor condition after decades of neglect by neither the former AGP, Congress, nor the

USTM & BBICI jointly celebrates World Blood Donor Day



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Guwahati, June 14: On the occasion of World Blood Donor Day-2022, the Department of Zoology, University of Science and Technology Meghalaya (USTM) in association with Dr. B. Borooah Cancer Institute (BBICI), Guwahati organized a day long blood donation camp to help cancer patients in the Health Care Centre, Jlock, USTM. The Camp saw enthusiastic participation by the students, faculties and

staff of the University. Inaugurating the camp, Prof. G.D. Sharma, Vice Chancellor of USTM said, "The camp has been initiated with an objective to contribute to the serious problems of acute shortage of blood. As per health experts, the problem can be addressed if an additional two percent of Indians donate blood every year." Dr. Chandana Kalita, Medical Officer, Blood Bank, Dr. B. Borooah Cancer Institute talked about the lack of awareness regarding blood donation and highlighted

the general misconceptions of blood donation among the people. The programme was also participated by Dr. R. K. Sharma, Advisor USTM and Dr. B. K. Das, Pro-VC of USTM. They emphasized upon the need and scientific importance of blood donation by the young people for the greater benefit of society. About 42 students and staff of the University participated in the camp and donated around 20 units of blood contributing for a great service to the society.

BSF apprehended one narcotics smuggler

Assam Rising

Guwahati, June 14: In yet another success in its drive against crime at Indo-BD border, in joint operations by troops under command of BSF Guwahati Frontier with team of Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) apprehended 01 Indian miscreant along with 17 Kgs



Cannabis and 1350 Gms Raw Opium on June 14 from bordering village Indrakuti under police station Mathbhanga of Cooch Behar (West Bengal). Similarly, Acting on reliable intelligence input, on June 14, Bordermen of 169 Bn BSF along with NCB Zonal unit Kolkata launched a special joint search operation in bordering village Indrakuti under police station Mathbhanga of Cooch Behar (West Bengal). During the search 01 Indian Smuggler was apprehended along with 17 Kgs Ganja & 1350 Gms

Raw Opium meant for smuggling to Bangladesh. In the operation one Indian narcotics smuggler apprehended and seized cannabis are handed over to NCB for further legal action. Keeping in view the vulnerability of the border, heightened activities of the smugglers and anti-national elements on the border, BSF troops are always alert towards the issues of trans-border crimes and make all out efforts to prevent commission of such crimes.

Siaha COB organized lecture on "Anti Drug Awareness"



Assam Rising, Biswanath Chariali, June 14: Siaha COB of Lokra Battalion under the aegis of Inspector General Assam Rifles (East) organized a lecture on Anti Drug Awareness in Siatlang village of Siaha District Mizoram on June 14. The lecture was conducted in Calvary Healing Home and the opportunity was utilized to impart knowledge to the locals and staff of the Rehabilitation Centre about the initiatives taken by Assam Rifles against the Drug menace in the Distt. Few essential items required for smooth functioning of the rehabilitation centre were also donated as part of the function. Str of 15 locals and 12 staff members attended the lecture. The initiative taken by Siaha COB and Assam Rifles was highly appreciated by the locals.

SSB organized Free medical camp in Kachugaon

Assam Rising

Gossaigaon, June-14: The 31st BN Sashatra Seema Bal (SSB) with the aim of providing basic medical assistance to the poor needy people as well as animal livestock a free medical cum veterinary camp was organized at the village Bangtijhora Block in Kachugaon on Monday last. An expert team of doctors comprising Dr. T.T. Hatzaw (CMO) 31st BN SSB, Gossaigaon, Dr. Ashiwini Kr. Singh, MO, 31st BN SSB, Dr. Jayanta Deori, Commandant Veterinary, SHQ SSB Bongaigaon conducted check-ups and around 150 poor needy people were benefited with free medical tests and medicines. On the other hand, in the same camp from the veterinary department around 615 animals were treated for differ-

ent health problems found in them and necessary medicines were also provided to livestock owners. They were well informed about the various means of safety and health procedures to be followed for betterment of the animals. While conducting the free medical camp for people as well as animal livestock L.N. Singh, Dy. Commandant SSB motivated the border area people who were present in the camp to be aware of health and education and also encouraged the youth to join the CAPFs. L.N. Singh, Dy. Commandant SSB further apprised the villagers present in the camp about the various welfare schemes for the public laid by the central and state government. He said that the SSB stationed at the Indo-Bhutan

border is continuously fighting against the anti-national elements to protect the border areas. The SSB since a long time has been conducting awareness campaigns from time to time among the people living in the border areas. The poor needy people and animal livestock owner who have been benefited by this free medical camp appreciated the SSB for conducting such camps.

Yoga session held in Hojai



Assam Rising

Hojai, June 14: Vivacity Entertainment India Pvt Ltd, a DDU-GKY centre located at Shivbari in Hojai observed International Yoga Day on its 7th countdown on Tuesday. Around 60 students took part in the yoga session. The centre observed the yoga session in the morning where a specialized trainer imparted the yoga sessions along with it highlighted the significance of Yoga in one's life.

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The artificial flood in Guwahati

The artificial flood in Guwahati has been a never-ending problem and incessant rain since two days has once again brought the city under flood. Although the district administration and Guwahati Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA) has taken up measures to prevent the city from having an artificial flood but still it reels under flood although after a certain spell of rain. On Wednesday also, areas of Zoo Road, Chandmari, Anil Nagar, Lachit Nagar reels under floodland where the normal life of the citizens have brought to a standstill. Every year, with the onset of the monsoons, the city gets ready to bear the brunt of flash floods and like every year the government and the concerned department come up with the predictable answer that from the next year the city will be completely free from artificial floods but it seems that the "next year" has never come for GMDA making it the biggest hoax 'floating' around. The GMDA had also come with a new project to make the city free from floods and provide relief to the citizens by constructing an RCC drain from Meghalaya to Pamohi towards Deepor Beel to divert the rainwater coming from Meghalaya but the project has not yet completed for which the city still have to bear the brunt of the artificial flood. The concerned authorities have been asked repeatedly to solve the problem of artificial flood but they are least bothered about the problems faced by the citizens. The situation of floods has gone from bad to worse due to indiscriminate/unplanned development of the city, inadequate drainage network, absence of separate sewerage system and inefficient garbage management. As the natural water exit channels – Bharalu, Mora Bharalu, Bahiniand Basistha rivulets take the additional burden of storm water, the drainage system often collapses due to heavy siltation, illegal encroachment, garbage dumping, etc. In a report by the ASDMA, they have identified a number of reasons behind the flash floods in Guwahati. To list the reasons are: lack of proper drainage system, cutting of trees, unmanaged solid waste, unplanned urban growth, and the high intensity of rain occurring frequently. The flash floods have affected lakhs of people in the city. The death toll is rising with each passing year. The hazards created due to electrocution are yet another story. The lack of essential infrastructure in the city is a major reason for the degrading living standards of people. The concerned administration has not yet taken proper measures to deal with the situation. They have been seen taking mini steps to cover up the issues only when the citizens face any problems. There are no long-term measures taken by the administration to end up the problems. The administration's priority should be to make Guwahati – a 'flood-free' city; however, they are mostly seen involved in other fancy festivals. If this remains the case, we are not sure if Guwahati will ever achieve the tag of 'Smart City' in the coming future.

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Trump's forces are preparing for the next storming of the Capitol. This time, they plan to win

The pictures are appalling, the words terrifying. If Thursday's opening session is anything to go by, the primetime televised hearings into the storming of Capitol Hill on 6 January 2021 will be both revealing and disturbing. But though their focus is on a winter's day 18 months ago, they are not about America's past. They are a warning about its future. Make no mistake, the revelations of what exactly took place when a violent mob broke into the halls of the US Congress, seeking to overturn a democratic election by preventing the formal certification of Joe Biden's victory, are a valuable, and shocking, addition to the historical record. The House committee that has been investigating the attempted insurrection for the past year -

gathering in excess of 140,000 documents and speaking to more than 1,000 witnesses - discovered that Donald Trump's response, on learning that the rioters were chanting "Hang Mike Pence", was to say that his vice-president "deserves" it. Previously unseen footage and fresh testimony buried the suggestion, made by one Republican congressman, that the behaviour of the insurrectionists of 6 January was like a "normal tourist visit" or that it was, as Fox News's most watched host, Tucker Carlson, was still insisting on Thursday, no more than a "forgettable, minor outbreak of violence". Instead, one police officer, Caroline Edwards, who suffered a traumatic brain injury as the Capitol was breached, described being stampeded, knocked

unconscious, pepper-sprayed and teargassed. There was so much blood on the floor, she slipped over. "It was carnage," she said. "It was chaos." What's more, those around Trump knew that the animating cause of this violence was a lie. They knew that Biden had won and Trump had lost. Trump's attorney



Jonathan Freedland

general, William Barr, testified that he regarded the claim that the 2020 election was stolen as "bullshit". Trump's daughter Ivanka agreed. Plenty of those Republicans in Congress who went along with the lie knew it was garbage - and they knew that they were breaking their oath in indulging it. The investigators revealed that "multiple" Republican

congressmen had hastily sought presidential pardons from Trump for what they did, namely trying to overturn a legitimate election. Some Republicans take comfort from the thought that voters have got other things on their minds just now, that as midterm elections approach Americans will be more preoccupied with Biden's failures to tame inflation than Trump's incitement of an insurrection. Petrol at \$10 a gallon today will matter more than the gasoline the Republican president threw on the fire of his supporters' rage a year and a half ago. Dispiritingly, that view might be correct on the politics. Democrats are unlikely to shift their fortunes in the present by laying out a case, even a compelling one, about the past. But that does not make 6 January

a lost cause, still less an irrelevant one. Because none of this is about the past. It is about now. The most obvious proof is Trump himself. He's had some setbacks in this primary season, where his favoured candidates in internal party contests have not always prevailed, but his dominance of the Republican party endures. Most assume that if Trump wants to be the Republican presidential nominee in 2024, he will be. Of course, he remains utterly unrepentant about the events of 6 January. On the eve of Thursday's hearing, he posted on his new social media site that that day "represented the greatest movement in the history of our Country to Make America Great Again".

St Stephen's vs DU face-off shows minority rights have become management rights



In religious contexts, there is a tendency to equate uniqueness with separateness; whereas they are contraries. Individuals are unique only when they are faithful to their individual qualities and develop them for the greater good. The obsession with being unique for oneself is self-indulgence, which is incompatible with the religious culture of all communities. Persons deem themselves 'separate' or exclusive when they are self-seeking and entertain biases. In their hands, even the best provisions become problematic. Encouraging and enabling religious and linguistic minorities to develop a self-centric outlook is not compatible with Article 30(1) of the Indian constitution. Moreover, it undermines the communities concerned. Consider an instance from Kerala. Members of the South Kerala Diocese of the Church of South India are now caught in the turmoil caused by the abuse of minority rights. A couple of decades ago, the diocese established a medical college, which enjoys minority rights. In 2019, the bishop and his cabals were found to have allegedly collected Rs 7.5 crore from ineligible medical education aspirants, promising them admission. The alleged scam came to light after three students moved the High Court of Kerala. The bishop and the director of the medical college admitted to the fraud and agreed to reimburse their money. With that, the turmoil began. From where was the money to be found? What had been collected from applicants had already disappeared. The bishop decided to pay it out of church funds. This was resisted by the diocesan treasurer, who was suspended. A few of his

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ambit of Article 30(1) is limited to the right to admit up to 50 per cent of candidates preferentially from the minority community concerned. So, any exclusive process defended under the aegis of minority rights should relate only to the selection of such candidates, and not to general category admissions. I am reasonably sure of this if the university had allowed interviews for unreserved category candidates, and disallowed it for Christian candidates, the college would have made no fuss about it. From personal experience I can vouch that there was always keenness about unreserved category admissions, and indifference to the reserved category. We are not living in an ideal world. Huge interests play wherever there is prestige. They burst in even through back door keyholes. As the 12th principal of the college, I have no hesitation in stating that the interview-centric admission process at St Stephen's is seriously

vulnerable to manipulation. It has been so always. As the head of the department of English in the 1990s, I refused to participate in admissions because I could not ensure the fairness of the process. It was not always the best candidates who got admitted, and the institution suffered in the process. This deception was camouflaged by the presence of brilliant students who inadvertently helped to cover up for the dubious entrants. Two facts are to be kept in mind if the present stand-off is to be understood properly. First, even though the weightage for interviews is, on paper, only 15 per cent, in effect, it is 100 per cent. This should be easy to see. Suppose you are a candidate with 100 per cent marks in Class 12. You are shortlisted with those above, say, 98 per cent, as is the case at St Stephen's. You can lose to the last candidate on the list if you are given 10/15 and he is given 12.1/15. Who will know? It cannot be established that you have been short-changed. I am surprised that the Supreme Court gave its stamp of

approval to this process in 1991. Being troubled by this, I reduced the interview weightage from 15 per cent to 10 per cent on my own. Second, extreme importance is attached to general category admissions. Why? As a former Church of North India (CNI) bishop told me curtly, "Christians can't pay." Now, it is not only in cash that such 'payments' are made. It is also in terms of patronage and privilege. While I was in the saddle I used to say that the prestige of the institution far exceeds its academic substance. It is interesting to note that the teachers who are clamouring for the right to interview general category students are also those who resent the Christian character of the college. Not that they don't understand this anomaly. It is assumed that minority rights can be divorced from the culture and needs of a community, and used at will to sub-serve interests that are alien to the ambit of Article 30(1). This is fraud, no matter how elaborately it is defended and how cleverly the abuse is concealed. St Stephen's College needs to tell the rest of the country how interviewing general category students benefits the Christian community. For the life of me, I can't figure this one out! I am no one to predict how this confrontation will play out in the Delhi High Court. But I am sure of one thing. There is a need to re-visit the mechanics and proprieties of minority educational rights. A right that is apt to be misused in the format it exists, and needs to be examined under a microscope. It is in the interest of minority communities and the country alike. It is dishonest to root for constitutional provisions while intending them to be alibis for perpetuating vested interests.

Unlike the Queen, King Charles will have no sense of caution, only of entitlement

Elizabeth II has been on the throne for 70 years, as I am sure you have heard. She is 96 years old. There's no delicate way of putting this, so let us be blunt: she will not reign over us for much longer. She will be succeeded by a man who has proudly announced his readiness to break the conventions controlling the behaviour of the head of state. Because there is no prospect of parliament jumping a generation and passing the crown to his son, no one can stop the forward march of Charles III taking the throne. The design flaw in all systems of hereditary power is that they eventually throw up a duffer. Monarchy "indiscriminately admits every species of character to the same authority" Thomas Paine

wrote in 1791. The reign of Charles III will be such a neurotic experience because we will have a monarch who doesn't accept that his authority has nothing to do with his ability and everything to do with an accident of birth. Elizabeth II's modesty has made many support what Helen Mirren called "queenism" rather than "monarchism", and wish "we could have a queen without the rest of the royal family". She does her job and stays out of politics. In the 20th century, there were good reasons to behave with restraint. Elizabeth II only came to the throne because parliament had deposed her uncle, Edward VIII. The House of Windsor survived, but all around it war and revolution had destroyed the Habsburgs, Romanovs and Hohenzollerns.

Caution, as much as personal preference, demanded that she be careful. Times change and aristocrats are no longer frightened. There will be no sense of caution about Charles III: only a sense of entitlement. Without self-consciousness, he denounced young people with ideas above their station in 2003. "What is wrong with everyone nowadays? Why do they all seem to think they are qualified to do things far beyond their technical capabilities? People seem to think they can all be pop stars, high court judges, brilliant TV personalities or infinitely more competent heads of



state without ever putting in the necessary work or having natural ability. This is the result of social utopianism which believes humanity can be genetically and socially engineered to contradict the lessons of history." He showed no awareness that he was the beneficiary of, if not genetic engineering, for any half-competent engineer could produce a better product, a genetic fluke. In his mind he will be a self-made monarch who will succeed to the throne on merit rather than by luck. The first decade of the 21st century saw what we used to call the establishment begin to realise that Charles was a hard prince to house train. Mark Bolland, a former courtier, said he "routinely meddled in political issues and wrote sometimes in extreme terms to ministers, MPs and others in positions of political power". Aides to the then Labour administration said that if he carried on opposing government policy "sooner or later there will be real constitutional trouble". Heirs to the throne are often in conflict with monarchs because there is little else for them to do than hang around waiting for the king or queen to die. The Queen doesn't moan. Her son does. The Queen doesn't politick. He can't

Nick Cohen

help himself. You could, if not forgive, then at least understand Prince Charles's behaviour when he was decades away from getting a proper job. He had to pass the time, after all. The excuse doesn't wash today, as there is no evidence that he has calmed down now that his coronation is in sight. Like their counterparts in politics, the courtier journalists who surround royalty have picked a degraded way to earn a living. I read their books out of duty rather than pleasure because I know there will be nuggets of truth in the slurry. To maintain access, they must be faithful transcribers of their masters' unintentionally revealing musings. The story they bring from Clarence House is of a presumptuous prince, whose conviction that the rules don't apply to him leaves him closer to Boris Johnson than his mother. Robert Jobson's all but officially endorsed biography from 2018 describes a future king who expects to "lead as monarch, not just follow". One "close source" said that Charles III "will want a seat at the table, not just to be briefed or rubber-stamping the decisions after they are taken". A raucously divided country, with a border in the Irish Sea and a separatist government in Scotland, will soon have a puffed-up monarch adding his demands to the unstable mix.



SIHM launched in Manipur

Imphal, June 14: Exploring the potential of Tourism and Hospitality in the State and to facilitate top class hospitality studies, the Department of Tourism, today announced the launch of the State Institute of Hotel Management (SIHM), Manipur at the City Convention Centre during the 100 day action points program. The launch was done by Chief Minister NBiren Singh in presence of his Council of Ministers and Senior Officials of the State Government. The SIHM shall be immediately operational on temporary basis from the office of the Directorate of Tourism, Manipur, while the permanent campus is being established in Nongmaiching, Imphal East. Spread across 5.1 acres of land surrounded by the bounties of Nature, the SIHM Manipur will host a warm and lively campus for all the students aspiring for a career in the Hotel & Hospitality sector. The State Institute of Hotel & Hospitality Management shall offer Diploma, Bachelor's and Master's Degree Hotel & Hospitality Administration with Specialization in various subjects like Food & Beverage; Hotel & Hospitality-Human Resource; Travel & Tourism; Hotel

and Hospitality; Culinary Arts & Catering Technology-Food Production Operations; Housekeeping; Bakery & Confectionery; Front Office Operations; Hotel & Hospitality-Sales & Marketing. With 480 Seats in both Degree & Diploma programs for the new academic session, SIHM Manipur intends to combine the very best elements of first class and international academic content with technique-based sessions for its students. Speaking about the importance of the SIHM, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said, "I am immensely happy that the Department of Tourism could conceptualize a project that will go a long way in strengthening our cultural significance and present it to the world. For decades the youths of our State had to look outside the region for opportunities, however, with this project in place, our youths can now hone their skills at home." The SIHM Manipur is an initiative of the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India and undertaken by the Department of Tourism, Government of Manipur. Jettwings Group of Institutions under its promoting company Infovalley Edu-

cational and Research (P) Ltd in partnership with Department of Tourism has collaborated to establish, run and operate all functions of SHIM-Manipur, in PPP module for harnessing skills among youths in hospitality segment with international standards and intends to co-create a workforce to promote and popularize Eastern hospitality to an international platform. With this project in Manipur, the department has shown its intention to leverage on its human capital through advanced sectorial training of international standard and promote tourism. Currently, the hospitality industry faces many talent gaps, especially in regions where tourism is developing faster than the resources to train professional hospitality managers. The SIHM Manipur aims to make available sufficient academic and practical knowledge for students to be able to meet the standards required by the industry. The Institute has announced the start of admissions for the current session and students can reach out to the Directorate of Tourism office for the admission process or can log in to the website www.sihmanipur.com for registering online.

Tripura sees alarming spike in malaria cases

Agartala, June 14: With the onset of the rainy season, Tripura has registered a massive spike of malaria cases in selected remote areas located under Dhalai, Gomati, South Tripura districts. Certain parts of Khowai district have also been affected, an official of the National Health Mission said on Monday. Two children, so far, lost their lives due to the deadly disease, officials added. Like previous years, Dhalai district has reported the highest number of cases and specific task forces have been pressed into action to tackle the situation on war footing. Speaking on the issue, an official of the National Health Mission said, "After 2018, this year the situation seems to be alarming. Targeted screenings are being done and patients who are infected with the vector-borne disease are being extended all sorts of medical help. Since the seasonal outbreak started, two children



have lost their lives due to the high fever. We are trying hard to make sure that there are no more fatalities." The year-wise break up of malaria cases in Tripura showed that between 2015 to 2017, malaria cases were under control. In both the years, a minimal number of cases were reported with two and three deaths. However, in 2018, the state

once again reported a major outbreak. This year, till May 31, 2022, total cases have already crossed the 2,000 mark, official said. "The spike in cases is surprising for us. Areas like Longtharai valley (Dhalai district), Gurudhanpara (Dhalai), Sikari Bari (Dhalai), Mungiakami (Khowai) and Silachari (Gomati) have been identified as vulnerable areas. We get cases in these specific areas almost every year. This year too, these areas are marked as hotspots but in comparison to previous years, the number of cases is higher.

All the health facilities of these areas have been alerted and asked to make necessary preparations for a severe outbreak," said the official. He said that the patients who died were of six and eight years of age. "A number of death reports reached us but whether the reason behind the death is malaria or not is being ascertained," said the official. The official also said that there is a pattern in the outbreaks. "In 2014, a huge number of malaria cases were detected. In a gap of four years, 2018 was a tough year and now in 2022. So

every four years, malaria cases record an alarming rise," he pointed out. According to reports, the total number of cases detected this year stands at 2005 till May 31, 2022. Director National Health Mission Tripura Siddhartha Shiv Jaiswal said that his department had been closely monitoring the developments and adequate efforts were being made to contain fresh infections. "Dhalai district has so far been the most affected district in terms of fresh spike in malaria cases. Mass screening programs are afoot to detect cases as much as possible and simultaneously, awareness camps are being conducted in areas that are listed as vulnerable. We find no reason behind the rise in cases but we feel the rise in mosquito breeding spaces in those localities are the main reason behind this. Surveillance teams are looking after this aspect as well," said Jaiswal. To ensure door-to-door testing, he said, ASHA and Anganwadi workers have been assigned the job of screening and symptom-tracing. "Special teams for each district are also constituted for effective surveillance," he added.

AP Queer Station organises 'Queers kiKahani'

Itanagar, June 14: About 30 individuals belonging to the LGBTQIAP+ community and a few selected allies participated in the 'Queers kiKahani' event organised by AP Queer Station, a newly-formed rainbow community support group, here on Sunday last. The idea behind the event was to give the community members a chance to express and share their experiences in the form of stories so as to support the young members in experiencing a feeling of connection and belongingness and build a sense of empowerment and resilience. The event also consisted of a brief session on the significance of mental health with the prime focus on the community youth and awareness on some hallmark symptoms of pertinent mental disorders such as clinical depression and suicide. The session was conducted by Yuma Narah, a psychologist and also the joint secretary of information and literature, Arunachal Pradesh Psychological Association (AAPPA). Transgender activist Bipis, while sharing her story, reminded the young minds to keep education as their priority.

Waste management in Gyalshing to include e-waste disposal

Gyalshing, June 14: The District Level World Environment Day for Gyalshing District was celebrated at the District Administration Centre premises on Monday last. Minister for Agriculture, Horticulture, AH & LF and IPR L N Sharma graced the event as the chief guest and Minister PHE and Water Resources -cum- Area MLA Bhim Hang Subba was present as the guest of honour. D P pradhan, Advisor AH & LF, Janak Gurung, Chairman SIDICO, Additional Political Secretary to HCM (West) Madhusudan Sharma along with Gyalshing District Collector Yishay D. Yongda, SSP Gyalshing Hari Chettri, ADC Gyalshing Agawane Rohan Ramesh, Gyalshing ACF(T) Krishna Devan, Heads of various departments, schoolchildren and others were also in attendance. The highlight of the programme was the launch of the e-waste collection centre taken up under the initiative of District Administration and DC, Gyalshing, at the DAC Rabdentse premises, inaugurated by the



chief guest and guest of honour. Providing an overview of the project, DC Gyalshing informed the gathering on the hazards of electronic & electrical waste and that India ranked number 5 in the world's highest e-waste producing nations. The DC said the district's priority shall be waste management in total but at first she wanted to focus on the low-hanging fruits on a very challenging topic such as e-waste collection and disposal through a tie up with a Pollution Control Board certified recycler. All office complexes, GPKs, BACs and zillabawan, right down to the school level, have been asked to begin with e-waste collection in a segregated manner. A circular would be issued in

this regard. The DC appealed to everyone present that one must attach the importance of World Environment Day to every day since it has got to do with preservation of Mother Earth which is but a finite planet. In another segment of the programme, a plantation drive was carried out in DAC premises by the chief guest, guest of honour and the dignitaries present. The programme also had a hands on training on Eco Bricks, which was attended by 50 students and green teachers from five schools of the vicinity. The concept of eco bricks is an eco-friendly initiative in which used pet bottles are stuffed with plastic wrappers and are used for construction. The Building Dreams Foundation from Dehradun conducted the demo that was well taken by the participants.

Can cotton khadaks counter pollution in Sikkim?

Gangtok, June 14: Travel through Sikkim, and it is impossible to miss prayer flags. The state is dotted with prayer flags and khadaks (polyester scarf), and while they give a distinct identity to the region, it is also one of the largest pollutants in the trans-Himalayan region. Across the Himalayas, from Mount Everest to the lower regions, khadaks are a way of paying respect to ancestors, departed souls, and Lord Buddha and other mountain deities. While there have been several initiatives to clean the region around and below Mount Everest and other Himalayan regions, is there a permanent solution to reducing/eliminating polyester flags? Sikkim entrepreneur and product designer Sonam Tashi Gyaltsen believes so. Gyaltsen believes his unique cotton-made Khadaks can go a long way



in tackling the problem. But he also thinks that releasing such a product makes sense only after checking its feasibility. On World Environment Day, speaking with media, the Balipara foundation Naturenomics Winner for 2021 shared, "I think us Buddhist people are the biggest polluters across the Himalayas. Prayer flags and khadaks are common across all Buddhist-populated regions starting from Ladakh to Arunachal Pradesh and

even in Nepal and Bhutan. We carry out cleanliness drives every year and talk about how Everest is now so polluted. It made me think about how we are shifting away from Lord Buddha's biggest message of impermanence by adding permanent polluters like polyester in the Himalayas." The idea of cotton khadaks dawned on Gyaltsen in 2015 during a site visit at Lachen Resource Recovery Center for World Wildlife Fund along with Lachen Dzumsa. Almost 70-

80 per cent of the waste that they collected from Lachen to the Gurudongmar lake were polyester khadaks. In the ancient times, khadaks were made of silk and until recently, they were considered expensive gifts, given rarely to people, and only out of respect. But with the advent of polyester, the practice of garlanding someone with khadaks became much more common. Khadaks are used instead of prayer flags: in marriages to garland the bride and groom as well as the guests, in funerals as a form of last respect to the deceased, at government functions garlanding VIPs, and even during welcoming tourists and other people in the Himalayas. Khadaks come both as printed and plain in different shades. What Gyaltsen's 'La' has branded are one metre-long plain khadaks for funerals and two-metre-long printed khadaks for marriages and auspicious

occasions priced at Rs 50. For Gyaltsen, it's been a saga of trial, error and success. "Seeing and knowing about the polyester pollution, I got into consultation with Lachen Dzumsa who agreed to the idea of cotton khadaks. Given my design background, I could try block and screen printing as best I could aid with. Even considered conducting a pro bono workshop... knowing the technology for printing, I got into consultation with a few friends and launched it in January 2020 from the hands of Lachen Rimpoché."

Meghalaya households hit hard by price hike of essentials



Shillong, June 14: The entire country is reeling under the burden of escalating prices of essentials and Meghalaya is no exception. Residents are feeling the pocket pinch amid a sharp rise in prices of essential commodities over the past few months, making life difficult for common people. Many believe

the recent Assam floods are one of the prime reasons behind the massive surge in prices of essential commodities as it has affected agricultural productivity, resulting in less stock reaching the wholesale markets. The second reason could be the surge in fuel prices. A survey of the local markets by The

Shillong Times revealed that the price of vegetables and meat increases proportionately with the increase in the distance of the local market from Iewduh, the largest traditional market in the state. Tomatoes that were being sold for around Rs 35-40 per kg a few weeks ago are now selling at Rs 80-100; cabbage prices

have doubled from Rs 30-40 to Rs 60-80; French beans are selling at a premium rate of Rs 100-120/kg as against Rs 50-60 earlier; lady's finger or okra are priced at Rs 80-100 as compared to Rs 40-45; carrot prices have gone up from Rs 60-70 per kg to Rs 100 now; cauliflower prices have shot up from Rs 60 to Rs 80-100 per kg. Besides, potatoes and onion have seen a hike of around Rs 10 per kg. Both potato and onion are now selling at Rs 30-35/kg in the local markets. Meanwhile, there has been no respite for the majority of meat consumers as well. Pork has gone up to Rs 420 a kg while beef is now an exorbitant Rs 450-500 a kg while the meaty calf sells at Rs 600 a kg. As per reports, Bengal, Bihar and Assam supply most vegetables to Shillong.

Global forum to hold 'Naga Solidarity Walk'



Kohima, June 14: The Global Naga Forum (GNF), a civil society comprising of Nagas from across the world, is set to hold the 'Naga Solidarity Walk' from July 28-29. The walk will begin from Kohima on July 28 and will converge in Tahamzam, Senapati in

land, the GNF said that the walk is not an anti-India project but a pro-Naga movement and a non-violent one. "The Solidarity Walk will celebrate our being Nagas together. It will be inclusive, non-partisan, and peaceful. The Walk will

bridge the divisions and boundaries - physical and regional, ideological and political, tribal and gender. It will be a joyous cultural enactment of Naga sisterhood and brotherhood, reinforcing our community bonds as a people across the states in India and Northwest Myanmar, as well as Nagas around the world," an official update from its co-ordination committee said. The GNF said that the peoplehood of the Nagas has reached a critical point and

somewhere on the difficult journey, some Nagas grew weary and has lost focus. Despite the seeds of discord and hatred that has been sowed by its adversaries amongst the Nagas, the GNF said that given the right moment and opportunity, the resilience of the Naga people and the spirit of camaraderie will sustain them. "We will walk and converge in a common path of healing and peace for a shared journey to an undivided homeland: One People, One Destiny," said GNF.

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IMD Predicts Heavy Rainfall

Bengal to Northeast India during June 13 to 17," IMD's senior scientist Sanjay O'Neill Shaw said in Guwahati. Under its influence, fairly widespread/widespread rainfall accompanied with thunderstorm/lightning/heavy to very heavy with extremely heavy rainfall at isolated places is very likely to continue over Northeast till June 17, the weather department said. Chief amounts of rainfall recorded during last 24 hours ending at 8.30 a.m. on Monday include Dhubri 140 mm, Dudhnoi Kvk (AWS) 120 mm, Shella 340 mm, Sohra (RKM) 330 mm, Mawkyrwat (ARG) 330 mm, Sohra 290 mm, Williamnagar 220 mm, Jowai (AWS) 150 mm, Khliehriat 130 mm, and Tikrikilla 100 mm.

4 Killed In Guwahati

Boragaon, Guwahati Deputy Commissioner Pallav Gopal Jha said. The incident occurred at around 1:30 am in the dark. "Huge mudslide triggered by incessant rains fell on a house where the victims were sleeping early on Tuesday," an official said. A State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) team was tasked with the rescue operation. After six hours of searching, the SDRF personnel recovered four bodies from the debris. With this, the death toll this year in the flood-affected Northeastern state of Assam has risen to 42. The Regional Meteorological Centre in Guwahati issued a 'Red Alert' for Assam and Meghalaya on Monday, 13 June. According to reports, the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) identified six areas, namely Kharghuli, Hengerabari, Kamakhya, Silpukhuri, and Chandmari Colony, where property damages have been reported due to the floods. Reports of landslips were also received from Dima Hasao and Cachar districts on Tuesday. The continuous downpour caused widespread waterlogging and blocked major roads across the city. It has reportedly been raining since Monday night. Several vehicles were stuck in knee-deep waters on the road as their engines had failed due to the flood-like situation. "Extremely heavy rainfall over Assam and Meghalaya, Sub-Himalayan West Bengal and Arunachal Pradesh during next five days" is expected, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) warned on Tuesday.

Mamata Banerjee Meets Sharad

stage for the meeting of all progressive opposition forces; set to happen tomorrow at the Constitution Club, New Delhi. Mamata Banerjee arrived in Delhi this afternoon for the opposition meeting but reportedly decided to take a detour to visit Sharad Pawar before going to her residence. The Bengal Chief Minister has called some 22 parties for the meeting. The Congress has RSVP-ed; Mallikarjuna Kharge, Jairam Ramesh and Randeep Surjewala will represent the party. Mr Pawar's Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) has shot down speculation that he is in the running for the top post. "I am not in the race, I will not be opposition candidate for the President's post," the former Union Minister reportedly said at an NCP meeting in Mumbai last evening. The buzz started after the Congress indicated its support for Mr Pawar as presidential candidate. Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge met with the NCP leader at his Mumbai home last week, with a message from Sonia Gandhi. But the NCP said its leader does not want to fight a losing battle. "No doubt, if Pawar saheb becomes President of India, every Marathi person's chest will swell with pride," said Chhagan Bhujbal, senior NCP leader. "But the question is this: Do we have the required numbers?" Mr Bhujbal asserted that Mr Pawar would not like to "sit at one place" by becoming President or Governor. "He does not like protocol much. He likes meeting people in the villages, sitting with farmers in their fields," he said. Mr Pawar, however, continues to play a leading role in the opposition consultations on the next President. Soon after reaching Delhi, he met Left leaders Sitaram Yechury (CPM) and D Raja (CPI). Mr Raja reinforced the NCP claim that Mr Pawar is reluctant to contest. "Our understanding is that he is not keen. He said he has many political commitments," said the Left leader. President Ram Nath Kovind's term ends on July 24. The ruling coalition led by BJP does not have the numbers for a sure-shot victory. The presidential polls are based on an electoral college comprising votes of MLAs and MPs. The vote value of each MLA depends on the population of the state and the number of assembly seats. The strength of the electoral college is 10,86,431. A candidate with more than 50 per cent votes wins. The BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) is 13,000 votes short. In 2017 too, the NDA did not have the required numbers, but it got support from Telangana Rashtra Samiti (TRS), YSR Congress and Biju Janata Dal for Mr Kovind against Congress-led opposition's candidate Meira Kumar. This time, Telangana Chief Minister Chandrababhan Rao of the TRS is part of the efforts to gather opposition forces against BJP.

Amit Shah hails PM Modi's

Through a tweet, the Union Home Minister said "The basis of New India is its youth power, to empower them Modi is working continuously. Modi's directive to make 10 lakh recruitments in mission mode in all government departments and ministries in 1.5 years will bring new hope and confidence among the youth." The Union Home Ministry has taken steps to fill up the vacancies in Mission Mode as per the instructions of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to make 10 lakh recruitments in all government departments and ministries in one and a half years.

Sidhu Moosewala murder case

interrogation is necessary. murder case, the confession statements of the arrested accused were recorded wherein it was clearly pointed out that Lawrence Bishnoi had tasked the co-accused to carry out the "planned killing of Sidhu Moose Wala." The same has been corroborated by the upload on social media wherein Lawrence Bishnoi has taken responsibility for carrying out the planned murder of Sidhu Moosewala. Delhi Police had questioned the said accused Lawrence Bishnoi, and they have clearly stated that Lawrence Bishnoi was the key conspirator in the planned murder of Sidhu Moosewala via press conferences," Punjab Police said. "The arrested accused also stated that they were in direct touch with Satwinder Singh alias Goldy Brar, who is a close associate of Lawrence Bishnoi. It is also pertinent to mention here that all the arrested accused are closely associated with Lawrence Bishnoi and his associates, and they have been involved together in multiple FIRs. The motive for the above said crime was found to be to avenge the killing of Vikramjeet Singh alias Vicky Middelkhera, in which there was an alleged involvement of Shagundeep Singh, manager of Shubhdeep Singh, who is not absconding," it added. Sidhu Moose Wala was shot dead by unidentified assailants in Jawaharke village of Punjab's Mansa district on May 29. The incident took place a day after his security was withdrawn by the Punjab police among 424 others. Meanwhile, Advocate General of Punjab Anmol Rattan Sidhu submitted that if the custody of Lawrence Bishnoi is given to the Punjab Police, then it will take full responsibility for the gangster's security. "There will be about 50 police personnel of Punjab Police, two bullet proof vehicles, 12 vehicles will run on the way which will clear the route. All routes will be videographed. The entire order of the Supreme Court will be followed and passed in such related cases," he said. However, Advocate Vishal Chopra appearing for Lawrence Bishnoi opposed the Punjab Police application and said that there is a security threat. There is apprehension that Lawrence Bishnoi may be "eliminated" if transit remand is granted. Bishnoi's lawyer submitted that we are not opposing virtual interrogation and investigation. "We are just opposing his physical transit remand to Punjab. Punjab Police can arrest him in the case, if needed, but in Delhi only," he added. After hearing the submission of both sides, the Duty Magistrate reserves the order on Punjab Police's application. Bishnoi was produced in Patiala House Court on Tuesday after his custody remand by South Range Special Cell of Delhi Police in an Arms Act case ended. In an old case of Punjab Arms Act, Delhi Police South Range Special Cell had got four days' custody of Bishnoi. During the hearing on the last date, the police interrogated Bishnoi for 20 minutes with the permission of the Court. After that, the court sent him to police custody. Lawrence Bishnoi is accused in the MCOCA case pending before the Special Judge of Patiala House court.

Meritorious students felicitated

the field of journalism. Renowned flute artist Laxmi Nandan Lahon also felicitated at the same event. At the occasion, principal of Kanai college, Dibrugarh Dr sashikanta Saikia was presented as guest of honour. Dr Saikia extended acknowledgement to the teachers and students for their efforts. Sankar Gohain also extended his well wishes to the students for a bright future and success. The event was anchored by Kanchan K Gohain, general secretary of Yuva Sambadik Santha, Assam.

Delhi Air Pollution Is Cutting Lives

child and maternal malnutrition's 1.8 years. While India is the second-most polluted country after Bangladesh, the immense Indo-Gangetic Plain is more polluted than it with PM 2.5 levels in 2020 measuring 76.2 micrograms/cubic metre vs 75.8 ug/m3. India's average is far lower at 56.8 but take north India out of the equation, then the rest of India's PM 2.5 level falls even lower to under 40 micrograms/cubic metre. Delhi's PM 2.5 levels measured 107.6, over ten times the WHO's safe limit of just 5. PM 2.5 is an extremely tiny particulate matter made of toxic substances which settles deep in the lungs and other organs, beating the body's defences. The report's authors call it the greatest global health threat with risks beginning right from the foetus stage. Despite the lockdown, air pollution levels in India continued to rise in 2020, shortening the average Indian life expectancy by five years, compared to the global average of 2.2 years. This is a pan-South Asia crisis with levels rising in Pakistan and Bangladesh as well. The reasons are clear. In the last two decades or so, vehicular traffic and coal-fired power plants are up three to four times across the region. This has been compounded by crop burning, brick kilns and other industrial activity. India's particulate pollution has increased rapidly during this time. Since 1998, the average annual particulate pollution has increased by 61.4 per cent as per EPIC's report. Globally, since 2013, about 44 per cent of the world's increase in pollution has come from India. Dr Christa Hasenkopf, Director of AQLI explains how. "From 2013-2020, there was a global decrease in PM2.5. However, if you look at countries that experienced an increase over that interval and calculate their average increase, India accounts for a substantial portion of that increase - which is to what that stat is referring. India has such a large impact on the world's population-weighted average pollution levels because of its large population." Incidentally, since 2013 China has cut its emissions by almost 40 per cent. However, as the report points out, much of this success came 'from a "command and control" playbook that generally does not consider how to minimize the costs of achieving their goals.' In India, air pollution barely makes the cut as a political issue outside the peak-pollution winter months. That's not to say there hasn't been any action. There's been an alphabet soup of agencies and plans - CPCB, EPCA, GRAP, NCAP etc. and most recently CAQM a powerful body which had taken some steps last winter most notably shutting down coal-fired power plants to cut pollution in the Capital. Comments But overall air pollution has remained very high and as this report points out there's a pressing need for solutions to not be Delhi-centric.

Jagat Chandra Nath remembered

Assam Rising, Sipajhar,

June 14 : Tributes paid to Jagat Chandra Nath, Retired Headmaster of Bonmaja High School at a memorial meeting organized at the premises of Jaypur village residence of late Jagat Chandra Nath. The programme of the memorial meet was started with garlanding the portrait of Late Nath by Tankeswar Nath, Retired Head Master, Bonmaja ME School. Balendra Kumar Nath, Retired Head Master delivered the commemorative lecture. Addressing the meet Manju Rani Deka, Officer Directorate of Information and Public Relations, Government of Assam and Bijoy Sankar Bharati, In-Charge Headmaster Bonmaja High school discussed the life and contributions of late Jagat Chandra Nath in detail. The souvenir published on the occasion under the editorship of Lakhyadhar Saikia was released by Binanda Kumar Saikia, Ex-MLA, Sipajhar Legislative Assembly Constituency.



No Illegal Bangladeshi Muslims In Assam: Sherman Ali

Guwahati, June 14 : With the National Register of Citizens (NRC) process underway to detect the illegal foreigners residing in the country, Sherman Ali, the suspended Congress MLA of Assam, claims that there are no illegal Bangladeshi Muslims in the state. According to him, the proclaimed figures are only imaginary and are made political worthy, and the number of illegal residents is only limited to a few hundred, not lakhs or thousands. He questioned if there is, indeed, a huge number of illegal Bangladeshi residents in the state then why they have not been deported back to their country and why the government has not created an extradition agreement with Bangladesh yet. "Why couldn't they make an extradition agreement with Bangladesh? Bangladesh is such a small country. This proves that they are making all these claims only for politics," he

said. He also said that the NRC is being prepared under the strict supervision of the Supreme Court, under the son of the soil of Assam, ex-CJI Ranjan Gogoi. According to Ali, by lodging a complaint against NRC anomalies, NRC State Coordinator Hitesh Dev Sarma has "disobeyed the Supreme Court" and "attracted its provision of contempt". "It is the Supreme Court that should decide the revision of the preparation of NRC. Hitesh Dev Sarma is a small creature. He cannot speak above the Supreme Court, and neither can the government of Assam," he added. He also added that if anyone has any doubt regarding the preparation of NRC, further revisions will not solve the matter because some people of Assam just have pre-conceptions in their minds about the number of infiltrators, due to which even multiple revisions will not satisfy them. "If you are not satisfied by the



Guwahati- NDRF jawans rescued flood affected people

Nupur Sharma Comment Row: BJP councillor QUITs party, says 'there would be none other bigger offender than me if...'

New Delhi, June 14 : As an after-effect of suspended BJP leader Nupur Sharma's comment on Prophet Muhammad, a BJP councillor from Rajasthan has resigned from the party. Tabassum Mirza who was serving as BJP's councillor from ward number 14 of Kota Municipal Corporation, South took this action as a sign of protest against Sharma's remarks. According to a PTI report, she submitted her resignation letter to party's state unit chief Satish Poonia and Kota district president Krishan Kumar Soni on Monday (June 13). She clearly stated why she is planning to leave in the letter. Tabassum Mirza who joined the BJP a decade ago felt she couldn't continue to work with the party any further after the controversy. In her letter, as quoted by PTI she wrote, "If I continue to be member of BJP and support it despite there being so much (against Prophet), there would be none other bigger offender than me. Now my consciousness has awakened and I can no longer continue to work in the party." Nupur Sharma comment row: Here's what happened Former BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma has been in the eye of the storm ever since she purportedly made controversial comments during a TV debate. While Nupur Sharma made comments during a TV debate, another leader Naveen Jindal posted a controversial remark on Twitter. The BJP suspended spokesperson Nupur Sharma and expelled media in-charge, Naveen Jindal, over the remarks. The party issued a statement emphasising its intolerance for disrespect of any religious personality. Last week, in several parts of the nation, including the national capital, West Bengal, Bihar, Maharashtra and Jharkhand, people were seen protesting against the controversial statements against Prophet Muhammad.

Government of not 'jumlas' but 'maha jumlas': Rahul Gandhi mocks PM Modi for THIS

New Delhi: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday took a swipe at the Centre over its announcement of recruitment of 10 lakh people in the next year and a half, saying this is a government of not 'jumlas' but 'maha jumlas'. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has asked various government departments



and ministries to undertake the recruitment of 10 lakh people on a "mission mode" in the next year and a half, his office said on Tuesday. The direction from Modi came following a review of the status of human resource in all government departments and ministries, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said. Reacting to the announcement, Gandhi said in a tweet in Hindi, "Just like eight years ago the youth were deceived with a promise of 2 crore jobs every year, in the same manner it is now the turn of 10 lakh government jobs." "This is a government of not 'jumlas' (rhetoric) but 'maha jumlas'," the former Congress chief said. The prime minister is not an expert at creating jobs, but in creating "news" over jobs, Gandhi alleged.



NRC, settle it once and for all by the DNA test," he appealed. "BJP only wants to keep the issue alive. Since 1975, almost 45 years have gone by, and the voter list has been revised 4 times and declared free from foreigners, but the people still demanded revision. Finally, there was a tripartite agreement under the BJP that the

NRC should be prepared as a final solution to this problem. There were many hearings, and objections were raised overnight, but even then, when the number came down to 19 lakh containing only some 4-5 lakh of Muslims, it was a bone of contention. When the first list was published, 40 lakh people were not included in the NRC list, and they were enjoying it. During the election campaign, Amit Shah loudly said that we have identified 40 lakh of foreigners. But when the same process culminated in the deletion of only 19 lakh including 5 lakh Muslims, they were not satisfied," he told. According to him, over the years since 1951, the Muslim population is declining in India. He said that Muslims have not come back since they moved to Pakistan. "Only non-Muslims have come due to religious persecution. If there are, the government is strong enough to take action," he said.

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Andrew Redmayne the hero as Socceroos reach World Cup with shootout win over Peru

Lima, June 14 : Australian football has a new entry in its folklore and in Andrew Redmayne, the Socceroos goalkeeper, a new icon. After 120 minutes could not separate Graham Arnold's side and Peru, qualification for the World Cup in Qatar came down to one moment in the crucible of a penalty shootout: Redmayne on the goalline and Alex Valera at the spot. All Australia needed was for the Universitario forward's effort to go anywhere except the back of the net. Redmayne made sure it did not. The images of his expression in the aftermath, mouth agape in one of the widest grins seen on a football pitch as his teammates sprinted off the halfway line to join him in the celebrations, will perhaps prove even more famous than the save itself. Just as John Aloisi losing his shirt as he wheeled away in celebration has been played over and over as the years have gone by, the Redmayne smile will live on. Australian football has its own Tim Krul moment. Just as Louis van Gaal did at the 2014 World Cup when he brought on his back-up goalkeeper for Jasper Cillessen in the dying stages of extra-time against Costa Rica, Arnold rolled the dice in bringing his third-



choice keeper on for Mat Ryan just minutes prior to the shootout against Peru. It was a bold decision, one that had the potential to backfire spectacularly. The line between madness and genius is a thin one, frequently separated by little more than results and the whims of fate. Had it gone wrong, Arnold's tenure would have consigned to greater depths of infamy than had he lost by sticking with Ryan – who had been between the sticks in the Socceroos' last triumphant shootout. But history will now validate the move. Just

as his hijinks set the scene for Sydney FC to win the 2019-20 A-League Men grand final against Perth Glory, Redmayne came up trumps again. He danced along the goalline and theatrically waved his arms around – penalty-saving tactics that have earned him

the nickname "the grey Wiggle" – before diving down to his right and getting a hand to Valera's low effort. The save sparked wild scenes at Al Rayyan Stadium and completed a journey for Redmayne that has seen him nurtured by Arnold

during his time at Sydney and moulded into one of the ALM's finest goalkeepers, before the same coach brought him into the national setup. If Tuesday morning's contest were a boxing match, the Socceroos arguably would have won on points. There was nothing particularly innovative or exciting about their build-up – there were a lot of long balls down the channels and hit-and-hopes for the battering ram that is Mitch Duke – but Peru showed very little. They were nothing like the side that had reached the semi-finals of the Copa America in 2019 and the semis in 2021. Nor were there signs of the team that had stormed into a Conmebol playoff spot over the likes of Chile and Colombia. It took until a set piece in the 81st minute for Ajdin Hrustic to deliver the game's first shot on target, but Australia had been able to create the more threatening forays forward

by the time the 90 concluded. Pouncing on second balls, Duke flashed shots wide early and moments after Hrustic's effort Aziz Behich skipped past a series of defenders and flashed a shot just wide. Be it due to fear, poor preparation or the defensive discipline of their foes – or more likely a combination – Peru were playing the game on the Socceroos' terms, and Arnold's side was winning with experience. Yet still, there was an inevitable sense of Australian fear. Trepidation that somehow the Peruvians would lift and find a way or that the next Edison Flores extra-time header would not hit the post and instead find the back of the net. Fear that Martin Boyle's miss with the Socceroos opening penalty would kickstart a trend and prove terminal, or that Australian luck would run out and hopes that had been raised would be dashed.

'Great ambition' Blackburn appoint Jon Dahl Tomasson as head coach

London, June 14: Blackburn have appointed Jon Dahl Tomasson as their head coach on a contract to 2025. The former Denmark striker, who played in England for Newcastle, led Malmö to back-to-back Swedish titles before leaving last December. Tomasson takes over from Tony Mowbray, who departed last month after an eighth-placed Championship finish. Tomasson has been coaching since his retirement as a player in 2011 and had spells in charge of Excelsior and Roda JC in the Netherlands before working as an assistant with Vitesse Arnhem and Denmark. The 45-year-old, who also played for Feyenoord, Milan and Villarreal among other clubs, described Blackburn as having "a lot of tradition and also great ambition". Blackburn were Premier League champions in 1995 but have not been in the top division since 2012. "We have a young team here, and also a great academy, and the owners have a clear vision, which is to



develop players and become a sustainable Premier League club over time, so I'm really happy to be involved in this exciting new chapter," Tomasson said. He led Malmö to the 2021-22 Champions League group stage by winning four qualifying ties. The team were twice beaten by Chelsea and finished bottom of a group that also included Juventus and Zenit St Petersburg. Blackburn's director of football, Gregg Broughton, referenced the "aggressive, offensive style" used by Tomasson at Malmö and the CEO, Steve Waggott, said: "His work around developing players, along with demanding a culture of giving everything to the club, is exactly what we need."

Talking Horses: a fully open Royal Ascot returns but will the crowds?

Andy Murray hopeful for Wimbledon after withdrawal from Queen's

Paris, June 14 : After returning to London on Sunday night, Murray underwent a scan on Monday afternoon that confirmed his strained left abdominal muscle: "After having a scan this afternoon, an abdominal injury means I won't be fit to compete at Queen's this year," said Murray, a five-time Queen's champion, in a statement. "The tournament means a lot to me, and it's disappointing not to compete, especially after playing some good matches on the grass already." Murray suffered the abdominal injury while serving early in the third set of his match against Matteo Berrettini. After the match, he said that he has never experienced such an injury before and he believed the injury was a consequence of his heavy load of matches over the past two weeks, with him also reaching the semi-final of the Surbiton challenger a week earlier. From the satisfaction of producing some of his best tennis over the past few years in Stuttgart, Murray must now nurse an injury at the most inopportune time. Murray remains hopeful of competing at Wimbledon and although he will not play in Eastbourne, he may play an exhibition event at Hurlingham Club next week.

London, June 14 : returns to Royal Ascot on Tuesday, 1,088 days after Cleonte and Silvestre de Sousa eased to a comfortable success in the Queen Alexandra Stakes on the last day of the meeting in 2019. No one could have imagined at the time that it would be the last race in front of a packed grandstand at the Royal meeting for three long years, and the returning fans and fashionistas will find much that is reassuringly familiar. This is, after all, an event that remains fiercely wedded to so many of its traditions, the dress code and the resistance to race-sponsorship to name but two. The course also still thinks it makes sense to run three of the Royal meeting's eight Group One races by the middle of the afternoon on the opening day. This year, that means Baaeed –

probably the best individual racehorse on show all week – and the big sprinting stars from overseas, Golden Pal and Nature Strip, will have been and gone with 32 of the 35 races still to be run. The clash between the fastest turf horses in America and Australia is a brilliant advertisement for Royal Ascot, a race that probably would not happen anywhere else, but as race three on day one, it is unlikely to get the attention it deserves. But as well as the familiar traditions, Ascot racegoers may also find that the last three years have been subtly transformative for the most important and historic Flat meeting of the year. An extra race every afternoon, with the last going off at 6.10pm, is the most obvious change from the six-race



cards that we all grew up with, but there are interesting tweaks to the running order too. Two handicaps, the King George V Stakes on Thursday and the Duke of Edinburgh Stakes the following afternoon, have been bumped up the running

order to be staged as the second and third races respectively, while the Hampton Court Stakes and the King Edward VII Stakes – the "Ascot Derby", no less – have been shunted in the opposite direction. A minor change, perhaps, but also one that could have an

extremely positive impact on betting turnover, not least via the World Pool system of which Ascot was a founder-member. The rescheduled handicaps will now go off before midnight in Hong Kong, which will help to offset the effects of single-figure fields

elsewhere, including a five-runner turnout for the Prince of Wales's Stakes, the first ever £1m race at the meeting. That field for Wednesday's feature event has just two British-trained runners, and one each from Ireland, Japan and France, and the lack of runners for such a huge prize must be a cause for some concern. The most significant absentee at this year's meeting, though, may well be its most devoted racegoer down the years. Having attended every day at Royal Ascot from 1953 to 2019, the Queen has now been in attendance for just one of the last 10, on the final afternoon in 2021. The track itself has yet to hear anything either way – the monarch's plans are now very much day-to-day – but if the Queen arrives at Ascot at all this week, she is expected to do so by car due to her well-publicised mobility issues. Whether there will be a Royal procession is also unclear.

Mickelson says he has 'deep empathy' for 9/11 victims after LIV Series criticism

London, June 14 : who lost loved ones in the 9/11 terrorist attacks, after he received stinging criticism of his decision to join the Saudi-backed LIV Golf Series. A group representing victims' families and survivors accused Mickelson and a number of fellow high-profile American players of sportswashing and betraying their country by competing in last week's event at Centurion Club. Asked about the letter written by Terry Strada, the national chair of 9/11 families united.org, a visibly uncomfortable Mickelson said on Monday: "I would say to the Strada family, I would say to everyone that has lost loved ones, lost friends on 9/11 that I have deep, deep empathy for them. I can't emphasise that enough. I have the deepest of sympathy and empathy for them." Pressed on whether he would respond privately to the letter, Mickelson largely repeated his earlier answer. His comments cut little ice with Strada, whose husband was killed in the 9/11 attacks. "Phil knows exactly what he's doing, and he and his fellow LIV golfers



should be ashamed," she said. "They are helping the Saudi regime sportswash their reputation in return for tens of millions of dollars, at the very same time our government is rolling out more damning evidence of Saudi culpability in the 9/11 attacks." As the PGA Tour commissioner [Jay

Monahan] said Sunday, 'You'd have to be living under a rock' to not understand the implications of involving yourself with the Saudis." Mickelson and the other 16 PGA Tour members who competed in the first LIV Golf event without permission were instantly suspended by the

Tour, although some had already resigned their membership. That is something Mickelson has no intention of doing and the 51-year-old said on Monday that he would like to play on the PGA Tour again. My preference is to be able to choose which path I would like, one or the other or both," said Mickelson. "I feel that I gave as much back to the PGA Tour and the game of golf that I could throughout my 30 years here, and through my accomplishments on the course I've earned a lifetime membership. I intend to keep that and then choose going forward which events to play and not."

Jack Leach left high and dry by an England spinner's thankless tasks

London, June 14 : Bowler retains the faith of his captain against New Zealand but is neither a positive attacking option nor able to tie down an end. There are times when you are absolutely essential to the success of the enterprise. Then there are the

times when you are so peripheral you may as well have stayed at home. You're never quite in, but by the same token you're never quite out. If Chennai and Sharjah are The Bends, then Trent Bridge on a cloudy early summer's afternoon is probably

analogous to one of the more ambient cuts off Kid A. When you are an English spinner, the contrast is even sharper. On helpful surfaces, or in the Asian subcontinent, you are frequently expected to run through sides all by yourself.

London, June 14 : It can be hard to articulate why people love rugby union. It is not for everyone which, perversely, is one of its most compelling features. At its best, though, it offers more in the way of light and shade than any other team sport out there. And for those who grew up in the 1970s, the game's most evocative, dazzling wizard will always be Phil Bennett. He was the pied piper who, single-handedly, converted some of us to the oval ball. His former teammate Gerald Davies summed it up perfectly on the radio following the sad news of Bennett's death at the age of 73. "He brought to life all the dreams we have of rugby football." The pocket-sized illusionist, whose ability to spark the imagination enriched not just his own nation but the whole sporting world, specialised in the art of the possible. game's heritage and soul. You did not have to be Welsh to cherish him because his sidestep transcended such parochial considerations. Then there was his impish stature. If

ever there was a classic example of David – or Dai in this case – giving armies of Goliaths the runaround it was the little genius wearing No 10. Pelé wore the same number, of course, but even the great Brazilian's highlights are not as iconic as "that try" by the Barbarians against New Zealand in 1973. It just so happened to be the first televised game of rugby I'd ever watched. None of us were expecting much as the

fly-half, in his black-and-white hooped jersey and distinctive scarlet socks, scampered back towards his own line to collect a capricious bouncing ball. His three subsequent sidesteps – "Brilliant, oh that's brilliant..." – remain the finest example of turning defence into attack there has ever been. Modest to a fault, the great man played it down in later years: "If I'd been playing for Wales I'd have

probably put that ball into touch somewhere by the halfway line – hopefully." But instead he remembered how the All Black flanker Alistair Scown had come flying up at him during Llanelli's famous 9-3 win over New Zealand and decided to dodge him again. By the time he had instinctively wrongfooted another couple of black jerseys, the "try of the century" scored by Gareth Edwards was on.



Neeraj Chopra hopes to work towards Tokyo magic in much-awaited return

New Delhi, June 14 : For javelin throwers participating at the Paavo Nurmi Games in Turku, Finland, there's always an added incentive. Breaking the Finnish national record at the spiritual home of javelin throw entitles one to a major bonus. Four years ago, throwers who went past 93.09 metres were promised the title deed to an island. This wasn't a prank. This year's incentive will appeal to Olympic gold medalist Neeraj Chopra. The owner of a second-hand Ford Mustang – he had rewarded himself with the American muscle car for making history in Tokyo – has been alerted about the eco-friendly electric option. A day before Chopra makes his much-anticipated return after the Olympics, organisers smartly tweeted: “Mr. First-Ever Indian Olympic Champion is in the house! Neeraj Chopra (@Neeraj_chopra1), it's a pleasure to have you in #Turku! Javelin will be EPIC!! Also, how would a Ford Mustang Match-E sound like? Over 93.09m aaand (sic) have a nice ride.” A picture of a relaxed-looking Chopra, with a baseball cap worn backwards and standing in front of a large poster with a black and white cut-out of the legendary distance runner, popularly known as flying Finn and owner of nine Olympic gold medals, was part of the social media post. Ten months after the



Tokyo high, Chopra will compete for the first time on Tuesday night in Turku. Temperatures are a cool 18 degree Celsius and a light drizzle is predicted soon after the On the runway awaits a hotly-contested event and Chopra will experience what it means to be the man everyone wants to beat. The Finnish record or the car won't be on his mind. Chopra said he hasn't felt the pressure of being Olympic champion yet during a recent interaction from his training base in Antalya, Turkey. He was cool as a cucumber in Tokyo and beat a world-class field. But can he do it again at the World Championships in Oregon in a little over a month from now? Was there enough time for him to regain strength, fitness and elasticity since putting on weight during two months of celebrations back home? Turku is a good place to start gauging form and fitness. Chopra will be rubbing shoulders with some of the greats who exited

Tokyo empty-handed but have an eye on World Championship glory. Grenada's Anderson Peters, the current world champion, didn't qualify for the final in Tokyo. A 93.27m throw last month at the Diamond League in Doha, a personal best, makes him a favourite. But has he peaked too early? Peters is at Turku. The silver medalist at Tokyo, Czech Jakub Vadlejch has gone 90-plus, a personal best. Germany's Julian Weber, the fourth place-finisher at the Summer Games, has improved by leaps and bounds with 89.54m. Vadlejch, Weber and Peters add depth to the Continental Tour Gold Series event. Chopra's German friend Johannes Vetter, sporting a full-grown beard now, has withdrawn from Turku but it won't be long before he lines up alongside Chopra this season. Vetter knows the pitfalls of going all out too early. He was the odds-on-favourite to win gold at the Olympics after a series of 90m throws earlier

in the season. In the Tokyo final though, he didn't progress after the first three throws. This season, he is perhaps wiser and conserving his best for the World Championships, starting modestly at 85.64 metres. Chopra isn't obsessed with the 90m mark, after all his famous gold was won at 87.58 metres. Distances can fluctuate in the javelin throw, a technique-driven event, more so at major competitions as seen in Tokyo or at the previous Worlds in Doha where Peters won gold with 86.89m. Yet, Chopra knows that the time has come to have a 90m mark against his name. If the best in the world find their collective form at the World Championships, he will have to respond. “I have a target of 90 metres but not in the first competition; sometime this year. My coach (Klaus Bartonietz) is thinking that when the season opens, I should start with a throw of about 86-87-88. With that, we will also know my fitness level so far and what we should focus on in training (going ahead). I won't go into any competition with the pressure of distance,” Chopra said during a recent interaction. He isn't perturbed by the progress made by Peters and Vadlejch. He is not chasing records yet is determined to join the elite 90m club. “I want to do my best. Overall, the competition in the world is improving. But it all depends on the day. How the

throwers manage with the kind of weather and conditions is important because it has an effect. Vetter has thrown 97 metres (97.76 metres) but it is not that I want to break his record. Jakub also did well, they also have a target. My aim is also to achieve it (90 metres) at one of the competitions. I will not leave any stone unturned.” Going from the mid-80s to the 90s is not like flicking a switch. Javelin throwers work on strength, speed (on the runway), flexibility and finer nuances of technique – of which a strong and efficient block of the leading leg is vital. Releasing a javelin five degrees above or below the ideal level (34 to 36 degrees is recommended) can lead to injury and shorter distances. A perfect fusion is a must even for an 85-metre throw, Chopra said. “Everything needs to click. Fitness is key. Your throwing distance maybe good but in weightlifting room if you are not feeling good, or jumping (drills) is not happening well or you are not sprinting well, you don't feel great. Most important is that with speed on the runway, you have to maintain technique and have control of your body. If we want to go over 85 metres, everything will have to be perfect.” Chopra had to start from the basics again when he travelled to Chula Vista in USA in November after the countryside celebrations got over post the Olympics. Visibly heavier by then, he started off by shedding weight.



Former tennis player Jelena Dokic says she ‘almost jumped off balcony’ in April

Melbourn, June 14 : The former tennis player Jelena Dokic has revealed she nearly took her own life six weeks ago in the midst of mental health struggles. Dokic is a former world No 4 and reached the Wimbledon semi-finals in 2000. On Monday, the 39-year-old Australian uploaded a lengthy Instagram post describing how she felt in April accompanied by a photo of herself in tears. “I don't want pity”: Jelena Dokic sidesteps blame game to find own voice “28.04.2022 – I almost jumped off my 26th floor balcony and took my own life. Will never forget the day. Everything is blurry. Everything is dark,” she wrote. “No tone, no picture, nothing makes sense.... just tears, sadness, depression, anxiety and pain. The last six months have been tough. It's been constant crying everywhere. From hiding in

the bathroom when at work to wipe away my tears so that nobody sees it to the unstoppable crying at home within my four walls has been unbearable.” In her post, Dokic said that she had been struggling for six months and those feelings culminated in her attempting to take her own life. However, she has since sought professional help and says she believes she is on the road to recovery. “I pulled myself off the edge, don't even know how I managed to do it,” Dokic said. “Getting professional help saved my life. This is not easy to write but I have always been open, honest and vulnerable with you all and I deeply believe in the power of sharing our stories to help us get through things and to help each other.” She continued: “I am writing this because I know I am not the only one struggling. Just know that you are not alone. I am not going to say that I am doing great now but I am defi-

nately on the road to recovery. Some days are better than others and sometimes I take a step forward and then a step back but I'm fighting and I believe I can get through this.” Dokic has been open about her mental health and depression in the past and she chronicled the physical and emotional abuse she suffered at the hands of her father, Damir, in her autobiography, Unbreakable, which was released in 2017. “I believe in the following: it's ok to feel what I am feeling. It's ok to feel sad just keep fighting and come back. That's what I am trying to do and that's what keeps me going,” Dokic wrote. Dokic retired from the professional sport in 2014 and is a tennis commentator and pundit for various Australia television networks. At the Australian Open in January, Dokic conducted the post-match on-court interviews.

India vs South Africa (IND vs SA) 3rd T20 Match



New Delhi, June 14 : Live Streaming of India Vs South Africa, 3rd T20 Match: Tuesday will present India with the final chance to keep the five-T20 series against South Africa alive as the two teams take the field in Vizag. Having already lost in Delhi and Cuttack, the Rishabh Pant led side have a big task at hand to win the next three games in the absence of some big regulars in the squad. India were on the receiving end of a record T20I chase at the Arun Jaitley Stadium in the first T20I as

David Miller and Rassie van der Dussen took the visitors past the finish line in Delhi. On Sunday, defending a low total on a tricky wicket, India got off to a good start courtesy of a Bhuvneshwar Kumar new ball special but lost the track against a player of the match outing by Heinrich Klaassen. The Proteas are unbeaten against India in seven games this year across formats, having won two Tests, two T20Is and three ODIs. Where will the 3rd T20I between India vs South Africa be held? The third T20I between

India vs South Africa will take place at the ACA VEDA Cricket Stadium in Vishakhapatnam. What time will the India vs South Africa 2nd T20I start? The third T20I between India vs South Africa will start at 7:00 pm IST on Tuesday, June 14. Which TV channels will broadcast India vs South Africa 3rd T20I? The third T20I between India vs South Africa will be broadcast on Star Sports channels – Star Sports 1, Star Sports 1 HD, Star Sports 3, and Star Sports 3 HD. How to watch the live streaming of India vs South Africa 3rd T20I? The live streaming of the 3rd T20I between India vs South Africa will be available on Hotstar. Predicted Playing XI (India): Ishan Kishan, Ruturaj Gaikwad, Shreyas Iyer, Rishabh Pant (w/c), Hardik Pandya, Dinesh Karthik, Axar Patel, Harshal Patel, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Yuzvendra Chahal, Avesh Khan/Arshdeep Singh. South Africa

(Playing XI): Temba Bavuma (c), Reeza Hendricks, Rassie van der Dussen, David Miller, Heinrich Klaassen (w), Dwaine Pretorius, Wayne Parnell, Keshav Maharaj, Tabraiz Shamsi, Kagiso Rabada, Anrich Nortje. Squads: India: Rishabh Pant (c & wk), Ruturaj Gaikwad, Ishan Kishan, Deepak Hooda, Shreyas Iyer, Dinesh Karthik, Hardik Pandya, Venkatesh Iyer, Yuzvendra Chahal, Axar Patel, Ravi Bishnoi, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Harshal Patel, Avesh Khan, Arshdeep Singh, Umran Malik. South Africa: Temba Bavuma (c), Reeza Hendricks, Dwaine Pretorius, Rassie van der Dussen, Heinrich Klaassen (w), David Miller, Wayne Parnell, Kagiso Rabada, Keshav Maharaj, Tabraiz Shamsi, Anrich Nortje, Tristan Stubbs, Lungi Ngidi, Marco Jansen, Quinton de Kock, Aiden Markram

Eagles wide receiver Devon Allen runs third-fastest 110m hurdles in history



London, June 14 : Philadelphia Eagles wide receiver Devon Allen posted the third-fastest 110m hurdles time in history on Sunday, winning in 12.84 seconds at the New York City Grand Prix. Allen, who recently signed with the

Eagles after a successful track career, easily defeated Olympic silver medalist Grant Holloway, who finished in 13.06 seconds. The 27-year-old Allen missed the world record by 0.04 seconds. The mark of 12.80 was set

NBC Sports Philadelphia. “Clean up a few things, and four hundredths of a second is four thousandths of a second per hurdle, which is so small. Going to have to wait for another race.” Allen plans to compete in track through July

before turning his attention to football. Allen played college football for Oregon from 2014 to 2016. The Eagles picked him up after he ran an unofficial 4.35 seconds in the 40-yard dash at a workout earlier this year. The average time for an NFL wide receiver is around 4.48 seconds. “When I'm doing so much – like football and track, trying to balance them both – I need to be really conscious of my recovery, my sleep, my diet, everything like that,” Allen told reporters. “So it had me locked in a little bit more, and obviously it's working out.” Allen placed fifth in the 2016 Rio Olympics in 13.31 seconds and fourth last summer in Tokyo with a time of 13.14.

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